

May 6th 1863

and seek a living where war has not
as yet swept over the land with its
debilitating horrors each day but adds
a fresh chapter to the already accumulated
horrors of this awful war

7th This has been a cold wet disagree-
able day I have been about home
doing nothing in particular

8th I was about the Farm in the morning
went a fishing in the evening with Mitchell

9th I went in company with G. A. Sugg &
B. S. Martin to survey a tract of land on
Pond Creek that belonged to Sugg & the
Estate of my Father we sold the land
to W. H. Crushaw at six dollars per acre
and he paid nine hundred dollars of the
money down my part of the money amount-
ed to one hundred & twelve dollars &
fifty cts

10th This is a lovely Sabbath May Morning
This is indeed a pleasant termination of the
last weeks wet cold and disagreeable weather
or anything, looks flattering for the farmer
at present and were it not for the war
we might look into the future with confident
assurance for as we look around us and
see the effects of this awful struggle, see
men dragged from their homes and imprisoned
for no offence see our friends and our neighbors
who have been so unfortunate as to engage
in this war return to their homes only
to be driven off or imprisoned only a few
days ago I saw a mother with her only
son who had been in the Southern Army
going to Henderson to deliver him up to
the authorities there afraid to even
give him something to eat or even to
place to sleep and I have since learned
that notwithstanding the coming of the
to remain at home and to submit to
its laws and the land and the