

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Tuesday, January 1

Started to Philadelphia this morning at 4:15 & took the 5:55 train. Was to see Jacob's & took dinner with them. Could not make any arrangements for Mr. B. Went over to William. Spent a few hours & returned home at 9 p.m. & very sorry for Mr. B. Had a long talk over matters. Now can hope for best. Cold. Excellent sleighing. Ther: 10. Clear.

Wednesday, January 2

At assessment partly all day. Gave F. B. Henry notice to quit property on April 1st, 1898 & rec'd one myself yesterday. Settled with Mr. Bruner to date. He owed me for feed, etc. Bal, \$1.98. Cold all day. Snowing in eve. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 3

Took tax notice through the place, a.m. Bought pair pigs of Mr. Bruner & settled for same. Moderated some, but cold. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Friday, January 4

About home at assessment, etc., a.m. Delivered tax notices to Stehman school, etc., p.m. Cold all day. Storm p.m. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Saturday, January 5

Went to Lancaster on business for Mr. B. & myself. Returned by noon. At the sale of Graded school house bought by the I.O.R. of M.C. for \$1,000. At IORM in eve. Cold all day. Ther: 8. Partly clear.

Sunday, January 6

At Sunday school. Very small attendance on account of weather a.m. At home. Mr. Bruner

went to Philadelphia to see Jacob to try to get money to pay creditor, p.m. Much warmer. Wet all day. Raining. Cloudy.

Monday, January 7

Went to Lancaster. Took Mrs. Bruner along to see what can be done for Mr. B. Failed in his trip & I issued execution to save myself on the note he had gave me for money loaned & security to amount or \$400.00. He then made an assignment to me for the benefit of his creditors. This was the most unpleasant thing I ever did. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, January 8

At home & Mr. B's store. The sheriff here & notified Henry Martin & Andrew Good to be appraisers & H.H. Kurtz, JP, to qualify them, a.m. Appraising property, goods, etc., this p.m. Did not get through. At home in eve. Not cold at all. Raining a.m. Snowing p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

Wife at Bruner's store. Finished appraising. Total appraisement, real & personal property & store goods. At assessment, etc., balance of day. Colder. Snowing & raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, January 10

Took the rest of the tax notices away this a.m. At store p.m. Word came to town this eve that David Haverstick committed suicide by hanging. He was found in the granary with his nose almost touching the floor. (Sad case). At store in eve. (Finished assessment). Not cold. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Friday, January 11

Working in shop, etc., a.m. At store in p.m. & eve. Snow went very fast. Very much like spring. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 12

About shop, etc., a.m. At store, etc., p.m. &

eve. At IORM Beautiful day. Rather cool.
Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 13

At Sunday school a.m. & preaching p.m. by Rev. Gerhard. Text: 2 Kings 4: 40-44. At home in eve. Getting colder every minute. Mercury falling fast. Ther: 3. Partly clear .

Monday, January 14

At Lancaster on business for P. M. Bruner & bought some goods along for store. Quite a change from yesterday. Not near so cold. Partly clear.

Tuesday, January 15

Attending day of appeal at Lancaster. A. H. Miller, Chas Grubb, Michael M. Kreider, Saml Rankin & Ed Pehlman appealed but I was sustained in every case. Giving my consent to Grubb & Kreider, I rec'd bal. of pay: \$172.20. Total for assessment, \$502.00. I do not expect to be assessed again. We have too many people that look to their own selfish interest only. No matter what my neighbor is taxed, let me alone. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, January 16

Working at copying, etc., partly all day. Much colder.

Thursday, January 17

Working at copying tax book of E. Cocalico Twp. for the commission partly all day. At Mechanics order in eve. Had a late session on account of adopting Bylaws. Took bedstead & spring over to Ed Duke & couch out to Henry Martin. Cold all day. Partly clear.

Friday, January 18

Went over to see Grandmother & spent the a.m. with her. Got Uncle C. B. Miller on my bond, a.m. Copying p.m. Cold all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 19

Working at copying partly all day. At Safe Harbor at IOOF in eve. Cold raw air. Partly clear.

Sunday, January 20

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Raw, damp air.

Monday, January 21

At Lancaster partly all day. Took assignee bond in & saw Mr. H. F. Bruner with regard to selling property this spring. Thinks better hold over till next fall. Paid my attorney \$10.00 retainer fee. Ed Duke was along in & came along home. Damp all day. Raining partly all p.m. Cloudy.

Tuesday, January 22

About home copying, etc. Sent book in to commissioners this morning & working at another book a.m. Copying, etc. Daddy Eisler Miller here this eve. Went out to Emanuel overnight. Cold & trying to snow. Cloudy.

Wednesday, January 23

Finished copying for commissions. Cold all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 24

Working about shop, etc., all day. Subpoenaed to attend court on Saturday in case of Lewis Kirk & Benj L. Harnish. Getting colder fast. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Friday, January 25

Working about shop, etc., all day. Prof Brecht visited the schools here in the village this p.m. Snowing & sleeting in eve. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Saturday, January 26

Went to Lancaster by stage to attend law suit of B. L. Harnish & Lewis Kirk. They settled. Kirk to pay all costs. Walked home by 2:30 p.m. to

organize for the primary meeting @ 3:00 p.m. B. F. Warfel, Judge, B. H. Montgomery & Christ Erline, Inspectors & E. H. Zercher & F. L. Foutz Clerks. Total vote: 270. Judge, Jacob Henry, 238. Inspector, B. H. Montgomery, 231. Supervisors, Danl Rhinier, 37, Saml McLaughlin, 23, Amos R. Benedict, 137, Isaac Shank (third term), 88, David Hess, 198. School Directors, Hiram Warfel, 94, Martin H. Good, 91, Geo J. Fehl, 88, Eli Warfel, 113, M. M. Bortzfield, 89. Justice of the Peace, H. H. Kurtz, 186, A. G. Hudson, 96. Assessment, F. L. Flinchbach, 236. Auditor, Geo W. Warfel, 129, John M. Warfel, 127. Town Clerk, Theo Jones, 151, F. P. Henry, 109. At IORM & B & Law Associates in Eve. Heavy rain last night and this morning. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 27

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. Preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: 8+13. At home p.m. & eve. Cold, raw wind all day. Partly clear.

Monday, January 28

At Lancaster. Returned work that I copied for the commissioners & rec'd pay for same. At poultry show. Bought 2 L.B. Hess of Mr. Hollinger & paid for same. Dr. Witmer was along. Returned home at 2 p.m. Finished appraising at Mr. Bruner's. His book acct, \$418.55. Cold all day. Began snowing this eve. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, January 29

Working about shop, etc., all day. Rec'd the L.B. Hess I bought yesterday. They are fine. Snowed partly all a.m. & cold. About 4 in of snow. Cloudy.

Wednesday, January 30

About shop, etc., etc. Finished appraisement at store (book accts) this eve. & had the appraisers qualified at to having attended to

their duty. Cold all day. Some sleighing. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 31

Putting up store in workshop, etc., a.m. Visited East Centers School in company with M. H. Groff, Mr. Benedict, Thomas Hollow, M. M. Bortzfield & Amos Graver. We were all very much pleased with the school. I think we have an excellent teacher, Mr. Harry Fehl. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cold all day. Sent appraisement papers to my attorney. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Friday, February 1

Working in shop repairing table, chairs, etc. A number of the Jr. OUAM went down to mouth of Pequea to help institute a new order. They chose for their name Jay Council No. 1003. I did not go along. At home in eve. Cold all day. Looked like snow. Ther: 8. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, February 2

Working in shop partly all day. This is ground hog day. If he does not see his shadow today between 11 & 12 we will not have any cold weather or very little. We will wait & see. Snowing all a.m. Cold all day. Ther: 27. Cloudy.

Sunday, February 3

At Sunday school & practicing for Missionary Anniversary a.m. At home p.m. Andrew Good, wife & Norman, P. M. Bruner & family & A. F. Martin here in eve. Cold all day. Second coldest day of the season. Ther: 4. Partly clear.

Monday, February 4

At Lancaster all day. Rented workshop to J. F. Caldwell for \$15.00, the road tax & shall have the privilege of keeping my wagons in his barn by permission of W. C. Smith. Cold all

day. Very light snow a.m. Very stormy p.m. & eve. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Tuesday, February 5

Working in shop partly all day. Went to Lancaster with Isaac Shank in the eve. to take the Oriental degree of Jr. OUAM (Got it & am going to keep it). Getting colder every minute. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 6

About shop a.m. & got M. M. Bortzfield to fetch furniture from the station (Safe Harbor) for me. 2 suites, 2 lounges & some chairs. Brought them in the 2 horse sleigh. Made 2 trips. Paid him \$1.00 for same. Very cold all day. Ther: 4 below. Partly clear.

Thursday, February 7

Not doing much today. About home & unpacked the furniture that I got yesterday. Getting very stormy & colder. Ther: 2 above. Cloudy.

Friday, February 8

About house fixing up partly all day. No mail today. Very stormy last night & all day today. Snow drifting terribly. Ther: 10 below. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, February 9

About home all day. Jos Tripple was to be buried this p.m. but was postponed on account of the weather. No mail today. The wind has been blowing terribly since Thursday eve. without any intermission. Ther: 1 below. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, February 10

About home partly all day. No Sunday school or preaching on account of the weather. Jos Tripple buried today, but had to open some of the roads first. Cold & stormy partly all day. Ther: 4 above. Partly clear.

Monday, February 11

Shoveling snow on the roads all day. They are drifted terribly. We had mail today. First since Thursday. Cold all day. Ther: 12 above. Partly clear.

Tuesday, February 12

Working in shop partly all day. Much warmer during day, but looks like more snow. Ther: 11 above. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, February 13

In shop partly all day. Snowed about 4 inches last night. Storming & drifting again. Some of the roads that were opened are closing fast. Cold & stormy partly all day. Ther: 10. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, February 14

Working about shop & shelling corn. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cold raw air all day. Ther: 12. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 15

Working about shop all day. Today I am 38 years old. How very fast time does fly. Have great reason to thank God for the blessing of another birth years have been shared in health, self & family, though financially it has not been a success. Pleasant but cold. Ther: 16. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 16

Working about shop, etc. all day. Pleasant. Ther: 20. Clear.

Sunday, February 17

At Sunday school & rehearsal for Anniversary, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother in p.m. Finding her enjoying good health. What a blessing. She has passed her 86th milestone since the 8 hill & is remarkably preserved. At J. R. Yentzer's to spend the eve with wife & family. Got word of the death of Geo Peters.

Will not go down till morning. Cold all day.
Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Monday, February 18

Went down to Henry Peters to take charge of the remains of Geo. Peters who died yesterday eve. Funeral to take place on Wednesday at the house & 2 at Highville U. B. Church. Worked at coffin all day & went to Lancaster in eve. for shrouding & to see my attorney about sale on Thursday. Cold. Raw air. Roads are very bad. Ther: 21. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, February 19

Working in shop all day at coffin of Geo. Peters. Mrs. Wm Smith made shroud & attending Twp. election which was very light. Only 126 votes being polled. Pleasant. Snow going fast. Ther: 26. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 20

Went to attend funeral of Geo. Peters. Aged 52-5-1. Rev. Kerichoff. Text: Gen 27+41. Rev. Witmer. Text: Job 19+21. Interred at U. B. Church, Highville. Bearers: Wesly Boyd, Adam Aston, John & George Warfel. 20 carriages. Large funeral at church. Grant Gardner drove me up with 2 horses. Roads bad. Cold, raw wind all day. (Hurrah for Warwick of Philadelphia). Ther: 23. Partly clear.

Thursday, February 21

Went to Lancaster & brought out John M. Groff, Esq., a.m. To be present at the sale this p.m. At sale of personal property of P. M. B. & wife. Amount of sale, \$209.69. Mrs. B. bought all but 32 cents worth. Everything passed off quietly. I was well pleased with the sale, only I think Mrs. B. very foolish for buying all the wagons, etc., back. Cold in morning. Pleasant during day. Light snow last night. Ther: 20. Partly clear.

Friday, February 22

Working about shop & thawed pump open

down at barn. Had froze up during the snap. It was quite a job. Cold, raw wind all day. Ther: 20. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 23

At Harry Martin's & went down to Ed Diffenbach's & bought a lot of pigeons. About 20 pairs of old @ 40 cents & about 6 on bargain. Brought 1 pair along, a.m. About home, etc., p.m. Mary E. Bruner spent the day here. Cold. Very changeable. Snow storms, etc., etc., etc. Ther: 20. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, February 24

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Gerhard. I was ordained an elder in the church & John J. Good deacon, a.m. At home p.m. Missionary Anniversary this eve. Everything passed off nicely. I was well pleased with those having part. Collection: \$10.00. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Monday, February 25

Went to Lancaster by stage. Saw Mr. H. H. B. & J. H. Lit, some of Mr. Bruner's creditors, about having auction. Geo B. Henry here doing work at barn all day. Light rain & damp. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, February 26

Working over at barn making a room for keeping pigeons. Geo B. Henry helping all day. Finished that job. Pleasant, but cold. Partly clear.

Wednesday, February 27

Got word of the death of Henry H. Hess daughter & went over & took charge of body, a.m. Working in shop p.m. making coffin. Pleasant but cold.

Thursday, February 28

Working in shop & took rough box out to Stone Meeting House for Henry H. Hess

daughter, a.m. Working at coffin p.m. & eve.
Roads getting bad. Partly clear.

Friday, March 1

Attending funeral of Catherine Hess, daughter of Henry & Chrisy Hess. Aged 2-9-6. Rev. John Longenecker & Abrm Herr preached. 1 carriage. Roads very bad. Pleasant overhead. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, March 2

Working about shop all day. Snowing partly all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, March 3

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Cold all day. Ther: 14. Partly clear.

Monday, March 4

At Lancaster all day. Paid Kray Shoe note of Mr. Bruner's, \$32.00. \$5.00 on one at Northern & \$5.00 on one at Lancaster Co. Bank. The river is very high. M. M. Bortzfield met with an accident this eve. He fell off of the trestle work back of the match factory & he was picked up for dead. Raining in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday, March 5

Working in shop all day painting chairs & out to see M. M. Bortzfield. He had a narrow escape. Cool all day. Ther: 14. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 6

Working in shop partly all day. Sold 6 1/2 pair pigeons to Grant Gardner: \$1.92. Cold & damp all day. Ther: 18. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, March 7

Working in shop partly all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Wife boiled soap today. Light rain & damp. Partly cloudy.

Friday, March 8

In shop a.m. Trimming grape vines & plum

trees. Ran a plum thorn in my right arm which gives me a good bit of pain. John Shocks has sale today. Regular spring day. Clear.

Saturday, March 9

Working in shop partly all day. Noah Wade bought an old hearse at John Sweigart's (dec'd) Sale. At IORM in eve. Arm is very sore. Snowing a.m. making bad roads. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, March 10

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: 2 Cor 6+2, p.m. At home in eve. Mr. Yentzer & wife spent the evening with us. My arm is still pretty sore. Very pleasant day overhead. Roads bad but drying fast. Partly clear.

Monday, March 11

At Lancaster attending to some bank business & bought one roll of 2 inch mesh woven wire at a Steinman \$ Co. & paid for same, a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. Light snow partly all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, March 12

Working in shop & engaged Jacob Bitts to call the sale of Bruner's store goods on the 21st, just afternoon & eve, a.m. In shop partly all of p.m. Ordered sales bills at Dr. Witmer's & letterheads. At home in eve. Jacob Christ came here this eve. to stay all night. Damp all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, March 13

Working in shop partly all day. Damp. Rain p.m. & eve.

Thursday, March 14

Delivered furniture to Wm H. Witmer. Cottage suit & 1/2 doz. chairs & 2 1/2 doz. cane: \$4.22 & brought 2 sinks & sideboard from station, Safe Harbor, a.m. Painting 2

sinks, etc., p.m. Rained partly all last night. Cold rain. Wind dying off fast. Partly clear.

Friday, March 15

Working in shop all day. Snow, sleet & rain. Very unpleasant. Ther: 20. Cloudy.

Saturday, March 16

Working in shop all day painting, etc. Cold, raw wind all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, March 17

Went to Sunday school but was called to A. L. Henry's on account of the death of their child. Funeral on Tuesday p.m. At house a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Like spring but bad roads. Partly clear.

Monday, March 18

At Lancaster. Took M. M. Bortzfield along. Returned at 2 p.m. Working in shop balance of day at coffin of A. L. Henry child & in eve. Charles Morrow came to Pehlman's last night. Geo B. Henry here all day. Cold, raw air all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, March 19

Working in shop a.m. Attending funeral of A. L. Henry's child, Lester Washington. Aged 22 days. Rev. Dal Rhinier spoke from 2 Cor 7+10. Buried at M. E. Church. Preaching at the house. In shop, etc., balance of day. Daddy Eidemiller here this eve. Will stay all night. Geo. B. Henry here all day. Beautiful day but very bad roads. Clear.

Wednesday, March 20

Working in shop & delivered furniture to John Beach on back Harbor Road, a.m. In shop & brought furniture from Wm T. Pugh to repair, p.m. At home in eve. Charles Morrow here telling of his trance till nearly 12 o'clock. Cool all day. Clear.

Thursday, March 21

In shop a.m. At sale of P. M. Bruner's store

goods p.m. & eve. Things sold medium. Will continue the sale tomorrow eve. Sent balance of John Beach's furniture down there a.m. Cool all day. Clear.

Friday, March 22

Working in shop painting, etc., etc. At store in eve. Finished selling the goods. Things sold very cheap. Segurs brought as low as \$3.00 per 16. Cold & stormy. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 23

Working at shop sale books partly all day & getting out goods for different parties. Went to Safe Harbor to IOOF in eve. Was nominated for Noble Grand. Had a pleasant meeting. Cold partly all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, March 24

Got word at 1:30 this morning of the death of Isaac McLaughlin. Went out & washed him, etc., & embalmed the body. At Sunday school & Missionary meeting, a.m. Preaching by Rev. Gerhard, a.m. At McLaughlin's & home p.m. At church in eve. A colored preacher spoke. He is an able speaker. Changeable. Partly clear.

Monday, March 25

Went to Lancaster this morning to attend County Committee meeting. Decided on May 11 for holding primary & bought things for shop, etc. Changeable. Rain in morning. Cloudy.

Tuesday, March 26

Working at casket & sent cottage suit down to Wm L. Pugh. Sold bill furniture to Fred Sickman. Bought 1/2 ton shif & 1/2 ton screening of Wm L. Pugh for \$15.00 to be delivered this week. Working at casket balance of day. Took casket out & put Isaac in. Got word that J. H. Simon's child died. Went down. Funeral Thursday p.m. Pleasant

a.m. Very changeable. p.m., snow storm, clear, snow & cold. Cloudy.

Wednesday, March 27

Attending funeral of Isaac McLaughlin in the 74th year. Rev. J. E. Deacon preached. Text: 1 Cor 15, 55 to 58 inclusive. Pall bearers: H. C. McAllister, Amos Martin, John F. Wade, Jacob Warfel, Jacob Henry, Grant Gardner, M. Hearse. Large funeral. Beautiful. Working in shop balance of p.m. & eve making coffin for Harry Simmons' child. Cold in morning. Pleasanter during day. Clear.

Thursday, March 28

Working in shop lining coffin, etc., a.m. Attending funeral of J. Harry Simmons' Child, Annie Inerva. Aged 2 months & 2 days. Rev. C. M. Miller preached. Text: Mark 10+14. 4 carriages. Buried at Marticville M. E. Church. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Very, very stormy all day. Partly clear.

Friday, March 29

Working in shop & delivered furniture, etc., for Wm Sweigart, p.m. Had a good sale. \$55.08 worth sold today. Cold, raw air all day.

Saturday, March 30

In shop, etc., a.m. Clerking Sale for Wm Sweigart p.m. Did not get home till 9:30 p.m. Could not get through yesterday. Charged \$4.50 for clerking both sales. Did not get to IORM or IOOF this eve. Sweigart Sale amounted to \$625.66. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, March 31

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to C. B. Miller's & Grandmother's. Uncle Jacob Zercher there, p.m. At home in eve. Beautiful day (like spring). Clear.

Monday, April 1

At Lancaster all day. Collections small. Money

seems to be tight. Damp all day. Rain in morning. Cloudy.

Tuesday, April 2

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. Frank P. Henry moved from our house out to Isaac McLaughlin's. He paid me his rent all but \$900. Delivered Fred Sickman furniture. Damp all day. Rain p.m. Cloudy.

Wednesday, April 3

Working in shop & getting ready to move. Did take few things over today. Damp & cool. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 4

Moved home today from J. F. Caldwell's property across from the way after living there one year. We are certainly glad to get back again. I would almost as soon keep hotel as to keep a shop where you have boys & sons, almost children to deal with. It is a good starting place (next the hotel). I. G. Warfel, M. H. Benedict & Frank Benedict helped me to move. Everything passed off nicely. Partly cloudy.

Friday, April 5

Pruning & tearing up grape vines & helping to arrange things in the house. Very pleasant all day. Clear.

Saturday, April 6

Working about lot pruning, etc., all day. At a Safe Harbor in eve at IOOF Was installed as BG of that order. H.M. Standler V.G.: B.K. Lawyer Secy. Delivered a set of upholstered parlor furniture to Stella Kreider for \$72. Paid for same. Damp & cool all day. Looks very much like rain. Cloudy.

Sunday, April 7

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Rev. 7+9+10, p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev H. S. Beals preached. Text:

St. James 5+16. Pleasant. Looks very much for rain. Partly cloudy.

Monday, April 8

Working in shop a.m. Went to Lancaster p.m. Paid sheriff's costs in P. M. Bruner's estate, \$359. Paid New Era \$20.00 for oranges, etc. Paid Flinn and Breneman \$20.90 for store for self. J. B. Martin \$5.45 bal. on carpet & bought blank and paid for same. Settled with Steinman \$6.39 to date. Raining a.m. Very heavy rain from 5 p.m. till late in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday, April 9

Working in shop a.m. & part of p.m. On lot, etc. Warmer & pleasant p.m. partly cloudy.

Wednesday, April 10

At funeral of Christ B. Herr, Millersville. Member of IOOF in the 62 year. John Clark, Benj K. Lawyer, Edw Duke, Frank Markley, Henry Eckman & myself were pall bearers. Rev. Hertzler & Rev. John Brubaker preached. Text: Jeremiah 23+24. B. G. Markley was long over putting ashes to cumin stalks bal. of day. Mrs. Musser here to see about making rough box for her mother & to have her body removed to Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 11

Working in shop making rough box for Fred Sourbeer's wife & child to be removed from the Reformed Cemetery & lot, p.m. At OUAM in eve. We had about 25 visitors from Lancaster this eve. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Friday, April 12

Took rough box up to cemetery this morning & helped H. Martin to raise Mrs. Sourbeer & child. Very little of child found. Mrs. Sourbeer's coffin was pretty well decayed, but the bones were all together. I took them to Lancaster's Woodward Hill Cemetery &

had them interred there. They paid me \$6.00 for same. Cool air all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, April 13

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, April 14

Went down home. Took Blanche & Charles along. Wife did not go along. Found Mother & all the rest well. Went over to Everly's a while & took supper there. Cool air all day. Partly cloudy .

Monday, April 15

Working in garden, etc., a.m. Went to Lancaster to attend a joint Consistorial meeting of Hellers, Willow Street & ourselves. Mr. H. B. Uspenshade was elected Primarias to classes & myself Secunders to classes. To convene in May at Lancaster. rec'd 2 settings of Brahman eggs from Jos H. Hollinger, Mastersonville. Cold, raw wind all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, April 16

Working in garden & grafting plums. Sent check to Burrows Bros, \$305.00 & Marilyn Bros, \$900. Rather cool. Indications are for rain. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 17

Digging garden, etc., a.m. In shop, & over to see Wm Aument about plowing lot. He will come tomorrow after noon, p.m. Pleasant. Rather stormy. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 18

Hauling manure on front part of lot & spreading same, a.m. Wm Aument plowed it for me & I planted potatoes in the p.m. Christ McLaughlin here. Very nice day. Clear.

Friday, April 19

Digging garden, etc., a.m. Working in shop partly all of p.m. Beautiful weather. Clear.

Saturday, April 20

Working in lot. Repaired house roof. Put up ice cream tables for Geo. Eckman, a.m. Varnished chairs, etc., p.m. At Preparatory Services in eve. Rev D. W. Gerhard preached. Text: Heb 12+2. Beautiful day. Clear.

Sunday, April 21

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev D. W. Gerhard. Text: Mark 4+20, after which the Holy Communion was administered, a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. Text: Rev 7+9+10. Charles & William Hookey went over with Chester Urban to Wm E. Miller's to spend the afternoon PA (Chester) lives there. Beautiful day. Clear.

Monday, April 22

Put walnut lumber in barn that was seasoned, etc., etc., a.m. Went to Lancaster. Paid bill at Lancaster Planing Mill, \$6.00. Bought white wash brush at Geo. M. S. & Co. Paid for same. Damp. Had a nice shower p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, April 23

Working in garden all day digging, etc. Very tired this eve. Rather stormy & cool all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 24

Working in garden a.m. & in shop graining & painting p.m. Pleasant. Much warmer. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 25

Received 6 plum, and 2 chestnut trees of Edw Miller. Working in shop. Got word of the death of Mrs. Catherine Stehman at Henry B. Hess. Went over & embalmed body. Funeral on Saturday at 9 at House & 10 at O. M. Church, New Danville, a.m. Went to Lancaster & telegraphed to Parson Comfort for a 3 piece top walnut coffin & received it on the 6:45 train, p.m. Brought it home &

found they had sent it to small so I will have to send tomorrow again. Very warm all day & night. Partly clear.

Friday, April 26

Went over to look after corpse & took 3 1/2 doz. stools over for funeral. Went to Lancaster from there & telegraphed to Parson Comfort, Philadelphia for a 3 piece coffin, the one I sent for yesterday being too small size, 5 ft 10 by 22 at break. Received it on the 2:30 fast line. Took rough box, lined, to cemetery & brought coffin home & worked till 12 o'clock at night to finish it. Warm & sultry all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, April 27

Went to attend funeral of Catherine Stehman. Beautiful corpse. Widow of the late Henry D. Stehman. Aged 66 years & 9 days. Revs Abrm Herr & John Brubaker preached. Text: 1 Thes. chap 4, verse 18. 25 carriages. Pall bearers: Saml Shank, Martin B. Herr, Amos Landis, Jacob Shank, Tobias Hoak Shank. Buried at Stone Church. Large funeral. Daniel came home direct from church. Rained very heavy when at cemetery. Rained partly all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, April 28

At Sunday school. Very small attendance on account of inclemency of weather. Supt & assistant were absent. I had Blanche to act as organist. Read over the lesson, made a few remarks on lesson, asked a few questions, sang & dismissed with the Lord's Prayer, a.m. Went to Father Bruner's for dinner & spent part of p.m. Mr. Andrew Good & wife were there also. Damp & rain all day. Cloudy.

Monday, April 29

At Lancaster. Went in on stage & returned. Bought things for shop, etc., at Steinman & Co & paid for same. Damp all day. Raining p.m. Cloudy.

Tuesday, April 30

Whitewashed pigeon house & part of poultry house. Bought 1/2 doz. peach trees of John Stover agent for David Herr. 1 Stump 1/2 the wood, 1 Old Mission, 1 Crawford late, 1 Globe, 1 President & 1 Wonderful. Paid \$1.00 for same. Planted them. Raining & very damp. Cloudy.

Wednesday, May 1

Working in shop a.m. Went over to Henry H. Hess & brought stools home & several old chairs to repair. Brought 1/2 DDB chairs from Jacob Bitts to repaint & stopped in to see Grandmother. Found her well. Cool & stormy. Roads bad. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 2

Papering at Grant Gardner's 3/4 day 1.00 day & in shop, etc. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Mr. Sensenig, a candidate for District Attorney, was present. Real pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Friday, May 3

Working in shop graining, etc., partly all day. Damp & warm. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 4

Working in shop partly all day. Pleasant. Cloudy.

Sunday, May 5

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching in p.m. by Rev. D. W. Gerhard. Text: St. John 21+15. Pleasant all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, May 6

At Lancaster. Paid note at Lanc Co S.B.: \$20.00. Bought things for shop at Steinmans & paid for same. Paid Huber balance of Candy bill. Damp & warm. Cloudy.

Tuesday, May 7

Working in shop all day. Made a music rack

for the band & varnishing chairs, etc. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, May 8

Working in shop all day. Wife & Blanche went to Lancaster by the stage this morning & returned this eve. Very warm. Raining this eve. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 9

Working in shop a.m. Took chairs over to Henry H. Hess & went to A. F. Bruner's on business. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Friday, May 10

Working in shop partly all day, painting, etc., etc. Very warm all day. Ther: 96. Clear.

Saturday, May 11

Working in shop a.m. At primary elections p.m. Following is the ticket & vote. Total vote cast, 169. Geo A. Lane, 48, Daniel H. Sensenig, 120. D. of Poor, R. W. Bard, 88, Christ Herr, Jr., 100: Elim Dentlinger, 113. Gideon H. Smith, 88. County Surveyor, E. N. Smith, 156. Delegates, John M. Groff, 128, H. H. Kurtz, 138, Dr. J. Mayer, 65, C. W. Robinson, 63, P. P. Sentman, 56. County Committee, A. J. Zercher, 132, Hookey, 1. Very warm. Light rain in eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 12

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At home p.m. Mr. Bruner spent part of p.m. here. Great change in the weather. Very cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, May 13

At Lancaster partly all day. Barnum & Bailey show was in. Saw the parade. Very fine & large. 250 horses, very fine. 21 large elephants & 9 camels were in the parade. Charles Zercher & Charles Smith we're along in. I shipped a lot of burlapping via Pa. R.R. Brought 2 bales hay from Wenger's. The

election of Saturday is all one sided. Very cool. Ther: 42. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, May 14

Working in shop a.m. In lot, etc., p.m. Raining a.m. Very cool. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 15

Papering at Albert Charles room all day. I think we would have had frost last night but it was cloudy. Cold this morning. Moderating some. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, May 16

Working in shop partly all day. Pleasant but getting cool. Partly clear.

Friday, May 17

Working at Geo. Rathbon's a.m. & part of p.m. painting & putting up window springs. Frost this morning in some low places. Cool air. Getting cooler. Partly clear.

Saturday, May 18

At Rathbone's painting & putting in bed castors. Frank Paxson, agent for Harrisburg Burial Cases here. Ordered some goods from him, a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. At IOOF Safe Harbor in eve. Cool all day. Looks for rain. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 19

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Gen 5+24. Went to Jos M. Witmer's & took supper. Also wife & family, p.m. At home in eve. Cool all day. Showers in eve. Partly clear.

Monday, May 20

Working in shop, lot, etc., all day. Sent check to Boll Bros for \$5.00 to date & to bal. Furn. Co. Wmspt, \$11.75, & Reformed Pub Co for \$13.52 for Sunday school supplies. Jacob Charles of Willow Street died. Cool. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, May 21

Painting at Mystic Chain Hall all day. Christ Erline here this eve. Shall come to paper for him tomorrow. Raining partly all day. Cool. Cloudy.

Wednesday, May 22

Went to Christ Erline's & papered a.m. Got word of the death of Mother Kendig. Went down & took charge of body. Went down in eve. & moved the remains up to J. R. Yentzer's from where the funeral will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Paid A. G. Hudson \$10.00 on coal acct. Very cool this morning. Had heavy frost & ice. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 23

Ascension. Went to Lancaster & telephoned Harrisburg Burial Case Co for walnut A.G. Top for Mother Kendig & lining, etc. Bought shrouding & blanket for her. I warned funeral, etc., Francis Winter here overnight & spent part of yesterday here previous to his going to sea on the Saratoga. At OUAM in eve. Pleasant day.

Friday, May 24

Working at coffins & making arrangements for funeral. Received the camp stools I ordered some time ago in good condition. Pleasant all day. Clear.

Saturday, May 25

Attending funeral of Mary Kendig. Aged 89-2. Revs Gerhart preached. Text: 92 Psalm 13+14. Father Shenkle, J.W. member & Roth participated. Pall bearers: four grandchildren, Adam, John, Augustus & _ Kendig. Very large funeral. Buried at Reformed Church, here. Damp. Light rains p.m. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, May 26

At Sunday school a.m. At home & walked

over to see Grandmother with Blanche & Charles, p.m. Very changeable. Partly cloudy.

Monday, May 27

Papering at Christ Erline's all day. Raining a.m. Changeable p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

Finished papering at Erline's a.m. In shop Jacob Bitts moved up to where Christ Herr used to live. He got 1/2 doz. chairs of me & I had repaired 1 set for him. Warmer, but cool rain. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 29

Went to Jacob B. Harnish's to paint there all day. Getting much warmer. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 30

Painting at Jacob B. Harnish all day. At Decoration Services in the Eve. Helped to sing. I don't remember when I minded the heat so much as today. Very, very warm. Ther: 100. Clear.

Friday, May 31

Painting at Jacob Harnish's. Finished about 3 p.m. Very warm all day. Ther: 98. Cloudy.

Saturday, June 1

At Lancaster partly all day on business. The villagers were startled this eve. to hear that Lewis Kirk (colored) had shot Edie Peaco (Colored) with a shotgun. The shot taking the whole left side from knee to neck and had it not been for the heavy shirt would have been killed. What the effect will be is not known. Just to think that a man should stand up & deliberately shoot his neighbor in a community like this & be allowed to walk around and boast about it that he shot the D— nigger that he shot to kill. I think the people should rise up as one man against such a person, especially one who raised as much disturbance as he did already. I do not

know but what there will be something done yet. Ther: 96. Clear.

Sunday, June 2

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. by Rev John M. Kendig who was here on account of his mother's death. His text was taken from Acts 2+17. He preached a very good sermon. Very warm & getting dry. Ther: 98. Partly clear.

Monday, June 3

Got word of the death of B. Frank Markley, Jr. child. Making coffin for same (white). J. M. Witmer got my horse to go to his wife's mother's funeral down at Goodville, about 2.6 miles. Very warm all day. Ther: 100. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 4

Interred B. Frank Markley Child, Benj Franklin Markley, aged 3 days. Rev. Marion went. Read a portion of scripture & had prayers. No funeral. Buried at O. M. River Corner, a.m. Papering at Henry Martin's p.m. Quite a change in the weather. Cooler, yet warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, June 5

Papering at Barry Martin's. Finished at 3 p.m. At home balance of day. Lewis Kirk was arrested on Sunday night down at David Kendig, Wheatland Mills & taken to jail & locked up. The folks of the village seem to be well pleased that he is in jail. Ed is better. Cooler. Thunder gust this eve. Good rain. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 6

Working in shop, etc., a.m. Went to Lancaster. Brought out casket, paint, screen door, etc. Kirk is boasting with regard to shooting Peaco & says he shot to kill. Rather cool all day. Partly clear.

Friday, June 7

Working in shop a.m. Attending examination of teachers p.m. The Director did something today I consider very wrong. J. K. Caldwell was teacher of the Graded last year. They wanted him to go to River Hill this year & he refused to do so & he got no school. This is certainly not right. Emma Zercher & Mother took dinner & supper with us. Cool. Clear.

Saturday, June 8

Painting at Mary Snavely's kitchen all day. At IOOF in eve. The fever is high with regard to the Kirk-Peaco affair. I am afraid that there will be trouble yet. It is certainly not safe for Kirk to come around much. He was in town last night. Beautiful day. Cooler. Clear.

Sunday, June 9

At Sunday school & funeral of Flora Pries, Mt. Zion. Large funeral, a.m. At home p.m. At Wm Caldwell's in eve. Beautiful day. Cooler. Clear.

Monday, June 10

Painting at Snavely's all day. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, June 11

Painting at Snavely's a.m. Working in shop p.m. Warm. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, June 12

Painting at Snavely's all day. At church practicing in eve. Warm. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 13

Painting at Snavely's all day. Warm. Getting dry. Partly clear.

Friday, June 14

Painting at Snavely's 3/4 day. Went to church & helped there the rest of the day to decorate in eve. Warm but pleasant. Clear.

Saturday, June 15

Painting at Snavely's a.m. Mother John here for dinner & will stay till night. She is right well. Did not do much in p.m. At IORM in eve. Jacob Henry affairs were settled in the Tribe this eve by giving note for SZ & J.F.R. & I went on it. Warm all day. Clear.

Sunday, June 16

At Sunday school & practicing for Children Day Services this eve, a.m. About home, etc., p.m. At Children Day Services in eve. Everything passed off very nicely. A very full house. Pleasant all day. Clear.

Monday, June 17

Painting at Snavely's all day. Warm & getting dry. Clear.

Tuesday, June 18

Picking cherries all day. Got word in eve. that Anna Fralich was found dead in their water closet. I went out & held an inquest. Jurors: J. R. Yentzer, Jacob Henry, B. F. Henry, E. H. Zercher, Wm E. Miller & Henry Martin. Dr. I. M. Witmer was physician. The verdict was apoplexy. I paid each juror \$1.00. I then embalmed the body. Warm & dry. Clear.

Wednesday, June 19

At Lancaster. Made my return as Dept. coroner & notified the news & had it published in the papers. Brought goods along & in shop. Returned at 3 p.m. Working at coffin & made rough box. Sent 24 qts. cherries in to Ellie's this morning by stage. Very warm all day. Clear.

Thursday, June 20

Working at coffin. Covered with black cloth. Took rough box up to Reformed Church. Took stools out, etc. Took coffin out in eve. Corpse doing very well. She is a stout woman. The fluid is doing its work. I am using no ice. Warm all day. Clear.

Friday, June 21

Attending funeral of Anna Fralich, aged 79-9-30. Rev. D. W. Gerhard preached. Text: 27 Psalm 4. Text was chosen by Deacon. Also hymn "God be with you till we meet again." Pall bearers: Wm C. Smith, B. F. Hill, Frank P. Henry, Edwin Witmer. Buried at Reformed Church. Corpse could not have been nicer. Warm all day & very dusty. Few drops of rain. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, June 22

At C. B. Miller's making pump box a.m. Working about house p.m. At IOOF in eve. Wife & Emma Zercher went to Salunga this morning. Will stay till Monday. Band had a festival this eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, June 23

At Sunday school & went to the funeral of Martha Hess, wife of Christian Hess. John J. Walton had funeral. She died at Lancaster & buried at M. E. Church, this place, a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Warm all day & very dry. Partly clear.

Monday, June 24

At Lancaster. Brought wife along out. They enjoyed their visit very much. Warm. Had a nice shower in p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, June 25

Painting at Snavely's. Finished a.m. Painting at Hall, p.m. Warm. Drying off fast. Partly clear.

Wednesday, June 26

Picking currents & in shop a.m. Hung screen door for ourselves, etc., p.m. Primary of June 26, 1895. Total vote, 270. Judge, Jacob Henry, 238. Inspector, B. H. Montgomery, 231. Supervisors, Danl Rhinier, 37, Saml McLaughlin, 23, Amos R. Benedict, 137, Isaac Shank (third term), 88, David Hess, 198. School Directors, Hiram Warfel, 94, Martin H. Good, 91, Geo J.

Fehl, 88, Eli Warfel, 113, M. M. Bortzfield, 89. Justice of the Peace, H. H. Kurtz, 186, A. G. Hudson, 96. Assessm, F. H. Flinch, 236. Auditor, Geo W. Warfel, 129, John M. Warfel, 127. Town Clerk, Theo Jones, 151, F. P. Henry, 109. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, June 27

Hung 3 screen doors at Jacob Bitts. 2 new & 1 old, a.m. At M. H. Groff's reframing screen doors p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Election of affairs. Warm. Very heavy gust & rain p.m.

Friday, June 28

Got straw of C. G. Markley for the manure & went out to Maris Groff's. Putting screens on doors, a.m. In shop p.m. Made window screens for M. H. Groff. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, June 29

Painting at inside of Mystic Chain Hall partly all day. Damp & warm. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, June 30

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: St. Luke 16-29. Small congregation on account of inclemency of weather. Children Day Services at M. E. Church were put off one week on account of the weather. At home in eve. Very heavy rain this morning & rain this eve. Cloudy.

Monday, July 1

Picking currents & working in Shop. Cool all day. Ther: 38. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 2

Trimming out current stalks, etc., etc. Finished picking them. Cool & pleasant.

Wednesday, July 3

Took wife & children to Lancaster. They are going to Lititz & Lexington to spend a week & I am batching it. Bagging grapes, etc., balance of day. Pleasant day.

Thursday, July 4

Went to Lancaster with Grant Gardner & bought \$02 worth of fireworks for this eve. Working in shop, etc., p.m. No fireworks on account of rain. Postponed till Saturday eve. Cool. Raining in eve. Cloudy.

Friday, July 5

Working in lot, etc., a.m. Started papering kitchen p.m. & worked at it in evening. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, July 6

Papering all a.m. Finished p.m. At IORM in eve. & then went out to East End school grounds & put off fireworks. An accident occurred. The fireworks were put under a platform. About 1/2 of them & in putting off a rocket the fire lit them & raised quite an excitement. Fortunately no one was hurt. The rest were put off afterwards. A fine display. Damp a.m. Pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, July 7

At Sunday school & Missionary Society in a.m. Went out to Caldwell's for dinner to spend the p.m. At M. E. Children day in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, July 8

At Lancaster a.m. & part of p.m. attending to some business. Bagging grapes, etc., balance of p.m. At home in eve. It seems very strange with the family all gone since Wednesday morning, but hope they are having a fine time. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 9

Working in shop, etc., all day. Quite cool all day. Great change from yesterday. Ther: 56. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 10

Finished painting & helped to make stone steps over at Mystic (front) & changed stone

at house. Wife & children returned home this eve. Highly pleased with their week's vacation. I took dinner at Wm Smith's today. Cool all day. Ther: 58. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 11

Working about yard & fixed cistern pump, etc., etc. Cool all day. Ther: 58. Partly cloudy.

Friday, July 12

At new school house getting out boards for fence a.m. Not doing anything in p.m. W. F. Bruner & family of Philadelphia here to spend the afternoon with us & had a pleasant time. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 13

Digging holes & putting in posts for to make fence on lot for poultry, etc., partly all day. Got chestnut posts & 16 boards of Fred Shoff for same. Warm all day. Very smoky all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, July 14

At Sunday school a.m. We changed the day for Rocky Springs to Friday next, the 19th, the 18th not suiting Mr. Peoples thought. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: St. Luke 5-4, p.m. At the new Hall in eve. The U.E.S.S. held children day services held in the hall. Pleasant all day (smoky). Cloudy.

Monday, July 15

At Lancaster picking up wire for fence a.m. Working at fence p.m. Warm all day. Clear.

Tuesday, July 16

Putting wire on fence across lot & boards above & below all day. Warm. Very light shower. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, July 17

Finished the fence across lot, a.m. In shop painting sink, cupboard & 1/2 doz. chairs for Dr. Witmer & went to Safe Harbor & brought

a buggy from station that Mr. Bloome shipped to me to sell for him as agent. Freight: \$281. Very warm. Clear.

Thursday, July 18

Putting buggy together, cleaning out shop, etc., a.m. Painting sink, cupboard & grained 1/2 doz. chairs for Dr. Witmer p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. They decided to hold a festival on the 3rd of Aug in the eve. Committee: I.G., W.B., L.H., D.B., F.E., F. Hill, A. Warfel. Very warm all day. Getting dry. Clear.

Friday, July 19

The Sunday school went to Rocky Springs to spend the day. Charles & I took the provisions down in my furniture wagon. We had a very nice time. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves (old & young). Some of the learners were late in the morning. About 18 of them. Warm & pleasant.

Saturday, July 20

Varnished Chairs & grained sink & cupboard for Dr. Witmer & working in, lot, shop, etc., all day. Had a very heavy thunder gust in the p.m. Lightning struck a barn in Manor Twp. (Frey) & burned it & several other buildings to the ground. Very warm. Ther: 95. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 21

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. Wife, children & Mrs. W. F. Bruner & child went out to spend the p.m. with Beckie. Warm all day. Rain did not cool much. Ther: 85. Clear.

Monday, July 22

Varnished cupboard & sink & delivered chairs to Dr. Witmer, a.m. Working in garden & lot balance of day. Went over to see Grandmother in early eve. Had not been over for several weeks. While there Jacob Miller of New Danville brought word of the drowning

at Wrightsville of a cousin of Chester Newcomber while in swimming. About 18 years old. Very warm. Ther: 59. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 23

Working in garden & lot partly all day & spraying hen & pigeon house for lice. Warm all day. Clear.

Wednesday, July 24

Working in lot & at H. C. McAllister's helping to cut corn fodder, a.m. Helped M. H. Groff & J. R. Yentzer to thrash out their wheat. I. H. Shank's traction & thrashing at Yentzer's. We thrashed 63 bushels after supper. 1 bushel per minute for a short time. Few drops of rain in eve. Pleasant day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, July 25

Working in shop, etc., all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Bros Spotts & Gundaker of Lancaster paid us a visit & presented the Council with a fine Bible from the Consistory of Lancaster. The trial of W. E. Kurtz was postponed until the 6th of Aug at 2:30 p.m. Wife out at Beckie's this p.m. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Friday, July 26

Working in shop partly all day making a few coffins on hand as it is very dull now. Wife out at Beckie's all day helping to boil pear butter. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 27

Working in shop a.m. In shop & helping to pear apples & pears, etc., p.m. Got word of the death of W. W. Tripple of Safe Harbor who died very unexpected at his store of neuralgia of the heart. He was well & about up to 2 o'clock & 10 minutes of 4 o'clock he died. I never received word of a death that surprised me so much as this. I embalmed the body by request of the family. Warm. Had a very good rain this p.m. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, July 28

Went down to Tripple's to see after & replenished the fluid. Funeral will be Tuesday at 12 o'clock at house & 2:30 at M. E. Church, Conestoga Center. Preaching at house & church. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Howe, Missionary to Japan. Gave us an excellent talk on foreign mission down at Tripple's in eve. Body looks very well. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Monday, July 29

Went to Lancaster early & telephoned to Harrisburg for a casket lining pillow & robe for Tripple. Got home at 3 p.m. Delivered rough box very well. Worked till 11 o'clock tonight. Warm all day. Clear.

Tuesday, July 30

Went to attend funeral of W. W. Tripple. Aged 58-5-16. Rev J. E. Deacon preached. Text: different passages of scripture. Pall bearers: Dr. I. M. Witmer, J. R. Walick, Henry Snyder, Wm Sweigart, David Levenight, Jacob Behlor. 52 carriages. Masons & JOOF Attended in a body, very large funeral. Rain pretty heavy about 1 p.m. Partly cloudy .

Wednesday, July 31

Working in shop partly all day. Very cool this eve. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, August 1

Working in shop partly all day. Cool & pleasant. Partly clear.

Friday, August 2

Filing saws, sharpened chisels & plane bits & working in shop balance of day. Pleasant. Clear.

Saturday, August 3

Working in shop, etc., all day. At IOOF in eve. Order drawn for \$75.00 funeral benefits in favor of the widow of W. W. Tripple. Walked

out to festival of the Jr. OUAM on East Center school grounds. Warm all day. Getting very dry. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 4

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. Kate Smith, Ellie Good & my wife were appointed Solicitors & Collections for the unexpired term of Stella Kreider, Beckie Martin & Annie Foreman. At home p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev Daniel Rhinier preached. Text: Heb 12+1. Gust all around but no rain here. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 5

At Lancaster all day. Wife along. Took dinner at Ellie's. Attending a meeting of the County Committee. H. Bird Cassel of Marietta was re-elected Chairman. Secretaries: M. Diller, _ Gogsley, A. J. Zercher. Very warm all day. Clear.

Tuesday, August 6

In shop, etc., a.m. At Jr. OUAM. trying the charges preferred against Willmer E. Kurtz of getting members into the order under assumed names & representing himself as a PC of the order. The committee reserved their decision till Thursday eve. at 7 o'clock. A number of Lancaster Bros were present. Bro Kurtz not appearing. We then went down & visited lay council at mouth of Pequea & had a fine time. Very warm all day & dry. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 7

Working in shop a.m. Started for Lancaster at 11 a.m. to testify with regard to the death of W. W. Tripple before the life insurance agent, H. M. Myers. Returned home at 5 p.m. Paid K. W. ML. Ins to G. N. Reynolds Gen Agt.: \$30.80. This is my 8th payment in 7 years & a.m. well pleased with it. Warm & dry. Ther: 90. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 8

Working in shop partly all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Got word here of the death of Mr. Beyery of Harrisburg, husband of Emma Urban. Died yesterday of consumption. Only married about 10 months. Will be buried here at the M. E. Church on Saturday at 11 o'clock. Very warm all day. Ther: 96. Clear.

Friday, August 9

Working in shop partly all day. Got 500 feet wide pine of Fred Shoff. Wife & children out at Beckie's, p.m. I walked out in the eve. Word reached here this eve that Benj F. Snavely died at Philadelphia. Very unexpected. Cause not known. Warm all day. Ther: 95. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 10

Working in shop, etc., all day. Albert Byerey was buried at the M. E. Church this a.m. At home p.m. in shop, etc. At Green Hill celebration a short time in eve. & went to IOOF from there. Did not have a meeting. No quorum. Very warm all day. Ther: 102. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 11

At Sunday school a.m. Helping to arrange fruit, etc., in church for our Harvest Services this eve, p.m. At services in eve. Rev 14-15. Had a heavy thunder gust after we got home. There were several fires caused by lightning striking. Very warm day. Ther: 102. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 12

About lot & went after elderberries. Got over 1/2 bus picked, a.m. At shop, etc., p.m. There were 6 fires caused by the gust last night. Very, very warm. Ther: 106. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 13

Took chairs & brought others at Ella Myers & funeral of Benj F. Snavely, aged 29-3-2.

Buried at Mt. Zion a.m. In shop & went down to Henry Peters & brought 8 bus of wheat & gave him credit for \$5.00 on acct of his father's coffin. Got 400 ft pine of Fred Shoff. Warm all day. Clear.

Wednesday, August 14

About shop. Got word of the death of one of Abrm Dentlinger's children. Went down & took charge of body & embalmed it, a.m. Working in shop making casket for same. Sent load of walnut lumber to Lancaster by Grant Gardner to have planed & bring it back. Took rough box over to Stehman's Church (Manor). Funeral Friday morning. Very warm all day. Clear.

Thursday, August 15

Working in shop covering & lining casket. Took stomach pan filled with ice and put it on body on account of the room being very warm & the weather looks very gusty, but I do not think I would need it. Gust in eve. but no rain. Very, very warm & dry. Partly clear

Friday, August 16

Attending funeral of Raymond Curtis Dentlinger, aged 11 mo. 6 days. Rev Kerickoal preached. Text: 2 Kings 4+26. 13 carriages. Pall bearers: 4 small girls. The first I ever had & they done very well. Barbara Brady, Barbara Garrett, Barbara Grossman, Elise Hart. Miss Tripple furnished a splendid white dress & fine blouselet for corpse. Very warm & gusty. I do not know when I minded the heat like today.

Saturday, August 17

Picking peaches & attended Southern Market with same for J. R. Yentzer. Charles was along. Good market. They brought 20 & 25 cents per peck. Went to IOOF at Safe Harbor. Very warm. Light rain in p.m. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, August 18

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home & Charles & I went over to see Grandmother. She is well. At home in eve. Warm all day. Clear.

Monday, August 19

Picking peaches & took a load in to Burck's Grocery Store to sell for J. R. Yentzer a.m. Attending court on Scott Stump vers. Lewis Kirk suit. Was put off till tomorrow. Light rain this morning early. Cool & stormy. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 20

At Lancaster attending court all day. Lewis Kirk was found guilty of assault & battery, assault & battery with intent to kill Edw Peaco. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 21

At Lancaster all day attending court. The case with Scott Stump & Lewis Kirk we're withdrawn. Pleasant but cool all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 22

Picking peaches for J. R. Yentzer a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. W. E. Kurtz was suspended from the Council for 5 years for fraud, etc. Cool all day and very dry. Clear.

Friday, August 23

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. Very warm. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 24

Picking peaches for J. R. Yentzer a.m. Went to Lancaster Market for him p.m. with peaches. They sold at 25-40 cents per 1/2 peck. Went over & brought Grandmother up to stay overnight & spend tomorrow with us. This is the first time she was with us over night.

Hope she may have a good night's rest. Very warm. Light rain in eve. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, August 25

At Sunday. Had charge of same for Bro Yentzer. At preaching in p.m. Bro Gerhard preached. Grandmother here all day. She had a very good night's rest. Took her home in eve. P. M. Bruner & family here in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, August 26

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. At Safe Harbor in eve. J. D. Tripple paid me for her father's casket, etc., \$12.00. Warm & very dry & dusty. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 27

Went to Lancaster this a.m. for Harrisburg to attend to some business with Harrisburg Burial Case Co. and take in Convention for State Chairman. I never saw as hot a Convention. Excitement was at fever heat. Thousands of people were present. Did not get to bed till near morning. Very warm all day. Heavy rain this morning & eve. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, August 28

At Harrisburg at State Chairman Convention. M. I. Quay was elected by acclamation after one of the hardest fights in the history of the party. Came to Lancaster at 3:15 & Wayne Witmer brought my team in for me. Mrs. Hackman died Tuesday morning & not being home, lost the job. It seems I ought just sit at home. All this waste. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 29

Began papering at the new school house at west end all day. Very warm & light rain. Partly cloudy.

Friday, August 30

Went to River Corner to appraise the

property of Elisabeth Kreider containing 8 acres + 119 perch. Myself, Dr. I. M. Witmer & P. C. Hiller. We appraised it at \$1333. Papering at school house 3/4 day. Finished one room. Wife out at Caldwell's. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, August 31

Papering at school house all day. At IOOF in eve. Warm all day. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, September 1

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At home p.m. Wife & children walked over to Amos Graver's this eve. At preaching at M. E. Church by Rev Beals, Pastor, in eve. Great change in weather. Much cooler. Ther: 56. Partly clear.

Monday, September 2

Papering at school house all day. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, September 3

Packed bookcase & sent it to Lancaster with stage this morning for Mary Dabler of Camden, N.J., & paring apples & boiled 11 crocks of apple & grape butter. Put in window springs & 2 sets bed casters in for Geo Rathbon: 75 cents cash. Bought pine plank of Mrs. Eby, 96 cents & paid for same. Pleasant all day. Clear.

Wednesday, September 4

Papering at school house a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. I am certainly pleased with the school house. They put the desks in today. They are 2 fine rooms. Warm all day. Clear.

Thursday, September 5

At Lancaster partly all day. Got 20 shades for school rooms: \$16.25, etc. Took Martin Musser along on account of the suit that Danl

Rankin has for Christ Musser. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Warm all day & dry. Partly cloudy

Friday, September 6

Finished papering at school house & hung window shades bal. of day. Commenced raining about 10 a.m. & continued partly all day. A very good rain. Cloudy.

Saturday, September 7

At John Clark's papering till 10 a.m. Took peaches to Southern Market for J. R. Yentzer & attended Market for him with same. Bro Emanuel here in eve & paid me for papering school house: \$18.16. At IORM in eve. Rained partly all night. Damp all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, September 8

At Sunday school & went to the rally where the United Evangelical Church held services & celebrated the Lord's Supper. Rev Smoyer, presiding elder, preached. Text: 2 Kings 2x12 to 14. At preaching p.m. by Rev Gerhard. Text: Joshua 14x14. Went over to C. B. Miller's. Uncle Jacob Zercher of Mt. Joy wanted to see me with regard to coming to Mt. Joy. At home in eve. Pleasant. Clear.

Monday, September 9

Went to Lancaster on business & went to see Buffalo Bill's Wild West seeing I had never seen it before. It is constantly very instructive & worth anyone's while to go to see. Pleasant but warm p.m. Partly clear.

Tuesday, September 10

At school house putting up clock, shelves, etc., & picking peaches, etc., a.m. Papering at John Clark's. Finished p.m. Miss Georgia Jones, our teacher of the grade school & Miss Beckie Carrigan were here a short time this eve. Paid Grant Gardner \$4.00 for hauling. Very warm & sultry. Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Wednesday, September 11

Working in shop a.m. Fixing screen door for

Mrs. John Carrigan & in Shop p.m. Wife out at Caldwell's all day. I don't think I minded the heat all summer as I do these days. Very, very warm. Ther: 97. Partly clear.

Thursday, September 12

Working in shop partly all day. Took the window out of the West Centre Schools that I lettered in West Centre Schools: 1895. Took out the balance of our potatoes this eve. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Received a letter with enclosed transportation to Pittsburgh & return from my friend J. H. L. Very, very warm. Ther: 89. Clear.

Friday, September 13

Putting on roof for Mrs. C. Eby on front of houses all day. Wm Henry helping & Wayne Witmer tended. Got paid for same. Much cooler & stormy. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, September 14

Put up charts & maps at school houses (new) & finished catching pigeons, 20 pairs, for Martin Good, stage driver, who sold them to a party in Lancaster. Cleaned out pigeon house, etc., etc., p.m. At IOOF in eve. Abrm Dentlinger paid me \$10.00 on acct of child's casket. Much cooler. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, September 15

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. Mr. Yentzer & I walked out to Casper Hiller. Saw some very fine grapes. At home in eve. Heavy frost in low places this morning. Very cool all day. Ther: 44. Clear.

Monday, September 16

Went to Lancaster this morning. Attended to some business & to see David Engle with regard to buying out his stock & going into business there. He being very busy, did not have much satisfaction, but would rather sell property along. He will write to me about it.

Took dinner at Fred Sourbeer's & returned on the 12:35. Will have sale of Bruner's property on the 8th of October. Cool. Light rain in eve. Partly cloudy

Tuesday, September 17

Went along with John H. Landis to see some of the folks in town with regard to taking stock in the Pennsylvania Building & Loan Association. We succeeded in getting 15 shares with the promise (I took 10 shares) of several others. The report is out this eve. that we are moving to Mt. Joy. Who raised the report I do not know, but people certainly like to talk. Much warmer, but rather cool. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, September 18

Graining Chairs, etc., p.m. Sent 20 pair of pigeons to Lancaster by stage. M. B. Good, Prop. Rec'd \$5.00 for them. Warm. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, September 19

Working about shop & lot all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Had a pleasant eve. I gave the members of the order a talk with regard to spitting tobacco spit on the floor & keeping the room in condition, as they had it papered & cleaned up in general. Hope it will do some good. I shot 19 sparrows on one shot Friday. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Friday, September 20

In shop, etc., a.m. Helping Bro Emanuel to lay school p.m. Very warm. Ther: 98. Clear.

Saturday, September 21

Working about home, etc., all day. At IOOF in eve. Was one of the appraisers of B. F. Snavely estate & Benj F. Benedict was the other. Total amt. of appraisal, \$461.75. \$390.00 of this was money. Very, very warm all day. Great change from last week. Ther: 102. Clear.

Sunday, September 22

At Sunday school a.m. Did not go to church this after. A. J. Winter & wife here. They had not been to see us for about 12 years. Had thought we would spend the p.m. at home. 1 week ago I was chilly all day with coat & vest on. Today had both off & too warm. Very warm & dry. Ther: 98. Clear.

Monday, September 23

Working about home, etc., all day. The As-We-Co Medicine Co. came to the Hall this morning. Intend staying one week. They gave a free show tonight, giving lots of fun & sold some of their medicines. The papers report a cool wave coming. Warm all day. Ther: 94. Clear.

Tuesday, September 24

In shop, etc., partly all day. Warmer. Partly clear.

Wednesday, September 25

Working in shop partly all day. Heard of the death of Daniel B. Rhineer. His father here & requested me to assist (Mr. Hackman, undertaker) the day of funeral. Pleasant all day.

Thursday, September 26

In shop, etc., partly all day. Pleasant all day. Warmer. Partly clear.

Friday, September 27

Took organ out of Graded school & in shop. Mr. Shiffner & a gentleman representing the Fire Insurance Co of Philadelphia here taking testimony with regard to the Kendig fire at 4:24, a.m. At the funeral of Daniel Rhineer who died in Chester Co & was buried at the M. E. Church. I assisted Mr. Hackman of West Willow by request of Daniel's father. Large funeral. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 28

In shop & up at Mrs. Eby's doing some repair

work, a.m. In shop partly all of p.m. Mr. Ammion, one of the Indian medicine men, got lumber of me to make a chest for himself: \$1.25. At IOOF in eve. The following officers were elected: AG, H. M. Stauffer, VG, Abram Dentlinger, Asst Secy, Philip H. Markley, Treas, Unas Warfel, Trustee, B. F. Hookey, Rps, H. H. Warfel. B. F. Hoakey was defeated for the Rep. Pleasant. Clear.

Sunday, September 29

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home & walked over to see Grandmother, but she was up at Emanuel's visiting. At home in eve. Pleasant. Fine shower this eve. Partly cloudy.

Monday, September 30

Took the So-We-Co Medicine Co to Millersville where they are going to show this week. They are a clever set of folks, a.m. Working in shop, etc. Mr. Bruner, wife, Birdie & Emmie here this eve. We had ice cream, etc., in honor of Charles' 11th birthday. Mr. Thomas Hallow dropped in to see me with regard to raising the body of Jos Tripple & took a plate of cream with. Much cooler. Rather stormy p.m. Clear.

Tuesday, October 1

Went down home this morning. Wife & I took dinner with Mother & supper with Eberleys. Spent a very pleasant day. Returned home about 7:30 p.m. Frost this morning & very cool all day.

Wednesday, October 2

Working in shop partly all day. Cool in morning. Pleasant day. Clear.

Thursday, October 3

Working in shop a.m. At M. E. Cemetery raising body of Jos Tripple & buried it in Rose's lot. He was only buried last winter. At

Jr. OUAM in eve. Pleasant all day. Cool in morning. Ther: 48. Clear.

Friday, October 4

Painting chairs & took chairs over to Mrs. Ella Myers & her mother. Rec'd payment for same. Went over to Armine Myers & measured 2 rooms for papering. I am to furnish paper, etc., a.m. At Bro Emanuel's. Helped him to finish laying School Tax. The committee on by-laws met here this eve & elected me as chairman, Jr. OUAM Pleasant all day. Clear.

Saturday, October 5

Graining Chairs. Got word of the death of Christ Erline infant child. Went out & took charge of body. Working at casket & rough box, etc. Went to Safe Harbor in eve to IOOF This ends my term as Noble Grand. Am now a past Grand. I am well pleased with the order. Clear & cool all day. Clear.

Sunday, October 6

Working at casket. Went to Sunday school. Wm Smith took charge of Missionary Society for me. I had to go to C. Erline's with Dr. Witmer. Opened the child. He found the bowels on the left side very dark as though they had been bruised & some ulceration on the liver. Quite leathery. Charles & Charles Smith took rough box in to St. Jos Cemetery. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: 2 Cor 8+12. Owen Bruner & wife took supper here. Pleasant. Clear.

Monday, October 7

Attending funeral of Christian Erline's child, Eugene H. Aged 5 mo., 11 days. Services at St. Joseph Catholic Church & buried in the same cemetery, Lancaster. Things did not pass off very smoothly. The Priest only spoke about 10 minutes. I opened the casket at the grave for the friends to see the corpse. Brought paper along out for Myers (Amin). In shop

part of p.m. Cool & damp. Very light rain. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 8

Went to Lancaster. Took wife along to see the Sham Battle & brought J. M. Groff, Esq., out for the sale of P. M. Bruner's property. Sold it to H. F. Bruner, Columbia, he leaving 2nd judgement on it. Brought \$17.00. Took Mr. J. M. Groff back to Lancaster. Went to see the Sham Battle. Was not much of a success on account of the people crowding them to much. Brought wife along home. Rain in morning. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, October 9

Working in shop partly all day. Made bed rail for E. J. Kendig: 75 cents. Jacob B. Harnish fetched his chair & we settled up for walnut logs, etc., to date. Very raw, rough wind partly all day. Cold all day. A few snowflakes today. Ther: 39. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, October 10

Working in shop partly all day. Done some repairing for H. S. Beale, etc. Wife out at Beckie's all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Coldest morning of the season. Warmer during the day. Ther: 34. Clear.

Friday, October 11

Working in shop all day. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 12

In shop a.m. In shop & in lot cleaning up, p.m. At IOOF in eve. Edw Duke went along down at the sociable of the Willing Workers after we got back. Was held at Wm Smith's. Had a nice time. Had a nice shower & looks as though we will have more. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, October 13

At home partly all day on account of the inclemency of the weather. This was the first rain for a long time. Raining all day. Cloudy.

Monday, October 14

Working at front fence changes. Large gate, etc., etc. I put in terra cotta pipe to carry off the water from school house culvert on account of washing out my gate where I drive in. Pleasant. Rather stormy. Partly clear.

Tuesday, October 15

Was called up last night at 12:15 on account of the death of Geo H. Tripple at Safe Harbor. H. M. Stauffer here. Took me down & brought me back. Went down this a.m. & embalmed the body by request of family. I did not do it last night. Went to Lancaster & telephoned for Casket, etc. They want it the same as I used for W. W. Tripple. (Funeral on Friday at 10 & 12). Brought another casket out that I had ordered at Tripple's in eve. Things are all right. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, October 16

At Lancaster. Brought out casket for Mr. Tripple & got Mrs. Killheffer to make a shroud for him. Returned at noon. Working in shop. Took rough box to M. E. Church. Trimming casket & at Tripple's in eve. Received the shroud this eve, by stage all right. We had a meeting of the Lodge last eve with regard to attending funeral of Bro Tripple. Decided not to attend in a body. Cold, raw air all day. Heavy frost. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 17

Finished casket. Took stools down to Tripple's a.m. In shop. Ellie & Emma Decker here & took supper with us. Took casket down & put Mr. Tipple in. Mr. Campbell helped. He looks as though he was sleeping. I am certainly pleased with my success in embalming. Cool partly all day. Partly clear.

Friday, October 18

Attending funeral of Geo A. Tripple, aged 69. Rev F. M. Brady preached at house. Rev

Coxson led in prayer. H. S. Beals & Rev Bopar were present & participated. Bearers: Wm Haskel, H. M. Stauffer, Saul Brady, Benj F. Hess, John Wirth & John Warfel, members of firm & employees. 48 carriages. Mr. Yentzer, A. Smith, Dora Smith, Mrs. Yentzer & Martha and Helena Hiller sang. Very long funeral. Beautiful day. Clear.

Saturday, October 19

Working in shop a.m. At H. C. McAllister's repairing, p.m. At IOOF Safe Harbor in eve. Bro Geo A. Tripple was not beneficial in the order. Stormy all day. Partly clear

Sunday, October 20

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Joshua 12+12. Went over to Miller's to see Grandmother, but they had went to Mt. Joy yesterday & had not returned yet, p.m. At home in eve. Heard of the death of Harry Murry of Columbia. Married to J. J. Good's daughter, Amelia. Funeral on Tuesday at Creswell. Cool all day. Ther: 34. Clear.

Monday, October 21

Went to Lancaster with P.M. Bruner and paid shroud at Mrs. Killheffer. Got lock, etc., at Steinmans. Shoes at Landis's, a.m. Fixed hen house. Put clasp on door at front to lock up with on account of thieves being around, etc., p.m. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 22

Went to John G. Clark's to paper all day. Henry Martin helping. Harry Murry was buried today at Creswell. Very large funeral. Would have liked to have been there. Wm Amment hauled coal for me today. Cool & stormy partly all day. Ther: 33. Partly clear.

Wednesday, October 23

Finished papering at John G Clark's a.m. Papering at Annie Myers' p.m. Harry Martin

helping. Wife out at Beckie's helping to boil butter. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 24

Papering at Annie Myers'. Finished at noon. Rec'd payment for same. \$14.00 for paper & work. Harry Martin helped fix cupboard for Ella Myers & took clock along over for Grandmother. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Friday, October 25

In shop & making sauerkraut & cleaning hen house, etc., etc. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 26

Trimming bushes & burned the same, etc., etc., a.m. Attending sale of Isaac McLaughlin, dec'd, personal property & real estate. The latter was up to \$525.00 but was withdrawn. This property should bring at least \$700 or \$800. I bought a small table, 1/2 doz chairs, etc. & his carpet sack also for remembrance. At IORM in eve. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Sunday, October 27

At Sunday school a.m. Mr. Samuel Eby, wife & child of Salunga, & Jacob Omet & wife of Wrightsville spent part of p.m. & took supper with us. The therm was nearly at summer heat. Very pleasant day but very dry. Partly cloudy.

Monday, October 28

At Lancaster. Got things for shop & bought gun for myself. Could hardly afford it, but I ought to have one. Returned home at 3 p.m. In shop balance of the day. Got word at 6:30 of the death of Nathaniel Harnish at A. C. Hershey's. Went over & washed, shaved & embalmed the body. He is a large man & died of dropsey. Nice shower last night. Very pleasant a.m. & very stormy p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 29

Raw wind all day. Real cold in p.m. Went over to Hershey's to look after corpse. Everything all right. Funeral will be on Thursday at 9:30 at home & 1:30 at the Brick Church below Willow Street & in shop a.m. Took rough box away & stopped in to see Uncle John Shock, who has been bedfast for 14 weeks. He looks bad, but seems to be content & says "as the Lord will." A blessed consolation. Got horse shod: \$5.02, paid. Paid H. H. Betts balance due, \$2.15. Rec'd \$12.00 of Mary McLaughlin on account of father. Ther: 34. Partly clear.

Wednesday, October 30

Took stools over to Hershey's for funeral. Corpse looks very nice. Working at coffin partly all day. Mrs. Sourbeer here & took dinner with us. Her & Mrs. Bruner spent the p.m. here. Cold all day. Ther: 32. Clear.

Thursday, October 31

Attending funeral of Nathaniel Harnish, aged 78-10-9. Rev. Abrm Herr. Text: Revelations 14+13. Rev. Elias Groff. Text: 1 Thes 4+13+14. Bearer: David H. Huber, John Huber, Henry Huber & Benj Hess. 40 carriages in procession to Church. Grant Gardner drove. Returned at 5 p.m. & wet almost through, but we're all too glad for rain to complain. A beautiful corpse. I like embalming better every day. Cold raw dip a.m. Raining all of p.m. Very unpleasant, but a much needed rain. Cloudy.

Friday, November 1

Went down to Heller's Church in company with J. R. Yentzer to attend a Sunday School Institute. I feel I was benefited by going. Returned in eve. We took dinner with Bro. J. B. Stauffer. Got corn of Amos Graver today. Rained up to midnight last night. Cool all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, November 2

Went over to A. C. Hershey's in the morning

for stools & cooling board of funeral on Thursday & working in shop, etc., bal of day. At IORM in eve but had no meeting. Went to M. E. Church. The Salvation Army was there. Had a good meeting. Damp & cool. Light snow & rain. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, November 3

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: 1 Cor 10+4, p.m. At home in eve. Very heavy frost & cool all day. Ther: 32. Clear.

Monday, November 4

At Lancaster on business partly all day. Lifted one of P. M. B notes at bank. John H. Landis, my friend, tells me how he will not be a candidate for State Senator this year. Pleasant, cool day. Clear.

Tuesday, November 5

At election partly all day. The smallest vote polled that I can remember of only 178. Rep, 168, Dem, 3, Pro, 7. I can not understand why it is that the voters are so, but it is evident that they have lost all interest & then there are some of our would be leaders here that are always trying to get up reports & the voters become dissatisfied. I bought the right to make Crystal Photos #22. Was at the Teacher's Institution in the eve, at the West End. Damp a.m. Pleasant p.m. Partly cloudy

Wednesday, November 6

Got word of the death of Benj F. Hill child. Went down to see about measure, etc. It only measured 13 1/2 inches long. Very small child. Will be buried tomorrow morning. No funeral. Made coffin, a.m. Went out gunning with M. H. Groff. Was out 4 hours & did not chase up one rabbit. I have not been gunning for several years. I believe & think this will do for a while again. Damp all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, November 7

Went down to B. F. Hill's & buried Dora Margarette Hill, aged 9 days. No services. This was the smallest coffin I have made, a.m. Went out collecting to Safe Harbor, etc., but made a failure of it. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Damp partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, November 8

In shop partly all day. Light rain a.m. Damp p.m. Cloudy.

Saturday, November 9

In shop, etc., partly all day. At a Safe Harbor in eve. Mrs. Geo A. Tripple paid me for her husband's burial. At IOOF Damp & uncomfortably warm. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, November 10

At Sunday school a.m. Went out to John Zercher's with family. Spent p.m. & took supper with them. At home in eve. Light rain a.m. Much cooler all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, November 11

At Lancaster. Had the children. Got suit for Charles & underwear for him & self & shoes for Blanche & Charles. Sent check to A. H. H. to date, Boyertown B.C.C. to date & Harrisburg B.C. Great change in the weather since Saturday. Cold all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, November 12

Working in shop partly all day. Cold all cold. Ther: 28. Clear.

Wednesday, November 13

Working in shop partly all day. Took screen doors off house. Put storm on for M. H. Groff. Cold all day, but beautiful. Fall weather. Ther: 29. Clear.

Thursday, November 14

In shop. Got word of the death of Benj Gochenaur's wife. Went out & embalmed the body. She died of cancer of the left breast &

it reached down under the arm to the backbone & up, there being a few lumps on the neck & face near the left ear. She must have suffered terribly. Funeral on Sunday at 9 at House & 10 at Stone Meeting House. Working at coffin p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Raining & very damp all day & eve. Cloudy.

Friday, November 15

Took stools out to Gochenaur's & looked after the corpse. Everything all right & working at rough box a.m. Finished rough box, lined coffin, painted chairs, etc. A. J. Kauffman, agt. for W. R. F. Werner & Co, undertaker supplies, here. Did not order anything. Raining partly all day. Very damp. Cloudy.

Saturday, November 16

Took rough box out to Stone Church & came by Gochenaur's & looked after corpse. Keeping very nicely, a.m. Working in shop p.m. At Preparatory Services in eve. Preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Rom 9+9-10. Heavy frost this morning. Pleasant during day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, November 17

Attending funeral of Elizabeth Gochenaur, wife of Benj Gochenaur, aged 45-3-4. Rev Abrm Herr. Text: 115 Psalm, 3 verses. Rev. Benj Hertzler. Text: Rev 7+4. Bearers: Martin B. Herr, George Herr, Adam Hess, Michael Charles. 25 carriages. An unusual large funeral. About 700 people at the church, a.m. While at Gochenaur's for dinner I got word of the death of Uncle John Shock. The nearest neighbor to them took charge of body & embalmed same. One thing peculiar to the death of Uncle John Shock was that about 4 weeks ago he told the folks that he would die on his 76th birthday. He lived just 13 hours longer. Funeral on Wednesday at 9 & 10. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Prov 22+6.

Monday, November 18

Went to Lancaster. Got shrouding, Cotton lining, muslin, etc. Came home by way of Shock's. Corpse is keeping very nicely. Working in shop balance of day at rough box, etc. Amos & David Steinman bought Isaac McLaughlin's property today for \$560.00. I wrote the agreement to same. Beautiful day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, November 19

Finished rough box & took it out to Pequea Dunkard Church. Went to see after corpse. All right, a.m. Lined coffin & finished the same. Got wagon fixed, etc. Beautiful day. Very warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, November 20

Attending funeral of John Shock, aged 76-7-1. Rev Simon Graybill read 35 verses of the 3rd chap of Jeremiah. Rev C. B. Miller spoke from Philippians 1+21. Rev Geo Seitz from Rev 14+13. Bearers: Benj Conrad, Abrm & Noah Hess, Aaron Shultz & Jacob Warfel. 13 carriages, a.m. Met a great many of my relatives & friends there. Some that I had not seen for a number of years. Brought stools this eve. for Noah Hess when we has dinner. Rain part of a.m. Little snow & much more cold. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, November 21

About home all day. Harry Eberley, wife & daughter Lizzie here, it being my wife's birthday. Also Harry Eberley & his daughters & wife had a dinner here in honor of the three. Harry 38 years. My wife 36 & Lizzie 8. We spent a very pleasant day together, after which we took supper & they started for home. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cold all day. Extreme change from Tues. Ther: 24. Partly clear.

Friday, November 22

At funeral of John Campbell, member of IOOF

Safe Harbor in his 80th year. Large funeral. We attended in a body by request & returned to house for dinner. A. F. Martin & I went together. He was buried at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church. Rev Kore preached, a.m. Put vinegar in cellar, etc., p.m. Cold all day. Ther: 30. Partly clear.

Saturday, November 23

Working in shop graining Chairs, etc., a.m. In shop & put floor in one pen of chicken house, p.m. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, November 24

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to see Grandmother this p.m. She is well & always glad to see me. Mr. Yentzer & wife spent the evening with us. Damp & some rain. Partly cloudy.

Monday, November 25

Butchering at Maris H. Groff's. Drove our hog out there & did all the work there. Weighed 305. I helped. I thought it would save the wife & be about as cheap as we did not need to make any preparations. Varnished 1/2 doz. chairs for John Z. Wade. Damp and raining all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, November 26

Working at Assessor's Book for F. H. Flinchbaugh all day. He is behind with his work & must have help. Raining partly all day. Warm. Cloudy.

Wednesday, November 27

Working for Flinchbaugh at assessment partly all day. Cleaned out garden. Pleasant but very damp under foot. Partly clear.

Thursday, November 28

A. F. Martin & I went gunning this morning & did not get anything a.m. About home p.m. Keeping holiday Thanksgiving Day. Mrs.

Bortzfield & Mrs. Merry here for supper. Very nice day. Clear.

Friday, November 29

Making fence between J. R. Yentzer's lot & ours. We worked together & reset the whole of the fence. I furnished a board for the whole length of the fence to keep our chickens out of his lot on account of his berries, etc. Benj G. Markley took the manure away & fetched some straw here. Only a small lot. Will bring more in a day or two. Filling out assessment in eve. A very beautiful day. Clear.

Saturday, November 30

Working at assessment partly all day. J. R. Yentzer had horse to get to market this p.m. Mrs. Polly Sourbeer & Old Mrs. Gall spent p.m. here & took supper with us. I went to Safe Harbor in eve. to the IOOF Paid 50 cents funeral dues for Bro John Campbell. Very nice day but looks as though it was getting ready to snow. Partly clear.

Sunday, December 1

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting. Afterwards the most interesting meeting we have had for some time, a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Gen 18+17-19. They took supper with us, himself, Martha & William, p.m. Spent the evening up at P. M. Bruner's. Very heavy frost. Pleasant day but cooler. Ther: 31. Partly clear.

Monday, December 2

At Lancaster. Paid \$27.11 note at bank. Mr. Bruner went along in. Returned about 3:30 p.m. He was to be juryman this week. Was excused. Raining a.m. & part of p.m.

Tuesday, December 3

Working at the assessment partly all day for Flinchbaugh. Got out at Beckie's helping to

butcher. They killed 2 hogs. Weighed 725 lb. Much cooler all day. Clear.

Wednesday, December 4

Fred Flinchbaugh here a.m. & part of p.m. We finished up the assessment book & he will make his return tomorrow. Much colder. The coldest morning this fall. Ther: 20. Clear.

Thursday, December 5

Working at barn in morning. John Wade spent a.m. & part of p.m. Took dinner with us. I had not seen him for about 30 years. Often thought of him & was very glad to see him once again. He used to live at Grand Pa Zercher's when I was a small boy there. Mrs. Myers & Fralich were here this p.m. a while. H. H. Harnish paid me for Nath. Harnish's coffin. At Jr. OUAM eve. Ther: 24. Partly clear.

Friday, December 6

Working in shop partly all day. At the Reformed Church in Eve. Mrs. Bailey of Staten Island, formerly of Wisconsin, gave a lecture on Prohibition. She is certainly a good speaker. Had a good audience. Alpha Eberly, niece of mine, spent the day with us. Cold all day. Ther: 23. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, December 7

Working in shop a.m. Got stripping of Fred Shoff for barn. Fixed front of stable in farm to make it warmer. I think it will do very much better. At IORM in eve. Miss Jones, our teacher & Wilber Hookey, one of Charles' school mates, spent the eve here popping corn, making taffee, etc. Had a pleasant eve together. Damp, cold air all day. Ther: 28. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, December 8

Took Alpha Eberly home. Took dinner with Harry's, then went over to Mother's & spent several hours. Took supper there & returned home about 6:30 p.m. Cold all day. Rain &

snow p.m. & eve. The ground is white. Cloudy.

Monday, December 9

At Lancaster. Saw N.F.B. about store property & offered him \$22 for same. Wants to study one week & got things for family, a.m. Returned home at 1 p.m. Working about home & shop balance of day. Cold & damp all day. Light snow. But could track rabbit. Cloudy.

Tuesday, December 10

Working in shop partly all day painting, varnishing, etc. Cold all day. Ther: 21. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, December 11

Butchering at Maris H. Groff. Drove our hog out there & did all the work there. Weighed 233. I helped same as before on account of saving wife. Took Mr. Groff & I all day (party). This finishes out butchering for this winter. Not feeling very well this eve. Cold all day. I think we will have snow. Ther: 22. Partly clear.

Thursday, December 12

Not doing much today. Had a severe attack of colic last night & am not feeling well at all today. I think it comes from painting on Tuesday. At home in eve. Cold & snowing from the East this morning. Pleasanter p.m. Ther: 24. Partly cloudy.

Friday, December 13

Not working much today. Am still not over my spell of colic. It lasts longer than at any time yet. Went over to see Grandmother, p.m. The coldest day thus far. Ther: 11. Partly clear.

Saturday, December 14

Not doing much. Mr. Zimmerman, agt for our church paper, the Messenger, was here. I went along with him to see some of the

families, a.m. Cleaning out stables, hen house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Much pleasanter day. Ther: 12. Partly clear.

Sunday, December 15

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: Joel 2+30-31-32. This was his 1st Anniversary sermon. He preached a powerful sermon & may it be the means of drawing you closer to God is my prayer. Amos Graves & wife spent the balance of p.m. with us & took supper & spent the eve. Cool, raw air all day. Ther: 26. Partly clear.

Monday, December 16

At Lancaster. Saw H. F. B. about property. He will not sell it as long as his brother wishes to remain. So that settles the matter for the present, a.m. At Willow Street & stopped at lunch at Abrm M. Hess's & bought 1/2 ton hay to be delivered tomorrow. He also gave me his note for 60 days for John Shock's coffin, etc., \$25.00 so that I can get the money. At home in eve. Pleasant day. Ther: 28. Clear.

Tuesday, December 17

Not doing much this a.m. Had an attack of colic last night again laying state & county for F. H. Flinchbaugh p.m. Got the hay this p.m. 1065 lb. @ 10 = \$7.45. Working at tax this eve. Pleasant all day. Rather cool. Ther: 24. Partly clear.

Wednesday, December 18

Working at assessment & a little in shop. At church in eve. The United Evangelicals had preaching in our church by their Bishop, Dubbs. Text: Mark 15+21. He preached well & told some mighty truths. Pleasant day. Rather damp. Ther: 34. Clear.

Thursday, December 19

In shop & took chairs out to John Z. Wade

that I repainted, a.m. In shop. Got word of the death of Adam Brady (shoemaker). Went out & washed & shaved him, etc. He died of apoplexy after lingering about a week, this being the third stroke within about a year. Funeral on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Reformed Church & bury there. Wife & Mrs. Bortzfield at Lancaster all day. Very much like spring. Partly clear.

Friday, December 20

In shop. Made rough box for Adam Brady, a.m. Took it out to Reformed burying ground & stools out to Henry Martin for the funeral tomorrow. Helped to resurrect a Mrs. Leidy who was buried where Adam Brady wished to be laid. His only request was "Bury me by the side of my mother." Lining coffin, etc., p.m. Regular spring weather. Very pleasant. Partly clear.

Saturday, December 21

Took coffin out & put corpse in & took it from shop where he lay over in H. Martin's parlor where the funeral will take place this p.m. at 2. Mrs. Martin made the remark that if any of their family were to die, they would have them in the parlor, too. At funeral of Adam Brady, aged 73+4+5. Rev H. S. Beals preached. Text: Matt 25+13. Bearers: H. B. Thomas, M. B. Foutz, A. R. Caldwell, Amos Fralich. A collection was taken to defray the expense. My bill is \$7.00. Bro Fred Brady thought I should have more money, but I am satisfied. Warm. Light rain p.m. Rain in eve. Cloudy.

Sunday, December 22

At Sunday school. The election of officers was held with the following results. Supt., J. R. Yentzer. Asst.: Wm C. Smith. Secy.: June Carrigan. Treasurer: A. J. Zercher, a.m. At funeral of Benj F. Daily. Buried at M. E. Church from Lancaster. Rev Kore preached. Large funeral, p.m. Spent the eve, self &

family, up at Mr. Bruner's. Cool & damp all day. Partly clear.

Monday, December 23

At Lancaster partly all day. Bought gum boots, etc., for Charles, gum shoes (clothes, etc), for Blanche & dress goods for wife for Christmas presents. Ordered candles & bananas for Sunday school & got oysters for ourselves for Christmas. Pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 24

In shop. Cleaned hen house. Got my calendars for 96 of Dr. I. M. Witmer, a.m. Opened the oysters for tomorrow & went over to Miller's & took calendars over for them & Grandmother. Got 1 gal of cider (sweet) of Uncle Christ for a Christmas present. At store in eve. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, December 25

The children were very well pleased with their presents & the wife, too & we are all happy. I distributed my calendars from our place West through the town, putting one to each house, a.m. Charles took them to the East End this p.m. I was about done all of p.m. & eve. M. H. Groff here in eve. Very damp this morning, but very pleasant p.m. Dandelions in blossom. Ther: 60. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, December 26

Working in shop partly all day. Put up hanging lamp for Mrs. Benj F. Hill. Wife & children went over to Owen's to spend the day at Rock Hill. At Jr. OUAM & at church in eve. M. H. Groff got my stools for to use at a banquet of the Masons tomorrow eve. Rained very heavy & stormed this eve. Cooler & damp partly all day. Cloudy.

Friday, December 27

Got word of the death of Adam Focht & wife.

She died yesterday about 3:30 p.m. & I only got word this morning about 5 a.m. & the funeral is to be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. Worked hard all day. Made the coffin & case & sent the case to the old Mennonite Church at Letort at 5 p.m. Will have to work partly all night to get ready. Much cooler. Ther: 32. Clear.

Saturday, December 28

Attending funeral of Rebecca Focht, aged 78-1-5. Rev Abrm Witmer preached. Text: Matt 24-44. Bearers: Andrew Brunner, Benj Lawyer, A. B. Weigand, M. G. Kneisley. 7 carriages. Services at Letort Masonville O. M. Church. Brought stools home in hearse. At IORM in eve. Cool, raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, December 29

At Sunday school. Treated the children to 1/2 pound good candy & 2 bananas, a.m. We held our Christmas services this p.m. At home in eve. Martin B. Good & Pharis spent the eve with us. Snowed a little last night. Cool & rather damp all day. Partly clear.

Monday, December 30

Went to Lancaster on business. Got hardware for shop. Paid, etc. Wm C. Smith went along & came back again. Returned about 4:30 p.m. I was at the sheriff sale of Kirk Johnson Musical Instrument store, etc. Smith bought partly all. J. Hay Brown & Chas I. Landis. Damp all day. Raining heavy partly all of p.m. Cloudy.

Tuesday, December 31

Working in shop. Filed 2 saws for Grant Gardner & sawing out coffin bottoms, a.m. Helped F. H. Flinchbaugh ascension to make out tax notices, p.m. & eve. Much colder. Ice all day. Clear.

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Another year is numbered with the past & we as a family have great reason to thank God for the great blessings that we have enjoyed, having had health & reasonable amount of work, yet not what we would like to have, but had a very good year considering the scope of country I have to go on & the way lines are & as a nation we are blessed. Others have had wars & our prayer is that God may continue his Blessings on us all & May we love and serve Him better, amen.

