

Hog and Cattle Slaughtering South Union, Ky.

Dec. 1, 1814 JA	<u>Slaughtering</u> -Brethren killed three Beeves & three hogs - 24 hogs yet to kill (not much for 300 people H.L.E.).
Dec. 16, 1819 JA	<u>Hog Slaughtering</u> -finished killing Hogs to day 48 in number - for two families 22 for frame family & 21 for the brick - & 5 for the Black family - & took 4334 lbs for the office.
Dec. 20, 1820 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -also 4 fat Beeves to day.
Nov. 27, 1821 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -27 fine hogs killed to day. Weighing in the aggregate 7600(?) pounds averaging 318 pounds each-pretty greasy! H.L.E.
Dec. 31, 1821 JA	Pounds of Pork for the 2 families 7273 lbs About 2000 of beef 2000 9273
Jan. 12, 1828 JA	<u>Hogs Slaughtered</u> -For this years consumption, 10,279 lbs. pork. This is for the chh. <u>Cattle Slaughtered</u> -for the centre family since the first day of June last to late is 24 head - at this rate we shall soon be out of <u>meat cattle</u> . One Beef, Old "Broad" weighed net 1340 lbs.
Jan. 17, 1828 JA	<u>Note</u> -Old "Broads" tallow weighed 264 pounds - He is the largest Beef ever slaughtered here.
Dec. 16, 1828 JA	<u>Beef Killing</u> -today 2737 pounds next - Bison weighed net 1054 pounds-
Dec. 10, 1829 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -Brn Killed the fattened hogs to day.
Dec. 16, 1829 JA	<u>Hog Killing again</u> -Slaughtered today weight nett 4,780 lb.
Jan. 6, 1830 JA	<u>Hog-Killing</u> -North family of the Chh. Killed nett 4000 lbs. & John McLean Bought 1062 pounds more 1062 Suppose the Centre has a third more 8000 lbs 8000 The Tavern makes right greasy doings 13062
Nov. 19, 1830 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -for the Tavern today. 5127 lbs.
Dec. 9, 1830 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -Centre 10,088 lbs - average 100 lbs.
Dec. 12, 1832 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -Killed part of the Hogs today - 4,909 lbs.
Jan. 9, 1833 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -Brethren killed the balance of the Hogs today & one Beef. The amount killed today, with over 2000 lbs bought added to the other Killing & for Tavern is about 18000 lbs. Greasy!
Dec. 12, 1833 JA	<u>Hog Killing</u> -The Brn killed part of their Hogs 6716 lbs.

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Jan. 2, 1834
JA
Hog Killing-Brn killed part of the Hogs. 1975 lbs.

Jan. 13, 1834
JA
Hog Killing-Brethren go to Mill Point to Kill Hogs.

Jan. 15, 1834
JA
Return-Bringing the Pork. In all this season 12,000 lbs.

Sept. 11, 1834
WR
"of Stock 33 Horses 9 Colts - 61 Cows - 27 Oxen
455 Sheep 340 Hogs & Pigs..."

Nov. 25, 1834
JA
Hog Killing-We killed part of our fattened Hogs average weight
221 lbs.- Shall have a feast of Back bones & spare ribs.

Dec. 16, 1834
JA
Hog Killing-finished at Centre in all 8476 lbs Office 3356 lbs =
11,832 lbs.

Dec. 1, 1835
JA
Hog Killing-The Centre family killed their fatted hogs today, or a
part of them say 42 - leaving 30 or 40 in the pen -
31 Killed for Centre weighed aggregate 5872 lbs
11 Killed for the Office weighed 2091
making in all 7963 lbs
The last 40 were killed the 29th Inst. wt. abt. 7000
If this isn't greasy what is? 14963

Dec. 29, 1835
JA
Hog Killing-The Brethren killed the last of the Fatted Hogs-
Making in all near 1500 lbs

Jan. 1, 1836
JA
Hog Killing-10 more hogs slaughtered they were fatted at Water
Vliet - Surely grease enough for one year-

Dec. 15, 1844
JB
Hogs Slaughtered 39 head weighing 9225 lbs---

Dec. 23, 1844
JB
Pork divided----179 persons in the Church.
50 lbs to the person.---
greasy!----H.L.Eades

Nov. 9, 1846
JB
Pork Slaughtering---40 head to day---8034 lbs net.

Dec. 10, 1846
JB
Hog Killing---The Brethren slaughtered 40 hogs to day, which
aggregate weight was 8803 pounds.

Dec. 11, 1846
JB
Brethren salting down the pork-Jesse & the boys

Dec. 22, 1846
JB
Beef Killing. Brethren slaughtered four Beeves to day.

Dec. 30, 1846
JB
Disaster, & More Hog Killing. Mer. 50. the brethren kill more
hogs to day---The Sweep pole used for dipping the hogs in the
scalding tub fell from its fastening & struck Brother Eli McLean
in its descent & apparently killed him--The pole struck the top of
his head-destroying sensibility, he lay lifeless a short time-- A small
bed & bed-stead were taken on which he was carried home--After
some weeks illness he recovered--

Jan. 6, 1847
JB
Beeves-Killed our last beeves 2 Oxen & one Steer- J.E. the last
now on hand.

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Jan. 13, 1847	SALE--John McLean sold to the world 50 hogs for \$50
JB	"Not Much Wuff"---
Nov. 29, 1847	Hog Killing--Slaughtered 27, Net weight 7784 lbs.
JB	
Dec. 14, 1847	It has been snowing pretty much all day an unpleasant day for
JMJ-KL	butchering swine the weight of 19 hogs are on next page.
	231
	125 175 256 average
	128 223 172 WH
	240 175 201 197 13/19
	238 199 174
	221 199 120
	<u>238 226 215 4434</u>
	1421 1197 1138= <u>3756</u>
	1847 total 8190
	1846 do <u>6587</u>
	excess 1603
Dec. 25, 1847	PORK--Whole Amt. this year 12,777 lbs.
JB	
Jan. 7, 1848	Beeves--Killed 5 head whole amt. 5444 lbs.
JB	
Dec. 5, 1848	HOGS-13 head sold to Quigley @ \$2. Gross
JB	
Dec. 6, 1848	Sold 8 head of hogs to C. Temple @ \$2.50 E
JB	
Jan. 10, 1849	SLAUGHTER HOUSE finished - 11th killed Beeves, wt 4371 lbs
JB	
Jan. 31, 1849	BEEF-The whole amount slaughtered this season 10,099 pounds--
JB	190 persons--
Dec. 18, 1849	Beeves--killed three
JB	
Jan. 14, 1850	Beeves Slaughtered 3. The tallow from one 301 lbs & from
JB	another 236--pretty fat for this region--Boss weighed 1467 pounds
	not--while weight of 3, 6762 lbs.
Dec. 22, 1852	Mer. 33 -- Hog Killing going on to day.
JB	
Dec. 31, 1852	Beeves - The 8 Beeves weighed Net. 5943--
JB	Small beeves this year---
Jan. 28, 1853	Beeves 4 more killed Weight 2571 lbs
JB	<u>5948= 8519 lbs</u>
Dec. 3, 1862	Hog Killing-Slaughtered 18 hogs to day.
JB	
Dec. 4, 1862	Cut and Salted them.
JB	

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Nov. 12, 1864 JB	Beeves 4 were slaughtered on the 14th.
Dec. 5, 1864 JB	Beeves -- 6 more were slaughtered to day.
Dec. 9, 1864 JB	Hog Slaughtering--18 were killed at the creek near the Mill & taken to the Office for Soldiers & hirelings.
Dec. 22, 1865 JB	<u>Hogs Slaughtered</u> -19 Head of Hogs were slaughtered to day, for the use of Hirelings.
Dec. 28, 1865 JC	<u>Beeves Slaughtered</u> - Four large ones for family use. <u>Beeves</u> --The Beeves slaughtered to day, weighed-- 847-839-622- (?) - 200 lbs tallow taken from one -- greasy-- <u>Beeves</u> -Four more slaughtered to day--
Jan. 17, 1866 JC	
Nov. 22, 1866 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> - The Blacks killed 10 Hogs to day - The last years supply seem exhausted--They kill to get meat to eat - Total Weight 1940 lbs.
Dec. 11, 1866 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> --yesterday--
Jan. 2, 1867 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> --The Brn. and hands finished slaughtering the hogs yesterday, the whole Am't slaughtered this winter is 40 head averaging over 200 lbs each - enough one would suppose to supply our hired negroes the coming or present year-- <u>Pork Total</u> this year 42 hogs average 226 lbs. each--9426 lbs-- enough
Dec. 20, 1867 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> - On Monday the 16th Inst. the last of the fattened Hogs were slaughtered--there were 42 Hogs-- heaviest was 462 pounds--average weight was 243 2/3 pounds. Total weight 10,234 pounds. <u>Note</u> -last season when we had 9436 lbs I thought it was certainly enough--But it was not--the Trustees had to buy some 4 or 5 hogs in Nov.--& previous to that 500 pounds of Bacon -- the Negroes just drink hogs!
Jan. 11, 1868 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> -15 head of fat Hogs having been brot from the Black Lick farm - 14 of which were slaughtered, on Tuesday the 7th Instant were found to weigh in the aggregate 3560 pounds. Nett- this being added to those previously slaughtered makes 13,794 pounds, to be consumed by the Negroes and other hirelings & Strangers the present current year. Surely this is enough--the 9000 pounds was insufficient several hundred pounds of bacon besides some pork had to be bought, to go the year out--
Dec. 14, 1868 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> The Hogs or a part of them belonging to the Centre family were killed to day...Some were killed a short time before.
Jan. 6, 1869 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> -Finished to day-in all this year 16,500 lbs of Nett Pork--greasy with a witness--all for darkies and Outsiders.

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Jan. 12, 1869 JC	<u>Beef Killing</u> - 5 killed to day--weight 3626 lbs.
Dec. 15, 1871 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> - Chh finished killing Hogs total 11,727 lbs North 11 Hogs average 300 lbs 3,300 <u>3,300</u> Grease enough for the Negroes 1 year. 15,029
Nov. 15, 1872 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> --Cyrus Blakey & Co. Killed 15 of the smallest fattened hogs--Negroes now have fine times disposing of the Backbones & Spare ribs.
1875 CN	"They still raise fine breeds of cattle, hogs, sheep, and chickens, and this is a considerable source of income for them."
Jan. 1, 1874 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> - 28 more hogs slaughtered, the former killing not noticed.
Jan. 21, 1875 JC	<u>Hogs killed in 1873 & 1874</u> In 1873 were killed 56 hogs--that weighed 8,979 pounds. In 1874 the present Winter were killed 65 hogs that weighed 13,578 lbs. all for Negro hirelings--greasy!
June 8, 1875 SQ	"We now take a peep into the house where the pork is kept. It was hung on poles & had been smoked to preserve it. This takes the place of salting it in barrels. Some 20000 bls of pork are put up each year. In 1872 they slaughtered 80 hogs. This is a supply for the hired help." (pg. 59)
June 12, 1875 SQ	"On our passage through one of the pastures, Asa called our attention to the place where they are making a pond. It was in a natural basin, and already the water covered about 1/4 of an acre. One hundred or more hogs were turned into the pasture & as many ears of corn as there were hogs was thrown into the water every day. The hogs in their rush after the corn made the place a perfect mortar bed. This is followed for weeks till the ground is so compacted that it will hold water like a basin." (pg. 69)
Nov. 9, 1875 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> --Darkies killed 29 head to day this is the second killing.
Dec. 25, 1875 JC	<u>Christmas</u> . A beautiful springlike day. For the first time for many years we had meat (Roast Turkey) on the table.--
Jan. 6, 1876 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> --Finished killing 59 head in all at 3 killings--they averaged 230 1/2 pounds each making in all 13,606 pounds--28 lbs more than last year.
Dec. 20, 1876 JC	<u>Hog Killing</u> -- Total Slaughtered this season 15,000 pounds--14,480 lbs being put into the Office Smoke House. --All to be used by Hired hands & Bummers.

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Jan. 8, 1878	Hog Killing -- Finished to day.
JC	1st Killing the 19 of November 19 head 5518 lbs.
	2nd 5th December 5 1210
	3rd Killing the 10th December 24 head 8608 lbs.
	4 8th January 12 2775
	<u>277 off</u>
	Total for Use here 17734 lbs
	Tolerably greasy-----
Jan. 30, 1879	HOGS KILLED--Whole amount Killed at three different times
JD	makes a total of 22032 lbs this is a tolerable greasy mess But it
	will doubtless disappear before next Christmas.
Dec. 11, 1879	HOG KILLING--Centre family Killed a part of their fattened hogs
JD	to day.
Dec. 12, 1879	North Killed part of theirs to day & East family Killed all of theirs.
JD	
Jan. 23, 1880	HOG KILLING--35 more hogs were Killed to day -- this finishes
JD	this years buchery of the Hog kind--The whole amount this season
	is (?)
1885	<u>Farm Annual of the United Society of Shakers of South Union, Ky.</u>
FA	1885 pg. 22
	{advertisement of the sale of pedigreed Berkshire pigs and
	unpedigreed Poland China pigs}
Dec. 7, 1886	HOG KILLING--Centre family Killing Hogs--a part of them to day.
JD	
Nov. 21, 1887	HOG KILLING--30 head Slaughtered average over 266-800--
JD	Alex says 8000.
Dec. 1, 1887	HOG KILLING 33 head more hogs Slaughtered to day
JD	
Nov. 28, 1888	HOG KILLING. 24 head--very fat.
JD	
Jan. 2, 1889	HOG KILLING--finished the Killing to day. Total amt 15,359 lbs
JD	(greasy. certainly enough for 150 persons for one year---
Nov. 28, 1889	HOG KILLING--No thanks from the hogs & not much from the
JD	Killers--20 were Slaughtered average weight was 299 1/2 lbs.
	Total 5990 lbs.
Dec. 12, 1889	HOG KILLING--The hirelings Kill'd 19 more hogs to day tho the
JD	mercury is temperate at noon & is still rising reached 65 at 3 P.M.-
	the 19 Hogs weighed 6200 lbs.
Jan. 16, 1890	HOG KILLING--finished to day 2305 lbs whole amt for the season
JD	14495 pounds tolerably greasy--
Dec. 6, 1890	HOG KILLING. Yesterday & day before in all the families-- 15 at
JD	Centre--Same at East & 20 at North. Supposed average 250 lbs pr
	head--12.500 lbs--
Dec. 19, 1890	HOG KILLING--10 more & the last, average about as first Killing-
JD	-250 lbs. Whole amt 15000 or 20.000 in all the families--

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Dec. 1, 1891 HOG KILLING--24 killed to day -- at Centre--
JD
Dec. 16, 1891 HOG KILLING 23 more--44 for the coming year.
JD

Source Key

JA Centre Family Journal A, Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University
JB Centre Family Journal B, Shaker Museum at South Union
JC Centre Family Journal C, Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University
JD Centre Family Journal D, Shaker Museum at South Union
SQ Shaker Quarterly, Shaker Museum at South Union
WR Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio
FA South Union Farm Catalog, 1885, photocopy Shaker Museum at South Union
JMJ-KL Jethro Macy Journal, Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University
CN Nordhoff, Charles, The Communistic Societies of the United States (1875)

H.L.E. refers to Elder Hervey Lauderdale Eades (1807-1892). Eades recopied the journals sometime in the 1870's and frequently added his own commentary.