# Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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# Saturday, January 1

In store all day. Geo Shoff died this morning. Cash receipts: \$21.19. Partly Clear. Cold & Stormy.

# Sunday, January 2

At Sunday school. The following officers took charge: Supt., Henry Martin. Asst. Supt., A. J. Zercher. Secy., Dora M. Smith. Treas., J. R. Yentzer. Organist, Blanche B. Zercher. Receipts for year: Expenses: Balance on hand: Went over to Grandmother's & Uncle Christ's. Rev Simon Graybill died this morning. At home in Eve. Partly Clear. Cold all day.

# Monday, January 3

Helped to lay road tax, Geo Kreider's Clerk. 2% rate. Blanche in store. Sent check to W. K. Setter for fire tax: \$200.00. Also one to Harrisburg Burial Case Co. to date. McArdle of New Danville died this morning. Cash: \$14.96. Partly clear. Cold all day.

# Tuesday, January 4

In store all day. Mother came back this eve. Groff & Hookey are busy at the ice. Cash: \$11.28. Partly cloudy. Cold & raw. Air moderating.

# Wednesday, January 5

In store partly all day. B. L. Greider, breeder of thoroughbred poultry here looking after Buff Cochins. Was well pleased with my flock. Cash: \$4.33. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

# Thursday, January 6

In store all day. Mother went over to Uncle C. B. Millers. McArdle buried today. Cash: \$6.22. Partly cloudy. Damp & cold all day.

### Friday, January 7

In store all day. Sent check to Alfred C. Bruner for December rent: \$12.00. Sent 36 doz. eggs over to Linda Christ's to take to market. Cash: \$5.68. Partly clear. Cool & rather stormy.

### Saturday, January 8

In store all day. The band serenaded the town this p.m. They held an entertainment this eve which was largely attended. Cash: \$19.13. Partly clear. Very pleasant day, raw air.

# Sunday, January 9

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerard. Himself, wife & William took supper with us. Mrs. Graver, widow of Henry Graver, died this p.m. At home in eve. Partly clear. Very pleasant day but commenced snowing this eve.

# Monday, January 10

At Lancaster by stage. Bought goods for store. I congratulated Hon. John H. Landis on the prospect of the appointment of Chief Coiner at the Mint in Philadelphia. I am certainly glad that my friend John has received it. Cash: \$4.44. Cloudy. Cool & damp all day.

# Tuesday, January 11

In shop all day. M. S. Miller & Co. agent for groceries here. Ordered molasses, Perrier, saltpeter, brooms, etc.: \$16.44. Sent check to Lafeau Bros Co & D. S. Peterman & Co, York: \$33.54, & W. K. Seltzer, Ephrata: \$75.00. Cash: \$14.99. Cloudy. Damp all day.

# Wednesday, January 12

In store all day. Mrs. Graver was buried today. Martin B. Good & Ella Myers were married today & had a crowd of serenaders. They kept it up fully one hour. Cash: \$6.51. Cloudy. Very damp all day. Roads very bad.

#### Thursday, January 13

In store all day. Rec'd barrel of molasses etc. of M. S. Miller & Co. Cash: \$3.84. Partly cloudy. Like spring. Roads very bad.

#### Friday, January 14

In store all day. H. K. Hershey of M. H. here. Ordered salt, raisins. etc. Put molasses on tap etc. Very nice. The brooms rec'd of Miller & Co. are a good article for 2 for 25. Cash: \$4.72. Partly cloudy. Cool all day. Very bad roads.

#### Saturday, January 15

In store all day. The Republican Twp. primary was held today with the following results. Judge: Jacob Henry, 143, Amos K. Benedict, 130. Inspector: Jacob H. Morrison, 166, John R Good, 108. School Directors: Hiram Warfel, 183, Eli Warfel, 175, Martin H. Good, 107. Supervisors: Geo Kreider, 173, Henry Warfel, 189, Saml Rankin, 20, Daniel R. Shank, 29, Jacob Ressel, 53. Assessor: F. H. Flinchbaugh, 95, Val Kneisley, 34, Levi W. Warfel, 20, Benj Beach, 125. Auditor: Geo W. Warfel. Town Clerk: Theo Jones. Cash: \$19.59. Cloudy. Raining a.m. Getting cooler p.m.

### Sunday, January 16

At Sunday school a.m. at home. Heard that the gorillas took David B. Foutz's old horse out of stable & killed him. This is certainly not right as he was a fairly good horse yet. Ella Good took dinner with us. Partly clear. Colder. Raw air.

#### Monday, January 17

In store all day. Wm Caldwell & family here in eve. Cash: \$3.95. Cold all day.

#### Tuesday, January 18

In store all day. The Mercantile Appraiser, Mr. Fed B. Drum here today. Cash: \$5.67. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

### Wednesday, January 19

In store a.m. Took survey of Jacob M. Shank's property (formerly Snaveleys) & took policy out to Jacob Good, Pequea & went to Conrad Hess & got a light Brahma Cockrel for breeder & home p.m. Went to Safe Harbor to take charge of the body of infant of Samuel Brady. Cash: \$4.93. Cloudy. Cold damp air all day. Snowing in eve.

#### Thursday, January 20

About store all day. Cash: \$4.00. Partly cloudy. Raining partly all day.

#### Friday, January 21

In store & took rough box up to Stehman's U. B. Church & came home by way of Safe Harbor a.m. In store & went down to shop. Lined & finished small coffin p.m. In store in eve. Cash: \$4.96. Partly cloudy. Colder & roads very bad. I do not see how they could be worse.

#### Saturday, January 22

Attending funeral of Annie May Brady infant, daughter of Saml Brady & wife, aged 1 mo. & 2 days. U. B. Kauffman & Dunkard Hershey spoke from 2 Saml 12 & 23. Bearer, self. 12 Carriages. Buried at Stehman U. B. Church. Rec'd pay for same \$4.22, a.m. In store p.m. At IORM in eve. This is the first visit since I am at the store. Cash: \$4.98. Cloudy. Cold raw air. Snow & rain p.m. & eve.

#### Sunday, January 23

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard & at home in eve. Partly cloudy. Beautiful weather a.m. The heaviest storm that visited this town for some time in p.m.

#### Monday, January 24

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store, etc. Went by stage. Cash: \$2.05. Partly clear. Cold raw air all day.

### Tuesday, January 25

In store all day. Benj F. Hill (Jr), Chas Kreider & John Zercher put 5 lb. of dynamite under a large chestnut tree on the old Musser home to blow it out but failed. Raised the tree some but did not throw it. I saw it from store porch. Ordered bill of shoes from Edw Romberg, York, Pa through his salesman. Cash: \$4.99. Cloudy. Damp all day. Snow in p.m. Rain in eve.

#### Wednesday, January 26

In store all day. Sent hide over to Myers tannery. Cash: \$10.04. Partly clear. Cold & stormy all day.

#### Thursday, January 27

In store all day. Sent check to S.S & H. & R. B. & R. M. Homer of Petermans, York (shoe man) here & Melvin R. Long & Co., salesman, Lancaster. Cash: \$9.90. Partly cloudy. Cool all day. Getting colder in eve.

#### Friday, January 28

Rec'd word this morning of the death of Mrs. Christ K. Henry (widow). Went down & took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 9 & 10 o'clock. In shop & store. M. H. Benedict helped to make coffin. Clayton Hill brought goods from Safe Harbor. Cash: \$8.67. Partly clear. Cold all day.

#### Saturday, January 29

Sent 66 doz. eggs to market with John S. Carrigan. In store a.m. Covering coffin & in store p.m. & eve. Took coffin down this eve. Cash: \$27.81. Partly cloudy. Snowing part of a.m. & some of p.m.

#### Sunday, January 30

Attending funeral of Elisabeth Henry, widow of C. K. Henry, aged 67-5-24. Rev Daniel Rhinier preached from 49 Psalm 8 verse. Bearers: Wm Hess, Chas Hess, Ed Henry, Wm Fralich, grandchildren. Born August 4, 1830. Died January 28. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Monday, January 31

In store all day. Cash: \$6.60. Cloudy. Snowing partly all day. Stormy & snow in eve,

#### Tuesday, February 1

In Lancaster. Bought goods for store, etc. Bought platform scales at Geo M. Steinman & Co. Paid \$8.00 cash for same. Cash: \$2.24. Cloudy. Very stormy all day & cold.

#### Wednesday, February 2

In store all day. Wife went out to Wm Caldwell's. Cora is better today. Sent check to Watt & Shand for \$13.28 for bill to date. It is reported that John Wade bought J. F. Caldwell's property where Wm C. Smith lives. It seems to be very dissatisfactory to Smith. Cash: \$9.53. Partly cloudy. The coldest day of the season.

### Thursday, February 3

In store all day. Heard today that John Worth of Safe Harbor rented J. W. Urban's store & will move there in the spring. It seems to me there are enough stores here already, but it seems not. Sent check to A. C. Bruner, Esq. for rent: \$12.00. Cash: \$5.80. Partly clear. Cold all day.

#### Friday, February 4

Received word this morning of the death of H. W. Hess's Wife Lizzie F. Went over & took charge of body. Funeral on Monday at 9 & 10 at Old Mennonite Church, River Corner. Sent rough box to Cemetery this p.m. & brought box shoes from station, Safe Harbor. Cash: \$5.15. Clear. Cold but moderating.

#### Saturday, February 5

Went over to Hess's. Took stools over. Everything all right & in store a.m. In shop lining Casket, etc. I had a warrant served on me to appear in Lancaster on Wednesday of next week at Alterman Halbaugh. I am sued on account of some money that Jacob Henry as Treas. of the IORM put to his own use. Him, J. F. Caldwell & myself. This is the first time I was ever sued & then to think by Bro of a fraternal Order after I offered to meet them for a confrontation & them not saying anything about it. Cash: \$14.67. Moderating. Partly clear.

#### Sunday, February 6

Went over to Hess's to see after corpse & at Missionary Society a.m. At preaching by Rev D. W. Gerhard. Text Matt 8-27 & went down to the cemetery to see about grave p.m. At home in eve. Mr. Eby, the party whom I wrote to about a lost dog was here today & got it over at Jacob G. Kreider's & gave him \$1.00 for his trouble. Partly clear. Cool but rather pleasant.

#### Monday, February 7

Attending funeral of Lizzie F. Hess, aged 30-8-7. Born May 27, 1867. Died Feb 4. Rev Abram Herr Text & Abram Witmer Text Job 19-21 preached. There were about 50 carriages. Bearers: Jacob B. Harnish, Hiram G. Warfel, Christ H. Hess, John Lefever, members of Mennonite Church. A very large funeral. I tried something today that seemed to give a general satisfaction. I lined the grave with white muslin. The first I ever did. Cash: \$5.19. Clear. A very beautiful day (overhead).

#### Tuesday, February 8

In store all day. Rec'd candies & Kopps Cur-a-Cough from York, Pa. Cash: \$5.66. Partly cloudy. Pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, February 9

Went to Lancaster by stage to attend the hearing of the suit brought by Trissler & Duke for the IORM for the bond & note given by Jacob Henry, Jacob F. Caldwell & myself security but was advised by my attorney to not go near so that I know very little about it. John Carrigan had been on market with eggs for me & I came along out with him about 3:30 p.m. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$15.60. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Thursday, February 10

In store all day. Mr. Hershey of M. & Hollinger was here. Gave him an order for 1 barrel syrup, etc. Mr. Null of Steinman Co. here. Gave him a small order. Cash: \$6.66. Partly clear. A very beautiful day. Roads are very heavy.

#### Friday, February 11

Went down to Wm H. Witmer's & bought his entire stock of hardware, etc. He is going out of business. Will bring stock tomorrow. In store all day. The papers report Lewis Kirk having cut his throat with a razor while in his cell. Cash: \$8.48. Clear. Pleasant all day. Getting stormy.

#### Saturday, February 12

Was called to Christ Enliner to take charge of the body of Anna DeArmon this morning at 1:30. In store, etc. & took stools & groceries out for funeral on Monday at 9 & 10 at Reformed Church. Brought hardware, etc. from Wm H. Witmer. In store, etc. balance of day. At IORM in eve but could not get a settlement so I do not know what to do. Cash: \$11.63. Partly cloudy. Damp & very bad roads. Terribly muddy.

#### Sunday, February 13

At Sunday school a.m. Working in shop all of p.m. covering & lining coffin for tomorrow. Saml Hackman sent up for me to come & attend his sister's funeral for him on Tuesday a.m. I promised to do so if nothing prevents. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

### Monday, February 14

Attending funeral of Annie Morrison (DeArmon) aged 85-10-27. Rev Abram Herr

# spork from St. John 14 + 1, 2, 3. Rev John MacBugh spoke afterword. 3 carriages. Bearers: Geo M. Kreider, H. B. Thomas, Christian Hess, Amos Fralich. She was buried from the House of Christ Enline. Cash: \$10.28. Partly cloudy. Quite a change (much colder)

### Tuesday, February 15

Attending funeral of Emma Hackman Eshleman, aged 29-1-7. Died Feb. 12. Rev. Mr. Golly preached. Text St. James 4 + 14. Also a few remarks by Rev John Harnish. I attended this funeral for Saml Hackman, undertaker at West Willow in return for a favor done me several years ago. Buried at Byerland a.m. At store & election & at M. B. Good's sale p.m. Cash: \$11.73. Election Day today. Cloudy. Rain part of a.m.

### Wednesday, February 16

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store & tried to settle suit of fined \$25 for my share but they would not accept it. Now I will wait the twenty days & then throw it to court. In store balance of day. Mrs. P. M. & O. F. Bruner came to our place this eve. Cash: \$10.08. Partly clear. Very stormy all day & much colder.

### Thursday, February 17

In store partly all day. M. B. Good brought his wife Ella Myer's household goods to his place today & his sister Barbara, who kept house with him for a number of years, left her house & moved to Theo Jone's. I went over & took dinner with them. Cash: \$9.02. Partly clear. Cold, moderating p.m.

### Friday, February 18

In store all day. Rec'd goods from R. J. Houston, Hosiery, etc. Mrs. C. M. Bruner went home by stage this morning. Cash: \$9.65. Cloudy. Damp, cold & raining.

Saturday, February 19

In store all day. Cash: \$7.04. Cloudy. No sun today. Raining partly all day.

### Sunday, February 20

At Sunday school a.m. Took Mrs. O. F. Bruner over to D. B. Herrs, Rock Hill & at Preaching by Rev D. H. Gerhard. Text: Matt. 17 + 8. Small audience. Cloudy. No sun. Damp all day. Very bad roads.

#### Monday, February 21

In store all day. Mr. Caldwell, salesman for S. S. & H. here this morning. Gave him a small order for groceries. Dave Martin brought shoes from Station Safe Harbor. Cash: \$9.31. Cloudy. No sun. Cloudy all day. Bad roads.

### Tuesday, February 22

In store all day. Adam Hess sale on the Abram Kendig farm. Very quiet day. Ordered groceries from M. S. Miller & Co. & confectionaries from Lafean Bros. Cash: \$4.77. Partly clear. Damp, raw air all day.

#### Wednesday, February 23

In store all day. Cash: \$5.93. Partly clear. Damp cold air all day.

#### Thursday, February 24

In store partly all day. Trimmed Safeway grape vines & berry bushes. Cash: \$9.35. Partly clear. Cool air all day.

#### Friday, February 25

In store. It beats all. Only 1/2 dozen salesmen here this a.m. It is too much of a good thing. I spoke to D. B. Foutz with regard to reducing his fire insurance policy but he is not favorable to it & thinks it had better be left as it is a.m. Sent checks to S. S. & H. & R. Bros & R. Cash: \$16.98. Partly cloudy. Snow in eve. The ground is covered.

#### Saturday, February 26

In store all day. School Board met today. Benj F. Hill & Charles brought goods from Station Safe Harbor p.m. Cash: \$15.90. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

#### Sunday, February 27

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. Went over to see Grandmother & Millers. Charles along p.m. At home in eve. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

### Monday, February 28

At Lancaster all day by stage. M. B. Good & I stayed at the Swan Hotel for the first today. Took dinner there & expect to stop there hereafter. Settled with Thos J. Davis this p.m. with the suit the Red Men had brought against J. F. Caldwell & myself on securities bond & note of Jacob Henry. Whole amount: \$180, but I got it settled with L. J. D. for ?? & cost \$5.00. I went to B. F. Tosslen & got bond & note (by check) through an order given by Davis their Attorney. I consider myself very fortunate. Cash: \$6.53. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

#### Tuesday, March 1

In store all day. Wife washed windows, etc. at store. Abram M. Hess (jr.) had his horse tied outside of store here & he tried to tear loose tearing out post & bent rod entirely around. Jos Harnish, Pequea, had sale of his personal property today p.m. He is going to retire. Cash: \$6.22. Clear. Pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, March 2

In store all day. Samuel Fehl was buried today on the home burying ground. Aged 70 years 2 days. Cash: \$8.01. Partly cloudy. Colder. Snowing all of p.m. The ground entirely covered.

#### Thursday, March 3

In store a.m. Went to sale of Jacob L. Hess, Jr. Large sale. B. F. Trissler had a fox chase at

Bortzfields store this p.m. Ed Peaco moved to York County today. Cash: \$6.40. Partly clear. Cold, raw air. Snow nearly all gone. Muddy roads.

#### Friday, March 4

In store partly all day. Cash: \$6.01. Partly cloudy. Cold damp air all day. Few flakes of snow fell.

#### Saturday, March 5

At Lancaster. Bought dry good, etc. for store. Returned home about 3 o'clock p.m. In store balance of day & at IORM in eve. B. F. Hookey was there for the first time for about 23 months & then only to raise a disturbance with regard to the settlement of the claim against myself & Bro J. F. Caldwell. He said positively that I did misrepresent the note business to Thos. J. Davis, their attorney, which I positively deny. Cash: \$8.86. Partly clear. Cold all day.

#### Sunday, March 6

At Sunday school & Missionary Society. B. F. Hookey stopped here on the way home & acknowledged that the matter of last night had been taken to extremes & had been misrepresented & hoped to him all would be right between him & I told him it would if he should come to the Tribe & make that statement there for my benefit & said he would when he came again a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard p.m. Mrs. Eliza Kilmer was buried today at Mt. Zion. Partly clear.

#### Monday, March 7

In store partly all day. Drove to Willow Street in eve. Henry Martin along. We decided as a Consistory of both churches to support a pastor ourselves if Hiller's folks are satisfied. It will be brought up before classes in May. Cash: \$6.54. Partly clear. Pleasant all day

#### Tuesday, March 8

In store all day. Rec'd candies from Lafean Bros, York. Cash: \$6.11. Clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, March 9

In store all day. John Campbells sale p.m. Cash: \$8.87. Partly clear. Very beautiful day.

#### Thursday, March 10

In store all day. Milton Heidelbaugh through here today. Candidate for Assembly. Prof J. M. Brecht, Supt., visited our schools today. Cash:\$8.48. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant all day.

#### Friday, March 11

In store all day. Cash: \$6.21. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

#### Saturday, March 12

In store. Harry Eberly & Bertha here. Sold him bill of goods a.m. Clerked sale of Jacob W. Morrison, admin of Annie DeAmore. A very good sale. I bought a large rocker for \$1.00, quilt for 85 cents, large walnut chest for \$1.00, pillow slip for 43 cents. At IORM in eve. Cash: \$10.37. Partly clear. Very beautiful day.

### Sunday, March 13

At Sunday school & prayer meeting a.m. About Home p.m. Went over to M. B. Goods in eve. Self & family. David G. Kendig, formerly of this place, died at Quarryville last evening about 10 o'clock. Partly cloudy. Light rain p.m.

#### Monday, March 14

In store all day. Blanche left school this eve. on account of staying in store so that I can get out more to attend outdoor work. Cash: \$4.74. Very pleasant day. Spring weather.

### Tuesday, March 15

In store a.m. Trimming vines etc. & in store p.m. A. C. Snyder took dinner with us this eve.

There were fully 200 letters in the mail. Large majority of them political. David G. Kendig buried at Old Mennonite Church, Strasburg. J. W. Morrison paid me for coffin, etc. of Annie DeAmon. Cash: \$5.17. Partly clear. Raining in eve.

#### Wednesday, March 16

In store. Sent 72 doz. eggs to Lancaster by stage @ 10 cents per dozen cash a.m. Went out to see Uncle Abram M. Hess on business this p.m. Cash: \$12.59. Partly cloudy. Damp, raw air all day. Rain in eve.

#### Thursday, March 17

At Safe Harbor. Brought dry goods & shoes from station, a.m. In store p.m. Several agents here. Mr. Huber from York (shoe man) here. Ordered a few goods. John Worth, merchant of Safe Harbor, moved to John W. Urban's house & will keep store in Urban's storeroom at the west end of town. Cash: \$7.51. Partly cloudy. Very beautiful St. Patrick's Day.

#### Friday, March 18

In store all day arranging & marking goods. John Z. Wade was up to see me with regard to renting the front part of my work shop to the band. He agreed to give me the back part of the shop for \$5.00 per year if I left them in & furnish two keys for the front door & I accepted. Cash: \$6.38. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Saturday, March 19

In store all day. County primary today. The anti-Quay for us as they name themselves, have abandoned the field & have turned in with few exceptions & gave the Quay ticket a large majority. Something unknown of here. Myself & friends are happy over the result—291 votes polled. Find ticket in back of book. Cash: \$17.83. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

### Sunday, March 20

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev D. W. Gerhard p.m. Went out to U. E. Church this eve, Charles & I. This is the first time I had been at their services. Also W. C. Smith & John S. Carrigan. Partly cloudy. Damp all day.

### Monday, March 21

At Lancaster by stage all day. Took dinner with Frederick Shoff & Directors at the Alms house & went all through the building & was very much pleased with the way I found things. Everything neat & clean. Only crowded too much. Wm E. Miller & Dr. Witmer were along for dinner but only Miller went along through. The election is all Quay. Everybody happy except the Antis. Cash: \$3.98. Cloudy. Damp all day. Raining morning.

### Tuesday, March 22

In store all day. Several agents here. Rec'd a letter from John B. Roth for E. E. Smith giving me charge of her property, formerly Kirks. The consideration on my part to be the payment of one year's tax by me that may be assessed against it. Said property, the receipts for which I shall deliver to her, which I agreed to do. Cash: \$4.17. Cloudy. Damp & raining all day.

# Wednesday, March 23

In store. Took Wife out to Beckie's to help her to get ready to move. In store balance of day. Bought 2 bus potatoes of Amos Sternerman & sold him goods for same: \$1.30. Cash: \$4.31. Cloudy. Damp & raining all day.

# Thursday, March 24

In store all day. Rec'd shoes from York, Pa (Peterman) & Long & Davidson, Lancaster. Also groceries from M. S. Miller of Lancaster. Cash: \$5.50. Cloudy. Raining partly all day.

### Friday, March 25

In store a.m. Took goods over to Al Charles & from there to Rock Hill to insure Wm R. Good contents in Hotel. Came home past Grandmothers & stopped in to see her & Uncle Christ's p.m. Cash: \$7.79. Partly clear. Pleasant day. First sunshine this week.

### Saturday, March 26

In store all day. Danl. Martin & Charley went to Safe Harbor & brought up candies from station. At IORM in eve. The following officers were elected. S: B. H. M. S B: E. D. J S: H. E. C of R: B. F. H. K of W: A. F. M. Trustee: B. F. T. unexpired term: J. B. U. Janitor: J. H. Ref: A. C. S. Cash: \$15.86. Partly clear. Cool all day.

# Sunday, March 27

Went down to Harry Eberley, Wife & I this morning & spent the day. Mother there. They intend moving in the Greenbryer Church until they get built. Cloudy. Damp all day.

### Monday, March 28

In store a.m. Clerking sale of Harry W. Hess. Had a very good sale amounting to over \$240 p.m. Caught a bad cold. Cash: \$4.95. Partly clear. Rather warm all day.

### Tuesday, March 29

Wm Caldwell moving in today. Wife helping. Blanche & Charles went to Lancaster this morning to sing at the Entertainment at the Mission Church, Duke & Green. Cash: \$10.51. Raining partly all day.

### Wednesday, March 30

In store all day. Grant Gardner moved from here to River Corner, opposite U. B. Church. Pehlman's brooder burned this morning & about 50 chicks died. Might have burned the blacksmith shop had it not been seen in good time. Blanche & Charles returned home this eve. Paid J. B. Harnish \$20.25 interest on bond. Cash: \$5.06. Partly cloudy. Cooler all day.

### Thursday, March 31

In store a.m. Went down to Jacob Rankin's & took survey of property for fire insurance & over to Christ B. Miller's in eve. Cash: \$2.41. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Friday, April 1

At Lancaster all day. Paid Jos Harnish \$300 that I had loaned of him & interest. Paid C. B. Miller \$15.00 he loaned of A. M. Charles for stone. Rec'd \$25.00 from E. H. Z. on account. Had a runaway this eve. Keens Baker League with Wm Bitts & a Miss Witmer, a small girl, but got them stopped after running about 3/4 mile. Mrs. Ferza Ament died at Lancaster this morning. Mr. Geo Aments widow died this morning. Cash: \$8.92. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Saturday, April 2

In store all day. Blanche not able to be in a.m. not being well at all. She tended in eve till I went to IORM & finished up my term as C of R. J. W. Hess withdrew from order by card. Benj Hill Jr. brought goods from Safe Harbor for me from Lippencott & Co. Cash: \$15.22. Partly cloudy. Cooler. Light rain p.m. colder in eve.

#### Sunday, April 3

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Gerhard p.m. Wife not well at all. Had Dr. (Witmer) here. Blanche is improving. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Monday, April 4

Went to Lancaster to bring out the body of Ferza Aument, widow of the late Geo Aument buried at M. E. Cemetery. Aged 76 years & 29 days. Rev McVeigh preached at church. In store balance of day. Settled with Bro Emanuel to date. Wm Wade paid four (\$4.00) dollars on his rent this eve. in advance. Cash: \$5.54. Partly cloudy. Cold all day & frost this morning.

#### Tuesday, April 5

In store all day. Edgar Hookey moved to the Jacob Henry property Where Grant Gardner moved out. Quite a number of followers disappointed on account of the weather that intended moving today. Sent check in payment of a number of bills today. Cash: \$5.00. Cloudy. Snowing partly all day. Full winter weather (cold).

#### Wednesday, April 6

In store partly all day. Rec'd hay from Jacob L. Hess, Jr. and paid for same. Went out to see P. C. Hiller to have my quarterly P.O. account affirmed. He is in bed & not well at all. Cash: \$5.14. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Thursday, April 7

In store all day. Mrs. Lucy Martin washed for wife today: 50 cents. My left arm is giving me a good deal of trouble today. Paining all the time. We received news by the evening paper that D. B. Landis, president of the Conestoga National Bank, was shot dead by Wireback, one of his tenants who was to vacate one of his houses on account of the property being sold. Blanche not well at all. Cash: \$10.79. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Friday, April 8

In store all day. Blanche not good at all. High fever. Paid G. B. Henry \$1.50 for dues in IOOF for quarter ending July 1st. Edward had horse to go to Lancaster: cash 50 cents. David Martin delivered goods to A. G. Hudson & brought box shoes & clock that he received from Arbuckle Bros for signatures from station. Cash: \$17.45. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Saturday, April 9

In store all day. A great deal of war talk. Wireback denied having shot D. B. Landis.

Blanche still in bed. Blanche not much better if any. In bed all day. Cash: \$12.08. Partly cloudy. Damp air all day.

# Sunday, April 10

At Sunday school. Made some changes in classes a.m. Walked over to see Grandmother. Found her well as usual. Had a thunder gust while over there. Hailed at Marticville. Blanche in bed all day. Partly clear. Warm all day. Gust p.m.

### Monday, April 11

In store all day. Should have went to Lancaster to attend a joint consistorial meeting & attend to some business but on account of Blanche not being able to be in I was obliged to remain home. Blanche setting up today. President sent his message to Congress today. Presented 2 boxes to mother. 1, a straw basket with eggs & the other a large rabbit (for Easter). Jack Hostetter's tobacco shed and barn burned p.m. Cash: \$5.14. Partly cloudy. Warm. Heavy gust & hail in eve.

# Tuesday, April 12

In store partly all day. Gave Charles Kreider team to take Ellie's furniture to Millersville. I loaded it for her. Charged 50 cents for team. Mr. Ed Reineberg's salesman here. I ordered rubbers at reduced rates. They are advancing. Blanche is still improving, but still in the House. Sent the boxes prepared last eve with Wm Bitts to Mother. Cash: \$10.55. Partly clear. Pleasant day after the storm.

# Wednesday, April 13

In store all day. Daniel Martin working for me all day. Bought 1 bus. lime of C. Erline. Mrs. John Carrigan here the first time for a long time. Cash: \$13.22. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

### Thursday, April 14

In store partly all day. Brought 7 plum trees up from home & planted them in back end of orchard & small mountain cherry in yard. John C. Eidermiller took dinner with us. He was delivering trees. Martha sent some things along for Mother. Cash: \$7.70. Partly cloudy. Damp all day. Rain in eve.

# Friday, April 15

In store all day. Damp & dreary all day. Ordered 1 bottle boiled linseed oil from the Homestead Linseed Oil Co., Cleveland Ohio. Cash: \$7.08. Raining partly all day.

### Saturday, April 16

In store all day. B. F. Hill (Jr) & Charles brought goods from Safe Harbor Station. Cash: \$11.75. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

### Sunday, April 17

Rec'd word of the death of Jonas Harnish, Pequea & went out. Shaved & washed him & took charge of the body. Funeral on Wednesday at 8:30 at House & 10 a.m. at church. Old Mennonite, River Corner a.m. At preaching by Rev D. W. Gerhard p.m. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Rather stormy.

# Monday, April 18

At Lancaster partly all day. Brought coffin & case along out ordered from Harrisburg Burial Case Co, paint from Hipple & Co etc. for store. Bought a suit for myself which I needed very much. In store in eve. Brought paint out for Jos M. Kreider, Theo Jones & Mrs. Peter Snavely houses. Cash: \$4.74. Partly clear. Warm all day. Appearance for rain.

# Tuesday, April 19

In shop & took stools out to Harnish's & rough box down to River Corner Church & brought up 600 lb. vegetable fertilizer from A. H. Miller a.m. Finished coffin etc. p.m. M. B. Good & I took coffin out this eve. Cash:

\$6.19. Partly cloudy. Raining & damp partly all day

### Wednesday, April 20

Attending funeral of Jonas Harnish, aged 85-2-14. Revs John Harnish & Abram Herr preached. Herr's text was 92 Psalms 12, 13, 14 & 15 verses. Bearers: Jacob Miller, Henry H. Harnish, Abram Huber & Harry Herr. 35 carriages. Large funeral. Brought stools home this p.m. & about store. Cash: \$6.09. Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Likely to have frost.

### Thursday, April 21

In store all day. Rec'd flour from H. C. McAllister & paid for same. H. K. Hershey here. Cash: \$4.68. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

### Friday, April 22

In store a.m. In store & brought goods from Safe Harbor Station of S. S. & H., Philadelphia. Much war talk now. Cash: \$4.97. Partly cloudy. Much cooler all day.

#### Saturday, April 23

In store a.m. Rec'd word of the death of Mary McAllister. Went out & took charge of body. Funeral on Tuesday at 9 & 10 o'clock at Mt. Zion Evangelical Church. In store balance of day & eve. Sent checks to D. S. Peterman & Co & Jacob Stair, York, Pa, for bills due. 25 cents net. Cash: \$16.23. Partly cloudy. Much warmer. Rain in eve.

### Sunday, April 24

At Sunday school a.m. In shop working on coffin, etc. p.m. Partly cloudy. Heavy rain last night. Very changeable today. Pleasant, warm & cold.

### Monday, April 25

Took rough box to Mt. Zion & stools to house & sent Charles to Safe Harbor alone for the first time for goods a.m. Working in shop linings & finishing coffin, etc. Cash: \$4.36. Partly cloudy. Damp all day. Rain in p.m. Heavy rain in eve.

### Tuesday, April 26

Attending funeral of Mary M. McAllister, aged 67-7-19. Rev Longsdorf preached from Job 14 + 14 & Rev John E. McVeigh made a few brief remarks. Pall bearers: Jacob Isaac, John & Amos McAllister. To house in Carriage, walked to the new church & from there to the Mt. Zion burying grounds. This was the first funeral held in the new church a.m. In store p.m. Cash: \$5.52. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain in eve.

### Wednesday, April 27

In store & went to Safe Harbor for bottle boiled linseed oil at Station a.m. In store etc. Charles brought 4 bags of coarse salt from Geo A. Hipple & Co, Safe Harbor. Paid for same & took paint & 10 gal oil to Bro Emanuel's for Mary Snavely house. Paid Bro Emanuel 5 cents for a new funnel. Cash: \$8.80. Partly cloudy. Much colder. The wind is real cold.

### Thursday, April 28

Graining room (setting) for Amos Warfel. Cash: \$3.76. Cloudy. Cold all day. Snowing partly all a.m. Sleet & rain p.m. Snow not all gone.

#### Friday, April 29

In store etc. a.m. In store & graining at Amos Warfel's p.m. Dehlan & Emmie Bruner came here from Lancaster by stage this eve. I am thinking seriously of enlisting for the defense of my country & for suffering Cuba to think the children (innocent) & women that are suffering. I do not think it should be tolerated & I feel as though it were my duty to help free them. Cash: \$8.30. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Saturday, April 30

Finished graining room for Amos Warfel & in store balance of day. Rev Gerhard & Wife took supper with us & Beckie Caldwell & Raymond here. Will stay all night. Preparatory services at church this eve. Was not able to be there on account of staying in store. Received a Business Stamp from Schmedes, Smith & Schmedes (Triple S Paint). Cash: \$35.89. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Sunday, May 1

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev Gerhard. Text Ephesians 3-15 after which the Holy Communion was celebrated a.m. At home p.m. & in church in eve. Preaching by Rev Schweitzer (Jr). Blanche & Charles sang in the choir today for the first time. Partly clear. Very pleasant all day.

### Monday, May 2

At Lancaster. Took potatoes in & brought goods out for store. The war fever is running high. Reports from Manila say the Americans had a glorious victory under the command of Admiral Dewey. Bro Emanuel along. Cash: \$13.81. Partly cloudy. Very warm at noon. Cooler in eve.

### Tuesday, May 3

In store all day. I bought a rubber stenciling outfit at Lancaster yesterday & was printing cards & put them on front of store. I shall continue to sell Arbuckle & Lion coffee @ 9 cents per lb. & have made some other reductions. My competitors cut the prices now. I propose to stay there as long as possible. Cash: \$5.61. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain last night.

### Wednesday, May 4

In store a.m. In store & varnishing at Warfel's p.m. Our government has as yet received no news from Commodore Dewey. Flour is up to \$4.90 per bus wholesale. Cash: \$5.21. Partly clear. Cool a.m. Warmer p.m. Cool in eve.

# Thursday, May 5

In store & finished varnishing setting room at Amos Warfel's a.m. In store p.m. Cash: \$7.92. Cloudy. Cool & raining partly all day. Commenced raining last night.

### Friday, May 6

In store all day. Charles & John M. Smith went up to Myers lime kiln back of Lancaster & bought 5 bus lime & paid for same 16 cents per bushel. Cash: \$4.50. Partly cloudy. Damp & rainy partly all day.

# Saturday, May 7

In store & took 2000 cigars to Safe Harbor & shipped them to J. B. Strine, 27 S. Strawberry St., York, Pa via Adams X & expected a load of goods back but was disappointed. A telegram was rec'd at Safe Harbor from Commander Dewey stating that they had destroyed eleven Spanish war ships & killed about 150 without losing any of their fleet & not a single American killed but few wounded. In store balance of day. Cash: \$11.88. Partly cloudy. Heavy rain in eve.

### Sunday, May 8

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At home p.m. Cloudy. Very much wet weather. Rained heavy last night. Very unpleasant & cold & raining partly all day.

# Monday, May 9

In store all day. Received word this eve. of the death of Amos Graver's infant son. Went over & took charge of body. Will bury on Wednesday. No funeral. Cash: \$12.72. Clear. Frost this morning. Very pleasant during day, but cool air.

#### Tuesday, May 10

In store all day. Six salesmen here today. We had teacher's examination here today. Great many folks in attendance. Following are the appointments. Graded: A. S. Benedict. Primary: A. R. Caldwell. E. Center: C. R. Smith. Steeple: Ed C. Urban. Locust Grove: Miss Minnie Hess. Stehman: Clayton Hess. Wyatt: Ira L. Warfel. Green Hill: Miss Emma Warfel. Shenks: Miss Gertie Kridson. River Hill: Miss Nora Harnish. Paid J. M. Warfel \$9.00 bal. on horse & paid Lizza Stein \$4.00 for Bureau. Cash: \$9.70. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, May 11

Working in shop making coffin for Amos Graver's Child. Attended to burying same p.m. Held no funeral. 13 days old. Buried at River Corner Old Mennonite Church. Cash: \$33.16. Partly cloudy. Raining & damp a.m. Warm & pleasant p.m. Cool in eve.

Thursday, May 12

Papered room for Mrs. Pehlman. Harry Martin helping. Paid \$5.22. Cash: \$5.42.

#### Friday, May 13

In store all day. Jos M. Witmer had horse & carriage to take his wife & Ray to West Willow Station. Made no charge. Cash: \$13.33. Partly clear. Very pleasant, air cool.

Saturday, May 14 In store all day. Cash: \$13.02. Partly clear. Beautiful day.

#### Sunday, May 15

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev D. W. Gerhard p.m. At home in eve. Partly cloudy. Raining partly all of a.m.

### Monday, May 16

Went to Lancaster by stage. Bought goods for store, etc. Cash: \$6.81. Cloudy. Heavy gust about 4 a.m. Rained a.m. Heavy gust in p.m. Raining in eve.

#### Tuesday, May 17

In store a.m. In shop & grained back door for Amos Warfel next neighbor & store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$11.98. Partly clear. Pleasant day. No rain.

### Wednesday, May 18

In store & grained two front doors for Amos Warfel. Cash: \$7.35. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

### Thursday, May 19

In store all day. Wife & Children went down to Caldwell's all day. Thanksgiving Day. The farmers are very busy planting corn today. Something new to see them work on this day but the much wet weather kept them back so. Cash: \$7.79. Partly clear. Thunder gust a.m. Not much rain. Warm all day. Gusty in eve.

#### Friday, May 20

In store all day. Cash: \$7.40. Partly clear. Very warm & close all day.

Saturday, May 21

In store all day. Cash: \$12.43. Partly cloudy. Rain last night. Pleasant but cooler.

### Sunday, May 22

At Sunday school a.m. At home & drove over to see granddaughter a short time p.m. Blanche not good at all. This eve. her rheumatism is much worse. Got some powders from the doctor to lay the pain. Partly cloudy. Darn fair all day (cool)

#### Monday, May 23

In store all day. Blanche not very good. I had to carry her down stairs this morning. Cash: \$6.66. Cloudy. Damp & rainy partly all day.

### Tuesday, May 24

Cleaned the store room & ware room. This is certainly a job & took stove down. Barbara Benedict helped. Paid her 75 cents for helping. Cash: \$9.26. Partly cloudy. Warm. Rain in eve & cooler.

### Wednesday, May 25

In store all day. Am very tired arranging goods etc. all day. Word was rec'd here of the accidental death of Paddy Herron, formerly from this place, now at Lancaster. Run over by the cars & killed. Died 1/2 hour afterward, yesterday p.m. Cash: \$5.35. Partly clear. Partly clear & warm. Rain in eve.

### Thursday, May 26

In store all day. Busy arranging goods. Did not stop two minutes all day. I believe am pretty well through & am pleased with my work. I had a man from Mt. Nebo here & heard him say "This is a nice store" so it pays me to keep things in order. Cash: \$6.17. Cloudy. Damp all day.

### Friday, May 27

In store a.m. At funeral of Paddy Herron in the 54th year of his age. Buried at the Reformed Church. John J. Watson undertaker. I put my grave lining in for him: white muslin & in store p.m. Cash: \$8.82. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

#### Saturday, May 28

In store all day. Loaned M. B. Good my double harness to go to Port Deposit with his wife & J. B. Urban & wife. A. J. Henry of York visiting his parents. Cash: \$18.75. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

### Sunday, May 29

At Sunday school a.m. & at preaching by Rev Gerhard. He preached his last sermon here as Pastor p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Preaching by Rev John McBeigh. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

### Monday, May 30

In lot best part of day. D. B. Foutz plowed for me. I planted potatoes & sweet corn. Dr. Witmer's house had a narrow escape today. The tank wagon was there & Mr. Fasnacht was filling the tank in cellar & they had a lamp in cellar & there was an explosion, burning Mrs. Witmer Bout face & hair. Cash: \$7.35. Partly clear. Warm day.

#### Tuesday, May 31

In store & graining doors for Jos M. Kreider. Rec'd pay for bill of paint for house: \$22.25. Cash: \$29.56. Partly clear. Quite cool this morning. Pleasant during day. Cool in eve.

### Wednesday, June 1

At Lancaster all day attending a meeting of the County Funeral Directors Association & paid \$1.00 for membership therein for one year. Met in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. From there we went to see the display of the Boyertown Burial Case Co., Philadelphia, Pa., which was fine & then to the Orange Street Opera House where the State Association meets for 2 days. Bought goods for store. Cash: \$5.40. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Thursday, June 2

Sent paint etc. to Theo Jones for painting house. Brought fruit jars from Safe Harbor Station a.m. Had photograph of store & house taken by a party representing County History Pub Co. Went to Harry Martin's to paper kitchen p.m. Cash: \$5.92. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Friday, June 3

Papering at Harry Martins. Finished a.m. Varnished doors at Amos Warfels & at Jos M. Kreider's & in store p.m. Another of Elisa Smith's buildings was burned down. A barn formerly owned by Lewis Kirk. This is the third building burned. Without a doubt set on fire about 1 o'clock p.m. A disgrace to the community. Cash: \$33.33. Partly clear.

# Saturday, June 4

In store partly all day. Went down to see what condition the upper barn of Miss Smith is in. I found it with some straw & oats in the sheaf & straw all around. I hired David Martin to take all of the straw & rubbish out of the barn & take it away on Monday. Bought 2 pictures of store, etc. that were taken on Thursday. Cash: \$16.12. Partly cloudy. Pleasant day.

# Sunday, June 5

Was called to Safe Harbor to take charge of the body of Nora Henry, a young girl that had her home with John Henry near Safe Harbor M.E. Church. Returned home about 3 a.m. Went down this morning & embalmed body. Funeral on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, Preaching at M. E. Church, Safe Harbor, & buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery. At Sunday school a.m. At home & took wife to Safe Harbor, the first for about 45 years. At the Children Day Services. Partly clear.

# Monday, June 6

In store & shop a.m. Lining casket etc. p.m. D. B. Foutz here getting lot ready for tobacco p.m. At Safe Harbor in eve. Cash: \$5.78. Partly clear. Very warm day.

# Tuesday, June 7

In store & in shop trimming casket partly all day. Sent rough box out to Mt. Zion by Charles. Took casket to house this eve. Brought Grandmother over to our house to stay till tomorrow eve. Rev Fred Brady, a warm friend of my father's took dinner with us. Cash: \$7.02. Clear. Very warm all day.

# Wednesday, June 8

Attending funeral of Miss Nora Henry, aged 18-6-28, consumption. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached. Text Revelations 22 + 5. Rev Abm Kauffman & Fred K. Brady spoke. Rev Mr. Frinefrock opened with prayer. Bearers: Jacob Warfel, Edward & Robert Barton & Myles Mulligan. Preached at M. E. Church at Safe Harbor & buried at Mt. Zion. Everything passed off nicely. M. B. Good drove in hearse a.m. Brought stools home & took Grandmother home. Cash: \$9.36. Partly clear. Very warm.

# Thursday, June 9

At Lancaster partly all day. Bought goods for store. Paid for everything I bought today. John C. Zercher was along in to see about getting a marriage license, but his father must go in on account of him being a minor, 18 years old. Cash: \$10.46. Partly clear. Ther 71 at 4:45 a.m. Very warm all day.

# Friday, June 10

In store arranging goods, etc. a.m. Was called to Benj Morton's to take charge of the body of Margaret Warfel, his mother-in-law. Embalmed body. Funeral on Sunday p.m. at 2:30 o'clock at Marticville M. E. Church. Cash: \$11.04. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

# Saturday, June 11

Returned home from Lancaster at 4:30 a.m. & brought coffin & case along ordered from Boyerstown Case Co. Lining coffin, etc., etc. a.m. Sent rough box away. I did not get to bed at all last night & I feel very tired after working hard all day. Cash: \$12.58. Partly cloudy. Beautiful rain much needed this a.m.

# Sunday, June 12

Went to attend the funeral of Margaret Warfel, aged 84-10-9. Rev Abrm Herr's text was St. John 6 + 28 & Rev George Seitz text was Revelations 14-13. Bearers: Saml Morton, Frank Morton, Charles Morton & Elmer Morton. 4 grandchildren. 17 carriages. Partly clear. Very warm all day .

### Monday, June 13

In store partly all day. Brought stools, etc. from Benj Martins & received pay for funeral yesterday: \$30.00. They expressed themselves as being very well pleased with my work etc. which is very satisfying to me. Cash: \$9.91. Partly clear. Very warm. Light rain.

### Tuesday, June 14

In store partly all day. Charles brought goods from station & salt from Geo A. Tripple's store, Safe Harbor. Paid for same & took 2 sacks over to Uncle Christ Millers. Cash: \$17.99. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Wednesday, June 15

In store all day. Wife & Blanche went to Lancaster this morning & will stay till tomorrow eve. Cash: \$12.44. Partly clear. Much cooler in eve.

### Thursday, June 16

In store all day. H. F. Bruner of Columbia & S. D. Hall of Philadelphia here over dinner & part of p.m. They took dinner at the hotel on account of my wife not being home. I was very well pleased with their visit on business. Uncle Henry gave me authority to do all the repairing at the property I deem necessary. Roof, porch, painting, etc. I am very favorably impressed with Mr. Hall. Cash: \$9.69. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Friday, June 17

In store & grained 3 doors for Theo Jones & rec'd pay for paint for house: \$17.50 a.m. David S. Hess came here & we went shad fishing this p.m. but we caught none. The river is rising. Must have had rain up the river & most too cool. Cash: \$25.48. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

#### Saturday, June 18

In store & grained front door for Dr. Witmer: 75 cents a.m. In store p.m. & eve. The band holds a festival on the East Centre school grounds. Cash: \$22.41. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Sunday, June 19

At Sunday school a.m. About home. Received word here in the village of the death of Mary A. Hess (Manny Hess) formerly of this place but lately of Lancaster. Was very sorry to hear of her death as she was a very warm friend of my fathers & also of mine, but we are all mortal. Partly clear. Pleasant & 2 fine showers today.

### Monday, June 20

In store all day & trimmed trees in front of store. Elmer Henry died about noon today. Will be buried on Thursday at 12 o'clock at the Reformed Church, this place. Cash: \$10.84. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, June 21

In store a.m. At funeral of Mariana A. Hess (mother), aged 75-9-26. Rev Mr. Ridgeway preached from 1 Cor 15 chapter, 55, 56 & 57 verses. By request I helped the choir sing, but would rather have been with mourners. Received word of the death of Peter C. Hiller. Died about 3 o'clock p.m. Went out & took charge of body. Washed & shaved him & embalmed the body. He has fallen away very much. Funeral Friday morning at 9 & 10 at the M. E. Church. Cash: \$4.91. Partly cloudy. Cool.

# Wednesday, June 22

At Lancaster. Telephoned to H. B. C. Co for casket etc. for Mr. Hiller. Rec'd same & bought goods for store. Had an obituary put in New Era for P. C. Hiller. Returned home & went out to Hiller's. Everything looks all right. Delilah Bruner came out this eve. on stage & went along out to Hiller's. Cash: \$3.26. Partly cloudy. Warmer all day.

### Thursday, June 23

Went out to Hiller's with stools & took rough box along to Cemetery & in shop & went to the funeral of Elmer E. Henry, aged 36-4-25. In Shop etc. balance of day. Took casket out to Hiller's & put body in it. Cash: \$5.60. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Friday, June 24

Attending funeral of Peter C. Hiller, aged 50-8-8. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached from St. John 3-7. The Masonic Order turned out. About 23 present. Bearers: Dr. J. L. Mowery, Harry H. Snyder, David B. Levenitz, Richard B. Miller, Harry B. Barr, Fred Shoff. A very large funeral. Dr. Mowery complimented me on my conduction of funeral & also on casket for luster in trimmings etc. Took dinner at house. Lewis Kirk died today at the asylum, was buried there. Cash 7.23. Very warm. Clear.

### Saturday, June 25

In store all day. Gave A. S. Benedict a letter of introduction to Michael Shank Corow as he wishes to be deputy here. Bro Emanuel will mail application for the next hired term of Justice of the Peace made vacant by the death of P. C. Hiller. Cash: \$12.09. Partly clear. Very warm. Light showers in eve .but no cooler.

### Sunday, June 26

At Sunday school. Mr. Kern representing the Reformed Pub House Philadelphia visited the school & made an address to the school, etc. a.m. Henry Martin took my team & brought Rev Mr. Stonesypher here to preach for us. He gave us a plain practical sermon from Luke 15-2. I took him to Willow Street after the Services. Partly clear. Very warm.

### Monday, June 27

At Lancaster all day. Word was received here

today that Andrew Graver died in Philadelphia on Sunday eve. Cash: \$6.51. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Tuesday, June 28

In store partly all day. Rec'd load of hay of Jacob B. Harnish this p.m. Helped to unload. Andrew Graver was buried at Philadelphia today. Cash: \$5.67. Partly clear. Very warm weather. Splendid hay weather (but dry).

### Wednesday, June 29

Went out to Martin A. Hess to see about bill for paint for his house & succeeded in selling it to him. In store balance of day. Cash: \$10.13. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Thursday, June 30

In store partly all day. Brought stools home from Hiller's. Should have done so sooner but was on account of being very busy & Emanuel having horse. Cash: \$15.32. Clear. Ther 96. Very warm all day.

#### Friday, July 1

In store etc. all day. Received a load of hay of uncle C. B. Miller this morning: \$9.00. Cash : \$7.56. Clear. Ther 100. Very warm all day & dry.

#### Saturday, July 2

In store all day. Rec'd pay for P. C. Hiller funeral: \$17.21. Paid B. F. Hookey \$1.25 for dues in IORM this eve. Cash: \$14.93. Ther 99. Very, very warm & dry.

#### Sunday, July 3

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At home all p.m. Wife & children went to Lancaster this eve. Clayton Hill took them in. Edith Groff went along. They want to be in for the 4th of July Services tomorrow morning. This was the hottest day I experienced for a long time. Our thermometer registered 100 in the shade, while others in the village were 102 & 104. Light air going but hot. Clear. Clear & very warm

### Monday, July 4

In store all day. Wife & children did not come home this eve. Shot off a few crackers, etc. this eve. Cash: \$8.80. Partly clear. Very warm, but had a very good rain this p.m.

### Tuesday, July 5

In store all day. Went out & took survey of B. L. Harnish & John L. Buckwalter buildings for insuring in Northern Mutual Insurance Co. Wife & children returned home this eve. Mrs. Fred Hill, mother of B. F. Hill, died yesterday eve. Cash: \$5.52. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day. Much cooler.

### Wednesday, July 6

In store & fitting in screen doors at store & painting them. Mrs. Fred Hill (widow) was buried today at Colemanville. Cash: \$9.16. Partly clear. Cool all day.

# Thursday, July 7

Took paint out to Martin Hess & took Charles along. He wants to run a wagon to take orders & deliver goods & we called on 10 different parties & received some orders. We expect to go every Thursday. I only went along today to start him. He wants to run it himself, a.m. In store p.m. Cash: \$5.64. Partly clear. Much warmer. Farmers are very busy in harvest.

# Friday, July 8

Went to Safe Harbor for goods a.m. Finished & hung screen doors at front of store room & find it great improvement. Am well pleased with it. Heavy storm passed north of us this p.m. about 4 p.m. Cash: \$12.48. Partly clear. Very warm & dry.

# Saturday, July 9

In store all day. William Bruner, Wife & Olive

arrived here by stage this eve. All looking very well. They expect to spend several weeks on vacation. Cash: \$13.37. Partly clear. Warm all day.

# Sunday, July 10

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Miller p.m. Wm F. Bruner family took supper with us. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

### Monday, July 11

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store & by stage. Wife & my family had horse to go down to Wm Caldwell's. Cash: \$8.05. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, July 12

In store all day. Cash: \$7.28. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Wednesday, July 13

In store all day. Wm F. Bruner & family, Bertha Bruner, Alby Eberly, Cora Caldwell, M. B. Goods two girls spent part of day with us. Cash: \$9.59. Partly cloudy. Much warmer & dry.

# Thursday, July 14

In store all day. Charles made his first try alone today with the wagon with fair success. Wm F. Bruner left here for Lancaster via Millersville on his return to Philadelphia. We spent a very pleasant time together. Cash: \$11.12. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day & dry.

### Friday, July 15

In store a.m. In store & trimming Locust trees in lot, etc. p.m. My brother, E. H. Zercher received word from the government of his appointment as Justice of Peace for the unexpired term of P. C. Hiller. Dec'd & I are happy as I used my efforts to bring it about. Cash: \$8.18. Partly clear. Very warm & dry.

### Saturday, July 16

In store all day. Partly clear. Very warm & dry.

# Sunday, July 17

At Sunday school a.m. At home & Charles & I drove over to see Grandmother. She is well as usual, only the heat sets hard on her. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Monday, July 18

Went to Lancaster. Drove in in the spring wagon & brought 1 barrel sugar, hardware, shoes, screens & screen doors along out. Was back till 1 o'clock. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$9.03. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day. Few drops of rain this morning.

### Tuesday, July 19

In store all day. Commenced raining about 12:45 & we had a very heavy rain. Washing & flooding a great many fields & roads, but also a very welcome one. The heaviest rain for a number of years. Cash: \$12.98. Partly cloudy. Very heavy rain p.m. Very warm a.m. Cooler p.m.

### Wednesday, July 20

In store cleaning up etc. a.m. Sent Charles & Benj F. Hill to Herr's lime kiln for 8 bus lime to build new cistern down on our house. The old one cannot be remodeled. I have decided to close up the old one & build the new one up at the barn. Cash: \$8.62. Partly clear. Very warm all day. Gust in eve. Nice rain.

# Thursday, July 21

In store all day. Mr. Stockler representing the Sprague Collection Agency was here & I gave him a number of old bills for collection & expect to mail them others soon. Went out to Mrs. P. C. Hiller & engaged brick for cistern that were taken from the old West Centre school house. Eli Kendig's father died at Millersville this morning. Cash: \$14.56. Partly clear. Very warm all day. Light rain.

### Friday, July 22

In store partly all day. Down at home looking after cistern building. John Carrigan for Adrian Good hauled 2 loads sand & 1000 bricks from Mrs. P. C. Hiller's. Cash: \$6.35. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

### Saturday, July 23

In store partly all day. The Willing Workers held a festival in our orchard this eve. There was a fair crowd but it rained & drove many away. Cash: \$22.89. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

### Sunday, July 24

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev Mr. Ware of Lehigh. He left a very good impression. At home in eve. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Monday, July 25

In store partly all day. Rec'd word of the death of a child at Safe Harbor. No funeral to be held. They will bring coffin from shop & bury themselves tomorrow. Got coffin ready. D. B. Foutz brought my share of the oats up from the Smith property. A small two horse load. Finished cistern today. Cash: \$8.45. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Tuesday, July 26

In store all day. Wm C. Smith moved back from Lancaster today into Benj Warfel's House, formerly P. Fralich's after living there not quite 4 months. The coffin I furnished yesterday was for Eva Lamen's Child. Died July 24, aged 1 month & 8 days. Named Wm Charles Wolf. Rec'd pay for same: \$12.00. Cash: \$4.41. Partly cloudy. Very sultry & warm.

### Wednesday, July 27

In store all day. Cash: \$5.10. Cloudy. Raining partly all p.m.

### Thursday, July 28

In store all day. Mrs. W. L. Bruner & Olive here all day. Cash: \$14.99. Partly cloudy. Rain a.m. Very warm all day.

### Friday, July 29

In store a.m. In shop repairing lounge for Jacob Miller, New Danville. One that I had found some time ago. Cash: \$6.35. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Saturday, July 30

In store all day. Received word this eve of the drowning of Clayton Hess's son, B. F. Hess, Rock Hill & requested to hold an inquest, acting as Dept. Coroner. I chose the following jury: Geo J. Fehl, C. W. Hess, H. C. Wagner, B. S. Miller, H. L. Fehl & John Brinkher. Verdict: exhaustion while trying to swim the creek above the dam. (Look in back of this book: 1 memo). Cash: \$21.13. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Sunday, July 31

Went down to see Mother & Eberleys. Found them all as usual (well). Mother was real good & not near as stout. Blanche was along. On the way home we were storm. Stayed, I thought, among strangers, but found it to be an old school mate, Landis Bain, whom I had not seen for about 25 years. Was certainly glad to meet him. Arrived home 11 p.m. Partly clear. Warm all day. Good rain.

#### Monday, August 1

At Lancaster. M. H. Groff along. Made my return of the inquest held on the body of Clayton B. Hess. I was thoroughly disgusted when I called on the co-Commissioners for my pay. John B. Eshleman would not sign the bill & talked very ungentlemanly to Dr. Witmer & myself, but Messers. Mayer & Rutter are gentlemen & signed the bill. Cash: \$6.62. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Tuesday, August 2

In store all day. Emanuel & B. F. Hill (Jr) had team to go to funeral of Clayton B. Hess. Buried at the New Mennonite Church near Millersville. Very large funeral. I spoke a word for Benj F. Hill (Jr) for to take the place of Clayton to teach school at Stehman's & I think he will get it. I bought the entire nursery stock of P. C. Hiller of Ed Gardner, admin. For ?? to have all that is there. Cash: \$5.05. Partly clear. Very warm.

### Wednesday, August 3

In store a.m. & part of p.m. Fred Shoff sent lumber up for repairing porch & helped to saw up apple tree in orchard. Wife not well at all last night & has been in the house all day. Charles took Malie, Olive & Mrs. Martin down to Maris Goods this morning. Wife was to go along but could not. Cash: \$5.40. Very warm. We had three heavy gusts from the south one right after the other. The 4th is there now.

#### Thursday, August 4

In store partly all day. Cash: \$16.78. Partly clear. Very warm. Nice shower p.m. Cooler.

#### Friday, August 5

In store all day. Cash: \$12.84. Very pleasant & cooler.

### Saturday, August 6

In store all day. The M. E. Sunday school held their celebration in Harry S. Good's woods back of Mt. Zion Church. Over 300 eat dinner & supper there. They had my team to haul out the eatables. Rec'd goods from Safe Harbor Station. Cash: \$18.97. Clear. Beautiful day.

#### Sunday, August 7

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching. Rev Dr. Dubbs of F& M College preached for us. His text was St. Luke 14 & 28 to 30. He preached

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a very good sermon p.m. Walked out to Children's Day Services at the U. E. V. G. Church. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Monday, August 8

At Lancaster. Took Olive Bruner along in. Returned home about 1 o'clock p.m. Bought sugar & brought it along. In store & helping to saw wood, etc. p.m. Cash: \$6.88. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day.

### Tuesday, August 9

In store & sawing up apple tree. Cash: \$9.68. Cloudy. Damp all day & rain. Warm.

### Wednesday, August 10

In store all day. Wife & Mrs. Jos M. Witmer over at Myers & Charles. Cash: \$6.06. Cloudy. Heavy rain a.m. Damp all day .

### Thursday, August 11

In store partly all day. Amos Graver hauled logs for sills of porch on front of store & house. The papers have it that a son of cousin Ezra Zercher died of hydrophobia, having been bitten by a dog some time ago (July3). Died Tuesday night. Cash: \$8.94. Partly cloudy. Cooler all day.

#### Friday, August 12

In store & finished cutting up apple trees. Carpenters tore off plaster on front of house etc. Back of plastering lath on the mortar of chinking between logs was the following: Henry Kline, 1828. Cash: \$5.42. Partly cloudy. Damp all day & warm.

#### Saturday, August 13

In store all day. The IORM held their annual supper this eve. Was not able to be present on account of business. Cash: \$13.33. Partly cloudy. Warm all day. Cooler in Eve.

### Sunday, August 14

At Sunday school & choir practice a.m. Drove over to John Rush, West Willow & brought

Bro M. M. Noacher who preached for us this eve. Text: 114 Psalms 27 & 28 verses. He preached a very edifying sermon & good attendance. We were all glad to see him once again. Partly cloudy. Pleasant all day (warm).

### Monday, August 15

In store & helped to tear away the porch in front of store & house. Went to Safe Harbor in eve. & ordered lumber for same. Rev Mr. Noacher took dinner with us. Emanuel Wormant was murdered last night while asleep (at Akron). Cash: \$5.12. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Tuesday, August 16

In store & helping at porch. James Hershock putting up pillars for porch. This evening's papers have in it that Mrs. Wormant's wife committed suicide early this morning by drowning & they are sure she murdered her husband, Emanuel while asleep. Cash: \$7.80. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Wednesday, August 17

About store but helping the carpenters etc. all day. Emanuel Wormant & Wife we're buried today. Cash: \$9.03. Partly clear. Very warm all day. Heavy gust this eve. Fire north of us.

#### Thursday, August 18

In store & helped carpenters nearly all day. Kilheffer's barn & ex sheriff H. M. Breneman's barns burned last night. Cash: \$7.37. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day.

#### Friday, August 19

In store etc. all day. Cash: \$4.65. Partly cloudy. Warm all day. Heavy rain last night.

#### Saturday, August 20

In store & working at building. Treated the Sunday school to cream & bananas & cakes

at the church. Cash: \$13.27. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day (cooler)

### Sunday, August 21

At Sunday school a.m. Went to Willow Street to organize a joint consistory & adopt Constitution to govern the charge which was done. Elected Bro Planthof Pres & Bro Bachman Secy, after which Bro Yertzer offered the name of Rev M. M. Noacher as a candidate for pastor. This charge, the vote resulted viz a solid vote of Conestoga for & Willow Street solid against, after which Mr. Ware was offered with the vote, just reversed. He will be voted for by the two congregations in three weeks. Rev Lichliter preached for us in eve. Partly clear.

### Monday, August 22

In store, etc. all day. Wife & Charles went to Lancaster & attended to some business for me. Benj Bortzfield died this p.m. Cash: \$7.90. Partly clear. Warm all day.

### Tuesday, August 23

In store, etc. all day. Carpenters not at work a.m. Frank worked part of p.m. Wm G. Henry commenced painting today. Rev John K. Brubaker of Roherstown died last night about 10 o'clock p.m. Cash: \$5.43. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Wednesday, August 24

In store all day. Carpenters not working today. Not feeling well. Attribute it to heat. Cash: \$8.14. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

### Thursday, August 25

In store partly all day. John K. Brubaker of Roherstown buried today. An immense crowd. Two people there held preaching at three different places on account of the large crowd. Benj Bortzfield buried today at Zion. Cash: \$19.28. Partly clear. Warm all day. Not so warm as yesterday.

### Friday, August 26

In store all day. Went out to see M. H. Benedict about coming to work tomorrow morning. He has not worked since Monday. He has been drinking again. He promised faithfully to be here in the morning. Cash: \$4.79. Clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Saturday, August 27

In store partly all day. Maris H. Benedict, after all his promising last eve, failed to put in an appearance at all today. A.S. Benedict, his brother, was here & weather boarded part of the front but did not have enough of them so I ordered some today of Mr. Fred Shoff. Casper Hiller died at 10:05 p.m. Embalmed body, etc. Cash: \$12.07. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Sunday, August 28

At Sunday school a.m. Went out to look after body of my old friend, Casper Hiller. Will be buried on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at M. E. Church. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

#### Monday, August 29

Went to Lancaster at 2 o'clock a.m. & telephoned to Harrisburg, B. C. Co. for casket for Casper Hiller & returned home by 11 o'clock & took case to cemetery a.m. In shop working at casket, etc. & took it out in eve & put the body in. The body is keeping very nicely. Could not be better. Cash: \$14.51. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

### Tuesday, August 30

Attending funeral of Casper Hiller Sr., aged 81-14-12. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached from Isaiah 64 + 6. Bearers: Wm Caldwell, Danl Hess, Geo W. Pries & Daniel H. Shank. Large funeral. Walked from house to church. The body was in a splendid condition. Just looked like sleeping. \$40.00. Cash: \$4.88. Clear. Very warm day.

### Wednesday, August 31

In store all day. Rec'd shoes from Reineberg, York, okay. Cash: \$6.60. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

# Thursday, September 1

In store all day. Cash: \$36.15. Clear. Very warm all day.

### Friday, September 2

Helping M. H. Benedict partly all day at carpentering. This is the first he was here since the 22nd. Cash: \$9.34. Clear. Very warm all day.

### Saturday, September 3

In store all day. Was called to Henry Harnmers, Safe Harbor, to take charge of the body of his daughter, Lizzie, but did not embalm body this eve. by request of family. Will tomorrow morning. Cash: \$11.30. Clear. Very warm all day.

### Sunday, September 4

Went to embalm body of Elizabeth Harnmer. Should have been done last night, it being so very warm. Telephoned H. B. C. Co. to ship casket, case etc. to Safe Harbor. Down in eve to look after corpse. Wm E. Miller, Wife & family spent part of the day with us & took dinner. Had a pleasant time. At Harnmer's in eve. Not very favorable. partly clear. Ther 94. Very warm all day.

### Monday, September 5

Went to Safe Harbor for casket, etc. & looked after corpse. Not doing very well. Gave another application. Something unusual. Lined casket, etc., etc. p.m. Took casket down this eve & put body in & dressed. M. B. Good helped. Body does not look very favorable. Cash: \$5.23. Partly clear. Ther 94. Very warm all day.

### Tuesday, September 6

Attending funeral of Elizabeth J. Harnmer, aged 32-9-25. The Rev J. W. Meninga & Mr. McVeigh preached from Psalms. Bearers: H. M. Stauffer, Edw Barton, Robert Barton, Markley. \$30.00. 10 teams. Corpse was not in a very good condition & by my request the body was not shown to any but family. Took into church but not opened. The family exonerated me of all blame & family thanked me. Brought stools, etc. home this eve. Cash: \$4.95. Partly clear. Very warm a.m. Had a very nice shower about 11 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 7

At Lancaster all day. Brought boots, dry goods, paint, glass, etc. out for store. Co. L. arrived at Lancaster this morning. (Whitson Wm). Captain looks very dark as well as his men. I had the pleasure of taking his hand & say "I am glad to see you." He replied" I am certainly glad to be back in Lancaster again." He looks much fatigued. I had the pleasure of receiving a cartridge from Christ Shirley. Cash: \$5.31. Partly cloudy. Ther dropped 24 deg. since this p.m. Very warm a.m. Heavy rain p.m.

### Thursday, September 8

In store all day arranging goods, etc. Cash: \$7.29. Much cooler. Great change in weather.

### Friday, September 9

Rec'd word about 2 a.m. of the death of Maris Hess child near McAllister's Mill. Went down & embalmed body. Died very unexpected. Only sick about 24 hours. In store a.m. Went to look after all night. Funeral on Sunday 9 & 10 o'clock at Marticville. Sent to Harrisburg for casket. Cash: \$7.84. Clear. Cool air all day. Sun warm.

### Saturday, September 10

Took stools to house & rough box over to Marticville M. E. Cemetery & working at casket a.m. Finished casket & in store balance of day. Abrm Thomas's wife died this morning. Cash: \$13.19. Partly clear. Ther 74. Cool all day. Great change from a week ago.

### Sunday, September 11

Attending funeral of Barbie Hess, daughter of Maris Hess, aged 7-16-25. Rev Mr. Golly preached from Proverbs 27-1. 19 carriages. Bearers: Earl Miller, Walter Ross, Ira Beatty, Ira Huber. Body was in a very good condition. Buried at Marticville. \$20.90. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

### Monday, September 12

Helping the carpenters at storefront put the two large windows in front today. Abrm Thomas's wife buried today & Kettis Urban at Millersville. Andrew Good plowed lot today. Cash: \$6.61. Cool all day.

#### Tuesday, September 13

Mowed weeds around Lot & had it seeded to rye. Got it of J. W. Morrison. Paid for same 80 cents (2 bus). Andrew Good finished it. Cash: \$8.33. Clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, September 14

Helping carpenters all day. Mary E. Bruner came out from Lancaster to spend a few days. This is the first time she was in the village since they moved away almost one year ago. Cash: \$3.56. Partly cloudy. Damp & cool all day.

#### Thursday, September 15

Helping carpenters all day. Burned brush in lot in eve. Cash: \$4.92. Partly cloudy. Warmer.

### Friday, September 16

Helping carpenters all day. Cash: \$15.63. Partly clear. Much warmer.

### Saturday, September 17

Helping carpenters a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Ed Pehlmans had prayer meeting this eve. Family over. Will have preaching tomorrow. Cash: \$20.85. Clear. Quite warm all day.

### Sunday, September 18

At Sunday school a.m. & at Ed Pelhmans. They had a preaching in the house by a minister of their congregation a.m. At home & we had a joint consistory meeting & extended a call to Rev Mr. Ware to be our pastor. Wife & Mary E. Bruner went down to Wm Caldwell's this p.m. Partly clear. Warm all day. Heavy storm p.m.

### Monday, September 19

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store, etc. Rec'd the fire tax notices this eve. Cash: \$11.59. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Tuesday, September 20

Painting, etc. partly all day. M. H. Benedict finished here today. Rec'd the first fire tax this eve.: A. F. Martin. Cash: \$13.05. Partly clear. Warm & very dusty & dry.

### Wednesday, September 21

In store all day painting sash, etc., etc. Am scarcely able to move about this eve. on account of rheumatism in my right leg. Hope I will be all right soon. Cash: \$6.48. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Thursday, September 22

In store & lying down. Rheumatism bad all day. Can scarcely get along. Cash: \$7.20. Cloudy. Cool all day. Raining in eve.

### Friday, September 23

In store all day. Rheumatism very bad a.m. Some better p.m. Cash: \$8.06. Partly cloudy. Damp partly all day. Light rain p.m.

### Saturday, September 24

In store all day. Rheumatism much better. I feel like a different person from yesterday a.m. Rev A. B. Shenkle, who is in his 84th year, is with us this eve. & all night on a visit. He looks very well. We're glad to meet him once again. Cash: \$13.22. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

### Sunday, September 25

At Sunday school. Rev Mr. Shenkle went along & made a short address to the school a.m. About home p.m. At preaching in eve. by a Mr. Fisher from F & M senior class. Not a very good delivery. Read nearly all. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

# Monday, September 26

In store all day. Removed wooden post at grocery counter & put an iron one at the outer edge. A great improvement. Wm G. Henry began painting today. Had a very heavy rain & hail storm this p.m. The heaviest storm for years. Hail fell like hulled walnuts. Lightning struck Amos Warfel's house at two places, but did not do much damage. There were as high as 30 windows knocked out of one house. Trees & fences blown down. Cash: \$6.23. Partly. Warmer. Heavy rain storm & hail.

# Tuesday, September 27

In store all day. Great demand for windows glass. Effects of the storm yesterday. Amos Warfel not well at all. Wife over at Warfel's tonight. Cash: \$8.89. Partly clear. Cool all day.

# Wednesday, September 28

Painting in storeroom nearly all day (light blue color). Amos Warfel is some better.

He has made a change in his way of living. Wife over at Warfel's tonight. Cash: \$9.59. Partly clear. Very pleasant day (cool).

# Thursday, September 29

Painting inside all day. Amos Warfel still improving. Cash: \$11.21. Clear. Very pleasant day.

### Friday, September 30

Painting partly all day. Charles is 14 years old today. He received a number of handkerchiefs as birthday presents. I heard this eve. that Ed Pehlman sold his property to Martin F. Good. Cash: \$9.27. Clear. Very pleasant day.

### Saturday, October 1

In store & cleaning & arranging goods all day. Today, one year ago I took charge of the P.O. here. Cash: \$14.50. Partly clear. Beautiful weather (cool).

### Sunday, October 2

At Sunday school & preaching by a student of F & M, a Mr. Yearic, who spoke very well, he having only one arm. The left one being off. I took him over to John Resh in eve. after entertaining him for dinner & supper. Partly cloudy. Rather stormy but pleasant.

### Monday, October 3

At Lancaster all day. Bought goods for store, etc. Paid John E. Weaver \$18.06 for bologna, etc. to date. Cash: \$5.38. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

### Tuesday, October 4

In store all day fixing up P.O. accounts for quarter. Wife & Mrs. Sue Jones went down to pay Mary McArdle a visit. Cash: \$5.73. Partly cloudy. Damp, sultry, warm.

#### Wednesday, October 5

In store all day. Mrs. Richardson, an old colored lady who used to work for us, now at Middletown, took dinner with us. Today, one year ago, we moved here to the store & I like the business. Cash: \$10.26. Partly cloudy. Damp & warm. Rain in p.m.

### Thursday, October 6

Went to York to the fair. It was supposed that there was about 60,000 to 70,000 people there. Was to see D. S. Peterman & paid him shoe bill to date & bought a few & brought them along. Was to see Reineberg & Co. & Lafean Bros. & Co. Had a very pleasant time. Took dinner at Farmers Hotel at the corner of S. George & King St., the place I had stopped at 8 or 10 years ago. Maris Benedict, Charles Good, Wm C. Smith & Walt Eckman we're along & I took them along for dinner. They were highly pleased. Cash: \$3.66. Clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Friday, October 7

In store & painting front of counters. Cash: \$12.99. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Saturday, October 8

In store all day. Not feeling so good. Have caught a cold. Cash: \$19.37. Partly cloudy. Cool & damp all day. Rain.

### Sunday, October 9

Wife & I went down to see Mother & Eberleys. Found them all well & spent the day very pleasantly together. At Christ Church in eve. Mr. Knight of F & M preached for us & preached a very good sermon. Clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Monday, October 10

At Lancaster partly all day. Blanche went along & had her upper teeth extracted at the Albany Dentist. Paid \$3.00 for same to be deducted from a \$9.50 set of teeth. Paid Long & Davidson shoe bill to date. Reilly Bros & Raub & Stauffer & Co. & brought goods along out for store. Cash: \$7.21. Partly clear. Pleasant all day (cool)

### Tuesday, October 11

In store a.m. Went down to Mt. Nebo & Bethesda collecting fire tax & took sums of Franklin Erb's new house & barn, etc. Today Blanche is 17 years old. I think it cannot be possible that she is that age. Cash: \$5.61. Partly clear. Stormy all day & cool.

### Wednesday, October 12

In store all day. Cash: \$6.90. Partly clear. Cool all day & rather stormy.

### Thursday, October 13

Collecting fire tax a.m. In store. Mr. Simon for M. Lurio & Bro. here p.m. Cash: \$7.43. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Friday, October 14

In store a.m. At sale of P. C. Hiller's estate. Properties not sold. \$1700 mortgage on home property & \$700 mortgage on Magnetic property. Bought ladder for 25 cents. Paid for same. There seemed to be some trouble between Dr. Herr. Cash: \$3.92. Cloudy. Cool & raining nearly all day.

#### Saturday, October 15

In store a.m. At sale of Casper Hiller (Sr) personal property. Bought one malloc for 15 cents. The real estate was sold. The home property to Phil H Markley for \$1800. The other to B. F. Trissler for \$105 per acre. All went off quietly. Cash: \$15.23. Partly cloudy. Cold all day. Stormy.

### Sunday, October 16

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Reed, a student of F & M, a.m. Walked over to Grandmother's in p.m. Mr. J. R. Yentzer &

wife spent the eve with us. Partly cloudy. Rather cool all day.

# Monday, October 17

At Lancaster a.m. & part of p.m. In store balance of day. Heavy gust this morning. The first of any not for this season. A. S. Benedict's infant child died this morning. 8 days old. Cash: \$6.78. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, October 18

In store all day. Commenced cleaning store. Sold 1/2 doz. apple trees to Aaron M. Henry. The first I sold of the nursery stock. Wife & Barb Benedict went out to call on Mrs. P. C. Hiller. She is moving to Lancaster tomorrow. Cash: \$5.64. Cloudy. Cold & stormy all day. Heavy storm this eve.

### Wednesday, October 19

In store all day. Scrubbed it & gave it a thorough cleaning. Sold Aaron Henry 2 pear trees. Cash: \$10.03. Partly cloudy. Damp partly all day.

# Thursday, October 20 In store all day. Cash: \$6.63. Clear. Pleasant day.

### Friday, October 21

In store all day. Cash: \$3.21. Partly cloudy. Raining partly all day.

### Saturday, October 22

In store all day. At IORM in eve by request of a few of the members. I consented to go & act as Sachem for them during the initiation of Chas R. Good. This celebrated the 32 anniversary of the Tribe by giving a supper. I did not stay for the supper. Cash: \$18.45. Partly cloudy. Raining heavy in morning. Cleared & much colder p.m.

# Sunday, October 23

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. by O. B. Ware, our newly

elected pastor. He gave us a plain, practical sermon from Matt 5 + 7. Partly clear. Cool all day & stormy.

### Monday, October 24

Went to Lancaster. Brought out goods for store. Saw John Charles about Eliza Smith's. Gave me permission to seed as much as I choose & to have the property next year, same as this. Cash: \$8.19. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, October 25

In store partly all day. Took 31 lb. tar rope over to Uncle C. B. Miller & saw him with regard to plowing for me. Will come tomorrow. Went to Safe Harbor to a political meeting. Did not stay till it was over. Was home by 9:30. Was one of the ? Took A. F. Martin Co. Committee along down & brought A. S. Benedict along home. Cash: \$7.38. Partly cloudy.

# Wednesday, October 26

Helped to start Landis Miller to start plowing down on the Smith property. He plowed till noon. Too wet p.m. Brought 2 bus rye from Amos Graver for seeding a.m. In store p.m. Cash: \$7.02. Cloudy. Storm a.m. Rained heavy p.m.

### Thursday, October 27

In store all day. Cash: \$10.78. Partly cloudy. Cold & stormy all day. Great change in the weather.

### Friday, October 28

Landis Miller finished plowing & seeded 1 1/2 acres in rye down on the Eliza E. Smith property for me. Sowed 2 bus rye & put on about 400 lb. phosphate (Lancaster & Liston). Cash: \$6.03. Clear. Cool all day. The coldest morning of the season. Heavy frost & ice.

### Saturday, October 29

In store all day. Cash: \$29.87. Cool all day & damp.

#### Sunday, October 30

At Sunday school & preaching by O. B. Ware. He preached his introductory sermon & it was certainly a plain practical sermon & as he stated, he intends to preach the plain, unvarnished truth of the word of God a.m. At home p.m. Self & family walked over to M. B. Goods in eve. Cloudy. Raining a.m. & eve. & cleared about 8:30.

#### Monday, October 31

At Lancaster. Wife along. Bought goods for store, etc., & paid for all I bought today. Bought carpet for wife. Cash: \$15.30. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Tuesday, November 1

In store & took fence away between barn & Warfel's, or rather orchard & lot & cleaned up rubbish & burned it & got it ready for plowing for nursery stock. This being first day for rabbit hunting, there was a great deal of shooting. Cash: \$12.98. Partly clear. Very pleasant day. (Cool)

#### Wednesday, November 2

In store partly all day. Albert Flick was married today. Cash: \$5.33. Partly clear. Pleasant all day. (Cool)

#### Thursday, November 3

In store all day. Cash: \$5.95. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Friday, November 4

Plowed between barn & Amos Warfel for planting nursery stock a.m. Clayton Hill working for me today taking out & replanting trees in the part plowed this a.m. Planted a fine chestnut tree in garden near hog pen. Cash: \$11.76. Clear. Pleasant all day.

#### Saturday, November 5

In store & planted nursery stock. Also a walnut tree (Japan) in corner of garden near hog pen. Cash: \$19.87. Partly cloudy. Damp

in morning. Pleasant in p.m. Stormy & cooler in eve.

#### Sunday, November 6

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. At the funeral of Lizzie Miller, daughter of the late Christian Miller. Was buried at Mt. Zion. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached p.m. At preaching in eve. by Rev O. B. Ware. Text: Matt 10-32. He took supper with us. Partly clear. Pleasant day, but cool all day.

#### Monday, November 7

At Lancaster. Brought out goods for store. Our party leaders think it is all right for Stone for Governor. I heard with regret that my friend Hon John H. Landis is confined to the house on account of not feeling well. Hope he will soon be out again. Cash: \$8.44. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, November 8

In store all day. General election 334 votes polled. Stone, rep, 286. Jenkins, dem. 16. Swallow, prohibition & fusion, 29. Clayton Hill & Dan Martin worked at nursery stock. Cash: \$22.57. Partly clear. Very pleasant day (cool air)

#### Wednesday, November 9

Went out to see after nursery stock, etc. a.m. In store, etc. p.m. The papers give a grand Republican victory for yesterday, estimating Stone's majority @ 150,000 & every state that went Republican that was for McKinley for president. Cash: \$5.96. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

#### Thursday, November 10

In store all day. Settled with Wm G. Henry to date. Cash: \$6.47. Cloudy. Raining nearly all day.

#### Friday, November 11

In store a.m. Planting young apple trees & in store p.m. John Eidemiller brought up 6 bus potatoes for us today @ 65 cents per bus.

Cash: \$13.12. Partly clear. Much cooler & stormy.

### Saturday, November 12

In store partly all day. Rec'd 40 bus of corn on ear of Uncle C. B. Miller @ 35 cents per double bus: \$7.00. The coldest morning of the season. Ground frozen all day. Sun did not shine. Partly clear. Cool all day.

### Sunday, November 13

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev O. B. Ware a.m. Bro Henry Eberly brought Bertha & Lizzie to stay a few days. Took dinner here & went along with him over to see Grandmother in p.m. Partly cloudy. Rather cool all day.

### Monday, November 14

At Lancaster after goods & brought them along out & in store. Teachers Institute opened today at Lancaster. Cash: \$4.86. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

### Tuesday, November 15

In store a.m. Out at the nursery helping to take out trees. Had Daniel Shenk plow out maples, etc. Charged 20 cents. Clayton Hill worked this p.m. Cash: \$8.06. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

#### Wednesday, November 16

In store all day. Cash: \$6.35. Partly clear. Damp all day & cool.

### Thursday, November 17

In store all day. Mamie & Cora Miller here p.m. Rained nearly all last night. David Eshleman of Marticville died yesterday eve. Cash: \$13.31. Cloudy. Damp all day.

### Friday, November 18

In store all day. Blanche went to Lancaster this morning to stay till Monday eve. Cash: \$5.44. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain p.m. Saturday, November 19 In store all day. David Eshleman buried this a.m. at Byerland. Cash: \$12.57. Partly cloudy. Raining a.m. Cooler in eve.

### Sunday, November 20

At Sunday school a.m. Charles went along with Wilber Hookey to Strasburg & returned this eve. Miller Brady (Sr) died this morning. Wife & I went out to Bro Emanuel's. Emma, their daughter, was married to Charles Kreider by Rev Longsdorf. She is only 17 years old. Partly clear. Cool & stormy all day.

### Monday, November 21

In store all day. Rheumatism worse this morning. Can hardly get along. Much better this eve. Blanche came home this eve. Cash: \$13.77. Clear. Very pleasant day.

### Tuesday, November 22

In store all day. Clayton Hill finished planting nursery stock this a.m. Cash: \$10.63. Partly cloudy. Damp & cool all day. Rain in eve .

#### Wednesday, November 23

In store & making fence. John M. Smith & David Martin helping. Miller Brady (Sr) buried at Highville U. B. Church this a.m. Cash: \$5.72. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw wind all day.

#### Thursday, November 24

In store all day. Thanksgiving Day & we have many things to be thankful for. Snowing all day. There was about 6 or 8 inches of snow fell. The first of the season. Cash: \$11.07. Cloudy. Cold all day & snowing.

#### Friday, November 25

In store all day. Snow not melting so fast as expected by many. At church in eve. Preaching by Pastor. Text: Matt 12 chap & first half of 12 verse. Cash: \$21.24. Clear. Cool all day.

### Saturday, November 26

In store all day. Snowing all day. Preparatory Service this eve. Was not able to be present on account of business. Cash: \$28.99. Cloudy. Cold all day.

### Sunday, November 27

At home in house partly all day. Mr. Ware & wife here. We had no church service at all on account of the very stormy weather & drifted & drifting roads. The snow of yesterday is closing the roads up very rapidly. At J. R. Yertzer's a short time in eve. Henry Warfel had stroke today. Partly cloudy. Cold all day & very stormy.

### Monday, November 28

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store. Paid for all bought. Mr. Ware & wife went home this p.m., being here since Saturday. He was not well at all. Last night had to go for doctor (Witmer). The roads are terribly drifted with snow. Had to go through the fields with the stage & men are busy shoveling snow out of road. Cash: \$6.69. Partly clear. Cool all day.

#### Tuesday, November 29

In store all day. Cash: \$10.54. Partly cloudy. Cool & damp partly all day. Rain & sleet in eve.

#### Wednesday, November 30

In store all day. Snowed last night. Today ends the best month since I am in business. Cash: \$22.18. Partly cloudy. Cold & raw, damp air.

#### Thursday, December 1

In store all day. Cash: \$9.65. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Cool air.

# Friday, December 2 In store all day. Cash: \$8.91. Partly clear. Very pleasant day (cool)

Saturday, December 3

In store all day. Cash: \$14.70. Partly cloudy. Damp a.m. Rain p.m.

### Sunday, December 4

At Sunday school & Missionary Society a.m. The following officers of the Society were elected: Pres: C.R. Smith, Vice Pres: A. J. Zercher, Secy: Dora M. Smith, Asst.: Lena Martin, Treas.: J. R. Yentzer, Solicitor: Blanche B. Zercher. At home p.m. & eve. Heavy rain & very heavy storm in eve. Blew several buildings down & done damage in general. Partly cloudy. Raining & cool.

### Monday, December 5

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store & rented store of Uncle Henry for another year. John Worth trying to buy the property away from me but he did not get it accomplished. I am certainly surprised at him. I thought there was more man in him than to do a thing of that kind. Cash: \$9.63. Partly clear. Cool, raw air all day.

### Tuesday, December 6

In store all day making arrangements for Christmas, etc. Cash: \$15.14. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

#### Wednesday, December 7

In store all day. Wife went to Lancaster. Will stay till tomorrow eve. Cash: \$11.92. Partly clear. Cold all day.

#### Thursday, December 8

In store a.m. In store & helping at hog pen p.m. D. F. Warfel worked all day. Cash: \$12.60. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw wind all day.

# Friday, December 9

In store all day. Cash: \$6.60. Partly cloudy. Cold all day.

### Saturday, December 10

In store partly all day. Took survey of property where Catherine Harmon lives for Ed Duke. She told me she gave it to him to take care of her. Cash: \$16.77. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Sunday, December 11

In Sunday school a.m. & Communion Service. Blanche was taken into full membership today. She joined of her own free will. May the Lord bless her & keep her & guide her in the way of all truth is my prayer. Preaching by Pastor Rev O. B. Ware. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Monday, December 12

Sheeted roof of hog pen a.m. Bro Emanuel put tin roof on. In store p.m. Settled with Bro Emanuel in full to date, his account & mine. Cash: \$62.96. Cloudy. Cold, damping. Light snow p.m. & eve.

### Tuesday, December 13

In store all day. Martin Clark's Child was buried at the M. E. Church this p.m. Cash: \$16.37. Clear. Ther 18. Cold all day. Coldest day of the season (all day).

### Wednesday, December 14

Walked out with gun for rabbits. Did not get any. Dan Martin (Col), Benj Beach & myself had a narrow escape from poisoning. I had put sweet cider in a zinc can last Saturday eve. & we drank some. The cider affected the zinc & we had a narrow escape. We were all taken with violent pain in the stomach & had to have medical aid. Cash: \$5.21. Clear. Ther 18. Coldest day.

Thursday, December 15 In store all day. Cash: \$14.40. Clear. Ther 16. Cold but pleasant in p.m.

### Friday, December 16

In store all day. Cash: \$5.08. Clear. Very pleasant (cool)

### Saturday, December 17

In store all day. Had circulars distributed through the village this morning headed "Our Holiday Special" giving special prices on all goods for two weeks. Cash: \$17.08. Partly cloudy. Moderating. Snow p.m.

### Sunday, December 18

At Sunday school. The following officers were nominated: Sup.: A. J. Zercher. Asst. Sup.: C. R. Smith. Secy.: Lena Martin. Treas.: J. R. Yertzer. Organist: Blanche B. Zercher a.m. Self & family went over to Uncle C. B. Miller's to spend the p.m. Took dinner & supper there. At preaching in eve by O. P. Foutz of Philadelphia, attendant of Ursinus College. Rev Mr. Ware was also present. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

### Monday, December 19

Went to Lancaster for goods, etc. Saw uncle Henry F. Bruner. He says he must raise the rent to \$13.50 per month for next year. I told him I thought he should let me have it for one year yet at the old rent of \$12.00, but he would not do it. If I could I would buy the property. It would make a lower rent, but so it is. Cash: \$11.48. Partly clear. Cool a.m. Rain p.m.

### Tuesday, December 20

In store all day. Rec'd check of Uncle H. F. Bruner for repairs to property for \$384.55. Andrew Bowman's son was buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery this a.m. He was drowned. 15 years old. Cash: \$15.98. Cloudy. Damp, cold air all day.

### Wednesday, December 21

In store all day. Busy all day. Cash: \$36.44. Cloudy. Very damp all day.

#### Thursday, December 22

In store all day. Cash: \$19.91. Partly cloudy. Damp all day. Raining in eve.

### Friday, December 23

In store all day. Business is good. Roads very muddy. Charles Eberly came here this eve. & went over to Uncle C. B. Millers overnight. Cash: \$35.53. Partly clear, very pleasant day.

#### Saturday, December 24

In store all day. Busy. Very busy in eve. This is the first Christmas eve. since we live in this village that there were no Belsnickles I believe. This seemed very strange. Cash: \$31.49. Clear. Cool raw air all day.

#### Sunday, December 25

In Sunday school & preaching by Rev O. B. Ware. Text: Matt 3 + 2 a.m. At home. Charles took Charley Eberly over to West Willow to make the train to go home. This was a very quiet Christmas. No Christmas entertainments in any of the churches. Partly clear. Pleasant day but cool.

#### Monday, December 26

In store all day. Very quiet all day. Cash: \$10.78. Partly clear. Beautiful day. Cool air.

### Tuesday, December 27

In store all day. Very quiet. Benj Shultz died yesterday & Benj Warfel (cousin) is reported dead but we received no word yet. Cash: \$12.39. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Wednesday, December 28

In store all day. Not feeling very well today. The grip is going its rounds again. Mr. & Mrs. Pehlman are both down with it. Cash: \$7.21. Partly clear. Cold all day.

### Thursday, December 29

In store all day. Wife & Mrs. Theo Jones went over to John J. Goods & Beckie Caldwell's. Cash: \$10.58. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

#### Friday, December 30

In store all day. Taking account of stock which is more of a job than I expected. Cash: \$24.33. Partly clear. Beautiful day. Like spring.

### Saturday, December 31

In store all day. Busy. Made out my Post Office Account in full & everything came out all right. This closes another year's work. I feel encouraged with the business & feel truly thankful to God for the blessings I & family have enjoyed. Cash: \$36.20. Cloudy. Raining a.m. Colder & snow p.m. & eve. It is snowing & blowing at 10 p.m. as I am writing this.

# 1898 Cash Taken in in Store

Cash received in month of November 1897 commencing on 8th: \$263.11 December 1897: \$275.90

### Cash accounts 1898:

January total	\$235.43
February total	\$217.35
March total	\$200.90
April total	\$248.11
May total	\$281 .98
June total	\$296.48
July total	\$267.77
August total	\$244.79
September total	\$264.79
October total	\$253.50
November total	\$304.46
December total	\$479.34

Total cash on hand \$3303.84