

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Thursday, January 1

Partly clear. At the mill. Everything satisfactory. Ordered a car bran by phone of Jonas F. Eby, \$18.50, a.m. At home and helping to get church ready for Christmas services, p.m. Practicing in the eve. Cold all day.

Friday, January 2

Cloudy. At mill all day. Working at books. At church in eve. Damp all day. Rain in eve.

Saturday, January 3

Partly cloudy . At mill all day. Hired Martin H. Groff as miller for another year at \$250.00 rent free and potato patch. Paid Henry Rhinier his son's wages for December and hired him again for next year from April 1st to April 1st, 1904 for \$75.00. At church practicing in eve. Creek very high. Very heavy rain last night. Damp all day.

Sunday, January 4

Cloudy. At Sunday school. No school. Took the time for practice of Christmas services this eve, a.m. At home p.m. Miss Sadie Kendig here and took supper with us. At church in eve. Held our Christmas services. Church crowded. Was highly pleased with the children, especially Reba Wade and the class she was in. The collection was given to Bethany Orphan's Home. Cool all day. Pleasant eve.

Monday, January 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Paid Jonas F. Eby and Son for car bran, \$207.15 and brought out things for house. Bro Emanuel came along

out. The new County officers took their places today. Cool all day and damp.

Tuesday, January 6

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Posting of books to January 1st, 1903. Snowing pretty lively this morning. Colder.

Wednesday, January 7

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Working at books, etc. Snowy in eve. Getting colder.

Thursday, January 8

Cloudy. At mill all day. Working at books, etc. Cold all day. Rather stormy.

Friday, January 9

Partly clear. At mill till 3 p.m. Came home. Done work at barn and went to F. & A. M., Millersville, with M. H. Groff in eve. Cold all day.

Saturday, January 10

Partly clear. Charles Hill, Charles Zercher and myself cleaned church and took down decorations of Christmas service, a.m. At mill p.m. At AOK. of MC in eve. The following officers were installed: P. C.: Harry Waller, Sr.; K. C.: Benj F. Zercher; V. C.: Jacob Henry; Marshal: Harry Benedict; Chaplin: A. J. Zercher' O. Guard,: John Waller. Cold all day.

Sunday, January 11

Cloudy. At church but no Sunday school, a.m. At home p.m. Bessie and Mary Lantz and Miss Edith Groff spent p.m. with Blanche. All at church in eve. Rev Shelley preached. We stopped in at John Wirth and made a short call afterwards.

Snowing all a.m. Snow and rainy p.m. Clear in eve. Moderating.

Monday, January 12

Partly clear. At home getting ready for

butchering tomorrow, a.m. At Uncle C.B. Miller's to see Aunt Lizzie and at Rock Hill mill, p.m. At home in p.m. Had horse shod (sharpened). Paid Jos Market for same, 60 cents. Very much colder all day. The coldest day of the season.

Tuesday, January 13

Partly clear. Ther: 5. Butchering today. Killed our two hogs. Weighed 192 and 158 pounds respectively. They done very good. H.H. Bitts, butcher, \$1.25. Geo Kreider helped. Paid him \$1.00. The coldest day of the season.

Very cold all day.

Wednesday, January 14

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10. Down at mill all day. Charles not at school this week thus far. Had Paul Wilmer hauling car of bran today. Cold all day. Moderating in eve.

Thursday, January 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 27. At mill all day. Finished unloading bran. Moderated very much today

Friday, January 16

Partly clear. At mill all day. Finished posting books to date. Pleasant all day.

Saturday, January 17

Partly clear. About home a.m. At mill and Rock Hill clerking sale of real estate of Danl Williams, dec'd. Sold to Michael Kendig at \$500. At Primary Election afterwards. Find ticket in pocket of this diary. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day. Colder in eve.

Sunday, January 18

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley. Text: 2 King 6-17. He and wife went with us for a drive and spent part of p.m. with us. The following officers of the Sunday school were elected: Supt., A.J. Zercher. Asst. Supt., Henry Martin. Secy.,

Miss Lena Martin. Treas., Aldus M. Charles. Organist, Miss Blanche Zercher, Audit Committee, Miss Ida Good, Mrs. Chas R. Hill, Norman Good. Cold all day.

Monday, January 19

Partly clear. Ther: 10. At Lancaster via Safe Harbor, Rock Hill, Millersville. Took Charles to school. Helped Wm R. Caldwell to get \$400 out of Lancaster Trust Co. for to use in mill. Very cold in morning. Cold all day.

Tuesday, January 20

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Working at books. Damp all day.

Wednesday, January 21

Partly clear. At mill all day. Working at books partly all day. Very heavy rain last night. Snow melting very fast.

Thursday, January 22

At mill all day. Finished posting books. Paid Geo Kendig balance on wheat, \$13.19. Moderating very much.

Friday, January 23

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Charles came home from school this eve. Cold in eve.

Saturday, January 24

Cloudy. About home a.m. Aunt Lizzie Miller here partly all day. Went down to mill a short time to let Mart H. Groff go to primary in Manor Twp. Much colder all day. Commenced snowing p.m.

Sunday, January 25

Cloudy. At church. No Sunday school on account of snow, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley. Moderating.

Monday, January 26

Cloudy. Took Charles to school and about

home. Had shoe put on horse. Paid for same, 13 cents, a.m. At mill. Heard of chickens being stole at Safe Harbor. Moderating.

Tuesday, January 27

Cloudy. At mill all day. Started making flour with water power but failed on account of tail race wall falling at our place and making too much back water. No new developments in the chicken stealing case. Damp all day.

Wednesday, January 28

Partly cloudy. At mill all day making flour by engine all day. Suit was entered by Wm Gensener against Benj Brady, Milton Henry, son of Jacob and Howard Gochenaur. Damp all day.

Thursday, January 29

Cloudy. At mill all day making flour by engine and chopping by water power. Brady, Henry and Gochenaur admitted to their guilt today and implicated Rev. Martin Groff's oldest boy, about 18 years old, of receiving stolen goods. Damp and roads very muddy.

Friday, January 30

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Still making flour. Finished today for this time. Rain last night. Roads very muddy. Very much colder this eve.

Saturday, January 31

Partly cloudy About home a.m. At mill p.m.

Sunday, February 1

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley, a.m. Went to Andrew Good's for dinner and spent p.m. Then went to M. E. Church in eve. The Susquehanna is very high today. Cold, raw air.

Monday, February 2

Partly cloudy

At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to

school. Bought things for home. Roads very muddy. Moderating all day.

Tuesday, February 3

Partly clear. At mill all day. S. J. Martin came to fix choppers. Running with gasoline engine on account of high water. A beautiful day (spring like).

Wednesday, February 4

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Very bad roads. Regular spring day. Heavy rain p.m. and last night and early morning.

Thursday, February 5

At mill all day. Conestoga creek over bank and river high. Stormy and cold.

Friday, February 6

Partly clear. At mill all day. Went to lodge in eve, F. & A. M. with M.H. Groff. Cold all day.

Saturday, February 7

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Joseph Waller was reported dead this a.m., but not correct. Mr. P.M. Bruner here this eve. Will spend Sunday with us. At AOK of MC in eve. Cold. Damp, raw air.

Sunday, February 8

Cloudy. At the church. No Sunday school, but Missionary meeting. The old officers were re-elected for 1903 and an auditing committee appointed, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley. Mr. Bruner here all day and will stay till tomorrow. Damp, raw air all day.

Monday, February 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Paid C.J. Carroll for corn bought, etc., etc. Much colder. High winds.

Tuesday, February 10

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor via way of Rock Hill. Rec'd my share of tobacco of John Henry, \$20.10. Pleasant all day.

Wednesday, February 11

Cloudy. About home all day at barn, etc.. Jacob Z. Miller paid for burial of child, \$10.00. Raining partly all day.

Thursday, February 12

Clear. At mill a.m. At sale of Benj Fry on A.R. Witmer farm. Large sale. Very beautiful day.

Friday, February 13

Partly clear. At mill a.m. Rec'd word about 1:30 p.m. of the death of Mrs. Jonas Herr on back Harbor Road. Went and took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 1 o'clock p.m. Very beautiful day. Regular spring weather.

Saturday, February 14

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor. Brought casket, etc., and at mill a.m. M.B. Good took case to cemetery and stools to house. I trimmed casket, etc., p.m. Went to Herr's to see after body and from there to mill. Damp and colder.

Sunday, February 15

Cloudy. My birthday, am 46 years old. At home. Started for funeral about 11 a.m. of Catherine Amanda Herr. Born 11-28-58. Died 2-13-03. Aged 44-2-15. Rev. Tobias Finnefrock read scripture. Rev. H. M. Stauffer announced hymn. Rev. Martin Groff opened with prayer and Rev. Bachman preached a very able sermon from 73 Psalm, 24 verse. Bearers, Michael Shenk, John Warfel, Risk Aston, David Rhinier. Raining nearly all day .

Monday, February 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster by stage, Charles along. Went to Dr. Becker to have him examine Charles' teeth. He says will cost

\$40.00 to make a good job. A big price, but the only thing to do I suppose. Miss Elizabeth Bruner of Cheyenne, Wyoming, cousin of wife, came along out. She seems to be fine. Much colder. Commenced to snow this eve.

Tuesday, February 17

Partly cloudy. Election today. Only 56 votes polled on account of snow storm. Snowed partly all last night and drifting all day. Did not go to mill. Roads are drifted. Much colder.

Wednesday, February 18

Partly clear. Ther: 4. At mill with Dr. B. F. Good, my horse being lame. The coldest day of the season. Quite a blizzard in the evening, a blinding snow storm. Miss Elizabeth Bruner of Cheyenne, Wy, left for Lancaster after spending a few days very pleasantly with us. Very cold all day.

Thursday, February 19

Partly clear. Ther: below 3. About home all day. Received word in eve. of the death of Mrs. Barbara A. Maynard at Wm C. Smith's, Lancaster city. Shall come in tomorrow and take charge of body. The coldest day of the season and for several years I believe.

Friday, February 20

Partly clear. Ther: 7. Went to Lancaster by sleigh (mail). Went up to Smith's and took charge of body of Mrs. Maynard. Met Benjamin and Jacob there and made arrangements for funeral on Saturday eve. at 7:30 at house and 2 p.m. on Sunday at Conestoga Center. Ordered casket from Harrisburg and brought it along out. Cold but pleasant day.

Saturday, February 21

Partly clear. In shop lining casket, etc., for Mrs. Maynard, a.m. Took casket to Lancaster this p.m. and held preaching services at house in eve. Rev. Mr. Gerhard presiding.

Stayed at O. & B. all night. Charles along. Cold, raw wind all day.

Sunday, February 22

Partly clear. At St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster. Rev. Mr. Menninger, D.D., preached a very inspiring sermon, a.m. At funeral of Barbara A. Maynard. Born 10-8-1818. Died 2-19-1903. Aged 83-4-16. Rev J. W. Menninger preached. Bearers: Chas Smith and Howard, Ralph and John Maynard, 4 grandsons. 7 teams. \$45.00. Cold, raw wind all day.

Monday, February 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Cold, raw wind all day.

Tuesday, February 24

Partly clear. At mill all day. Unloaded car corn today. Pleasant but raw wind. Partly all day.

Wednesday, February 25

Partly clear. At mill all day. Rec'd ½ ton shif from Columbia Milling Co., Columbia, for trial and am pleased. First rate. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, February 26

Partly clear. At mill all day. Rec'd 1 ton shif from the Columbia Mill Co., and sent them check for bills to date. John P. Wise died this morning at Pequea. Still home. A very bad cold. Very pleasant day.

Friday, February 27

Partly cloudy. At mill a.m. Rec'd word at noon of the death of Mrs. Benj Kneisley At 10 a.m. at home of Benj F. Benedict, son-in-law. Took charge of body. Ordered coffin by phone and at sale of Susan McAllister. Bought a few articles to remember her. Saml McLaughlin bought the property at \$506.00. Well sold. Damp, cold wind.

Saturday, February 28

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor for coffin at station, a.m. In shop lining coffin, etc., and went to look after corpse and at mill, p.m. Harry Flick ran away from J.B. Urban about 11 a.m. Raining nearly all day. I was caught in a very heavy rain this a.m. and storm. I got wet to the skin and a very heavy storm and rain p.m. Not cold. Charles Kreider fell heir to a young son this eve.

Sunday, March 1

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Went to see after corpse, p.m. and to Wm Caldwell's in eve. Cool all day.

Monday, March 2

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Rebecca Kneisley, widow of the late Benj Kneisley. Born Dec. 3, 1811. Died Feb. 27, 1903. Aged 91-2-24. Rev. C. B. Miller preached from 71 Psalm 17 + 18 verse. Rev. Daniel Rhinier made a few remarks afterward. Bearers: Benj and John Zercher, Benj Kneisley, Harry Benedict. 13 carriages.

Tuesday, March 3

Clear. At mill a.m. At Wm W. Aments Sale p.m. Bought 6 shoats for \$22.70. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, March 4

Partly clear. At mill all day. Lots of railroad talk now. The first lot of stations for the new road around this area. Brought stools home from Benj F. Benedict in eve. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, March 5

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. More Italians arrived at Safe Harbor this morning. They say about 80 here now. Rain a.m. Warmer.

Friday, March 6

Clear. At mill all day. Rec'd 2 ton bran from

Columbia Milling Co. and hauled same from station. Sent check this eve. Bought breeding sow of Maris H. Garner. Weighed 110 lb. Paid \$7.00 cash for same. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, March 7

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Ordered 1 ton shif from Columbia Milling Co. Rec'd pay for burial of Mrs. Herr this eve. of Jonas F. Herr, \$35.00. Raining partly all day.

Sunday, March 8

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Jacob Z. Miller and wife and Ezra Wolgamuth and wife (Lizzie Miller) here for dinner and spent p.m. and took supper with us. At home in eve. Rain and very damp.

Monday, March 9

Cloudy. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school and potatoes to Mrs. Pehlman. Damp all day. Rain a.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Cloudy. At mill all day. Blanche sick in bed. Bad cold. Damp and rainy.

Wednesday, March 11

Cloudy. At mill all day. Hauled bran from station, etc. A little sunshine in eve. The first since last Saturday. Damp all day.

Thursday, March 12

Partly clear. At mill a.m. Went to Wm E. Miller's Sale. Bought 22 bags. He had a very good sale. Very pleasant day.

Friday, March 13

Partly clear. At mill a.m. At home p.m. At home p.m. and at Millersville in eve. Pleasant day.

Saturday, March 14

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor mill, a.m. Attending Republican Primary p.m. and few

98 votes polled. I was re-elected County Committee for the next year. Very beautiful day.

Sunday, March 15

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Pleasant day.

Monday, March 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster attending to some business, etc. Pleasant but cool.

Tuesday, March 17

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor all day. Load of oats in. 1,300 bus. Paid freight on same. St. Patrick's Day. Beautiful, warm, clear p.m. Damp a.m. Clear p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor. Finished unloading car oats. 1,300 bus. Very tired this eve. Worked hard at unloading oats. Very pleasant all day.

Thursday, March 19

At mill all day. Unloading corn, shif and bran. Damp a.m. Warmer p.m.

Friday, March 20

Partly cloudy. At mill all day unloading car of shif and bran. Warm but damp a.m. Clear and warm p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Did not get home till 6:30. Very busy. Mart Groff (miller) was at John Groff's Sale. Finished hauling off car by Wm W. Bower. Heavy rain in eve. Damp and rainy all day.

Sunday, March 22

At Sunday school. No school on account of rain, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Raining partly all day. Damp.

Monday, March 23

Cloudy. About home all day. Working about house, etc. Raining heavy nearly all day.

Tuesday, March 24

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor a.m. Took dinner at Wm E. Keene's. They moved to the Dr. J. M. Witmer property. Maris B. Jones takes the Keene bakery. At home p.m. raking yard and took straw off rose bushes. Cool all day.

Wednesday, March 25

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor all day. Helping to unload car oat feed (Royal) and delivered feed, etc. Cold, raw wind all day.

Thursday, March 26

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor all day. Helping to unload car. Finished this eve. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Old Susan McAllister at Mannheim, Pa. Real cold this morning. Warmer.

Friday, March 27

Cloudy. Went to Jacob McAllister's and Overholtzer and Millersville, a.m. About home and down at mill and working at the accounts. Pleasant day

Saturday, March 28

Partly clear. Went to a Manheim after body of Susan McAllister who died at the German Baptist Home there. Took dinner there. A far drive. About 45 miles. Pleasant day.

Sunday, March 29

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley, a.m. Attending funeral of Miss Susan McAllister. Born 10-11-1818. Died March 27, 1903. Aged 91-5-27. Rev. McVey preached from Amos 4-12. Bearers: M. B. Good, Grant Gardner, Jacob Henry and Amos Benedict. No teams. Pleasant day.

Monday, March 30

Cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy making out accounts, etc. Took account of stock today.

Tuesday, March 31

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy, a.m. Took acct of stock on hand yesterday. 162 1/2 bus. corn (stored), 400 bus. oats, 195 sacks oat feed, 131 bus. wheat, shif. Cool all day. Moderating.

Wednesday, April 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day looking after collections. Did fairly well. Bought several hundred bus. corn of Park B. Shenk. Expect in a few days. Bought 2 set Yankee harness of Yecker for \$32.00. Pleasant day .

Thursday, April 2

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Sold Charles A. Sims & Co. their first bill of feed today. Railroad contractors at a Safe Harbor. Damp partly all day.

Friday, April 3

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Stormy. Very stormy in p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Partly cloudy. At mill. Received word this morning of the very unexpected death of Joseph Waller of heart trouble. He moved yesterday and died this morning at just 1 o'clock. Funeral will be held on Tuesday at 1 and 2 o'clock at AOK of MC, Helping to make arrangements for the funeral. Raining and damp all day.

Sunday, April 5

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and Missionary in a.m. Owen F. Bruner and wife here for dinner and spent several hours with us. Went down to see after body, p.m. At church in eve. Rev. Mr. Shelley preached.

Charles went to Lancaster for casket at Pa. R.R., took Blanche along in. Will stay till tomorrow. Cold, raw wind all day.

Monday, April 6

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to M. E. Cemetery and went to Lancaster, wife along, and fetched Blanche along home. Bought 100 Blue Ribbon grain bags of Reilly Bros and Raub and paid for same but did not have them in stock, bought other things for home and mill. Took stools down for funeral this eve. Benj Johnson had a terrible dynamite explosion in their kitchen. Killed their son and themselves injured. Paid \$200 on rent. Cool all day.

Tuesday, April 7

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Joseph Waller. Born 3-1-36. Died 4-4-03. Aged 67-1-3. Rev. C. H. Mengel spoke from 90 Psalms, 10 verse. Bearers: Benj F. Zercher, Wm Bitts, Jacob M. Henry, Harry K. Benedict. 14 carriages. \$35.00. He was a member of the Conestoga Center AOK of MC, they had charge of the funeral. Raining all a.m. and stormy p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Cloudy. At mill all day unloading bran. Not quite through on account of wet weather. Car of oats came in this morning. Raining heavy p.m. Cooler.

Thursday, April 9

Cloudy. Finished unloading bran and commenced at car of oats. Very busy all day. Partly clear. Cooler.

Friday, April 10

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Finished unloading car of oats. Paid freight, etc. Am very tired this eve. Mrs. Christian Groff met with a very painful accident about 10 a.m. today while burning paper, etc. Her clothes

caught fire and she is not expected to live. Cold, raw wind all day.

Saturday, April 11

Partly cloudy. Called out last night about 11 o'clock to take charge of the body of Mrs. Olive Ressler Groff, with of Christian, who died of the effects of being burned. This was a very sad death. Her clothing took fire while burning waste paper and burned all off but shoes, corset and neck band. Body in bad shape but will do the best I can. Bandaged the whole body. Cool.

Sunday, April 12

Partly cloudy. At Groff's looking after body in morning and at church. Had Holy Communion, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche and Charles went down to Benj Morton to take dinner and spend p.m. Damp. Cool air.

Monday, April 13

Cloudy. Went to Barb Good's about shroud and to Groff's to see after corpse. Looks very nice, and to Rock Hill and Safe Harbor At mill, another car of bran in (bulk) and home a.m. Lined casket and trimmed same. Brought shroud, etc., p.m. Damp all day. Colder in eve. Looks very much like rain.

Tuesday, April 14

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Olive B. Groff. Born January 1, 1880. Died April 9, 1903. Aged 23-3-8. Rev. Abrm Witmer preached at house from St. Matt 21-42, latter clause; at church, Prov 23-1. Bearers: H. W. Hess, Adam R. Good, John Good, Abrm M. Charles. 12 carriages. \$45.00, paid. A very beautiful corpse. A very unpleasant day. Rained the whole way to New Providence. Very bad roads. Rained partly all day.

Wednesday, April 15

Cloudy. At home all day. Working in shop, etc. Raining nearly all day

Thursday, April 16

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor after bringing stools from Christ Groff's place, a.m. At Safe Harbor p.m. Rec'd word of the death of Milton Henry child about 1-1/2 years old. Took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 9 and 10 at Green Hill. Rain. Damp partly all day.

Friday, April 17

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor and Lancaster a.m. At H.C. Lintner's horse sale, Millersville in p.m. Bought 2 horses. 1 at \$147.50, sorrel. 1 at \$111.00, dark bay. Gave 60 day note for same. Rec'd peach trees bought in fall today. Pleasant but cool all day.

Saturday, April 18

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor. Tried the horses I bought yesterday. They do quite well. Took feed to Levi B. Neff's place a.m. Went to Joseph Waller's Sale. Bought a few things and paid for same. Large sale and good prices. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, April 19

Attending funeral of Jacob B. Henry, son of Milton and Sallie Henry. Born 10-6-1901. Died 4-16-1903. Aged 1-6-10. Rev. Ranck and Martin Groff preached. 2 Saml 12-23, Job 14-14. 17 carriages, a.m. At home p.m. Feeling tired. Very beautiful day.

Monday, April 20

Clear. Called up by phone at 2:30 a.m. Amos McAllister Sr. died at Millersville. Went over early this morning and laid out and embalmed body and made arrangements for funeral. Will bury on Wednesday at 2 p.m., Mt. Zion, this place, a.m. At mill and brought casket from station this eve. Wife paid peach trees to Mr. Putz today. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, April 21

Partly clear. Went to Millersville to see after

corpse. O.K. In shop lining casket and trimming same, etc., balance of day. Took case to cemetery. Rec'd 1727 lb of straw of Conrad Hess at \$12.00 per ton. Cool air but pleasant.

Wednesday, April 22

Partly clear. Left home at 7 a.m. to attend the funeral of Amos McAllister. Born December 3, 1817. Died April 20, 1903. Aged 85-5-17. Rev. Richard Radcliff preached the sermon from 1 Chron 29-24. Rev. Specht, a former pastor, spoke very kindly of him as did Rev. Deacon. Rev. C. B. Miller led in prayer. Bearers: Andrew M. Frank, Martin B. Herr, A. D. Kilheffer, John B. Herr, Dr. Hull and Dr. Bitner. 18 carriages. A very large funeral. \$65.00. Cold, raw wind.

Thursday, April 23

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy. Jacob B. Henry planted 25 peach trees on home lot today. Cold, raw wind.

Friday, April 24

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy all day. Shipped lot of feed to G. W. Greene & Bro. down Port R.R. by car. Cold and damp.

Saturday, April 25

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy. Mart Groff went to Lancaster this p.m. Had half day off. Cool all day.

Sunday, April 26

Partly clear. Was called by phone to Cyrus Bortzfield this morning to take charge of body of his daughter, Annie, who had been a cripple since childhood. Went down and again this evening. Took Blanche along and was at church in a.m. Rev. Mr. Shelley took dinner with us. Very pleasant day, especially p.m.

Monday, April 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Brought out casket for Cyrus Bortzfield daughter. Lined and trimmed same. Took case to cemetery and stools to house. Very busy. Beautiful day. Warm.

Tuesday, April 28

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Annie May Bortzfield, daughter of Cyrus. Born November 6, 1881. Died April 26, 1903. Aged 21-5-20. Rev. Mengel of U. E. Church preached from Jeremiah 15-9, "Her sun has gone down", etc. Bearers: Willie Wade, Galen Lefever, Ray Aston, David Bortzfield (Bro). 20 carriages. Large funeral and very many flowers. Blanche made a blanket for her and gave flowers. Put all flowers in casket by request of mother. \$25.00. Called to Safe Harbor. Pleasant day.

Wednesday, April 29

Partly clear. Was called to Safe Harbor last eve. to take charge of Italian who died by rock falling. Went to Lancaster early to bring out coffin for to bury the Italian who was killed on the new R.R. at Safe Harbor. This is the first man killed on the new road. Young man about 20 years old. Trimmed same and attended funeral at 2 p.m. at Safe Harbor Catholic Cemetery. No age given. A Priest there. Held services at grave. Very warm in p.m.

Thursday, April 30

Partly clear. Ther: 85. Went to Cyrus Bortzfield's to bring stools home and Frank Parson here. Bought some supplies of him. Sold my tobacco to Mr. Dommel for 8-1/2 and 1, a.m. At mill p.m. Very busy. Very warm.

Friday, May 1

Partly clear. At mill all day. Ice 1/8 inch thick here this morning. Ground frozen and very heavy frost. Very cold. Great change.

Saturday, May 2

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. At IORM in eve. Adopted resolution and amendment to bylaws that after death of a brother his survivors be paid \$60.00 and at the death of a wife, \$30.00. There was quite a discussion over this and other matters. Ice 1/8 inch thick here this morning. Cold, raw wind all day. Very cold.

Sunday, May 3

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and practicing for Easter Service, a.m. Practicing p.m. At the Easter Services in eve. Very full house and everything passed off o.k. Cool all day but pleasant.

Monday, May 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day Mr. M. B. Good along, he being a juror this week and brought him along out in eve. Cold. Raw air all day.

Tuesday, May 5

Partly clear. At mill partly all day. Went out to Uncle Abrm M. Hess and bid for corn. Rec'd and bought more to be delivered tomorrow. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, May 6

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Uncle Abrm M. Hess brought us 51-3/4 bus. @ 52 cents. Very pleasant, beautiful day.

Thursday, May 7

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Brought load of corn from Abrm M. Hess (Uncle). 50 bus. and 19. Very pleasant day

Friday, May 8

Clear. At mill. Very busy. Received wheat today. Warm all day.

Saturday, May 9

Clear. At mill all day. Very busy. At AOK of MC in eve. Warm all day.

Sunday, May 10

Clear. Blanche and I went down to see Mother and H. M. Eberley. Found them all well. Took dinner with Mother and supper with Lizzie. When we arrived home Charles had been to Safe Harbor and took charge of the body of an Italian that was killed on the new R.R. and brought it up to the shop. I embalmed body and ordered casket from Harrisburg. Warm all day.

Monday, May 11

Clear. Went to Lancaster early this morning to bring out coffin and suit to bury Italian who was killed yesterday a.m. Lining coffin, etc. Sent case to cemetery and attended funeral of same at 3 o'clock p.m. at Catholic cemetery, Safe Harbor. Priest there. Looked very nice. Very warm day.

Tuesday, May 12

Clear. At mill all day. Unloading car corn. Worked very hard. Leg very sore this eve. Corn hot on car. Sent word to Mr. Eby about it and Mr. Herr and agent came out to see it and made reduction. Warm all day.

Wednesday, May 13

Partly clear. At mill all day. Unloading car of corn (finished). John Zercher drove team at mill and went to Shenk's Ferry to see about furnishing feed. Succeeded. Warm and dry.

Thursday, May 14

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy all day. Rec'd load of corn of Mahlon Erb, Bethesda, Pa. Paid by check for same. Very pleasant day.

Friday, May 15

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy. Mr. E. J. Sammon paid on bill today. Warm and dry.

Saturday, May 16

At mill all day. John Zercher hauling for me. Warm and dry.

Sunday, May 17

Partly clear. Rec'd message by phone of death of infant daughter of Samuel and Edith Rankin Harnish last night. Went down this morning after making small casket and took it along. Buried it this p.m. at Colemanville M. E. Cemetery. I saw them work on new RR, same as through week (too bad). Warm and dusty. Dry.

Monday, May 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Barnum and Bailey Circus there. An immense crowd of people there. I was busy all day. Paid Eby for car corn and F. Yecker for set of Yankee harness for mill wagon. Thunder gust in eve. Not much rain. Very warm and dusty.

Tuesday, May 19

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy delivering feed, etc. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, May 20

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy. Sent load of feed to the Shoff farm and rec'd 1 ton of shif from Columbia by freight. Pay day at Sims and Co. Very warm all day. Light rain in p.m.

Thursday, May 21

Partly clear. At mill all day. Busy all day. Loaded feed on car for G. W. & Bro. to ship and took load out to Neff's. Paid telephone up to July 1st. Very warm all day.

Friday, May 22

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy delivering feed, etc. Very warm all day.

Saturday, May 23

At mill all day. Still very busy at mill. Warm all day.

Sunday, May 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. P.M. Bruner and family and W.F. Bruner and family of Philadelphia came out from Lancaster this a.m. Spent a pleasant time together. Very nice rain last night. They left this eve for Lancaster, Jennie and Millard. Cool all day.

Monday, May 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Charles along. Bought things for house and mill. Paid Jonas Eby Sr. for car oats. J. M. Bruner left Lancaster for Philadelphia on the 10:30 train today. Opened an account at the Union Trust Co. today. Rather cool all day.

Tuesday, May 26

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy. Warmer.

Wednesday, May 27

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy delivering feed to Shenk's farm and out on the Bausman farm. Very warm all day.

Thursday, May 28

Partly clear. At mill all day. Busy delivering feed to Conestoga Center p.m. Landis, son of Benj and Mary Harnish, buried at Mt. Zion cemetery in Lancaster. Warm all day.

Friday, May 29

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy unloading car oats. John Henry and Jacob E. Benedict helping. Beautiful rain p.m. and eve. Much needed.

Saturday, May 30

Cloudy. At mill in morning. Rec'd word of the death of Theo Mellinger's child. Still born on the B. W. Hiestand property. Came home and

made casket and buried it p.m. at Highville church. Finished unloading oats and brought load of corn from Sickman's Mill for mill. We are short. Damp all day. Cool.

Sunday, May 31

Partly cloudy. At church in morning but no school on account of rainy weather, a.m. At M. E. Church in p.m. Dedication services were announced for dedication of new organ. Regular pastor preached a very good sermon for nearly an hour. At our own church in eve. Mr. Lefever of F. & M. preached for us, Mr. Shelley being absent. Rain a.m. Cool and damp p.m.

Monday, June 1

At Lancaster. Paid for car oats and brought bill of lading along out for car corn. Very pleasant day. Cool

Tuesday, June 2

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy unloading car corn. 1400 bus on this car. Very fine corn. Warm and dry.

Wednesday, June 3

Clear. At Safe Harbor all day. Finished unloading corn about 3 p.m. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, June 4

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor mill all day. Very busy. Warm all day.

Friday, June 5

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor all day. Commenced unloading car corn (on ear) from P. B. Shenk, Peach Bottom. Wm Bowers hauling. Very Smokey. Close and sultry all day.

Saturday, June 6

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor. Finished unloading car ear corn of P. B. Shenk and delivering flour and feed at Shenk's Ferry in p.m. and

walked out to band festival a short time in eve. Heavy rain in eve. Very acceptable. Damp all day. Light rain a.m.

Sunday, June 7

At church preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley. No Sunday school on account of rainy weather, a.m. At A. M. Charles. Took supper there, Blanche, wife and I and several others. Dr. Good and wife here this eve. Damp all day. Rain a.m.

Monday, June 8

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Sent feed to Fulton farm for Mrs. Green and to Tipples. Warm a.m. Rain p.m.

Tuesday, June 9

Partly clear. At mill all day. Delivered feed to Geo W. Green, Tipples and Ralph DeJohn (Safe Harbor). Working at the books. Ralph DeJohn paid his bill up to May 1st. Isaac Aston buried at the M. E. Church today. Very warm and sultry all day.

Wednesday, June 10

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor all day. Unloading car sack bran and delivering feed. Partly cloudy. Rain p.m.

Thursday, June 11

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor. unloading car and delivering feed. Damp and rainy p.m. and eve.

Friday, June 12

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Unloading bran and commenced on car of bran and shif. Damp, rainy and cool.

Saturday, June 13

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor mill all day. Unloading car shif and bran. Cooler and showers in morning.

Sunday, June 14

Partly cloudy. Went to the church, but no Sunday school. Raining a.m. Showers p.m. At home. At preaching in eve. Charles had quite an experience last night coming home from Colemanville festival. He was stopped by two unknown men and relieved of his money, \$1.62, at the large chestnut tree on Back Harbor Road near Albert Kendig's. Cool and rainy party all day.

Monday, June 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster on business via Millersville. Wore an overcoat to drive in this morning. Chilly. Cool all day.

Tuesday, June 16

Partly cloudy. At mill partly all day. Very busy. Rec'd word about 4 p.m. of another Italian being killed by a derrick falling on him. His name was Valentine Cono Sebastiana, #902. Took charge of body and brought it along home to prepare for funeral. Heavy rain p.m. Cloudy all day. Warm.

Wednesday, June 17

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor making arrangements for funeral of Italian this p.m. at 4 o'clock. Trimming casket and dressing body. Charles took rough box to Catholic cemetery, Safe Harbor after dinner. M. B. Good drove hearse. Paid him 75c for same. No Priest there. Deceased was 21 years old. Laspader said so. Damp all day.

Thursday, June 18

At mill all day. Working at books. Charles delivered feed, etc., at Conestoga Center this p.m. Still busy. Warmer.

Friday, June 19

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy delivering feed, etc. Warm all day.

Saturday, June 20

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor all day. Still very busy. Big time at Safe Harbor today. Pay day. Rough time expected. Warm all day.

Sunday, June 21

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. Resting. Children's Day at E. U. Church this eve. I was at our own preaching. Cool all day.

Monday, June 22

Partly cloudy. At Shenk's Ferry. Not working. There this morning on account of contractors, Wm H. Carl & Co. not paying up and at Safe Harbor at mill balance of day. Car of corn and 1 of bran in this morning. Will commence unloading at once. Partly clear and warm.

Tuesday, June 23

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor only p.m. on account of rain a.m. Rain a.m. Damp p.m.

Wednesday, June 24

Partly clear. Finished car corn today and started in on car bran. Very tired. Damp all day.

Thursday, June 25

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor all day. Unloading car bulk bran. Charles and I in car bagging. Very tired this eve. They started night work last night on new R.R. Last night a first (since his). Damp a.m. Warmer.

Friday, June 26

Partly clear. At mill all day. Finished car bran this morning and took load feed to Conestoga Center (Rhinier), a.m. Mart Groff and Henry Rhinier shovel harrowed corn down at mill, p.m. John C. Zercher worked all day cutting wood, etc. Pleasant day. Warmer.

Saturday, June 27

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Worked at books

partly all day. Paid Henry Rhinier his wages to date. Pleasant all day.

Sunday, June 28

Cloudy. Went down to spend the day with Mother, it being her 70th birthday. Wife along. Spent a very pleasant time together and hope she may live to see many more. Took some things along for her. Dr. B. F. Good and wife here in eve. Damp all day and rain, but rained very little while out.

Monday, June 29

Partly clear. Went to mill this morning. At mill all day. No oats yet. Warm all day.

Tuesday, June 30

Partly clear. At mill all day. Delivering feed, etc. Warm.

Wednesday, July 1

Partly clear. At mill all day. Delivering feed, etc. Warm all day.

Thursday, July 2

Partly clear. At mill all day and just as I arrived home rec'd word of a man being killed on the R.R. at Sower's Falls. Went and brought body up from the IOOF. Hall, the second floor of which is used for a hospital by the Sims Co. people. Brought body up to shop and will inter tomorrow at Safe Harbor C. S. Cole. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 3

Partly clear. Charles went to Lancaster for casket and to Safe Harbor to make arrangements for burial and home. Lined casket, etc., and took body down to Catholic cemetery about 4 p.m. and caught in a very heavy rain storm. \$33.00. Very, very warm.

Saturday, July 4

Partly clear. At mill all day. Gave Martin H.

Groff 1/2 day off this p.m. I stayed in mill myself. Pleasant all day.

Sunday, July 5

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. M. E. Sunday school held their Children Day Service. Was not out. Rec'd word by phone from A. A. Manning of a man drowned in Susquehanna River and want me to be ready at a moment's notice to take charge of body and prepare for shipment to Philadelphia, Pa.

Very pleasant day.

Monday, July 6

Partly clear. At home in morning. Mr. Arthur Leeds of Philadelphia called on me to perfect arrangements with regard to man drowning. Edward Rhoads, professor in Haverford College. He phoned to Parson & Comfort Co. and ordered a metallic lined casket 6 ft 6 in. I took Mr. Leeds with me to Safe Harbor and then to Isaac Eshleman's. When he arrived they had just found the body and I took charge. \$95.00. (Look at memo in back of diary). Very warm.

Tuesday, July 7

Partly clear. At mill all day. Charles and I unloading car oats that came in yesterday morning. Not quite finished. Good harvest weather. Very pleasant day. Warm.

Wednesday, July 8

Partly clear. At mill. Finished unloading car oats, a.m. Rec'd word about 1:30 of the drowning of Jacob and George, sons of Frank and Addie Walter at the "Duck". Aged 13 and 11, respectively. The smaller was bathing and supposed that something occurred. The larger jumped in to rescue him, he having his clothes on. Took charge of the bodies and funeral on Saturday morning. (Look at memo in back). Very warm.

Thursday, July 9

Clear. Went to Walter's to look after corpse. They looked very nice. Hope they will continue on. To Safe Harbor and home, a.m. At Lancaster. Paid Jonas F. Eby and Son for car of bran and shif and bought suit clothes and hat for myself. Brought caskets along out. Blanche, Charles and wife went to the Reformed sociable today. Wife came home this eve. Very, very warm all day.

Friday, July 10

Partly clear. Ther: 97. Took cases to Colemanville cemetery and stools to Walters and looked after bodies. They looked very good, a.m. Lining caskets, etc. Very busy. Asked Mr. J. B. Urban for his hearse for tomorrow. I can have it. Charles left about 1:30 for Lancaster to go along with Co. K. N.G. P. to Mt. Greta for a week. Very warm. Gust p.m. Not much rain.

Saturday, July 11

Attending funerals of Jacob and George Walter, aged respect. Jacob born 1-5-90. Died 7-8-03. Aged 13-6-3. George born 10-3-91. Died 7-8-03. Aged 11-7-9. Rev. Barnett. Text James 4-14. Had 2 hearses and 28 carriages. Bearers: (Jacob), Howard Mondorf, Chas Herr, Geo Rhinier, Thos Bowers. (George), Geo Wagner, Chas Rhinier, Walter Bowers, Benj Rhinier. Large funeral. \$50.00 cash. (Look at memo in back).

Sunday, July 12

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and Missionary meeting a.m. At home p.m. went with Dr. B. F. Good to Safe Harbor in eve. No preaching this eve. on account of rain. Thunder gust in p.m. Heavy rain. Raining partly all of p.m. and eve. Very warm a.m. Cooler p.m.

Monday, July 13

Partly clear. At mill all day. Things are not so

favorable at the mill since the railroad trouble arose. Hope it will come around all right. Warm all day.

Tuesday, July 14

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Jacob Henry, who had sun stroke last Thursday, is confined to his bed. Warm all day. Thunder gust. Rain. Cooler in eve.

Wednesday, July 15

Partly cloudy. Went down and brought stools from Frank Walters and at mill a.m. At mill and rec'd word of a man being found on a rock in the river. Phoned to J. W. Morrison, Dep. Cor. and we went out. Examined body and found papers giving the name of John McCoy of Columbia, Pa. Very badly decomposed. Brought body home and rec'd word that a daughter will be down tomorrow to identify body. I suppose body was in water about a week. Rather cool all day.

Thursday, July 16

Partly cloudy. At mill all a.m. Mrs. Maggie Schiller of Columbia was here and identified the body found yesterday in the Susquehanna River as that of her father by sample of coat and papers found on his body and pocket mirror she bought for him over a year ago at Mt. Gretna. Also the small toe on left foot as I described it lapping over the other next toe. The body was buried in the Reformed cemetery here temporarily this eve. \$20.00. (Look at memo in back). Warm all day.

Friday, July 17

Partly clear. Helping at hay. Harry Jenkins hauled it for me yesterday and this morning until 8:45. Henry Witmer brought up rye from mill property. We put it in the Urban barn for thrashing. Hurt my leg and foot very badly this a.m. The one I had broken, by stepping on a stone in field at mill in p.m. Geo W.

Green gave me 60 day note for his account in mill. Warm all day.

Saturday, July 18

Partly cloudy. About home partly all day writing letters, etc. Charles came home from Mt. Gretna this eve. Raining very heavy a.m. and p.m.

Sunday, July 19

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. A number of Blanche's ladies here in p.m. and eve. Very pleasant day .

Monday, July 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife along. Bought things for home, etc. Very warm gust in eve. Not much rain here.

Tuesday, July 21

Partly clear. At mill all day. Working at books, etc. Warm all day. Cool in eve

Wednesday, July 22

Partly clear. At mill all day posting books, etc. Rec'd order of G. W. and C. P. Green on Chas A. Snyder for feed bill in full. Chas Snyder promised to accept it and pay me the money. Warm all day.

Thursday, July 23

At mill a.m. posting books, etc., and part op p.m. Rec'd word about 3:30 at the mill of the death of Benj Hackman at Conestoga Center of cancer of the face and ear. Went out and took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday morning at 9 and 10. Warm all.

Friday, July 24

Partly clear. At Hackman's seeing after body and ordered casket, etc., from Harrisburg Burial Case Co. went to Lancaster for same. Paid O. F. Bruner note at North National

Bank, \$100.00, p.m. Went to Safe Harbor and mill and Hackman's in eve.

Warm all day but nice air all day. Cool in eve.

Saturday, July 25

Partly clear. Took case to cemetery and stools to house and lining coffin a.m. Finished lining casket and took same out to house. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Oscar Eugene People's (Colored) at Safe Harbor. Driver for Chas A Sims & Co. His team of four horses ran away and he was almost instantly killed. Brought body up home to hold for future orders, he being from Washington, D.C. (See memo in back). Very warm all day.

Sunday, July 26

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Benj Hackman. Born March 9, 1844. Died July 25, 1903. Aged 59-4-14. Bearers: J. W. Morrison, B. H. Montgomery, Wm Benedict, John Z. Wade. Very large funeral, a.m. \$45.00, paid. At home p.m. At preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley in eve. Corpse kept very nicely. Died of cancer of face and right ear. (Look at memo in back). Very warm all day.

Monday, July 27

Partly clear. Fetched stools from Benj Hackman's and went to Safe Harbor to meet the father of the man that was killed on Saturday eve. He took dinner with us. I prepared body and took it to Safe Harbor for the 6:20 train, p.m. and sent it to Washington, D.C., his home. \$60.00.

Much cooler all day.

Tuesday, July 28

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Warmer all day.

Wednesday, July 29

Partly clear. At mill all day. Out of corn and

oats. Brought load from F. H. Sickman's. Very warm all day. Showers in eve.

Thursday, July 30

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Wife went along to visit Mart H. Groff and family. We took dinner with them. Warm all day. Fine shower and rain in eve.

Friday, July 31

Cloudy. Went down country to try and buy corn but was disappointed. Did not get any at all. Blanche along for a drive, a.m. Working about home p.m. Mrs. Benj Hackman paid me for funeral and services of Benj Hackman, dec'd. Light showers in eve. Cooler all day.

Saturday, August 1

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very quiet at mill. Not much feed on hand. Left Groff go to the Stehman S. S. celebration this p.m. Paid him his wages up to August 1st. At IORM In eve. Pleasant all day.

Sunday, August 2

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching. Mr. Shelley announced a two week vacation for himself, a.m. Went to M. E. Sunday school and preaching, p.m. Home in eve.

Very pleasant day.

Monday, August 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster via West Willow. Stopped to see cousin Benj Hess about his corn in Drumore Twp. Will get it if not already sold by the farmer. Blanche along in. Paid Jonas F. Eby's son for car oats rec'd some time ago. Very pleasant a.m. Damp p.m.

Tuesday, August 4

Cloudy. At mill all day. Groff brought load of bran and shif from Frantz & Son mill. Sent check this eve. for same. Wm W. Bones team went to John W. Eshleman, Lancaster, for load oats. Wm hauled two load corn from Val

Warfel's farm for the mill. Damp a.m. Rain nearly all p.m.

Wednesday, August 5

Partly clear. At mill all day. Making flour. Sent team to Sickman's Mill for 1 ton flour, we being short. Car bran arrived this eve. Very welcome. Blanche and Charles went to partly for Benj Buckwalter this eve. Zachariah Winter's wife buried this a.m. at Stehman Church. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, August 6

Partly clear. Unloading bran all day. Henry Groff helping to haul. Cool all day.

Friday, August 7

Partly clear. At mill. Finished unloading bran. Rather busy all day. Brought load of oats from Lancaster. At Millersville in eve. Cool all day.

Saturday, August 8

Partly clear. At mill partly all day. Had a surprise party for Blanche this eve, there being over 150 persons present. The rainy eve kept some away. The IORM held their annual supper this eve. Not so many present. Showers in eve. Cool

Sunday, August 9

Partly clear. At Sunday school this a.m. At home p.m. Edna Caldwell, Lloyd Zercher and Mr. Benner here all night and today. At home in eve. Rec'd letter of John Wood, Jr. with regard to lot at Warfel property. Very pleasant all day. Quite warm p.m. but cooler in eve.

Monday, August 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid Jonas F. Eby & Son for car bran, \$300. Bought things for house, etc. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, August 11

Partly clear. At mill all day. Groff brought load

oats and corn from John W. Eshleman. Very warm all.

Wednesday, August 12

Partly clear. At mill all day. Groff brought load shif from Frantz & Son mill, a.m. Delivered flour to Laspada & Co., etc, p.m. Very warm. Rain in eve.

Thursday, August 13

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Groff at Lancaster and brought out load oats from John W. Eshleman, a.m. Delivered flour and feed p.m. Rawlinsville camp closes today. Looks very much for rain. Warm all day.

Friday, August 14

Partly cloudy. About home cleaning server at kitchen and wrote letter to John Wood for accepting his offer for the lot at Warfel property, etc., a.m. At mill p.m. Fetched feed along up for customers. Rained nearly all night and heavy this morning. Cooler.

Saturday, August 15

Partly clear. At mill. Rec'd word about 1 o'clock p.m. of the death of Martin Duban, a Hungarian Conesary man's child. Went and took charge of body. Went to Lancaster for casket of F. F. Neff. Took wife along. Paid dues for Funeral Directors Association to W.A. Heinitsh, Secy. \$3.00. Wife and I at roof garden. Never there before. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, August 16

Cloudy. Trimming casket, etc., a.m. Attending funeral of Annie Duban, infant daughter of Martin Duban. Aged 2 mo and 28 days. Took body to Columbia to Rev. Father Peifer's church and buried in Catholic cemetery. Far drive. Rained heavy this morning and a.m. and cool p.m.

Monday, August 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster. John C. Zercher

along. Paid \$100 on horse to Harry C. Lintner, Millersville. Brought things out for house, etc. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 18

Partly clear. At mill this morning. Brought 505 lb sulphur coal along up for thrashing, etc., a.m. Thrashed out my rye this p.m. It turned out — bus rye and 7286 lb straw bailed. Thrashing, \$4.00 and bailing, \$4.25. Total \$8.25. 4 men pulling @ 50c, \$2.00 and 10 men for supper. Very nice day.

Wednesday, August 19

Partly clear. At mill partly all day. Warm all day.

Thursday, August 20

At mill all day. Quite warm all day.

Friday, August 21

Partly clear. Wife and I went to Lancaster after being at Safe Harbor and rec'd pay of Martin Duban for burying child, \$15.00. Left Lancaster at 12:30 by trolley and went to Marietta and north to Accomac and had an outing with the Funeral Directors Association, I being a member. We had a very pleasant time.

Saturday, August 22

Partly clear. At mill all day. Rec'd G. W. and C. P. Green's bill from Chas Snyder this a.m., \$550.58. Working at books partly all day. Warm all day

Sunday, August 23

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Charles started for Mt. Gretna as scorer for a rifle shoot there next week. Quite warm all day .

Monday, August 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Paid Jonas F. Eby & Sons for car corn and oats. Bought things

for mill. Bought dog of Peter M. Bowers of Gettysburg at Lancaster and presented it to Blanche. Damp a.m. Warm all day.

Tuesday, August 25

Partly clear. At mill. Groff went to Frantz & Son and brought load shif, a.m. Rec'd word this p.m. of death of Thomas J. Hollow's child of cholera infantus. Took charge of body. Embalmed same. Funeral on Thursday a.m. Went to Lancaster this eve and fetched casket out. Fred F. Groff. Paid for same, \$5.50. Blanche along.

Heavy gust and rain. Very, very warm

Wednesday, August 26

In shop. Made case, etc., a.m. Took case to cemetery. Went to mill and lined casket. Took stools to house, etc., p.m. Very warm. Cooler in eve.

Thursday, August 27

Cloudy. Attending funeral of James Mayberry, son of Thomas James and Gertrude M. Hollow. Born 9-30-01. Died 8-25-03. Aged 1-10-25. Rev. Mr. Bennett preached. Text St. Matt 19-14. Bearers: Roy Bortzfield, Harry Eckman, Willie Wade and Russel Smith (4 boys). Walked to church. Small funeral. Corpse very nice. Slippers, 50c, case, \$5.00, + \$15.00. Damp and warm. Rain in eve.

Friday, August 28

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor and mill. Rec'd check of Charles A. Sims & Co. for feed bill including \$550.58 for G. W. and C. P. Green's account, having rec'd this last week. I gave my check to Chas H. Snyder for that amount, a.m. At home p.m. and eve.

Rained partly all last night and part of today. Gust in eve. Much cooler.

Saturday, August 29

Cloudy. At mill all day. At IORM In eve. Took

Blanche to Safe Harbor Station this morning. She went to Baltimore to spend some time with Edith Hardister. Hope she may have a nice time as her health is not very good. Cloudy partly all day and cool. Rainy.

Sunday, August 30

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley, a.m. About home p.m. At Dr. Good's in eve. Raining and very damp all day.

Monday, August 31

Cloudy. Rec'd word last night about 10 o'clock of the death of James Bones, son of Wm W. Bones, Safe Harbor, in at the General Hospital, Lancaster. Had an operation for obstruction of the bowels performed. Went in this morning and brought out the body and embalmed same. Not in very good shape. Raining and cool.

Tuesday, September 1

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor looking after body. Doing nicely. In shop working at casket, a.m. and part of p.m. Took casket and case down and put body in casket. Preaching this eve at W. W. Bones residence. Nice audience present. Rev. Mr. Bennett preached from Psalm 90-12. Corpse in a very good condition. Damp and cool.

Wednesday, September 2

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of James Bones. Born October 24, 1867. Died August 30, 1903. Aged 35-10-16. Rev. Mr. Bennett closed with prayer. Took train from Colora, Md. where internment was made in West Nottingham Presbyterian Cemetery, Md. Bearers: J. S. Granley, U. S. Gillespie, E. B. McDonald, Harry Woodrow, Mr. Rawlins and Mr. Swisher. Rev. Mr. Shaw preached. Text: St. John 14 + 1. \$85.00, paid. Very damp a.m.

Thursday, September 3

Partly clear. At mill all day. Working at books

partly all day. Mr. Graybill of Foust Co. there repairing race. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Mrs. Jacob Walter, this place. Funeral on Sunday morning at Marticville. Had a letter from Blanche. She is well. Pleasant day. Warmer.

Friday, September 4

Partly clear. At Walters' looking after body and in shop a.m. In shop and at p.m. Warm all day.

Saturday, September 5

Partly cloudy. Sent Charles to M. E. cemetery, Marticville, with case for Mrs. Walter and in shop lining casket, etc., a.m. and part of p.m. At mill in p.m. and at IORM in eve. Handed in 3 prospects for membership. David Rhinier, Theo Lines and Stephen Wise. Gust in morning. Light rain. Heavy gust in eve. and rain. Damp partly all day.

Sunday, September 6

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Catherine Walter. Born March 18, 1828. Died September 3, 1903. Aged 75-5-15. Rev. Bennett had prayer at house. Rev. Abram B. Herr preached at church from first 6 verses of 14th chapter of St. John. Bearers: 4 grandchildren: Mondorf, Bowers and Herr. 20 carriages. Large funeral. \$37.00, paid. Very pleasant day. Cool.

Monday, September 7

Partly cloudy. At mill with Dr. Good. Charles had train to go to Lancaster. Not feeling well. Came home at noon. About home p.m. Cool all day.

Tuesday, September 8

Cloudy. In bed all day. Not well at all. Caught cold and settled in bowels. Several here to see me. M. H. Groff here and paid me for Mrs. Walter funeral, \$37.00 and Thomas Hollow here and gave me \$5.00 on account

of child's funeral. Mrs. Jos S. Hand and folks here in eve. filing papers. They sold their home to P.R.R. Co. for \$175.00. Car corn arrived. Raining partly all day. Cool.

Wednesday, September 9

Cloudy. In bed till 9:30. Not feeling very strong. Wrote back to Blanche and several other parties. Paid M. B. Good for driving at the Bones and Walter funerals. Rec'd check of Board of Poor dues for \$6.00 for burying body of McCoy, Columbia, Pa. Big pay for Lancaster county. Not out of home all day. Damp and cool all day.

Thursday, September 10

Partly cloudy. In the house all day. Not feeling much better. Wife and Annie Martin boiled apple butter. Martin H. Groff and John Rhinier and Bro Emanuel here. I was qualified to death certificate of James Bones for life insurance, \$1,000. First sunshine since Monday. Damp partly all day.

Friday, September 11

Partly cloudy. In house all day. Damp but warmer.

Saturday, September 12

Partly clear. About home partly all day. Walked over to the church about 3 p.m. We had a supper for the Sunday school and ice cream and bananas. Had a very nice time. Charles helping unload car a.m. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, September 13

At Sunday school and preaching. I made an announcement to the school and members of church with regard to contributing toward a new roof for church. They all seemed to agree with the movement. We will use the collection for 2 months toward that, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Pleasant day. Warm.

Monday, September 14

Partly clear. At mill a.m. At home p.m. Not feeling very well yet, but much better. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 15

Partly clear. At mill. Rec'd word of the death of Harry B. Neff's child. Went over and took charge of body. At mill p.m. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, September 16

Partly cloudy. At Millersville in morning. Bought casket of Geo D. Brown for Neff child and made rough box, a.m. Took case to cemetery (Green Hill), and to Safe Harbor mill and lining casket, p.m. Very warm all day.

Thursday, September 17

Finished trimming casket, a.m. Attending funeral of Lester, infant son of Harry B. Neff. Born May, 1903. Died September 15, 1903. Aged 6 months and 10 days. Rev. Mr. Roenig preached. Text, Matt 18-16. Rev. Mart Groff. Text Rom 14-8. Bearers: Miles Miller, Charles Campbell. 9 carriages. \$12.00. Cash, \$8.00. Raining heavy all of a.m. and very heavy showers p.m.

Friday, September 18

At mill all day working at books, etc. Harry B. Neff paid me \$8.00 on account of funeral yesterday. Cool all day.

Saturday, September 19

Partly clear. At mill all day. Brought bookcase along up from station. A premium from Larkin's Soaps. Wife sent for it and gave desk to Charles for birthday present. He was very much pleased. At IORM In eve. 4 were accepted. Theo Lines, David Rhinier, Stephen Wise and Adam Glick. Cool all day and eve.

Sunday, September 20

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At Uncle

Christ Miller's and Jacob Miller's p.m. At church in eve. Had Harvest Services. (Had a program arranged). Cool all day.

Monday, September 21

Clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Paid for car oats and corn and car bran to Jonas F. Eby & Son. Bought goods for house and mill. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 22

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Pleasant day. Cooler.

Wednesday, September 23

Partly clear. Rec'd word early this morning of the death of Mrs. Jonas Harnish. Went out and took charge of body. Ordered coffin of Harrisburg Burial Case Co. Brought coffin from Safe Harbor Station in eve.

Pleasant day.

Thursday, September 24

Clear. Took stools to Harnish's, case to cemetery and in shop a.m. Lining coffin, etc., p.m. At Harnish's in eve. Wife boiled apple butter today. Cool and very stormy all day. Indications are for frost.

Friday, September 25

Clear. Ther: 38. Attending funeral of Susan Harnish (widow of the late Jonas). Born December 12, 1820. Died September 22, 1903. Aged 82-8-29. Rev. John Harnish and Abram B. Herr spoke from Rev 14 + 12 + 3. Rev. Abram Thomas opened the services. Bearers: Abram Hershey, Isaac Harnish, Henry Hess, Henry Charles. 28 carriages. Fetched Blanche from station at Safe Harbor. She came from Baltimore. Frost this morning. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, September 26

Clear. At home a.m. At Jacob Walter Sale p.m. Had a good sale. Property brought \$470.00.

His son, Frank, bought it. Personal property sold well. Very warm p.m.

Sunday, September 27

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and Communion Service a.m. At home. J. M., Wm F., O. F. and Harry Bruner here for dinner and spent p.m. Heavy rain and storm. Thunder gust p.m. Cooler.

Monday, September 28

Clear. At Lancaster via Safe Harbor and Millersville. Took Charles to school. Bought oil, etc., for mill. Bought car oat feed of John F. Eby & Son. Bro Emanuel came along home. Cool all day.

Tuesday, September 29

Clear. Ther: 42. Sent load oats and flour to Lancaster and brought out load shif from Levan's. Frost this morning. Cool all day.

Wednesday, September 30

Clear. Ther: 41. At mill all day. Delivered Sickman's corn to Wm Caldwell, Rock Hill. Cool all day.

Thursday, October 1

Partly clear. Working about shop a.m. At mill and brought casket along from station in eve. Much warmer

Friday, October 2

Partly clear. About home all day. Picked pears, etc. In shop partly all day. Warm all day.

Saturday, October 3

Partly clear. At mill all day working at books. Very pleasant day. Cool.

Sunday, October 4

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About house p.m. Walked down to Benj F. Hill to spend the eve. Pleasant day. Cool.

Monday, October 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Met Mr. Bulett with regard to purchasing hearse. Will let him know finally in a few days. Bought belt for cob breaker at mill, etc., etc. Took spring wagon to Amos F. Martin's to have repaired. Rec'd car Friends oat feed. Damp all day.

Tuesday, October 6

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Commenced to unload car corn, p.m. Went to Benj F. Morton's in eve. They had a surprise for Saml Morton. Had a very nice time. Warm all day. Light rain.

Wednesday, October 7

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Finished unloading car corn. Nice clear corn, but white. Warm. Cool in eve.

Thursday, October 8

Cloudy. At mill all day. Mart Groff went to York fair to spent the day. Bought second hand hearse of James Cunningham, South Rochester, N.Y. To be in good condition, etc., for \$200.00. Delivered to Safe Harbor.

Raining nearly all day.

Friday, October 9

Cloudy. At mill all day. Raining partly all day. Heavy rain in eve and stormy.

Saturday, October 10

Cloudy. At mill all day. Very busy. Good day. Started unloading car of oat feed. At oyster supper at Bro A. M. Charles for benefit of church and at IORM Offered amendment to bylaws on salary of officers.

Damp all day. Rain in eve.

Sunday, October 11

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m.

No preaching this eve. Mr. J. R. Yentzer and wife spent the eve. with us. Damp and raining partly all day.

Monday, October 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Cool all day.

Tuesday, October 13

Clear. At mill all day. Making flour all day and chopping. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, October 14

Clear. At home all day. Paid Wm Bitts \$22.07 for picking apples. Painting my spring wagon. Very beautiful day.

Thursday, October 15

Cloudy. Finished painting spring wagon. Damp partly all day.

Friday, October 16

Partly clear. About home. Took out sweet potatoes, etc. Warm but rather stormy.

Saturday, October 17

Cloudy. At mill all day. Had some trouble with one of Jacob Henry's sons at mill. He came there under the influence of alcohol and raised a disturbance and I ordered him out of mill and he used very hard language, swearing terribly. Raining partly all day and eve.

Sunday, October 18

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Charles and Blanche went down to Mrs. Joseph S. Harnish to spend p.m. and eve. Rev. Shelley preached a very good sermon. Theme: "The Falling of the Leaf". At IORM And at AOK of MC in eve. Cool and stormy all day. Great change in weather.

Monday, October 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster via Safe Harbor and

Rock Hill. Rec'd 90 day note of Wm R. Caldwell for his bill, \$264.22, on Union Trust loan. Rec'd word that the hearse I bought of James Cunningham Son & Co. arrived at Safe Harbor this morning. Unloading car bran. Paid Eby & Son for car corn and sent check to Sunbury Coffin & Casket Co. for bill to date, less discount. At County Ex. Com. meeting. Cold all day. Coldest morning of the season.

Tuesday, October 20

Clear. At Safe Harbor. Brought hearse that I bought of James Cunningham & Sons of Rochester, N.Y. home. I had it weighed. 1310 lbs. I am very much pleased with it. The freight was \$21.00 and I sent them my check this eve for \$179.00, balance due. Total, \$200.00, delivered to Safe Harbor, Pa. at mill p.m. Very pleasant day. Cool.

Wednesday, October 21

Partly clear. At mill partly all day. Working at home. Pleasant day but cooler.

Thursday, October 22

Cloudy. At home all day. Sent load of corn down to mill, the team being up delivering feed and working about home. Rain and damp partly all day.

Friday, October 23

Partly cloudy. At home all day. Sent balance of corn down to mill off of home lot. Making wood fire for stove and helping wife, etc. Damp and light rain.

Saturday, October 24

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books and helping in mill. Mart went to Lancaster and wife paid him wages in full to November 1st. Balance \$25.00. At IORM in eve. The amendments to bylaws were passed as I have drafted them without any changes. (I feel elated). Much colder all day.

Sunday, October 25

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home. Wife and Delilah Bruner went out to Andrew Good's. Blanche and Charles drove over to W. R. Caldwell's. Jacob Dillinger, wife and daughter, Mrs. Dillinger being a sister to Owen F. Bruner's first wife, p.m. At M. E. Church Harvest Home Services. Very good with few exceptions. Cold, raw air all day.

Monday, October 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Am juryman this week. Was not called on a case today. The first snow of the season today. Coldest day of the season. Cold, raw wind all day.

Tuesday, October 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Was not called on any case yet. Saw M. Greider and Kirk with regard to M— of — and was very favorably impressed. Cold, raw wind all day.

Wednesday, October 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day as juror. Was called on case at noon of Wenger Groff vs. Martin with regard to mill race drawing water in spring, etc. Mr. Martin took sick in eve. May not be there tomorrow. Came home in eve. Cool all day.

Thursday, October 29

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. Jury on the Groff and Martin case discharged this morning, Mr. Martin not being able to be present. Came home in eve. Saw W. W. —. Rec'd encouragement without doubt. O.K. I think. Car bran at Safe Harbor this morning. Very heavy frost this morning. Heaviest of the season. Beautiful day.

Friday, October 30

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. We were discharged this eve. as jurors. Took Dr. J. M.

Witmer along to Millersville to lodge. Arrived home about 11 p.m. Pleasant all day .

Saturday, October 31

Partly clear. At mill all day. Very busy at my books, etc. Cool all day.

Sunday, November 1

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. P. M. Martin, H Groff and family here for dinner and spent p.m. Abrm Brown and Mr. Stauffer of Millersville here to see my new hearse. Were well pleased with it.

At church in eve. Very pleasant day.

Monday, November 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Paid Jonas F. Eby & Son \$125.00 on account. Rented the Safe Harbor mill for 3 years at \$425.00 per year. I am glad this is settled again. Very beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 3

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Pleasant all day.

Wednesday, November 4

Partly clear. At mill all day. Busy all day. Cooler but pleasant.

Thursday, November 5

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. Car corn and oats in this morning. Started unloading but stopped by rain. Bought 12 peach trees, 6 grapes and 12 blackberries of Daniel R. Spicer. Sent check to Dr. Singlet for A. R. A. dues for 6 months in advance. Rain and much cooler.

Friday, November 6

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor all day. In mill and helping to unload car corn and oats. Worked hard. Am sore this eve. Brought Charles from school this eve. Several snow

squalls this a.m. and p.m. Wife, Charles and Blanche to Wm Keen's helping to get ready for tomorrow eve. Much colder all day. Colder this eve.

Saturday, November 7

Partly clear. At mill partly all day. Wife phoned down that Andrew Good's house was on fire and did burn to the foundation. Very little insurance. Am very sorry for them. His wife saved no clothes, mainly what she had on and Norman the same. Cold north wind all day.

Sunday, November 8

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by a Mr. Rittenhouse, a student of F. & M. Preached a good sermon, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Had a number of visitors over last night and today. Cold all day.

Monday, November 9

Clear. At Lancaster via Millersville. Sent load of oats in with John Rhinier. Handed in my recommendation papers for the appointment of Mercantile appraiser. Mr. Greider spoke very encouragingly to me. Pleasant but cold in morning.

Tuesday, November 10

Partly clear. At home working in shop, etc., a.m. Attending wedding of Chas R. Smith and Lena P. Martin in the Reformed Church, Conestoga Center At 2:30 p.m. Passed off very nicely. About 30 persons being present. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, November 11

Partly clear. At home all day. Opened drain from kitchen. Quite a job. Had to dig up some of the pipes. Took buggy to Amos F. Martin to have shafts fixed. Paid for same. Sent check to Conrad Z. Hess, \$29.05, for steer bought through Wm Bitts. Very pleasant day. Looks like rain.

Thursday, November 12

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. We are running with gas all week on account of wheelwright working at head gate, etc. Cool all day but pleasant.

Friday, November 13

Partly clear. At home all day cleaning up brush on Urban property, etc., a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Amos Sander's large barn, tobacco shed, etc., were burned this morning. Large fire. Pleasant day. Cool

Saturday, November 14

Partly cloudy. At a Safe Harbor. Up at the fire of A. R. Witmer's barn and tobacco shed. 6 acres of tobacco, 240 bus wheat, corn, oats, straw and hay all burned in morning. At mill balance of day. Rain a.m. Cooler.

Sunday, November 15

Partly clear. At Sunday school and rehearsal for Home Mission a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. We held our Home Mission Service. Pleasant all day. Cool.

Monday, November 16

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day via Millersville. Took Charles to school. Paid Mr. Jonas F. Eby & Son for car bran. Bought goods for house. Was to see Mr. Greider with regard to my appointment. He assured me that it was all right and that it would be made public in a very short time. Raining early this morning and a.m.

*Missing pages for November 17 through
November 24*

Wednesday, November 25

Partly cloudy. Ther: 18. At mill all day. Killed turkey this morning and wife will stuff it to take along down home tomorrow. Everything ready and in eve. the fodder shredders came

here to shred our corn fodder. So I will not get down home tomorrow. Very much disappointed. Cold, raw wind all day.

Thursday, November 26

Partly clear. Ther: 16. Shredding fodder a.m. and part of p.m. Harry Hoak's machine. His brother Elmer had charge. Paid him \$4.05 for same and am very well pleased with job. Have about 600 or 700 bundles. Came all in dry. Thanksgiving Day. Cold all day.

Friday, November 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 14. Started for Mother's this morning. Took dinner along. Turkey already roasted, stuffed, dressing, etc., etc. Wife and children along. Took supper at Uncle Harry Eberley's. Spent A very pleasant day. This was the first time we went down as a family for a number of years. Came home about 7 p.m. Very cold day, but good roads.

Saturday, November 28

Partly clear. Ther: 19. At mill all day posting books, etc. Busy all day. At IORM in eve. Was elected asst. C of R. Cold all day. Snow flurries.

Sunday, November 29

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Andrew Good and wife and Norma, Harry Jenkins and wife and daughter here for dinner and spent p.m. At church in eve. Cold all day. Snowing in morning and flurries partly all day.

Monday, November 30

Partly cloudy. Took Charles to school and to Lancaster. Saw Mr. Greider, Pres. of Board of County Commissioners with regard to my appointment as Mercantile Appraiser and he assured me that the appointment of myself was made a week ago and entered on their minutes but not made public. Am very much pleased. Cold all day. Snow this morning and eve. Changeable.

Tuesday, December 1

Partly clear. At mill all day. Finished posting books to date. Albert L. Smith moved from the Jacob Shenk property to the old Jacob Conrad property, now Morrison.

Ground white with snow this morning. Cold all day.

Wednesday, December 2

Partly cloudy. Started for Ephrata with Andrew and Adam Good to meet the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Co. with regard to Andrew Good's loss by fire. Adam received his on house, \$300.00 and Andrew received \$300.00 for his contents. They and I are very much pleased for the usage we received by the company. First real snow of the season. About 6 inches deep. Snowing partly all day. Cold.

Thursday, December 3

Partly clear. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Paid Mart H. Groff (miller) wages to first of December. Cold all day but pleasant.

Friday, December 4

Partly clear. About home all day. Not feeling well. Very heavy cold. At Millersville in eve. at lodge. Annual election and supper. Fetched Charles along home. Cold all day.

Saturday, December 5

Partly clear. At mill all day. Busy. Pleasant but cold.

Sunday, December 6

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Cold all day.

Monday, December 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Charles along. Bought him pair trousers and suit, hat, shoes and arctics and pair velvet trousers for self.

Also oil for mill, etc. Signed lease with Lancaster Trust Co. for 3 years for mill at Safe Harbor At a rent of \$425 per year. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, December 8

Partly clear. At mill. Was called to Fred Templeton's to take charge of body of his father, Benj Templeton. Funeral on Thursday at 9 at home and 10 at Creswell U. E. Church. He had lived between Letort and Creswell. Went up in p.m. again to make arrangements with regard to casket, etc. Cold all day.

Wednesday, December 9

Cloudy. In shop getting casket and case ready, a.m. Took case to the Creswell Cemetery. Very unpleasant trip. It snowed and blowed the whole day and especially p.m. Not feeling very well on my trip. I have a very heavy cold and this wet and cold do not make it better.

Snowing and stormy all day. Cold.

Thursday, December 10

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Benjamin Templeton. Born July 25, 1833. Died December 7, 1903. Aged 71-4-13. Rev. Abrm Witmer spoke from Job 14-10. Rev. Mr. Mengle 90 Psalm, 10 verse. 8 carriages. Very small funeral. \$35.00, paid. Practicing at church for X-mas. Very pleasant day overhead, but roads drifted some. Cold all day.

Friday, December 11

Partly clear. Ther: 22. At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Went to Slackwater and met Charles and brought him home from school. Sleighing is fine for those who have sleighs. My cold is no better. I have taken more syrup and cough candy than should break up any cold. Cold and sloppy all day. Snow melting very little.

Saturday, December 12

Partly clear. Ther: 16. At mill all day. Finished books, etc. At AOK. of MC in eve. Not feeling very good on account of my cold.

One of the coldest mornings. The ther is reported to have been as low as zero in low places. Snow melted a great deal today.

Sunday, December 13

Partly cloudy. At church this morning for Sunday school but was not open on account of rain at home all day. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelley. Charles went to Millersville this eve. by new trolley line for the first time. Mrs. Wm Morrison died today. Rained nearly all last night and a.m. Cold all day.

Monday, December 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Wife along. Was sworn in as Mercantile Appraiser by B. S. McLane, Deputy Recorder. A surprise to a good many as I had not mentioned it to many. Am very thankful for it and will up and do my duty. Cold all day.

Tuesday, December 15

Partly clear. Ther: 16. At mill all day. Business rather quiet. Not feeling very good on account of heavy cold. The coldest day, all day, of the season. Very cold all day. No thawing.

Wednesday, December 16

Partly clear. Ther: 15. At funeral of Mrs. Wm Morrison at Reformed Church, this place, at 10 a.m. Rev. Abrm Herr preached from 90 Psalm 14. At home p.m. My cold don't seem to be getting any better. Cold all day.

Thursday, December 17

Partly clear. Ther: 19. At mill all day. Business fair. Cold all day. Moderating some.

Friday, December 18

Partly cloudy. At mill all day Cold all day.

Saturday, December 19

Partly clear. Ther: 10. At mill all day. Mart Groff and wife went to Lancaster. Gave him \$5.00 and \$1.00 from John Rhinier for Christmas presents. At IORM in eve. The coldest morning of the season. Cold all day.

Sunday, December 20

Partly cloudy. Rec'd word this morning of the death of Mrs. George Gantz, Pittsburg. Went over and took charge of body. Funeral on Wednesday at 9 and 10 at Pittsburg Evangelical Church. Great change in temperature. Streams are swelling of rain. Wm Keene and wife here this eve. Raining heavy nearly all of a.m. and part of p.m.

Monday, December 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Brought books along out for mercantile business, etc., etc. Went to Safe Harbor and brought up casket from station in eve. Conestoga Creek over bank. Full this morning of rain yesterday. Cold. Raw wind all day.

Tuesday, December 22

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to Pittsburg Evangelical cemetery and at mill a.m. In shop lining casket, etc., and at Uncle C. B. Miller p.m. Cold. Raw wind all day.

Wednesday, December 23

Clear. Attending funeral of Mary Ann Gantz, wife of George Gantz. Born 4-1-51. Died 12-19-03. Aged 52-8-18. Rev. Henry Hilt. Text: Jeremiah 12, latter part of 5 verse. Rev. Jacob Thomas. Text: 118 Psalm, 23 verse. Bearers: Jacob Shiebley, Daniel Sowers, William and John Manning. \$38.00, paid. Very pleasant day. (Cold wind).

Thursday, December 24

Partly cloudy. At Safe Harbor. Fetched stools from George Gantz and at mill balance of day. Cold. Raw wind all day.

Friday, December 25

Partly cloudy. About home all day. Mr. Arthur Bloome and wife spent Christmas with us. At M. E. Christmas Services in eve. Rain all of a.m. Damp and cold p.m.

Saturday, December 26

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10. About home a.m. and helping to trim church for our Christmas services tomorrow eve, and practicing in eve. Cold all day.

Sunday, December 27

Partly clear. Ther: 11. At church rehearsing for this eve, a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Everything passed off very pleasantly and with great beauty to me and had a very full house. Collection: \$6.52. Cold all day.

Monday, December 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster by stage. Still have a very heavy cold. Paid \$3.00 in A. R. A. for M. H. Groff (miller). Very cold all day.

Tuesday, December 29

Partly clear. Killed steer this morning. Mart H. Groff got 1 hind quarter and we kept the balance for ourselves. Cold, raw wind all day.

Wednesday, December 30

Partly cloudy. At mill all day. John Rhinier and Charles went to Lancaster with flour and brought oats, corn and bran along out for mill. Snowed last night. Cold all day.

Thursday, December 31

Partly clear. Helping to lay road tax. I clerked for Martin B. Good. H. H. Kurtz clerked for Henry Warfel, Jr.; B. B. Beach, assessor and Theo Jones, Town Clerk. The rate was 2 mills. Very low tax considering the amount of work done. Charles at mill. This closes another year's work. Very pleasant day.

Notes for 1904

1903 is now a thing of the past so far as time is concerned, but we have many pleasant memories. It has been a busy year, especially the first half for me for which I have great reason to be thankful and my family and may God help us to all live still near to Him is my prayer and All Men.

MEMORANDA

July 6

The body of Edward Rhoads was first seen by his uncle Asa_ and then brought to shore by John B. Neff, one of the watchers a short distance below the Star Rock. We then put body in blanket and on board boat and Mr. Neff and Kauffman and myself, with body, started down the river. The body was found near 11 o'clock. Leaving for Safe Harbor at 1 o'clock on account of danger of blasting along shore on new railroad. We put body in cellar of H. M. Stauffer's office and I and J. W. Morrison prepared body for burial, which was quite a job and an unpleasant one. Casket arrived at Safe Harbor late and we had only 15 minutes between trains. Shipped body on 6 o'clock train via Perryville.

July 8

This morning about 8:30 word came to Safe Harbor to call all years of the Sims & Co. contract, mouth of creek. This eve. it is stated that all work will be suspended for an indefinite time. I do hope this is not correct.

July 11

The bodies were not offered for viewing at the church as they had swollen considerably over the heat (Extreme heat. Ther, 97) of yesterday, p.m. Wm E. Keene and M. B. Good drove the hearses. I only charged \$50.00 as

this family is in poor circumstances. Mr. Waller not able to do anything. Should have had \$75.00 as Wm C. Bowers, a brother-in-law remarked, but I am satisfied.

July 16

Mrs. Maggie Shuler was here to and claimed body found on Susquehanna River yesterday. She stated that her father was at her home last Monday a week ago. Told her he was going to visit his son, William, at Peach Bottom. Supposed he took the train to Creswell. This is the last she saw her father. Supposed he had went there and heard nothing until yesterday when the body was found. She examined the papers, policy of the Presidential Insurance Co. Small book, when she broke down and sobbed and a small pocket mirror. Cried bitterly, it being one she bought him over a year ago at Mt. Gretna. After looking over them all carefully, a patch of his clothes was shown her and identified it as being of his coat, saying she was positive it was her father. Did not see the body by my advice, as it was in a very bad state of decomposition. I buried body temporarily in Reformed Cemetery as they wish to remove it to near Delta, York Co., Pa. Died about the 7th or 8th of July. 3 feet of water.

July 25

Oscar People's was killed while hauling trees for Chas A. Sims & Co. from off hill near Brenner's Hollow. Coming down hill at the J. K. Rumble farm, Back Harbor Road, the horses for some reason became unmanageable and ran away, killing him almost instantly. Several gashes were cut in left side of head and skull fractured. Will prepare body for burial and further orders, he being from Washington, D.C. where he had his home and suppose his parents are. By request I bought a hospital coffin of J. B. Urban and paid him \$2.00 for same and used it to bring up body. Washed body and put it on ice.

July 26

Rev. J. A. Barnett preached from 23 Psalm and 4 verse. Rev. Mengle from Rev 5-1. Everything passed off very nicely.