

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Sunday, January 1

At Sunday school. Very small on account of snow storm last night & cold. John Zercher & Wife & Chas Kreider & Wife here & took dinner with us. Rev O. B. Ware here for supper & will stay overnight. Preaching in eve. by Pastor. Small attendance. Getting colder. Ther: 10. Partly clear. The coldest day of the season.

Monday, January 2

In store all day. Very cold all day. Some places the thermometer is reported being as low as 16 degrees below zero. Cash: \$6.13. Ther: zero. Clear. Very cold all day.

Tuesday, January 3

Went to Lancaster by sleigh driven by M. B. Good in place of stage. Sleighing is pretty good. Cash: \$3.25. Ther: 10. Partly clear. Cold all day but moderating.

Wednesday, January 4

In store all day. Cash: \$5.72. Ther: 40. Cloudy. Damp & raining. Snow going very fast.

Thursday, January 5

In store all day. Cash: \$14.71. Ther: 60. Partly cloudy. Snow nearly all gone. Raining in eve. & sleet.

Friday, January 6

In store all day. Charles Morrow arrived here this eve. from the army on a visit to Pehlman's. Henry Smith buried today at Millersville. Cash: \$6.45. Cloudy. Colder. Sleet, raining, etc. partly all day.

Saturday, January 7

In store all day. The trees are all covered with ice & remained on all day. Breaking off quite

a number of large limbs, etc. Cash: \$17.87. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

Sunday, January 8

At Sunday school. The following officers were elected: Supt.: A. J. Zercher. Asst.: C. R. Smith. Secy.: Lena Martin. Tres.: J. R. Yertzer. Organist: Blanche Zercher. After which we treated the school to 1/2 lb. good candy & 1 orange each & preaching a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Monday, January 9

At Lancaster by stage all day. Bought goods for store, etc. Cash: \$11.75. Cloudy. Cold, raw air all day.

Tuesday, January 10

In store partly all day. Clayton Hill & John G. Henry moved all my tools & shop goods up from the shop that I had used for over 16 years & I will now have them handy. Mrs. Abel Warfel died today. Mother moved into her new house today. Cash: \$8.90. Partly clear. Cold all day. Getting colder.

Wednesday, January 11

In store all day. Wife & Barb Benedict down at Beckie's helping to butcher. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Jerry Cooper's son at Lancaster. I am to bring him home tomorrow. Cash: \$6.95. Clear. Cold all day. Thermometer below freezing all day.

Thursday, January 12

Went to Lancaster & brought out the body of Isaiah Cooper from 341 Forth Street, Lancaster & took the body to his father's home, Jerry Cooper, Colemanville. Paid \$2.00 for permit to remove the body, which is certainly not right. M. B. Good drove 2 horses in my wagon. Copy of bill: \$37.00. Cash: \$4.16. Cloudy. Cold & snowing for several hours.

Friday, January 13

At Safe Harbor. Brought casket, etc. from station for Isaiah Cooper. There are certainly beautiful sights along the Manor side of the creek at this time caused by the ice being shoved in off the river. Some places 10 to 12 feet high a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$7.00. Cloudy. Raining part of day (cold).

Saturday, January 14

In shop lining casket a.m. Harry Eberley brought his 145 lb. beef @ 8 cents per pound = \$11.60. Will take trade for same. Finished trimming casket this eve. This is the first work I did in the new shop. Cash: \$9.69. Partly cloudy. Raining nearly all day. Very damp.

Sunday, January 15

Attending funeral of Isaiah Cooper. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached from Luke 9 - 35. Bearers: Morrice Millan, Oliver Tnamony, George Carey & Calvin Johnson. 19 carriages. Large funeral. Buried in colored cemetery, this place. \$37.00. Clear. Cool air all day.

Monday, January 16

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store. Took 48 dozen eggs along & sold them. Very muddy roads. Cash: \$14.45. Partly cloudy. Damp & cold. Rain in eve.

Tuesday, January 17

In store all day. Roads very muddy. Cash: \$4.81. Partly cloudy. Damp all day.

Wednesday, January 18

In store all day. Cash: \$5.26. Partly clear. Colder all day.

Thursday, January 19

In store all day. Mr. Brecht visited the schools here in the village. Cash: \$6.02. Partly clear. Cool all day but pleasant.

Friday, January 20

In store. Cleaned up the new shop & read up around barn & yard in general. Trimmed grape vines & berries. Danl Martin helped 3/4 day. Cash: \$15.44. Clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, January 21

In store all day. Republican Primary. Judge: Jacob Henry, 233; Benj Montgomery, 114. Inspector: John Good, 230; Benj Harnish: 114. Supervisors: Henry Warfel: 198; Joseph Waller: 155; Charles Trissler: 123; Harry Wagoner: 134; Christian Sternaman: 38. School Directors: Fred Shoff: 154; Ezra Bortzfield: 142; Jacob B. Harnish: 170; Frank Warfel: 107; Justice of the Peace: E. H. Zercher: 237; Amos Benedict: 109; Constable: Edward Duke: 230; John Z. Wade: 116; Auditor: Andrew Good: 304; Town Clerk: Theodore Jones: 213; Ellsworth Hill: 124. Total votes pulled: 353. Cash: \$36.21. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Sunday, January 22

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. Went over to see Grandmother & Millers p.m. At home in eve. Miss Sue Harnish, daughter of Joseph S. Harnish, spent all day with us. Came here yesterday eve. Henry Warfel Sr. died this eve. after a lingering illness. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Monday, January 23

In store all day. Mrs. Dietrich of Philadelphia was buried today at Mt. Zion Church. Filled up bond for Money Order Office this eve. C. B. Miller & Anna Warfel are secretaries. Cash: \$8.64. Partly clear. Cool, raw air all day.

Tuesday, January 24

In store all day. Benj B. Beach, Assessor, gave Blanche \$10.00 for helping him at his work. Heavy rain in eve. & p.m. & especially heavy in eve. Lightning this eve. Cash: \$10.30. Cloudy. Raining partly all day.

Wednesday, January 25

In store all day. Henry Warfel Sr. Was buried today at River Corner O. M. Church. Cash: \$9.26. Partly clear. Much colder

Thursday, January 26

In store all day. Cash: \$14.45. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Colder in eve.

Friday, January 27

In store all day. Cash: \$4.97. Therm 30 in morning, 18 in eve. Partly clear. Much colder all day.

Saturday, January 28

In store all day. Cash: \$19.26. Therm: 16. Partly cloudy. Cold all day. Therm 20 nearly all day.

Sunday, January 29

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. O. B. Ware p.m. At home in eve. Edith Russell, daughter of Jacob Ressel, here since last eve. Will stay till tomorrow morning. Few flakes of snow. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw air all day.

Monday, January 30

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store, etc. Cash: \$3.05. Ther: 16. Partly clear. Cold all day.

Tuesday, January 31

In store all day. Cash: \$7.34. Cloudy. Snowing partly all day.

Wednesday, February 1

In store all day. Aunt Lizzie Miller, sister Lizzie & her son John S., were here today. Sister remaining. John Weimer buried today (New Providence). Mamie Good married today to Ephman F. Roher. (We had an invitation). Cash: \$6.81. Ther: 4. Clear. Cold all day.

Thursday, February 2

In store all day. Groundhog Day. There was

no sunshine between all day except about 10 a.m. & then not bright. Cash: \$8.10. Ther: 4. Cloudy. Cold & damp all day.

Friday, February 3

In store all day. Cash: \$15.14. Partly cloudy. Damp & rain.

Saturday, February 4

In store all day. Charles took Lizzie over to Uncle Christ's this morning & delivered goods. Clayton Hill brought goods from station. Uncle Abrm Hess here this p.m. & bought a few things & Harry Eberley here for supper. Cash: \$19.98. Partly cloudy. Cold all day.

Sunday, February 5

At Sunday school, but very small. Only 7 present & when the Pastor came he took charge & we studied the lesson in place of having preaching a.m. He took dinner with us at home p.m. & eve. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Martha Hess at Philadelphia. Cloudy. Cold. Snowing nearly all day. About 6 inches of snow fell.

Monday, February 6

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store & sent them out by stage & I brought out the body of Martha Hess, who died at the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Took her to her mother's home. Met the 2:30 train. Cash: \$4.00. Cloudy. Snowing partly all day.

Tuesday, February 7

Went out to Hess's & sent rough box to cemetery & stools to house, etc. In store balance of day. Out in eve. Everything all right. Cash: \$10.25. Cloudy. Snow about 1 foot deep. Damp & light snow all day.

Wednesday, February 8

Attending funeral of Miss Martha Hess, daughter of the late Martin Hess, aged 49-4-5. Revs Abrm Witmer & Longsdorf preached. Revelations 20-5 & Job 30-20 were their

texts. Bearers: J. B. Harnish, E. H. Zercher, John M. Graver & James Hershock. Terribly rough day. Regular blizzard. Could scarcely get to the cemetery for the storming & drifting. Cash: \$4.74. Ther: 20. Partly cloudy. Cold, stormy & blowing.

Thursday, February 9

In store all day. This has been the coldest day for a number of days. The thermometer was saying a little above zero all day. At 2 p.m. it was 2 below & at 7 p.m., 6 below. Cash: \$7.80. Ther: 8. Clear. Very cold all day.

Friday, February 10

In store all day. Still colder. The coldest weather since 1879. Thermometer 2 below zero at noon & at 5:30 p.m. it was 6 below. Abrm B. Hess died yesterday eve. Cash: \$19.18. Ther: below 16. Cloudy. Very cold all day.

Saturday, February 11

Went down to Christ Benedict's by request & cashed Wm Harnte's pension check & brought my stools from Hess's & in store balance of day. Offered my service to J. B. Urban to attend Abrm B. Hess funeral tomorrow, he being unwell & was accepted. Thermometer 2 above at noon. Cash: \$14.35. Ther: 10. Partly clear. Cold all day. Moderating this eve. (snow).

Sunday, February 12

Attending funeral of Abrm B. Hess, aged 80-3-2. Abrm Herr & John Harnish preached. Text: Rev 20-6. 9 sleighs in the procession. Buried at Stone, New Danville. M. B. Good drove in his bob sleigh instead of hearse. Bearers: Abrm Thomas, Henry Hess, Benj Hess & Abrm Huber. Roads drifted badly. Snow deep. Ther: zero. Cloudy. Very cold all day.

Monday, February 13

Jacob M. Shaub died last night. In store all

day. Very dull. Snowing & blowing all day. Has been snowing since Saturday eve. almost continuously. Snow about 3 feet deep. This is the first eve. since I have been here that there was no one here in the eve, so I closed up. Cash: \$20.30. Ther: zero. Cloudy. Cold all day. Snow drifting fast & still snowing.

Tuesday, February 14

Shoveling snow nearly all day. I never saw anything like it. The roads are entirely blocked. Some places the drifts are 12 to 15 feet high. The road must be opened the entire length of the town. The oldest residents here say they never knew it to be this way. In front of the store here the hitching posts are entirely covered. Cash: \$6.27. Ther: 2 above zero. Moderating.

Wednesday, February 15

In store partly all day. Took groceries down to Benj H. Montgomery for Jacob B. Shaub's funeral to take place on Friday a.m. My 42nd birthday. Time flies. This eve. we have the first mail since Saturday on account of drifted roads. Cash: \$5.43. Ther: 1 below zero. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

Thursday, February 16

In store & received word of the death of Betsey Coyle at Uncle Abrm Hess's. Went out & took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 9:30 at house & 10 at Pequea Church. Sold them the groceries for the funeral. In shop balance of day. Cash: \$7.66. Ther: 6. Cloudy. Damp all day. Raining p.m. Moderating.

Friday, February 17

About store, in shop, & shoveling snow. Sent rough box & groceries out. Jacob M. Shank was buried this a.m. The thermometer was up to 84 at noon in the sun. Snow melting very fast. Roads are in a terrible condition. Great change in temperature from one week

ago. Cash: \$7.66. Partly clear. Very pleasant day. Warm.

Saturday, February 18

In store & shop. Finished coffin. Cash: \$11.83. Partly cloudy. Damp all day. Raining p.m.

Sunday, February 19

Attending funeral of Elizabeth Coyle (Betsey Coley) aged 89-7-11. Rev George Seitz spoke at the house & C. B. Miller, text: Luke 13-11 & Henry Heisey, text: Revelations 7-13 to end. She was born July 4, 1809 & died February 15, 1899. Bearers: Ruben Hostetter, Jacob Heisey, Benj Johnson & Henry Eberley. 5 sleighs & hauled the body in sleigh from house to church. M. B. Good's team. \$30.00. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Cool air.

Monday, February 20

At Lancaster all day. Bought goods for store. Snow melting very fast. Cash: \$8.81. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, February 21

In store partly all day. Township elections. The following were there elected. Judge: Jacob Henry, 122. Inspector: John R. Good, 98, B. L. Harnish, 13, (J. B. Urban, 9, not elected). Constable: Ed Duke, 122. J of Peace: E. H. Zercher, 122. School Directors: Fred Shoff, 121, J. B. Harnish, 121. Supervisors: Henry H. Warfel, 123, Jos Waller, 122. Town Clerk: Theo Jones, 122. Auditor: Andy Good, 121. Total vote: 123. Cash: \$14.34. Partly clear. Very fine day.

Wednesday, February 22

In store a.m. Rec'd word at noon of the death of Polly Hess at Geo M. Kreider's. Went out & took charge of body. Funeral to be on Sunday a.m. In store balance of day. Rec'd word in the eve of the death of (colored) at Wash Martin's. To be

buried on Friday a.m. Cash: \$11.33. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Roads getting bad.

Thursday, February 23

Working in shop partly all day. M. B. Good telephoned & brought out a coffin & case for me of the H. B. C. Co. for Mrs. Hess. Took rough box down to colored cemetery, etc. Cash: \$6.10. Partly clear. Pleasant owner head. Very muddy.

Friday, February 24

Attending funeral of Miss Sarah Jane Wilson, aged about 35 years. Rev J. E. McVeigh preached from Numbers 3 + 10. Bearers: J. B. Trimmer, Jerry Cooper, Thos Richardson, Abrm Quamony (Jr). 5 carriages. She died down at Wash Martin's near Gerhard. Helped to raise Hugh Nelson & made rough box for same. \$20.00, cash \$6.00. Cash: \$5.19. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Saturday, February 25

In shop partly all day. Sent rough box & stools away & took coffin out in p.m. In store in eve. Very good day in store. Cash: \$76.43. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Sunday, February 26

Attending funeral of Polly Hess, aged 84-1-17. Born January 5, 1815. Died February 22, 1899. Rev Abrm B. Herr. Text St. John 14-27. Rev J. E. McVeigh spoke on same text. Bearers: Chas Kreider, Chas Hiller, Wm Hess, Willis Charles. 18 carriages. \$23.00. At home p.m. & eve. Cloudy. Raining partly all day.

Monday, February 27

In store a.m. In store & at sale of Edwin Pehlman in p.m. He had a good sale. Good day in store. Cash: \$24.63. Partly cloudy. Damp & very muddy.

Tuesday, February 28

In store all day. Rec'd \$10.00 of Johnny Henry on acct. of Henry caskets, etc. Balance due \$10.00. Cash: \$13.44. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Cold & stormy in eve.

Wednesday, March 1

In store & went over to Annie Myers, Wife & I & took dinner there. She had a fine dinner. There were about 2 dozen invited & we spent a very pleasant time. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$10.51. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, March 2

Rec'd word this morning of the death of Frannie Ayle. Went down & took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 10 o'clock at the house & 1 o'clock at the Pequea Dunkard Church a.m. In store balance of day. Mr. Simon of McLuris & Bro here. Bought small bill of him. He spent the eve. with us here in the store. Cash: \$8.10. Cloudy. Damp & raining. Very bad roads.

Friday, March 3

In store & took groceries down to Ayle's. In store balance of day. M. B. Good brought coffin etc. from Lancaster. Telegraphed to Paxson & Co. for it. Roads are in a very bad condition. Cash: \$7.00. Cloudy. Damp all day. Very muddy.

Saturday, March 4

Took stools to house & rough box to cemetery & in shop a.m. In shop nearly all of p.m. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$13.10. Cloudy. Very damp all day & rain.

Sunday, March 5

Attending funeral of Fannie Ayle. Born July 22nd, 1810 & died March 2nd, 1899, aged 88-7-8. Rev John Harnish & Abrm B. Hess preached. Text: Revelations 14+13. Bearers: J. B. Harnish, Jacob & Isaac McAllister &

Henry Charles. 18 carriages. (Shroud & coffin, etc. \$30.00). Had a gust last night. Partly cloudy. Heavy rain p.m.

Monday, March 6

At Lancaster by stage. Bought goods for store. John S. Carrigan brought goods from Safe Harbor Station for store. Christ C. Hess died at Lancaster yesterday morning. Formerly of this place. His mother was buried just one week ago. Cash: \$19.33. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, March 7

In store all day. Dull on account of weather. Stormy, snow drifting. Roads very bad. Loaned E. H. Zercher \$15.00. Cash: \$5.29. Cloudy. Commenced snowing last night & snowing all day & much colder.

Wednesday, March 8

In store all day. Christian C. Hess buried at the M. E. Church this p.m. Cash: \$12.46. Partly clear. Cold all day.

Thursday, March 9

Went to Safe Harbor for goods for store a.m. & sale of Jacob M. Shenk's personal Property p.m. In store in eve. Cash: \$22.20. Partly cloudy. Damp, raw air all day.

Friday, March 10

In store a.m. Went over to Uncle C. B. Miller's & Grandmother's p.m. Charles took A. S. Benedict & Wife to Millersville this eve. Cash: \$11.01. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Saturday, March 11

In store all day. Charles brought stools home from Ayle's. We're used for funeral. J. B. Urban gave me \$1.00 for attending funeral of Abrm B. Hess for him being sick. I made no charge. Cash: \$22.70. Partly cloudy. Damp all day.

Sunday, March 12

At Sunday school & made arrangements for an Easter service & Missionary Society a.m. At preaching by O. B. Ware. This was the first Sunday for five weeks that I was able to attend Sunday school & preaching on account of funerals p.m. Partly clear. Warm. Thunder & lightning. Heavy rain & hail in eve.

Monday, March 13

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store, etc. Blanche was along & had four teeth extracted. \$1.75. Cash: \$10.20. Partly cloudy. Cool, raw air all day.

Tuesday, March 14

In store all day. Harry Martin had team to haul wood out & went to Safe Harbor Station for 5 boxes cheese. I have a bad cold. Cash: \$20.17. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

Wednesday, March 15

In store all day. Have a very bad cold. Wm Habner, Shenk's Ferry, died this a.m. Cash: \$6.16. Cloudy. Raining partly all day. Very damp.

Thursday, March 16

In store. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Isaac Eckman near Noah Hess. Funeral Saturday at 9 & 10 at Old Mennonite Church. In store balance of day. Went to Lancaster after the coffin. Came home at 10:30 p.m. Embalmed body. Cash: \$12.92. Partly cloudy. Damp & getting colder.

Friday, March 17

In shop & took rough box to church & stools to house a.m. In shop etc., p.m. Cash: \$25.82. Clear. Very pleasant day. Cool air.

Saturday, March 18

Attending funeral of Delilah Eckman, born March 7, 1839. Died March 15, 1899. Aged 60 years & 8 days. Rev. John Kohr preached

at house. Text: St. John 5 chap 24 verse & Revs. John Harnish & Abram B. Herr at church. Text: Revelations 7 chap 14 to end of chapter. Bearers: Christ, Amos & David Sterneman & Watt Eckman. 12 carriages. \$30.00. Cash: \$9.83. Cloudy. Raining nearly all day. Very temperate.

Sunday, March 19.

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. About home p.m. & eve. Charles brought Beckie up to spend the day. Home this eve. Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Yertzer spent the eve with us. Cloudy. Rained part of a.m. Rain, snow & stormy p.m. & eve. Very much of a change.

Monday, March 20

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store & suit of clothes, etc. for Charles. Cash: \$6.27. Partly clear. Cold, raw wind all day.

Tuesday, March 21

At Safe Harbor. Brought dry goods from station. J. Stair sent wife down to Beckie's to help get ready for moving on the 28th. In store balance of day. Paid Benj Lawyer, secr. of IOOF \$3.12 dues for self. Getting much colder. Cash: \$4.60. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw wind all day.

Wednesday, March 22

In store all day & went over to Jos M. Kreider's. They have decided for Geo M. Kreider & I to take him to the hospital on account of his mind tomorrow, but this eve. he (Joseph) came over & told me he guessed they would not go tomorrow. (Very strange). Cash: \$4.83. Cloudy. Raining last night & part of today.

Thursday, March 23

In store all day. Mrs. Christian Eby came to town last eve. after being away all winter. I was at church practicing for Easter. Cash: \$10.76. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Friday, March 24

Brought goods from Safe Harbor Station etc. a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$8.01. Partly clear. Cold, raw wind all day.

Saturday, March 25

In store all day. Very busy p.m. Primary election held this p.m. Very large voter turnout. Numbered 354. Ticket in back of diary marked. Had a very good day. Gave B. F. Hookey \$1.25 for dues in IORM Cash: \$52.22. Cloudy. Snowing a.m. Very pleasant p.m.

Sunday, March 26

At Sunday school & preaching for Easter a.m. Preaching in p.m. by Rev. O. B. Ware. Partly clear. Very stormy all day.

Monday, March 27

At Lancaster partly all day. Took 72 dozen eggs along & sold them all & brought goods out for store. The whole Quay ticket was settled at Saturday's Primary. Cash: \$15.23. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, March 28

In store all day. Cash: \$8.13. Cloudy. Raining partly all day.

Wednesday, March 29

In store all day. Wife & Blanche went to Wm Caldwell's moving. They moved to Rock Hill Mill. H. Clay Brubaker, Associate Judge of Lancaster County, died at his home, Lancaster, Pa., of pneumonia. A loss to this county. Cash: \$11.79. Partly clear. Very stormy. Much colder.

Thursday, March 30

Took load of household goods to Millersville for Ed Pehlman. They moved there today, next house to Abrm B. Miller's. Martin F. Good moved to their place opposite the

store. Isaac Eckman paid bill. Cash: \$16.39. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, March 31

In store all day. Not feeling so good today. Some troubles with my back. Charles came home from school unwell. Good Friday. Judge H. Clay Brubaker was cremated today. Cash: \$13.01. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, April 1

At Lancaster. Did not do much collecting. Took eggs along & brought goods out. Rev. Mr. Wehe here. Cash: \$24.48. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

Sunday, April 2

At Sunday school & Communion a.m. At home, etc. p.m. Held our Easter Service in the eve. Had a very full house & a.m. well pleased with the children. Collected \$3.51. Should have been more for the cause. Partly cloudy. Several snow storms. Cold. Rough all day.

Monday, April 3

At Lancaster all day by stage. Emanuel had my team. Took Molly along. Bought goods for John. Capt. E. McMillen's wife died on Saturday night as did also Frank Keller Hostler at the Swan. Took 10 shares of stock for Aunt Lizzie. Cash: \$6.61. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Tuesday, April 4

In store a.m. At Safe Harbor, etc. p.m. In store in eve. Settled with M. B. Good to date. Balance of \$9.00 due him. Cash: \$11.13. Partly clear. Cool all day. Raw air.

Wednesday, April 5

In store all day. Cash: \$10.06. Partly clear. Cool.

Thursday, April 6

In store all day. Christ McLaughlin here for supper. Rev. C. B. Miller had his first wedding

today. Benj Sigley's daughter. I have rec'd the papers and issued the first money orders of this office today. #1 for my son Charles to the Philadelphia Inquirer & #2 to a party at Wilkes-Barre. Cash: \$9.13. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, April 7

In store all day. Rec'd the first flour from F. ? Sickman's Mill today & Thos Hallow bought the first sack. Cash: \$11.06. Cloudy. Light snow a.m. & raining partly all day. Heavy rain in eve. Cold, raw wind.

Saturday, April 8

In store a.m. At Isaac Eckman's Sale p.m. Paid Al Charles interest this eve. Cash: \$20.32. Partly cloudy. Cold, damp wind all day.

Sunday, April 9

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching p.m. Went over to Martin F. Good's, our new neighbor in the eve. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

Monday, April 10

At Lancaster. Brought out goods for store. Home about 4 p.m. & heard of a sad accident happening to Ralph Turner. He was thrown from a mule of John H. Markley's. Died a few hours later. Went down & took charge of body & brought it up to Mrs. Stumps. This was a sad death. He was a jolly good natured boy. Cash: \$12.10. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Tuesday, April 11

About store & went down & embalmed body. I strained my back yesterday & it is very bad. Cash: \$13.07. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, April 12

About store a.m. Lined coffin, etc. p.m. M. H. Benedict took rough box away, etc. Back very bad. Cash: \$7.21. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, April 13

Attending funeral of Ralph Turner, born May 14, 1883. Died April 10, 1899. Aged 15-10-21. Rev. Mr. Johnson of M. E. Church preached from 1st Cor. 15 chap. Bearers: Amos Sternerman, Chas Good, Geo Eckman, M. H. Benedict, C. R. Smith, J. Arthur Hookey. Blanche Zercher gave flowers. Large funeral. Rec'd \$15.00 on coffin. Balance \$10.00. Cash: \$8.00. Clear. Very beautiful day.

Friday, April 14

In store all day. Not so good today. Back pretty bad. Cash: \$13.28. Partly clear.

Saturday, April 15

In garden etc. nearly all day. Had John Zercher working for us in garden & planted strawberries (new varieties) in garden, etc. He worked 1 day. In store balance of day & eve. Back much better, but still sore. Cash: \$12.28. Cloudy. Very beautiful day.

Sunday, April 16

At home all day on account of my back & the weather being wet all day. Partly cloudy. Raining partly all a.m. & part of p.m.

Monday, April 17

Planting trees partly all day. Pears, apples, peaches, cherries, walnuts, & paper shell almonds. John Zercher helped all day. In store in eve. Cash: \$6.44. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

Tuesday, April 18

Working out in Lot & raked the orchard & sowed clover seed on it partly all day. Feel tired this eve. Cash: \$4.58. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

Wednesday, April 19

In store all day. Wife & Blanche went to Lancaster. Mr. Bruner came along out with wife. Blanche stayed in till tomorrow. He is in

the best of health. Cash: \$7.11. Clear. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, April 20

In store all day. The papers (New Era) are headed "A Story of Crime Unparalleled." M. R. Jacob & Wm L. Kendig & others arrested for counterfeiting. Made \$100 bills & Revenue Stamps. This is certainly a terrible affair. One of our Conestoga boys. Cash: \$10.05. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Friday, April 21

In store partly all day. The jury in the Quay conspiracy case gave a verdict of not guilty this morning at eleven o'clock & Governor Stone immediately appoints him (Quay) senator. Cash: \$10.81. Partly cloudy. Much cooler.

Saturday, April 22

In store all day. Mrs. Wm E. Kune & her mother, Mrs. John Wimer of New Providence, called to see us this p.m. Cash: \$18.04. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Sunday, April 23

Went down to see Mother. Charles went along. I had not seen her for over six months. She has fallen away wonderfully since I saw her last. Went over to Harry Eberley's in p.m. & from there home. At church in eve. Clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, April 24

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store, etc. Home shortly after 1 o'clock. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$9.84. Clear. Warm all day.

Tuesday, April 25

In store partly all day. M. H. Benedict made 2 gates for out at barnyard. 80 cents. Paid him for same. Cash: \$12.06. Partly clear. Very warm in sun.

Wednesday, April 26

Went to Safe Harbor for goods. Took survey of John C. Huber for insurance a.m. In store all of p.m. & eve. Cash: \$6.53. Partly clear. Warm all day. Thundering this p.m. & eve.

Thursday, April 27

In store all day. Wm G. Henry & Henry Martin papered at Annie Myers for me. John C. Zercher worked 1 day. Martin F. Good raised his barn today opposite this store. Chas Kreider's have a baby (girl). Cash: \$8.37. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Friday, April 28

In store partly all day. John Carrigan plowing lot this p.m. Cash: \$5.03. Clear. Cool all day.

Saturday, April 29

At Lancaster. Took our tobacco crop in. Bro Emanuel did not go along on account of not feeling well at all. It amounted to \$120.84 total. Amos Graver took it in for me & brought goods out for store. D. B. Foutz through Geo Myers brought 7 bus sugar from Safe Harbor. Cash: \$22.00. Clear. Very warm p.m.

Sunday, April 30

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev Ware a.m. Took dinner with us. At home & rec'd word of the death of Charles Trissler's daughter Nora of spinal meningitis. This was the first case in the neighborhood. Will bury tomorrow (private). Clear. Pleasant but dusty.

Monday, May 1

Buried Nora Trissler. Born . Died April 30. Aged 6-3-11. Bearers: Wm G. Henry, Wm Wade, Benj Trissler & David B. Warfel. There were only 21 persons present. Could scarcely get bearers enough to carry her to her grave. It seemed so hard. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Werlin at Safe Harbor. Took charge of

body & embalmed same. Cash: \$37.63. Clear. Warm all day.

Tuesday, May 2

At Lancaster. Bro Emanuel went along in. I ordered a casket etc. by phone at Harrisburg & brought it along out. Took rough box to cemetery. Cash: \$11.00. Partly clear. Very warm. Gust in eve. Light showers.

Wednesday, May 3

In shop lining casket, etc. & attending funeral of Elizabeth Verling, born July 11, 1840 & died May 1, 1899, aged 58-9-20. Cash, \$25.00. Rev Johnson preached from these words: One generation passes away & another followeth. Bearers: John May, Geo Henry, John Warfel & Geo Carroll. Cash: \$11.71. Partly clear. Very dusty.

Thursday, May 4

In store partly all day. Clean the storeroom today. This is a big job. J. W. Morrison hoed the Pevy Saul lot this a.m. & Bro. Emanuel planted potatoes in part of it this p.m. I furnished phosphate for same. Cash: \$8.55. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Friday, May 5

In store & cleaning wareroom all day. Cash: \$10.08. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, May 6

In store all day. Charles & Chas R. Hill distributed circulars through town with regard to the Book Premium business. Will commence to give tickets on Monday. Cash: \$20.95. Partly clear. Pleasant. Very light shower in eve.

Sunday, May 7

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. Blanche & I drove over to see Grandmother & Uncle Christ's in p.m. At Church in eve. Rev

Mr. Wehre preached. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, May 8

Went to Lancaster & brought out goods for store, etc. Mrs. Christian Eby (widow) had a stroke of apoplexy on Saturday eve. & is lying critically ill at her house Lancaster, Pa. John Smith 1/2 day labor. We commenced giving tickets this morning for cash purchases & it seems to take. Cash: \$14.58. Cloudy. Raining partly all day.

Tuesday, May 9

In store partly all day. John M. Smith working all day making fence along alley at barnyard. Cash: \$17.02. Partly clear. Pleasant all day. Cool in eve.

Wednesday, May 10

Rec'd word of the death of Harriet McKiney at Saml Bonds, Safe Harbor. Went down & embalmed body & telegraphed to Harrisburg Burial Case Co. for coffin. Funeral on Friday, 10 a.m. a.m. In store, etc. p.m. Went to Station in eve. & brought coffee, etc. Cash: \$11.86. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Thursday, May 11

In shop a.m. working at coffin. In store etc. p.m. Ordered goods from Harrisburg, B. C. Co. through Frank Paxson. Paid \$13.13 by check. Ascension Day. Nice rain a.m. Cash: \$9.97. Partly cloudy. Raining a.m. Much cooler p.m.

Friday, May 12

Attending funeral of Harriet Webster in her 62nd year. Rev Mr. Johnson preached from St. John 11-11. Bearers: H. H. Kurtz, John C. Warfel, John S. May & Saml Beady. 10 carriages. Buried in colored cemetery, coffin #2., Shroud, \$35.00. John C. Stump paid balance on Ralph Turner's Coffin in full. A terrible wreck on the P & R R.R. near Exeter

Station. 29 killed & large number wounded. Cash: \$14.18. Partly clear. Very beautiful day.

Saturday, May 13

In store partly all day. Cash: \$13.77. Partly clear. Warm all day. Cooler in eve.

Sunday, May 14

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Wehrea. a.m. About home p.m. At M. E. Church with family in eve. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, May 15

I am in business 20 years in this town. This begins the 21st. In store. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Mary Eby, widow of Christian Eby at Lancaster at her son Lemuel's of apoplexy. Went in & took charge. By her request will hold funeral on Wednesday at M. E. Church, this place at 2 p.m. Capt. Geo M. Franklin died this morning. Cash: \$24.14. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, May 16

In shop partly all day. Took case out to M. E. cemetery etc. In shop, etc. Andrew Good plowed with 2 teams this p.m. over on the Smith property for corn. Cash: \$8.87. Partly clear. Warm all day. Beautiful rain p.m. & in eve.

Wednesday, May 17

Attending the funeral of Mary Eby from Lancaster. Text: Psalms 39-4. Rev Mr. Shaffer of Duke Street M. E. Church spoke at House & Rev John Kohr, New Mennonite at the M. E. Church, this place. Bearers: M. H. Groff, A. F. Bortzfield, B. F. Smith & A. J. Buckwalter. 6 carriages. Mr. Widmyer assisted me at the house. Rec'd pay for the funeral. Cash: \$8.37. Partly cloudy. Pleasant rain about 3:30 p.m. & eve.

Thursday, May 18

Teacher's Examination here today. Following are the teachers chosen. East Centre: Lillie

Martin, beginners. West Centre: A. S. Benedict & A. R. Caldwell. Steeple: Wyatt W. Warfel, beginners. Stone Hill: C. Smith. Stehman: B. F. Hill, Jr. Shanks: Miss Hudson. River Hill: Miss Harnish. Green Hill: Mr. Talk Wyatt, Ira Warfel. Cash: \$12.03. Cloudy. Damp & raining all day.

Friday, May 19

In store all day. Cash: \$7.40. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

Saturday, May 20

In store all day. John Smith worked 1/2 day. Cash: \$35.88. Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Real cold.

Sunday, May 21

At Sunday school a.m. Went over to Grandmother's in p.m. At preaching in eve by Rev Mr. Weher. Partly clear. Very pleasant day but cool.

Monday, May 22

About home all day. John Smith went to Myer's Lime Kiln for lime. Brought freight from Reading R.R. etc. John Zercher plowing all day with Uncle C. B. Miller's team all day. Cash: \$7.92. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Tuesday, May 23

About store all day. Not feeling well at all. Went to Doctor (Kendig) this eve. John C. Zercher plowing, etc. all day. Getting tobacco land ready. Cash: \$10.83. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Wednesday, May 24

In store partly all day. Not feeling well, but better in eve. Cash: \$9.07. Partly clear. Pleasant day but quite cool in eve.

Thursday, May 25

In store partly all day. Feeling much better today. I was subpoenaed today to attend U.S.

District Court as a witness in the case of the U.S. verses Ellery P. Ingharn & Harvey K. Servitt at Philadelphia on Tuesday the 30th. Cash: \$9.00. Partly clear. Very pleasant all day.

Friday, May 26

In store all day. Blanche went along with Charles to Millersville to attend the anniversary this eve. Cash: \$7.89. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Saturday, May 27

In store all day. Charles walked home from Millersville last night. This morning he went over for Blanche & went to Safe Harbor for goods a.m. Will not go to Philadelphia on Tuesday. Rec'd notice that the case was put off till June 27. Cash: \$10.04. Cool all day. Much warmer in eve.

Sunday, May 28

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. wife, Charles & I drove over to Caldwell's, Rock Hill in p.m. & stopped in to see Grandmother on the way home. Uncle Christ Miller & Jacob Zercher called. It seems a very short time this morning. Was very glad to see them. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Monday, May 29

At Lancaster. Took 36 dozen eggs in for end of April & left them at the Swan Hotel. Brought goods out for store. Two couples of young folks from Lancaster were storm laid & stopped in the store till the rain & thunder was past. Did not know them. Cash: \$3.94. Partly clear. Very warm. Heavy rain in eve.

Tuesday, May 30

In store & decorated front of store & house with flags for Decoration Day a.m. At Reformed Church in p.m. where the services were held. Rev Mr. Johnson of the M. E. Church opened with prayer. Rev. Mr. Wehre,

Reformed, made the address very appropriate & Rev. Mr. Longsdorf of the U. E. Church closed with the benediction. Cash: \$7.57. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, May 31

In store & hoeing in lot a.m. & part of p.m. J. M. Smith helping a.m. Cash: \$18.98. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Thursday, June 1

In store all day. Cash: \$11.37. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day. Fine shower this eve.

Friday, June 2

Was called to Safe Harbor at 3 a.m. to take charge of the body of Mrs. Jacob Withers who died very sudden. Was well as usual last eve. & died in less than 15 minutes. She is very stout. Funeral Sunday 10 a.m. In shop etc. a.m. & took case to Highville U. B. Cemetery p.m. Using ice box the first for a number of years. Cash: \$8.59. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Saturday, June 3

Working in shop etc. partly all day & brought coffin, etc. from station. Cash: \$17.70. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Sunday, June 4

Attending funeral of Catherine Withers, aged 67. Rev. Mr. Johnson preached. Text: Isaiah 64-6. Bearers: Hiram Rhinier, Jos Mulligan, Geo Kise, Sam Dabler, Dave Kendig & Henry Reese. 10 carriages. Preached at house. No services at church. Very stout woman. Weighed over 200 pounds. I used ice by request of family. Corpse kept nicely. Clear. Ther: 92. Warm all day.

Monday, June 5

Went to Lancaster for goods & went out to the prison to see the scaffold on which Ralph Wireback is to be hung on Wednesday the

7th. I took M. B. Good along out & picked up a piece of rubber that was left of padding post of scaffold to protect rope from striking the wood & a small piece of pine from stake holding scaffold. Cash: \$15.74. Ther: 92. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, June 6

In store partly all day. Ralph Wireback made a confession today that he was only shaming insanity & asks for longer time to get ready to die. Cash: \$24.18. Ther: 94. Clear. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, June 7

Brought ice box & stools from Wither's, etc. a.m. In store & went over to bring Charles from school, etc. p.m. Ralph W. Wireback was hung this a.m. at 10:30 for the murder of David B. Landis, president of Conestoga National Bank. Cash: \$10.83. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Thursday, June 8

In store & went to Safe Harbor Station for funeral supplies a.m. In store p.m. Amos Fralich picked cherries for us. Cash: \$9.69. Ther: 92. Very warm all day.

Friday, June 9

In store all day. Uncle Abrm M. Hess sent up for stools to be used at their love feast. Very good rain a.m. & in eve. Cash: \$12.38. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Saturday, June 10

In store all day. Cash: \$12.06. Partly cloudy. Damp & raining partly day. A very good rain.

Sunday, June 11

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. Mr. Ware a.m. At home. Harry Eberly stopped & told us that Mother is very poorly. At home in eve. Not feeling so well today. One of my nervous gulls. Partly clear. Very nice day.

Monday, June 12

At Lancaster. Brought out goods for store. Not feeling so good today. Cash: \$11.14. Cloudy. Beautiful day. Not so warm.

Tuesday, June 13

At Lancaster attending the IORM Parade in connection with the Great Council. Very large parade. Cash: \$13.89. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Wednesday, June 14

In store all day. Cash: \$14.02. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Thursday, June 15

In store all day. Benj Kreider was buried today at the Stone Church. Cash: \$13.68. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Friday, June 16

At Safe Harbor for goods at Station a.m. In store, etc. p.m. Cash: \$13.27. Partly clear. Much cooler. Ther 20 degrees lower than yesterday.

Saturday, June 17

In store all day. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Aunt Barbara Shock who died at her son Abram's, 510 W. James Street, Lancaster. Went in & embalmed body. Funeral on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Dunkard Church. Arrived home at 11:30 p.m. when word was left for me to come to H. H. Bitts. Their daughter, Mary died of meningitis. Cash: \$23.63. Clear. Warm all day.

Sunday, June 18

Working in shop all of a.m. getting coffin ready for both. Attending burial of Mary K. Bitts, born 1-25-91. Died 6-7-99. Aged 8-4-22. Bearers: John R. Good & Herby Groff. Rev. Mr. Johnson conducted the service at the grave. (funeral private) & sent case to

Dunkard cemetery. 5 carriages. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Monday, June 19

Attending funeral of Aunt Barbara Shock. Born 10-20-22. Died 6-17-99. Aged 76-7-28. Bearers: Four grandsons, Musser Shock. 12 carriages. Cash: \$6.68. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, June 20

In store a.m. Mr. Fisher set up the store for walks this a.m. Helped to unload the sand this p.m. Mr. Fisher expects to be here tomorrow to lay the walk. Cash: \$5.02. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, June 21

Working out helping C. L. Fisher to lay the store walk & cleaned out cistern, etc. Walks cost \$45.00. Gave him check for same. Harry Bruner came out this eve. Cash: \$8.76. Clear. Warm all day.

Thursday, June 22

In store all day. Cash: \$9.96. Clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, June 23

In store partly all day. Lennel Eby here today. Bought 12 dozen eggs & requested me to look after the tax, etc. for him & pay same, etc. Cash: \$8.73. Partly clear. Pleasant day. Warm & dry.

Saturday, June 24

In store all day. Received word here of the death of Geo Dabler, son of Betsy Dabler. Will be buried at the Reformed Church tomorrow. Cash: \$15.37. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Sunday, June 25

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. Self & family went over to Charles for dinner &

spent the p.m. there. Cloudy. Warm. Had a beautiful rain.

Monday, June 26

At Lancaster partly all day. Brought out goods for store, etc. Geo Dabler buried today a.m. Cash: \$13.60. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Tuesday, June 27

In store partly all day & brought goods from station. Rec'd load of hay from Uncle C. B. Miller, \$9.00. Cash: \$4.44. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Wednesday, June 28

Cradled rye. About 1 1/4 acres. B. F. Fischer bound it. In store balance of day. Worked hard today. Cash: \$8.35. Warm, beautiful rain this eve.

Thursday, June 29

In store a.m. Hoeing corn & sweet potatoes p.m. Danl Martin helped. Heavy rain last night. Cash: \$12.38. Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Rain this morning.

Friday, June 30

Working corn hoeing, etc. partly all day. Charles helped. B. Zercher shovel harrowed. I sowed bimix seed in corn. Cash: \$7.65. Clear. Beautiful day.

Saturday, July 1

In store partly all day. Wm C. Henry hanging gate at end of walk near barn. Wm F. Bruner & family arrived here this eve to spend vacation. Cash: \$14.86. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Sunday, July 2

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting & spoke about celebration on Rock Springs for Sunday School a.m. About home. M. W. Bruner & family took dinner & spent p.m.

At church in eve. Wm A. Haskell died early this morning. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Monday, July 3

At Lancaster a.m. In store p.m. Rec'd a letter from J. M. Bruner this eve. They expect to come up on Thursday. Cash: \$21.47. Clear. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 4

In store all day. Fixed up P.O. accounts, etc. Cash: \$11.28. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, July 5

Went to Ephrata this morning to meet fire insurance company with regard to some business. Had my policies changed & increased. Returned home in eve. Heavy rain at Millway & Lancaster. No rain here. Cash: \$11.86. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Thursday, July 6

In store all day. Charles went to Lancaster to meet J. M. Bruner & family & bring them out. Cash: \$7.74. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Friday, July 7

In store all day. J. M. & W. F. Bruner here all day. Cash: \$10.82. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Saturday, July 8

In store all day. J. M. & W. F. Bruner left for home this morning by way of Rock Hill to visit Beckie. Charles took them over & then took Jennie, Millard, Malie Olive & Martha (wife) over & brought the women back this eve. Cash: \$13.26. Partly cloudy. Had a very good rain this eve.

Sunday, July 9

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. Went over to Grandmother's p.m. Sister Lizzie & others there. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, July 10

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store, etc. In store balance of day. Cash: \$12.15. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, July 11

Took a day off & took the Sunday school to Rocky Spring. Had a very pleasant time. M. E. school went along. Mrs. J. M. Bruner & Mr. H. Martin had charge of store, etc. Cash: \$5.84. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, July 12

In store all day. Cash: \$15.00. Partly clear. Much warmer.

Thursday, July 13

In store all day. Mrs. J. M. B., Mrs. W. F. B., Olive Charles & Wife went to Gables Park Faith Mission Sunday School of Lancaster ???? them today. Cash: \$5.87. Partly cloudy. Warm all day. Showers in eve.

Friday, July 14

In store all day. Blanche came home this eve. I am not feeling so well this p.m. Cash: \$27.94. Partly cloudy. Rain this morning. Very warm all day.

Saturday, July 15

In store all day. Not feeling very well. Cash: \$12.05. Partly cloudy. Warm all day. Rain in eve.

Sunday, July 16

At Sunday school. Mrs. J. M. Bruner there with Millard. This is the first time he was in a church & behaved very good a.m. At preaching in eve. Mrs. Emma (Zercher) Kinich took dinner & spent p.m. Also Marie and Olive with us. Partly clear. Very warm all day. Shower in eve.

Monday, July 17

Went out selling salt. I propose getting a car load soon. a.m. I'm store, etc. p.m. My charm

on watch chain dropped in the cistern this p.m. & full of water. Geo Hasting died yesterday. Cash: \$15.98. Partly clear. Very warm. Fine rain in p.m.

Tuesday, July 18

Selling salt a.m. Gave order to S. L. Weaver for M. S. Miller & Co., Lancaster for car load. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$8.00. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, July 19

In store partly all day & picking pears. Cash: \$10.70. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Thursday, July 20

Helping wife to pare pears & boil butter partly all day. Wife not good at all. She has rheumatism. Not doing much all day. Cash: \$11.00. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Friday, July 21

Finished boiling butter a.m. Made gate & hung sign at barnyard (large one) etc. p.m. In store in eve. Cash: \$9.51. Partly clear. Very, very warm.

Saturday, July 22

In store all day. J. M. Bruner came here this eve. It done us all good to see his son Millard recognizes him. He wanted to be with him all the time & he did not see him for two weeks. Cash: \$12.32. Ther: 102. Partly clear. Very, very warm.

Sunday, July 23

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Huber who preached a very good sermon. Mr. Wehre went home to attend the baptizing of his child. Very fine rain at 12 today. Warm.

Monday, July 24

At Lancaster. Took J. M. Bruner along in. Brought sugar, brooms, etc. along for store. Saw John Charles about the Smith property.

He gave me permission to seed part of the property this fall & in case of a sale I should be paid for seed, etc. (grass) & have half of grain. Cash: \$9.77. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Tuesday, July 25

In store all day. Rather dull. Sent John A. Charles crock pear butter & some pears to eat. The best rain for 2 months. Nice rain this morning. Heavy rain this eve. Raining now at 9 p.m. Cash: \$6.00. Partly cloudy. Pleasant (warmer).

Wednesday, July 26

In store all day. Cash: \$8.03. Partly cloudy. Warm all day. Rain a.m.

Thursday, July 27

In store all day. Cash: \$20.81. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 28

In store all day. Cleaning & arranging goods all day. Cash: \$9.55. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Saturday, July 29

In store all day. U. E. Gelical held their celebration today. Blanche & Charles out in p.m. Cash: \$18.40. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day.

Sunday, July 30

At Safe Harbor early this morning. Rec'd word of the sudden death of Mrs. Perkins. Had a stroke about 10 p.m. & died 12 p.m. Embalmed body, etc. At Sunday school a.m. About home & went to see after corpse in eve. Funeral will be held on Wednesday unless they receive word from the daughter in the West. At preaching by Rev. Wehre in eve. Mrs. Pine Bitz was taken into the church. Partly cloudy. Rather damp.

Monday, July 31

At Safe Harbor to see after corpse. Found it doing very nicely, but they will not have funeral before Friday, so I put the corpse in ice. Rec'd a telegraph to hold the funeral on Thursday morning. The daughter will be here from North Dakota. Car load of salt came in this morning. Notified those who ordered to come tomorrow morning. Cash: \$7.80. Partly clear. Pleasant all day.

Tuesday, August 1

Went to Safe Harbor to unload car of salt that came in yesterday. A great deal more was taken from car than I expected. Am well pleased. Paid for same cash & got discount. Went down to see after corpse. Looks very nice. Cash: \$30.67. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Wednesday, August 2

Sent case to cemetery & working in shop, etc. partly all day. At Safe Harbor in eve. Everything looks very encouraging. The daughter from the West here. Cash: \$16.30. Partly clear. Very warm.

Thursday, August 3

Attending funeral of Susan Perkins, Safe Harbor. Born 4-1-1828 and died 7-29-1899. Aged 71-4-3. Rev H. R. Johnson preached at House. Text: "One Generation Passeth Away & Another Followeth." Bearers: H. M. Stauffer. 8 carriages. Beautiful corpse. Mrs. Abram Brennaman cut her throat. Cash: \$10.93. Partly clear. Very warm & dry. Dusty.

Friday, August 4

In store & went to Safe Harbor to station & brought stools from Mrs. Perkins house. In store balance of day. Cash: \$23.86. Partly cloudy. Very sultry & warm.

Saturday, August 5

In store all day. Rather busy all day. Adam Bortzfield died this morning. John Kauffman

(Sr) died this a.m. at Herman Gephard's, his son-in-law. Cash: \$22.18. Partly clear. Very warm. Light rain in eve.

Sunday, August 6

At Sunday school & preaching by Mr. Wehre a.m. Mr. Wehre & a friend of his took dinner with us. Spent a very pleasant time singing, etc. Wife & I drove out to see Grandmother in eve. Partly cloudy. Very nice rain last night (much cooler).

Monday, August 7

At Lancaster. Brought out goods for store. Adam Bortzfield buried today. Cash: \$17.28. Partly clear. Very pleasant day (cooler).

Tuesday, August 8

In store all day. John Kauffman Sr. buried today. Cash: \$7.88. Clear. Warm all day.

Wednesday, August 9

In store all day. J. Millard Bruner not so well today. Cash: \$5.38. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Thursday, August 10

In store all day. Charles brought goods from Safe Harbor Station. Millard is better this eve. Cash: \$9.54. Partly cloudy. Very warm all day.

Friday, August 11

In store all day. Heavy gust last night & a very good air here. ? of buildings at Masonville were struck by lightning & burned down. Cash: \$15.70. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Saturday, August 12

In store all day. Charles went to Lancaster & brought out sugar, etc. for store & Jacob Bruner took Mary Bruner over to Rock Hill this p.m. Cash: \$18.79. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Sunday, August 13

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At home p.m. & at church in eve. J. M. Bruner from Philadelphia here all day. Partly clear. Very warm all day. Heat very oppressive.

Monday, August 14

At Lancaster. Took J. M. Bruner along to make the 8:05 train for Philadelphia & brought goods out for store, etc. Cash: \$5.32. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant all day.

Tuesday, August 15

In store all day. Charles went to Lancaster to spend a few days. Cash: \$12.01. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Wednesday, August 16

Dan Martin brought goods from station & took Wife, Mrs. J. M. Bruner, Olive & Blanche to Rock Hill & brought them this eve. I was in store all day. Rec'd check from Mrs. Serph for casket etc. for mother. Cash: \$13.21. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Thursday, August 17

In store partly all day. Went over to Grandmother's & Uncle C. B. Miller's p.m. Cash: \$12.30. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Friday, August 18

In store all day. Cash: \$16.52. Partly cloudy. Much warmer.

Saturday, August 19

In store partly all day. Clayton Hill took apples to Fout's Mill & made 40 gallons of cider for us. Cash: \$18.49. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Sunday, August 20

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Ther: 100. Clear. Very warm all day & very dry.

Monday, August 21

At Lancaster. Took J. M. Bruner & Millard to P. M. Bruner after spending six weeks with us. We spent a very pleasant time together & was hard to part. We were so attached to Millard. Wife went along in. Will stay till Wednesday. Rain this eve. (Very nice). Cash: \$56.59. Ther: 98. Partly Clear. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, August 22

In store all day cleaning & arranging goods. Cash: \$8.90. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Wednesday, August 23

In store all day cleaning & arranging goods. Wife came home this eve. Cash: \$10.16. Partly cloudy. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, August 24

In store partly all day. Got in boots & shoes from Reineburg & Co. & Storm Kind Boots. Took scaffolding down to tobacco patch in eve. Cash: \$24.00. Partly clear. Pleasant. Much warmer.

Friday, August 25

In store all day. Cash: \$11.78. Partly clear. Warmer all day.

Saturday, August 26

Took rye down to J. R. Yentzer's barn & had it thrashed by Harry Hoaks (steamer). Brought straw home, etc. a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$13.43. Partly cloudy. Warm. Heavy rain this eve.

Sunday, August 27

At Sunday school a.m. At home & took Blanche to Lancaster. She is going along with Aunt Jennie & Millard to Philadelphia to spend a few weeks. We had a very good rain last night. Partly cloudy. Rain a.m. & part of p.m.

Monday, August 28

In store all day. Cash: \$15.03. Partly clear. Much cooler.

Tuesday, August 29

In store all day. Rec'd postal of Blanche stating that they arrived in Philadelphia all right. Cash: \$16.31. Partly cloudy. Cool & damp partly all day.

Wednesday, August 30

In store all day. Another of Jacob McCrab's boys was buried today. Light rain a.m. Cash: \$9.16. Partly cloudy. Warm & damp a.m.

Thursday, August 31

In store partly all day. John M. Smith took apples over to Stehman's Mill & made 41 gallons cider for us. John Boatman died this morning (dropsy). Cash: \$14.00. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Friday, September 1

In store all day. Lilah & Emmie Bruner came out this eve. Cash: \$6.88. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Saturday, September 2

In store all day. Charles brought goods from Safe Harbor. Abrm Hess farm sold today. Appraised at \$65 an acre, it brought \$63. Henry, his son, bought it. Cash: \$20.21. Partly cloudy. Very sultry & warm.

Sunday, September 3

Wife & I went down to Mother's today. Found her sick in bed. Not well at all. Returned home in eve. Partly clear. Very warm all day.

Monday, September 4

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store a.m. Charles stayed in store a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$12.03. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Tuesday, September 5

In store all day. Cash: \$9.86. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, September 6

In store all day. Bought the Abrm Henry property today for \$485 of John L. Buckwalter at public sale. Cash: \$12.03. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Thursday, September 7

In store all day. Walked over & took a look at property. Am very well pleased. The house is better than I thought. Jacob Thomas was chosen for a Minister by the Old Mennonite Church today out of 13 nominations. I wish him God speed. Cash: \$9.74. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, September 8

In store all day. Jacob Stokes buried today p.m. at Byerland. Cash: \$9.04. Partly clear. Very warm. Heavy rain in eve.

Saturday, September 9

Rec'd word at 3 a.m. of the death of Martha Good (Henry). Went out & embalmed body, etc. In store all day. Very busy p.m. & eve. Republican Primary for Judge. Walter M. Franklin & Charles I. Landis. Franklin received 133 votes & Landis 148 votes here. Shoff expected to carry it for Franklin. Cash: \$37.04. Partly cloudy. Rain in morning. Pleasant in p.m.

Sunday, September 10

In shop in morning getting casket ready & at Sunday school a.m. Charles & I drove to Millersville & stopped at Uncle Christ B Miller's where we met my father's old friend Benj Urban of Ohio & his brother Jacob. We were both glad to meet each other for the first time. At Henry's in eve. Partly clear. Very beautiful day.

Monday, September 11

Attending funeral of Martha Henry Good, aged 39-2-1. Rev H. Johnson spoke. No text. Bearers: J. W. Morrison, Amos Sternman,

Chas Good, John R. Good, Jos M. Witmer & Geo Eckman. \$45.00. 12 carriages. The corpse was in a perfect state of preservation. Looked very nice. Cash: \$6.25. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain a.m.

Tuesday, September 12

In store all day. Not feeling so well. Charles brought goods from station this eve. after school. Cash: \$13.05. Partly clear. Very pleasant day (cool).

Wednesday, September 13

In store all day. Charles brought goods from station this eve. after school. Cash: \$19.15. Partly clear. Much cooler.

Thursday, September 14

In store all day. First frost of the season this morning. Cash: \$12.84. Ther: 56. Much cooler.

Friday, September 15

In store all day. Frost this morning. Cash: \$7.71. Ther: 47. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Saturday, September 16

In store all day. Wife & Charles went to Lancaster & brought Blanche along out, she having spent 3 weeks in Philadelphia. We were all very glad to see her & she was glad to get home again. Henry Warfel's farms sold today. 92 acres at \$100 per acre & 47 acres at \$135 per acre. Cash: \$13.99. Partly clear. Much pleasanter. Not so cool.

Sunday, September 17

At Sunday school & preaching by the Pastor Rev. O. B. Wehre. Took dinner with us. Calara Good spent the p.m. here. Daughter of Benj & Martha Good. Partly clear. Rather cool all day.

Monday, September 18

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store. Brought parlor suite out for Blanche. Wife

paid for it. \$35.00. Cash: \$12.30. Partly clear. Much warmer.

Tuesday, September 19

In store partly all day. Cash: \$12.09. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain in eve.

Wednesday, September 20

In store all day. Jacob Shank estate sale. Home property \$500 & the Moses Hess property \$600. Both to Henry Eckman. The John Kauffman property to Jacob Henry for \$407. Cash: \$18.41. Cloudy. Damp all day (cool).

Thursday, September 21

In store partly all day. At station for goods p.m. Cash: \$8.44. Partly cloudy. Rain a.m. Damp p.m.

Friday, September 22

In store & mowing weeds on the Henry lot. Cash: \$10.97. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, September 23

Martin F. Good plowed the Henry lot & sowed rye in it & started plowing down on the Smith property. I was working out all a.m. & part of p.m. Cash: \$21.34. Partly clear. Warm. Light rain p.m. Gust.

Sunday, September 24

At Sunday school a.m. Rec'd word of the death of Adam Focht, Safe Harbor. Died very sudden & unexpected while sitting on a chair. Went down & washed, etc. & embalmed body. At church in eve. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, September 25

Went to Lancaster as a juror for Common Pleas Court. Was chosen on a case. Merrick vs. Heeps. The judge will not give his charge till tomorrow at 9 o'clock a.m. Needed

(funeral). Asked judge to be excused. Cash: \$2.76. Partly cloudy. Raining partly all day.

Tuesday, September 26

Went to Lancaster again. Were charged by the judge at 9 o'clock a.m. & then retired & on account of one juror who thought his opinion better than the other eleven we were kept there till 2:30 p.m. The verdict was \$50.00 for plaintiff. We're then discharged for the day. Cash: \$10.54. Cloudy. Rain part of a.m. & p.m.

Wednesday, September 27

Attending funeral of Adam Focht. Born 4-25-1818. Died 9-24-1899. Aged 81 years 5 months. Buried at Masonville O. M. Church. Bearers: H. H. Kantz, Geo Warfel, John May, Harry Kantz, 4 carriages. Rev. Mr. Johnson spoke at House a.m. Went to Lancaster as juror p.m. Cash: \$9.25. Partly clear. Cool all day. Much cooler.

Thursday, September 28

At Lancaster all day attending court as juror. Cash: \$8.20. Partly clear. Cool all day. Frost.

Friday, September 29

At Lancaster all day attending court. Rec'd \$5.00 of Wm Wade on account of rent. Cash: \$8.96. Partly cloudy. Cool. Rain p.m. & eve.

Saturday, September 30

At Lancaster a.m. attending court. This is the third day on this case. Should have been discharged this eve. but held over for next week until this case is over. In store p.m. & eve. Lizzie McCleral, Wife of Jacob died this a.m. at the General Hospital, Lancaster. Cash: \$23.00. Partly cloudy. Much cooler all day.

Sunday, October 1

Rec'd word of the death of Elsie, daughter of Hiram Frey this morning. I went down & took charge of body & embalmed same a.m. At home

& drove over to Grandmother's & from there to Safe Harbor to see after corpse. Funeral Wednesday a.m. Clear. Heavy frost. Cold all day.

Monday, October 2

At Lancaster. Ordered casket from Paxson & Comfort Co. a.m. Working in shop in eve. lining casket, etc. Cash: \$7.44. Ther: 35. Clear. Very heavy frost (cold).

Tuesday, October 3

At Lancaster all day as juror. Could not be excused to attend funeral. Went down tonight & put her in casket dressed etc. & made everything ready for tomorrow. H. M. Stauffer will attend to closing casket at cemetery for me. M. B. Good will drive. She looks very nice & family pleased. I am sorry I cannot be there. Cash: \$11.90. Ther: 33. Clear. Cold all day.

Wednesday, October 4

At Lancaster all day as juror. Had M. B. Good & H. M. Stauffer to attend funeral of Elsie Frey. Casket \$25.00. Rev. Saml Kauffman preached from 90 Psalms, verse 9. 19 carriages. Bearers: C. R. Smith, Ira Warfel, Al T. Urban & B. F. Hill, Sr. Was sorry I could not be there. Corpse looked very nice. Cash: \$5.40. Clear. Not so cold.

Thursday, October 5

At Lancaster all day as juror. Case closed & attorneys plead. Mr. North & Mr. Hansel for plaintiff. W. D. Weaver & B. F. Davis for the defense. 4 able speeches were made. Especially Mr. Hansel. Jury was charged by Judge Landis & at 4:30 we retired. We rec'd supper upstairs at 7 p.m. Cash: \$8.55. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, October 6

Jury decided in favor of the defendant. Mrs. Hiram K. Miller & against the plaintiff, Mr. V. P. Smith. Isaac Zerby & myself signed under

protest. Bought goods for store & suit of clothes, overcoat & hat for self & returned home p.m. Very glad to be with my family again. Cash: \$14.18. Cloudy. Raining a.m. Damp p.m.

Saturday, October 7

In store a.m. Clerking sale of Christ Eby estate. Things sold cheap. Property not sold. Was up to \$1650. Dr. Witmer had auction at the Hall this eve. Dry goods, etc. He is closing out his store. Cash: \$25.22. Partly clear.

Sunday, October 8

At Sunday school & Missionary meeting a.m. At home p.m. Blanche spent p.m. at Benj Morton's. At church in eve but Mr. Ware did not come an account of rain I suppose. Cloudy. Damp all day.

Monday, October 9

In store all day. Very busy all day making out P.O. accounts, etc. & sending for supplies, etc. Cash: \$14.77. Partly cloudy. Rather damp all day.

Tuesday, October 10

In store all day. Valentine Good here. He would like to buy the A. Henry property from me. Cash: \$11.78. Partly clear. Warmer.

Wednesday, October 11

Went to Philadelphia to be a witness on the Jacobs & Kendig counterfeiting case. Sought by Ingham & Newit, the defense. Arrived at Philadelphia at 7:20, took breakfast & then went to Mr. Ingham's Office. From there to court. Went to J. M. Bruner's in eve. Stayed all night. Cash: \$3.31. Partly clear.

Thursday, October 12

At Philadelphia. Took the stand in a.m. I am certainly impressed with Mr. Ingham for his firm & frank way of talking. Went to the mint after receiving our pay. Noah Wade, Chas

Musser, Jacob McCallister & John Bausman went along to the mint at the exposition in eve. Very fine. Cash: \$10.20. Clear. Beautiful weather.

Friday, October 13

At court. Mr. Ingham on stand. I never heard a witness testify as plain straight forward & cool determined as he did. I do not believe that they will be convicted. Around city p.m. & eve. Cash: \$5.69. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, October 14

Left Philadelphia at 8:40 for home. Arrived at Lancaster at 10:10 a.m. Came home by stage. Glad to meet my family. All well. In store in eve. Cash: \$17.06. Partly cloudy. Warm all day.

Sunday, October 15

At Sunday school & preaching by O. B. Wehre a.m. At home p.m. Walked down to see John S. Carrigan in the eve. He is some better. Very foggy this morning. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, October 16

At Lancaster. Paid over to L. C. Eby balance of sale money of personal property, etc. of Saturday the last. Bought goods for store, etc. Very foggy. Cash: \$5.25. Partly cloudy. Damp all day.

Tuesday, October 17

At Safe Harbor. Brought goods from station, etc. a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$12.86. Cloudy. Damp & rainy.

Wednesday, October 18

In store all day arranging goods & cleaning, etc. Bought Landreth's seeds of Dr. Witmer & will have the agency of same. He is going out of business. Cash: \$4.42. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Thursday, October 19

In store partly all day. Bought paint, perfumery, etc. of Dr. I. M. Witmer who is closing out his drug business. Also bought showcase. Cash: \$6.41. Clear. Quite warm all day.

Friday, October 20

Helping to seed the lot back of where Kirk lived in rye. Moved the vinegar into the store cellar. Cash: \$2.54. Partly clear. Much cooler.

Saturday, October 21

In store all day. Martin Musser had a stroke of apoplexy today. Cash: \$14.98. Clear. Cold all day. Heavy frost.

Sunday, October 22

At Sunday school a.m. Andrew Good & family & Amos Graver & Wife took dinner with us & spent the p.m. with us. At church in eve. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, October 23

At Lancaster. Bought the Eby property for my brother Emanuel for \$525 a.m. In store balance of day. Cash: \$13.89. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, October 24

In store all day. Cash: \$8.70. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, October 25

In store & cleaning nursery stock. Went out to stay with Martin Musser tonight. Cash: \$11.34. Partly clear. Warm all day.

Thursday, October 26

Martin Musser died last night at 11:55. Took charge of body. Embalmed, etc. Funeral on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at River Corner Mennonite Church. In shop, etc. Took rough box to cemetery & went to Valentine Good's by request of him with a view of

selling him the Henry property. He agreed to give me \$625 & would call on Tuesday next. Cash: \$4.85. Partly cloudy. Damp.

Friday, October 27

In shop getting coffin ready, etc. a.m. In store, etc. Took coffin & stools out to house this eve. Valentine Good here today & withdrew his offer for the property which he made yesterday. His sister, Margaret is dissatisfied. I agreed to let him off. Cash: \$7.05. Cloudy. Warm all day.

Saturday, October 28

Attending funeral of Martin Musser. Born 2-9-1806. Died October 25th, 1899. Aged 93-7-16. Rev. Abram Witmer spoke from Genesis 15-15. Bearers: Martin B. Herr, David S. Hess, Eli Warfel, Isaac Funk. 12 carriages. Took dinner at home (M. H. Benedict). In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$36.31. Partly clear. Rather stormy all day (cooler).

Sunday, October 29

At Sunday school & Communion a.m. Albert Charles & Wife & Eph Rohrer & Wife took dinner with us & spent p.m. with us. Wife & I went down to Carrigan's & B. F. Hill's in eve. Partly cloudy. Rain & damp. Cooler.

Monday, October 30

At Lancaster. Took Mrs. P. M. Bruner along in. Home by 1 p.m. In store balance of day & eve. Bought showcase of Dr. Witmer for \$5.00. The one that I had sold to him several years ago for the same price. Cash: \$14.86. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Tuesday, October 31

In store all day arranging goods, etc. Business is getting better. Cash: \$18.28. Cloudy. Raining partly all day (cool).

Wednesday, November 1

In store all day. This is the first day for

shooting rabbits. There were a great many shot. Some gunners getting from 8 to 10 apiece. Cash: \$12.74. Cloudy. Raining a.m. Damp p.m.

Thursday, November 2

Saml Shaub & Joseph Harnish here. Paid me for coffin, etc. for Martin Musser, \$22.00. They told me that they were very well pleased with the work & price. Cash: \$10.13. Partly cloudy. Cool all day.

Friday, November 3

In store all day. Bought John C. Zercher's share in the tobacco that he farmed for me at 7 cents for pound through. Heavy rain in eve. Gust. Cash: \$7.08. Cloudy. Raining nearly all day.

Saturday, November 4

In store all day. Blanche & Charles went down to Mothers this morning. Will stay till tomorrow. Cash: \$14.04. Partly clear. Cold, raw wind all day.

Sunday, November 5

At Sunday school & Missionary a.m. Went over to see Grandmother p.m. Found her well as usual & very glad to see me. Had not been over for 5 weeks on account of funerals & wet weather. At preaching in eve. Clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, November 6

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store. Paid for all I bought. I joined the American Relief association for the benefit of my family. Great change in the weather. Cash: \$4.75. Partly clear. Cold all day.

Tuesday, November 7

At home in store all day. Elections today. 219 votes polled. 212 Rep, 5 Dem, 2 Prv. Mr. Wehre was here & he, Mr. Yertzer, Mr. Martin & myself went down to John

Carrigan's who is sick. He was baptized in our presence. He seemed very weak. Sold tobacco to J. B. Harnish for \$7.50 per hand. Cash: \$24.56. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Wednesday, November 8

In store all day. Eliza Stertz took dinner with us. Am going to stay with brother John Carrigan tonight. Cash: \$27.11. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Thursday, November 9

Rec'd word of the death of Benj B. Beach's Child. Went down & took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 9 & 10. In store balance of day. Brother Carrigan is a very sick man. Cash: \$5.14. Clear. Rather cool all day.

Friday, November 10

In shop & store a.m. At Dr. I. M. Witmer's sale p.m. Bought several articles. Cash: \$9.84. Partly cloudy. Damp & cool all day.

Saturday, November 11

In store & shop & by request of Mr. Yertzer, Charles went in for Katie Carrigan to Lancaster & brought her out. Her father is sinking very fast. Rec'd word about 3:30 p.m. of the death of John Carrigan. Took charge of body & embalmed the same. Funeral on Tuesday at 9 & 10 at Reformed Church. He was a very warm friend of mine. Cash: \$16.90. Cloudy. Damp all day. Rain in eve.

Sunday, November 12

Attending funeral of Maris Beach, son of Benj B. Beach, born 8-2-98 & died 11-9-99, aged 1-3-7. Rev. Abrm Kauffman preached. Text 2 Saml, 12-23. Bearers: John Hess, John Stoner, Benj Buckwalter, Howard Gardner. 7 carriages. Very large funeral at the church (Green Hill U. B.) a.m. About Home, etc. p.m. & eve. \$12.00. Partly clear. Much cooler.

Monday, November 13

Busy all day getting casket ready, etc., etc.

Took casket down & put body in this eve. Was complimented by some friends from Reading on the appearance of corpse & the get up of casket. Cash: \$10.38. Clear. Ther: 27. Quite cool all day.

Tuesday, November 14

Attending funeral of Bro John Carrigan. Born January 26th, 1850. Died November 11th, 1899. Aged 49-10-15. \$35.00. Rev. O. B. Wehre preached from Heb. 11-16. Bearers: Chas Good, John Hess, B. H. Montgomery, Geo Eckman, D. B. Warfel, B. J. Hill, Jr. Very large funeral. Members of IORM attended. No hearse nor carriages. Mrs. Carrigan could not go along to church. Got word of the death of Eda Henry's baby. Had store closed. Cash: \$17.62. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Wednesday, November 15

In shop making coffin & buried child of Edith Henry in p.m. named Roy Keen Zercher. Born October 31, 1899. Died November 14, 1899. Aged 14 days. No funeral. Frank Henry & I took Child to cemetery & had it interred. She claims the child belongs to Benj F. Zercher, son of E. H. Zercher. Mr. Yentzer paid me tonight for funeral of John Carrigan. Made the bill \$33.00. Cash: \$14.03. Partly clear. Cool.

Thursday, November 16

Working out partly all day. Helped to load furniture for Amos McAllister & sent Charles over to Overholser's with a load & our team. a.m. In shop & cleaning up in general around the barn. Cash: \$10.66. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Friday, November 17

Working on lot & planted 8 plum trees, all different varieties & 5 pear trees over on the Henry property. Danl Martin helped all day. Cash: \$3.33. Cloudy. Damp, raw air all day.

Saturday, November 18

In store all day. Went to Safe Harbor to IOOF They expect to move the order to Conestoga Centre & at the chicken & waffle supper given by the Ladies of the M. E. Church of that place. They had a very fine supper. B. B. Rummel's boy died this eve. Have a bad cold. Cash: \$11.63. Partly cloudy. Cool & damp.

Sunday, November 19

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. & at preaching in eve. by Rev. Wehre. Caught a very bad cold. Partly cloudy. Raining a.m. Damp all day.

Monday, November 20

At Lancaster. Wife along. Bought goods for store & a coal oil stove for Blanche. Paid for all goods bought. Bought the E. Smith property (Kirk's) through John A. Charles for \$300. Cold rather worse. Cash: \$2.90. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Tuesday, November 21

In store all day. Benj B. Rummel's son buried today. Cold is no better. Throat is hoarse. Cash: \$6.81. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Wednesday, November 22

In store all day. Vice President Hobart died yesterday at 8:30 a.m. Cold some better. Cash: \$7.53. Partly cloudy. Damp & cool all day.

Thursday, November 23

In store a.m. Clerking Sale of Amos McAllister, Sr. on the Dr. Clinger property. They quit housekeeping & went to his daughter Barbra's. Very good sale. I bought a few small articles. Cash: \$7.27. Cloudy. Raining & damp all day.

Friday, November 24

In store, etc. partly all day. Philadelphia parties are here looking up the magnetic ore

mines. I hope they will decide favorably.
Cash: \$8.63. Partly clear. Cool but pleasant.

Saturday, November 25

About store & had John Zercher to haul manure from Martin F. Good down to the Kirk property. Paid Good \$2.00 for the manure cash. Brought some of the bees up from Witmer's. Cash: \$21.45. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw air all day. Heavy frost.

Sunday, November 26

At Sunday school & preaching by Rev. O. B. Wehre a.m. At home p.m. Henry Martin & Wife here in eve. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Monday, November 27

At Lancaster. Bought goods for store, etc. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$15.02. Clear. Cold, raw air partly all day.

Tuesday, November 28

In store all day. One year ago today the roads were drifted with snow so that they had to be shoveled open at places to let the mail pass (refer to diary). Very nice a.m. Cash: \$14.21. Partly cloudy. Cold. Moderating. Rain p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

At Lancaster. Bought the Kirk property from Elger E. Smith for \$300 & gave my check for it to John A. Charles. Rec'd the deed & left it at the Records office & rec'd the fire insurance policy. Rec'd word of the death of Jos Waller's wife in at the asylum. Will bring her out tomorrow. Cash: \$3.93. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Thursday, November 30

At Lancaster to bring out body of Mrs. Jos Waller from Lancaster Hospital. Ordered casket from Harrisburg. Took dinner at Swan. Had turkey. Had store closed p.m. & early eve. Closed at 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving today & we certainly have a great many things to be

thankful for. Cash: \$4.36. Partly clear. Pleasant day.

Friday, December 1

Attending funeral of Mrs. Joseph (Esther) Waller. Born 1-11-1836. Died 11-29-99. Aged 63-10-18. Rev. Mr. Taylor of Evan Association. Text: James 1 + 9 & 10. Bearers: Saml Brady, John C. Warfel, M. B. Good & Carl ??? 20 carriages. Charged \$35.00. In store balance of day & eve. Cash: \$7.58. Partly clear. Cool, damp wind. Rain in eve.

Saturday, December 2

In store all day. Charles brought goods from Safe Harbor. Cash: \$10.56. Partly clear. Beautiful weather.

Sunday, December 3

At Sunday school. Decided to have a Christmas service on Christmas Eve in the church a.m. Went over to see Grandmother p.m. At church in eve. Rev. Mr. Wehre preached. Plucked some dandelion flowers today. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Monday, December 4

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store a.m. At home & sent Danl Martin to Safe Harbor for goods. In store in eve. First snow of the season. Very light. Cash: \$8.98. Partly cloudy. Much colder. Rain last night. First snow this eve.

Tuesday, December 5

In store all day. No snow laying this morning. Cash: \$6.61. Partly clear. Much colder. Ice all day.

Wednesday, December 6

In store. Brought up the rest of the bees from Dr. Witmer's place & working out about barn, etc. Cash: \$10.37. Ther: 27. Partly cloudy. Cold, raw wind all day.

Thursday, December 7

In store all day getting goods ready for the holidays. Coldest day of the season. Cash: \$9.84. Ther: 18. Partly clear. Cold all day. Not stormy.

Friday, December 8

In store all day. John Zercher worked part of day. Cash: \$15.04. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, December 9

In store a.m. Rec'd word of the death of Emma Warfel (Miller) at the County Hospital. Went in & brought her out to the shop. Will keep her here till day of funeral, Tuesday, 10 a.m. At IORM in eve. There were 14 initiated into the mysteries. Cash: \$12.75. Partly clear. Cool all day.

Sunday, December 10

At Sunday school & preaching a.m. At home p.m. & eve. Partly cloudy. Damp all day (cool).

Monday, December 11

In store & shop all day getting coffin ready, etc. John Zercher worked all day. Danl Martin 1/2. Cash: \$5.34. Partly cloudy. Pleasant all day.

Tuesday, December 12

Attending funeral of Emma (Warfel) Miller. Born July 22, 1862. Died December 9, 1899. Aged 37-4-17. Rev. Noah Hess opened the services & Rev. C. B. Miller preached from St. John 8-7. Latter closed. No carriages. Taken from shop direct to church. Bearers: Conrad Hess, M. B. Good, Isaac McAllister, Amos Shenk. Rec'd \$20.00 on account. Total bill \$30.00. Paid M. B. Good for hauling. Cash: \$10.83. Partly cloudy. Heavy storm & rain last night & morning.

Wednesday, December 13

At Lancaster. Brought goods out for store

a.m. In store p.m. & eve. Cash: \$9.29. Partly clear. Pleasant day (cool).

Thursday, December 14

In store all day. Wife & Blanche over at Annie Myers's for dinner & spent part of day. Cash: \$11.97. Partly clear. Pleasant day but cooler.

Friday, December 15

In store partly all day. John Zercher & Danl Martin worked all day down on place. Cash: \$5.52. Partly clear. Much colder & stormy.

Saturday, December 16

In store all day. Wife & children went to Lancaster for clothes, etc. Cash: \$19.41. Clear. Cool all day.

Sunday, December 17

Rec'd word this morning of the death of Mrs. Huber, daughter of Martin Harnish. Funeral on Wednesday a.m. 9 & 10. Took charge of body, etc. a.m. At home p.m. & went over to Millers & Grandmothers. At church in eve. Partly clear. Pleasant all day. Cool.

Monday, December 18

Went to Lancaster. Brought out coffin & goods for store. Ordered coffin from H. B. C. & Co. Rec'd calendars from New Era. 250 for \$6.50. Paid for same. Cash: \$9.16. Partly clear. Much colder. Cold all day.

Tuesday, December 19

In store & shop lining coffin. Sent rough box & stools out, etc. a.m. In shop, etc. p.m. There was a beautiful rainbow this morning. Something rare for this time of year. Cash: \$10.55. Cloudy. Raining nearly all day.

Wednesday, December 20

Attending funeral of Mary Ann Huber. Born June 1, 1860. Died December 17, 1899. Aged 39-6-16. Revs. Amos

Huttenstern & Geo Bucher preached. Text: St. John 11-28. 47 carriages. Bearers: Ruben & Adam Lefever, Noah Harnish, John H. Brenneman. Large funeral a.m. \$25.00. Store, etc. p.m. Cash: \$7.59. Clear. Pleasant but cool. Morning cold.

Thursday, December 21

In store partly all day. My eye is not very good. The band opened a fair here in Hall this eve. Cash: \$7.13. Partly clear. Colder in morning. Very pleasant.

Friday, December 22

In store all day. Wife & Charles went to Philadelphia this morning to spend the holidays. Cash: \$11.41. Partly clear. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, December 23

In store all day. Jacob H. Warfel here & paid me for burying his sister, Emma. Harry Eberly called this eve. Cash: \$13.56. Cloudy. Damp, cool all day.

Sunday, December 24

At home partly all day. Had our Christmas service in the evening & everything passed off very nicely. Very good order & the children did everything very well. Snow blizzard this eve, but all gone in a short time. Cloudy. Rain heavy a.m. & part of p.m.

Monday, December 25

In store a.m. Went over to Uncle C. B. Millers. Blanche & I for our dinner & spent a very pleasant afternoon. In store in eve. Another Christmas gone. Another century near its close & many blessings to be thankful for. Cash: \$7.29. Partly clear. Cold, raw air all day.

Tuesday, December 26

In Lancaster. Brought goods out for store. Paid for all goods bought today. Paid the \$300 received from the Building & Loan

Association. The coldest day of this season. Cash: \$7.06. Ther: 16. Partly cloudy. Cold all day.

Wednesday, December 27

In store all day. John I. Hartman died yesterday at 11:30 p.m. Cash: \$9.96. Ther: 16. Partly cloudy. Cold all day. Snowing in eve.

Thursday, December 28

In store all day. About 1/2 inch of snow fell last eve. The first of the season that covered the ground. Cash: \$7.56. Ther: 23. Partly cloudy. Cold all day.

Friday, December 29

In store all day. Wife & Charles came home this eve. Glad to see them return. Cash: \$9.08. Ther: 14. Partly clear. Cold all day. Getting colder

Saturday, December 30

In store all day. Store front thermometer down to 4 this morning. Cash: \$32.37. Ther: 9. Partly clear. Very cold all day. Ther not above 16 all day. This eve 10.

Sunday, December 31

At Sunday school. Treated the school scholars & teachers to 1/2 lb. candy & 1 orange. Elected the following officers. Supt.: A. J. Zercher. Asst. Supt.: C. R. Smith. Secy.: Dora Smith. Treas.: J. R. Yentzer. Organist: Blanche Zercher. Asst. Organist: Dora Smith. a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve by Rev. Wehre. Another year is closed & many blessings have been received during the same. Ther: 6. Partly clear. Very cold.

CASH ACCOUNTS

Total for January: \$262.04
 Total for February: \$311.57
 Total for March: \$368.04
 Total for April: \$279.59
 Total for May: \$362.59
 Total for June: \$313.11
 Total for July: \$315.01
 Total for August: \$436.05
 Total for September: \$333.95
 Total for October: \$297.22
 Total for November: \$292.05
 Total for December: \$276.49
 From 1897 diary: \$539.01
 From 1898 diary: \$3303.84
 For 1899: \$3847.71

....BOARD OF HEALTH....

No. **5914** Lancaster, Pa., **May 16** 1899.

D. B. Widanyed Undertaker, having furnished a proper certificate of the death of **Mrs May Ely** who died at No. **141 E. Chestnut** Street, **2** Ward.

Cause of death **Apoplexy**
 Age, **84**; Color, **wh**; Sex, **fm**; Date of death **May 14** 1899, **10** A. M. **10** P. M.

J. C. Schuiler M. D., Attending Physician.

Permission is hereby granted by the **Lancaster Board of Health** to bury the said body in **Conestoga Cemetery**.

W. R. Paul Secretary.

Extracts from Regulations.—No undertaker shall bury any person who has died, or who has been brought to this city for burial in this city, without reporting the same to the Secretary of the Board, designating the occupation, the name of the father or mother (when a minor), residence, date and place of burial, and without obtaining a permit from said office. No sexton shall dig a grave of any person dying in this city to be buried in any of the cemeteries within this city or one mile beyond it, without such a permit, and the superintendent and sexton shall keep a correct record of the same.

DEATH CERTIFICATE. June 19 1899

No. **H. A. Zercher** Undertaker.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That **Barbara Schoepf** died at No. **520 N. James** Street, of **9** Ward of **Chronic Gastritis**.

Color, **White**; Sex, **Female**; Age, **77**; Nationality, **Lancaster County**
 Married or Single etc. **(widow)**

Date of Death, **June 17** 1899, at **11** A. M. **2:45** P. M.

Contagious, **no**; Infectious, **no**; **J. Furniss** M. D.

* If Contagious or Infectious, mark.

....BOARD OF HEALTH....

No. **5510** Lancaster, Pa., **Jan 12** 1899.

A. C. Robert A. J. Zercher Undertaker, having furnished a proper certificate of the death of **Isaiah Cooper** who died at No. **341 North** Street, **7** Ward.

Cause of death **Pneumonia**
 Age, **25** years; Color, **Coloured**; Sex, **male**; Date of death **Jan 11** 1899, **12:45** P. M.

L. A. Wanner M. D., Attending Physician.

Permission is hereby granted by the **Lancaster Board of Health** to bury the said body in **Conestoga Cemetery**.

W. R. Paul Secretary.

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