

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Wednesday, January 1

In shop in morning. Filed saw for M. M. Bortzfield. Helped Flinchbaugh at his tax notices balance of day. Cool, raw air all day. Few flakes of snow. Ther: 28. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, January 2

In shop. Filed saw for M. H. Groff & working at coffins, a.m. Went over to Uncle C. B. Miller's & filled 2 chaff bags with straw. He did not charge me anything for it, p.m. Aunt Lizzie has the sciatic rheumatism. Not able to do anything. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Deputy Councilor, William Gundaker installed the officers for us. Had a good meeting. Will hold a newbie meeting on the 16th. Cool all day. Ther: 26. Partly clear.

Friday, January 3

Working in shop partly all day. Helped Flinchbaugh to fill out his Militia roll for Tuesday next. I have a bad cold. Stormy all day. Getting cold. Ther: 28. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 4

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. The therm was not above 16 at any time today. Got 128 lb. beef of D. B. Foutz to salt & dry. Cold & stormy all day. Getting colder. Ther: 10. Partly clear.

Sunday, January 5

At Sunday school & Missionary. The following were elected officers of the Missionary Society: Pres.: Charles Smith. V.P.: A. J. Zercher. Secy.: Beckie Carrigan. Treas.: J. R. Yentzer. Solicitor: Mrs. Kate Smith, Mrs. Martha Zercher & Miss Ella Good, a.m. Went out to MES. Preaching by Rev Beals. Text: Matt 6+10, p.m. Wm Caldwell here in eve.

Very cold all day. Therm not above 14 all day. Ther: 7. Partly clear.

Monday, January 6

Went to Lancaster this morning. Traded buggy on ready mixed paint with Shroder Smith & Shroder. Returned home 4 p.m. At J. R. Yentzer in eve. Settled up with Sunday school accounts. Rec'd during year \$43.95. Expended during year \$33.00. Bal. in my hand as Treas, \$10.95. Cold all day. Moderating. Snow. Ther: 8. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, January 7

Hanging up pork & pot smoking, etc., a.m. Working in shop p.m. Beckie Kendig here serving for wife & Delilah Bruner helping all day. Very raw, chilly air all day. Ther: 18. Cloudy.

Wednesday, January 8

Not doing much today. Am not well at all. Beckie Kendig here serving all day. The folks started hauling ice today. Rather cold all day. Ther: 17. Clear.

Thursday, January 9

Working in shop partly. Feel some better. Beckie Kendig finished serving this a.m. Kendig & Groff are busy hauling ice. At Jr. QUAM. in eve. Wife & children went up home to spend the eve. Filed 2 saws for M. H. Groff, 30 cents. Raw air. Moderating. Trying to snow. Ther: 23. Partly cloudy.

Friday, January 10

Working about house, salting meat, etc., a.m. Working in shop p.m. Got 10 bus shelled corn of Jacob Graver. Raw air, but pleasanter. Ther: 25. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, January 11

Working in shop partly all day. At Safe Harbor at IOOF in eve. J. R. Yentzer gave an entertainment for the benefit of the AOK of MC as they bought the Graded school house

& converted the lower room into a public hall. None of the family attended. Raw, cold air all day. Ther: 25. Partly clear.

Sunday, January 12

At Sunday school. Made my report as treasurer. Rec'd during year, \$43.95. Expenses, \$33.00. Balance on hand, \$10.95, a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text: St. Luke 2+40, p.m. Went out to Wm Caldwell's to spend the eve with family. Very pleasant day. Warmer. Partly clear.

Monday, January 13

At Lancaster partly all day. Traded trotting wagon to Shroder Smith & Shroder on mixed paint & got the agency for same for Mr. Bruner. Got things for shop. Telegraphed W. F. Bruner, Philadelphia, of the death of Mrs. Pennypacker. Funeral on Wednesday. Raw air all day. Ther: 23. Partly clear.

Tuesday, January 14

Working in shop all day. Cold all day. Getting colder. Ther: 24. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, January 15

Working in shop & went to funeral of Philena Pennypacker, aged 82 years, 5 mo., 28 d. Rev. Gerhard preached. Text: 23 Psalm, 6 verse. J. J. Good, D. H. Miller, Amos R. Benedict, Anna Graver bearers. Mr. Fralich of Mountville had the funeral, but took charge here, a.m. M. Benedict & I visited the Graded & Primary school at West End. Pretty well pleased with them. Took Mrs. W. F. Bruner & B. Martin to Millersville. Cold all day. Ther: 24. Partly clear.

Thursday, January 16

Went over to Willow Street after Dr. Gatchel for to meet Dr. Witmer at Geo Rathfon's. He is sick, a.m. Working in shop p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. A number of Jr. Council present after which there was a public meeting held in the Hall. Speakers: H. R. Fulton, Wm Gundaker,

Past State Councilor who spoke on the principles of the order. Wife at Book's. Cold all day. Ther: 20. Partly clear.

Friday, January 17

Went over to Rock Hill, etc., a.m. In shop p.m. Moderating. Raw air. Partly clear.

Saturday, January 18

Working in shop a.m. Cleaned hen house, etc. Aunt Barbara & cousin Lizzie Hess spent p.m. here. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day all day. Quite spring like. Clear.

Sunday, January 19

At Sunday school a.m. At Grandmother's & Uncle Christ Miller's p.m. At home in eve. Snowing slowly partly all day. Looks as though it would turn to rain. Cloudy.

Monday, January 20

At Lancaster. Edw Duke went along & returned. Got home about 3 p.m. Snow this morning that rabbit could be tracked. Moderating. Cloudy.

Tuesday, January 21

Working in shop all day. Moderating. Damp partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, January 22

Working in shop partly all day. Took A. F. Martin to Safe Harbor. He paid \$1.00. Over to Benj Lawyer for the IOOF on acct of the IORM loan in eve. Damp all day. Not cold. Cloudy.

Thursday, January 23

Working in shop all day. Much warmer. Raining partly all of p.m. & heavy in eve. Partly cloudy.

Friday, January 24

Working in shop all day. Rained best part of night & raining partly all day. Frost coming out. Cloudy.

Saturday, January 25

Working in shop & cleaning hen house, etc., a.m. Attending the primary election. I organized the meeting. The regular election board served with the exception of Bro Emanuel. I took his place as clerk. Following was the ticket & votes received. Judge 87 votes polled. Jacob Henry, 258. Inspector: Jacob Morrison, 162, J. B. Urban, 33, Val Kneisley, 80. Supervisor: A. R. Benedict, 192, Mich Lefever, 60, H. H. Warfel, 110, W. C. Bowers, 155, D. B. Warfel, 12. School Director: E. H. Zercher, 148, Fred Shoff, 214, Amos Warfel, 134. Constable: Ed Duke, 246. Auditor: Andrew Good, 248. Town Clerk: Theo Jones, 251. Pleasant day. Muddy. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, January 26

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Rom 1+17. Ida Good was received into the church by baptism & confirmation & Amelia Good Terry's infant was baptized. At home in eve. Wife & children up at home & her & Delilah went out to see Mrs. Jacob Bitts. Damp all day. Getting cooler. Partly cloudy.

Monday, January 27

Working in shop all day. Sent Building & Loan recpts to Lancaster with H. H. Kurtz & the Certificate of Nomination of Saturday. I gave my team to him & John Wade. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, January 28

Got word last night at 12 of the death of Geo Rathfon. Went up & shaved & washed him. Went up this morning & embalmed the body. Funeral on Thursday at 2 at House & 2:30 at church at New Danville New Mennonite. Working in shop all day at coffin & rough box. Beautiful day. Clear.

Wednesday, January 29

Working in shop. Took rough box out to New

Danville & stools up to house, a.m. In shop p.m. Took coffin up & put corpse in this eve. He looks very natural. Mrs. McLaughlin made the shroud. The family are very much pleased with everything. Beautiful day. Very much like spring. Clear.

Thursday, January 30

Attending funeral of George Rathfon, aged 78-11-25. Rev. Hershe preached. Text: 2 Timothy 4x7. Bearers: A. T. Buckwalter, Amos Herr, John Allen, Elmer Trout, David Harnish, Martin Musser. 25 carriages. Very large funeral. He looked just as he did in life. Very natural. He had a walnut coffin. 6 [Oxeddred] handles. \$2.00. Beautiful weather a.m. Partly cloudy p.m. Partly clear.

Friday, January 31

Went to Rathfon's & changed some beds. Brought stools home & working in shop, etc. Albert Smith got team to go to an entertainment at Stephen's School House, Manor Twp & going up along the creek near Rock Hill they upset & broke the carriage. Damp partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, February 1

Working in shop a.m. In shop & cleaned hen house, etc. Albert Smith brought the carriage over to Amos Martin to have it repaired. Mrs. Rathfon sent word for me to come up & paid me for burying her husband. She is very well pleased with my work. At IORM in eve. Damp partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, February 2

An order for block of ? was drawn. At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. The children & I walked over to Grandmother & Miller's p.m. At home in eve. Mr. Bruner & family here to spend the eve. & Wm Caldwell here. Damp, cool air all day. Partly clear.

Monday, February 3

At Lancaster by stage. Got things for shop,

etc. Paid Wm Caldwell's note of \$40.00 at A.A.B. for him. My wife & Mr. Bruner & wife went to the funeral of John Heiser at Lexington. Funeral tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Word was left at home of the death of Frank Campbell child at Safe Harbor. Went down in eve. Funeral on Wednesday at house. Raining a.m. Snowing p.m. Very unpleasant all day. Roads getting bad. Cloudy.

Tuesday, February 4

Working in shop at coffin a.m. Went to Fred Shoff Sale with Wm Caldwell. He wanted to buy a cow but could not suit himself. Working in shop this eve. Wife came home from funeral this eve. Not very well. Bought 1 bus wheat at Shoff's Mill, 70 cents. Paid for same. The first sleighs of the season appeared today, but very colder. Snowing partly all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, February 5

Working in shop. Finished coffin, etc., a.m. Attended funeral of John Augustus, infant son of Frank Campbell, aged 1 mo. & 14 days. Rev. Tobias Finnefrock spoke at House in a general way. No text. Buried at O. M. Church, River Corner. Writing out by laws for Jr. OUAM in eve. Set one hen today. Raw, damp air. Very bad roads.

Thursday, February 6

Finished writing by laws for our council, etc, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Rained partly all last night & very heavy partly all day. Thunder gust this noon. Real heavy thunder. Not cold. Snow partly all gone. Cloudy.

Friday, February 7

Working in shop partly all day. The weather vein on the new school building here blew off last night, breaking in several pieces & cutting several holes in the tin roof. Just as I prophesied as it was entirely too heavy for

the height. Getting colder. Very heavy storm last night. Great change from yesterday. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 8

Working in shop a.m. & part of p.m. Cleaning hen house, horse stable, etc. H. W. Hess here this eve .to see about furniture. Will bring his wife up to see & what I do not have I am to buy for them at Lancaster. Paid him \$6.46 for hay received from Adam Hess. Cool, damp air all day. Snowing in eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, February 9

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Matt 8+13, Luke 7+14. About ? inches of snow this morning. Light rain a.m. Stormy & colder p.m. Partly cloudy.

Monday, February 10

At Lancaster attending a meeting of the County Committee. We set March 21st for the county primary. Brought things along for shop, etc. P. C. Hiller along in & out. Took Mr. Bruner's deed along into Mr. Groff, Esq. to have a new one made for H. F. Bruner. Getting colder. Bad roads. Partly clear.

Tuesday, February 11

Working in shop partly all day. Graining, varnishing, etc. Much colder & increasing. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, February 12

Working in shop partly all day. Wife & I went over to Owen's. He had a supper, it being his birthday. Large number of folks there & a fine supper. Cool all day. Ther: 24. Clear.

Thursday, February 13

In shop, etc., all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Snowed this morning. Turned to rain & rained partly all day. Cold rain. Cloudy.

Friday, February 14

Working in shop a.m. At the sale of Henry

Conrad on Willow Street Pike with Wm Caldwell p.m. Got tools & contents of shop where I work insured & got the policy this eve. Rec'd the By Laws of Jr. OUAM this eve. that I sent off a week ago. Abrm Warfel should have had it done 3 mos. ago, but neglected it. Raw wind all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 15

In shop a.m. In shop & cleaning hen house, etc. Saml Henry brought his rocker away from shop but did not pay for it., p.m. At IORM & at concert in the Hall for the benefit of the band. Mrs. M. M. Bortzfield used home for her parents & her children. Charles had went along with John & Flora over on a visit & Mrs. Bortzfield sent the team home with him. She walked home in p.m. I feel sorry for Mart. Fine weather. Partly clear.

Sunday, February 16

At Sunday school & prayer meeting. The children missed Sunday school. I think they are both getting the mumps, a.m. About home p.m. Harry Martin & Wife here this eve. They told us that their daughter, Bertha, is getting married next Tuesday to Harry Long, a Roman Catholic. I feel sorry for them & her. Snowing a.m. & much colder & getting still colder. Partly cloudy.

Monday, February 17

At Lancaster. Took Mrs. Geo Rathfon in to her daughter, Mrs. Hostetter, 143 N. Shippen St. Brought things out for shop. Very cold all day. Coldest day of the year thus far. Ther: zero. Clear.

Tuesday, February 18

Clerking at township election all day. The following were elected. Total vote polled, 139. Judge: Jacob Henry, 133. Inspector: Jacob W. Momson, 85, J. B. Urban, 26. Constable: Ed Duke, 127. School Director: E. H. Zercher, 125, Fred Shoff, 125. Supervisor:

Amos R. Benedict, 128, W. C. Bowers, 131. Town Clerk: Theo Jones, 129. Auditor: Andrew Good, 128. Cold all day. Few flakes snow p.m. Ther: 5. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, February 19

Took picture figure to Harry Martin's & at Jos M. Kreider doing some work, a.m. Went over to C. B. Miller & helped at chicken house p.m. Snowed part of the p.m. & getting much colder. Stormy & rough. Ther: 24. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, February 20

About home & went over to C. B. Miller's about 10 a.m. & worked at chicken house balance of day. It is certainly cold to work out, especially when you are used to working in a warm shop. Finished for just now. At OUAM in eve. Stormy. Very cold all day. Ther: 7. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 21

Working in shop partly all day. We heard that Mrs. Bortzfield & children came to Mart last eve. I hope it will result in good. Very stormy & cold all day. Ther: 11. Partly clear.

Saturday, February 22

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. Cold. Not so stormy a.m. Moderating p.m. Ther: 13. Partly clear.

Sunday, February 23

At Sunday school a.m. & at preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: St. John 10+24, p.m. Peter Bruner & family here from Gap & took supper with us. At song service in eve. I read the 6 Psalm for a Servant Use Lesson. We expected to hold them every 4 weeks. Beautiful a.m. Rather damp p.m. & bitter rain in eve. Ther: 36. Partly cloudy.

Monday, February 24

Went to Lancaster in morning. Took

bookcase doors along in to have shaped. Gave an adv to Mr. Roy for in Ezra Good's hotel register, Marticville, \$2.00. Brought poplar & doors for case (book) along out. Rob Evan's Father of the Fountain Inn Hotel skipped last night with about \$90.00 of money. Warm all day. Cooler in eve. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, February 25

Working in shop all day. Milton Heidlebaugh, candidate for assembly, here to see me. Getting colder & stormy all day. A little snow storm. Ther: 26. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, February 26

Working in shop all day. Grant Gardner hauled 1 ton of coal from A. G. Hudson. Cold, damp air all day. Light snow this eve. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, February 27

Working in shop a.m. Went along with P. M. Bruner to Mt. Nebo to appraise damages caused by fire of S. C. Stevenson Shop to John F. Brubaker house. Damages, \$10.00. Went from there to Oscar Erb's Sale, p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. F. H. Sickmans was admitted by card. Beautiful day. Ther: 36. Partly cloudy.

Friday, February 28

Working in shop all day. Cleaned hen house & stable in eve. Regular spring weather. Commenced rain this eve. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, February 29

Took Mrs. Mary Hatter to Safe Harbor to meet the train for Baltimore. She had been at her aunt, Mrs. Barbara Rathfon, a.m. About home. Wrote deed for Amos & David Stevenson for the Isaac McLaughlin property, etc., p.m. At Graded school entertainment in the eve. Mrs. Georgia Jones, teacher. I had charge of the door for her. Rained heavy last

night & part of a.m. Very muddy roads. Cloudy.

Sunday, March 1

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At home p.m. Wife & children went over to Grandmother's & Miller's to spend the p.m. Changeable. Getting colder. Rather stormy. Partly cloudy.

Monday, March 2

At Lancaster by stage. Paid B&S & got things for shop & attended a meeting of the Co.-Committee. A resolution was passed to assess the candidate via prothonotary: \$25 Register, \$15 Sheriff, \$25 Treas, Clerk of Guest Session \$25, Orphan Court \$15, Prison Keeper \$10, Coroner \$10, Co Commissioners \$10, Congress \$25, Senator \$10, Assembly \$5, Delegates to I.C. \$5. Also the people to vote their choice for President. Cold & stormy. Very stormy p.m.

Tuesday, March 3

Working in shop a.m. In shop & at J. H. Shank's Sale, p.m. At home in eve. Wm Caldwell, Owen & Raymond here. Very high wind all night. Geo Herr's barn burned down near Baumgardner's Station. 19 head of cattle & all contents, etc., except the horses on Monday between 4 & 5 a.m. Cause not known. Very stormy & cold. Ther: 21. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 4

Working in shop a.m. Delivered furniture to H. W. Hess & bedstead to A. F. Martin, p.m. Jacob Omet came here this eve. & stayed overnight. Stormy all day & cold. Ther: 19. Partly clear.

Thursday, March 5

Working in shop a.m. Went along with Wm Caldwell to John Long's Sale. He bought a cow for \$40.00, cr of sale 6 month. I went on

his note to Lanc Co Bank, p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Blanche not in school on acct. of sore throat. Stormy all day but ceased in eve. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Friday, March 6

Working in shop a.m. Went over to C. B. Miller's & put tar paper on chick house. Blanche & Charles not in school today on acct. of sore throat. Miss Jones, their teacher, spent part of the eve here. Moderating. Not nearly so cold. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, March 7

About home all day. At entertainment of the White Ribbon Quartette. Stormy & colder. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, March 8

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: St. Luke 11+1, p.m. Albert Charles & Wife took supper with us & spent a few hours. At preaching in eve. by same. Text: St. Luke 7+5. The Jufonur Lady was not with us on account of sickness. Stormy & cold all day. Partly clear.

Monday, March 9

At Lancaster. P. C. Hiller went along in. Benj F. Trissler, David B. Warfel, John Wade & Geo B. Eckman were arrested today for horse stealing & malicious mischief, preferred by H. H. Bitts & B. Frank Bitts. They are charged with taking 2 horses from the stable & killing them. I bailed Eckman for his appearance on Wednesday next at 10 a.m. with Alders Halbaugh for a hearing. I do not believe any of them are guilty. Very stormy all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, March 10

About home all day. Fixed chair for Uncle Abrm M. Hess. Martin Good brought some to shop to repair. It is in the papers this eve.

with regard to the horse killing. Damp, raw east wind. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, March 11

Went to Lancaster. Geo Eckman went along. The hearing of Benj F. Trissler, David B. Warfel, John Wade, & Geo Eckman, charged with horse stealing & malicious mischief was postponed till next Wednesday at 1 o'clock p.m. Bitts has J. Hay Brown & Thomas Whitson for attorney & the others have Benj F. Davis. Brought chair turnings along out for the shop. Snowing all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, March 12

Working in shop partly all day. The heaviest snow of the season. About 8 or 9 in deep this morning. Stormy & getting colder. Cloudy.

Friday, March 13

Working in shop partly all day. The supervision of shoveling snow at some places. Cold all day. Ther: 13. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 14

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. First nomination night Sachem: _. S.S.: Ed Duke. J.S.: B. F. Trissler. C of R: R. J. Zercher & B. F. Hookey. Asst K of W: A. F. Martin. Trustee: A. F. Martin. Janitor: Jacob Henry. Cold, raw air all day. Ther: 12. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, March 15

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At home p.m. Snowing partly all day. Cloudy.

Monday, March 16

At Lancaster all day. At Co.-Committee meeting a.m. Got suit for Charles, hat for self, cashmere, etc., for shop. Went in with stage. Very unpleasant all day. Snowing a.m. Raining p.m. Cloudy.

Tuesday, March 17

Working in shop all day. Pleasant day. Snow melting. Clear.

Wednesday, March 18

Working in shop a.m. At John G. Clark's sale p.m. Went over with Harry Bruner in sleigh. Good sleighing but snow is going fast. Beautiful day over head. Partly clear.

Thursday, March 19

Working in shop, etc., all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. We got over by laws this eve. & well pleased. Wonderful how the snow went today. Raining heavy partly all a.m. & part of p.m. Cloudy.

Friday, March 20

About home, etc., all day. Changeable. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 21

Working in shop a.m. Attending Republican Primary (County) p.m. Very large vote polled (338). Policies make queer things happen. I do not see how some people who want to be very honorable can do the things they do. At IORM in eve. Pleasant day.

Sunday, March 22

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: St. John 6x9&10. Mr. Gerhard & Miss Georgia Jones took supper with us. Light rain a.m. Changeable p.m. Partly cloudy.

Monday, March 23

Went to Lancaster. Took wife & Mary Bruner along. I am certainly pleased with the result of Saturday's primary. Candidate on Quay faction was nominated. The Combine did not get a solitary one in the County. At Rev. Gerhard's attending a consistory meeting & I was elected to delegate to classes. Snowing partly all day. Colder. Ther: 20. Cloudy.

Tuesday, March 24

Working in shop a.m. Hauled cottage suit for Mrs. Myers (widow), etc., p.m. About 5 inches of snow fell yesterday. Very loose &

melted very fast today. Cold, raw air all day. Ther: 10. Partly clear.

Wednesday, March 25

Working in shop a.m. Hauled a load of furniture for Mrs. Myers, p.m. & in shop & took bedstead over to Mary Ressler, Marticville for Wm Gainer's daughter. Pleasant. Snow going fast. Partly clear.

Thursday, March 26

Hauled a load of household goods for Mrs. Myers this a.m. She moved from the old Myers' farm to John W. Urban's house, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Pleasant but raw day. Partly clear.

Friday, March 27

Working in shop & hanging blinds for Mrs. Myers a.m. In shop p.m. Much colder. Ther: 22. Partly clear.

Saturday, March 28

Took desk & book case out to Henry Shenk near Steinman's Powder House, a.m. In shop p.m. At IORM in eve. The following officers were elected: S: J.S.B.: S.S.: M.M. B: J.S._. C of R: A.J.Z. Asst C of R: _ : KW: A.F.M. Rep. J.T.H. Trustee: H.W.H. Janitor: J. Henry. Good attendance. I was elected C of R. B. F. Hookey being defeated after serving up in 20 years & can blame no one but himself. Raw air all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, March 29

At home. No Sunday school on account of rain, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother, Charles & I, p.m. At song service at church in eve. Raining partly all of a.m. Warmer p.m. Partly cloudy.

Monday, March 30

At Lancaster by stage. A. C. Bruner paid Valentine Good \$550. His claim against P. M. Bruner's assigned est. I paid bill at Steinman

& Co.: \$10.01. Bought things for house. Paid B. F. Trissler \$2.53 in full this eve. Got 2 teeth pulled today. Rain a.m. Very pleasant & spring like p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, March 31

Working in shop & hauled cottage suit for Saml Rankin. He moved from I. McAllister farm to Mrs. Perkins' place at Safe Harbor, a.m. At home, etc., p.m. Settled with M. H. Groff to date & Grant Gardner. Pleasant day but cool.

Wednesday, April 1

Went to Lancaster. Amos Steinmans went along. Wrote the deed for the property he bought of Isaac McLaughlin Est. & had the same transferred to him. Got \$500 of the Pa B&L Association to pay off. Paid to R. G. \$200, A. McAllister \$100. Did not get in much money today. Raining & damp all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, April 2

About home all day. Paid McAllister & Sickman \$50.73 for mill bill to date. H. W. Hess paid his bill for furniture: \$33.00. Bought setting eggs of Dr. Witmer & paid \$10.00 for same (B. Cochran). At Jr. OUAM in eve. A. F. Martin was elected R.S. Vice. A. G. Warfel resigned. Cold rain. Raw wind all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, April 3

About home all day. Sent check to Harrisburg Burial Case Co. for \$33.45 bill to date. Got word this eve of the death of Jacob Harnish's wife. Went down & took charge of body. She is very stout. I embalmed her body. Cold. Stormy with snow. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, April 4

At Harnish's this morning looking after corpse. Looks all right. Went to Lancaster. Got a coffin (Philadelphia) shipped from Paxson Comfort & Co for her. 6.0 x 24 in at

break & brought it along out. Bought a book case off W. C. Supp & paid him balance above my commission on furniture sold for him \$10.00. At IORM in eve. Chiefs were not raised up. Cold & stormy. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, April 5

Went to Harnish's this morning to attend to corpse & Sunday school Missionary meeting a.m. Preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Rom 6x8 p.m. Worked at coffin some this p.m. & eve. Beckie here this eve. At Harnish's this eve. to attend to corpse. Looks very good. Cool but not so stormy. Partly clear.

Monday, April 6

Took rough box out to Stone Church & stopped to attend to corpse & took stools to Harnish a.m. Working at coffin & took it down in eve. & looked after corpse. Looks better this eve. than any time. I think it is all right. Rained a.m. Cloudy & colder p.m. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, April 7

Attending funeral of Fannie F. Harnish, aged 69-14-29. Benj Hertzler, text, Heb 4+9. Abrm Herr. Text: Rev 12+14. Very large funeral. 58 carriages in the procession. Bearers: David Herr, Harry Heller, Christ Harnish, Jacob Harnish, Harry Stauffer & Ephram Rohrer. I am certainly pleased with my success with embalming. She looked better today after keeping her 4 days, 4 nights than when she died. Cold, raw air all day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, April 8

Took couch to Uriah's Warfel & brought lounge along home. Traded with them. Paid A. G. Hudson \$24.00 on acct of coal bill a.m. Went over to Christ Steinman's & brought chairs & lounge to repair, etc., p.m. Cold, raw air all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 9

Working in shop a.m. Went over to H. W.

Hess to do some repairing & took small table over to C. Ressler's. Paid for same, \$1.00. I paid John Graver \$12.15 on acct of corn received. Bought 5 plum trees @ 30 cents = \$1.50. 1 Japanese chestnut, \$1.50. Smidth's cherry, 30 cents. Total \$1.30 of Casper Hiller & planted same this p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cold air all day. Commenced raining in eve. Partly cloudy.

Friday, April 10

Working in shop painting chairs & making sign for Wm E. Keen, Baker. Cool & damp. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, April 11

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. Had no meeting. No quorum present. Sent check with M. H. G. to A. G. Hudson for \$20.00 in settlement of coal bill to date. Damp all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, April 12

At Sunday school a.m. At home. John Carrigan here. Wife & children out at Wm Caldwell's. At home in eve. Pleasant. Much warmer. Ther: 70. Partly clear.

Monday, April 13

At Lancaster. Brought cottage suit, lounge & carpet out for Benj F. Benedict. Got covering for lounge etc. for shop. Great change in weather. Warm all day. Ther: 80. Partly clear.

Tuesday, April 14

Working in shop & digging garden a.m. In garden burning brush, etc. B. H. Montgomery here & done some grafting for me. 18 in [number] cherry. Plum 36. Jacob Harnish here & settled for his wife's coffin, etc., & was very well pleased with everything, especially the way I kept her. Sold two Bonepence roosters to Wm C. & H. G. Mc for \$1.00 each. Ther: 80. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 15

Went down home to see Mother & Eberlys. Brought 7 plum & peach & 1 mulberry along. Ref paid for same, \$2.00. Found them all well. This is remarkably warm weather for as cool as it was a week ago. Very warm. Ther: 84. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 16

Mark Markley got front part of lot ready for potatoes, etc. Paid him 50 cents for same & planting trees. Plum, peach & mulberry that I got down home yesterday. Grained Chairs, etc., p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Still very warm. Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Friday, April 17

Digging flower beds, etc., a.m. Making wire fence & varnished chairs p.m. Very warm & sultry. Ther: 91. Partly clear.

Saturday, April 18

Planting potatoes & sweet corn a.m. & part of p.m. At Preparatory Services in eve. Rev. Gerhard preached. Text: St. John 20+22 to 24 & at IORM the following officers were installed. Chief of records: A. J. Zercher. R of W: A. F. Martin. Trustee: W. H. Hess. Janitor: Jacob Henry. Still very warm. Ther: 88. Partly clear.

Sunday, April 19

At Sunday school & Communion Services. Rev. Gerhard preached. Text: St. Luke 4+17. 33 communed, a.m. At home p.m. Bro Gerhard & wife took supper with us. At preaching in eve. by David J. Wolf, student of the seminary, Lancaster. Text: St. John 10+10. Very warm all day. Ther: 86. Partly clear.

Monday, April 20

Working about home spraying plum trees, etc. Went to Lancaster at 10 a.m. Miss Dora

Smith went along. Got shoes, etc., for children. Warm all day. Ther: 80. Partly clear.

Tuesday, April 21

Working in shop & brought 12 cart loads of dirt of H. C. McAllister to fill up around the barn. He is grading his front yard. Went shad fishing in eve, H. C. Mc, G. G., C. K., & J. Z. I caught one & a fine one. The first time I even fished for shad & this is all we got. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, April 22

Working in shop partly all day covering lounge, etc., for Christ Sterneman. Stormy partly all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, April 23

Putting on house roof for Mrs. C. Eby. Wm Henry & W. H. Witmer helped. Worked 9 1/2 hours. Went fishing for shad in eve. but we did not catch any. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Friday, April 24

Took furniture that I repaired over to Christ Sterneman. Lounge & 5 chairs & rockers. Went around by Myers to see when they would be ready for painting at the house. Will hardly get ready next week, a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. Damp. Commenced raining about 10 a.m. & rained partly all day. Cloudy.

Saturday, April 25

Working in shop partly all day. They are putting up new poles through the place for the Standard Oil Company telegraph wire. At IORM in eve. Not near so warm as a week ago (cool). Partly clear.

Sunday, April 26

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to C. B. Miller's. Self & family took dinner & spent p.m. & took supper. Grandmother is well.

Cool all day. Great change from last Sunday. Partly clear.

Monday, April 27

At Lancaster. Bought parlor suit, chair cloth & wash stand for Dr. Witmer & brought it along out & got nails, etc., for shop. H. C. McAllister was along. Cool all day. Had overcoat on. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, April 28

Painting for Mrs. Hess (Mart) part of a.m. Working in shop & digging garden, p.m. Damp & cool partly all day. Warmer in eve. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, April 29

Working at garden & took down roof & kitchen over pump & commenced working new one & larger. Wife out at Beckie's all day. Children at school. Got word of the death of Christ Line's wife at Bainbridge. Will ship to Safe Harbor on Saturday morning & I am to attend the funeral. Cool & damp. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, April 30

Working at kitchen & roof partly all day. B. L. Harnish got me to be one of the appraisers for the \$300 law by the sheriff. His personal property amounted to \$165.50. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cool all day.

Friday, May 1

Working at kitchen, etc., all day. Went over to Annie Myers' in p.m. & made out bill for paint for house & bought 2 sash from the old Myers' house of E. J. Kendig for kitchen. Paid him 84 cents for same. Cool & damp. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 2

Attending funeral of Mrs. Christian Lines, aged 45-5-10. She died at Bainbridge on the 29th. Inst. Rev. I. A. McDonald of Little

Washington preached. Text: 23 Psalm. 15 carriages. Bearers: Jacob M. Henry, B. F. Rivermel, Harry Peters, Eli Warfel. She was shipped to Safe Harbor by rail, a.m. Working at kitchen. Put in window, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Raining part of a.m. Damp p.m. Cloudy.

Sunday, May 3

At Sunday school & Missionary Society a.m. Preaching in p.m. by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Acts 15+2. At home in eve. Had a very heavy rain this p.m. while at church & several of our young chicks were drowned. Heavy rain p.m. Damp & warmer. Cloudy.

Monday, May 4

At Lancaster. Transferred by deed the property of P. M. Bruner to Alfred C. Bruner of Columbia & paid him \$110.00 on interest of judgements, etc. Bought nails, brushes, c lock, terra cotta pipe for chimney in kitchen & oil & turps & paid for everything. Mrs. Kewson here this eve. She wants some furniture repaired. Much warmer. Partly clear.

Tuesday, May 5

Hoeing in lot & bought shad of B. L. Harnish. 11 for \$2.00. Cleaned hen house & put out chimney in kitchen. Heavy gust p.m. Hailed & stormed at Lancaster. Very nice rain here. Heavy thunder. Sold 7 spring chicks for 20 cents/lb., \$2.00 & 2 pair of squabs @ 25 = 50 cents. Very warm part of day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 6

Putting on roof on north side of Al Smith's house & brought sideboard, sink, table & chairs of Mrs. Kewson to repair. Warm & pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 7

Went over to Annie Myers & began painting house where John G. Clark lived. She is having

it remodeled. Wm Henry helping. Benj Kneisley died today. Cool & damp all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, May 8

Painting at Myers' all day. Wm Henry helping. Cool & damp. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 9

Painting at Myers a.m. Papered dining room at P. M. Bruner's p.m. At IORM in eve. I put in a bid for painting AOK of MC Hall, \$1.50 day, but was too high. Wm G. Henry got it at \$1.25 per day. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 10

At Sunday school & at funeral of Rev. Benj Kneisley. Buried at Mt. Zion. Very large funeral, a.m. At home. F. H. Flinchbach & Jacob Hess of Lancaster here part of p.m. J. R. Yentzer here a short time in eve. Wife & children went out to spend the eve. with Emma Bortzfield. Sun very warm but rather stormy. Ther: 90. Partly clear.

Monday, May 11

At Lancaster. Got things for shop, etc., a.m. Sprayed hen house & pigeon coop with coal oil for lice & put shingles on roof over cistern & kitchen, p.m. Wm Henry was working at Myers all day. Very warm day. Ther: 98. Partly clear.

Tuesday, May 12

Working at Myers all day, Will & I. Very warm. Very nice rain in p.m. Thunder storm. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 13

Painting at Myers all day, Will & I. Got word of the death of Abrm Warner of Harrisburg. Will be shipped to Lancaster tomorrow morning a.m. To bring him out for burial here. Warm all day.

Thursday, May 14

Ascension Day. Went to Lancaster & met the 8:05 train & brought out the body of Abram Warner. He died at Harrisburg in the almshouse. Will keep him in shop till tomorrow. Funeral at 2 p.m. I embalmed the body & am furnishing a 3 piece top (wal) & made rough box & took it to cemetery. He was shipped in a pine case. I furnished shroud, coffin & case. Took lounge over to Amos Graver's. His birthday. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Friday, May 15

Working at coffin, etc., a.m. Attending funeral of Abram Warner, aged 56-7-15. Rev. S. Beals spoke. Services only at the grave. He was buried under act of Assembly Relative to Soldiers, Sailors, etc. He looked & kept all right. Went over to Grandmother's & brought over vinegar. 17 gal & racked ours off, etc. Wm Henry painting at Myers. Beautiful day. Partly clear.

Saturday, May 16

Painting at Myers all day. Self. At IORM in eve. Barnum & Bailey's Show in Lancaster today. Warm all day.

Sunday, May 17

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Mrs. Maria Good (widow) died this eve. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, May 18

At Myers all day painting. Self. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Tuesday, May 19

At Myers all day painting. At J. R. Yentzer's this eve. Held a meeting with regard to church matters & reassessment of numbers for salary & expenses. Cooler but pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 20

At Myers all day painting. Mrs. Good was buried today at River Corner. Raining partly all day & cool. Cloudy.

Thursday, May 21

Painting at Myers all day, Will & I. At Jr. OUAM but had no meeting in eve. Raining partly all day & cool. Cloudy.

Friday, May 22

At Myers all day painting, Will & I. Frank Paxson, agt for H. B. C. Co. here. I ordered fluid thumb screws, etc., of him. Much warmer. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 23

At Myers painting all day. Will & I. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, May 24

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. Wife & I & children spent the p.m. at Amos Graver's & Mary Bruner. At home in eve. Pleasant day. Rather cool. Partly cloudy.

Monday, May 25

At Myers painting all day, Will & I. Cool. Damp wind. Cloudy.

Tuesday, May 26

Painting at Myers all day, Will & I. Sent Reg letter John L. Zerch with by law & 3.76. benefits. Light rain & much warmer. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, May 27

Painting at Myers all day. Finished. Will & I. Got \$10.00 on Account. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Thursday, May 28

Papering at Jacob B. Harnish all day, Will & I. Got paid for same, \$2.50. The Shawnee Rolling Mill at Columbia blowed over & the

report is that several were killed. Heavy rain & storm. Partly cloudy.

Friday, May 29

Settled with Wm Henry to date. Papering at Jacob Henry, a.m. Working in shop p.m. Pleasant all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, May 30

Mowing grass in lot & yard, etc., a.m. Took the children down to Pequea Creek to fish. Had promised them on Ascension Day, but could not go, so I gave them this, p.m. At IORM in eve. Pleasant day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, May 31

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by A. O. Comte. Text: Matt 8+3-28. He filled the pulpit for our pastor who is a delegate to general Synod meeting in Dayton, Ohio & Charles & I walked out to Wm Caldwell's after supper, p.m. Mrs. Fralich & Bortzfield here in eve. Rather cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, June 1

Went to Lancaster. Paid B+L & took the 9:30 train for Florin to see cousin Ezra Zercher. Aunt Lizzie Miller along. Ezra is in the fancy poultry business. He took me over to B. H. Greider's yards. He has 26 different varieties. I was certainly pleased with my trip & think I was benefited there by. Ezra gave us each a setting of R. C. W. Leghorne eggs. Returned hours 9 o'clock p.m. Cool. Had an overcoat on this morning. Frost in low places this morning. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 2

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

Wednesday, June 3

Working in shop all day repairing & painting. Maris H. Groff & Chas [Trisatin] are putting in a gasoline engine for milling in Groff's

warehouse & they tested it today. It runs very nicely. Cool & dry. Partly clear.

Thursday, June 4

Working in shop partly all day. Benj Hill here white washing poultry house inside. Paid him for same, 75 cents. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Had no meeting. Cool. Light shower. Partly cloudy.

Friday, June 5

Working in shop repairing lounge, etc., a.m. Picking ox heart cherries in p.m. Sold 24 quarts to B. L. Smith for \$1.44, paid & the wife canned 14 quarts for our own use. Warm all day. Clear.

Saturday, June 6

In shop & hanging screen doors for H. C. McAllister. \$1.00, a.m. Working in shop & took lounge up to Dr. Witmer that I repaired. \$4.23, paid. At IORM in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, June 7

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At P. M. Bruner's for dinner & all family. Andrew Good, wife & Norman there. Owen Bruner & wife here in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, June 8

Picking cherries. Harry Bruner & M. M. Bortzfield helped. Took 25 quarts to Annie Myers @ 8 cents = \$2.00 & 30 qrts to Ella Winter, Lancaster @ 8 cents = \$2.40. Bought goods from R. R. & lumber from Bartholomew. Hardware from Steinman. Paid for everything I bought today. Very warm a.m. Rain p.m. Very nice rain & needed. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 9

Picking cherries a.m. In shop p.m. Light rain & cool. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 11

Working in shop all day. Warm & pleasant. Partly clear.

Friday, June 12

Working in shop a.m. Got word of the death of Jessie Henry Kauffman wife Isa Kauffman, Manor. They had only been married 8 weeks. Died of consumption. Funeral on Monday at 10 a.m. Bury at Mt. Zion. Embalmed body. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, June 13

At Safe Harbor. Took rough box to Mt. Zion & in shop a.m. Working at casket p.m. At IORM but had no meeting in eve. Raining in eve & cool. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, June 14

At Sunday school a.m. Went to Safe Harbor to look after corpse. Keeping nicely. Blanche along & at preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Luke 14+23, p.m. Jos. M. Kreider here & Mrs. Mary Bruner & Owen's wife. Damp & rainy all day. Cloudy.

Monday, June 15

Attending funeral of Mrs. Isa Kauffman, aged 19-10-19. Rev. C. B. Miller preached. Text: Rev 22+17. Rev. H. S. Beals made a few remarks. Pall bearers: John D. Tripp's, Jacob Warfel, Geo Garnett, Myles Milligan, Wm May. 23 carriages. Preaching in the Safe Harbor M. E. Church which was crowded to its utmost. Aisles and galley & quite a number outside. She was certainly a nice corpse. About home p.m. Very warm at noon. Cooler in eve. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, June 16

Working in shop all day. Warm & rainy. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, June 17

Working in shop all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, June 18

Working in shop a.m. Took wife to Lancaster to Dr. Rohrer to have her examined with regard to the cherry seed in her throat. He made a thorough examination & stated it had passed down but irritated the throat very much & she has a nasal catarrh for which he treated her & she feels better. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, June 19

Commenced painting AOK of MC Hall. Wm Henry & I worked all day. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, June 20

Painting at Hall all day, Will & I. At IORM in eve. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, June 21

At Sunday school. The officers & teachers decided not to take the school away nor treat them this summer, a.m. Went over to C. B. Miller's & Grandmother's. They are all well. One of their mules has lockjaw. At M. E. Church in eve. H. M. Stauffer of Safe Harbor preached his first sermon here. Text: Matt 25+13. Very warm. Partly clear.

Monday, June 22

Wm & I Painting all day. Wife not very good. Warm & dry. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 23

Wm & I painting at Hall all day. Took large cupboard down to Jacob B. Harnish this a.m. Price, \$13.50. Wife not good at all. She is worrying too much. Sun warm. Partly clear.

Wednesday, June 24

Painting at Hall all day, Will & I. Got 18 bus. screenings of S. Pugh. I had Cleveland, our

dog, shot today. He was getting crazy. Charles took the hide over to Abm Myers to have tanned with the hair on. M. M. Bortzfield personal property was sold by the sheriff today. Paid J of H for wood I've yet to receive. Damp & rainy all day. Wife not any better. Cloudy.

Thursday, June 25

Painting all day Will & I. Hung screen door in eve. for Ella Myers, \$2.50. Jacob B. Harnish paid for his cupboard, \$13.50 & I paid him for 2 load of wood. One is to come. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Was elected Financial Secy. for another year. Wife not doing better. Sent for doctor. Raining & damp. Cloudy.

Friday, June 26

Painting all day, Will & I. Got load of wood of Jacob B. Harnish. Wife not much better. Warm & damp. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, June 27

Painting all day, Will & I. At IORM in eve. B. H. Montgomery made application for reinstatement in the order. The Willing Workers Society held a festival this eve. Was there & helped. Cleared about \$18.00. Wife not good at all. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, June 28

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. D. W. Gerhard. Text: Matt 21+43. Went to Children Day Services at M. E. Church in eve. Large audience present & a good service entitled "Our Young Crusaders." Wife is better today. Gave Wm S. Smith \$2.00 toward salary. Warm all day. Showers. Partly cloudy.

Monday, June 29

At Lancaster a.m. Painting at Hall p.m. Will worked all day. Warm all day. Stormy p.m. Partly clear.

Tuesday, June 30

Painting all day, Will & I. Not feeling well. The paint is doing it I think. Warm all day. Clear.

Wednesday, July 1

Painting all day. Will not helping. Not feeling good at all. Was paid for Abrm Warner coffin, etc., by the County, though B. F. Hookey one of the Committee on burial, \$22.00. Including ex from Harrisburg, \$5.00. Warm all day.

Thursday, July 2

Mowed grass in lot for hay & took it in p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. The order donated \$5.00 toward raising a monument to the horses of Washington & Lafayette, etc., at West Chester. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Friday, July 3

Painting all day, Will & I. Sent my team to Lancaster with J. R. Yentzer for Wm F. Bruner & wife. Will spend a week or more here. Very warm & dry all day. Ther: 98. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 4

Painting at Hall. All finished. Will & I, a.m. About home. Jacob Bruner & wife, Will Bruner & wife, Olive, spent p.m. with us. At IORM in eve. Nice shower this eve. Very warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, July 5

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. C. B. Miller, Aunt Lizzie & Grandmother came over. Uncle Christ & I went to Jacob R. Good's funeral at Marticville. Large funeral. They all took supper with us. Harry Everly, Sister Lizzie & Bertha took supper with us. They had been at Emanuel's and stopped here a short time. Was very glad to see them all. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, July 6

At Lancaster. Will Henry along. Paid S. J. Pugh for screening to date. Paid Steinman's to

date. Bought things for shop. Got paid for painting Hall, \$18.00. Warm all day. Rain in eve.

Tuesday, July 7

Hung screen door for Mrs. Walton. Paid for same, \$1.00. Filed saw for M. M. Bortzfield, 15 cents. Paid for same. J. M. Bruner & wife, Wm F. Bruner & wife & Olive here & spent the day with us. Took dinner & supper. Had a very nice time. Had a very heavy rain about 2 p.m. Warm. Heavy rain this p.m. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, July 8

At Jacob B. Harnish's putting latches on cupboard & in shop a.m. J. M. & W. F. Bruner & myself went out in cemetery & cleaned the tomb stones in the family lot, etc., p.m. Mowed grass over in AOK of MC Hall lot this eve. Cooler & showery. Cloudy.

Thursday, July 9

Working about lot, etc., a.m. Went over to H. W. Hess & hung 2 screen doors. Rec'd pay for same. Up at Bruner's a while in eve. & Jr. OUAM in eve. Harry Trissler was initiated. Showery a.m. Warm all day. Partly cloudy.

Friday, July 10

Working in shop a.m. Repairing hen house p.m. W. F. Bruner left here this morning for Lancaster & will go home on Sunday. Warmer & threatening. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 11

Working in poultry house putting in floor, etc., & cleaning stables. At IOA.M in eve. J. M. Bruner left here for Lanc. He & Wm will go to the Gap to see Peter today & go home tomorrow eve. (Philadelphia). Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 12

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev.

Gerhard. Text: Numbers 23x10. He & his son Wm took supper with us. Mrs. J. M. Bruner & Mary spent the evening with us. Very warm all day. Ther: 91. Partly clear.

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

At Lancaster all day. Jennie & Malie & Mary Bruner & my wife & I went to Rocky Springs on trolley B for a pleasure trip. I bore the expense, 50 cents for the round trip. We had a very pleasant time. Got things for house & shop. Jennie, Malie & Mary went to Lititz to visit the folks up there. Warm & pleasant. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 15

Working in shop partly all day. Abrm Henry died this morning. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 16

Working in shop partly all day. Very pleasant. Cooler. Partly cloudy.

Friday, July 17

Working in shop a.m. Went to the funeral of Abrm Henry. Buried at the Reformed Church burial grounds. Revs. Beals & C. B. Miller preached. Large funeral. Warm day. Ther: 58. Partly clear.

Saturday, July 18

Working in shop a.m. Working about barn, cleaning hen house, etc., & killed goose that I bought of Wm Eckman. Want it for dinner tomorrow, p.m. At Jr. IORM In eve. Warm all day. Clear.

Sunday, July 19

At Sunday school. We started a teacher's meeting, R. Yentzer presiding. We will meet at 8:30 & spent 1 hour in the study of the

lesson. I was appointed to take charge on next Sunday a.m. We had a goose for dinner. Mrs. Ella LeFever, Sister of Jacob's wife was here for dinner & spent a short time with us. Very warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, July 20

Helping about washing, etc., a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Warm & light rain in eve. Partly clear.

Tuesday, July 21

Working in shop partly all day. Fixed H. C. McCallister's washer, \$1.00. Warm all day. Clear.

Wednesday, July 22

Took wife & children to Lancaster this morning to take the 8:58 train for the Gap to visit her bro Peter. Jennie, Jacob's wife went along. They will stay till Saturday eve. It rained nearly the whole way in. About shop, etc., p.m. Raining a.m. Pleasant p.m. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, July 23

Working at plank walk all day. Got scantling (hemlock) of H. H. Stauffer, Safe Harbor. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Took sweet corn up to J. R. Yentzer to have evaporated. About 30 doz. Pleasant day. Partly clear.

Friday, July 24

Working at plank walk between showers. Moved the shed back of house up in the lot for them this eve 16+8. Amos Steinman & 5 others & myself got 12 ½ lbs. evaporated corn from what I took up to Yentzer's. Raining partly all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, July 25

Finished plank walk a.m. & reading away old walk. Cleaning hen house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. The following Committee was appointed to make arrangements for annual

supper on the 8th of August. B. F. Trissler, A. J. Zercher, Jacob Henry. Wife & children came home from Gap this eve. Was glad to see them. Grant Gardner got 42 ft of lumber, \$1.47. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, July 26

At teacher's meeting. I had charge (appointment for here, Henry Martin) & at Sunday a.m. At preaching by Rev. Dr. Henry Herman of Ohio, formerly of this place, who preached a powerful sermon from Philippians 1+20. Rev. Gerhard being sick, p.m. Went out to Wm Caldwell's in eve. Mrs. Philip Fralich here for dinner. Mrs. Wm F. Bruner left here on her way home to Philadelphia. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Monday, July 27

At Lancaster. Paid B&L. Brought out cradle, etc., a.m. Working about house & went down to John Campbell about Bill of John Beach. Should have been paid on April 1st, last. Came home by way of Safe Harbor. In at Mrs. Geo A. Tripple Store. Blanche was along. Had a very heavy rain & sharp lightening & heavy thunder. Very warm all day. Ther: 92. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, July 28

Papering at B. F. Trissler's all day, papering their sitting room. Charged \$1.50. Rec'd pay for the same. Brought cement from Wm E. Kerr's this eve. Bought it of I. H. Shank for \$1.00. Very, very warm all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, July 29

Jacob Henry here. Cemented cistern. Charged 50 cents. Paid for same, a.m. Working in shop p.m. Family & I went up to Rev. H. S. Beals. Her parents are here from Illinois on a visit & are leaving for home tomorrow. We spent a very pleasant evening. Very warm & sultry. Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Thursday, July 30

Working in shop & put in shelves for Dr. I. M. Witmer, 50 cents & filed 2 saws for M. H. Groff, 25 cents. Took Mr. & Mrs. Wise to Safe Harbor. Rev. Mr. Beals wife's parents who are going home to Illinois again after spending about 4 weeks here. They are highly pleased with their visit. I brought load sawdust along back from Sourbeer's for hen house. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 31

Working in shop partly all day. Got 50 lb. feed of Groff & Trissler. 43 cents paid for same. Pleasant. Much cooler. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 1

Working in shop partly all day. Cleaning hen house, stable, etc. At IORM in eve.. Fetched Grandmother over this eve to stay till tomorrow eve. Uncle Christ went to Mt. Joy & she wanted to come over to our place till they return. Jacob Bitts is very sick. Pleasant all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, August 2

Light rain in morning. At teacher's meeting & Sunday school. Wm Smith was appointed for next Sunday's teacher's meeting. Missionary Society met after Sunday school, a.m. Amos McAllister spent p.m. & took supper with us & Grandmother. Took her home this eve. A. F. Martin had team to go to Millersville. His daughter (Mrs. Sheaffer), is poorly. Pleasant all day. Beautiful p.m. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 3

Working about home, in shop, etc., all day. Was asked to sit up with Jacob Bitts tonight by request of family. The Jr. OUAM will wait on him every night during his sickness. Very warm. Ther: 97. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 4

Went to Lancaster this morning to bring out

paint for A. F. Martin's house. Chas was along. Home by 1:30 o'clock. Working about shop, p.m. Was out with Jacob Bitts all last night. Grant Warfel, M. B. Foutz there till 2 a.m. He is a very sick man, but I am in hopes he will pull through. Very warm all day. Ther: 96. Partly clear.

Wednesday, August 5

Started painting A. F. Martin's house this morning. Wm Henry helping, a.m. Got word this noon of the death of Jacob Bitts. Went out & took charge of body & by request of family, I will use icebox, which I have not used for about 2 years. I also embalmed. He is in bad condition. Out to look after ice & co in eve. His request was that I should bury him. Very warm all day. Ther: 96. Clear.

Thursday, August 6

Working in shop at casket for J. Bitts partly all day. Took case by M. E. cemetery & went to Safe Harbor for Miss Hatter of Baltimore & her trunk & brought her to Mrs. Barbara Rathfon's. Took Dora Smith along for to meet her. At Jr. OUAM in eve. & Bitts' looking after corpse, etc. Very warm all day. Ther: 96. Partly clear.

Friday, August 7

Took wood chest over to Albert Charles & rec'd pay for same, \$4.00. Rec'd pay for painting at Annie Myers, \$30.00, balance & took stools out to Bitts, a.m. Working at casket, p.m. Practicing at Yentzer's in eve, an anthem. With Bitts in eve. Looks well. Very, very warm. Ther: 98.

Saturday, August 8

Sent my team to Lancaster for Rev. Noacher after doing funeral of my old friend, Jacob Bitts, aged 63+11+23. Carriages, 18. The bearers were members of the G.A.R. of which he was a member. Rev. H. S. Beals preached. Text: 27 Psalms, 1 verse. Large funeral. He

kept better than I expected, a.m. He looked as though he was sleeping far better than I expected. I went to Safe Harbor to take charge of an infant of Isabella Herr, bury tomorrow p.m. No funeral. (Henry B. Sent a check to G. Reynolds for \$30.84, policy in A.W. L.S.) Ther: 97. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 9

Working at small casket this morning & at Sunday school. Rev. Bro M. M. Noacher addressed the school, a.m. Attended funeral of Isabella Herr, infant, aged 2 mo. & 5 days. Buried at M. E. Church, this place. At preaching by Rev. Noacher in eve. Text: Exodus 3+17. They were glad to hear him once again & he gave us work to do. (I was almost overcome by the heat). Very warm all day. The heat was very oppressive. Ther: 102.

Monday, August 10

Working in shop, etc., all day. Very warm & dry. Ther: 98. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 11

Working in shop partly all day. Took bedstead & small table down to Adam W. Brady this eve. \$7.00. Rec'd pay for same. Still warm & dry. Ther: 96.

Wednesday, August 12

At Lancaster. Took peaches in for Mr. Yentzer & took Mrs. Noacher along in. Brought balance of paint out for A. F. Martin house. Very warm all day. Ther: 97. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 13

Went down home & to Eberley's. Let family down for a few days. Perhaps till Tuesday next. Very warm & dry day. Ther: 100. Partly clear.

Friday, August 14

Putting in glass & painting at Amos F. Martin's

all day. Self. Much cooler. This is the first day out of 12 that the therm did not reach 90 & over. Ther: 89. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 15

Not working much today. Had an attack of painter's cholic last night and am not feeling well at all today. At IORM in eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 16

At teacher's meeting & Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. Preaching at M. E. Church p.m. At home in eve. Warm all day. Light showers. Partly cloudy.

Monday, August 17

At A. F. Martin's painting all day. Wm helping. Harry Eberley brought wife & children home this noon. He took dinner with us. Much cooler today. Partly clear.

Tuesday, August 18

Painting at A. F. Martin's all day. Will 3/4 day. Much cooler. Light rain p.m. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, August 19

The papers reported snow in Philadelphia yesterday. Edw Pehlman, Dr. Witmer & myself left home for Mt. Gretna this morning at 4:30. Left Lancaster at 6:30 & we spent a very pleasant day at the farmer's picnic. A great variety of machinery & about 3000 or 4000 poultry. Different kinds. It was certainly worth seeing. I subscribed for "The Feather", a monthly journal, 50 cents. Returned home at 6 o'clock. Cool & pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, August 20

Painting at A. F. Martin's all day. Will & I. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Warmer. Cool in eve. Partly cloudy.

Friday, August 21

Painting at A. F. Martin's. Will & I. Finished all but graining front door. Working about shop p.m. Warmer. Partly clear.

Saturday, August 22

Working in shop partly all day. At IORM in eve. Took Mary Hess over to Grandmother's this morning to visit. Pleasant all day. Light rain in eve. Partly clear.

Sunday, August 23

At Sunday school. At teacher's meeting. Had charge of both, a.m. Preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Mark 7+37, p.m. Was called out last night to come to Abrm Herr. His father died (Martin) at 10 o'clock. Went out & embalmed body. Funeral on Tuesday at 9:30 at stone church. Was called out this eve. to take charge of one of John Sourbeer's (Jr) children. Embalmed body. Died of diphtheria. Funeral tomorrow p.m. Went to Lancaster this eve. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Monday, August 24

Did not get to bed last night. Laid on lounge for about 3 hours. Sent rough box of Sourbeer's child away this morning & made Herr's & sent it to store & stools to house & getting small coffin ready. Attended funeral of Mary Edna, daughter of John Sourbeer (Jr), aged 4+4+26. Rev. Sm Kauffman spoke from St John 14+2. Pall bearers: John Wray, Henry Ruse, Henry Groff. 8 carriages. Buried before Services on account of the disease. Finished other coffin. Very busy. Damp & rainy.

Tuesday, August 25

Attending funeral of Martin Herr (Sr). Aged 96+1+4. Rev. Martin Root spoke at home & Rev. John Harnish, Isaac Eby & Jacob Brubaker (Bishop). Text: Job 5+26. Pall bearers: Abrm Miller, Lennins Longenecker, Benj Herr, Aaron Herr. Very large funeral. Over 300 persons took dinner. 32 horses fed.

50 carriages in procession. The corpse could not have been any better & everything passed off nicely. Rec'd pay for same. Very nice day. Warm. Clear.

Wednesday, August 26

Working in shop etc. Wife & Charles out at Wm Caldwell's all day. Bought Cochen & 2 pullets (Buff Cochen) of Dr. Witmer, \$2.25 & sold 1 Cockerel & 2 pullets of Light Brahma for \$2.50, A.F.S. Warm & dry. Clear.

Thursday, August 27

Working at home all day picking off grapes & in shop. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cool. Rain.

Friday, August 28

Working in shop & about home. Cool & pleasant. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, August 29

Working in shop. Rec'd word of the death of another of John Sourbeer's (Jr) children death, a.m. Went down & took charge of body. Funeral tomorrow at 1 & 2 o'clock. Made rough box & sent it to Green Hill U. B. Church & working at coffin. At IORM in eve. Made oven peel for Wm Keen. Cool in morning. Warm & dry. Ther: 43. Clear.

Sunday, August 30

Finished coffin & at Sunday school a.m. Attending funeral of another of John Sourbeer's (Jr) children. Lester Earle, aged 2+1+13. Buried at Green Hill U. B. Church. Rev. Saml Kauffman preached. Text: 2 Saml 12+23. Bearers: James McPherson, Wm May, Robert May, John Hess. 7 carriages. Preached after burial. (Dyphtheria). Warm & very dusty. Clear.

Monday, August 31

Went to Lancaster. Was through the ice factory. It is certainly a great thing. Settled with S&S for paint to date. Also with A. B.

Rote & son. Bought 100 lb. bone meal at W. D. Sprecher & Son. Paid for same, \$12.25. Paid everything I bought today. Steinman, etc. Also Bartholomew for poplar. Pleasant. Light rain p.m. Partly clear.

Tuesday, September 1

Working in shop, etc., all day. Gave P. C. Hiller note of John Beach & John Campbell for collection: \$57.50. Will enter suit. The first I ever did, but they are using me so mean that I will bear it no longer. Settled with Bro. Emanuel up to this date included. Gave my adv. to Mr. Rog for Martin & Rohrer Hotel reg. & 1/2 dz. card boards for self, \$2.00. Paid \$1.00 down. Rather cool all day. Clear.

Wednesday, September 2

Working in shop & put floor in balance of poultry house & took furniture out to Mrs. Kate Towson at Schock's former house. Cost, \$3.00. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Thursday, September 3

Working in shop making small coffins all day. Red Casket from Boyertown Burial Case Co. At IOUAM in eve. Sold bedstead to Charles Wade, \$7.00. Rec'd order on H. C. McAllister for \$3.50. Very warm today. Had a fine shower. Rain laid the dust. Partly cloudy.

Friday, September 4

Working in shop all day at small coffins. Warm all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 5

Working in shop all day at small coffins. At IORM in eve. Had no meeting. Had a beautiful rain this p.m. & eve. Something that we so much needed. A. F. Martin & I saw something this eve. at Wm C. Smith Candy Shop that was certainly a disgrace. Such cursing & swearing & fighting. Standing back & allowing it. A man who professes Christianity to allow such conduct. I am certainly surprised. About 1

doz. boys & grown men using language to shocking to pen. Cool a.m., p.m., & eve. Cloudy.

Sunday, September 6

At teacher's meeting, Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At preaching by Rev. Miller. Text: Luke 10+23-24. Rev. Gerhard was absent on account of sickness. At M. E. Church in eve. (Revived services). Rev. David Rhineer preached. Rained a.m. Pleasant p.m. Partly cloudy.

Monday, September 7

At Lancaster. Blanche was along. Got shoes, gums, etc., for her, things for shop, etc. The rain of Saturday & Sunday certainly freshened things in general. Pleasant all day. Clear.

Tuesday, September 8

Working in shop a.m. At P. C. Hiller's. Beach & Campbell were there & after some studying they paid the note & cash. I deducted the interest from April 1st to date of my own accord. Amt. rec'd, \$51.50. This was my first law suit & I hope I may not be obliged to have any more. Everything passed off very nicely. In shop, etc. Boiled butter a.m. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, September 9

In shop & picking peaches a.m. Took peaches to Albert Steinman & rec'd pay for same & in shop & went to Safe Harbor for Miss Hatter & brought her to Barbara Rathfon's, p.m. At J. R. Yentzer's. Had a small surprise & presented him with a fine rattan rocker, \$4.22, on behalf of the Sunday school. He was certainly pleased with the present. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Thursday, September 10

Working in shop all day. Paid Chas Trissler \$2.80 for feed to date. Accepted an order of

I. H. Shenks for \$1.00 for cement to A. F. Martin. Ordered bill of undertaker supplies from Frank Paxson for H. B. C. Co. Wife & family over at O. F. Bruner's all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Warm all day. Clear.

Friday, September 11

Working in shop a.m. In shop & went out to East End School House to do papering but did not have the paper ready. Settled with W.C. Smith to date, owed him \$2.99 bal. & sold him feed sacks for same. This squares us to date. Amos Graver here in eve. Spoke to Smith about P.M. Bruner store bill he says he does not owe it (very wrong). Clear.

Saturday, September 12

A. F. Martin & I went to Rawlinsville to attend a meeting of the IOOF We paraded through the village & then to the camp meeting woods where the following addressed the large meeting: Rev. Pierce of Kirkwood, Rev. May, Mount Nebo, D. D. Frank Myley, John M. Groff, esq., Wm D. Weaver, esq., H. Frank Eshleman, esq., & B. F. Davis, esq., of Lancaster. This was a grand meeting. At IORM in eve. A charge was brought against M. M. Bortzfield for drunkenness, etc. by A. F. Martin. Warm. Light rain. Cloudy.

Sunday, September 13

At Teacher's meeting, Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. At preaching by the Reformed Mennonites in Minerva Hall p.m. Text: St. John 40+6. P. M. Bruner & family here in eve. Went to M. E. Church with Bro J. R. Yentzer. They are holding revival services. Partly clear.

Monday, September 14

Went to Lancaster. Was sent for on account of death of Jacob Good's child over on old Mart Miller farm near Walnut Hill school. Went over & embalmed body. Died last night about 12 o'clock & I got there at 1 p.m. They

should have left me know sooner. Working in shop at coffin & rough box & took it to M. E. Cemetery, this place. Funeral on Friday at 12 & 2 o'clock. Warm all day & damp. Cloudy.

Tuesday, September 15

Attending funeral of Grant S. Good, aged 4+4+2. Rev. Saml Kauffman preached an excellent sermon from Hebrew 2, portion of 3 verses. 9 carriages. Bearers: Squire Witmer & _ This child was deformed. Never had walked, talked, nor could it eat. It had to be fed. The Rep. were to meet tonight but postponed on account of rain. Rained partly all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, September 16

Working in shop all day. Pleasant. Partly clear.

Thursday, September 17

Working in shop partly all day. Wife, Mrs. Jos. Witmer went over to Annie Myers, p.m. At Jr. OUAM but had no meeting. The Republicans organized for the campaign this eve. H. M. Stauffer was temporary Chairman. Permanent officers: Pres., I. M. Witmer. VP, A. J. Zercher. 2nd VP, H. H. Kuntz. Secy., H. C. McAllister. Treas., Theo Jones. Meet next Wednesday. Pleasant. Clear.

Friday, September 18

Working in shop partly all day. Brought cabbage from Wm Caldwell's for kraut. Painted wheels for my carriage, etc. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, September 19

Working in shop partly all day. Got word about 4 p.m. of the death of Benj Harrison Urban, son of Lydia Ann Eckman. Went down to Martin Eckman's & took charge of body. Embalmed the same. The child was not seen die & I am of the opinion there should be an inquest held, but will not unless I must. At

IORM in eve. Very nice showing. Very warm all day. Ther: 90. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, September 20

Down at Eckman's. Took goods to Mrs. McLaughlin for Shroud & at Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by a student. Mr. Gerhard still sick. Text: St. Luke 8+4 to 15. I held an inquest on Benj Harrison Urban. He was found dead by the family. Following were the jury: P. C. Hiller, M. Benedict, A. F. Martin, Wm Caldwell, Wm H. Witmer, F. P. Henry. Verdict: convulsions. Dr. J. M. Witmer, Cor Physician, inquest, ordered by coroner, M. R. Shank. Spent eve. at J. R. Yentzer's. Cool all day. Great change. Ther: 50. Clear.

Monday, September 21

Working at rough box & took it to M. E. cemetery & finished coffin, a.m. Attending funeral of Benj Harrison Urban, aged 7+7+14. Son of Christ Urban & Lydia Eckman. Rev. H. S. Beals preached from St. John 18+10. Walked to church from Martin Eckman's. Bearers: Wm H. Witmer, Frank P. Henry, Wayne Witmer & Harvey McLaughlin. Buried before preaching. At Safe Harbor in eve. They organized a Rep. club there. Dr. Witmer went along down. Cool. Partly clear.

Tuesday, September 22

Papering at Mrs. Barbara Rathfon. Papered bedroom down stairs. Rec'd pay, \$1.00. Working in shop balance of day. Took carriage out to A. F. Martin this morning & got new wheels on. Brought it home this eve. Cool all day. Light showers. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, September 23

Took hearse out to A. F. Martin's to burn the paint off. Harvey McLaughlin is going to paint it for me. Working in shop all day. Over at Hall in eve. At McKinley & Hobert Club meeting. Cool, raw air all day. Ther: 44. Clear.

Thursday, September 24

Working in shop all day. Wife out at Beckie's. At M. E. Church in eve. A preacher from Philadelphia spoke. Rec'd the cockerel (Light Brahma) from Jos M. Davis, Legonier, Pa. this eve. Think he will be a good breeder. Cool all day. Frost this morning. Ther: 44. Clear.

Friday, September 25

Working in shop all day. Harvey McLaughlin commenced painting hearse. Cool all day. Clear.

Saturday, September 26

Working in shop all day. At IORM in eve. & at IOOF, Safe Harbor afterwards. Rec'd payment of Lydia Ann Eckman for burying child last Monday. \$14.00. They had its life insured. If it had not been they could scarcely have paid me. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, September 27

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. at M.E. Church in eve. Rev. Mr. White of Millersville preached from Acts 16+31. A very large audience present (revival services). Came home as soon as preaching was over. Warm & very pleasant. Partly clear.

Monday, September 28

Went to Lancaster. Brought casket trimmings for hearse & paint, etc. Went to Safe Harbor to Rep Club in eve. Rec'd pay for holding inquest on Benj Harrison Urban. Warm all day. Cloudy.

Tuesday, September 29

Working in shop all day. Not feeling so well. Have a bad cold. Cooler & rain & damp. Cloudy.

Wednesday, September 30

Charles is 12 years old today. Working in shop partly all day. Not feeling well on account of bad cold. Had a terrible storm here between

12 & 2 o'clock last night. A great many trees, fences & part of buildings were blown down in this neighborhood. The Columbia bridge across the Susquehanna was blown over & other damages done here. Several lives reported lost. At Rep Club meeting in eve. Cooler but very calm. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, October 1

Working in shop, etc., partly all day. At Jr. O.U.A.M. No meeting. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Friday, October 2

In shop & hauled sand & gravel for poultry a.m. Working about lot & burned a lot of brush, etc., p.m. Got word this eve of the death of Albert T. Smith's child. Went over & took charge of body. They live next door to my shop. It only took sick about 4 o'clock & died about 7 o'clock. Sun warm. Air cool all day. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 3

Working in shop making rough box, etc., & took Sady down to Safe Harbor to meet train. Took rough box to Reformed Church a.m. Working at coffin, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. The following officers were elected & installed: Sachen, Adam C. Snyder; S.S., Henry Eckman; J.S., B. F. Trissler; Trustee, B. F. Trissler. Had a good meeting. Pleasant day, but cooler. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, October 4

At Sunday school & Missionary Society a.m. At preaching by Hessen, a student at the Seminary at Lancaster. Bro Gerhard is still unwell. His text: 1 Cor 9+26. After church attended funeral of Blanche May Smith, aged 2 mo. & 1 day. Rev. H. S. Beals spoke from Song of Solomon 6+2. Bearers: C. Hiller, Harve McLaughlin, Wayne Witmer, Maris Jones. Small funeral. Cool & damp all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

Papering at Anne McAllister's all day. Paid for same. \$1.25. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, October 7

Working in shop all day repairing, etc. Much cooler. Stormy. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 8

Getting ready for political meeting this eve. Put up platform, etc., a.m. Went after pole to raise this eve. Got one in Jacob Harnish woods. Bought of J. B. Harnish. Amos Graver hauled it. It was about 11 feet long & very nice. Straight. Raised it in eve. Had a parade in eve. Large meeting. About 700 or 800 people present. Mr. Witmer, John M. Groff, Murphy & W. D. Weaver addressed the meeting. I did not parade. I have been in parades for the last 20 years. Every year I think I would stop. Cool, raw air all day. Clear.

Friday, October 9

Working in shop partly all day. Got 30 bus. corn on ear of John Graver. Much cooler & very heavy frost & some ice. Cool all day. Ther: 37. Partly clear.

Saturday, October 10

Working in shop, etc., all day. At IORM in eve. Blanche had a birthday party this eve. in honor of her 15th birthday tomorrow. Quite a few of her school mates & friends spent the eve. Very pleasant. We gave them a supper. Got 30 bus. corn on ear of John Graver. Heavy frost. Coldest day of the season. Ice nearly 1/4 inch thick. Ther: 35. Partly clear.

Sunday, October 11

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to

Grandmother's, Charles & I. Wife & Blanche went out to Beckie's p.m. At home in eve. Blanche is 15 years old today. How time flies. We are getting old fast. Cool & very damp, raw air all day. Rain in eve. Cloudy.

Monday, October 12

Working in shop, etc., at hearse curtains, etc., all day. Raining all day. Commenced early this morning. Cloudy.

Tuesday, October 13

In shop & working at hearse curtains, etc. Raining partly all day. A much needed rain. Cloudy.

Wednesday, October 14

Working in shop, etc., & working at hearse curtains. Wife helping. This is quite a wet spell. The best rain we have had for a long time. There is very little running away. Damp & rainy all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, October 15

Working in shop & helping wife with house cleaning. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cool but pleasant. Partly clear.

Friday, October 16

Working in shop, etc., all day. Damp & cool. Cloudy.

Saturday, October 17

Working in shop & in garden cleaning up for winter. At IORM in eve. M. M. Bortzfield was granted a withdrawal card from same on acct of -. Quite damp all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, October 18

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Urban Gutelins, a student at Seminary. He preached a powerful sermon from St. Luke 10+29. The contribution for the Armenians was \$3.75. At home in eve. Mr. Yentzer &

wife here. Cool rain & damp air all day. Cloudy.

Monday, October 19

At Lancaster. Bought oil cloth for wife & paint for S. B. Good's house. At church in eve. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, October 20

Started to paint S. B. Good's house at west end of town. 2 coats. Mrs. A. F. Martin had horse to go to West Willow. Cool all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, October 21

Painting all day. At church practicing for Harvest Services. Cool & rather stormy. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, October 22

Working in shop a.m. painting blinds. Went to Lancaster to attend Republican parade. A. F. Martin, Geo Eckman, Chas Wade & M. M. Bortzfield went along on furniture wagon. It was certainly a very large parade. Our club hired our band for the occasion & agreed to pay them \$25.00. Very pleasant day & eve.

Friday, October 23

Working in shop all day painting blinds for S. B. Good house, etc. About the large parade last night: the morning news gives the following by actual account. On horseback, 287. Musicians, 597. In carriages, 85. On foot, 2,933. Total, 4,667. Sent check to H.B.C. Co. for bill to date. Damp & cool. Cloudy.

Saturday, October 24

Painting sash for Martin Good & blinds for S. B. Good. In shop all day. At IORM in eve. Cool & stormy partly all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, October 25

At teacher's meeting (J. R. Yentzer, teacher) & Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Spent the

eve. at Mr. Bruner's, self & family. O. F. Bruner & wife we're there. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Monday, October 26

Working in shop painting & glazing sash & helped to cut the large locust tree on the IORM property. Measured 24 inches across but about 45 or 50 years old. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday, October 27

Working in shop glazing sash for M. B. Good and helping at IORM fence all day. Went along with Walter M. Franklin to Colemanville to a political meeting held at Fred Shoff house. Had a large meeting & was well pleased with my trip. Wm G. Henry painting for me at S. B. Good house. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Wednesday, October 28

Painting all day at S. B. Good's home, Will & I. Pleasant day. Little cooler. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 29

Working at fence in front of IORM a.m. Painting blinds for S. B. Good, p.m. Very pleasant. Rather warm. Ther: 72 (in shade). Clear.

Friday, October 30

Painting at S. B. Good's house all day. Will 1/2 day. Stormy but pleasant. Changeable. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, October 31

Painting at S. B. Good's, a.m. (Will & I) part of p.m. In shop, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Bought the posts of them of the large locust tree in front of Hall & 14 cents apiece & the off fall wood for 25 cents. Warm & pleasant. Partly clear.

Sunday, November 1

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At

preaching by Paul L. Gerhard. Text: St. Luke 2+52. This is the first time he preached here & did very well, p.m. Had Children day services this eve. Everything passed off very nicely. Rather damp & cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Monday, November 2

At Lancaster all day. Took sash out & brought blinds in from M. B. Good's house before going & took paint out to S. B. Good's house in eve. Wm painting 3/4 day. Pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday, November 3

At the election all day. McKinley & Hobard candidates for president & vice president 396. Votes polled, 373. Rep: 11 Bryan 2 Bold Dem & 7 Prohi. Went to Lancaster to hear the returns coming in. M. B. Good along. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Wednesday, November 4

Carried over locust posts from IORM property, etc., a.m. Working in shop p.m. & painting at M. B. Good. Came home from Lancaster about 5 o'clock this morning. McKinley & Hobard elected. Had a great time at Lancaster. The people seemed to get wild when the news was rec'd. We're going to have a parade this eve, but rained. Will have it the first nice night. Damp & rainy p.m. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, November 5

Painting blinds for M. B. Good all day in shop. Rained partly all night & raining heavy a.m. & part of p.m. Cloudy.

Friday, November 6

Painting blinds for M. B. Good a.m. At S. B. Good's house p.m. Wm helping. Rec'd word of the death of Mr. Lawrence of Harrisburg. Will be shipped to Safe Harbor & buried at River Corner Church tomorrow a.m. Had a

parade this eve in honor of the election of McKinley & Hobard. Had the band & all the tin horns that could be had. Paraded from my shop to Geo W. Prices, East, & John Pries, West. Cooler.

Saturday, November 7

Went to station at Safe Harbor to take charge of the funeral of Jacob Lawrence who died Nov 6 at Harrisburg & buried at Old Mennonite Church, River Corner. Aged 84-4-23. Rev. H. S. Beals spoke from Rom 8-38 & H. M. Stauffer from 1 Cor 41-58. Bearers: Abrm H. Miller, David S. Hess, John L. Warfel & Henry H. Kuntz. 8 carriages, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant all day. Clear.

Sunday, November 8

Went to Sunday school but did not have any on account of inclemency of the weather. At home with all day & eve. Raining all day & very damp. Cloudy.

Monday, November 9

Painting at S. B. Good's house all day. Wm part of p.m. Cold, raw wind all day. Ther: 32. Partly clear.

Tuesday, November 10

Painting at S. B. Good's house, Wm & I all day. Cold, raw & damp all day. Ther: 30. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, November 11

Painting a.m. at S. B. Good's & p.m. in shop painting blinds for M. B. Good, Wm & I. Damp all day. Raining part of a.m. & p.m. Cloudy.

Thursday, November 12

Painting blinds in shop for M. B. Good, a.m. & painting room p.m. Wm worked all day. I filed saw for M. H. Groff & about house, etc., p.m. Harry Eberley here. Brought Charles & Bertha up to stay a few days. Harry Martin working

for me at E. End School house p.m. Very damp. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Friday, November 13

Papering at East End School house. Wm & Harry Martin helping all day. Colder. Snow & rain storm. Damp & raw wind. Cloudy.

Saturday, November 14

Papering at East End School House. Wm & Harry Martin helping a.m. Clerking sale of Mary E. Fralich's household goods at J. W. Store, p.m. At IORM in eve. Mrs. Fralich took 5 shares of stock in the Pennsylvania B & L Association through me. Cold, raw wind all day. Ice all day. Partly clear.

Sunday, November 15

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. Souder of New Providence charge. Text: 2 Cor 3+5. He preached an able sermon, p.m. The corner stone of United Evangelical Church was laid this p.m. Was not there on account of having services at our own church. At P. M. Bruner's in eve. with family. Cold in morning. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, November 16

Went to Lancaster & brought out 4 children from Lancaster cemetery & had them buried at New Danville New Mennonite Cemetery. Returned at 2 p.m. Took blinds to S. B. Good's house & brought jacks, etc., to M. B. Good. Settled with Jacob B. Miller, New Danville to date. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, November 17

Painting at M. B. Good all day, Wm & I. Paid Harvey McLaughlin \$5.00 on acct. & rec'd \$5.00 of Margaret Bitts on account. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Wednesday, November 18

Painting at M. B. Goog, Wm & I, a.m. Finished

papering at East End school p.m., Harry Martin & Wm & I. Very nice day. Partly clear.

Thursday, November 19

Painting at M. B. Good's a.m. & part of p.m. & at S. B. Good's painting balance of day, Wm. Paid Grant Gardner \$3.50 for hauling coal & funeral to date. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Much cooler. Partly cloudy.

Friday, November 20

Painting at S. B. Good's all day, Wm & I. Cold, raw, damp air all day. A few flakes of snow. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, November 21

Painting at M. B. Good's a.m. in house. Oiled wainscoting at East Centre School & at home p.m., Wm & I. He worked 4 hours. Very damp & rainy a.m. Cooler p.m.

Sunday, November 22

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

Monday, November 23

Painting at M. B. Good's all day. Wm 1/2 day. I painted 1/2 day inside. Mrs. Robert Brady was buried today at River Corner. From Lancaster. Coldest day thus far. Cold all day. Ther: 29. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, November 24

Painting at M. B. Good's all day. Wm outside & I inside graining. Gave W. E. Browne note for 40 days for \$30.00. Should have been \$28.50. Settled for painting hearse & carriage in full. Pleasant day. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, November 25

Painting all day. Finished graining rooms (cherry). Wm painted outside for M. B. Good & finished at S. B. Good's house. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Thursday, November 26

Wife & I & children at home. Went down to Harry Eberley's early this morning. Spent a.m. there & took dinner with them. Spent a very pleasant time. Went over to Mother's in p.m. She is better than she had been. Had an argument on politics with Dad. He is certainly wild on free silence. He denounced both Washington & Lincoln & you cannot reason with him. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Friday, November 27

Papering from B. B. Good a.m. & part of p.m. 3/4 day & painted balance of day. Wm helped all day. This is certainly remarkable weather. Just like spring. Very pleasant day. Clear

Saturday, November 28

Painting at M. B. Good's, Wm & I, a.m. Working in shop repairing chairs for David H. Miller & working about barn, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Light rain a.m. Raining p.m. & eve. heavy. Much cooler. Cloudy.

Sunday, November 29

At teacher's meeting (my sub teacher) & Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Mr. Kressley, student of F&M College. Text: 1 Cor 13+13. He preached a very good sermon. Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Bruner spent the eve. with us. Mrs. John E. Good died this morning, Marticville. Damp all day. Showers a.m. Sleet, etc., p.m. Snowing in the eve. Much colder. Cloudy.

Monday, November 30

Painting shutters & blinds in shop for M. B. Good, Wm & I, 3/4 day. John Kendig clipped my horse today. Charged \$1.50. Much colder. 4 inches of snow this morning. Cloudy.

Tuesday, December 1

Papered kitchen at Martin B Herr's today, Wm & I. Rec'd pay & paid Wm for same. I bought 60 lb. beef of M. H. Groff for

butchering tomorrow @ 7 cents = \$4.20. Although the sun was out all day, the snow melted very little. Cold all day. Rough roads. Ther: 20. Clear.

Wednesday, December 2

Butchered 2 hogs. Weighed 260 & 340. Frank L. Foutz was butcher. Charged \$1.00. Wm Caldwell & Harry Martin helped. Everything passed off nicely. Gave Wm Henry an order for 1/2 ton coal to H. M. Stauffer. Coldest morning of the season. Cold all day. Ther: 18. Partly clear.

Thursday, December 3

Attending to meat, sausage, etc., a.m. Painting at M. B. Good's p.m. At Jr. OUAM in eve. No meeting. Cold in morning, but very in p.m. Ther: 20. Clear.

Friday, December 4

Working in shop partly all day. Made 2 doors for wagon of H. W. Hess, \$1.60. Shutters of M. B. Good. Raw, cold air all day. Ther: 20. Partly clear, damp air all day. Ther: 20. Partly clear.

Saturday, December 5

Varnishing at East End school, Wm & I, 1/4 day & at Martin Good's balance of a.m. & part of p.m. Shelled balance of corn, cleaned poultry house thoroughly & things in general around barn. At IORM in eve. Cool, damp air all day. Ther: 20. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, December 6

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. Walked over to see Grandmother in p.m. She is well. At home in eve. J. R. Yentzer & Wm R. Caldwell here. Very pleasant day. Like spring. Partly clear.

Monday, December 7

At Lancaster all day. Charles along. Bought him a suit, overcoat, cap, under clothing &

gloves & stockings & myself a suit, Mackintosh, hose, blanket, etc. Rec'd pay for papering East End School House, \$13.25. Wm painting at M. B. Good's all day. I had a strong call for Quarryville today again to go into business. Cold, damp air all day. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 8

Painting at M. B. Good's all day, Wm & I. Sold Conrad Z. Hess & L. B. pullets at 75 cents = \$6.00. Very raw, damp air all day. Light rain in eve. Cloudy.

Wednesday, December 9

Painting at M. B. Good's all day. Starting East End. I varnished rooms, p.m. Wm all day painting. I paid Wm 25 cents. Cool all day. Partly cloudy.

Thursday, December 10

Painting at M. B. Good's all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Paid John L. Kendig for clipping horse, \$1.50. Paid A. F. Martin \$15.00 on L. Raw wind a.m. Very pleasant p.m. Partly clear.

Friday, December 11

Painting at M. B. Good's all day. Grained 3 outside doors & went with O. F. Bruner to P. C. Hiller, J of Peace, to settle his account with P. M. Bruner estate. He presented 2 notes. One for \$70.00 & one figures \$31.00 & wrote in body forty on them. Must be something wrong with these notes, a.m. Wm & I painting. Cold, raw wind all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, December 12

Painting at M. B. Good's. Finished about 3 p.m., Wm & I. I think it is the prettiest house in the village. They are well pleased with the work. At IORM in eve. Cool air all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, December 13

At Sunday school & Communion. Preaching

by Rev. Gerhard. Text: 1 Cor 11+24. We were glad to see him once again, a.m. Rev. & Mrs. Gerhard took dinner with us. He asked me to accompany him over to see Wm C. Smith with regard to the Bruner trouble, which I did, but without much effect. He (Smith) made some wild assertions. Before leaving I gave him my hand & told him he blamed me for things wrongly but I forgave him & hoped he would do the same. He said he would but would not forget. We parted. Preaching in eve. by Pastor. Text: Matt 11+3&4. Very pleasant day. Partly clear.

Monday, December 14

In shop & at M. H. Groff's. Put on storm doors & put in window panes, etc., \$5.04. H. C. McAllister got 1 gal paint, \$1.45 & mixed paint for him 25¢. Writing for F. H. Flinchbaugh in his assessment book, p.m. & wrote till 12 o'clock at night. He is behind with it and wants me to help him out. Pleasant all day. Partly clear.

Tuesday, December 15

Writing for F. H. Flinchbaugh all day. At R. Yentzer's in eve. practicing for Xmas. Settled with Wm G. Henry to date & owe him balance of \$4.75. Cold, raw air all day. Feels like snow air. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, December 16

Writing for F. H. Flinchbaugh & fixed glass in front of H. W. Hess milk wagon. Furnished boards 4 cents / 35. Writing for F.H. balance of day & till 12 o'clock at night. Light snow. Very rough. Cold all day. Ther: 24.

Thursday, December 17

Working in shop all day. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Cold, raw wind all day. Pleasant in eve. Partly clear.

Friday, December 18

Working for Dr. Witmer all day at storm doors

& finished porch at office. In shop in eve. Made some things for our Christmas entertainment. Few flakes of snow at noon. Cold, raw wind all day. Partly cloudy.

Saturday, December 19

Paid Wm G. Henry in full to date. Hanging storm doors at office for Dr. Witmer, a.m. Cleaning poultry house, stable & made wire fence in poultry yard. About 4 p.m. M. M. Bortzfield store was seen to be on fire. I went out & by hard work we saved the building. It caught from the pipe of the storeroom stove. The fire was between the ceiling & floor of 1st story. Nothing burned in the store, but the floor was ruined in getting the fire. At IORM in eve. Raw wind all day. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, December 20

At Sunday school a.m. Over to see Grandmother & Millers, p.m. Spent the evening at J. R. Yentzer's very pleasantly. Rather cool all day. Partly clear.

Monday, December 21

At Lancaster all day. Wife along. Bought candles at Royers & books at P. Y. store for Sunday school for Xmas. Rec'd pay of M. B. Good for painting home & rooms, \$4.25. A. F. Martin & I appraised damages by fire of M. M. Bortzfield, \$20.00, 3/4 of it Legits \$15.00. Practicing in eve. for entertainment on Xmas eve. Cold, raw air all day. Snowing in eve. Partly cloudy.

Tuesday, December 22

Working in shop & Hall all day getting things ready for our Xmas entertainment. Wm G. Henry painted at Hall for 1/2 day. Practicing in eve. Cold, raw air all day. Snowing in eve. Partly cloudy.

Wednesday, December 23

Fixed desk for M. M. Bortzfield & at Margaret

Bitts a.m. In shop, etc. H. W. Hess paid bill to date, \$2.95, p.m. Practicing in eve. & at M. M. Bortzfield. He got his insurance. About 3 inches of snow this morning. Cold wind. Snow occasionally. Partly clear.

Thursday, December 24

In shop making blackboard & ironing board for H. C. McAllister's daughter (Ruth) & getting ready for our Xmas entertaining all day. Rehearsing in eve. Could not stay on account of rehearsal. Preparing things for children before retiring. Very cold all day. Ther: 7. Clear.

Friday, December 25

Getting children up early this morning to see what they received & highly pleased. Took presents to Hall for S.S. treat. 1/2 lb. excellent candy. The primary department a picture story book. The larger ones a library book with excellent reading. Nothing trashy. The best treat we have given them at any time. A good house in the eve. Receipts at door, \$21.91 (hard earned). Cold, raw air all day. Ther: 19. Clear.

Saturday, December 26

Working in shop a.m. Cleaning hen house, etc., etc., p.m. Wife & children at Wm Caldwell's. At IORM in eve. Cold but pleasant in p.m. Partly clear.

Sunday, December 27

At Sunday school. Officers elected for 1897: Supt., J. R. Yentzer. Asst. Supt., A. J. Zercher. Secy., Dora M. Smith. Treas., A. J. Zercher. Organist, Blanche B. Zecher. Receipts for 1896, \$67.71. Expenses, \$47.64, a.m. Preaching in p.m. by Rev. Gerhard. At M. E. Church Christmas service in eve. Pleasant day. Clear.

Monday, December 28

Cleaning out Hall, getting things of Xmas, house, Beth., a.m. In shop p.m. Cold a.m. Pleasant p.m. Ther: 11. Clear.

Tuesday, December 29

In shop a.m. At Margaret Bitts' Sale. Bought double set harness for hearse, \$5.50 & copper kettle (small) & few small articles. Fred Groff of Quarryville here to see me. Raw air all day. Partly clear.

Wednesday, December 30

Working at back kitchen. Put door on, etc., & brought things from Bitts' Sale & put up hanging lamp for Mrs. Ella Myers, etc., p.m. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Thursday, December 31

Took load of goods to Lancaster for John Zercher, New Danville. They moved to 208 West Vine St. Paid Boone note \$29.00. Settled with S.S. S. for paints to date. Loaned \$50.00 of M. B. Good for short time. Got word of the death of Jacob Henry's son near Squire Witmer's. Went up & embalmed body (Manor). Funeral on Saturday p.m. Dad Eichen Miller here this eve. Got goods at Steinmans & Pinch. Very pleasant day.

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Another year has closed. Nor can it ever return. Do you feel that we have done you any harm? Pray do forgive. We have again great reason to be thankful for the blessings we have enjoyed through the year that has just closed. We have been blessed with health & have had a reasonable amount of work considering the times, etc. We thank God for these blessings & would ask His watchful care over us during the coming year & may we be near to Him.