

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Monday, January 1

Working in shop & went to Safe Harbor Station for bal of cottage suits, spring bed & mattress. Had Bro Emanuel's horse. Paid him for both trips, a.m. In shop & helping J. F. Caldwell to load his household goods, as he is moving to Greenland Mills tomorrow. At concert in eve. for benefit of Gen. R. Bausch. Raw, cold air all day. Dr. I. M. Witmer was appointed one of the assistant physicians at the almshouse. Partly clear.

Tuesday, January 2

Went along with moving this morning to Lancaster to decide definitely about S.H. Mill. Am told that they have a bid of \$9,000 for mill house, saw mill & small properties. Whether correct or not is hard to tell. It looks to me as though it was to draw more out of me, but I am done & will not buy. Walked out to Greenland, nice mill but damp house. Rented J.F.C. House for \$90.00. W. Caldwell to move in house & I keep the bldg. I will try the furniture again. Cold. Clear.

Wednesday, January 3

Sent check to W. R. F. Wenner, etc., for cast at \$22.54. Working in shop partly all day. Sold bedstead, \$4.00, woven spring, \$3.00 (single) to Amos Warfel. Cash, \$7.00. At J. R. Yentzer's in eve. auditing S.S. accounts. Bal on hand: \$18.76. Much warmer. Muddy roads. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 4

Working in shop all day putting up chairs & painting. Paid Thomas Hallow \$1.00 for removing dirt & filling up lot of Mr. Eby's. Getting warmer. Very damp. Cloudy.

Friday, January 5

Working in shop all day painting chairs, etc. Warm & very muddy. Just like spring. Cloudy.

Saturday, January 6

Working in shop a.m. Working at barn & separated my poultry for breeding purposes. Went to Safe Harbor & took 1st D in I.O. of O.F. with M. M. Bortzfield. Very damp & light rain. Cloudy.

Sunday, January 7

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to see Grandmother. She is getting better. Heard that Rachel Hess is getting married to Aaron Schultz in the near future. Emma B. told us some terrible things about her husband. Cool & very muddy. Partly cloudy.

Monday, January 8

Went to Lancaster & to Greenland Mills to see J. F. Caldwell about shop. Everything all right. I will get this flour to sell here. Told Mr. Brown about dropping mill property at S.H. Got word of the death of Martin McLaughlin's child. H. C. McAllister came after me. Funeral tomorrow at 2 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bowers of Indiana called to see us this p.m. Working in shop this eve at coffin. Cold all day. Great change. Clear.

Tuesday, January 9

Working in shop at coffin for Mart McLaughlin's child. Got word of the death of Abrm Hershey's child & working at coffin a.m. Attending funeral of Mart McLaughlin's Emma, aged 1-2-1. Abrm Herr preached. Text: Matt 19+14. Service at house. \$6.50. In shop in eve. Bought sequins, candy, tobacco, etc., of J. F. Caldwell: \$6.20. Cold, raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, January 10

Went to Abrm Hershey's & buried child at Brick Church, Willow Street. No funeral. Very

small child, \$4.50, a.m. Working in shop. Mrs. Jacob Buckwalter & daughter here looking after furniture, p.m. At home in eve. Cold & damp. Light snow. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, January 11

Went to Lancaster with Bro. J. R. Yentzer to meet committee on reconstruction of charges with the view of uniting ours & Willow Street, but nothing definite and bought lot of candies, oranges & tobacco for shop, a.m. In shop p.m. & opened shop that J. F. C. had this eve. Cold all day. Partly.

Friday, January 12

Working in shop all day. Cold & very stormy. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 13

Working in shop a.m. Sold bill furniture to Jacob M. Buckwalter, \$100 for his daughter, Elvira. Had fox chase at M. M. Bortzfield's store. Fox did not run more than 2 miles. Charles was the first one to get where he was and should have had him, but Mr. Rice took him. Charley is only 9 years old & took the field. Fox caught out near Good's. Took 2nd degree of IOOF Working in shop moving furniture in shop. Got 600 lb. Eclipse Flour of J. F. Caldwell & Co., Greenland, PA to sell for them. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 14

Was at church & Sunday school & preaching. Light rain at noon & eve.

Monday, January 15

Working in shop all day. Sue Henry here this eve. Her 22nd birthday. Very much like spring. Cooler. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, January 16

Working in shop, etc., all day. Warm & damp. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, January 17

Working in shop. A party from Lancaster took the picture of the Central Graded School, a.m. Took furniture over to John E. Good's, \$13.80 & rec'd the cash for same. Distributed calendars through Marticville. At M. E. Church in eve. & paid the last \$10.00 cash on organ to Kirk Johnson & Co. Very pleasant day but colder in eve. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 18

Working in shop all day. Sold the first flour of J. F. C. to avail the result. Cool air all day & little snow, a.m. Partly cloudy.

Friday, January 19

Working in shop all day fixing cradle for M. H. Groff: 15 cents. Very pleasant & spring like. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 20

In shop a.m. In shop & working about barn, etc., p.m. Went to Safe Harbor in eve. & took 3rd & last degree of IOOF Am very well pleased to fill your obligations. You must be a Christian. I hope & pray to God that I may be faithful to them & above all, to Him. Damp all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 21

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At house p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Mrs. Kenny of Philadelphia had charge of the meeting. I can say it was good to be there. Cloudy & damp all day. Cloudy.

Monday, January 22

At Lancaster all day. Bought things for shop. Box oranges, etc. At poultry show. Very fine lot of poultry on exhibition. Cold & very damp. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, January 23

Working in shop all day fixing chair for M. M.

Groff: 10 cents. Very much like spring. Partly clear.

Wednesday, January 24

Working in shop all day. Very damp all day. Rain in eve. Cloudy.

Thursday, January 25

Working in shop all day. Albert Caldwell not being satisfied with regard to me renting J. F. Caldwell's property, I left him have the property and the storeroom & I kept the shop I had & the room back of the storeroom & kitchen garret for \$20.00 rent per year for a number of years, payable to him. Much colder. Frozen all day. Partly clear.

Friday, January 26

Working in shop all day. Much colder. Light snow. Cloudy.

Saturday, January 27

Went to see J. F. Caldwell about his property with regard to Albert renting it & he refused to do anything and let the whole matter with us, but admits that he rented it to me in the presence of John Stauffer, a.m. At primary meeting for Tribe officers in p.m. etc., etc. At IORM in eve. Snowed last night. Cold raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 28

At S.S. & preaching by Mr. Burnershine, student at F&M. Text: St. Luke 16-21, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother, p.m. She is getting stronger. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: St. Matt. 5+12. Cold all day. Ther: 19. Partly cloudy.

Monday, January 29

Working in shop. Got word about 3 p.m. of the death of Franklin Hoak who had been such a great sufferer of months. I went out & took charge of the body. I do not think I ever saw anyone that had fallen away so much. I

would not have known him. Funeral will take place on Thursday at 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion. Raining partly all day. Snow in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday, January 30

Working in shop all day at coffin, etc. Told A. R. C. that I am going to move to Caldwell's property & I will keep shop myself. Colder. Snowed about 2 1/2 inches last night. Stormy all night. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, January 31

Working in shop at coffin & went over to Hoak's with M. M. Bortzfield in sleigh. The first ride I had this winter, there not being any before. Rented my property to F. P. Henry for \$36.00 per annum. Moderating. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, February 1

Attended funeral of Franklin Hoak, aged 40-10+8. Rev. Sweigart & C. B. Miller preached from St. John 14, 2+3. 24 carriages in procession. Harry Wagner, Columbus Ressler, John Burkhart & Amariah Gardner pall bearers. Very large funeral. About 800 people present, a.m. Went to New Danville, M. R. Herr Sale, p.m. Sold Maris Huber bill furniture in eve. Cold all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 2

Working in shop all day. Went over to C. F. Bruner's in eve. Returned about 8 p.m. Groundhog Day today. If there is anything in it we will have 16 weeks of very rough weather. Cold all day. Snow not melting very fast. Clear.

Saturday, February 3

Working in shop. Cleaned hen house, etc. At IORM in eve. Damp. Snow melting. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, February 4

At Sunday school a.m. At home. Mary Bruner

& Harry & Bertha spent the p.m. with us. Dora Smith here in eve. Colder. Snowing all day. Cloudy.

Monday, February 5

Working in shop all day. Very cold. The coldest of the year. Ther: 8. Clear.

Tuesday, February 6

Working in shop all day. Rachel Hess & Aaron Shultz we're married today. Snow melting during day. Ther: 19. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 7

Working in shop all day. Charles Frahllich brought load of coal for J. F. Caldwell from here. Moderating. Partly clear.

Thursday, February 8

Working in shop partly all day. Damp & moderating. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 9

Working in shop a.m. & part of p.m. & went over to C. B. Miller's. Raining & very damp. Cloudy.

Saturday, February 10

Working in shop graining, etc. Went to IOOF, Safe Harbor in eve. Very much like spring. Roads very bad. Frost partly all out. Partly clear.

Sunday, February 11

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Hay, student of F&M college. Text: Rom 1+16. I like him very much. He is a very plain speaker, a.m. At home. Wife & Blanche out at Caldwell's, p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: Matt 5+8. A very good sermon. Raw air all day. Clear.

Monday, February 12

At Lancaster. Got candy, tobacco, etc., for store. Got first load feed of J. F. Caldwell

today. Aaron Shultz & Wife here & ordered some furniture. Cold & snowing & blowing all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, February 13

Working in shop all day. Sold my first feed to Theo Jones. Folks are taking advantage of the sleigh roads. A great many running this eve. Snowing a.m. Cold. Cloudy.

Wednesday, February 14

Working in shop all day. John Clark's Sale p.m. Cold & rough all day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, February 15

Working in shop in morning & got M. M. Bortzfield to hitch up large sleigh & we brought up 5 school cupboards from Safe Harbor Station, a.m. Went down & brought up balance of cupboards, 5 & at G. A. Taylor's sale short time. Had a heavy snow last night & sleighing is good. I am 37 years old today. How time flies. Cold all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 16

Working in shop. Got word of the death of Jacob Good (double). To be buried at Byerland O.M. Church on Sunday at 10 a.m. Working at coffin p.m. Got Mrs. Saml McLaughlin to make shroud. Cold & stormy. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 17

Working in shop all day. Sent rough box away by Bro. Emanuel, a.m. In shop. Mrs. John J. Good & daughter here. Sold them bill furniture & went to Safe Harbor Station in sleigh & brought cupboard & extension table. At IORM in eve. Sleighing good. Great many sleighs running. Cold all day. Clear.

Sunday, February 18

Went to attend funeral of Jacob Good, aged 81-6-10. C. B. Miller spoke & Simon Gray. Text: St. John 5+25 & Geo Seitz. Text: 2

Timothy 4+6+7+8. Seitz spoke very earnest & referred to the love shown him by the Bro. & family on his visits & recalled them as pleasant memories. Pall bearers: Abrm Hess, C. B. Miller, Rudolph Hess & Benj Sigley. 19 carriages in procession. Large funeral. Heavy rain last night. No sleighing & roads very sloppy & muddy. Great change in weather. About 50 degrees from yesterday. Partly cloudy.

Monday, February 19

Painting in shop all day. It is thundering as I am writing this. There is a gust in the east. Spring weather. Snow going pretty fast. Ther: 62. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, February 20

Working in shop all day. Township election & congressman at large, G. A. Brow. Cooler. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 21

Working in shop all day. At Yentzer's in eve. singing. Cold, raw air. Partly clear.

Thursday, February 22

Working in shop all day. Snowed last night about 1 1/4 inches. Cold. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 23

Working in shop all day. Colder & stormy all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, February 24

Working in shop a.m. Went to Fred Shoff's Sale p.m. At Preparation Service. Rev. M. M. Noacher preached from Eph. 5+18. Missionary Seitz met afterward in eve. Very cold & stormy all day. Ther: 10. Partly clear.

Sunday, February 25

At Sunday school & preaching by Bro. M. M. Noacher, our former pastor. Text: Mal. 4+2. At home p.m. Bro. Noacher spent part of p.m.

& took supper with us. At preaching in eve. by same. Text: Eph. 6+10-11. He preached a powerful sermon. Very cold. Began snowing in p.m. Heavy snow storm in eve. Ther: 3. Cloudy.

Monday, February 26

Went to Lancaster. Bought things for shop & 240 lb. platform scales for \$3.00 (Fairland), scoop shovel, etc. Rec'd balance on cupboards of M. M. Bortzfield, Treasurer of school board. Snowed & sleeted partly all night. About 1-6 inches. Snowing partly all day. About 4 inches. Cloudy.

Tuesday, February 27

Sent checks to Nat. Fur. Co., Boll Bro. & Enterprise Fur. Co. Working in shop all day. M. M. Bortzfield took cupboards to River Hill, Shenk's, Green Hill, Wyott, Stone Hill, Stehman's school houses. Mr. Brecht visited the schools here in the places. Much warmer. Folks are sleighing. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 28

Working in shop all day. A. L. Henry got his furniture today. Spring like. Snow melting slowly. Clear.

Thursday, March 1

Delivered cupboards to Steeple, West, Centre, Graded & Extent. This finished the job. M. M. Bortzfield hauled them for me in sleigh. Henry Good here & paid for Jacob Good's coffin, etc. At prayer meeting at John Carrigan's. It being old mother Kendig's 88th birthday & we celebrated it thus. She enjoyed it very much & done us all good. Beautiful day. Clear.

Friday, March 2

Working in shop a.m. Went to Safe Harbor for chairs, spring bed at station & put 1/2 doz chairs together, p.m. Very much like spring.

Snow melting fast and sloppy roads. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 3

Working in shop a.m. Rec'd 2nd load of feed of J. F. Caldwell, etc., & sent him check for \$32.25 for feed & flour rec'd previous to this & working in shop, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Resolved bill to school board for cupboards: \$72.50 & rec'd same. Very much like spring. Snow melting. Clear.

Sunday, March 4

At Sunday school & prayer meeting, a.m. Spent p.m. with Grandmother. At home in eve. Very pleasant. Snow going very fast today. Partly clear.

Monday, March 5

Working in shop & went to Safe Harbor & brought sinks & table from station. Saw 2 boys barefooted, a.m. In shop p.m. Pleasant all day. Snow going fast. Partly clear.

Tuesday, March 6

Working in shop all day painting & at bench. Very pleasant day. Snow nearly all gone. Roads drying fast. Commenced to rain at 9:20 p.m. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 7

Working in shop & delivered Clara (Good) Charles' furniture over to Myer's Tannery where they are moving tomorrow. M. M. Bortzfield hauled it for me. Beautiful day. Partly clear.

Thursday, March 8

Was called to the home of Jos M. Witmer at 3 a.m. to take charge of remains of their only child who died of pneumonia. Funeral on Saturday at 9 & 10 at M. E. Church, this place. Working in shop making casket, etc. Got Mrs. Kate Smith to make the shroud. Her first attempt. Pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Friday, March 9

Working in shop all day. Took casket out to Witmer's & put child in. Ready for tomorrow. Cooler & damp. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, March 10

Attended funeral of John H. Witmer, son of Jos M. & Naomi's Witmer. Aged 2 years, 2 mo. & 10 d. Rev. Sweigart of Evangelical Church preached. Text: 2 Kings 4+26. Pall bearers: A. J. Henry, Edw Urban, Maris Jones & Chas Smith. 10 coaches, a.m. Went to Safe Harbor & brought cottage suit from station & Jacob Kreider brought couches from Pa. R.R., Lancaster. At IORM in eve. Damp. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, March 11

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Hay. Text: 2 Cor 12+10, a.m. At church. Had a consistory meeting & home. Mr. Bruner & family here & took supper with us. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: St. John 11+35. Damp partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, March 12

In shop, etc. Sisters Lizzie & Ellie spent the day with us. Had a very pleasant time. Took couch out to Ella Kreider, p.m. I paid 1/2 of spring bed for mother. Ellie the other part. We presented it to her. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday, March 13

Working in shop all day. Sent check to National Furniture Co. for bill to date: \$75.75 & one to Spragues Collection Agency for explication. Cooler. Stormy & light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, March 14

Working in shop partly all day & getting ready for butcher tomorrow. Very stormy all day. Colder. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, March 15

Butchering. Got hog of B. F. Trissler. Weighed 415 lb. F. L. Foutz, Al Henry helped. Filed 2 saws for M. H. Groff: 25 cents. Much colder. Sleet & rain. Partly cloudy.

Friday, March 16

Working in shop. Oscar Erb brought Mr. Buckwalter's furniture away from shop. Made a 4 horse load. Very warm & pleasant. Roads are beautiful. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 17

Working in shop. Maris Huber brought his furniture this p.m. He is moving to Marticville. David G. Kendig had sale today on the home place. At IORM in eve. G. F. Caldwell here. Did not say definitely about renting property. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Sunday, March 18

At church but had no SS on account of funeral of Leah Clinger. I went to funeral. Very large. Rev. F. E. Deacon spoke, a.m. At home p.m. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Monday, March 19

In shop. Got word of the death of Wm Hallegan's (colored) daughter. Funeral tomorrow at 9 a.m. Working at coffin & delivered rough box to colored cemetery, this place. Mrs. Smith made the Shroud. John Eidemiller & John Burk came here this eve. & are staying all night. We commenced to move over to J.F. Caldwell's property today. He decided for us to move over. Very warm for time of year. Partly clear.

Tuesday, March 20

Attending funeral of Mary E. Warner (colored) at the Duck. Aged 11-10-24. In the absence of a minister Simon Hart held the services by singing hymn, prayer & short exhortation. I buried her in the colored cemetery, this place. At sale of Saml Myer's

(Est) Horses. Sold very low. Paul, an imported stallion, sold for \$95. Weight, 1950 & a mare that weighed 1990 for \$112. Cooler. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 21

Started to move to our former home across the way. Worked very hard today, wife included. Damp & some rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, March 22

Helping to move a.m. Took bedroom suit over to Jacob W. Hess, Rock Hill, p.m. Mary E. Bruner helped the wife. Very warm at noon. Thunder gusts in p.m. Rained heavy. Ther: 99. Partly clear.

Friday, March 23

Working in shop partly all day. Sow came due today. Dropped 10 fine pigs. Heavy thunder gust last night. Stormy. Much cooler p.m. Partly cloudy .

Saturday, March 24

Sent check to Samuel K. marked for 2 sideboards ordered by Broome: \$22.50. Working in shop partly all day. At Missionary Society in eve. Decided to hold a lecture in 4 weeks by Rev. Burnershine. Damp & cool. Light rain. Cloudy.

Sunday, March 25

At Sunday school. An order was drawn for \$13.82 for support preaching by Mr. Burnershine. Text: Romans 8+18, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Text: Romans. Light rain. Damp & colder. Cloudy .

Monday, March 26

Working in shop a.m. Went to the sale of Franklin Hoak (dec'd) & clerked the same for P. C. Hiller administration, p.m. Very rough & much colder. Snow storm p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, March 27

Took furniture down to Aaron Shultz. Had H. C. McAllister's team & paid him for same 50 cents, a.m. Working about shop, etc. John T. Pugh's son was buried today, p.m. Very rough & cold. Light snow storm a.m. Ther: 20. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 28

Settled with C. B. Miller to date & John Graver & bought 4 bus corn of Graver at 50 cents & paid him for same. Working about shop, etc., all day. Warmer, but raw air. Partly clear.

Thursday, March 29

Working in shop, etc., a.m. & got word of the death of Martin McLaughlin at West Willow. Went & took charge of body. Died very unexpected. Very damp. Snow & rain p.m. Cloudy.

Friday, March 30

Working in shop all day making coffin, etc. Cool air all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 31

Working in shop a.m. & part of p.m. At IORM in eve. The following officers were elected. S.W.: R. Good. S.S.: Frank Rommel. J.S.: Fred Rice. C. of R.: B.F. Hookey. C. of W.: A. J. Zercher. R. of W.: Jacob Henry. Rep.: A. J. Zercher. Shuster: M. M. Bortzfield. Janitor: Jacob Henry. There was money missing in shop & suspicioned Will Gochnauer, a boy 10 years old & he owned up & returned 35 cents. About \$1.00 had been taken. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Sunday, April 1

Attending funeral of Martin McLaughlin, West Willow. Aged 41-3-9. Abrm Herr preached. Text: St. John 14+23-14. Bearers: Geo Sickman, Jacob Harnish, Martin Huber & David Root. 15 carriages. Buried at Stone church. Very large funeral, a.m. At home.

Beckie & family & May here, p.m. Went over to see Grandmother. Spent a pleasant eve. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, April 2

At Lancaster all day attending to April business. I did better than I expected in the way of collecting. There are a great many complaining. Ordered furniture, etc., of Weiner. Paid M. H. Groff \$21.00 to date. B. F. Trissler on account. M. M. Bortzfield \$10.00 on account. Cold, raw air all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, April 3

Working in shop all day. Changed partitions to make room for more furniture. Damp, raw air. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, April 4

Working in shop all day. The papers state that execution has been issued against Jacob Henry (Sr), Mason Fry, B. F. Hookey for Leah Clinger's est. for \$2,300. Raining & damp all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, April 5

Settled with P. M. Bruner & gave him a check for bal to date: \$20.00 & Wms Upholdt Co.: \$16.00. Chas S. Boll: \$2.25. Working in shop, etc., all day. Paid M. M. Bortzfield balance to date & settled with H. H. Bitts. He fell 43 cents in my debt. Chas Fralich here with load feed. Sent check for feed to date & sent \$5.00 with him for cigars to Caldwell. Raw air all day. Partly clear.

Friday, April 6

Working about shop, etc., all day. Cold & stormy. Light snow. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, April 7

Got word of the death of Benj Irvin's wife, New Danville. Went out to take charge of the body. Found it very much swollen. Was compelled to take it before embalming. Took about 8-9 qts. of water from her. Went to

Lancaster from there. Bought coffin of A. C. Rote. Shrouding at New York store. Bought clothes, hat, shoes, etc., at Williamson & Foster. At IORM in eve. A. F. Martin was elected K of W Vice. Jacob Henry resigned. Cold. Light snow. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, April 8

Went out to look after corpse. Everything right. Came home & Landis Miller was here & offered me a team to go down to see Mother, which I accepted, she not being well at all. Took Aunt Lizzie Miller along. She was much better in eve. At church in eve. Rev. Hay preached from 1 Cor. 13+13. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Monday, April 9

Working in shop partly all day making rough box & lining coffin for Benj Irvin's wife. Dug a little garden, p.m. Cold, raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, April 10

Attended funeral of Catherine Irvin. Aged 65-6-1. John Harnish & Abrm Hess preached. Text: Heb. 4+9. Bearers: John Myers, Amos Landis, Amos Kreider & Maris Hess. 31 carriages. Began snowing at 9 a.m. & continued the remainder of the day. At home p.m. Corpse looked very nice. Cold. About 3 inches of snow this eve & still snowing. Cloudy.

Wednesday, April 11

Working about shop, etc., all day. Heavy snow storm. It has snowed for 48 hours with little intermission & is still snowing. Snow is 18 inches deep. Would possibly be 2 1/2 or 3 1/2 feet had it not melted. 10 years ago, yesterday, we had a snow about 14 inches deep. This is the deepest snow I know of for this moderate time of the year & the deepest for this winter. Cloudy.

Thursday, April 12

Working about shop, etc. About 2 inches more snow last night. Roads drifted very much. Hiram Lynes had 3 horses hitched to his bake wagon, a.m. Went to Safe Harbor for goods at station. Had 2 horses & sleigh., M. M. Bortzfield's team & could scarcely get through. U.S. mail was carried to Lancaster & returned on horseback. Jacob Henry's sheriff sale. Roads drifted very much. Warmer. Cloudy.

Friday, April 13

Working in shop varnishing chairs, etc., a.m. Shoveling snow, etc., p.m. Snow going very fast. Roads very muddy. Very pleasant. Clear.

Saturday, April 14

Working in shop a.m. At primary meeting p.m. 192 votes polled. A ticket will be found in back part of this book. I was elected Council Committee Man. Rec'd 109 votes & Jacob Bitts 71 votes. At IORM in eve. Snow going very fast. Pleasant day. Cool air. Clear.

Sunday, April 15

At Sunday school. Had a consistory meeting afterwards, a.m. At home p.m. Father Bruner here. Pleasant day. Ice in morning. Clear.

Monday, April 16

At Lancaster. Saw Mr. Landis about deeding property, etc., & got the election returns. Adam Forebaugh Show was in Lancaster today, a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Pleasant. Ice this morning. Clear.

Tuesday, April 17

Brought 2 loads of goods from Safe Harbor this a.m. Unpacking, etc., p.m. Light rain. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 18

Working in garden, etc., a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Warm. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 19

Working in shop & digging garden. Rec'd load of feed of J. F. C. & Co. Light rain in morning. Warm during day. Partly clear.

Friday, April 20

Working in shop a.m. Moved lumber over to home property & piling walnut logs, etc., p.m. The snow is partly all gone. There is still a little at shaded places. Light showers. Gust in eve. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, April 21

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. Benj Irvin here & paid for wife's coffin, etc.: \$26.00. Light rain & cool in eve. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, April 22

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Burnershine. Text: 1st John 14+26. Beckie Martin & Stella Kreider here p.m. At church in eve. Had song service & then lecture by Bro Burnershine given on a chart which was very interesting & instructional. The Missionary Society held their meeting afterwards. Cool all day. Cloudy.

Monday, April 23

At Lancaster. Got things for shop. Went to A. C. Rote with A. F. Martin to see his wagon. Am getting one made like it by A. F. Martin, he to take trade for same. Raw air all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, April 24

Working in shop partly all day. Wife & children went to Lancaster. Bought carpet for front room, etc. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 25

Working in shop partly all day. Pleasant.

Thursday, April 26

In shop & attending funeral of Mary Ann

Pennypacker who died at Mountville but buried at the Reformed Church this place. Aged 59-5-14. Rev. Pannebacker of Columbia preached. Text: 2 Timothy 2-19. Pall bearers: P. M. Bruner, J. J. Good, M. Benedict, C. Benedict. Mr. Fralich had funeral. I assisted him, a.m. In shop & digging garden p.m. Warm & pleasant.

Friday, April 27

Went to Safe Harbor & brought goods from station, etc., a.m. Working in shop p.m. Light rain p.m. Partly clear.

Saturday, April 28

Working in shop partly all day. Warm & pleasant. Light rain. Partly clear.

Sunday, April 29

At Sunday school. Had a consistory meeting afterwards. I was authorized to have the church (Reformed) painted outside. 2 coats, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother p.m. At J. R. Yentzer's in eve. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Monday, April 30

Got word of the death of John Clark's child. Went out & washed it, etc., at 2 o'clock a.m. Working in shop at coffin all day. Warm & getting dry. Ther: 86. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, May 1

Went to Lancaster with Mr. Bruner for things for shop, etc. Was sworn in as assessor for the unexpired term of J. F. Caldwell. Did not know I was appointed until I got to the Commissioners this a.m. Was appointed on account of having some experience. Cool in morning. Warmer. Partly clear.

Wednesday, May 2

Attended funeral of Cora Clark, daughter of John Clark. Aged 3 mo. & 27 days. Abrm Herr & Benj Hertzle preached. Text: Job 3+6-7 &

Mark 19+14. 15 carriages, a.m. Working in shop p.m. Very warm.

Thursday, May 3

Working in shop partly all day at wagon bed, etc. Ascension Day. Warm. Partly clear.

Friday, May 4

In shop & went to Safe Harbor & brought bal of furniture from station, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Took 2 bedsteads to Amos Steinman's Mother & rec'd pay for same. Warmer & getting dry. Partly clear.

Saturday, May 5

Working in shop partly all day. Got 4 gal of ice cream from Jos R. Royer to sell this eve. in store (the first of the season). Sold it all. Had a good eve. Warmer. Cooler in eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 6

At Sunday school & preaching by Bro Horning, student of F&M College. Quite a young man & very good speaker. Text: St. John 8+32, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: Romans 13+7 (on love). Very good sermon. Pleasant a.m. Gusty (heavy) but very little rain p.m. and eve. Partly cloudy.

Monday, May 7

At Lancaster. Had a meeting of our consistory & the Committee on Supplies with regard to connecting our congregation with some neighboring ones to form a charge. Bought a small carriage of Mr. Killian for \$40.00. Paid \$5.00 cash & gave my note for 60 days for \$35.00. Fixed O.F.B. note for 60 days. Pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday, May 8

Working in shop all day. Finished my wagon bed & gave it one coat paint. Wm E. Miller & Annie B. Urban were married today. They

were married in the Reformed Church here by Rev. M. M. Noacher, our former pastor. They took a trip to Washington, D.C. Beautiful day. Warm & pleasant. Partly clear.

Wednesday, May 9

Took load furniture down to Fred Shoff: \$50.00. Working in shop p.m. Pleasant day. Clear.

Thursday, May 10

Hauling out manure, John Wade & I on the lot partly all day, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Very pleasant. Clear.

Friday, May 11

Planting corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, sprouts, etc. Pleasant. Cool in morning. Ther: 50. Clear.

Saturday, May 12

Working in shop partly all day. Warm partly all day. Clear .

Sunday, May 13

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At house. Wm Caldwell & family here, p.m. Cool partly all day. Clear.

Monday, May 14

Went to Lancaster by stage. Bought paint of Harnish & Lemon for the Reformed Church outside & seen about paper for same. Went to D. Haverstick's Livery Sale & bought 2 gray horses, single harness. Drove horses out in wagon I bought 1 week ago. Warm & dry. Clear.

Tuesday, May 15

In shop a.m. Taking registry p.m. Drove horses to Colemanville, Shenk's Ferry, Safe Harbor & home a.m. Very well pleased with the team. Cool morning & eve. Light rain last night. Ther: 52. Partly clear.

Wednesday, May 16

Working in shop a.m. Taking registry p.m. Drove horses again to Slackwater, Rock Hill, etc. Warm. Light shower p.m. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, May 17

In shop & working at registry all day. I started Levi B. Neff & Michael Shank at painting the Reformed Church. Took shutters inside on account of dampness to paint. Each worked 1 day at \$1.40 & board themselves. Wm Smith cemented cracks in wall. Damp all day. Rain in morning. Cloudy.

Friday, May 18

At church in morning. Neff here alone all day. \$1.40. Copying registry partly all day. Mr. Newell here to see about papering church. He agreed to remove paper, glue, size & repaper the building for \$32.00 & boarding for 3 men. Mr. Martin worked 1/2 day scraping paint. Damp & warm. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 19

At church in morning. Neff here alone today. \$1.40 & Mr. Martin. Working at registry partly all day. At IORM in eve. Warm during day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, May 20

At home all day. Raining very heavy nearly all day. Very little intermission. Rained partly all of last night & I do not remember of seeing so much rain fall in the same length of time. The ground is very wet. Trees falling over. Warm & rainy all day. Cloudy.

Monday, May 21

Working at registry partly all day. Heavy rain last night. Raining heavy partly all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, May 22

Brought furniture wagon from A. F. Martin's Shop. Cost \$42.50. Sold him 1 pair pigs, \$6.00 & sow, \$20.00. I left it go on account balance

to be taken in trade during year. Examination held here & schools given out. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, May 23

Working at registry. Sent check to Burrows Bro. & Co., \$30.00 for bedsteads of 4+23 & one to J. F. Caldwell for \$19.95 for feed & gave wagon coat of paint. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, May 24

Working in shop & at registry of voters partly all day. Damp & raining. Cloudy.

Friday, May 25

In shop painting wagon, etc., a.m. Taking registry of births, etc., p.m. Catherine Warfel buried at M. E. Church in a.m. Damp & rainy p.m. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 26

Went to Colemanville to take registry of births, a.m. Got load feed of J. F. Caldwell & Co. & finished with registry, p.m. This is the 11th day in succession that we have had rain, but very light today. Very pleasant day. Rain. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 27

About home all day. Valentine Kneisley here a while, a.m. No Sunday school on account of repainting church.

Monday, May 28

Got word of the death of Jos Harnish daughter (Pequea). Died last night about 11 p.m. Went out & embalmed body & went from there to Lancaster. Took registry book to Commissioner's office & attended to other business. Returned at 3 p.m. Working at coffin balance of day. Showery partly all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, May 29

Working in shop & took rough box out to

Stone Meeting House, etc., a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. At J. R. Yentzer's in eve. Ther 43 this morning. Had frost this morning. Cool air all day. Ther: 43. Partly clear.

Wednesday, May 30

Attending funeral of Lizzie M. Harnish. Aged 12-9-13. Rev. Abrm Herr & John Harnish preached from St. John 5+24-25 & Matt. 19+24 respectively. 25 carriages. Bearers: Landis Miller, Henry Herr, Myers & Herr. This was one of the prettiest corpses I ever saw. Damp, raw air all day. Very light rain. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, May 31

Papering at Albert Charles'. Levi Neff helping. Raw, cold air all day. Cloudy.

Friday, June 1

Papering at Albert Charles' all day. Levi Neff helping. Finished. Cool. Light rain. Cloudy.

Saturday, June 2

At Millersville a.m. Made trusses at church for paper hangers, etc., p.m. The Willing Workers Society held a festival in Bruner's orchard this eve. for benefit of church. Receipts: \$43.66. Much better than I expected. Albert Charles paid for papering: \$55.00. Cool all day. Light rain. Partly clear.

Sunday, June 3

Went down to visit Mother, self, wife & children. She is not very good. Had a pleasant time. Returned in eve. Warmer. Partly cloudy.

Monday, June 4

Went to Lancaster & brought out paper hangers & paper, etc., & getting things ready, a.m. Made scaffolding, etc., p.m. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, June 5

Working in shop & up at church looking after paper hangers. They commenced putting on this p.m. I think it will be very fine when finished. Gust last night & rain. Rain a.m. Warmer p.m. Cool in eve. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, June 6

Working at church & painting chairs, etc. in shop a.m. At Dr. Witmer's painting office & at church p.m. The paper hangers took dinner & supper with us. Mr. Brinkman came to help this eve. by stage & took supper with us. They spent the eve. with us. Very pleasant. Raining partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 7

Working at church, etc., a.m. Painting at Dr. Witmer's office & at church p.m. Cold all day. Rain a.m. Gust in eve. Cloudy.

Friday, June 8

Working in shop. Got load of feed today. Graining counter, doors, etc., at Dr. Witmer's Office. Much warmer. Partly clear.

Saturday, June 9

Working in shop, etc. Wife went to West Willow to fetch sister Lizzie from train. She will stay till tomorrow. In shop, etc., p.m. Finished graining at Dr. Witmer's. Warm. Cloudy.

Sunday, June 10

At home. Wife, children & sister Lizzie went over to Grandmother's & Miller's, a.m. Went over to Grandmother's & Miller's, p.m. At Children Day Services at M. E. Church in eve. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, June 11

Went to Lancaster. Paid cream, candies, etc., for festival & bought things for shop & store. Back till noon. Helped to clean out church &

get ready for the scrubbers tomorrow.
Warm. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 12

Working in shop, etc., a.m. Got word of the death of Abrm Harnish child near Stone Church. Took icebox out. This is the first time I used it for several years. They knew nothing about the embalming process, p.m. Hoeing in lot in eve. Gust p.m. Rain p.m. Very warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, June 13

Working in shop making coffin for child & took rough box out to Stone Church, p.m. Got load of stones of B. G. Markley for the manure. Partly cloudy & warm. Rained last night. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 14

Working in shop at coffin & picking cherries. Warm during day. Cool in eve. Partly clear.

Friday, June 15

Attending funeral of Amos J. Harnish. Aged 3-3-1. Revs. John Harnish. Text: St. John 11+28. Abrm Herr. Text: Job 14+1. Bearers: Abrm B. Harnish & Jacob Harnish. 20 carriages. In shop, etc., p.m. I have refrained from writing anything in my diary with regard to the men employed at the warehouse. It is certainly no credit to this place. The men all drunk again. Almost a daily occurrence. Cooler. Partly clear.

Saturday, June 16

Working in shop partly all day. Gust & rain a.m. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, June 17

Went out to Mt. Zion Sunday school, etc., a.m. About home p.m. At P. M. Bruner's & J. R. Yentzer's in eve. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, June 18

Working up at the church all day. One of Benj Hess's (Tailor) boys was buried at the M. E. Church. He had been serving a term in jail for stealing. This was a good day for feed. The biggest day since I started. Sold over 1,100 lbs. Gust this eve. No rain. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 19

Working at church all day (painting). John C. Henry got one of the horses for his bread wagon. His is sick. Beckie Martin & Stella Kreider had the other one & carriage to go to Millersville in p.m. Very warm all day. Clear.

Wednesday, June 20

Working at church all day (Painting). Beautiful hay weather. Wm C. Henry had horse all day. Very warm all day. Clear.

Thursday, June 21

Working at church all day. Wm C. Henry has horse to go to Millersville. Very warm. Clear.

Friday, June 22

Working in church all day. Wm C. Henry had horse all day. Very warm. Clear.

Saturday, June 23

Working in church 3/4 day. Wm C. Henry had horse all day. Very warm. Ther: 96. Clear.

Sunday, June 24

Went to J. R. Yentzer's. Had prayer meeting there. Wife & children went down to John Caldwell's, a.m. At home p.m. Had gust & hail. Very warm. Heavy rain & hail. Ther: 92. 124 in sun. Partly clear.

Monday, June 25

Working at church partly all day. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, June 26

Working in shop a.m. Went to Lancaster. Got

things for shop & saw Rev. Mr. Lichliter & manager with regard to preaching for us on the 8th of July at the reopening of our church. Warm & gust & nice showers in eve. Partly clear.

Wednesday, June 27

Working at church partly all day. Warm. Few drops of rain. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 28

Got Wm H. Aument to cut grass a.m. Working at same all day. Got 1 load in the barn. Very warm. Partly clear.

Friday, June 29

Working at hay. Got balance in the a.m. In shop p.m. Warm. Ther: 99. Partly clear.

Saturday, June 30

Working in shop & about home. Very warm. Ther: 100. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 1

At prayer meeting at Mrs. John Fralich's. Wife & Emma Bortzfield went down to Willow Street Reformed Church, a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Very warm. Ther: 96. Partly clear.

Monday, July 2

Working at Reformed Church all day. Neff helping. Warm & getting dry. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 3

Working at Reformed Church. A. Miller (Dental), Millersville, here & extracted my upper teeth. 9 in number, a.m. Went to Lancaster. Bought things for store & H. C. McAllister & I bought about \$45.00 worth of fireworks to celebrate the 4th tomorrow eve. Warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 4

Working at church. Got word about 9:30 that the warehouse was on fire known as B. S. Kendig's. Took fire above office, or at least

the smoke was first seen there. Over 3000 cases of tobacco burned. H. C. McAllister's Office & Home & M. H. Groff's barn narrowly escaped. Worked hard to save them. Stayed up with 4 others to watch the fire from doing any further damage. Northwest wind & warm. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 5

Working at church painting all day. Neff helped. Finished. Outside all done but porch, etc. Warm all day. Clear.

Friday, July 6

Working about shop, etc., all day. One of my horses took sick this eve. Albert Kendig attended him for cramps Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Saturday, July 7

Did not get to bed till 4 o'clock this a.m. on account of sick horse. Kendig here till 3 a.m., but could not relieve him. My impression is he will die. Up at church & tending to horse. Went down at 12 o'clock to give medicine. Tried to get him up & in less than a minute he was dead. I can scarcely believe it. But such is the way. Pleasant (cool). Wm F. Bruner & family here from Philadelphia. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 8

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Wm F. Lichliter. Text: 48 Psalms, verses 12-14 from which he preached his Rededication Sermon. He also spoke on the 50th Anniversary, it being over 50 years since the church. He gave dates back to 1791, a.m. At the Graded school in p.m. The Reformed Mennonites had a preaching. Text: 2 John 1+10. They preached a very strong doctrine. Rev. J. W. Newswenger spoke in eve. A very able speaker. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Monday, July 9

At home working in lot, shop, etc. The

warehouse is still smoking. Warm. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 10

At Lancaster getting paint bills, etc., together of church & tobacco, etc., for store, a.m. In lot, etc., p.m. Very pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 11

Working in shop, etc. Wm F. Bruner family spent the day with us. Warmer. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 12

Working in shop, etc., all day. Got word here that Benj F. Steinman died at Lancaster. This is the 2nd report, but this is correct. To be buried at the M. E. Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. Warmer & dry. Ther: 96. Partly clear.

Friday, July 13

Working about shop & fixing screen door for John S. Carrigan a.m. In shop, etc. Brought showcase from J. R. Yentzer for in store room. Got the loan of it, p.m. The warmest day of the season. Dry. Ther: 101. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 14

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. The Dunkards held love feast at lunch. C. B. Miller's this eve. They had baptizing at the Conestoga creek this p.m. (6 in number). Warm & dry. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, July 15

At Sunday school & at the funeral of Benj F. Steinman, a.m. A. C. Roth undertaker. I was asked to assist him. Died July 11th. Aged 46 yr., 27 d. Rev. Sweigart (Evangelical) & Rev. Hertzler (Mennonite) preached from Amos 4th chap, latter part of 12th verse. (Prepare to meet thy God). Very large funeral. They had him enclosed in a brick cemented vault. The first I have seen & I like it very much. At Dunkard meeting in eve. Avery Long

preached. Text: 1 Cor. 13. A very able speaker. Partly clear.

Monday, July 16

Working about home, shop, etc. Painting tin roof on hog house in eve. Isaac Sherk started thrashing with his traction engine today. Would not take advice of a former engineer but wanted to run it himself. The result was he run it through several fences & nearly against Catherine Witmer's house in the village. Very warm & dry. Ther: 91. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 17

Working in shop partly all day & finished painting roof of hen house. George Bortzfield was buried at Mt. Zion this p.m. from County Hospital. Warm & no rain (gusty). Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 18

Working in shop, etc., painting barn roof. Up at Grant Gardner's seeing Sherk thrash. It makes the best work of any machine I have seen. They thrashed 60 bus in a little over an hour. There was still some fire discovered at the warehouse fire this eve (2 weeks). Very warm & dry. Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 19

Finished painting barn roof & moving walnut lumber in barn a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Very warm & still dry. Ther: 94. Clear.

Friday, July 20

Working in shop & fixing washboard for Mrs. C. Eby. Harry Martin had team to go to Lancaster to see about Ablinger Elgan factory & succeeded in getting the job. To go to work tomorrow eve. Very warm & dry. Ther: 96. Clear.

Saturday, July 21

Working in shop, etc. I should have had feed on Wednesday & has not come yet. Do not

know what is wrong. Looks like rain. Ther: 90. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, July 22

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Myers of Rohrerstown. Text: Acts 1+8, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: Ephesians. Missionary Society met afterward. Cooler & rain in eve. Cloudy.

Monday, July 23

Working about home. My feed came at noon. Am glad it did as I have quite a lot promised. Cool, damp. Rain in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday, July 24

J. R. Yentzer & I went to Rocky Springs via Willow Street to see about taking Sunday school there on August 2nd. Everything all right. Had my team. It is certainly a fine place to take a day vacation, a.m. Working about home p.m. Warmer. Damp p.m. Rain in eve. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, July 25

About home all day. Wife went to Lancaster to get clothes, etc., for self & children. Warmer. Ther: 90. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 26

Working about home. Agents representing the Baltimore Building & Loan Association here trying to get up a branch office. J. R. Yentzer took the first five shares. Very warm. Ther: 95. Clear.

Friday, July 27

Working about home. I took 5 shares in Baltimore Building & Loan Association. The 2nd shares taken here, a.m. About home & took bedstead & spring over to John Hebel (Long Lane) & rec'd the cash for same: \$9.50. H. C. McAllister, John Wade, Wm C. Smith & myself stopped at Rock Hill & done some fishing. Very warm. Ther: 96. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 28

About shop, etc. H. M. Eberley brought Alphon & Charley up to stay for a few days & took dinner with us. I do not remember of even hearing of such hot weather. Very, very warm. Ther: 116 in sun. 99 in shade. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 29

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. Still very warm. Ther: 97. Partly clear.

Monday, July 30

Got word last night about 2 o'clock of the death of another of Abrm Harnish's children. Went out & took charge of body & embalmed it. Working in shop partly all day. Baltimore Building & Loan Association agents were here & appointed me as their agent for this district & Secy. of the branch. Warm & dry. Ther: 92. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 31

Working in shop at coffin a.m. Chas Fralich here with load of feed. Got word of the death of Emanuel Groff's child near New Danville. Went out & took charge of corpse. Funeral Thursday at 12 & 2 p.m. at Stone Church. Beautiful rain this eve. Ther: 90. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 1

Attending funeral of Enos H. Harnish, aged 5 mo. & 25 days. Abrm Herr preached. Text: 2 Sam 12+19. 15 carriages. Bearers: Abrm Harnish & _ Harnish. Working at coffin, etc., of Groff's child, p.m. Heavy gust. 2 fires, one east & one southwest. Rain in eve. Heavy thunder & lightning. Ther: 90. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 2

Helped to get the Sunday school started for Rocky Springs & went to attend the funeral of Emanuel Groff's child, Abrm H. Groff, aged 3 mo. & 2 days. Abrm Brubaker, near

Strasburg, preached. Text: Mark 10+14. Bearer, Self. 31 carriages. Got through at 3 p.m. & drove to Rocky Springs & joined Sunday school there. Spent a pleasant eve. Rain this eve. Partly cloudy.

Friday, August 3

Working at home all day. Walked down to the ruins of warehouse this eve. & discovered some fire there yet where they had their coal. Wife getting better. Raining part of a.m. Warm & rained partly all night. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, August 4

Working about home all day. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, August 5

At Sunday school & preaching by Christopher Noss. Text: Rom 18+28. He is certainly an earnest speaker, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother, p.m. At preaching in eve by same. Text: Zach 4+6. This man was elected a missionary to Japan by the Reformed Church. Mr. Mervine preached at M. E. this eve. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, August 6

Went to Lancaster this morning. Took Dr. Witmer along. The County Committee organized today by electing Mr. Bird Castle of Marietta chairman without appointing. Grant Gardner took walnut to Lancaster to get planed & brought some pine along out. Very pleasant. Sun warm. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 7

Working at home & went to Safe Harbor a.m. At home p.m. Rec'd my policy from the Baltimore B&L Association of Baltimore for 5 shares. Sent check to G. N. Reynolds, general agent of N.W. M. L. I. Co. for \$30.84 on years dues due tomorrow. Warm all day. Ther: 86. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 8

I subscribed for the Reformed Church Record (weekly). Paid \$1.25 for 13 mo. Cutting out coffin stuff partly all day. Rec'd Charter, Treas. Books, etc., for Baltimore B&L Ass. At Rock Hill. Settled with O. F. Bruner in full. Took Blanche over to spend a few days with them. Very sultry. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, August 9

Sawing out coffin stuff partly all day. Warm. Very light rain. Partly cloudy.

Friday, August 10

Got word of the death of Franklin L. Foutz's child at 3 a.m. Took charge of body & embalmed it. Working in shop partly all day making casket for same. Funeral on Monday at 9 & 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion Church. Got a load of feed today. Delivered a lot & took rough box away & at Rock Hill in Eve. Warm. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 11

Working at casket all a.m. & part of p.m. Took stools & casket down to put corpse in this eve. Mrs. Smith helped at chicken corn soup. At IORM in eve. Everything passed off nicely. Warm. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 12

Attending funeral of Mabel Foutz. Aged 6 mo., 15 days. Rev. Sweigart preached. Text: Job 1-21, latter part. Bearers: M. M. Bortzfield at A. F. Martin. 7 carriages. At home p.m. Cool. Heavy rain in morning & light rain. Very damp all day. Cloudy.

Monday, August 13

Working about shop, etc., all day. Word was rec'd here this eve that Martin K. Hess was in the well on the Sprecher farm near West Willow & that it caved in. We have nothing definite. Light rain & very damp & cool. Cloudy.

Tuesday, August 14

The report about Hess in the well is not correct, but his hired boy, Ephraim Kreider. It happened between 9 & 10 a.m. & he was not gotten out till 4 p.m. Not much hurt and old piece of stock at the bottom saved him. A remarkable escape. Took W. F. Bruner & child & Charles, our boy, to Lancaster. They are going home & are taking Charles along. He is very anxious to go have his photo taken, though he may have a nice time. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, August 15

Working about shop all day. Got postal that they reached Philadelphia all right. Got a proof (photo) this eve.. all right. Very warm. Ther: 87. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 16

Working in shop partly all day. Ther down to 60 this morning. Cooler all day. Ther: 84. Clear.

Friday, August 17

Working in shop all day. Got a letter of Charles this eve. He likes it very much. Very pleasant. Ther: 82. Clear.

Saturday, August 18

Working in shop a.m. About home p.m. Very heavy rain and hail storm passed over us this p.m. damaging the tobacco in places & destroying it entirely at Stone Hill. Mr. Muehe (student at F&M College) stopped with us this eve. & will remain over Sunday & preach for us. The M. E. Sunday school treated the school this p.m. to ice cream, etc. Warm, but cool after storm. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, August 19

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Muehe. Text: 1 Cor 15-18 a.m. At home & went down to see Mother Kendig p.m. At preaching in eve. by same. Text: John 6:28+29. Missionary

Services afterwards. Warm. Light rain in eve. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 20

About shop a.m. Went to Rock Hill for feed p.m. & paid for same. Got a letter of Charles. He likes it very much. Wife has rheumatism this p.m. in left limb very bad. Raining partly all a.m. Partly clear p.m. Cool all day. Partly cloudy .

Tuesday, August 21

Working about shop, etc., all day. Quite cool. Therm did not reach summer heat in shade. Ther: 75. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 22

Working in shop partly all day. Therm 56 this morning. Cooler. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 23

Working about home picking peaches, etc., a.m. At Rock Hill, Slackwater & Millersville p.m. Took Isaac McLaughlin along. Warm during day. Partly clear.

Friday, August 24

Working about shop partly all day. Word rec'd here this that Mrs. Wm Guiles is dead. Funeral tomorrow at 2 p.m. at M. E. Church, this place. She died at Harrisburg. Warm all day. Ther: 86. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 25

Working in shop & painting pump for M. H. Groff a.m. At the funeral of Mrs. Guiles. Mr. Spicer of Harrisburg was undertaker. I took charge of the funeral in church & M. M. Bortzfield, M. B. Good, Amos Sterneman & myself were bearers. Mr. Rev. Mervine preached. Text: 1 John 5+11. Aged 63+11+10. Very warm. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 26

At Sunday school & practicing new pieces a.m. At home. P. M. Bruner & family here.

Decided to start for Philadelphia tomorrow. Went as far as Lancaster this eve. to Ellie. Harry Bruner took me in this p.m. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 27

Started for Philadelphia this morning & left Lancaster at 4:53 on Fast Line. Arrived there at 7:10. Went direct to Will's office, 432 Market, but Charles was at Jacob's. I went there & found him enjoying himself in the office & about the yard. Glad to see each other. Spent a.m. & part of p.m. there. Went to Wanamaker's & Bijo in eve. (grand). Got a telegraph dispatch to come home on account of death of John Sweigart. Rec'd it at 11 p.m. Can't make train before morning. Am very sorry. Had intended staying till Wednesday. Went out to Will's to stay all night. Jacob's doing a fine business. Partly cloudy & warm. Cloudy.

Tuesday, August 28

Left Philadelphia at 7:00 a.m. Arrived at Lancaster at 9:45. Started for home immediately. Markus Holbrook brought team in for me last night. Got home at 11:30 a.m. but too late for to hold the job. They were afraid I would not come & got Urban to do it. Am very much disappointed on account of not having my visit out & then not in time all because the dispatch was not written right. Pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, August 29

Working about shop & taking out new potatoes. Warm. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 30

Taking out potatoes & went to funeral of John Sweigart, aged 62 years & 2 mo. Mr. Deacon preached. Text: Amos 4-12. Large funeral, a.m. Went to River Hill school house. There was a sale there of the old lumber, etc., left of the old house. Bought 1 bench, p.m.

Warm all day. Very Smokey. Large fire in Michigan. Partly cloudy.

Friday, August 31

Working at home partly all day. Warm. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 1

Went up to Central Manor Park accompanied by Casper Hiller. Had a very nice time. Returned in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, September 2

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Noss, student at F&M College, a.m. Home with wife & children. Went down to Wm Caldwell's p.m. At church in eve. Partly clear.

Monday, September 3

At Lancaster partly all day. Loaned \$22.00 of Wm R. Good for business. The Philadelphia papers state that hundreds of people are being burned to death in the west on account of the forest fires in Minn, Wisconsin & Michigan. Paid for carriage today (Killian). Warm & still very smoky. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, September 4

Marking out pole books & registry books partly all day. Cool & pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, September 5

Took feed away & at poles for registration of voters from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m. Warm all day. Ther: 82. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, September 6

At poles a.m. At poles & clerking sale of Geo B. Henry. This was the smallest sale I ever clerked. Outside of the horse there was only \$1.44 in cash. The whole sale only amounted to \$47.21. At poles from 6-9 p.m. Registered 1 more in the 2 days: John Hefty. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Friday, September 7

Went to Lancaster & made my registry return. 486 voters in the Twp. Rec'd \$4.00 for same. Paid several bills, etc. Went on stage. Heavy rain this morning. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, September 8

Went to Rock Hill for feed & paid for same & \$5.00 on account, a.m. Working about home, etc. Took feed to Chas Trissler. Paid for same. Very heavy rain this eve. Warm & rain in eve. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, September 9

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At home & over at New Mennonite Services in the Central Graded School house. Rev. preached. Text: St. John 10+14. At home in eve. Tremendous rain last night. Heaviest we have had for a long time I think. Did not cool off any as yet. Very warm all day. Ther: 90. Partly cloudy.

Monday, September 10

Public schools opened this morning with fair attendance. Working in shop a.m. Working in shop p.m. Very warm after the heavy rain. Shower & storm p.m. Ther: 94. Partly clear.

Tuesday, September 11

Working in shop a.m. Albert Smith came to whitewash storeroom, etc. Helped & went down to Wm T. Pugh's Mill for a while. In shop p.m. Ther 64 in morning. Great change from yesterday. Ther: 76. Partly clear.

Wednesday, September 12

Scrubbing store room a.m. Taking out potatoes, etc., p.m. Ther down to 53 this morning. Cool all day. Clear.

Thursday, September 13

Working about shop partly all day. Got feed of Wm Pugh to sell. The first. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, September 14

Working in shop, etc., a.m. Took feed away. In shop p.m. A party of young folks came to Noah Wade's this eve. from Lancaster in a tour horse wagon called a straw party. Eclipse of the moon this eve. (partial), but cannot see it on account of it clouding up. Very pleasant all day. Very light shower. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 15

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. Warm all day. Ther: 89. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, September 16

At Sunday school & preaching by H. H. Rank. Text: Hebrews 1+1&2, a.m. consistory meeting & M. M. Bortzfield & family & Albert Charles & wife here p.m. No church this eve on account of heavy rain & storm. Very warm. Ther: 90. Partly cloudy.

Monday, September 17

At Lancaster at sister Ellie's & got things for store, family & shop. John Carrigan took charge of stage today. Rain this morning. Warm all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, September 18

Went to mill for feed, a.m. Working about home p.m. Warm & rainy. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, September 19

Working at home. Heavy rain partly all last night & nearly all day. Roads are bad. Warm & very damp. Cloudy.

Thursday, September 20

Working in shop partly all day. Susquehanna River very high from the recent rains. Much cooler all day. Partly clear.

Friday, September 21

Working in shop & delivered feed a.m. In

shop etc. p.m. Adam Brady had a light stroke of apoplexy. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 22

Working about shop, etc., all day. Wife & children went down to visit Mother at noon. Will not return till tomorrow eve. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, September 23

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev. J. E. Deacon preached. Text: Numbers 10+27. Terrible bad order all eve. Is it possible that our young folks have not got more respect for the house of God? Wife & children returned home at p.m. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, September 24

Went to Lancaster to attend meeting of County Committee & meet Col. Gilkson, State Chairman, who addressed the meeting & urged us to get out a full vote, a.m. Went to Wm L. Pugh's Mill & brought feed. Cool & blustery partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, September 25

Finished taking out potatoes & working about shop. Frank Paxson, agent for Harrisburg Burial Case Co. here. Bought no goods. Cool all day. Partly clear

Wednesday, September 26

Working in lot cutting corn, etc. About shop. Very much cooler. Ther: 40. Partly clear.

Thursday, September 27

Took out sweet potatoes & went to mill, etc. cool & damp. Partly cloudy.

Friday, September 28

Put potatoes in cellar, etc., a.m. Mother Hess, Sarah Hess & Mrs. Wade spent p.m. & took supper with us. Warmer & damp. Cloudy.

Saturday, September 29

About home & at the sale of the late Leah Clinger personal property & Jacob Henry place. 32 acres, \$2400.00. Light showers. Partly clear.

Sunday, September 30

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Crow, student of F&M College, Lancaster, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother p.m. & at preaching in eve by same. He is a very excellent young man. Charles is 9 years old today. Warm & showery occasionally. Partly clear.

Monday, October 1

In shop, a.m. At Rock Hill & Safe Harbor, p.m. Gen. D. H. Hastings, candidate for Governor (Republican), is at Lancaster this eve. Warm & pleasant. Partly clear.

Tuesday, October 2

At home. Went to Lancaster about 9:30. Took Mr. Byer's team in. He came here last eve. He & Miss Emma Urban we're married today. I returned home at 4:30 p.m. Grandmother here all day. Took her home this eve. She is well. Got assessment books today. (I arranged for a political meeting here on the 18th). Pleasant day. Rather warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, October 3

About home laying up sweet potatoes, etc. Filling out fall books. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 4

Working about shop & writing all day. A council of Jr. OUAM was organized this eve. Met at A. F. Martin's house. The following Committee was appointed to procure a place for meeting. A. G. Warfel, H. B. Thomas, A. F. Martin, A. R. Caldwell & A. J. Zercher. There are 36 names handed in to commence with.

Wm Kurtz of Lancaster is at the head. We chose for the name Higbee Council in honor of the late E. E. Higbee, State Supt. Warm. Rain in eve. & last night. Partly cloudy.

Friday, October 5

Working in shop, etc., all day. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev. Lind Brady preached. Text: St. Mark 6-6. Much cooler. Ther: 48. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 6

Working about shop & sent bedroom suit to Millersville for Amos F. Martin's daughter, Ida, a.m. Picked a few winter apples & met School Board about holding political meeting in Graded School in case of bad weather on the 18th, p.m. At IO of OF Safe Harbor in eve. Elected & installed vice Grand this eve. Had a meeting of Compton supper of Jr. OUAM here this eve. Clear. Cool. Ther: 47.

Sunday, October 7

At Sunday school & Missionary Society & had a meeting of consistory with regard to reply rec'd from Willow Street congregation, a.m. Took dinner & spent this p.m. up at Father Bruner's. At home in eve. Partly clear & cool all day. Ther: 44.

Monday, October 8

Went to Lancaster to attend court on the suit between Daniel Rankin & H. H. Kurtz, admin. of Christian Musser dec'd. The suit was settled by giving judgment to Rankin for \$75.00. Was at County Committee, etc. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 9

Working in shop, husking corn, etc., etc. Looks very much for rain. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, October 10

Working in shop a.m. Putting up store in

storeroom, etc., p.m. Heavy rain & storm partly all last night. Cool & damp all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 11

Working in shop & helping wife to clean house. Blanche is 13 years old today. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Friday, October 12

Working in shop, etc., all day. Rev. J. W. Menenger of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, held preparatory service for us this eve. Text: "Transfiguration of Christ." I took him to Lancaster after services. Getting cooler. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 13

Working about home & in shop. At IORM in eve. The following officers were installed. Sachem: J. S. Carrigan. S.S.: Frank Rumer. J.S.: Fred Rice. Prophet: W. R. Good. Trustee: B. F. Hookey. Cool & quiet, stormy in eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, October 14

At Sunday school & preaching & Holy Communion address by Rev. Dr. Willard of Lancaster. Text: Luke 17-45, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text:/Rom 12+1. A very excellent old man about 76 years old. Former editor of the Christian World, published in Ohio. Much colder. The coldest of the season. Ther: 34. Partly cloudy.

Monday, October 15

Working in shop, etc., a.m. & preparing for the Institute, a council of O.U.A.M. with 30 members on charter officers. P.C.: W. E. Kurtz. C.: B. F. Harnish. V.C.: A. F. Martin. R. Secy.: A. G. Warfel. Asst.: A. R. Caldwell. F. Sec.: A. J. Zercher. Treas.: H. B. Thomas. I.G.: I. G. Warfel. O.G.: M. B. Foutz. Conductor: J. Z. Wade. Warden: M. L. Harnish. Trustees: D.

B. Foutz, M. M. Bortzfield & I. H. Shenk. Am highly pleased with the order. Cool all day. Ther: 40. Clear.

Tuesday, October 16

Went to Lancaster to attend meeting of committee on church word, etc. Rec'd post that Mother is sick in bed. Bought stove for parlor: \$22.00. Cool all day. Ther: 38. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, October 17

Went down to see Mother. She was a little better, but bed-fast. Went over to Eberley's. They are all well. Returned home in eve. Warmer. Clear.

Thursday, October 18

Working in shop a.m. Putting up stand for speakers for political meeting this eve, p.m. At political meeting in eve. Thomas Whitson, esq., Shaffer, esq., addressed the meeting. Col B. F. Eshleman not present. Paid band \$4.01 which was collected by Jacob Bitts. Very pleasant all day. Clear.

Friday, October 19

Took down stand, etc., a.m. Finished husking corn in lot, p.m. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Saturday, October 20

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. Got 40 bus corn on ears from John Graver at 55. cents per double bushel. At Safe Harbor at IOOF Jacob F. Caldwell here. Paid him \$5.00 for cigars. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Sunday, October 21

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, October 22

Light rain early this morning. Working in shop, etc., a.m. At assessment p.m. Damp & cool all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, October 23

Working at assessment & went out to Bortzfield's store to Dr. Miller & got set upper teeth. Paid for same, \$10.00. About shop & assessment p.m. Sent 1/2 bus chestnuts to Charley Warfel, Millersville. Cloudy all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, October 24

At assessment partly all day. Very damp. Heavy rain in eve. Thunder gust. Cloudy.

Thursday, October 25

Working at assessment all day. Damp & cool. Cloudy.

Friday, October 26

Working at assessment partly all day. Leaves falling very fast. Some warmer. Partly cloudy .

Saturday, October 27

Working in shop, etc., a.m. At sale of Mary E. Urban real estate. The home property was up to \$18.00. The 4 acres, \$3.20 & the 8 acres, my bid, \$8.00. I think he had better sold the latter. At IORM in eve. Damp & cool partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, October 28

At Sunday school & preaching by N. Miller. Text: 1 Cor 6, 14&15. At Colored church in p.m. Preached. Text: Phil 3+18. Pleasant. Light rain in eve. Partly cloudy.

Monday, October 29

At Lancaster getting things for Ladies Sociable to be held at our place next Saturday eve. & seen about getting paraphernalia for Jr. OUAM & ordered printing with W. E. Kurtz, receipt books, etc., etc. Pleasant. Rather cool. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 30

Went down to mouth of Pequea taking assessment all day. Pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, October 31

Working at assessment partly all day. Raining nearly all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, November 1

At assessment all day at River Corner. Cold raw air partly all day. Clear.

Friday, November 2

At assessment all day. Cool & stormy p.m. Clear.

Saturday, November 3

At assessment, etc., all day. The Society of Willing Workers had a sociable here this eve. with splendid results. Receipts: \$24.52. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, November 4

At Sunday school & Missionary Society, a.m. At home p.m. Peter M. Bruner, Jr. & family of Gap called for a short time. Mrs. O. F. Bruner spent last night & part of the day here. At home in eve. Cool. Damp air. Partly clear.

Monday, November 5

Working at assessment, etc. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, November 6

At polls all day. Total vote: 298. Rep, 266. Dem, 13. Pro, 16. I am not very well pleased with the turnout. As committeeman I have done all I knew to get out a full vote but failed. Took returns to Lancaster after the count. Cold, raw, stormy. Ice this morning. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, November 7

At Lancaster this morning hearing the returns coming in. A regular landslide through the country for Republicanism. There never was such a defeat to any party in the history of our country. Cool all day. Light snow in early morning. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, November 8

Assessing all day. Cold, raw air. Partly cloudy.

Friday, November 9

Assessing all day. Cool but pleasant. Partly clear.

Saturday, November 10

Working at assessment, etc., a.m. At sale of C. F. Miller (harness). Bought 1 set of good single carriage harness. A big bargain & assessing some few. Cold all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, November 11

At Sunday school & preaching for W. H. Wissler. Text: Matt 20x4, a.m. At home. Wife & Kate Smith went down to Wm Caldwell's, p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: Jeremiah 2 2+29. Cold & raw. Windy all day. Clear.

Monday, November 12

At Lancaster a.m. At taking assessment p.m. & in eve. Coldest morning thus far. Ther: 27. Clear.

Tuesday, November 13

Working at assessment all day & eve. Pleasant all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, November 14

Working at assessment all day & eve. Blanche went to Lancaster to spend a few days with Witmers. Cold, raw, damp, air all day. Feels like show. Cloudy.

Thursday, November 15

Working at assessment all day & eve. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Friday, November 16

Working at assessment all day and eve. Beautiful day. Clear.

Saturday, November 17

At home & working at assessment. Wife went

to Lancaster today & brought Blanche along home. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, November 18

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. J. R. Yentzer & wife here to spend the eve. Talking over church & Sunday school affairs. Cold raw air all day. Partly clear.

Monday, November 19

Assessing all day. Cold & very raw. Windy. Clear.

Tuesday, November 20

Assessing all day. Coldest morning. Ther: 24. Clear.

Wednesday, November 21

Assessing partly all day. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, November 22

Assessing a.m. Butchered pig p.m. Weighed 118 lb. F. L. Foutz killed for us. Jos M. Kreider's mother buried today. Pleasant day. Clear.

Friday, November 23

At assessment all day. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Saturday, November 24

Assessment partly all day. Went to Safe Harbor to IOOF in eve. Cool all day. Clear.

Sunday, November 25

At Sunday school preaching by Dr. Willard. Text: Mark 4+26&30. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by same. Text: Acts 16 from 12 to 16 inclusive. Cold, raw wind all day. Clear.

Monday, November 26

At Lancaster partly all day. They began work at Safe Harbor this morning at Match Factory. I hope it will be a benefit to this neighborhood. Cool but pleasant. Partly clear.

Tuesday, November 27

At assessment all day. Pleasant day. Clear.

Wednesday, November 28

At assessment all day. Very stormy through all day. Ther: 27. Partly clear.

Thursday, November 29

At assessment a.m. At Thanksgiving Services at M. E. Church p.m. Sermon preached by Rev. Sweigart of the Evangelical Church. Text: 50 Psalm, 14 verse. Had a good meeting. Wife & Blanche down at Creswell's. Not near so rough, but cold. Ther: 23. Partly clear.

Friday, November 30

At assessment all day. Cold, raw air all day. Light rain. Ther: 27. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, December 1

At assessment all day. At IORM in eve. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, December 2

At Sunday school. Missionary officers were nominated for the ensuing year & had a meeting of the consistory, a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Damp all day. Cloudy.

Monday, December 3

Working at assessment & registry. Pleasant day. Cool. Clear.

Tuesday, December 4

Working at assessment a.m. Clerked sale of Adam Brady p.m. Did not make any charge for charity sake. Sale amounted to \$10.84. Very pleasant day. Ther: 26. Clear.

Wednesday, December 5

At Lancaster. Made return of assessment & military roll & got \$12 on acct., a.m. & attended classes p.m. Our congregation was connected to Willow Street charge. This will give us services in p.m. This will be very undesirable, but seems the best we can do

for the present. Cold in morning. Pleasant day. Clear.

Thursday, December 6

Working at registry all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. We had visitors from councils of Lancaster & Manor. Just initiated 15 new members & gave a supper afterwards. Large attendance. Beautiful day. Cool. Clear.

Friday, December 7

At Registry Party all day. Pleasant day. Rather raw. Clear.

Saturday, December 8

At Registry party all day. Had a large fire here early this morning. The shop of S. B. Good where I used to work, now occupied by Maris Good, cigar maker & Mrs. Anna Fralich's house & nearly all contents destroyed. Very few knew of the fire till about 7 o'clock. Then all burnt down. Raining nearly all day. Very damp. Cloudy.

Sunday, December 9

At Sunday school, etc., a.m. No preaching today. Will be next Sunday, p.m. on account of change in charge. Went over to Miller's & Grandmother's, p.m. All well. Light rain a.m. Damp. Partly cloudy.

Monday, December 10

Finished one registry book & sent original to commissioners & at balance of polls collecting balance of day for Mrs. Philip Fralich, who was burned out on Saturday morning. Rec'd \$6.25 for her. Damp all day. Light rain. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 11

Working about home at assessment, etc. Raining. Damp all day. Cloudy

Wednesday, December 12

Butchering all day. Killed 2 hogs. Weighed 17 1/2 & 155 lbs. Very bad day for the job.

Raining heavy nearly all day. Butchered out at M. H. Groff's on account of the very wet weather. Got word of the death of Rev. Mr. A. B. Shenkle's wife, Millersville, Pa. Rain, rain, rain. Not cold. Cloudy.

Thursday, December 13

Working in shop & rubbing meat in morning. Then went out to Pequea Dunkard Church & helped re-inter Grandpa Zercher who had been buried at the Stone Mennonite church. I opened the coffin to see the remains. They were partly all wasted away. Part of the shroud, his beard, hair, etc., could be seen, a.m. At J. McAllister's apple sale, p.m. Bought 4 barrels. Cold rain, wind, partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, December 14

Working at assessment. Wife, Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Bruner over at Mrs. Shenkel's funeral. I went to evening church to Rev. Mace (blind man) preach. Was very much pleased with his discourse. Text: Exodus 20+3. He made the duty of parents to children & Vice versa theme. Pleasant but cool. Partly clear.

Saturday, December 15

Working at assessment, etc., partly all day. A beautiful day. Just like spring. Clear.

Sunday, December 16

At Sunday school & had a consistory meeting afterwards for nomination of officers. Elder for 3 years: J. R. Yentzer. Elder for 2 years: A. J. Zercher. Deacon for 3 years: John J. Good, a.m. Had preaching this p.m. by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, our new pastor. Had a Consistory meeting & agreed to pay him regular salary. At home in eve. Cool partly all day. Partly clear.

Monday, December 17

Working at assessment a.m. At Lancaster p.m. Cool, raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 18

Working at assessment partly all day. Lewis Kirk here with regard to the trouble he has with Benj L. Harnish. He made some desperate remarks. Cool all day. Clear.

Wednesday, December 19

At the polls partly all day on account of registry of voters & working in shop. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Thursday, December 20

At the polls partly all day on account of the registry. Assessment 480 voters. At Safe Harbor in p.m. to see about newcomers, but none to register, this being the last day for registry. Pleasant day. Clear.

Friday, December 21

Wife went to Lancaster with Mrs. P.M. Bruner. I sent in my registry books this morning & working at assessment, etc., & helped to lay Road Tax at 2 mills. (Refer back to memorandum for full road tax statement). Bought 1/2 doz plug trees of A. Eichmiller to be delivered in the spring. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Saturday, December 22

At Lancaster all day. Drawer money for registry assessment. Bought things for children for Christmas, etc. Had the chicken & Mrs. Wm C. Smith along. Got Blanche's pictures taken. Cool all day but pleasant. Partly clear.

Sunday, December 23

At Sunday school. The following officers were placed in nomination. Supt: J. R. Yentzer & Henry Martin. Asst Supt: Wm C. Smith. Secy: Dora M. Smith, Beckie Carrigan, Ella Good, Jane Carrigan & Mary Fralich. Treas: A. J. Zercher. Election next Sunday. At home p.m. & eve. Mr. Bruner, Wm Caldwell & Jos M. Kreider here. Cold all day. Clear.

Monday, December 24

Working at assessment. Settled with H. K. Bitts this morning & paid him balance of bill to date, a.m. At assessments, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Raining in eve. Ther: 20. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 25

At home all a.m. Went to Reformed church in p.m. Mitigated the Sunday school to 1/2 lb. candy & orange. 85 in number. Spent a pleasant Christmas Day, but very quiet. No entertainment by any of the church this year. Boys playing ball on Graded School grounds. Cool & rather muddy all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, December 26

Working at assessment partly all day. Snowing. Much colder. Cloudy.

Thursday, December 27

At assessment partly all day. About 5 inches of snow. A few sleighs running. Snowing & blowing partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, December 28

At assessment all day. Extreme change in the weather. Excellent sleighing, this being the first snow that anything could have been tracked this winter. Getting colder every minute. Very much colder. Ther: 12. Clear.

Saturday, December 29

At assessment, etc., all day. Great change in weather. Like Christmas, therm was not down to freezing that day & this morning 2 below zero. This eve. 12 above. At IORM in eve. Paid dues to M. H. Groff for B.B.&S. Association to date. Very cold all day. Ther: 2. Partly clear.

Sunday, December 30

At Sunday school. The following officers were elected. Supt: J. R. Yentzer. Asst Supt: W. C.

Smith. Secy: Jane Carrigan. Treas: A. J. Zercher. The Missionary Society elected the following officers. Pres: A. J. Zercher. V.P.: Wm C. Smith. Secy: June Carrigan. Asst Secy: Dora Smith. Treas: J. R. Yentzer. Solicitors: Beckie Martin, Stella Kreider & Annie Foreman. At church p.m. Rev. Gerhard preached. Text: 40 Psalm 7+8. The following church officers were elected. Elder 3 years: J. R. Yentzer. Elder for 2 years: A. J. Zercher. Deacons 2 years: C. Miller, J. J. Good. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Monday, December 31

Went to Lancaster this morning with Mr. Bruner. He told me about his F. D. I had no idea. Returned about 2 p.m. At assessment, etc., balance of day. At P. M. Bruner's in eve. about going to Philadelphia in the morning. I had no idea sleighing was as good as it is. Excellent. Cold all cold. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Note for 1985

Another year is past & gone. A great many things to be thankful for & some to regret. Especially the last few days. Especially the last day of the year, but thank the Lord we have been blessed with health.

Work done, etc., at the Reformed Church

May 17	Levi B. Neff, 1 day.	1.40
May 17	Michael Shenk, 1 day.	1.40
May 17.	Wm Smith	
May 17.	1 peck cement & S. Paper.	.05
May 18.	Levi B. Neff, 1 day.	1.40
May 18.	Harry Martin	
May 19.	Levi B. Neff, 1 day.	1.40
May 19.	Hater Martin	
	Total Bill:	60.00

Acct Road Expense for this year

I.H. Shank's Debt.	\$813.03
Daniel Hess.	\$1036.80
Road machine interest	\$251.75
	\$2101.58

5% for collecting.	\$105.08
Total Debt.	\$2206.66
Overplus from last year.	\$130.88
	\$2075.78

Shank's Duplicate 133360: Hess \$672.88

Total Tax \$1998.88, Rate 2 mills

License Money \$285.00

Surplus on hand \$208.20 for

Snow shoveling, etc., if any

Hand written note

By request of David Henry, father of Amos M. Henry who is now in the Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, I write to you for some information with regard to him. His father is a poor man, yet highly respected here. He is about 70 years and is greatly concerned about his son. Now, is there such a thing as having him pardoned. What would be the cost? Let me have as full particulars as possible & at your earliest convenience.

A. J. Zercher

