

# Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

## 1908

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Wednesday, January 1

Partly clear. About 6:30 this morning the IORM Hall bell was rung by Christian Urban which gave the sad news of a fire in our village at the home of Harry Herr on Mrs. David Sterneman's (widow) property, back of M.H. Groff. The house was a total loss, but the contents were saved. Was there and did what I could to save contents. Worked about home balance of day. Finished poultry house and put 14 white Plymouth Rocks in one pen and 10 Light Brahma in the other for breeding. Had a very pleasant surprise this eve. My Sunday school class presented me with a very fine picture and frame (gilt). I shall ever remember the 14 young ladies: Adaline Agon, Lizzie Graver, Victoria Trissler, Elizabeth Smith, Sue Eckman, Minnie Graver, Florence Trissler, Anna Warfel, Myrtle Good, Bessie Benedict, Mary Pries, Lila Warfel, Carrie Martin, Susan Irvin. Pleasant day. Raw air.

Thursday, January 2

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Went down on farm and fetched up corn, p.m. At IOOF in eve. Miss Anna Good, daughter of Adam Good, was married to Saml Harnish of New Danville today. Very pleasant day.

Friday, January 3

Partly clear. Down on farm partly all day. Cutting trees, etc., along our bank near house where we intend to plant orchard in the spring. Beautiful day, especially p.m.

Saturday, January 4

Cloudy. Working about home all day. At IORM in eve. Got colder. Very unpleasant. Snow, rain and stormy (heavy) partly all day

Sunday, January 5

Clear. At Sunday school. Mr. Ezra L. Bortzfield and family and Martin Smith took dinner with us and spent the p.m. here. At Missionary Society in eve. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Pres: A.J. Zercher. Vice Pres: J.R. Yentzer. Secy: Mrs. A.M. Charles. Treas: Mrs. A.J. Zercher. Solicitor and Collector: Miss Blanche Zercher. Afterwards, preaching by Rev H.S. Shelley. Cold. Beautiful day.

Monday, January 6

Partly clear. Ther: 17. Received word by phone of the death of Adam M. Doerstler at his son's, Jacob W., near Creswell. Went up and took charge of body and arranged funeral for Wednesday at 9 and 10 at the Mennonite Church, Masonville, a.m. Went down on farm and had John to fetch up a load of straw for me and took a load of manure back, p.m. Very much colder. Looked like snow a.m. Very nice and clear p.m.

Tuesday, January 7

Cloudy. John C. took rough box to cemetery and stools to house, a.m. I was trimming and lining casket, etc., all day. Rec'd check from Chas for fat hog and one from Jacob W. Strickler for burial of his father. Very unpleasant day. Cold rain, freezing and very icy all day. East wind.

Wednesday, January 8

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Adam Doerstler. Born Aug 22, 1830. Died January 6, 1908. Aged 77-4-14. Rev Henry Haverstick. Text, 2 Kings 20-1. Rev Peter Ebersole. Text, Acts 3-19. Bearers: Amos and Benj Dabler, Jos McMullen and George Kise. 10 teams. Small funeral. Buried at Masonville Mennonite cemetery, a.m. Went up for stools in p.m. Received pay for service, \$50.00, cash, from his son, Jacob W. Roads very icy and slippery

this morning. Quite sloppy, p.m. John C. working all day. Cold raw air a.m. Moderate in p.m.

Thursday, January 9

Partly clear. Working about home all day. At IOOF in eve. Cold raw wind all day. Decidedly colder. Snow flurries.

Friday, January 10

Partly clear. Ther: 14. Working about home and went down on farm for bag of wheat, a.m. Working about home p.m. Coldest morning of the season. Cold but pleasant during day. Colder in eve.

Saturday, January 11

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. At meeting of Road Supervisors. Nothing special on hand, p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold and damp all day.

Sunday, January 12

Partly cloudy. Was called by phone to come and take charge of the remains of Valentine Warfel, one of our oldest citizens, who died about 8:00 a.m. Went out and embalmed body and arranged for funeral on Wednesday at 9 at house and 10 at River Corner Church, a.m. At house and walked out to see after body, p.m. Raining partly all of night from p.m. Very damp and light rain a.m. Heavy rain in eve. with thunder and lightning. Decidedly warmer.

Monday, January 13

Partly cloudy. Went to Lancaster. Took Mrs. H.B. Thomas along and fetched her home in eve. Attended to business of various kinds. Had the tickets for the township Republican Primary tickets printed, viz, Judge, Henry Jenkins. Inspector, Jacob Herr, Sheridan F. Good. School Director, H.G. Good, John Burkhart, Michael S. Lefever. Supervisor, Adam F. Bortzfield, A.R. Caldwell. Constable,

George W. Myers, Edward Duke. Auditor, Grant H. Gardner. Town Clerk, Christian Biechler, Theodore Jones. Out looking after body in eve. Colder in eve, but very pleasant during day. Very bad roads.

Tuesday, January 14

Partly clear. Got rough box ready and took to cemetery and at house a.m. Lined and trimmed coffin and took same and stools to, house p.m. Put body in coffin and dressed, ready for tomorrow. Etta Warfel made Shroud, eve. Stormy and cold all day.

Wednesday, January 15

Clear. Attending funeral of Valentine Warfel. Born November 26, 1826. Died January 12, 1908. Aged 81-1-16. Rev Jacob Thomas opened the services. Rev Abram B. Herr spoke from Romans 6+3, 4+5. Bearers: four grandsons, Haldy and Clay Miller, Harry and Charles Haverstick. 37 carriages. Large funeral. Very nice corpse. Buried at River Corner cemetery, a.m. Coffin, \$47.00. Blanket, \$3.00. Fetched stools home in eve. John C. drove 1/2 day. Very beautiful day. Cold in morning.

Thursday, January 16

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. Down on farm p.m. At IOOF in eve. Rain this morning. Much colder in eve.

Friday, January 17

Partly clear. Ther: 20. Working about home all day. Trimming grape vines and berry bushes. Rec'd word by phone of the death of Mrs. Adam Eberley near New Providence. Joseph Miller fell from over den of his barn breaking his leg and dislocating his shoulder. Very pleasant day, but cold. Colder in the eve.

Saturday, January 18

Partly cloudy. Down on farm. Helped a short time at killing a beef, etc., a.m. Attending the

Township Primary (Republican) in p.m. and eve. Following is the vote cast for each candidate. Judge: Henry Jenkins, 185. Inspector: Jacob Herr, 138, Sheridan F. Good, 81. School Directors: Harry G. Good, 138, John Burkhardt, 141, Michael S. Lefever, 125. Supervisor: Adam F. Bortzfield, 121, A.R. Caldwell, 100. Constable: Geo W. Myers, 97, Edw Duke, 124. Auditor: Grant H. Gardner, 187. Town Clerk: Christian Biechler, 42, Theo Jones, 179. (See Memoranda). Cold raw air all day.

Sunday, January 19

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev H.S. Shelley. Very beautiful day.

Monday, January 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster with Amos Warfel, Sr. He was drawn for jury duty this week and wished to be excused of serving and asked me to see to it for him. I had John M. Groff, Esq., to bring it before the court and it was granted without any trouble. He thanked me very much for it. Attended to some business for myself. Took nomination papers of primary in and gave same to Commissioners. Very pleasant day. Spring like.

Tuesday, January 21

Partly clear. Went down to farm. Fetched hind quarter of beef along up that I bought of John Steckervetz. Weighed 106 lbs. and cleaning fence rows, a.m. Working about home, etc. Rec'd pay for making mile boards for Manor Twp. of Howard F. Brenner, \$20.00. Very nice day. Remarkable weather for this time of year.

Wednesday, January 22

Partly clear. Butchered hog. Last for this season. Martin F. Good butcher. John C. helped 1/2 day. Working about home

balance of day. Beautiful day. Very spring like.

Thursday, January 23

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. Rec'd 1/2 for straw of Martin Groff, Safe Harbor and paid for same, \$5.80. John Pries and M. B. Good put in drain for surplus water at J.R. Yentzer's water trough opposite John H. Eshleman. At IOOF in eve. No quorum. Heard that Grant Warfel who evaded the officers for several days, was arrested (for desertion) this eve. by Constable Ed Duke. Made application for \$1,000 life insurance in the Security Life Insurance Company of America. Cold raw wind all day. Commenced snowing p.m. Regular blizzard in eve. Storm and snow.

Friday, January 24

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. Shoveling snow at poultry, etc. Saml McLaughlin sold his home this p.m. at public sale for \$801.00 to Maris H. Hess, son of David H. Hess. Subscribed to Farm and Home for 5 years @ \$1.00. Much colder all day. Roads drifted closed at a great many places. Stormy.

Saturday, January 25

Partly clear. Working about home partly all day. At IORM in eve. Reported this eve. that J. Grant Warfel was sent to the County Jail for 90 days and to pay his wife \$3.00 per week for 2 years for desertion. Cold raw air all day.

Sunday, January 26

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching by Mr. Rice from F. & M. College, a.m. Wife went to Mrs. Bennett's and spent p.m. there. Blanche and I at home. Moderate all day. Few drops of rain in eve.

Monday, January 27

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down

on farm and had Grant (horse) shod by Henry Beach and paid for same, \$1.20. Quite cold last night. Moderate during day and sloppy. Much colder in eve.

Tuesday, January 28

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day and at my mill account. J.W. Morrison here in eve. talking over the project of starting a shirt factory in the village. Cold raw wind all day. Looks very much like snow this eve.

Wednesday, January 29

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Commenced tearing down the upper tenant house to use for building tobacco house and corn house. John C. along down to cut wood on shares along the public road. Brought up 3 bus. potatoes for Mrs. Bennett. Miss Rettie Eshleman and Alice Campbell spent the eve. with us. Miss Annie L. Kendig was married to Mr. E. Vincent Kachel of Creswell today. Cold all day. Much colder in evening. Papers predict cold wave.

Thursday, January 30

Partly clear. Ther: 4. Working about home a.m. John C. and I went down on farm to cut wood p.m. The women had a sewing party this p.m. to sew carpet bags. Very cold all day. Great change from yesterday

Friday, January 31

Partly clear. Ther: 30. Was called to take charge of the remains of George K. Harnish near Byerland Church. Went down and laid out body, etc., and arranged for funeral. Monday morning at 9 and 9:30 at Byerland Church, a.m. Went to Millersville to attend a meeting to organize the Millersville National Bank of Millersville. I was elected one of the directors. Took five shares and gave check for \$25.00 on same. The first check that was given. Written out in the name of the bank. The directors, 9 in number, were sworn in at

exactly 3:15 o'clock by notary Crady. Chas Miller, Henry and Danl Eshleman and Frank Martin started in to cut wood down on farm at 75 cents per cord. Wrote long letter to Charles this morning. Very cold all day.

Saturday, February 1

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Went down on farm to take down tobacco but was not damp. At IORM in eve. Great change in weather. Raining a.m. Very sloppy and snow melting which fell last night very fast.

Sunday, February 2

Partly clear. Ther: 16. At Sunday school. John C. took rough box to Byerland and stools to house, a.m. I lined and trimmed coffin, etc., p.m. At preaching in eve. Groundhog Day. If there is anything in seeing his shadow we will have six weeks of rough weather, as it was pretty clear today. Great change in weather. Very much colder and very stormy all day.

Monday, February 3

Partly clear. Ther: 9. Attending funeral of George K. Harnish. Born May 9, 1843. Died January 31, 1908. Aged 64-8-27. Rev Aaron Harnish spoke at house and Bishop Abrm B. Herr opened at church and Abrn Brubaker preached a very good sermon from Revelations 14-13. Bearers: Christ C. and Enos C. Harnish and John and Jacob Thomas. Walked to church (friends). Large funeral. Very nice corpse. Buried at Byerland cemetery, a.m. \$50.00. Took dinner and returned home about 3 p.m. Put wagons away. John C. along. Ordered 300 calendars for 1909 for \$27.00. Pad to be size of hanger. Very cold in the morning. Cold all day. Moderating in eve.

Tuesday, February 4

Partly cloudy. Went down to Harnish's for stools, a.m. Went down on farm and made arrangements for cutting ice tomorrow.

Aldus Barr was buried today at Millersville. Rec'd check of H. B. Thomas for Valentine Warfel funeral. Cold and stormy all day. Getting colder in eve.

Wednesday, February 5

Cloudy. Ther: 2. John C, Benj F. Zercher and myself went down on farm and cut ice. All day. John, Joe and Benj Steckervetz helped. From down there we filled the tenant house cellar near upper pond. Put in 11 large loads. We gave Chas Good, living on Christ Harnish's farm, permission to cut on lower pond. They began at noon. Very cold all day. Commenced snowing about one o'clock and snowed all of p.m. and eve.

Thursday, February 6

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Fetched up corn, p.m. At IOOF in eve. About 7 inches of snow this morning. Cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Friday, February 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 18. About home a.m. Went to Millersville to attend bank meeting, p.m. At home in eve. It was reported that Florence Walters, daughter of Frank, who went to Philadelphia for eye treatment is essentially blinded. A young girl about 19 or 20 years old. Paid Daniel Eckman \$6.00 on account of wood cutting. Reported 10-1/4 cords cut at 75 cents. Much colder and stormy.

Saturday, February 8

Clear. Ther: 9. Working about home a.m. Attending meeting of supervisors in p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold raw air all day.

Sunday, February 9

Clear. Ther: 0. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Mr.

and Mrs. Yentzer spent the evening with us very pleasantly. Very cold all day.

Monday, February 10

Partly clear. Ther: 3. Went to Lancaster this morning. Amos S. Benedict went along. Attended to business matters and returned home about 4 p.m. Was surprised to receive word of the death of Annie Myers, daughter of the late Rudolph Myers, who died very unexpectedly this eve. Was only sick since yesterday noon. Went over and took charge of body and arranged funeral for Thursday morning. Very cold all day. Ther down to 10 degrees below zero at S.J. Pugh's mill on Willow Street Pike and at Rock Hill, etc.

Tuesday, February 11

Partly clear. Ther: 18. Moved the Jacob B. Good building from the Carr lot near the Casper Hiller property to east end of village to our place. Had loaded it on a bobsled of John H. Eshleman and he hauled in for me very successfully. The following helped. Mart B. Good, Harry Hess, Benj F. and John C. Zercher, Frank Martin, Danl Eshleman, David B. Foutz and myself. It took us partly all day, but am well pleased with the job. The building is 8 by 16 and plastered. Did not hurt the plaster at all. Bought house for \$20.00 to come off of bill for burial of Jacob B. Good. Cold this morning but much warmer in p.m. Quite sloppy

Wednesday, February 12

Cloudy. Ther: 34. Lining and trimming coffin. John C. took rough box to cemetery and stools to house, a.m. Went down on farm and helped John C. to fetch tobacco up to strip here and finished coffin, etc., p.m. Great change in weather. Moderating.

Thursday, February 13

Cloudy. Ther: 33. Attending funeral of Miss

Annie Myers. Born May 29, 1854. Died February 10, 1908. Aged 53-8-11. Rev Jacob Thomas spoke at house and Bishop Abram B. Herr preached from Amos 5+4. Bearers: Jacob and Rudolph Charles, Ezra Eshleman and Jonas Harnish, 4 nephews. 20 carriages. Large funeral. Buried at the New Brick Church, New Danville. \$57.00. Returned to house for dinner. Returned home in p.m. John C. went home with hearse direct from church and took down tobacco for himself in p.m. Very damp all day. Raining part of day.

Friday, February 14

Cloudy. Ther: 34. Went down on farm and took down tobacco, John C. and I, a.m. John Steckervetz fetched up a load for me and we took some down on pile, p.m. A number of folks here tying up packages for the supper tomorrow eve. Very damp and rather cool. Rain in eve. Snow melting very fast.

Saturday, February 15

Partly cloudy. Went down on farm and took down tobacco, John C. and I, a.m. Brought stool, etc., from Myers and Celia Morton and her graphophone to play at the supper for the benefit of the repairing of the Reformed cemetery, p.m. At the supper in the eve. Very heavy rain a.m. Showers p.m. Cooler in eve.

Sunday, February 16

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Mr. and Mrs. Yentzer, Jane Alexander and May Hause spent p.m. with us hearing Miss Celia Morton with her graphophone. She has a fine lot of records. So many sacred pieces. Blanche took her home in the eve. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. Amos Warfel is quite sick. It is reported that he has pneumonia. Cold raw wind in a.m. Pleasanter in p.m. Light snow about 9 p.m.

Monday, February 17

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day.

Stripping tobacco p.m. At home in eve. Amos Warfel is not any better. Much colder and stormy nearly all day.

Tuesday, February 18

Partly clear. Was called to Lancaster by phone to bring out the body of Mrs. Christian Keports, who died there this morning opposite the watch factory. Fetched her out to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Good near Morton's shop, New Danville Pike and arranged for the funeral for Friday at 9 and 10 a.m. at Pequea Church. Was at the Township election part of day. A good turnout. 201 voters polled. A.R. Caldwell ran independent for Supervisor after being defeated at the primary in January defeating the regular nominee, AF. Bortzfield by 6 votes. A shame. He resorted to all kinds of schemes, etc., to make his point and certainly no credit to him. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, February 19

Cloudy. Went out to look after body, etc., a.m. Working in shop repairing furniture p.m. Snowed very heavy a.m. Rain and sleet p.m. Cold and very damp and unpleasant.

Thursday, February 20

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to cemetery and stools to house and in shop balance of day lining coffin, etc. At IOOF in eve. Amos Warfel is a very sick man this eve. Cold raw wind all day. Colder in eve.

Friday, February 21

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Catherine Keports. Born June 2, 1825. Died February 18, 1908. Aged 82-8-16. Rev Christ Hostetter, Jr. spoke at house and Rev Heisey, Jr. opened at church. Rev Noah Hess and Bishop Heisey spoke from 2 Cor 5+17. Bearers: Harry H., Aaron H. And Harvey H. Keports and Harry Peters, 4 grandsons. 26 carriages. Buried at Pequea Church. \$45.00. Rec'd word while at

funeral of the death of Amos Warfel, one of our neighbors. Was only sick one week. Have known him from childhood. John C. took charge of the body until I got home at 1 p.m. Went over and arranged funeral for Monday at 9 and 10 at River Corner Church. John C. went in to Lancaster and fetched coffin from Adams Ex Office this eve. and stools from Goods. Beautiful day but cold raw air.

Saturday, February 22

Partly clear. Working about shop partly all day repairing furniture, lining coffin, etc. John C. took rough box to cemetery p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold raw wind all day.

Sunday, February 23

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Shelley a.m. Finished lining coffin, etc., p.m. Took coffin over and put body in this eve. Amos Graver here in eve. Cold and light snow nearly all day.

Monday, February 24

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Amos Warfel. Born June 18, 1831. Died February 21, 1908. Aged 76-8-3. Bishop Abrm Herr spoke at house and opened at church. Rev Jacob Thomas preached from Rev 14+13. Bearers: Jacob B. Harnish, Jacob McCallister, Christ Hess, Martin Brennehan, A.M. Greider, Amos Leaman. 18 carriages. Large funeral. Very nice corpse. Buried at River Corner. \$60.00, a.m. Blanche and I went to Lancaster and attended to some business. Received word of the death of John Sourbeer's infant at the General Hospital. Fetched body along out and will bury tomorrow. Beautiful day but cold.

Tuesday, February 25

Partly cloudy. Left home at 5:30 to take trolley for Lancaster where Mr. Crady, Fred F. Brenner and myself took train for

Philadelphia via Pa. R.R. and there took P&R train for Plainsfield, N.J. to the Manganese Safe Works, being a Committee to see the mfg. of same with a view of purchasing one for the new Bank of Millersville. We're taken care of by their representative, Mr. Taylor of New York. After showing us all through the factory and seeing the safes in various stages of manufacture, Mr. Crady returned home and Mr. Brenner, Taylor and I went to New York, spending several hours in sight seeing, which was great. Left there at 7:00 p.m., arriving in Philadelphia about 9:00 p.m. After taking lunch at the Reading terminal I left Mr. Brenner and Taylor and started out to Charles for the night at 643 Sickle Ave. Arriving there about 12 o'clock. They were certainly surprised and very glad to see me and I was the same to meet them. Found them well. Pleasant day but snowed in eve.

Wednesday, February 26

Partly cloudy. Spent a.m. very pleasantly with Charles and wife. After dinner went over to W. F. Bruner's coal office and spent a short time and started for Lancaster Broad Street station at 4:40 p.m., arriving at Lancaster at 5:10. Took car to Millersville and on arrival found that the York Furnace Road was out of service, so Dr. M.H. Kendig and I walked on road bed and Blanche met us at Morton's shop. Streams are very high on account of heavy rains. John C. buried small child for Geo W. Pries this p.m. and one yesterday for John Sourbeer at Green Hill. Pries, \$4.00. Sourbeer, \$4.00. Rained part of night, all of a.m. and part of p.m. quite heavy, but cleared off very nicely toward eve.

Thursday, February 27

Partly cloudy. Went to Safe Harbor to meet D. Engle, undertaker of Mt. Joy and fetched the body of Walter Russel Lines up to new church and burial at Mt. Zion. Born October

10, 1891. Died February 24, 1908. Aged 16-4-14. Rev Musser spoke from 1 Peter 1+23, 24+25. Rev Noah Hess also spoke on same text. Bearers: 4 cousins, Keperlings. Funeral was to be at 10 o'clock, but on account of trolley service being out on York Furnace line on account of heavy rain, Services not held until 2 o'clock p.m. Cold raw wind all day. Much colder in eve.

Friday, February 28

Partly clear. Down on farm. Fetched corn along up, a.m. Working about home and went over to supervisors meeting to get our accounts ready for auditing tomorrow. Worked till nearly 10 o'clock p.m. Cold raw wind all day.

Saturday, February 29

Partly clear. Ther: 18

Went over to auditor's meeting at 8 a.m. Remained there all day. Everything came all right as shown below. Officers: 3 supervisors, Geo J. Fehl, Pres, A.R. Caldwell, Secy., A.J. Zercher, treas. Not a member of school board, A.S. Benedict. Auditors: John M. Warfel, H.W. Hess and Grant H. Gardner. They allowed \$2.00 per day for actual services, except Secretary, who shall receive a salary of \$50.00 per annum only. Geo J. Fehl received \$16.00 and \$25.00 for services for the year. Report: Lefever, M. D., District 1, expended \$377.06. Pries, John, District 2, expended \$523.61. Good, M. B., District 3, expended \$659.64. Thomas, John, District 4, expended \$408.72. Receipts: \$3505.56. Expended: \$2600.11. Balance: \$905.45. Outstanding tax: \$936.86. \$1842.31.

At IORM in eve. Cold all day.

Sunday, March 1

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. and Missionary meeting. Snowing, sleeting and raining. Very sloppy walking.

Monday, March 2

Partly cloudy. At organizations meeting of Board of Supervisors, vis. Pres, A.J. Zercher, Secy, A.R. Campbell, and Geo F. Fehl. The township was redistricted to 3 instead of 4 district and the following road masters appointed: District 1, Michael S. Lefever. District 2, Martin B. Good. District 3, John Thomas. The tax rate, 3 mills instead of 3-1/2 as last year. Rec'd word of the death of Irvin Smithson's child at Slackwater. John C. went over and took charge of body. Went over to Martin Markley's to sale of B.F. Hookey personal property. Very icy and sloppy partly all day and damp towards eve.

Tuesday, March 3

Partly clear. Went to Lancaster. Wife along. Went by way of Millersville. Returned home about 4 p.m. and had received word of the death of Ephram Kauffman, a particular friend of mine. Pleasant day.

Wednesday, March 4

Partly clear. Went to E.A. Kauffman's in a.m. to make arrangements for funeral. Arranged for Friday a.m. 9 and 10. Bought 100 lb. shif at Witmer's mill and paid for same, a.m. Was called by phone to come to Rudolph Shultz, Millersville to take charge of body of his wife. Went over and embalmed body and arranged for funeral on Saturday morning, 9 and 10 at Millersville Mennonite Church. Lined small casket for Mr. Smithson's child, p.m. Very pleasant all day.

Thursday, March 5

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Stanley Irvin, infant son of Irvin and Annie Smithson's from Slackwater and buried at Bethesda M. E. Church near McCall's Ferry. Born December 30, 1905. Died March 3, 1908. Aged 2-2-3. Rev Shelley preached from Zachariah 8-5. Bearers: Harry and Wesley Oldhan, Harry Seiple and myself. Very small

funeral. Only 11 persons present. Buried in Bethesda M. E. cemetery. \$25.00. This was certainly a far drive and Mr. Shelley and I took dinner at John Patton's hotel, Rawlinsville. Returned home about 5 p.m. after a long, rough drive. Cold raw air all day.

Friday, March 6

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Ephram A. Kauffman. Born September 22, 1856. Died March 3, 1908. Aged 51-5-11. Rev Thos Necht preached from Romans 8 + 35, 37, 38, 39. Was a very able discourse. Bearers: Jacob Strickler, Norman Christ, Adam K. Frey, Harry Ayerstock. Large funeral. 24 carriages. Buried at Creswell cemetery. \$60.00. Went to Millersville from Kauffman's with Fred F. Brenner to attend a meeting of the bank directors. We elected a cashier, I.N. Witmer, there being two other applicants. John Kauffman and a Mr. Herr, Son-in-law of Amos Landis, decided on a site for building. Lot on the north east corner of Wabank road on the Charles Dennse property. A little further up town than some of us thought but could not do any better now. Lined casket in eve. Very unpleasant day. Snow and rain and very damp.

Saturday, March 7

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Maggie W., wife of Rudolph Shultz. Born September 20, 1862. Died March 4, 1908. Aged 45-5-14. Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke from Romans 8-18 and Rev Danl Leahman spoke from 30 Psalm, 5 verse. Bearers: Frank Sohns, Thor Keith, A. F. Habecker, John J. Henry. 28 carriages. Large funeral. Buried at Millersville Mennonite Church. A very nice corpse. \$65.00. Took dinner at house and was complimented for my way of conducting, arranging of funeral and body, a.m. Washed hearse, etc., and went down on farm in eve for wheat and corn for poultry and pigeons.

At home in eve. Feeling very tired. Had a very busy week, having funerals 3 days in succession. Very pleasant day. Cold in morning, but spring like and sloppy during day.

Sunday, March 8

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Someone or more broke off 3 of the poplar trees in front of Charles place last night. I don't see how people can be so mean. They will be learned a lesson on good behavior if found out. Very pleasant and spring like, a.m. Rain in p.m. and eve.

Monday, March 9

Partly clear. Was at Lancaster by stage attending to business. Notified County Commissioners with regard to bridge at Mouth of Pequea, it being unsafe. Rain last night and a.m. Cloudy. Roads very heavy.

Tuesday, March 10

Partly clear. Went down on farm a.m. Fetched stools from E.A. Kauffman, p.m. Danl M. Witmer moved to the Safe Harbor mill. Large fire at West Willow this p.m. about 5:30 o'clock. The large bank barn, tobacco sheds, wagon shed, etc., burned to the ground on the farm of Abrm B. Herr. His son, Henry living on it. No one home except women and hired boy about 12 years old. Fire first seen on hay mow. Loss must be heavy. No stock burned. Roads very heavy. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, March 11

Clear. Stripping tobacco a.m. Went down on farm for load of tobacco, p.m., and working about home. A very pleasant day. Beautiful. Just like spring. Temp up in the 60s.

Thursday, March 12

Partly clear. Working in shop partly all day.

At IOOF in eve. Wife and Blanche over to see Annie (Good) Harnish this eve. She expects to go to housekeeping soon. Very fine day again. Spring like.

Friday, March 13

Partly clear. Down on farm. Took sack salt along down and fetched corn along up, a.m. Went to J.B. Harnish's sale of personal. Had a good sale. I bought grain drill with fertilizer attachment for John Steckervetz on farm for \$25.00. At home in eve. Very spring like, but stormy in p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor to see Miss Blanche Hudson with regard to her appointment as Post Mistress to take the place of her father who is mentally incapable of continuing on by request. I spoke to Mr. W.W.G., a.m. At supervisors meeting p.m. At a spelling bee and entertainment at East Centre school. Geo E. Lawrence, teacher. Mr. J. R. Yentzer, Suey Eckman, Elizabeth Charles and myself sang for the occasion. It was a success financially. Receipts of the evening: \$26.75. Paid Chas Miller, \$3.00, Frank Martin, \$1.50, Danl Martin, \$1.00 on account of wood cutting. A very beautiful day. Very spring like.

Sunday, March 15

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school? In absence of Supt, I took charge of school, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. Pleasant day. Several showers of rain during p.m. Reminding us of April showers. Colder in eve.

Monday, March 16

Partly clear. Went out to the Michael Charles farm to see about a roller that Isaac McAllister had bought there and bought the same of him for \$3.50 cash for down on the

farm, a.m. Down on farm, etc., p.m. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, March 17

Partly cloudy

Working about home a.m. At public sale of personal property of Amos Shenk on the Abrm Hess farm below Andrew Good's. Stock sold fair. Arranged with B.F. Hookey this eve to have him run for Country Committee at the spring primary on April 11th, as I want to retire from same. I have served for a number of years and want to quit. J.W. Morrison, B.F. Hookey and myself have made the arrangements. I filled out the petition and signed it and then Morrison and handed it to Hookey to get balance of signatures, 10 in number, to have name printed on official ballot. Cold raw wind all day.

Wednesday, March 18

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Attended to business of various kinds. Sent letter to H. Burd Cassel with regard to P.O. at Safe Harbor with the view of having A.G. Hudson's daughter Blanche appointed at Post Mistress there. Rec'd a phone message of W.W. Griest with regards to B.F. Hookey not being a candidate for County Commissioners, etc. Very changeable weather. Quite clear this morning. Rain about 9:30 a.m. Heavy thunder gust about 4 p.m. and another about 5:50 and 8 p.m. Heavy thunder and sharp lightning and heavy rain last eve.

Thursday, March 19

Partly cloudy. Went over to repair furniture at Annie Myers, dec'd. Getting ready for sale. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Friezer at Little Pittsburg. Went over and took charge of body and arranged for funeral Saturday p.m. Took dinner at Amos Graver's, who moved today to where Geo Eckman lived, next to Amos F. Martin. Working about home. John

C. went in to Lancaster for coffin at Adams Ex Co this p.m. Getting much colder.

Friday, March 20

Partly cloudy. Sent rough box to cemetery by John C. and fetched straw from Mart Groff. Paid for same and I lined coffin, etc., a.m. Went down to farm for corn and to the sale of Eli Warfel. Cows sold very good. Cold raw air all day. Feels like snow.

Saturday, March 21

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Went to attend funeral of Eunice Elizabeth Friezer. Born March 25, 1831. Died March 18, 1908. Aged 76-11-23. Rev Henry Haverstick. Text, Hebrew 9x27+28. Rev Smith. Text, Job 30+23. Bearers: Saml Dabler, John Eberley, Edw Fenstermaker, Christ Kline. Small funeral. Carried body to church. Buried at Evangelical Church, Little Pittsburg. Daniel S. Witmer paid me for same, \$30.00 for the Mennonites, she being a member. I made the bill less on that account, p.m. At IORM in eve. There was public sale of the personal property of Annie Myers at Myers farm this p.m. Was over a short time toward eve. Quite cold in morning, but pleasant during the day.

Sunday, March 22

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Shelley a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Miss Leah Lefever and Miss Mable and Sue Myers here in eve. Rather cold and damp all day. Feels like snow.

Monday, March 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster on business. Returned home about 4 p.m. Rec'd word of the death of Simon Warfel over on the Late Tobias Stehman farm near Slackwater. Went over and laid out body. Embalmed same and arranged for Thursday morning at 9 and 10 for funeral. John C. along. Rec'd \$100.0 of Eli

S. Richardson as first payment on property sold him known as the Buttler property, etc. Rained partly all day and quite damp. Very heavy roads.

Tuesday, March 24

Partly clear. Down on farm. Fetched up feed, etc., a.m. Went over to look after body and working about home p.m. Very beautiful day.

Wednesday, March 25

Partly clear. Sent rough box to cemetery and stools to house by John. I trimmed and lined casket, a.m. At Valentine Warfel's sale of personal property. Helped Bro. Emanuel to clerk same. Bought set harnesses for \$9.00 and several other articles, p.m. Very pleasant day, but cool air.

Thursday, March 26

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Simon Warfel. Born March 11, 1858. Died March 23, 1908. Aged 50-0-12. Rev Necht spoke from Romans 8:35,37,38,39. Rev Mossman from Hebrew 9:27+28. Bearers: M. S. Lefever, Amos Charles, Henry H. Hess, Henry S. Stehman, Isaac Hoak, Henry W. Eshleman. 25 carriages. Large funeral. Very nice corpse. Fine flowers and a great many of them. Buried at Millersville Mennonite Church, a.m. \$88.00. At home and went down to farm to see about selling tobacco. Jacob B. Harnish offered us 7-1/2 cents per pound for 2 crops, mine and John C. Zercher's and 7 cents for John Steckervetz and we agreed to sell so phoned him this eve. and will deliver some tomorrow. This don't seem right when we got 15 cents per pound last year. Very beautiful day, but stormy in a.m.

Friday, March 27

Partly clear. Went over to Warfel's for stools. John C. Delivered his tobacco to Jacob B.

Harnish. Had 1534 lbs. wrappers at 7-1/2 c per pound: \$115.05. 375 lbs. filler at 3 c: \$11.25. Total, \$126.30. Just about half what we got last year, a.m. Baled my tobacco, ready to deliver tomorrow and working about home p.m. Rec'd word by phone of the death of a small child at Benj Johnson's below Strohm Mill, Providence Twp. Will bury Sunday morning. Paid Chas Miller \$2.48 balance of wood cutting in full and posts due the whole bunch. Very beautiful day. Quite warm all day.

Saturday, March 28

Partly cloudy. Took my tobacco down to Jacob B. Harnish this a.m. 959 lbs. wrappers at 7-1/2 = \$71.92. 190 lbs. fillers at 3 = \$5.70. Total \$77.62. Took small rough box to Pequea church and down on farm p.m. At IORM in eve. The following officers were elected. Sachem, Harry Smith. S. Sagamore, Elmer Warfel. Jr. Sagamore, John J. Good. C. of R., B.F. Hookey. K. of W., Amos F. Martin. Trustee, B. F. Trissler. Representative, Martin E. Markley, defeating Theo Lines who was representative last year. John Steckervetz planted peas, beans, sweet corn and radishes on the farm today. I fear rather early. I counted 24 cords of wood cut by Millers, Eckmans and Martins on the farm and 150 locust and 7 chestnut posts for which I paid balance due 3/27/08. Very pleasant day. Spring like.

Sunday, March 29

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Harold Leroy Ingram, infant son of Effie Johnson, daughter of Benj Johnson near Strohm Mill, Providence Twp. Born January 25, 1908. Died March 27, 1908. Aged 2 months and 2 days. Services at the house. Rev Noah Z. Hess spoke from Ephesians 6 chap, 1 to 4 verses. Bearer: Self. 3 carriages. Buried at Pequea Church, a.m. \$7.00. At home p.m. Not feeling so well.

Heavy cold. At church in eve. Raining nearly all night and a.m. and part of p.m.

Monday, March 30

Partly clear. About home a.m. At sale of personal property of Adam Good, Sr. Helped Bro. Emanuel to Clerk same, p.m. A very good sale. 1/2 dozen parlor chairs brought \$30.00. Was called to Edwin N. Wade's to take charge of the remains of a stillborn baby, one of a pair of twins. The other a girl living. Not feeling well at all. Have a very heavy cold. Pleasant but cool wind all day.

Tuesday, March 31

Cloudy. About home. Paid David H. Hess \$32.00 interest for Charles and self, a.m. Clerking sale of Amos Warfel personal property. Bro. Emanuel helping. Had a very good sale. Paid Jacob M. Buckwalter on bond, \$72.00, p.m. Martin F. Henry came to see me this eve. with regard to breaking off the trees in front of Charles' property. Ed Duke (constable) was to see them today (also John Shenk) and they admitted their guilt. I agreed to settle it with them for \$12.50 apiece. Henry paid his share this eve. Cold raw air and very damp and rainy partly all day.

Wednesday, April 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Took Blanche and Ruth and Annie Bennett along as Mrs. G.R. Bennett moved today to 12 E. German St. Not feeling well all day. Collecting business very poor. Settled up trolley business today; H.M. Stauffer, Pres., A. J. Zercher, Treas. and Secy., M. H. Groff, Jonas Shenk, A.M. Charles. Cost us each \$139.19. Trying to promote a trolley to Conestoga Center. Came home sick from Lancaster. Paid Alf S. Kendig \$7.00 for vet services for "Joe" horse to date. Cloudy all day. Rather pleasant all day.

Thursday, April 2

Partly cloudy. Rec'd word last night about

10:30 of the death of Mrs. John K. Doerstler of Spring Valley at home of daughter, Mrs. Amos Brenneman. Could not go as I am not well at all. John Z. and Blanche went up this morning and took charge of body and made arrangements for funeral. Have been in bed since last night. Heavy cold. Sent for doctor and said it was grippe. John Z. buried Edw Wade's baby this p.m. at M. E. cemetery. \$3.50. Very bad road. Pleasant during day. Much colder towards eve.

Friday, April 3

Partly clear. In bed all day. John Z. took rough box away, a.m. Lining casket and getting ready for funeral, p.m. A few snow flurries today. Great change in weather. Ground frozen and hard.

Saturday, April 4

Partly clear. In bed all day. Feeling fairly good but heavy on breast. John C. and Mart B. Good attended funeral of Mrs. Fannie Doerstler. Born April 15, 1844. Died April 1, 1908. Aged 63-11-16. Rev Henry Heisey (Bishop) spoke from 2 Cor 5+1 and Rev Henry Haverstick from Phil 1+21. Bearers: Christ Hostetter, Jacob Heisey, Cyrus Lutz and Elmer Souder. Fairly large funeral. Buried at Letort Mennonite cemetery in a.m. Rec'd word this morning of the very unexpected death of Mary Snavely, grandmother of Alice and Emma Snavely. Funeral on Monday. Paid Chas Kreider for cigars shipped to Chas Z., \$7.50. Light snow last night. Cold all day.

Sunday, April 5

Partly cloudy. In bed all day. Called out this morning for death of Mrs. Benj Bortzfield at Rock Hill at daughter's, Mrs. John Lefever. John and Blanche went over to take charge of body. Funeral on Tuesday, 9 and 10. Burial at Mt. Zion cemetery. Called out this eve .to

take charge of body of Ida, daughter of Rev Jacob Thomas. John and Blanche went down. Washed and laid her out and took charge of body. Funeral on Wednesday, 11 o'clock at house and 2 at Byerland Church. Rather cold all day. Rain in eve.

Monday, April 6

Partly clear. Still in bed. M.B. Good went to Lancaster for coffin a.m. and brought stools from Brenneman's to Lefever's and took rough box to Byerland, p.m. John took two rough boxes to Mt. Zion, p.m. and lining coffins and casket balance of day. Raw air all day.

Tuesday, April 7

Partly clear. Out of bed today for the first. Feel much weaker than I expected. John C. and M.B. Good attended funeral of Mrs. Jessamine Bortzfield. Rev Andrews spoke. 13 carriages. Small funeral. Very nice corpse. Very beautiful day.

Wednesday, April 8

Cloudy. Feeling some better today. John C. and Mart B. Good attended funeral of Mary Snavely. Born June 13, 1812. Died April 4, 1908. Aged 95-9-21. Rev Andrew spoke from 116 Psalm, 16 verse. Bearers: H.B. Thomas, A.R. Caldwell, J.Z. Wade and A.H. Gardner. Hauled corpse but friends walked. Very nice corpse, a.m. \$53.00. Attended funeral of Ida, daughter of Rev Jacob Thomas. Born 12-31-1887. Died 4-5-1908. Aged 20-9-5. Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke from St. John 14-1. Bearers: Frank Mylin, George Harnish, John and Christian Thomas. 30 carriages. Large funeral. Very nice corpse. \$51.00. Blanche went down to Thomas's this morning to take charge till this p.m. Amos Graver and John H. Eshleman here this eve. Raining nearly all of a.m. Damp p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Clear. John C. fetched stools from Jacob

Thomas and cleaned up the hearse, etc., a.m. and had the horse to go down on farm to sow tobacco seed for himself, p.m. I was in the house all day some stronger, but not able to go out yet. J.R. Yentzer delivered the 50 apple and 95 peach trees down to farm that I bought some time ago. Very beautiful day but the air cool.

Friday, April 10

Cloudy. In house all day not feeling so good today. Doctor here. Says I must not go out unless clear. Paid him his bill for this sickness by check. \$7.00. Paid J.R. Yentzer for the trees delivered yesterday, \$22.00. Cold damp air all day. Rained nearly all of p.m. Damp in eve.

Saturday, April 11

Partly clear. About house. Walked over to the poll to vote about 3:30 p.m. The first I have been out of the house since last Wednesday, a week, it being the County Primary and being anxious to vote for some of my personal friends, especially Hon. W.W. Griest for Congress and Dr. I.M. Witmer for coroner and others. There were 260 votes polled. Griest 222 and Wickersham 35. The rest averaging about the same. Find ticket in back of this diary. This was one of the most disgracing primaries held in this township. To the best of my knowledge the hotel had to be closed according to law. But Harry Warfel, a candidate for prison inspector of this township, had a free blow for everybody at Chas Kreider's confectionary opposite the hotel. Plenty of whiskey free. A shame. Rec'd word at noon of the death of Mrs. Christ Karr, Rock Hill. Blanche and Mart Good went over and arranged funeral. Very stormy all day and rather cold.

Sunday, April 12

Partly clear. I was at home in the house all day. Quite a number of the neighbors and

friends called to see me. Blanche at Sunday school a.m. Wife at preaching in eve. John C. went over to Kerr's to look after body. Rec'd word of the death of one of Jacob E. Benedict's children of diphtheria. John C. went over and attended to same. Will bury tomorrow eve. No funeral on account of disease. Rather cold all day.

Monday, April 13

Partly clear. John C. went to Lancaster for caskets and burial permits. Returned home 1:30 p.m. He got rough box ready and M.B. Good took same to Stehman's Church and then buried Jacob E. Benedict's child, Blanche. Born September 14, 1905. Died April 12, 1908. Aged 2-6-28. No services on account of contagious disease (diphtheria). \$15.00. M.B. Good attended the burial and took rough box to Stehman's cemetery. John C. lined casket for Mrs. Karr. Mart Hess dug garden for us today. Paid him for same, 65 cents. Walked out some today. Feeling better. Weighed myself. Lost about 10 pounds over my sickness. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, April 14

About home all day. Walked out some. Feel much better, but weak in limbs. John C. and Mart B. Good attended funeral of Fannie Karr. Born September 26, 1839. Died April 11, 1908. Aged 68-6-15. Rev Troutman. Text, 1 Peter 1+4,5,6. Bearers: grandchildren. Wm Karr, Miles Karr, Christ Karr and Chester Aston. 23 carriages. Buried at Stehmans U. B. Church. Large funeral. \$40.00. Wife and Blanche at church this eve. We had the Rev. Garland of Went Willow U. B. Church preach for us. Very pleasant day, but cool air.

Wednesday, April 15

Cloudy. About house all day. Not caring to go out in damp on account of health. Wife and Blanche went to church this eve. Rev Andres called to see me in company with Mr. Shelley

before going to church. He will preach for us this eve. Benj F. Zercher had a young son born to them last night. Howard Bair, one of Lancaster's undertakers, committed suicide last night by taking illuminating gas through a tube connected to a jet. Found by his wife. Raining partly all of a.m. Damp p.m.

Thursday, April 16

Partly clear. About home all day. Expected to go to Lancaster but thought best to stay home yet. So weak in my limbs. Rev Shelley and Hunt took supper with us this eve. Mr. Hunt preached for us this eve. Wife and Blanche at church. Rec'd feed from Sickman and Witmer. Paid both bills. Cold and stormy all day.

Friday, April 17

Partly clear. Went down on farm to plant apple and peach orchard. Martin Hess, Henry Bitts and Danl Martin helping. We planted about 100 trees today. Will finish tomorrow if nothing happens. Am very tired this eve. We heard this eve that Conrad Hess son, Abrm, is very bad with pneumonia. Very pleasant day but heavy frost this morning and some ice.

Saturday, April 18

Cloudy. Down on farm. Finished planting orchard this noon. Harry Bitts, Danl Martin, John C. Zercher and Frank Martin helping. Paid Bitts and the two Martin's this evening for work to date. Got "Joe" horse shod at Henry Beaches today. Paid him by having sold him locust posts. Was called to Chas Bender near Habecker's mill to take charge of infant son's body. Funeral to be held Monday at Letort Mennonite Church at 10 a.m. List of trees planted: 1st row, 8 York Imperial and 7 Susquehanna (peach). 2nd row, 15 Crawford late (peaches), 3rd row, 8; Krause apples, 4 President, 3 Susquehanna peach. 4th row, 15

Elberta (peach). 5th row, 4 Stehman Winesap, 4 Ben Davis, 6 President, 1 Fox seedling (peach). 6th row, 15 Mountain Rose. 7th row, 4 Baldwin, 4 Dominia, 7 Fox seedling (peach). 8th row, 10 Old Mixson, 5 Fox seedling. 9th row, 4 Grimes Golden, 1 Snow, 2 Jeffries, 5 Champion, 2 Fox seedling. 10th row, 3 Smokehouse, 1 Summer Rambo. At Springhouse lot: 1 yellow transplant, 1 Smokehouse, 2 Barron's. On bank: 1 yellow transparent, 1 Barron's, 1 Smokehouse. 50 apples and 95 peach. Very pleasant day but heavy frost this morning and some ice.

Sunday, April 19

Partly cloudy. Made rough box this morning. At Sunday school and church Holy Communion. Elizabeth May, daughter of Aldus M. and \_ Charles was admitted to membership and baptism and confirmation, a.m. Lined casket and took rough box up to Letort cemetery. Wife along and stopped at Dr. Good's a short time, p.m. At home in eve. Rather cool and very stormy p.m.

Monday, April 20

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Henry B., infant son of Charles M. and Alice K. Bender. Born February 19, 1908. Died April 18, 1908. Aged 1 month and 29 days. Rev Henry Haverstick spoke. Text, 2 Sam 12-23. Bearers: 4 small girls, Annie May Henry, Gertrude G. Kauffman, Ruth G. Kauffman and Annie M. Garlock. 10 carriages. Buried at Letort Mennonite cemetery, a.m. \$10.00. Took dinner at house and went to Lancaster to attend to some business. Paid Specher and Gantz for one bushel seed oats and other seeds today. Paid Mr. Fairchild the Hazleton Mfg. Co. bill to date, p.m. At home in eve. Cool and very stormy p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

Partly clear. Went to Rock Hill for stools at

Christ Carr. Collected policies fees of Benj S. Miller and David B. Herr due long ago. Saw Jacob E. Benedict with regard to burying his child. He told the insurance men to mail the check direct to me he said, a.m. Down on farm making fence p.m. Amos M. Brenneman was here and paid for Mrs. Doestler's funeral expenses this eve. Pleasant day but cool and rather stormy.

Wednesday, April 22

Partly clear. Down on farm. John C. and I making fence. Rec'd word about 10:30 of the death of Isaac Eckman, Mrs. Noah Z. Hess father. Went out and laid out and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at house and 10 o'clock at Brick Church, New Danville. Working about home balance of day. John C. down all day. Rec'd check of Jacob B. Harnish for the Steckervetz tobacco, \$163.20. Very beautiful day.

Thursday, April 23

Partly clear. Working about home. Went to look after body. Wife and Blanche went to Lancaster. I planted 3 Carolina poplars in front of the Eby property, a.m. Owen F. Bruner and wife came to our place this noon and had them go over to hotel (Kendig's) for dinner. Spent the p.m. together and are staying all night with us. At IOOF in eve.

A very beautiful spring day. Quite warm

Friday, April 24

Working about home making fence, etc. Owen Bruner and wife left this morning for Lancaster. Sent rough box to cemetery and stools to house. I was at Millersville attending a meeting of Bank Directors. Decided to build at once. Fred F. Bruner to be the builder. John C. worked all day. Paid \$50.00 on shares to Treas., Mr. Hertzler. Very beautiful day. Quite warm.

Saturday, April 25

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Making fence at garden and orchard. Lined and trimmed coffin, etc. John C. helped all day. Had a fine shower of rain in p.m. The trees are looking grand. Quite warm all day.

Sunday, April 26

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Isaac Eckman. Born March 9, 1838. Died April 22, 1908. Aged 71-1-13. Rev John Coar of the New Mennonite Church had charge of the services at the house. Text, St. John 8-51. Rev Jacob Thomas, Old Mennonite and Enos H. Hess, Brethren in Christ, had charge of the service at the church. Text, Amos 2-12, latter part. Bearers: Adam Hess, Jacob Harnish, Henry and Rudolph Charles, members of Old Mennonite Church. 20 teams. Very large funeral. Buried at the new Brick church, New Danville. \$50.00. At preaching in eve by Rev Shelley. A beautiful spring day. Quite warm.

Monday, April 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Wife along. Paid Reilly Bros and Raub to date, \$5.85 and Foster and Cochran \$6.89 to date. Bought suit clothes of Hersh Bros., \$12.50 cash and attended to other business. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, April 28

John Steckervetz here with 2 teams. Hauled out manure and plowed lot. Worked nearly all day. Got it ready for planting potatoes tomorrow. I helped a.m. and part of p.m. and went to Noah Z. Hess and fetched stools home and rec'd pay for funeral services, etc., \$50.00. Very pleasant day. Not nearly so warm as yesterday.

Wednesday, April 29

Henry Good here and we went down on farm to see the steers with a view of selling. He (Good) bought them @ 4 cents per pound

and took them away this a.m. They weighed 3880 pounds, \$155.20. Seven (7) head. Rec'd check for same and took them over to his place and then went down on farm and helped to make fence balance of the day around garden and yard. John C. helping all day. Ed Wade planted potatoes on the Buttler Lot today. Very beautiful day. Am very tired this eve.

Thursday, April 30

Partly cloudy. Down on farm. John C. and I finished making fence around garden and yard. Finished about 2 p.m. Commenced to rain. Had a fine shower of rain p.m. and eve. At IOOF in eve. No meeting. Rec'd \$3.00 of Eli Richardson for rent of April on property. Cool and stormy and rain p.m.

Friday, May 1

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36. Working about home all day. Mowed yard, etc., a.m. Working in lot, etc., p.m. John C. fetched caskets from Shenk's Ferry. They were out in yesterday's rain and the small ones are damaged some. Rec'd a letter of Miss Blanche Hudson this eve. thanking me for the interest taken in her behalf in her being appointed Post Mistress at Safe Harbor, Pa. I only feel as though I had done my duty to one who was deserving. Very stormy and quite cold all day.

Saturday, May 2

Partly cloudy. At the funeral of Mrs. Jacob Warfel (cousin) near Strasburg. Emanuel along. Aged 53-11-9. Rev Jacob Martin. Text Rev 21-4 speaking at house and stayed for dinner. Returned home about 3 o'clock p.m. Rec'd word about 4 p.m. of the death of Mrs. F. H. Sickman by phone. Went down and embalmed body and arranged for funeral for Tuesday at 9 and 10 a.m. At IORM in eve. Cold raw wind all day and several showers of rain in p.m. Quite cool and stormy in eve.

Sunday, May 3

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Rec'd word at noon of the premature birth of a child of Eshleman. Went down and took charge of body at Safe Harbor and from there to Sickman's to look after body. Found it all right. At home in eve. Cool all day and quite stormy.

Monday, May 4

Partly cloudy. Lining casket. Sent case to cemetery. Blanche and Mrs. Keene to Lancaster a.m. Working about home. John C. took stools to house, etc. Buried stillborn child for Harry and Susan Eshleman, Safe Harbor, at Highville U. B. cemetery this eve. \$2.50. John C. worked all day. Rather cool all day. Rained some a.m. and p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

Partly cloudy. Rec'd word early this morning of the death of infant of Edwin and Clara Wade. Will bury Friday a.m. Attending funeral of Sue H., wife of Fred H. Sickman. Born January 16, 1872. Died May 2, 1908. Aged 36-3-16. Rev Jacob Thomas spoke and Rev J.L. Hunt spoke from Job 14-14. Bearers: John H. Eshleman, Geo W. Pries, Maris H. Groff and Benj F. Smith. 28 carriages. A very large and sad funeral. 5 small children left without a Mother's care. Casket, \$50.00. Blanket, \$3.00. Dress, \$1.00. Total, \$54.00. Buried at M. E. cemetery, Conestoga Center. John C. worked a.m. B. Frank Campbell here. Paid his mill bill in full, \$7.26. Rain last night. Cool all day. Rain in eve.

Wednesday, May 6

Cloudy. Working about home all day. John C. worked a.m. M.H. Groff (butcher) here to buy the Kirk land of us. Has an option on it at \$100.00 per acre for 10 days. Damp rainy weather all day. Very acceptable.

Thursday, May 7

Cloudy. About home all day. At IOOF in eve. No meeting. Sent check to Jos K. Shultz for Mapes fertilizer, \$18.00. Sunbury Burial Case Co. for \$33.88 for supplies to date. Rained nearly all day. Very heavy by showers.

Friday, May 8

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Nora S., infant daughter of Edwin and Clara Zercher. Born March 5, 1908. Died May 5, 1908. Aged 1 month and 6 days. Rev J.L. Hunt spoke at house only. Text, Matt 19+13+14 verse. Only a few of the relatives present, a.m. \$4.00. Fetched stools from F.H. Sickman's and rec'd pay for services, etc., p.m. Pleasant all day. Showers in p.m.

Saturday, May 9

Partly cloudy. Went to look after bridges and road near Rock Hill and rec'd pay of Jacob E. Benedict for burying child some time ago, \$15.00, a.m. At meeting of Road supervisors in p.m. At IORM in eve. Pleasant day. Thunder showers in eve.

Sunday, May 10

At Sunday school a.m. About home. Blanche went to M. E. Sunday school and wife to see Bro Jacob Ressel, who is bedfast for quite a while, p.m. Rec'd word about 8:30 p.m. of the death of Mrs. Benj H. Buckwalter. Blanche and I went down and took charge of the body, which we found swollen quite a good bit. Embalmed same and arranged the funeral for Wednesday at 9 at house and 2 at the Mennonite Church, Millersville. Rather cool all day.

Monday, May 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster on business. Annie Zercher along in. Paid Chas insurance for him, a.m. Returned home about 2:30 p.m. Went to Buckwalter's in eve. to look after body.

Doing fairly well. John C. worked all day. Very pleasant day. Beautiful spring weather

Thursday, May 12

Partly cloudy. Sent rough box to cemetery and lined and trimmed casket, etc., a.m. Took stools to house and looked after body. Am better pleased with it than yesterday eve. Looks much better. Made final arrangements for tomorrow. Fetched small load of wood along up from farm and working about home p.m. John C. worked all day. Very pleasant day. Quite warm.

Wednesday, May 13

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Mable E., wife of Benj H. Buckwalter. Born February 2, 1885. Died May 10, 1908. Aged 23-3-8. Rev Eli Weaver spoke at house. Text, Rev. 20+6, a.m. Rev F. J. Andrews and Rev D. A. Hinkel spoke at church. Text, 2 Cor. 5+1. Bearers: John and Christ Thomas, Maris and John Hess, John Huber and Christ Miller. 28 carriages from house to church. A very large and sad funeral. A very nice body, much what I expected on Monday and the folks were very well pleased. Used a steel gray casket (square) extension and end handles. Name plate (Mabel). A fine cream shroud and everything first class. \$95.00. Buried at Millersville Mennonite Church. A long, warm drive. Horses were pretty well fagged. John C. worked all day. Very warm day. Thunder gust in eve.

Thursday, May 14

Partly clear. Went down on farm and to Buckwalter's for stools, a.m. Working about home and helped to survey Hookey property down in the hollow, p.m. Paid D.M. Witmer my mill bill to date. John C. worked all day. Very pleasant. Warm.

Friday, May 15

Cloudy. Working about home all day. Painted

door of house, etc., and made closet under stairway to shop to keep undertaker sundries in, etc. John C. working all day. Raining partly all day and last night. A very good rain. Much cooler than yesterday.

Saturday, May 16

Partly cloudy. Working about home, in shop and lot. John C. went to Lancaster for suit clothes, etc. Not working today. John Steckervetz and wife here to spend the eve. John C. rec'd \$15.00 on account not working. Planted two rows of yellow dent corn this p.m. in lot for seed. Damp all day. No rain. Much cooler in eve.

Sunday, May 17

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Amos Graver here a short time in eve. If nothing intervenes, wife and I expect to go to Charles' tomorrow at Philadelphia, Pa. Changeable weather. Nice and clear in a.m. Rain at noon. Beautiful p.m. and quite warm. Thunder gust in eve.

Monday, May 18

Partly clear. Wife and I went to Philadelphia this morning to visit Charles and family. Arrived there at 10:30 a.m. Found them at home and well and the baby (Paul) fine. A large boy. Took dinner and Charles and I went out to take in the city. At Will's, Zoo, Memorial Hall, Horticultural Hall, Gramps Shipyards, but not in there. Spent a very pleasant p.m. In eve, Uncle Jacob, Aunt Jennie and Millard, Uncle Will, Aunt Mary and Olive and Chas R. Smith and wife spent the eve. at Charles' home. Had a royal time. We stayed all night at Charles'. I was certainly pleased with the baby. John C. worked for me today. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, May 19

Partly cloudy. Wife and I went over to Uncle

Will's for dinner. I took a trip with Charles over his route. It is fine. An hour and 15 minutes time, from entrance to Fairmount Park to Gunner's Run, now Gramps Shipyards. He gets along nicely. Left Philadelphia for home at 4:56, getting to Lancaster at 6:34, just too late to make the 6:30 car for Millersville, so did not get home till 8:45. Found everything all right and anxious to see Blanche. "Joe" horse not very good. John C. worked all day. Pleasant, light shower. Heavy rain near Coatesville.

Wednesday, May 20

Partly cloudy. About home all day working in shop, etc. Sold the Kirk land and Polly Saul lot to M.H. Groff (butcher) this eve for \$360.00, less a strip off at John H. Eshleman's lot that he (Eshleman) wants to buy. Pay jointly for surveying. He pays for deed and tax for 1909. (Will article later). Quite warm all day. Showers part of day.

Thursday, May 21

Helped to stake off lots in cemetery this a.m. 119 full lots and 17 half lots in new part. Working about home p.m. At IORM in eve. Quite damp all day and occasional showers. Thunder gust in p.m.

Friday, May 22

Partly cloudy. Cleaned out the pigeon lofts. Mowed yard, etc. Wife returned home from Philadelphia this eve. Had a very nice time. Left folks well. Teacher examination day by Prof. Brecht. John C. worked 3/4 day. Quite warm all day. Showers partly all of p.m.

Saturday, May 23

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. John C. had team to haul wood for self from farm and took 2 load of pigeon manure down and spread on grass field. At IORM in eve. Sold the Kirk land to M.H. Groff (butcher).

Had an agreement written by Bro. Emanuel as found on May 20th of this diary. Rec'd check of Harry Jenkins for balance of mill bill, \$25.00. Quite warm all day and especially in eve.

Sunday, May 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school. Had charge, the Supt not being present, a.m. At home. Wife down at John C. and Blanche at M. E. Sunday school p.m. At church in eve. A most beautiful day. Quite warm.

Monday, May 25

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Rec'd word by phone to come to John Gardner's to take charge the body of his wife, Blanche along. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Thursday a.m. Returned home in eve. John C. working all day painting cemetery fence of Sourbeer's and Capt. Hess. Quite warm all day. Beautiful weather. Great weather for crops.

Tuesday, May 26

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. Mrs. David Hostetter, Lancaster and Miss Mary Hatter of Baltimore, spent the day with us. John C. worked all day. Up to see after body, p.m. Very pleasant day. Light showers in eve. Quite warm all day.

Wednesday, May 27

Partly clear. Ther: 88. Took rough box to Highville cemetery and fetched horse feed from Witmer's mill. Paid for same, a.m. Lined and trimmed coffin and went down on farm p.m. Quite warm all day.

Thursday, May 28

Clear. Attending funeral of Susan W. Gardner. Born September 20, 1837. Died May 25, 1908. Aged 70-8-5. Rev Haverstick. Text, Matt 22+23+24. Rev J.H. Girvin. Text, Numbers 24+23 and Rev 1+7. A very able

sermon. Bearers: Isaac F. Rohrer, Benj Shickley, Jacob Wey, Jacob Lindeman,. 18 carriages. Large funeral. Buried at Highville U. B. Church. Body kept very nicely. M.B. Good drove. \$42.50. Very warm all day.

Friday, May 29

Partly cloudy. Was called to Saml G. Blessing's to take charge of body of their infant son, John and arranged funeral for Sunday p.m. At Millersville to Bank meeting. Contract for lumber for bank building given to B.F. Hiestand and Son, Marietta. Hardware and glass to Reilly Bros and Raub. Bricks to Mountville Brick Co. Had "Grant" horse shod at Morton's and paid for same, \$1.25. Not so warm today. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, May 30

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to cemetery and stools to house and trimming small casket, etc. Decoration Day. Band at Safe Harbor. At IORM in eve. Paid John C. Zercher \$2.00 on account. Paid road tax to A.S. Benedict, \$17.37, less discount. Rec'd of Eli S. Richardson \$3.00 for month of May.

Sunday, May 31

Partly clear. Attending funeral of John Adam, infant son of Saml G. and Alice M. Blessing. Born January 28, 1908. Died May 29, 1908. Aged 4 months and 1 day. Rev Henry Sonner of Petersburg preached. Text, Matt 19+13+14 verse. Rev Jacob Thomas took part also. Bearer: Self. 8 teams. \$15.00. Buried at New Danville (Stone) Mennonite cemetery. Small funeral. Had a meeting of the trustees of the Reformed Church with regard to the new cemetery, etc. Very pleasant day.

Monday, June 1

Partly cloudy. Working in lot hoeing, etc., a.m. Down on farm in p.m. At home in eve. Paid John H. Eshleman county tax, \$14.01,

less discount. Fetched stools from Blessing's this eve. Very much cooler.

Tuesday, June 2

Partly clear. Working about home all day in garden, etc. Warm all day and rather dry.

Wednesday, June 3

Partly clear. Working in lot. Finished digging around peach trees on home lot and working about home all day. John C., 1 day. Quite warm all day.

Thursday, June 4

Partly cloudy. Went to Safe Harbor and took H.H. Kurtz, esq. to the farm and had a corner stone reset at the wild cherry tree at corner between Eli Warfel and I that had been removed by plow or harrow by Warfel, a.m. Surveyed the Kirk land this p.m. and sold the balance Buttler lot to M.H. Groff for \$40.00 or \$400.00 for the whole lot less a strip to John H. Eshleman with a five year lease on the Buttler Lot for the fruit. He, Groff, to have one half of the net proceeds of the fruit, but not any of the crops that may be raised on the ground. Thus I dispose of all of my land back of my home and the Eby Lot and am not sorry to part with it. Took Mr. Kurtz to Safe Harbor in eve. He charged \$2.50 for surveying. Bought 2 iron porch posts of Mr. Kurtz. John C., 1 day. A few drops of rain this morning but quite warm during day.

Friday, June 5

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Put corner stones in at the foot, north side of the Eby lot where we surveyed yesterday. M.H. Groff was present and helped to place them. John C. was down planting tobacco for self this p.m. Quite warm all day. Much cooler in eve.

Saturday, June 6

Partly cloudy. Working about home till about

11 o'clock a.m. Rec'd word by phone of the death of John H. Kauffman at Jacob W. Strickler's. Shaved and laid out and arranged funeral for 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning. At IORM in eve. Cool all day but pleasant.

Sunday, June 7

Partly clear. Blanche and I went down to see Mother and found her not so good. Feel very sorry for her that she is situated as she is in her declining years. She looked very distressed to me and I wish she were with her children. If she lives till the 28th of this month she will be 75 years old. We then went over to Eberley's (Lizzie) in p.m. and took supper and spent a few hours very pleasantly and then returned home. Very pleasant day but dry and warm.

Monday, June 8

Clear. Went to Lancaster and fetched out casket from Express office. Home by 9 a.m. Got rough box ready and John C. took it to cemetery and stools to house. I lined casket, etc. Isaac McAllister had a very unpleasant experience with chicken thieves at his hennery last night about 1 o'clock. He caught a father and son at work and he tried to hold the father but he got away and in the tussle the thief drew a revolver and shot at him, the ball causing a flesh wound on his leg. A close call. He does not care to bring suit. John C. 1/2 day. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, June 9

Partly clear. Attending funeral of John H. Kauffman. Born December 13, 1825. Died June 6, 1908. Aged 79-5-23. Rev. Thos Knecht preached from 1st King 2+2 and Rev Frank Andrews made a few closing remarks, very appropriately. Bearers: Benj Eshleman, Amos Doestler, Norman Christ and Adam F. Frey. 17 carriages. \$55.00. Buried at Creswell

United Evangelical. John C. 3/4 day. Warm and very dusty.

Wednesday, June 10

Partly clear. Fetched stools from J.W. Strickler's of funeral yesterday, a.m. Working about home. Hoed corn, etc., p.m. Very pleasant day. Cool in eve. Had a light shower of rain last eve. Did not settle the dust. At Highville they had a great deal more.

Thursday, June 11

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Bought iron bedstead, mattress and spring of W. C. Sapp, \$19.56, for Blanche. Paid for same. Returned home about 12:20 p.m. Working about home and went down to farm with Benj B. Rummel to see about putting piece to end of barn for tobacco cellar and corn crib, etc. At IOOF in eve. Very pleasant day. A few drops of rain in morning.

Friday, June 12

Partly clear. Sprouting potatoes, etc., a.m. Went over to see Mr. Fehl about road supplies and looked after road, etc., Mart B. Good and I At F. & A.M., Millersville in eve. with A.S. Benedict. Had a very pleasant meeting. Paid telephone to July 1, 1908, \$37.90. Warm and dry. Very dusty.

Saturday, June 13

Clear. Finished sprouting potatoes and working about home a.m. Attending Supervisor meeting. Ordered 2 wheel scoops #2 at \$35.00 each for road work. Ordered through Mr. C. E. Chappellear. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day, only dry and dusty.

Sunday, June 14

Partly clear. At Sunday school and went to the United Evangelical Church in company with our lodge of IOOF where Rev Frank Andrews preached a sermon to the order taking for his text the word friendship and

read 1 Samuel 18-1. He preached a very able sermon. We gave him a voluntary contribution of \$5.00. 17 of the members were present and 3 visiting brothers, a.m. Wife and I went down to Steckervetz in p.m. "Joe" horse ran off but did not break wagon. Henry Warfel caught him up on the public road. Quite warm all day and so very dry and dusty.

Monday, June 15

Partly cloudy. Went to Lancaster by stage. Attended to business and returned home by trolley by 12:45 p.m. Working about home balance of day. Had a heavy rain in the city about 10:30 a.m. but none at home. But this p.m. we had a beautiful rain nearly all of p.m. So nice and gentle. How thankful we should be for the much needed rain. Warm all day. Cool in eve.

Tuesday, June 16

Partly clear. Planting beets, cabbage, and working about home a.m. Went to Safe Harbor Station for caskets, etc., and took 3 caskets and shipped them back to Hazleton Mfg. Co., they being damaged and unpacked goods, etc., p.m. Very pleasant day. After the rain, cooler.

Wednesday, June 17

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day tearing down tenant house near Eli Warfel. Killed 3 large black snakes in the house. They measured 5 ft 8, 5 ft and 4 ft 6. Very tired this eve. Mrs. Edith Hudson came this eve. from Baltimore to spend some time with us (and child). Beautiful day.

Thursday, June 18

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day tearing down building. At IOOF in eve. Was called out of lodge to go and take charge of the body of Samuel B. Neff, back of Highville. Washed and laid out body and embalmed

same and arranged funeral for Sunday morning. Got home at 3 a.m. Very warm all day.

Friday, June 19

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Went up to Neff's to look after body and shaved him. Very warm all day. Roads getting dusty.

Saturday, June 20

Partly clear. Ther: 93. Took rough box to cemetery and stools to house a.m. Trimmed and lined casket, etc., p.m. J.M. Bruner and Millard of Philadelphia and O.F. Bruner of Lancaster out and took dinner with us and spent a few hours with us very pleasantly. At IORM in eve. Very warm day and dusty.

Sunday, June 21

Partly clear. Ther: 90. Attending funeral of Samuel B. Neff. Born April 14, 1846. Died June 18, 1908. Aged 62-2-4. Rev Troutman preached from Deut. 34:5+6. Bearers: Christian and Amos Shoff, Albert and Edw Neff. 20 carriages. Large funeral. Quite a number not being able to get into the church. Had a very nice corpse. Beyond what I expected. Casket, Shroud, blanket, \$55.00. Buried at Highville U. B. Church, a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. Very warm and dusty.

Monday, June 22

Clear. Ther: 93. At Lancaster on business. Paid \$50.00 to Lancaster Trust Co. on Caldwell note. Paid H.G. Rush for 2 ton straw, \$20.00. Bought present for A. Roy Bortzfield who will graduate from S. N. S., Millersville tomorrow, \$3.75. Also one for Miss Sadie Kendig for same purpose, \$2.50. Blanche along in. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, June 23

Partly clear. Ther: 94. Fetched stools from

Neff's and rec'd pay for funeral, etc., and working about home a.m. Blanche and I went over to Millersville and attended class day services. A. Roy Bortzfield, Sadie Kendig and Ruth McAllister graduated. A large audience being present. Saw Henry Martin, former resident of this place. His health is not very good. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, June 24

Partly clear. Ther: 97. Rec'd word last night by phone of the death of a colored child at Lancaster. Went in this morning and fetched out the body of the child to our place. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the home of Cyrus Turner, it being a stepdaughter's child, a.m. Working about home. Lined casket, etc., p.m. This was a very warm day. At 6:30 a.m. the mercury stood at 79. About 3 p.m., 97 and at J.W. Morrison's, 102. The shower this eve. cooled off some. A very nice shower this eve.

Thursday, June 25

Partly clear. Working about home. Lined casket, etc., a.m. Attended funeral of Delva May Cooper. Born November 8, 1906. Died June 23, 1908. Aged 1 year, 6 months and 17 days. Rev Gray of Lancaster A. M. E. Church preached from Rev. 22-7. Bearers: Isaac Jackson, David Cooper, Rodney Peaco and Self. Very small funeral (colored). Casket and shroud, \$16.00. Very pleasant day. Not near so warm as yesterday.

Friday, June 26

Partly clear. Went down on farm and worked at tearing down tenant house. Was called home about 3 p.m. to go to Edw Eshleman's to take charge of the body of their infant son, Earl. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday, 12:30 and 2 p.m. John C. worked all day. Very pleasant day. The ther. was down to 60 this morning about 6 o'clock.

Saturday, June 27

Partly clear. Took stools to house and looked after body and about home a.m. John C. went to Lancaster for casket, etc. Returned home about 2:40. He took rough box to cemetery and trimmed and lined casket, etc., p.m. About home in eve. John C. worked 1/2 day. Quite warm all day.

Sunday, June 28

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Earl Good, infant son of Edw and Leah Eshleman. Born December 11, 1907. Died June 26, 1908. Aged 6 months and 15 days. Rev Jacob Thomas spoke from Rev. 3-19 and Rev Andrews made a few closing remarks. Bearers: Howard, Abrm and Charles Hess and Arthur Alexander. 20: carriages. Large funeral at River Corner Church. \$25.00. At home balance of day and eve. David H. Hess and Mrs. Alice here in eve. Very warm all day and very dusty.

Monday, June 29

Partly clear. John Steckervetz here and cut grass for me, a.m. Getting mow ready for hay and went to Eshleman's for stools and rec'd pay for funeral yesterday, p.m. Wife not good at all this eve. Heat I suppose is the cause. Very warm all day and very dry.

Tuesday, June 30

Partly clear. John Steckervetz, Jacob Rankin, John C. Zercher, Simon Richardson and self, fetched in our hay this a.m. It is fine. Very good. Working about home and went to Safe Harbor Station and fetched undertaker supplies. Paid Richardson 75 cents for helping in hay. Eli Richardson paid his monthly payment, \$3.00. John C. 1/2 day haying. Very warm and dry. Light shower of rain last night did not settle the dust.

Wednesday, July 1

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Working

at old house. Very warm. Light shower of rain last night.

Thursday, July 2

Partly clear. Down on farm working at old house. Was called home by Blanche to take charge of the body of Catherine Funk at Jacob B. Herr's. His wife's mother. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday p.m. Working about home rest of day. Blanche and Edith Hudson went to Celie Morton's to spend p.m. Very warm all day. A very good rain this eve. Best we have had for some time.

Friday, July 3

Partly cloudy. Went to Lancaster and fetched casket from Express Office, etc., a.m. Lined and trimmed casket p.m. Went out to look after body. Paid John C. on account. Very warm all day.

Saturday, July 4

A.R. Caldwell and I went down to Good's Fording to meet Marticville Township supervisors to take some action with regard to building bridge across Pequea creek at that point. We decided to accept the county commissioners offer of each township paying the 1/6 of the cost of bridge, a.m. About home p.m. Took casket out to house this eve. At IORM in eve. What a very heavy rain this p.m. The heaviest in years. Has done a great deal of damage to the public roads and fields, etc. Very warm all day.

Sunday, July 5

Partly clear. Went to Jacob B. Herr's. Dressed and arranged for funeral this p.m. At Sunday school a.m. Attending funeral of Catherine Funk. Born December 6, 1828. Died July 2, 1908. Aged 79-6-27. Rev Frank Andrew spoke from Timothy 4x6 to 8. Bearers: Harry F. Miller, Ira M. Frank, Harry K. Lines, Geo F. Kline. Friends walked to church. Buried at Mt.

Zion cemetery. \$55.00. At preaching in eve. John C. 1/2 day. Very warm day.

Monday, July 6

Partly clear. Ther: 91. Went to look after roads to Shenk's Ferry, River Hill. Benj Buckwalter, Jacob Thomas and home and down on farm a short time. Found some damage done on farm and quite a good deal on the roads, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Rec'd word of the death of Cousin Benj Nissley's wife at Mt. Joy. Funeral will be Wednesday morning and I will try to go. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 7

Partly clear. Down on farm working at old house all day. Did not see a ther., but must be around the nineties. It was very warm. Caught another black snake at the old house. Only a baby about 2 feet long. Caught him alive and gave him tobacco juice and died very soon. If it kills a snake what might it do to a man. Very sultry. Heavy thunder gust in the south and south west in the eve. Seems to be getting cooler.

Wednesday, July 8

Partly clear. Emanuel and I went up to Cross Road Church near Florin to funeral of cousin Benj Nissley's wife, Annie M. Born September 11, 1868. Died July 5, 1908. Aged 44-9-25. Rev Jacob Martin opened the service. Bishop Aaron Martin spoke in German from Rev. 7 + 13 to end of chapter and Rev Abrm Martin, son of Jacob, followed in English. Very large funeral. Returned home at 5 p.m. Saw quite a number of our relatives. Uncles Jacob Zercher, David Nissley, etc. Very pleasant day. Not near so warm.

Thursday, July 9

Partly clear. Down on farm. Finished tearing down the woodwork of the old house and

helped to unload wheat, etc., and fetched up a case of ice cream from Steckervetz. Mrs. made it for me. Ed Eshleman was down looking over the wood lot and offered me \$500.00 for the chestnut timber only on a 4 year lease, but think I should have more. At IOOF in eve. Very pleasant day. Not near so warm.

Friday, July 10

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Helped in wheat and fetched a load of wood along up. Working on lot in eve. Sold wood lot to Ed Eshleman this morning over phone for \$650.00. Chestnut only on a 4 year lease. Quite warm all day. Pleasant p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. At meeting of Supervisors p.m. Went down to look after bridges. At IORM in eve. Paid A. F. Martin \$6.00 for putting new tires on wagon (Jenny Lind). Rec'd word this eve. by phone of the death of Madison Edwards of New Providence. Father of Mr. John Eckman of this place. Quite warm today.

Sunday, July 12

Partly clear. Went over and shaved Old Harry Hess who is confined to his bed. I found him very weak. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Very warm all day. Lancaster was 89 at 5:30 this eve. It must have been in the 90s this p.m.

Monday, July 13

Partly clear. Was called this morning at 2:30 to take charge of the body of Henry Hess (Harry). Laid out and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Thursday at 9 and 10. Went to Lancaster. Returned home about 4:30. Paid bill at Reilly Bros. Rec'd check of Joseph Harnish in payment of bill of Saml Blessing for burial of child. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 14

Partly clear. Went down to New Providence to the funeral of Madison Edwards. Drove down and took Mrs. Winer along from Mrs. Keen's. He was born November 28, 1856. Died July 11, 1908. Aged 51-7-13. Rev Ault spoke from James 4+13+14. Took dinner at Uncle Harry and then went over to Mother's and spent several hours. Found her fairly well but very much depressed in spirits. Tried to persuade her to come along home with me but failed. Returned home 7:45 p.m. Had a very heavy storm and rain. Very warm all day, especially the a.m.

Wednesday, July 15

Partly clear. Sent rough box to cemetery with John C. I took stools to house and looked after body. Did not find body in as good shape as I expected. Extreme hot weather and electrical storms yesterday had something to do with it, a.m. Lined coffin, etc. Went over to look after body and took "Joe" horse to Henry Beach to have shod and then down on farm. They finished wheat harvest today. Working about home balance of day. Heard this eve that John Herr (jockey) of Marticville died very suddenly today. Very much cooler than yesterday.

Thursday, July 16

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Henry Hess (Harry). Born January 27, 1826. Died July 13, 1908. Aged 82-5-16. Rev Aaron Harnish Service at home. Rev Jacob Thomas opened services at church and Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke from St. Matt 13-43. Bearers: Jacob Charles, Abrm Thomas, Eli and Franklin Warfel. 33 carriages, a.m. \$38.00. Took dinner. Fetched stools in eve. At IOOF in eve. Bro. L.O. Hensinger of Allentown paid us a fraternal visit on the mission of organizing a relief society here. Very pleasant day. Not near as warm.

Friday, July 17

Partly clear. Working on lot partly all day. Hoeing, mowing weeds, etc. Went down on farm this eve with Benj B. Rummel to look over lumber of old house. Very pleasant day. Not near as warm.

Saturday, July 18

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. We held our Sunday school picnic in Graver's woods this p.m. A very large attendance. Very pleasant day and much warmer than yesterday.

Sunday, July 19

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and at church in the eve. Preaching by Rev J. Hunter Watts. Text, "For what is your life." A very good sermon and good attendance. Very pleasant day.

Monday, July 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Met the County Commissioners with regard to bridge at the old Shoff farm, but they refused to build at this time, a.m. Attending to other business and returned home at 4:15. Went over to Supervisors meeting held with regard to bridge at Hesse's run. We ordered iron bridge from the Canton Bridge Co. for concrete bottom. Price, \$180.00, freight paid to Safe Harbor. Quite warm all day. Getting dry and dusty.

Tuesday, July 21

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day. Tearing down stone wall between house and spring house. Very tired this eve. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, July 22

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm. Finished tearing down wall, etc. John C. worked 3/4 day. Heavy rain last night. A very

warm day. So close and sultry. A very nice shower this eve.

Thursday, July 23

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day. Tore down large corn crib and cutting locust trees. John C. helped all day. At IOOF in eve. Very warm and close all day and eve.

Friday, July 24

Partly clear. Down on farm a.m. About home p.m. Blanche went down to trolley to meet Charles and family and fetched them. We were certainly glad to see them all. Mart Groff here this eve. John C. worked 1/4 day. Very warm day. A heavy gust in eve. and a beautiful rain in the eve.

Saturday, July 25

Partly cloudy. About home all day. Charles here all day and Clara for supper. We hear tonight that the Conestoga creek is very high from the heavy rain yesterday and last night and the sad news that Christ Herr, Jr. of the hardware firm of Herr and Co., Lancaster was drowned while boating today. Sold the trees on strip of land between large gutter and line fence of Frank Warfel down on farm, less locust, 1 large poplar and several wild cherry and hickory for \$12.50 cash. H.W. Hess here and paid for burial of his father this eve. Very warm all day. A very heavy rain last night in the northeast and a great deal of damage done. Light rain today and eve.

Sunday, July 26

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Charles and wife here for dinner. The body of Christ Herr, Jr., has not been found yet. A reward of \$300.00 is offered for finding the same. Rain this morning and damp all day.

Monday, July 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Took Charles

along, he going home to Philadelphia on the 8:45 train. Attended to business and went along with John Fralich to settle up his mother's accounts. He received a balance of \$19.88 and paid the same over to me on an account that I had against him by loan. Returned home about 4:30 p.m. The body of Christ Herr, the young man that drowned Saturday was found this a.m. near Lampharter's glue works. Quite warm all day. The rains do not cool off very much.

Tuesday, July 28

Partly clear. Down on farm cutting trees for building tobacco shed. John C. and Chester Kreider helping all day. Very warm day.

Wednesday, July 29

Partly clear. Down on farm cutting trees for building tobacco shed, etc. John C. and Chester Kreider helping all day. Paid Chester Kreider in full to date, \$2.50. Very warm all day.

Thursday, July 30

Partly clear. Went to Lancaster, wife and I and from there to a rocky Spring where we, in company with quite a number of Conestoga folks, spent the day very pleasantly. Returned home in eve. and at IOOF in eve. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 31

Partly clear. Down on farm cutting trees for building tobacco shed. John C. helping all day. Paid him \$5.00 on account. Very warm all day. The humidity is so great down in the ore mines where we are working.

Saturday, August 1

Partly clear. Working about home mowing yard, etc., a.m. and part of p.m. and down on farm for wheat. At IORM in eve. Very much cooler. A very pleasant day.

Sunday, August 2

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and preaching by Rev Shelley in eve. Very pleasant day. Not nearly as warm.

Monday, August 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster attending to business. Also at County Committee meeting. Reorganization. Saml W. Driller was re-elected Chairman. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 4

Clear. Ther: 95. Fitting screens in windows, etc., a.m. John C. took Blanche down to Rawlinsville Camp this morning to stay during same. Made fence at lower end of orchard, John C. and I went to Safe Harbor to settle with Rev Martin Groff. He made me a promise over a year ago that he would pay me a balance of \$10.00 due on the burial of his father over 23 years ago. I had got hay and straw of him since his promise amounting to \$6.06. He phoned to me last eve. rather short about my account. So I went down and after some talk, he agreed to cancel my bill on the account and finally paid me the balance of \$3.94. This squared him and I after a long wait on my part. John C. 3/4 day. Very warm day.

Wednesday, August 5

Partly cloudy. Down on farm cutting trees. Finished. Mrs. C.M. Zercher and Paul here this eve. John C. worked all day. The humidity was very great all day. I sweated more today than ever I did to the best of my knowledge. My shirt was as though I dipped it in water. Very warm all day. Light rain in p.m.

Thursday, August 6

Partly cloudy. Down on farm cutting locust trees for posts. At IOOF in eve. John C. worked all day. Very warm all day. Fine shower at noon.

Friday, August 7

Partly cloudy. Was called last night to come to Jacob E. Frey's to take charge of the body of his infant son, Charles. Went up early this morning. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday morning at Creswell, a.m. Working about home p.m. Charles wife here for supper. Warm all day. Heavy rain this a.m.

Saturday, August 8

Partly clear. Was called to the Rotary, Marticville, to take charge of the body of the infant daughter of Howard and Mary Mondorf. Embalmed body and arranged for to take the body to Lancaster, 345 South Prince Street and hold the funeral on Monday at 2, a.m. Took rough box to Creswell and stools to house of Jacob E. Frey for funeral on Sunday morning. At Supervisors meeting in p.m. At IORM in eve. We held our annual supper (chicken corn soup) this eve. A large turnout. My 20 year life insurance policy is due today. It seems only a short time since I was insured. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, August 9

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Charles S., son of Jacob E. And Mary Jane Frey. Born August 25, 1906. Died August 6, 1908. Aged 1-11-11. Rev Jacob Heisey, Jr. and Rev Franklin Andrews spoke from Samuel 12-23. Bearers: Rebecca Kise, Barbara Bittner, Naomi Shock, Edith Warner. 21 carriages. \$20.00. Buried at the Creswell Evan. cemetery. Everything passed off very nicely, a.m. Went over to the Rotary, Marticville, and put body in casket and took it to Lancaster from where the funeral will be held tomorrow, p.m. Rained in a.m. Not near so warm.

Monday, August 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster attending to some business and drew \$267.68 earnings on my 20 year life insurance policy which was due

the 8th. Will get balance in a few days, a.m. Attending funeral of Myrtle Beach, infant daughter of Howard M. And Bertha L. Mondorf from 345 South Prince Street, Lancaster. Born March 14, 1908. Died August 8, 1908. Aged 4 months and 24 days. Rev J. Hunter Watts spoke from Rev. 7+17. Bearer: Self. \$25.00. Buried at Woodward Hill cemetery. Very pretty Corpse and a fine lot of flowers. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Geo. D. Brown, retired undertaker, with whom I served 3 years apprenticeship. Had an invitation to come to funeral tomorrow at 1:00 and 2 p.m. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 11

Partly clear. Went up to Jacob E. Frey's and fetched stools and rec'd pay for casket, etc., a.m. Went to Millersville to the funeral of Geo. D. Brown with whom I learned my trade over 30 years ago. He was born October 11, 1833. Died August 8, 1908. Aged 74-7-27. Rev Thos Knecht spoke from James 4-14 and Rev A.D. Wenger from Job 14x14. Funeral not large. Returned home at 5:10 p.m. At home in eve. Sent box of fruit, etc., to Charles at Philadelphia West, 643 Sickels Ave. Very nice shower of rain, p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day cutting locust trees, etc. John C. helping all day. Very warm.

Thursday, August 13

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Loading logs and sent the first logs to saw mill today. Amos Warfel and John Steckervetz took each 2 load out. Amos Warfel charged \$5.00 for his. Very tired this evening. John C. working all day. At IOOF in eve. Very warm day.

Friday, August 14

Clear. Went to Rawlinsville Camp Grounds

and fetched Blanche and her friend home. She spent a very pleasant time there, a.m. Working about home p.m. Paid John C. \$6.00 on account. Very warm all day.

Saturday, August 15

Partly clear. Ther: 92. Working about home all day. Went to U. E. Sunday school picnic about 4 p.m. Had supper there. Donated 25 cents to school for same. Ruth Bennett here. Will stay till Monday morning. Paid Amos Warfel for hauling logs, \$5.00. The thermometer has been in the 90s and near there for the last two weeks and over. Quite warm all day but nice air.

Sunday, August 16

Partly clear. Rec'd word this morning about 3 o'clock of the death of the infant son of John Striggle on the Amos Kreider farm, Run Valley. Went out this morning and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Tuesday morning. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Charles Eberley and wife, John and Lizzie Eberley here. They took dinner with us and went out to Bro. Emanuel's for supper. I went out to Striggle's and over to West Willow to get death certificate of Dr. Lehman. Clara and Paul along. A balloon passed over the village this a.m. with 4 occupants. Very pleasant day. Not near so warm.

Monday, August 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster on business a.m. Lining casket, etc., p.m. The papers state that the balloon seen yesterday landed at Elkton, Md. A very good rain about 4 p.m. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 18

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of John Michael, infant son of John and Elizabeth Striggle. Born March 23, 1908. Died August 16, 1908. Aged 4 months and 23 days. Father

Reddin had charge of services at Roman Catholic Church, Quarryville, after which we buried body at Catholic cemetery out from the village. 8 carriages. Went to Harry Eberley's for dinner about 1 o'clock p.m. and spent a short time there and went to see Mother. Found them all well. Returned home about 7 p.m. Rec'd cash for funeral, \$18.00. Rec'd word about 10:30 of the death of Geo. B. Henry near Squire A.R. Witmer's while I was gone. John C. went up and laid out and embalmed body. Will arrange for funeral tomorrow. John C. 1/2 day. Quite warm a.m. Cooler in p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, August 19

Partly clear. Went up to Henry's to look after body and arranged for funeral on Friday at 8:30 at House and 10 at River Corner Church, a.m. Down on farm for feed, nets., and working at home in eve. Wife and Clara and Paul went to Lancaster by stage this morning on a visit. Will stay till Thursday eve. Warm all day, but not like last week.

Thursday, August 20

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to cemetery and stools to house a.m. Lining coffin, etc., p.m. Rec'd word this eve of the death of infant son of Frank H. Longsdorf. Will hold funeral Saturday p.m. At IOOF in eve. The Republicans of the village raised a Taft and Sherman pole on the triangle at M. B. Jone's bakery. There was quite a turmoil. I was there but called away on business. Wife returned home this eve. Very pleasant day. Cool.

Friday, August 21

Clear. Ther: 52. Attending funeral of Geo B. Henry. Born Mar 31, 1838. Died August 18, 1908. Aged 70-4-18. Rev Haverstick at house and spoke from Philippians 1+21. Rev Jacob Thomas opened at church and Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke at church also. Bearers: Amos, Benjamin and Jonas Shertzler and Michael B.

Henry, 4 nephews. 35 carriages. \$47.50. Buried at River Corner Church. Very nice corpse, a.m. Took rough box to Millersville Mennonite Church and attended Bank Director's meeting. Returned home at 5:45 p.m. M. B. Good drove. 1/2 day. Charles M. Zercher came home today for several days vacation. Very nice day. Much cooler.

Saturday, August 22

Partly cloudy. Lined casket and went to attend funeral of John Charles, infant son of Frank and Bessie E. Longsdorf. Born June 20 and died August 20, 1908. Aged 2 months. Rev Thos Knecht spoke from St. Matt 19x15. Bearer: Self. 6 carriages. Took body to the home of Mrs. Erisman, Millersville, where the services were held at 2 p.m. Buried at Old Mennonite cemetery, Millersville. \$10.00. Returned home about 4:45 and took supper in Amos Graver's grove. The M. E. Sunday school holding their picnic there this p.m. At home in eve. Charles and family here. Rec'd balance of Life Insurance. Total, \$760.78. There was a meeting held this p.m. of the tax payers of the township with regard to the actions of the School Board, but did not hear what action was taken. Very pleasant day. Looked very much like rain in a.m.

Sunday, August 23

Partly clear. Took Charles' trunk to Lancaster this morning. They took the 9:28 train for Philadelphia (their home). Clara and Paul going along. We were sorry to see them go, we became so attached to Paul. Returned home at noon. At home p.m. and eve. Very pleasant day.

Monday, August 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster on business. Paid the last payment of \$250.00 to the Lancaster Trust Co on the \$1500 that I had borrowed for Wm R. Caldwell and I to go into the mill

business at Safe Harbor and Rock Hill which was to be paid jointly, but I paid it all myself. \$750 that Caldwell should have paid and lifted the judgment note that the Lancaster Trust Co held against me for the same any way. Very glad I am rid of it. Returned home 4 p.m. Wrote a letter this eve to Wm R. Caldwell about the payment of the above. Had "Grant" horse shod at Morton's. Paid 60 cents for same. Very pleasant day. Looked very much for rain in the morning. Light showers.

Tuesday, August 25

Partly cloudy. Went to Pequea to meet a committee with regard to the opening of a public road to Burkholder's Ferry that was closed by the raising of the Columbia and Port Deposit road bed. Will petition the court to have them open same. Returned home about 4 o'clock p.m. Rather cool all day. Commenced raining about 3:30 p.m. A fine rain.

Wednesday, August 26

Cloudy. Working about home all day. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Milton S. Henry's child. Went over and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Saturday at 8:30 and 10 at Green Hill Church. Rained partly all night and nearly all day. A very good rain.

Thursday, August 27

Cloudy. At Safe Harbor for lumber at H.M. Stauffer. Paid for same, \$1.07. Making rough box a.m. Lining casket and took stools over to house, etc., p.m. At IOOF in eve. Quite cool all day.

Friday, August 28

Partly clear. Took rough box to cemetery and down on farm a.m. Working about home p.m. Quite cool all day.

Saturday, August 29

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Beulah B., infant daughter of Milton S. and Sallie B. Henry. Born November 7, 1907. Died August 26, 1908. Aged 9 months and 19 days. Rev. Troutman of the U. B. Church preached from 1st Kings 17+23. Bearer: Self. 8 teams. \$15.00. Buried at Green Hill cemetery this a.m. At home and committee appointed to meet the school board with regard to the high school tax and for a more satisfactory report with regard to the money expended. Went over to meet the board and were refused admittance as a committee. M. H. Groff made a statement as one of the directors. Did not even allow us to come in to their room where they met. Committee: H.H. Kurtz, Dr. J. Harry Pickel, Amos Graver and myself. I was certainly surprised at their action. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day. Warmer.

Sunday, August 30

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Alfred Collins and wife of Duncannon took supper with us and spent some time here, p.m. At church in eve. Very pleasant day.

Monday, August 31

Clear. Fetched stools from Henry's and went to Lancaster. Blanche along. Arranged with Chas G. Baker to have statements printed giving actual cost of new school house at Safe Harbor with no comments. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 1

Partly cloudy. Down on farm all day and at Safe Harbor. Got 1 ton phosphate off of car. Paid cash for same, \$15.00 and sent 2 saw logs to Lehman's saw mill by Eli Warfel, p.m. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, September 2

Partly cloudy. Down on farm working at tobacco cellar, etc., all day. Quite warm.

Thursday, September 3

Clear

Down on farm digging out tobacco cellar. M.B. Good, Amos Graver, Jacob B. Herr helping a.m. I was helping to load saw logs all of p.m. Eli Warfel's three team hauling 2 trips today and Steckervetz. At IOOF in eve. H.H. Kurtz here this eve. Fetched a lot of statements to home. Mailed to the tax payers of Conestoga township. A report of the committee on the school board. Quite cool all day. Very pleasant.

Friday, September 4

Clear. Working at home a.m. Went to Millersville to bank meeting in p.m. At F. & A.M. in eve. A.L. Henry and A.S. Benedict fetched my team along and I came home with them. Very pleasant time. Paid \$200.00 on bank stock today. Very beautiful day.

Saturday, September 5

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. At IORM in eve. Rec'd word by phone of the very unexpected death of Emory Vincent Kachel being thrown from a horse while out riding for exercise, living only about 2 hours afterward. Went up and laid out and embalmed body. Mailed about 100 circulars of report of committee on school board accounts to the tax payers of the township. Will mail the rest Monday. Very pleasant day. Commenced raining in eve and rained partly all night lightly.

Sunday, September 6

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Went up to look after body and arranged funeral for Wednesday morning at 9:30 and 10 o'clock. At home in eve. Warmer and damp a.m. Very pleasant p.m. and eve.

Monday, September 7

Clear. Went down to Lehman's saw mill near Green Hill school house and fetched some tobacco lathe home that were sawed out of off all lumber of logs. Eli Warfel hauling lumber from mill for me to the farm, a.m. Went up to look after body. Found it all right. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 8

Partly clear. Took rough box to cemetery and looked after body. Found it doing very nicely, a.m. Lined casket and cleaned up wagon, etc., and took casket up and put body in, etc., this eve. Very pleasant day.

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Sunday, September 13

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school but was called away to take charge of the body of A.G. Hudson at Safe Harbor. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at house (private). Burial at Mt. Zion cemetery, Conestoga Center, a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. by Rev Shelley. Quite warm all day.

Monday, September 14

Partly clear. At Safe Harbor looking after body of A.G. Hudson and at W.C. Smith's looking after body of child, a.m. Went to Lancaster on business. Ordered goods of Hazelton Mfg. Co through Mr. Fairchild and of the Sunbury Burial Case Co through Mr. Purdey. Paid accounts to both of them. Was called out last night to take charge of the day of W.C. Smith's child and embalmed same and arranged funeral for Wednesday, p.m. At a special meeting of 334 IOOF and arranged to attend the funeral of Bro A.G. Hudson. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, September 15

Clear. Lining small casket. Took large rough

box to Mt. Zion cemetery and trimmed and lined large casket, a.m. Took small rough box to M. E. cemetery, stools to Hudson's and stools and small casket to Smith's and put body in casket ready for tomorrow, p.m. Got hearse ready, etc., in eve. M.B. Good and Jacob S. Hess down on farm digging out for tobacco cellar, 1/2 day each. Very pleasant day. Roads very dusty.

Wednesday, September 16

Clear. Attending funeral of A.G. Hudson. Born November 20, 1842. Died September 13, 1908. Aged 66-2-7. Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta, officiated, Reading from 2 Cor. A very impressive service. Bearers: Chas H. Kreider, A. L. Henry, A. F. Martin, N. M. Jackson, John Brady, H.G. Good. 18 carriages. \$105.00. Buried at Mt. Zion cemetery (private). Attending funeral of Gilbert Martin Smith, infant of Wm C. and Bessie Smith. Born September 8, 1907. Died September 13, 1908. Aged 1 year and 5 days. Rev J. L. Hunt spoke from 2 Samuel 13+23. 16 carriages. \$25.00. Buried at M. E. cemetery, Conestoga Center. Blanche over at Smith's till I came from Hudson's. Blanche had a few lady friends here this eve. John 1/2 day in tobacco. Cool all day. Light frost this morning. Pleasant during day.

Thursday, September 17

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm all day. A.L. Henry commenced on the mason work on tobacco cellar this morning. Steckervetz and I were hauling sand, stone and water all day. Went to Hudson's for stools of funeral this eve. from farm and received pay for services, etc. At IOOF in eve. Very pleasant day.

Friday, September 18

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day.

Masons working all day. John C. worked all day. Warm all day.

Saturday, September 19

Partly clear. Working down on farm till 2 p.m. Came home and worked about home balance of day. The masons worked till noon. At AOK of MC in eve. Warmer all day and eve.

Sunday, September 20

Cloudy. At Sunday school and Harvest Home Services by Rev Shelley a.m. Wife, Blanche and I went down to J.W. Morrison's to spend the afternoon and took supper there. Much cooler than yesterday.

Monday, September 21

Cloudy. Down on farm all day. Masons stopped work about 10:30 on account of lime not arriving in time. Eli Warfel hauled stone a.m. M.B. Good and Mart H. Hess helped a.m. Steckervetz and I fetched the Amatite roofing from Shenk's Ferry. Had it shipped from Philadelphia. River entirely dry to Wise's island. Can walk across very easily. Organized a Taft/Sherman marching club this evening, 23 signing the list. Pres., J.W. Morrison, Secy., A.R. Caldwell, Treas., A.S. Benedict, Captain, B.F. Hookey, 1st Leut., Wm Wade, 2nd Leut, Jacob B. Herr. Executive Committee, A.J. Zercher, A.M. Charles, Harry Warfel, H.M. Stauffer, Benj S. Miller. Very pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 22

Partly clear. Down on farm a.m. At Sale of Valentine Warfel's real estate. A.L. Henry bought the home here in the village for \$2790. The farm sold for \$45.00 per acre to H.B. Thomas. I bid for A.L. Henry. Went to station at Safe Harbor for casket, etc., after sale. Martin Smith worked all day, 1/2 day for Steckervetz. John Steckervetz decided to move off our farm in the spring on account of the ill health of his wife. Quite warm all day.

Wednesday, September 23

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. The masons finished at noon. Fetched my share of potatoes along up this eve. Got 7 bus. for my share. Very poor yield. Martin Smith worked all day. 1/2 day for Steckervetz. Paid A.L. Henry \$50.00 in full for mason work down on farm. Quite warm all day and very dusty and dry.

Thursday, September 24

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day. Martin Smith picking apples, etc., all day. At IOOF in eve.

Friday, September 25

Partly clear. Down on farm. Finished hauling lumber down from old house, a.m. Working about home p.m. Martin Smith picking apples, etc., all day. John C. went to Safe Harbor Station for casket, etc., 1/4 day. An oil lamp exploded in the band room this evening. Prompt action by a number of those present saved the loss of anything. John Steckervetz bought A.L. Henry's home today through me for \$1208. Very warm all day. Very dense fog this morning. Ther. 86 today.

Saturday, September 26

Cloudy. Went down to Thomas Run to look after bridge builders. They grouted wall in foundation and 2 feet above ground. Getting along fine. Working about home balance of day. Had 2 front shoes put on "Joe" by A.F. Martin. Paid for same, 60 cents. Martin Smith picking apples a.m. Paid him in eve. for work done this week in full to date, \$4.25. John Steckervetz and wife were here in eve. They had papers drawn up for property bought of A.L. Henry. At IORM in eve. Rather damp all day and cooler. Cool in eve. and very damp. Nearly rain.

Sunday, September 27

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At

home, p.m. Uncle Jacob Zercher and wife of Mt. Joy and Aunt Lizzie Miller of Millersville spent part of p.m. and took supper with us. Was very glad to have them here. At preaching by Rev Shelley in eve. Rather damp all day. Cooler.

Monday, September 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster attending to business. Paid my insurance to Alfred G. Wormser in the Economic Insurance Co. of Philadelphia. Raining partly all day. Beautiful rain and so much needed.

Tuesday, September 29

Clear. Ther: 45. Down on farm all day. Carpenters commenced on attachment to barn. B.B. Rummel came home by way of Safe Harbor to look after lumber. Very beautiful day but quite cool. Great change in the weather. Had a very heavy rain last night.

Wednesday, September 30

Clear. Ther: 41. Down on farm all day. Carpenters there. John Steckervetz sowed some rye this p.m. Sent check to Barrett Mfg. Co., Philadelphia for Amatite roofing. 35 rolls. Charles is 23 years old today. Wish him many happy returns of the same. Frost this morning. Cool all day, but very fine weather.

Thursday, October 1

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Carpenters there. John C. worked for me all day. Sent to Lancaster Lime and Supply Co. for lime for tobacco cellar, \$18.00.. At IOOF in eve. Much warmer. Eli Richardson here to pay his rent \$3.00. Rain in eve.

Friday, October 2

Clear. Sold 2 hogs to J.B. Harnish live for \$36.45 cash. Weighed 305 lbs. John C. and I took them down this morning. Working about home balance of a.m. Rec'd word at noon of the death of Margaret Good, sister

of Adam Good of cancer. Went out and laid out and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Monday at 9 and 10. Went down on farm and helped to raise piece of barn. John C. worked all day. Quite cool all day. Frost.

Saturday, October 3

Partly clear. Ther: 40. Working about home and went out to look after body. M.B. Good went to Lancaster Express Office for casket and took rough box to cemetery, a.m. Lining casket, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Quite fresh. Frost.

Sunday, October 4

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Looked after body and drove by way of Safe Harbor down to farm for a drive. Wife along, p.m. At home in eve and took coffin out to house and put body in. Am very much pleased with appearance of body. Cool all day but very pleasant. Frost.

Monday, October 5

Clear. Attending funeral of Margaret Good. Born November 5, 1828. Died October 2, 1908. Aged 79-10-27. Rev Jacob Thomas opened the services and Bishop Abrm B. Herr preached from Romans 8+18. Bearers: H.G. and John G. Warfel, Adam R. and John R. Good. 4 nephews. 18 carriages. Funeral not very large. \$65.00. Buried at River Corner. Relatives very well pleased with everything, body especially, a.m. Fetched stools home this p.m. Mr. Huber of Groff and Wolf here and took measurements for suits for campaign club. Very beautiful day.

Tuesday, October 6

Clear. Went down to Annie K. Souder's. Took Newel Inlay along to take a photo of Mary Anne Souder who will be 100 years old the

30th of this month. Working at home a.m. Down on farm p.m. John Waller here to rent farm, but did not come to an agreement. He will be up tomorrow eve. Fetched wood along up. John C. and Chester Kreider 1/2 day work each. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, October 7

Clear. Down on farm all day. Carpenters there. Put some of the roofing on this p.m. "Amitite." Olive Bruner is being married to W.R. Flounder just about this time, 7:30 p.m. Wish them many happy days, "Yes Years." Very pleasant day.

Thursday, October 8

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Only 2 carpenters there. Fetched load of wood along up and some new corn for the first. At IOOF in eve. No meeting. Quite warm all day.

Friday, October 9

Partly cloudy. Down on farm nearly all day. 3 carpenters at work. Fetched sweet potatoes along up. At F & AM in eve. Took A. L. Henry along over. He took the M.M. degree. Warm all day. Light rain (shower) in eve.

Saturday, October 10

Partly cloudy. Working about home and went down to see new bridge over the Thomas Run, a.m. At Supervisor meeting in p.m. New bridge complete. Cost, \$457. Rec'd check of Adam Good in payment of Margaret Good's burial, etc. Rather damp all day. Light showers in eve.

Sunday, October 11

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and at church in the eve. John Steckervetz and wife took dinner and supper with us and spent part of day here very pleasantly. Very pleasant day.

Monday, October 12

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Bought glass, etc., for tobacco shed and paid for same. Had Blanche along in and had her up to see Dr. von Becker and arranged for music lessons with him on the piano at \$1 per lesson. Received Alma Fralich's money, \$319.88, as her guardian. Very pleasant day but quite cool.

Tuesday, October 13

Clear. Down on farm all day. John C. along. Put up notices prohibiting gunning on farm. John C. worked all day. Paid him \$3.00 on account. Very heavy frost. Beautiful day but cool.

Wednesday, October 14

Clear. Down on farm all day. Making fence at barnyard, glazing, etc. Wife along down. Her and Mrs. Steckervetz were chestnuting. John C. worked 1/2 day. Carpenters were there. Very heavy frost but beautiful day.

Thursday, October 15

Clear. Ther: 88. Down on farm all day glazing sash on tobacco cellar, etc. Rec'd word to come to B. Frank Eshleman's to take charge of the body of his son, Ambrose, who died of the effects of falling into a hay knife. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Monday morning at 9 and 10. Very pleasant day.

Friday, October 16

Clear. Ther: 88. Rec'd word early this morning to come to Safe Harbor to take charge of the remains of Mary A. Kendig, widow of the late Christian Kendig. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Monday at 9 and 10. From there I went to look after body of young Eshleman and was surprised to find it in very bad condition, but will do what I can. Went up in the eve again and arranged funeral for

Sunday at 9:30 and 10:30. Very beautiful day but warm.

Saturday, October 17

Clear. Ther: 86. Working in shop lining and trimming casket and coffin. M.B. Good took case to cemetery and stools to the house of Eshleman. Took the Kendig case to cemetery. Took casket to Eshleman's and put body in. Body in better shape than expected. At Kendig's looking after body. Looks very good. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, October 18

Clear. Ther: 86. Attending funeral of Ambrose B. Eshleman. Born October 24, 1886. Died October 15, 1908. Aged 21-11-21. Rev Frank Andrews spoke from Job 14-10. Bearers: E.L. and Norman Kauffman, Pharis and Willis Gerlach, Milton and Terry Frey. 28 carriages. \$100.00. Buried at Creswell cemetery. Very large funeral. Supposed to have been between 700 and 800 persons present. The remains were shown at the house but not at the church. The family thought better not to have him opened. The body being swollen, especially the face, but not distorted, but I was very much pleased of the condition the body was in at death, a.m. Lined coffin and went to look after the Kendig body in eve. Very pleasant day. Warm.

Monday, October 19

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Mary A. Kendig, widow of the late Christian K. of Safe Harbor. Born July 15, 1821. Died October 16, 1908. Aged 87-3-1. Rev. Levi Sherk of Mt. Joy Reformed Mennonite preached for 1 hour and 10 minutes, taking for his text Rev. 20, part of 6 verse. The services at the church and burial lasted over 2 hours. Bearers: Geo Sherk, Amos Marrow, Eli Ament, Amaziah L. Buckwalter. 25 carriages. \$65.00. Buried at Reformed cemetery, Conestoga Center. Church nicely filled. Very nice corpse. Family

very much pleased. This was an all-day funeral it being at 1:30 at house and 2:30 at church. Very smoky in p.m. Forest fires reported. Very pleasant day. Cooler.

Tuesday, October 20

Partly clear. 43 in eve. At Safe Harbor. Fetched goods from station and stools from Kendig's and left the stools at Anna Hess for the use on Saturday eve. for prayer meeting, a.m. Down on farm in p.m. Fetched sweet potatoes and feed along up. Wife went to see Jacob Ressel this eve. He is not so good. Suffers a great deal of pain. Sent check to Groff and Wolf of Lancaster for club suits ordered by myself for the club. Each one paying for his own suit. Total: \$36.54. Very much cooler. A great change in the weather.

Wednesday, October 21

Partly clear. Down on farm all day sorting out lumber, etc. The papers report a blizzard in mountains. Cold all day. Regular snow air.

Thursday, October 22

Partly clear. Working about home and Blanche and I went to Lancaster on business. Decorated our house in eve. Had a Taft and Sherman meeting at Mary A. Kendig Hotel this eve. Speakers: C.N. Bernteizel, esq., Columbia, H.R. Fulton, esq., and S.R. Weaver, esq., Lancaster. A very large crowd present. Estimated at 1000 persons. Very orderly considering the crowd. I was made president of the meeting. Rather cool all day.

Friday, October 23

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Attending bank meeting (of Directors) p.m. Ordered sale bills at the New Era for the sale of Henry Martin's real estate on 11/7/08. Damp all day. Light showers. Moderating.

Saturday, October 24

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Went to

Lancaster to the Great Republican Rally to be held this p.m. and parade in eve, wife and I. Attended the meeting at Court House in room #1. Also an overflow meeting in Court room #2 addressed by the same speakers. Senator Boise Penrose of Philadelphia, Pa., Senator Chancey Depew of N.Y. and Col. Stewart of Harrisburg. Senator Depew made a great address. The parade in the evening was the greatest ever witnessed by the citizens of Lancaster (I believe). Col John M. Groff, esq. was Chief Marshal. The Hon W. W. Griest, candidate for Congress walked along in the parade over the entire route. I paraded over part of the route. Was compelled to drop out on account of my broken ankle. Weather threatening all day. Several showers in early eve. About 10 p.m. had quite a shower but the boys all held on. Returned home at 1 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday, October 25

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school. Mr. Charles, Supt. not present so I was asked to take charge. School small on account of raining and threatening weather, a.m. At home p.m. No church this eve. on account of weather. Raining partly all eve. A very good rain. The Lord always remembers us. It was so dry. Rather cool and damp all day.

Monday, October 26

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. and part of p.m. Rec'd word by phone of the death of Mary Hess, Slackwater. Went over and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Thursday at 9 and 10 at Millersville Mennonite Church. At home in eve. Rec'd check of B. Frank Eshleman for funeral of son. A very heavy rain this morning. Rained partly all of last night and nearly all a.m. A very much needed rain. How thankful we should be.

Tuesday, October 27

Partly cloudy. Went over to see after body and working about shop a.m. Down on farm and fetched wagon along from Henry Beache's blacksmith shop in p.m. Went to a political meeting at Mt. Nebo, took J.W. Morrison along, large meeting met Hon. John H. Landis, Col. John M. Groff esq. and others there. Rec'd word that Mrs. Barbara Rathfon, a former resident of this place, had died and will be buried Friday p.m. at Reformed Mennonite Church, New Danville. Christ McLaughlin died. Buried tomorrow at New Danville. Damp and cooler.

Wednesday, October 28

Sent stools to house and the rough box to Mennonite cemetery, Millersville. I trimmed and lined coffin and working about shop, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Raining and very damp partly all day.

Thursday, October 29

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Mary, widow of the late Daniel Hess. Born April 8, 1825. Died October 26, 1908. Aged 83-6-18. Rev Abram B. Herr spoke from St. Luke 10-2. Bearers: Harry and Charles Hess, \_ , \_ Stormbaugh, 4 grandsons. 20 carriages. \$48.00, cash. Buried at Mennonite Church, Millersville. Family well pleased, a.m. At home and fetched stools p.m. At IOOF in eve. No meeting. Damp and raw air all day. Much cooler. Rain in eve.

Friday, October 30

Partly clear. Went down on farm gunning several hours. No success. Fetched straw along up, a.m. Went to Millersville to attend bank directors meeting. Made final arrangements for opening for business tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Barbara, widow of the late George Rathfon, formerly of this place, but now Lancaster, was buried at New Danville Reformed Mennonite Church this p.m. In her 81st year. Blanche and Mrs. Sue J.

Keene attended the funeral. Ther down to 43 this eve. Very much cooler and quite stormy all day.

Saturday, October 31

Partly clear. Went to Lancaster on business with regard to getting out the vote and from there to Millersville to attend the director's meeting, it being opening day of The Millersville National Bank. Deposits for the day exceeded by far our expectations being \$11,193, which is certainly a grand opening. Took lunch at Kauffman Restaurant and remained over for the political meeting held at the Lowerend Hotel. Also participated in the parade. I first paraded there in 1876 Under Capt. Dennis, esq. who is now dec'd. Had a good talk with my old friend Wm E. Miller of Lancaster Co. Farm. Quite cool all day, especially in the eve.

Sunday, November 1

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Mr. Baker of Lancaster spent p.m. with us. Very cool all day and rather stormy.

Monday, November 2

Partly clear. Went to Slackwater, Rock Hill and home a.m. Went down on farm. Fetched up cow and worked about home. Mrs. A.G. Kauffman and daughter of Ironville were here today to see me with regard to renting farm. Did not rent to them. Henry L. Martin here this morning with regard to renting farm. Gave him time till Saturday eve. to decide. A very sad accident occurred in our village this p.m. Wilber Hookey was struck on the head by a hay pole from a corn fodder wagon and its reported he died this eve, not gaining consciousness. I feel very sorry for the family. They have so many sorrows. Coldest day of the season. Ground froze and ice.

Tuesday, November 3

Clear. At election polls all day. There were

367 votes cast. 338 for Taft and 309 for my friend W. W. Griest. There were some 20 votes marked for electors only, having marked in top of column. Was up till nearly 12 p.m. receiving news by phone of election. Everything is going for Taft they say. Very beautiful day and a large vote polled.

Wednesday, November 4

Partly clear. Working about home. Paid school tax to John H. Eshleman and fire tax to J.W. Morrison, etc., a.m. Went down on farm and fetched ear corn along up. At church in eve. Rev Shelley preached. A great Republican victory yesterday. Taft and Sherman were elected President and Vice President by a very large majority. Stormy and much colder.

Thursday, November 5

Partly clear. Ther: 23. At funeral of Wilber P. Hookey, a.m. Rev Mr. Hunt preached from Prov. 6+22. Very large funeral. Went to Lancaster. Blanche along, p.m. Paid Mr. Purdey for the goods received of the Sunbury Burial Case Co. to date by check. Returned home in eve. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Garland of West Willow. A very able speaker and good sermon. Coldest day of the season and stormy.

Friday, November 6

Partly clear. Down on farm all day opening breaks in lane, filling up back of barn. Bro. Emanuel put up spouting on corn house. Paid him for same this eve, \$6.00. Rec'd a letter (registered) of Charles enclosing \$15.65 that I had loaned him some time ago. Cold and stormy all day.

Saturday, November 7

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. Had sale of property of Henry Martin at west end of village. Sold it to F.Y. Pennypacker for

1582.00. I had entire control of sale. A.L. Hess auctioneer. Paid him \$5.00 for same. At home in eve. Pleasant day but raw air. Cooler in eve.

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Thursday, November 12

Partly clear. Attending funeral of John L. Gardner. Born October 11, 1834. Died November 9, 1908. Aged 74-0-29. Rev Haverstick spoke from Gen 25-8. Rev J.H. Girvin spoke from Eccles 12-13+14. Preached very able sermon. Bearers: J.F. Rohrer, Jacob Whay, Jacob Linderman, and Benj Shickley. 23 carriages. \$45.00. Buried at Highville. Large funeral. At church in eve. Cold raw wind all day. Great change from yesterday.

Friday, November 13

Partly cloudy. Went down to Mother's and Eberley's. Found them all well. Spent a very pleasant time with them. Returned home in eve. At Preparatory Services in eve. Cold all day.

Saturday, November 14

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. At supervisors meeting in p.m. Nothing special. At IORM in eve. Quite cold a.m. Moderated and began snowing about 12 o'clock noon and snowed all of p.m. and eve. and snowing yet at 9 p.m. It is several inches deep now.

Sunday, November 15

Clear. At Sunday school and Communion services a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Cold all day but a beautiful winter day. Snow fully 8 inches deep. Quite a surprise.

Monday, November 16

Clear. Ther: 15. Working about home. Went to Lancaster. Blanche along, p.m. At home in eve. Sold tobacco today down on farm. The

whole crop to Harry Snyder for 10-4-2. Very cold this morning. Ther down to zero at Rock Hill and several other places. Cold all day.

Tuesday, November 17

Partly clear. Ther: 25. Working about home a.m. Went down on farm for corn, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Cold all day but not near so cold as yesterday.

Wednesday, November 18

Partly clear. Butchered one hog today. Weighed about 225 or 250 pounds. M.F. Good butcher. A number of girls here this eve. with Blanche. John C. helped 1/2 day. I have hired M.B. Good today to help me in place of John C. Zercher for next year at \$1.25 per day whenever needed and any kind of work. Damp and cool all day.

Thursday, November 19

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. At IOOF in eve. Pleasant day. Cooler.

Friday, November 20

Down on farm lining up stripping room in tobacco cellar all day. Very pleasant day but cool air.

Saturday, November 21

Clear. Working about home a.m. Went to Millersville to attend bank directors' meeting, p.m. At IORM in eve. Wife's birthday. 49 years old. Our 28th wedding anniversary. Very beautiful day.

Sunday, November 22

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. About home. Walked out to see Bro. Emanuel who is not well. We found him better. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. Damp raw air all day.

Monday, November 23

Partly clear. Went down on farm and fetched up large turkey gobbler (weighed 24-1/2 lbs.)

and sold him to John E. Burkhart for \$5.25 and working about home balance of day. Packed a box for Charles and will ship it to Philadelphia tomorrow a.m. Cool all day. Moderating in eve.

Tuesday, November 24

Partly cloudy. Went down to Henry Good's and about home a.m. Down on farm. Got load of straw up and fetched concrete blocks from Frank Walters for walk from back porch to coal house and laid part of them. At church in eve. arranging for Christmas services. John C. worked 1/2 day. Damp partly all day. Moderating.

Wednesday, November 25

Partly cloudy. Down on farm all day putting stripping table, etc., in tobacco cellar. John C. worked 1 day. Very pleasant day. Like spring.

Thursday, November 26

Partly cloudy. Was called out at 2:30 a.m. to take charge of the body of Mary Ann Souder. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday morning, 9 and 10 at Letort. Not much work today, it being Thanksgiving Day. Went down to look after body in p.m. At IOOF in eve. Damp all day. Not cold.

Friday, November 27

Clear. Went to Lancaster for coffin, etc., a.m. Lined coffin, etc.. Took stools to house, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Very beautiful day.

Saturday, November 28

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. Went to Souder's to look after body, etc., p.m. M.B. Good took case to cemetery. At home in eve. on account of horse tramping on my foot. Quite sore. Rather damp and cool.

Sunday, November 29

Clear. Attending funeral of Mary Ann Souder.

Born October 30, 1808. Died November 26, 1908. Aged 100 years and 27 days. Rev Abrm B. Herr preached from Acts 3x36 to 39. Rev J.L. Hunt from St. Luke 16+2. Bearers: Alfred H. Gardner, Albert L. Henry, Calvin Rhinier, John C. Warfel. 14 carriages. \$45.00. A very large funeral at the Masonville Mennonite Church. Supposed to have been about 1300 people present. A very nice corpse. This is the 3rd person I have buried that was over 100 years old, the other two being Mrs. McAllister, mother of Amos, and Nancy Stenett,, mother of Elijah Levi. At home in eve. A very beautiful day. Quite warm.

Monday, November 30

Partly clear. Working about home all day cleaning yard, etc. Wife and Blanche at Lancaster all day. Ed C. Fisher paid his child's casket, etc., balance. Very beautiful day.

Tuesday, December 1

Partly clear. Ther: 65. Went after stools at Mrs. Souder's a.m. Went down on farm and fetched up corn and wood, etc., p.m. At practice for Christmas services in eve. Harry Jenkins hauled cinders from Safe Harbor for walks. John C. worked all day. Very pleasant day.

Wednesday, December 2

Partly clear. Ther: 27. Down on farm all day. Graded back of barn and made fence at west end of barn, etc. Am very well pleased with job. John Steckervetz had 2 horses and scoop. Benj Steckervetz helped and John C. all day. Great change in the weather. A change of over 30 degrees.

Thursday, December 3

Partly clear. Ther: 20. Working about home a.m. Down on farm p.m. At IOOF in eve. John C. 1/2 day. Paid Bro. Emanuel 90 cents for

pipes for tobacco cellar stove. Cold all day but very nice weather.

Friday, December 4

Partly cloudy. Down on farm working at pond #1 cleaning and getting ready for ice. Stopped off at 4 p.m. to F. & A.M. annual at Millersville but did not go on account of weather. Commenced snowing about 4:30 p.m. Spent evening at home. John C. 3/4 day. Cold all day. Raw wind.

Saturday, December 5

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. At Millersville attending bank meeting p.m. Took supper at Kendig warehouse. The members of church held oyster supper. At IORM in eve and then at oyster supper balance of eve, which was a success. Settled with John C. to date. Paid him balance due, \$7.11. Moderated quite a good deal. Beautiful eve but cold.

Sunday, December 6

Partly clear. At Sunday school and practicing for Christmas a.m. Wife and I went to Andrew Good's for dinner and spent the p.m. there. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. Had Missionary Society meeting previous to service. Cold raw air all day. Looks very much like snow.

Monday, December 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Attended to business and returned home about 5 p.m. At home in eve. Rain last night and partly all of a.m. Very much cooler.

Tuesday, December 8

Partly clear. Ther: 24. Down on farm. Wife along. Helped Steckervetz to butcher. At church in eve. Cold all day.

Wednesday, December 9

Partly cloudy. Down on farm partly all day.

Henry Martin along down. Cutting wood. Commenced snowing about 3:30 p.m. Fetched corn along up for stock. Mr. Purdey of the Sunbury Burial Case Co. here this eve. Gave him an order. Cold and damp all day.

Thursday, December 10

Partly clear. Working about home. Frank Walter put concrete top on cistern back of house. Paid him for same, \$1.20, a.m. Rec'd word at noon of the death of John R. Lefever at Rock Hill. Went over and took charge of body and arranged for funeral Sunday at 9 and 10 at Letort. At IOOF in eve. Cold all day. Damp.

Friday, December 11

Cloudy. Ther: 30. Working about home a.m. Mr. Hasky of Chicago here with regard to a property at Safe Harbor (Lawyer property) representing McKinney and Co. He wished to sell it and I took him down to see it and from there to trolley. He asked \$400 for it. I afterwards bought it of him for \$340.00. To get possession on January 1, 1909. Paid \$50.00 cash. Balance on April 1, 1909. Will article with John M. Groff, esq., on Monday. At Lefever's looking after body, etc. Snowed, rained and sleeted partly all day. Very damp. Moderating.

Saturday, December 12

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38. M.B. Good took rough box to cemetery and stools to house. I trimmed and lined coffin, etc., a.m. At supervisors' meeting p.m. At IORM in eve. Damp and cold all day.

Sunday, December 13

Partly clear. Attending funeral of John R. Lefever. Born August 12, 1835. Died December 10, 1908. Aged 73-3-28. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Matt 24x44. Rev. Haverstick. Text, Job 14+14. Bearers: John, Benj, Ruben and Henry Lefever, 4 nephews. 35 carriages.

\$50.00. Buried at Masonville. Very large funeral. The body was perfect. Took dinner at house. M.B. Good drove 1 day. Cold. Commenced snowing about 9 a.m. and snowed for 2 hours, then cleared partly.

Monday, December 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Gave check to John M. Groff, esq., for \$50.00 payable to J.W. McKennon for bonus or binder on property at Safe Harbor, the Watson Lawyer property. Attended to other business. Paid I.P. Reese, etc., etc. Cold in morning. Quite moderate during day.

Tuesday, December 15

Partly clear. Working about home and went to Lefever's for stools a.m. Down on farm for corn, etc., p.m. At church practicing in eve. A very beautiful day, especially in p.m. Quite warm.

Wednesday, December 16

Partly clear. Butchering all day. Killed 2 hogs. Weighed 261 and 288 lbs. Mart F. Good butcher. John C. helped all day. Pleasant day.

Thursday, December 17

Cloudy. Working about home cutting wood, shelling corn, etc. John down on farm stripping tobacco for self. Snowing and raining partly all day. Very damp and chilly.

Friday, December 18

Cloudy. Working about shop. Rec'd word about 2:30 by phone of the death of Edna, wife of Theo Lines, opposite the Steeple schoolhouse. Blanche and I went out and took charge of body. Arranged funeral for Monday at 9 and 10 at Green Hill Church. Working about home balance of day. Very damp and cool all day. Colder and clear in eve.

Saturday, December 19

Partly clear. Ther: 36. Down at Lines looking

after body and working in shop a.m. Working in shop and about barn p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold and raw air all day

Sunday, December 20

Partly clear. At Sunday school. Sent rough box to cemetery and stools to house by M.B. Good, a.m. Trimmed and lined casket and took to house and dressed body and put in casket. Ready for tomorrow. At church in eve. M.B. Good 1/2 day. Cool all day. Roads very rough.

Monday, December 21

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Edna May, wife of Theo W. Lines. Born November 4, 1880. Died December 18, 1908. Aged 28-1-14. Rev Miles Miller. Text Rev. 14+13. Rev John Omacht. Text St. John 11+11. Bearers: Chas Campbell, Benj Manning, Adam and Henry Aston and Michael and John Shenk. 17 carriages. \$65.00. Large funeral. At Green Hill Church, a.m. Working about home and went for stools, etc., p.m. Jacob Ohmit, cousin of wife, came here this eve. Raw cold wind all day.

Tuesday, December 22

Cloudy. At Lancaster on business. Bought large picture for A.M. Charles, Supt. of Reformed Sunday school and a number of other purchases. Rec'd pay for Mary Ann Souder's funeral of John A. Nauman, esq. Great many people in city. Bro. Emanuel had his first wedding today as J. of P. A colored couple. Cold and raw all day. Commenced snowing about 4 p.m. Quite a blizzard this eve.

Wednesday, December 23

Partly clear. Ther: 20. Shoveling snow and working about home a.m. Down on farm p.m. At practice in eve. at church. I received a Christmas present of A. Roy Bortzfield, son of E.L. and Annie, which I appreciate very much.

A masonic picture framed. Also one from John and Mrs. Steckervetz, Mrs. Burd and daughter Josephine. About six inches of snow fell last night. Cold all day.

Thursday, December 24

Partly cloudy. Rec'd by phone of the unexpected death of Benj B. Rummel near Safe Harbor. A carpenter. Went down and laid out body, embalmed same and arranged funeral for Sunday morning at 9 at house and 10 o'clock at Mt. Zion Church. Fetched goods from station at Safe Harbor. Working about home p.m. Paid Harry Jenkins \$5.00 for hauling cinders for on walks in front of properties. Cold raw wind all day.

Friday, December 25

Partly clear. Christmas Day. A sad day for some. Went down to Rummel's this morning to look after body, etc., a.m. About home p.m. Blanche's gentleman friend here. Took dinner and supper with us. We all went to Christmas services at our church in the eve. Treated the school to box candy and 2 oranges. Bro. Yentzer received a canary bird from his class. Bro. Charles a beautiful picture (framed) from the school (by me), he being superintendent and I received a beautiful post card album from my class of girls, which I greatly appreciate and may God bless them and me and may I be the means of doing them some good. Mrs. Harvey Alexander died last night. Beautiful Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 26

Partly cloudy. Sent rough box to cemetery and stools to house. Lining coffin, etc., and took Joe (horse) to A.F. Martin to have shod with never slips. Paid \$2.00 for same, a.m. Finished work about shop, etc., and went down on farm for corn, p.m. At IORM in eve. M.B. Good worked 1/4 day. Cold raw wind all day.

Sunday, December 27

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Benj B. Rummel (school director). Born August 2, 1861. Died December 24, 1908. Aged 47-4-22. Rev Jacob Thomas opened the services and Bishop Abram B. Herr spoke from the 111 Psalm, 10 verse. Bearers: M.H. Groff, Eli Warfel, F.H. Sickman and H.G. Good (school directors). 27 carriages. \$50.00. One of the largest funerals held in the village for years. Supposed to be fully 1,000 persons present at Mt. Zion Church. Went back to home for refreshments. M.B. Good along. Clara and Paul surprised us by coming home today from Philadelphia. Glad to return. M.B. Good 3/4 day. Mr. Rummel had a will giving everything to his wife, real and personal property, so long as she remains his widow. Afterward to be equally divided his ? executors. Cold but a very beautiful day

Monday, December 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Bought property of Rufus Lawyer known as the Uriah Warfel property at Safe Harbor for \$170.00, payable as soon as title (good) is given. To have rent from January 1, 1909. Paid the Wormser note of \$200.00 to Economic Life Insurance Co., Philadelphia. Cold but beautiful day.

Tuesday, December 29

Partly clear. Working about home. Trimmed the peach trees and grape vines down on the Buttler lot this p.m. Settled with J.W. Morrison today to date. Gave him check for balance, \$24.74. Had the Rufus Lawyer property insured today by J.W. Morrison for \$300.00. A very beautiful day.

Wednesday, December 30

Cloudy. Working about home all day. At a public meeting held this eve. at the Graded School building with a view of building stone or concrete walks through this town. There

was over \$500.00 subscribed. I with a number of others subscribed \$25.00 each. Hope it will be a go. Damp all day. Light rain in eve.

Thursday, December 31

Partly clear. Trimming peach trees at home, etc., a.m. Down on farm. Trimmed the peach and apples, etc., p.m. At IOOF in eve. Great change in the weather. Very much colder

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This closes another year. Have been busy and many are the blessings that we have enjoyed. Far beyond anything that we deserved have we been blessed, both temporal and spiritual. May His love and protection continue with us and may we ever strive to live still closer to Him from whom all blessings come.

## Memoranda

August 8

My 20 year life insurance policy is due today. The agent guaranteed me \$1,200 in cash when I took it out 20 years ago. Now they can only pay me \$760.78, my money back with about 4% interest, but I am very well satisfied to get that. I can make very good use of it at this time and thank the Lord that I was able to keep it up. Rec'd the last payment August 22nd.

Had difficulty with Harry Warfel (prison inspector) with regard to not placing W.C. Bowers name on the ticket after time had expired. I told him the truth about the matter which hurt him very much. Thanks to J.W. Morrison for corroboration and kindness as I only did my duty.