

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

1913

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Wednesday, January 1

Partly clear. About home all day. Office not open. Trimming rose bushes, etc. May we be guided through this year by Him who does all things well. A beautiful day. Just like spring.

Thursday, January 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in, has a bad cold. Beautiful day. Spring weather.

Friday, January 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in, not well. Called to Jonas H. Witmer's to take charge of body of son. Blanche and Walter went. Very changeable. Heavy rain last night and very heavy rain a.m. with hail, thunder, sunshine, snow and very heavy storm blowing roofs off buildings in city and very much colder and stormy in eve.

Saturday, January 4

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Bought clothing at Hush Bros. Called to Frank Longsdorf this morning to take charge of body of infant son. Blanche went over. Rented the Kreider house to Wm Wager this eve. for \$8.00 per month. Not the lot, barn or shop. Payable monthly in advance from April 1st. At IORM in eve. Cold, raw wind all day.

Sunday, January 5

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Fannie Mae Frey spent p.m. and evening with us and will remain here a few days. Damp, cold air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Monday, January 6

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Lloyd S., son of

Jonas H. And Fanny Shank Witmer. Born June 25, 1910. Died January 3, 1913. Aged 2-6-8. Revs Sommers and Light spoke. Text, Job 14-20. Bearers: Landis Sonder, Willis Sheibley, Willis Rice and Lloyd Baker. Funeral at Brethren Church, Manor. Moderating. Rain in eve.

Tuesday, January 7

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Wilbur Carl, infant son of Frank and Bessie Longsdorf. Born May 26, 1912. Died January 4, 1913. Aged 7 months and 8 days. Rev Rinker of Millersville. Text, Isaiah 4-11. Bearer: Walter Ressel. Funeral at Millersville Mennonite Church. Very damp and raining partly all day.

Wednesday, January 8

Partly cloudy. Ther: at noon, 62. At Lancaster all day. Called early this morning to take charge of the body of Margaret Bitts. Blanche and Walter took charge. Called to Amos Shenk's this p.m. to take charge of infant child. Blanche went. Very heavy rain a.m. and rain p.m. Much colder p.m. and stormy.

Thursday, January 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 18. At Lancaster all day. Buried infant of Amos G. and Annie Shenk at River Corner Church. No funeral. Killed our two hogs. Made a fine lot of sausage, meat and lard. Called to Amos Shenk's this eve at 10 p.m. to take charge of body of wife. Blanche and Walter went. Great change in the weather. Very much colder.

Friday, January 10

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Mrs. Margaret Bitts. Born 10-21-1831. Died 1-8-1913. Aged 81-2-17. Rev Roberts. Text, Philippians 1-21. Bearers: Jacob, William, Guy and Raymond Bitts, 4 grandsons. Funeral at

M. E. Church, Conestoga Centre. Cold, raw wind partly all day.

Saturday, January 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. At home and down looking after body of Mrs. Shenk p.m. At home in eve. Walter not well. Martin Smith and Blanche up at Shuman's putting body in casket and arranging for tomorrow. Pleasant day but very muddy roads.

Sunday, January 12

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Mrs. Amos G. Shenk (Annie). Born March 23, 1871. Died January 9, 1913. Aged 41-9-16. Rev Aaron Harnish opened services. Bishop Abrm B. Her. Text, 1 Peter 1 chap, 3 to 9. Bearers: Benj H. Buckwalter, Jacob Charles, John Hess and Amos Warfel. Large funeral at River Corner, a.m. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Elizabeth Shuman. Born January 5, 1839. Died January 10, 1913. Aged 74-0-5. Rev Hagner. Text 2 Cor 5, 1, 2, 3. Bearers: Jacob Strickler, B.F. Eshleman, Benj Eshleman, Pharis Eshleman, C.C. Harnish, Frederick Templeton. Funeral at Letort Mennonite Church. Very unpleasant day. Heavy rain morning and very heavy and stormy 11 a.m.

Monday, January 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Appeals day commenced today. Rec'd call last night of death of Susan Wilson (colored), Shenk's Ferry and early this morning received word of the death of our friend, Jacob M. Buckwalter. Walter and Blanche took charge. Beautiful winter day, but much colder.

Tuesday, January 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very few appeals. Blanche called to Harry Groff's, Safe Harbor to take charge of body of infant child and arranged funeral, Friday p.m. Beautiful winter day.

Wednesday, January 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very few appeals. Blanche lined the three caskets today. She was very busy. Very pleasant day. Very heavy frost this morning.

Thursday, January 16

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Jacob M. Buckwalter. Born January 17, 1838. Died January 13, 1913. Aged 74-11-26. Rev Weaver. Text, Rev. 14-13 at House and Rev John Kohs. Text, St. Luke 12-40 at Reformed Mennonite Church, New Danville. Bearers: Franklin, Maynard, Harry Warfel, Amaziah T. Buckwalter, William and Franklin Gontner. Large funeral at New Danville Reformed Mennonite Church a.m. and p.m. Rained early morning and very damp all day. Very muddy roads.

Friday, January 17

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Susan Wilson (colored). Died January 12, 1913. About 88 years old. Rev Martin Groff. Text, 1 Saml 20-4. Thos, Amos, Abrm Wilson. Services at house of Wash Martin. Buried at Conestoga Centre a.m. and attended funeral of Margie, infant daughter of Harry and Ella Groff. Born August 28, 1912. Died January 14, 1913. Ages 2 months and 16 days. Rev Roberts. Text, St. Mark 10-14. Funeral at Green Hill U. B. Church, p.m. Heavy rain last night. Damp all day. Raining Thursday evening, 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30. Blanche along in but was called home at 9:30 a.m. to go to Andrew Ament, Highville. His mother died. Paid Bro Emanuel for hen house roof, \$19.50. Regular spring weather. Rain at noon and heavy rain in eve. Stormy and much colder in eve.

Sunday, January 19

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Went out to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Bortzfield and son for dinner and spent the p.m. and eve., wife, Blanche and I and had a very pleasant time. Rec'd call in eve. to come to Safe Harbor to take charge of the body of Mrs. W.W. Bones, who died very suddenly and unexpected, Blanche and I went. Hiram Warfel, Long Lane, died this morning. Very pleasant day.

Monday, January 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. No appeals today. Plucked a number of dandelion flowers today. Colder but very spring-like.

Tuesday, January 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy appeal day for Columbia Boro and there were certainly a few of them. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth Ament. Born August 21, 1830. Died January 18, 1913. Aged 82-4-27. Rev Martin Groff. Funeral at Highville U. B. Church. Paid Arthur A. Kneisley \$20.00 for benefits from his home lodge, IOOF. Rain last night. Beautiful day. Much colder.

Wednesday, January 22

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Appeals. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mary A. Bones, wife of Wm W. Bones. Born June 2, 1841. Died January 19, 1913. Aged 71-7-19. Rev Roberts. Funeral private at house only Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery. Beautiful day.

Thursday, January 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in. Cool and rainy partly all day.

Friday, January 24

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with

appeals. Delivered tobacco today to General. Raining partly all day and eve. Spring like.

Saturday, January 25

At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. Appeals today. Delivered tobacco yesterday and rec'd money today. B.F. Zercher, nephew, farmed it. (See Memoranda). Dandelions in bloom. Beautiful day. Regular spring weather.

Sunday, January 26

Clear. Ther: 54. At Sunday school a.m. At men's meeting at U. E. church, 3 p.m. Addressed by Rev Dr. I.W. Menninger of St. Paul's Reformed Church Lancaster. A very interesting meeting. Called to Alfred S. Hess this eve. to take charge of body of his mother. Blanche and Walter went over. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Shelley. A beautiful day.

Monday, January 27

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Raining partly all day. Great change in the weather. Very much cooler this eve.

Tuesday, January 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Having appeals. Mary Bruner came to spend a few days with us. Very much colder. Ground frozen. Roads rough.

Wednesday, January 29

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy hearing appeals. Called to home of Henry Groff, Safe Harbor. He having died very suddenly. Blanche and Walter went. Real winter day. Snowing all day.

Thursday, January 30

Walter at Lancaster all day. Conestoga Twp. appeal day. Attending funeral of Catherine Hess, mother of Alfred S. Hess. Born October 18, 1836. Died January 26, 1913. Aged 76-3-

8. Rev Jacob Thomas spoke and read the 93rd Psalm, her son and granddaughter may not be able to go to the church. Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke at the church. Text, Rev. 3+20, 21, 22. Bearers: Frank Warfel, Daniel Rankin, Abrm Thomas and Eli Warfel. Funeral at River Corner Mennonite Church. Blanche and I went from there to Safe Harbor to look after body of my old friend, Henry Groff. At IOOF in eve. Snow all gone. Beautiful day. Very muddy. Cold in eve.

Friday, January 31

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Appeals still going on. Called to home of John Eshbach, River Corner to take charge of the body of Mrs. Eshbach's mother. Walter and Blanche went down. Damp partly all day. Very heavy rain in eve. and stormy.

Saturday, February 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home doing up work about barn for Walter who is attending funeral of Henry Groff. Born February 25, 1833. Died January 29, 1913. Aged 79-11-4. Revs Roberts and Jacob Thomas preached. Text, Isaiah 38-1. Bearers: Amos and Samuel Dabler, Fred Grossman, Cyrus Gontner, Hiram Rhinier, Mathias Peters. Main services at the house. Burial and short services at Byerland Church. Sorry I could not attend funeral, he being a particular friend of mine. At home in eve. Very much colder.

Sunday, February 2

Clear. Ther: 13 above. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Blanche and I drove to Eshbach's to see after body and spent some time there. I do not expect to attend funeral on Tuesday. At home in eve. Very much colder. Cold all day. Beautiful winter day. This being Groundhog Day, I suppose we will have six weeks of winter weather according to the prophecy. He saw his shadow.

Monday, February 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Paid Conestoga Casket Co. bill to 10th. Snowing a.m. Raining p.m. Moderating. Great change from yesterday.

Tuesday, February 4

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attending funeral of Mary Buckwalter, mother of Annie Eshbach. Born March 14, 1830. Died January 31, 1913. Aged 82-9-17. Bishop Abrm B. Herr read 23rd Psalm. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Matt 24-44. Bearers: Eli Warfel, Frank Warfel, Valentine Shenk, Abrm Thomas. Funeral at River Corner Mennonite Church. She died in the same room she was born in. Snowed last night. Moderated during day.

Wednesday, February 5

Clear. At Lancaster all day. 1st ward city appeals. Very much colder today, but an ideal winter day.

Thursday, February 6

Partly clear. Ther: 18 above. At Lancaster all day. 2nd ward city appeal. Cold all day. Getting colder.

Friday, February 7

Partly clear. Ther: 8 above. At Lancaster all day. 3rd ward appeal. Coldest day of the season. Nice winter day but cold.

Saturday, February 8

Partly clear. Ther: 12. At Lancaster partly all day. Rec'd word to meet train tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. at Lancaster and fetch body of Calvin Kendig to his sister's home, Mrs. J.R. Yentzer. Signed agreements for rent of farm to Wm J. McKinney for this year, April 1. At home in eve. Cold all day.

Sunday, February 9

Clear. Ther: 20. Walter and I went at 4

a.m. and met train at 6 a.m. from Buffalo, N.Y., with body of Calvin Kendig and took body to home of J.R. Yentzer, this place, in casket ready for burial. About home and making arrangements for funeral tomorrow morning, p.m. At church in eve. Raw, cold air all day.

Monday, February 10

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Calvin Kendig, brother of Mrs. J.R. Yentzer. Rev H.S. Shelley preached. Text, Ecl. 8-8. Bearers: Franklin Warfel, J.W. Morrison, Geo Wagner, Martin Smith, John R. Good and Harry Jenkins. Funeral at Reformed Church, here, a.m. Walked over on Miller land, etc., p.m. Mr. Florey here in eve. Gave order for calendars for 1914. Cold, raw air all day. Few flakes of snow in eve.

Tuesday, February 11

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. 5th ward appeal day. Mary Bruner went home today. Snowed last night. Sleet and rain today. Moderating.

Wednesday, February 12

Partly clear. Ther: 20 this eve. At Lancaster all day. 6th ward appeal day. Getting much colder.

Thursday, February 13

Partly clear. Ther: 6 above. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word to remove body of Lizzie Rinier, wife of Blaine Parker, from Levans Mill's (her son) to the home of her father, Martin Rinier, Colemanville this p.m. Walter and Blanche attended and arranged for funeral. 7th ward appeal day. Coldest day of the season and cold all day.

Friday, February 14

Clear. Ther: 12 above. At Lancaster all day.

8th ward appeal day. Blanche along in today. Beautiful day.

Saturday, February 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. At home p.m. Called to Marticville to take charge of body of Peter Miller, father of J. Sherd Miller (at his home). Walter and Blanche went over. Called to Pittsburg (Little) in eve. to bring body of Lydia Hostetter to our place and prepare for burial. (An old lady without any relatives). Walter and I went over. Never saw the equals. Very pleasant day. This is my 56th birthday. Can scarcely realize it. Many blessings received. The Lord has truly been good to me.

Sunday, February 16

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Lizzie O. Parker. Born January 27, 1889. Died February 13, 1913. Aged 24 years and 17 days. Rev Thos Roberts. Text, 1 Cor 15-20. Bearers: Ralph Ewing, Clyde Cremer, Charles and Walter Harrison, Wesley Rinier, Raymond Lindeman. Large funeral at Colemanville M. E. Church. At home p.m. and John Bleacher and Martin M. Brenneman here. Arrange for funeral of Lydia Hostetter. Beautiful day. Light rain in eve.

Monday, February 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. 9th ward appeal day. Snowed partly all day. Much colder.

Tuesday, February 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. The last of appeal day. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Peter Miller. Born February 15, 1838. Died February 15, 1913. Aged 74-11-23. Rev Geo P. Beck. Text, Job 33-28. Bearers: Chas Coble, Edgar, Clarence, Lewis Miller, John and Arthur Rinier. Large funeral at Clearfield M. E. Church. Very pleasant day. Cold in morning.

Wednesday, February 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Funeral at Masonville. Walter attended funeral of Lydia Hostetter, about 87 years old. No relatives known. Rev Haverstick and Bishop Brubaker spoke. Text, Hebrew 4-9. Bearers: John C. Forry, Chas C. Breneman, Miles and Jacob Bleacher. Blanche called to John Thomas to take charge of body of infant son. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, February 20

Cloudy. Trimming grape vines and at public sale of the personal property of Levi B. Neff. Very large sale. Spring weather. Roads very muddy.

Friday, February 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Walter buried infant son of John and Ella Thomas at Masonville. No funeral. Abru Harold Thomas. Born February 13, 1913. Died February 18, 1913. Aged 5 days. Regular spring weather. Light rain last night. Roads very muddy.

Saturday, February 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At A.S. Benedict's in eve. The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church gave a supper for the benefit of the church. Wife, Blanche and I were present. Damp all day and very mild. Thunder gust and hail in the eve.

Sunday, February 23

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Cold and stormy partly all day.

Monday, February 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in. Great change in the weather. Much colder. Very rough roads.

Tuesday, February 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Regular

snow blizzard this morning. Cold and high wind all day.

Wednesday, February 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife went along in. Will stay till tomorrow eve. Cold a.m. Moderating p.m. Snowed part of p.m. and eve.

Thursday, February 27

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife came along out this eve. Ira Duke and Minnie Graver were married today. Raining and very damp all day and eve.

Friday, February 28

Partly clear. About home a.m. Went to John G. Groff's sale down on farm this p.m. Bought carriage pole and brood sow, \$53.00. Large sale. Bought 6 shoats of Amos Dietrich, 1 sow for \$36.50. Beautiful day.

Saturday, March 1

Cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. At sale of Margaret Bitts' real and personal. I bought real estate for \$380.00 and rented it to H.H. Bitts for \$4.00 per month, payable in advance (monthly). If he fails to make good he quits within 15 days. Witness A.S. Benedict and Amos Graver. Damp all day.

Sunday, March 2

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home and men's meeting at Reformed Church. Speaking, Rev Shelley, p.m. At home in eve. Light snow squall a.m. and very high wind taking shingles from some of the buildings.

Monday, March 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Mr. Wagar here this eve. and throwed up the Kreider house he had rented as he does not expect to stay with the casket people. I fear they are making a mistake. John G. Groff here and

paid me \$20.00 he had loaned before harvest. Rec'd package by parcel post of Harry Trissler containing grafts of apple, cherry, plum and apricot from Ellensburg, Wash R.F.D. #4. Cold, raw air all day

Tuesday, March 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Today Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President of our grand old U.S.A. Hope he will make good. Paid Charles R. Good for seeding, etc., to date. Beautiful day for the occasion. Regular spring weather. Very much like rain this eve.

Wednesday, March 5

Partly cloudy. Paid Dr. Metzger \$3.00 for veterinary services and powder. Rain last night. Damp a.m. Beautiful p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rented the Kreider property to Harry F. Herr this eve. He paid six months' rent in advance, \$50.00 from April 1st. Snowing this morning. Cold, raw wind all day. Much colder in eve. Great change in weather.

Friday, March 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10. At Lancaster all day. At office in a.m. Attending meeting of County Funeral Directors Blanche and I. Geo Lehandler Paul, president of state association and Prof H.S. Eckels of H.S. Eckels and Co. (embalming school) were present, p.m. and attended Grand Banquet in eve. at Hotel Wheatland, having a fine dinner. Drove home. Snowing in morning and a cold raw wind all day.

Saturday, March 8

Partly clear. Ther: 12. At Lancaster partly all day. Paid J.W. Morrison account to date and

settled with Eli Richardson. Cold, raw air all day. (See Memoranda).

Sunday, March 9

Partly clear. Ther: 64. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Blanche Shue and Laura Hubley of Central Manor spent the day with us as guests of Blanche's. Great change in weather. A real spring day.

Monday, March 10

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Deeded properties at Safe Harbor to John E. Malone for the McCall's Ferry power people. Rec'd check for \$1,490 and \$10.00 rec'd when sold. Total \$1,500. The best real estate deal I ever made. Cleared about \$1,000. Ordered 160 apple and 400 peach trees for planting on the Miller property of Maloney Bros and Wells Co., Danville, N.Y. Damp a.m. Raining partly all of p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, March 11

Partly cloudy. About home a.m. Went down on farm, Walter and I, to bring up sow and pigs that I bought at Groff's sale, but John was not home and Mrs. Groff refused the money, \$50.35 and would not allow me to move them. Drove sow and pigs into the stable and shut the door. Did not want to do anything unkind to the woman so we came home. Had hired Elmer Hoak to haul them up. Paid him 25 cents for trip. Will see further. Very damp a.m. Cooler p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, March 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. I am sorry that I was compelled to issue a replevin against John G. Groff, my tenant farmer for a sow and pigs that I bought at his sale February 28th. He refusing to let me take her away. Called to Central Manor this eve to take charge of the body of a Mrs. Shenk. Very heavy frost. Beautiful day. Very spring-like.

Thursday, March 13

Cloudy. At home and Safe Harbor. One of the appraisers of the Chas Rhoads estate (real estate). A.S. Benedict, Walter Ressel, H.M. Stauffer, Johnny Henry and Danl Witmer. Appraisal, \$1916.68. Sent Sheriff Eby down on farm for sow and pig. He had quite a time with John Groff, he going so far as to come out with shotgun, declaring they should not take them away, but he took them. I am sorry for John. The sheriff had tendered him the \$50.35, the full amount due, less cash discount and I sent him check by mail afterward, but returned. At home p.m. and eve. Damp all day.

Friday, March 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Heavy rains last night and this a.m. Damp all day.

Saturday, March 15

Cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. At Millersville bank and home p.m. Paid Harry Jenkins for hauling, etc., \$18.00. Paid Elmer Hoak for hauling sow and pigs, \$1.00. Walter and Blanche attending funeral of Lydia H. Shank. Born August 27, 1841. Died March 12, 1913. Aged 72-6-15. Rev Henry Haverstick. Text, Eccles 12+13. Bishop Abrm B. Herr spoke. Bearers: John F. and Christ B. Charles, Benj Warner, Eli S. Mann, Christ N. Hostetter, Reuben Lefever. At Central Manor Church of God. Took deed to the Jos Kreider property. Damp all day and heavy rain part of day.

Sunday, March 16

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and Holy Communion a.m. Left home at 1 p.m. to go to Bro Harry Eberley's near Quarryville to visit Mother. Was very glad to see her look so well. She certainly is well cared for. Dear sister Lizzie is doing all she can to make her comfortable and happy and I am sure the Lord will bless her for it. Will stay all night and go from there to Lancaster. Cold, raw and stormy and getting colder.

Monday, March 17

Partly clear. Left Eberley's at 7:30 a.m. for Lancaster. At office all day. Had letter from Charles this eve. Complied with his request. Real St. Patrick's weather. Beautiful morning but cold ice. Stormy and snow flurries and real cold all day.

Tuesday, March 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sent check 2nd time to John G. Groff for sow and pigs. Stormy all day and ground frozen.

Wednesday, March 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid Aunt Lizzie Miller \$500.00 balance due on land bought of her last spring and the interest, \$22.50. Very beautiful spring day.

Thursday, March 20

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanche at Danl M. Witmer's for supper. The Aid Society of M. E. Church gave supper for benefit. John G. Groff returned check this eve. by mail. Heavy rain last night and a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve. Very much warmer.

Friday, March 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, March 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Paid Chas L. Buckwalter \$72.00 interest due April 1st on judgement. Sent my check to Dr. Raub, Quarryville, for attending Mother during spell of sickness which John and Daddy did not pay. \$7.50. Great change in weather. Very much colder and stormy.

Sunday, March 23

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At Easter services in the eve. The services were well rendered. Pleasant day.

Monday, March 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Paul along in. Had a very pleasant return trip. Fred H. Sickman bought an auto and he kindly asked us to come home with him and of course we accepted. Had a nice ride. John G. Groff here this eve. and we settled to date and I gave him my check for \$49.70 balance due him. Sow and pigs less 5%, \$53.00 = \$50.35. Carriage pole, \$6.50 and interest, 5 cents = \$6.55. Balance on seed wheat, \$7.20. Balance due him, \$49.70. Pleasant all day but stormy. (See Memoranda).

Tuesday, March 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. High wind partly all day and quite warm. Thunder gust in eve.

Wednesday, March 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Sold our horse (Grant) today to Amos Dietrich for \$35.00 for which I paid \$165.00 for several years ago. He was foundered last fall and could not use him on hard roads. (Sorry). Sent check to Mellinger and Bro for lumber bill for shop. Heavy rain a.m. Light rain partly all day and eve.

Thursday, March 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. Very heavy rain a.m. and very much colder p.m. and eve. and quite stormy in eve. Terrible storms and floods in Ohio and the West.

Friday, March 28

Partly clear. Ther: 26. At Lancaster all day. A number of young folks called here last eve. about 9:30 to see Blanche (a straw ride). 12 of them from Central Manor. Blanche Shue and Laura Hublely had charge. They brought all eatables along and they enjoyed the trip very much and I am sure we enjoyed their

company. Great change in weather. Ground frozen. Roads rough.

Saturday, March 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Went to Florin to funeral of cousin Enos H. Hess's wife. Buried at Crossroads Meeting House. Services held there. Large funeral and good preaching and singing. So edifying, p.m. At oyster supper in eve. given by the ladies of our church. Good attendance. Paid C.C. Urban \$5.22 for work done to date and George Wagner for carpenter work on farm and in shop, \$2.50. Cold, raw wind all day.

Sunday, March 30

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Rev Shelley here for dinner and in p.m. at men's meeting at M. E. Church. Thomas the Singing Evangelist there. At home in eve. Cold, raw wind all day. Few drops of rain in p.m.

Monday, March 31

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very high wind all day.

Tuesday, April 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Great many people in to do April business. Herman, a German at Kendig's hotel, died last night. They sent for J.B. Urban at Centerville to bury him. Getting coffin ready back at barn of hotel. Very stormy and raw air all day.

Wednesday, April 2

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. C. Edgar Titzel, general manager of the Conestoga Traction Co. was buried today p.m. Very large funeral. Settled for the Margaret Bitts property today, \$380.00. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Rodocker, formerly of Safe Harbor, now Harrisburg. Will meet funeral

Friday morning at Safe Harbor. H.H. Bitts paid \$3.00 rent. Settled with John Z. Wade to date. Rather cool a.m. Moderating p.m. Rain in eve.

Thursday, April 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid Jacob Murray for roofing porch and removing partition in Kreider house. At IOOF in eve. Beautiful day. Very much warmer.

Friday, April 4

Partly clear. Ther: 81. At Lancaster all day. Walter attended the funeral of Labina Rodocker from train, Safe Harbor to Highville Church. Rev Groff. Deut 12-9. Rev Roberts, 2 Cor 5-1. Bearers: Howard, John, Edw Bartch, Jac Letheiser. Great change. Very much warmer.

Saturday, April 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 46. At Lancaster all day. At IORM in eve. Helped straighten out some affairs that were very unseasonably and not for the best interest of the order. Cold raw wind all day. Great change in weather.

Sunday, April 6

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Mr. Yentzer and I went to Willow Street to attend a joint Consistory meeting. Elected officers for ensuing year and delegate to classes to meet at New Providence. Myself and Bro Planthold were elected. At preaching services in eve. by Rev Shelley. A very enjoyable sermon. Cold and stormy all day. Several snow storms during the day and getting colder.

Monday, April 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 29. At Lancaster all day. Cold raw wind all day. Quite a snow flurry at 4 p.m. at Lancaster. Also some here at home.

Tuesday, April 8

Clear. Ther: 29. Down on farm. Mr. Bower's, Model Orchard inspector, spent several

hours with me and gave instructions with regard to trimming, etc. Went over farm with A. Wm McKinney, our farmer and exchanged views, etc., very satisfactorily, a.m. Walter went to West Willow for clover seed at Farmer's Association. 3 bushel, \$13.25 per bus. I was working about home. Very heavy frost and cold all day.

Wednesday, April 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 33. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in today. Called to Christian Frey's at Creswell to take charge of body of Mrs. Frey. Blanche and Walter went and arranged funeral for Saturday p.m. Moderating. Not near so cold during day.

Thursday, April 10

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. H.O. Leachey, D.D.G. Master here and installed officers. Will have him remain with us overnight. Called to Marticville to take charge of the body of Mrs. John Snyder. Blanche and Walter went. Arranged funeral for Sunday morning. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow. Raining in eve.

Friday, April 11

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Raining all day. Heavy rain in eve. and not so cold.

Saturday, April 12

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Returned home. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth Frey. Born May 3, 1843. Died April 9, 1913. Aged 69-11-23. Rev Mart Groff. 1 Saml 20-3. Rev Hagner spoke. Bearers: Henry Lefever, Jac Witmer, Benj Eshleman, Wm Keener, John Kendig, Jac Strickler. Damp and raining partly all day.

Sunday, April 13

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche and Walter

attended funeral of Mrs. John Snyder, Marticville. Born June 30, 1846. Died April 10, 1913. Aged 66-9-10. Rev Dr. Hull. 2 Cor 5-1. Bearers: John Campbell, Walter Bleacher, Albert Warfel, Frank, Carl, Lloyd Cramer. Raining a.m. Damp all day and eve.

Monday, April 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Blanche, Clara and Paul went down by trolley to Harry Eberley's to see Mother. Found her well and very glad to see them. Had a very pleasant surprise this evening by mail. Rec'd letter from J.M. and W.F. Bruner containing check for \$50.00 for church repairs or whatever necessary. May God bless them for their kindness. Damp and rainy all day.

Tuesday, April 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. A. Roy Bortzfield and I went to Harrisburg this eve. for the purpose of being advanced in Free Masonry. Frank P.D. Miller, one of the County Commissioners, met us at the depot and escorted us to our hotel. In the evening went to Lodge of Perfection and seen it conferred on 120 candidates. Very much pleased. Cool and damp.

Wednesday, April 16

Partly cloudy. At Harrisburg all day attending to our duties. Very much pleased. Cool. Sunshine at noon. The first for almost a week.

Thursday, April 17

Partly clear. At Harrisburg all day. Attending to our duties. Very pleasant day.

Friday, April 18

Clear. At Harrisburg all day. Attending to duties and have now reached our desire. 32 degree Masons. Never have I heard and seen such great things and may God help me to live its principles. Thanks to F.P.D. Miller and

Samuel W. Diller, both County Commissioners, for making it possible for both Roy and myself. Returned to Lancaster this eve. Very pleasant day. Light rain late in eve.

Saturday, April 19

Clear. At Lancaster at office a.m. Went to Quarryville in p.m. to see about horses. Stopped off to see Mother. Found her very well. At home in eve. Quite stormy and colder. Thunder gust last night.

Sunday, April 20

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and at church in eve. Mary Kendig died this eve. about 6:40 after being unconscious. Result of stroke on Thursday. Cool and very stormy all day. Frost and ice this morning.

Monday, April 21

Clear. Ther: 32. At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanche and Paul drove in. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Willis Cramer at New Danville of diphtheria. Blanche and Walter took charge. Wrapped body and arranged funeral for tomorrow p.m. Cold and stormy. Ice this morning.

Tuesday, April 22

Partly clear. Commenced planting apple and peach orchard over on the Miller property. Christ Urban and H.H. Bitts helping. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Willis Cramer and her little baby that died this morning. Buried both in same casket. Very sad. Could not hold public funeral (diphtheria). Buried at M. E. cemetery here. Very warm p.m. Great change in the weather.

Wednesday, April 23

Partly clear. Planting trees. Attee Black, Amos Harnish, H.H. Bitts, Christ Urban and Walter

helping, a.m. At funeral of Mary A. Kendig p.m. Large funeral. Warmer. Great change.

Thursday, April 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Christ Urban, H.H. Bitts and Walter finished planting trees. Paid H.H. Bitts to date by credit for rent. Very beautiful day. Warm.

Friday, April 25

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant. Warm.

Saturday, April 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Trimmed apple and peach trees that we planted early part of week. At IORM in eve. Rec'd word of the death of Joseph May at 326 Nevin Street, Lancaster. Blanche and Walter took charge. Sun quite warm but strong south wind all day.

Sunday, April 27

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche went to Lancaster to see after body. Rain last night. Damp a.m. Heavy rain p.m. and very heavy in eve. Some thunder and lightning. Cooler.

Monday, April 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Heavy rain a.m. Cooler.

Tuesday, April 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attending funeral of Joseph May. Born July 31, 1851. Died April 26, 1913. Aged 61-8-25. Rev Geo Sieger. Text, 1 King, 14-6. Sold Dan horse to Amos Dietrich for \$60.00. Very much cooler and rain a.m. and part of p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Cool. Frost this morning.

Thursday, May 1

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Willis Sterneman died this a.m. very unexpectedly at New Danville. Brought body to his parents' home here and arranged funeral for Sunday p.m. Bought horse of Mabel Myers this eve. Gave check for \$160.00. Very pleasant day. Beautiful day. Frost this morning.

Friday, May 2

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day. Much warmer.

Saturday, May 3

Clear. Ther: 92. At Lancaster all day. Left Lancaster at 2 p.m. Helped to put body of Willis Sterneman in casket this eve. and at IORM in eve. Very warm all day.

Sunday, May 4

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Attending funeral of Willis Sterneman. Born May 26, 1881. Died May 1, 1913. Aged 31-11-5. Rev Hagner spoke from Job 14-1+2. Rev Roberts. Text, 42 Psalm, 6. Bearers: J.W. Morrison, M.G. Kneisley, Pharis Foutz, John R. Benedict, Harry Eckman, Martin Markley. Large funeral at M. E. Church and a very sad one. At church in eve. Very warm day.

Monday, May 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in by trolley. J.E. Futer's wife, of Gap, died last eve. very unexpectedly and supposed to have taken Laudanum. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, May 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Quite warm all day.

Wednesday, May 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Clara and Paul started back to Myersdale today after spending a very pleasant time

with us. Sorry to have them leave. Blanche and Walter went to Willow Street to take charge of body of Eve Ann Burkholder, a lady that made shrouds for me some years ago. A particular friend of mine. Very much cooler but very pleasant day.

Thursday, May 8

Partly clear. Called early this morning to come to John W. Urban's. Mrs. Urban died. Blanche and Walter went and arranged funeral for Sunday, 2 and 3. At Lancaster all day. Cool all day. Great change in weather. Light frost in low places.

Friday, May 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Very pleasant day but cool.

Saturday, May 10

Clear. Ther: 40. At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. Helped to put body of Mrs. John W. Urban in casket this eve. Rented of the McCall's Ferry Power Co. all of their property in Safe Harbor on the Conestoga side of creek. Houses and land except the H.M. Stauffer property for \$230.00 payable October 1st and April 1st, 1914. Cold raw wind all day. Colder.

Sunday, May 11

Clear. Ther: 35. Attending funeral of Eve Ann Burkholder, Willow Street. Born January 6, 1833. Died May 7, 1913. Aged 80-4-1. Rev Thomas. Text, St. John 11-28. Rev Frank Herr spoke in opening. Bearers: Martin, Lloyd, Ralph Dombach, Chas, Harry, Roy Lefever. Large funeral at brick church, New Danville. One of my special friends, a.m. Attended funeral of Mary E. Urban this p.m. Born September 15, 1844. Died May 8, 1913. Aged 68-7-23. Rev Roberts. Text, St. John 19-27. Rev Shelley closed. Psalm 116-15. Bearers: Maris and Merrill Groff, Wesley Benedict, Allen Sickman, Clyde Martin, Maris Smith.

Large funeral at M. E. Church, here. Very heavy frost and ice. Cold and stormy all day.

Monday, May 12

Partly clear. Ther: 37. At Lancaster all day. Went along with Harry Graver to Lancaster on business in auto. It was fine. 1/2 hour run. Very heavy frost. Did quite a good bit of damage. Very pleasant during day.

Tuesday, May 13

Partly cloudy. Working down in orchard all day. George Warfel plowing with 2 teams and Walter, Christ Urban and Harry Bitts helping. Killed 2 copperhead snakes. Plowed them out. One measured 3 feet. The other 2 feet, 6 inches and one black snake measuring 5 feet. Rented the Safe Harbor land to Earl Jenkins on the half. Straight. Beautiful day for the work but rather dry for plowing.

Wednesday, May 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter and Christ Urban down on farm working in orchard. George Warfel plowing, etc. Rain early this morning. Damp a.m. Beautiful in p.m. Cooler in eve.

Thursday, May 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter and Christ Urban down on farm working in orchard. Geo Warfel finished plowing. At IOOF in eve. Light rain in Morning. Pleasant during day but cooler.

Friday, May 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Wild West show at Lancaster this p.m. Heavy rain and hail storm wrecked tents causing regular panic. Women fainting, children crying, animals running loose and people wet to the skin. City crowded with people. Quite warm all day. Cooler in eve.

Saturday, May 17

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30. Home balance of day and eve. Raining all day and cool.

Sunday, May 18

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Took Blanche to trolley at noon. She is going to Lititz to attend the funeral of Owen Heiser at Brunnerville tomorrow morning at U. E. Church, p.m. At church in eve. Rev Shelley spoke. Damp a.m. and very much warmer.

Monday, May 19

Clear. At Safe Harbor to see H.M. Stauffer and have him collect all rents of the tenants of the Water Power tract rented by me and have arranged with him to notify them. From there to farm. Trimming peach trees balance of day. Blanche came home this eve. Beautiful day but cool air all day.

Tuesday, May 20

Partly clear. Down on farm partly all day. Finished trimming and working in orchard. Landis Miller here for supper. He expects to start for western Canada on Thursday. Paid Christ Urban to date. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, May 21

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Paid Fisher for team to date. Rained a.m. and cool. Warmer p.m.

Thursday, May 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office. Bought the brick house on the Shenk property on the Manor side of the creek, Safe Harbor that was destroyed by fire. Bought it of M.E. Bushong, representing the Water Power Co. and gave check for same. Warmer. Rain at noon and heavy rain in eve.

Friday, May 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Raining partly all day. Heavy rain in p.m. Warmer.

Saturday, May 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home balance of day and eve. Finished my transfer work. Wife much better. Pleasant day.

Sunday, May 25

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A beautiful day but cool air. Rain in evening unexpected by about 8:30.

Monday, May 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Pleasant all day. Very much cooler in eve.

Tuesday, May 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rain last night and p.m. Very much cooler in eve.

Wednesday, May 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Jacob M. Buckwalter and daughter spent p.m. with us. Called by phone to come to Amos Eshleman's, 1-1/2 miles south east of Washington Boro to take charge of body of his father who committed suicide this eve. by hanging. Walter and I went up. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Saturday 10 a.m. at the house only. Internment private at Creswell. Returned home at 1 a.m. Very heavy roads. Light rain and very much cooler after night.

Thursday, May 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful sunshine partly all day. Stormy and cool partly all day.

Friday, May 30

Partly cloudy. Not at Lancaster. Decoration Day. Working in orchard on Miller land, H.H. Bitts and I. Walter took roughbox and stools away, a.m. Walter and I down on farm.

Orchard looks fine. Quite warm a.m. Cooler p.m. Rain in eve.

Saturday, May 31

Clear. Attending funeral of Amos Eshleman. Born April 23, 1833. Died May 28, 1913. Aged 80-1-5. Rev Haverstick. Text, Hebrew 10x35, 36, 37. Rev Hagner. Text, Rev 7-17. Bearers: Eli S. Mann, Christ Charles, Christ Habecker, Benj Warner. Services at house only. Very sad funeral. Sons and daughters weeping for their father who yielded or through worry (Imagine) committed suicide. Buried at Creswell. Private. Walter called to Abrm Rinier Hollinger's to take charge of body of child. Died of diphtheria. He wrapped body, etc. Will bury tomorrow p.m. at M. E. Church, here. H.H. Bitts, 1/2 day in orchard. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Sunday, June 1

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Walter attended to burial of Harry Rhinier, son of Abrm and Laura Rhinier. Born June 10, 1911. Died May 31, 1913. Aged 1-11-21. No services. At U. E. Children's services. Beautiful day.

Monday, June 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid county and road tax this eve. H.H. Bitts worked 1/2 day in orchard on farm at house. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, June 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Came home with A.S. Benedict in auto. A pleasant run. 20 minutes to Morton's shop. Sun quite warm all day but the air cool.

Wednesday, June 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Walter and H.H. Bitts down on farm working in orchard. McKinney harrowed it. Christ C. Urban

caught fishing on pond by Walter. Quite warm all day.

Thursday, June 5

Clear. Went with A.S. Benedict, John Z. Wade and A.L. Henry to Elizabethtown to attend the dedication of the Masonic Home Grand Lodge Hall. Was one of the reception committee and A.S. Benedict. Had a fine time and a great trip by auto. A beautiful day. Ideal.

Friday, June 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Settled with Henry H. Aston to date. Paid him balance, \$10.11. Beautiful day.

Saturday, June 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Left for home at 3:30 p.m. Helped to get ready for strawberry festival given by Blanche and her class and helped some in eve. Rained all a.m. in Lancaster but very little here. Cloudy and very much cooler p.m. and eve.

Sunday, June 8

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Wife and I went to Mrs. Jacob M. Buckwalter's. Their son who was recently married to a Miss Herr gave a reception. Spent a very pleasant time., p.m. At home in eve. Quite cool all day and wind real cold in eve.

Monday, June 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 40. At Lancaster till 2:30. Came home and went over and worked in orchard balance of day. Cool raw wind all day. Frost at Martic Forge and low places this morning.

Tuesday, June 10

Clear. Ther: 42. At Lancaster all day. The commissioners started on a bridge inspection

trip this morning. Wife along to Lancaster. Will stay till tomorrow. Cool all day. Frost this morning.

Wednesday, June 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife came along home in eve. Mrs. Addison H. Benedict and son, Wesley were held up by a highway man in the bridge on the New Danville Pike on their way home from market. The person wore a mask and pointed a rifle at them and relieved them of 8 or 9 dollars in money. This took place about 9:30 a.m. Certainly too bad for a country community like ours. Very much warmer during day. Light frost in low places.

Thursday, June 12

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Eberley's Coach Works on Market street burned last night. At IOOF in eve. Frank Warfel put concrete floor in spring house on farm. Paid him for same. Christ Urban and H.H. Bitts helped. Very warm and dusty.

Friday, June 13

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Returned home at 2:30. Worked in shop and trimmed hedge balance of day. Called to John Hess near Creswell this morning. Their infant son, Elvin, died. Blanche went up. Very warm today.

Saturday, June 14

Clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster till noon. Went down to Eberley's to see Mother. Found them all fairly well. Mother agreed to come up to Centre to spend some time with Emanuel's and us. We received word that sister Ellie expects to come in from Arizona this month to spend some time here. At home in eve. Very warm all day and very dusty.

Sunday, June 15

Clear. Ther: 96. Attending funeral of Elvin E., infant son of John and Katie Hess, Creswell.

Born May 12, 1913. Died June 13, 1913. Aged 1 month and 1 day. Rev Hagner spoke. Text, St. John 13-7. Bearers: Benj Stoner, Elwood Eshleman, Fred Frey and Paul Kauffman (small boys). Large funeral for so small a child. Creswell. Came home direct from church. On arriving home we received word of the death of Susan M. Benedict, widow of the late Christian Benedict. Died with son-in-law, Geo W. Warfel at Eli Warfel's. Blanche and I went down and arranged funeral for Thursday morning. At church in eve. Very warm and dusty all day.

Monday, June 16

Partly clear. Ther: 98 and 102. At Lancaster all day. The viewers that were appointed to inspect the concrete bridge (county) at Pequea on Pequea creek between Conestoga and Martic Twp. were down this p.m. Very warm. The warmest of the season. A few drops of rain this morning about 5:30.

Tuesday, June 17

Partly clear. Ther: 94. At Lancaster all day. Christ Urban and H.H. Bitts making fence down on farm 3/4 day. Very warm all day. 86 degrees this morning.

Wednesday, June 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. The following sealed bids were received for the wooden bridge at mouth of Pequea. Fred Shoff, \$5.30. A.J. Zercher, \$41.00. James B. Miller, \$61.50. Fred and W.W. Hart wanted \$95.00 and the bridge for removing. John T. Brubaker wanted \$70.00 and the bridge for removing. The bridge was sold to James B. Miller, he being the highest bidder, he taking me in as a partner. Blanche met Mother at the trolley at Willow Street and she will remain with us for some time. Mr. McKinney here with little girl having a cherry seed in her nose. Dr. Kendig nor Dr. Good were home so I took the matter up and removed the seed.

A happy child. Beautiful day. Much cooler. 13 degrees cooler in morning than yesterday.

Thursday, June 19

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 6 a.m. 28 degrees change from 17th. Attending funeral of Susan M. Benedict, widow of the late Christ. Born February 17, 1830. Died June 15, 1913. Aged 83-3-28. Rev Jacob Thomas opened with hymn and made a few closing remarks. Rev Hagner preached from 1 Peter, 1-3+4. Bearers: 6 grandsons, all sons of Henry Beach. John, Benj, William, Charles, Jonas and Harrison Beach. Large funeral at U. E. Church. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery. Paid Geo K. Warfel for work done in orchard, \$13.00. Rec'd pay for burial of Mrs. Benedict. Beautiful day. Not near so warm but very dusty.

Friday, June 20

Partly clear. Ther: 93. At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. Very heavy thunder storm past north and east of us this eve. Light shower here, 8 p.m. Lightning killed 1 horse and 1 cow for Rev Jacob Thomas, New Danville, last night in barn and done very little damage to building. Nice shower last night. Paid Christ Urban for labor to date, \$5.62.

Saturday, June 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Returned home 4 p.m. Daddy Eidemiller came here this eve. Also Mr. Baker. At home all eve. Very warm all day. Light shower of rain p.m. Longest day.

Sunday, June 22

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Children's day services. Quite warm all day.

Monday, June 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Not near so warm.

Tuesday, June 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Bought pair shoes for nephew, Andrew J. Zercher. Had a great rain last night. The best rain we have had for some time.

Wednesday, June 25

Partly cloudy. Went to Lititz for the day with Blanche. She took her Sunday school class of small boys there for an outing. Furnished transportation and lunch for all. Mrs. Chas Kreider, Mary Hess, Mrs. S.H. Shelley (Rev), and Miss Myrtle Good went along and these boys: Emanuel Kreider and Bertram, Clair Alexander, Lloyd Henry, John Zercher, Mylin Charles, Chas Kneisley, Wesley Warfel, Andrew J. Zercher, David Shelley. We certainly had a very nice time and returned home at 6 p.m. At home in eve. A beautiful day for an outing. Warm.

Thursday, June 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp all day. Shower in eve.

Friday, June 27.

Ther: 89 at 6 p.m. At Lancaster all day. Met sister at the Pa. R.R. depot at 3:52 p.m. just having arrived from Arizona. Was very glad to see her once again. She is looking well, but very tired. She went down to sister Lizzie's this eve. Will be up tomorrow to our place. Very warm all day and very heavy electric storm this eve. Very nice rain this eve.

Saturday, June 28.

Ther: 90. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Sister Ellie came along out. Conrad Hess and wife here this eve. We spent a very pleasant eve. Daddy Eidemiller came this eve. Mother was 80 years old today. Quite warm all day.

Sunday, June 29

Partly clear. Ther: 76 at 6:30 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Bro Emanuel and

family and Daddy Eidemiller here. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Rather warm.

Monday, June 30

Clear. Ther: 66 at 6:30 a.m. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day. An ideal hay day.

Tuesday, July 1

Ther: 6 a.m., 76-96. 8 p.m., 80. Reported 100: in places. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word by phone of the death of Mrs. Peter Maynard, Millersville this p.m. Blanche and Walter attended. The papers are full of Gettysburg news on the 50th anniversary of the battle. About 50,000 veterans assembled of North and South. Mother was prostrated by the great heat but feeling better this eve. Very warm day.

Wednesday, July 2

Partly clear. Ther: 6 a.m., 76-97. Was reported 100 in some places at noon. At Lancaster all day. Stopped off at Millersville to see the Maynard family. Very warm all day. Fine rain in eve. and a very heavy thunderstorm in eve. Very heavy storm. Lightning struck A.M. Charles' house. Did not do much damage. Killed 2 cows for John Waller this eve.

Thursday, July 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Swope went to Gettysburg. Not near so warm. Nice air all day.

Friday, July 4

Clear. Ther: 92. Attending funeral of Anna Mary Maynard, wife of Peter. Born December 16, 1863. Died July 1, 1913. Aged 49-6-15. Rev Lehman spoke at house. Bishop Abrm B. Herr. Text, 2 Cor 5+1,2,3,4,5. Rev Lehman. Text, 1 Peter 1+3, 4. Rev Gish read Proverbs passages. Bearers: John Forry, Amos Nissley, Adam Herr, Abrm Newcomer. Small funeral at Mennonite Church

Millersville, a.m. Finished the hay this p.m. Nice lot of hay. No rain. Settled with Amos Fisher to date included \$16.75. Paid Christ Urban \$1.75 for helping in hay. Also H.H. Bitts, \$1.75 for helping. Quite warm all day. Beautiful day. Ideal hay weather.

Saturday, July 5

Partly clear. Ther: 10 a.m., 94. Down on farm looking after orchard, etc. Storm on the 2nd just did some damage. Blew several trees down, a.m. Went to Harry Graver's sale of real estate and personal property but was postponed one week on account of 2 heavy thunder storms in p.m. At home in eve. Aunt Lizzie and Cora Miller and Jacob spent the eve. here and the 2 former remaining overnight. Very warm, oppressive a.m. Storm in p.m. Cooled about 20 degrees.

Sunday, July 6

Partly clear. Ther: 80. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. John and Daddy Eidemiller were up to see Mother today at Bro Emanuel's. Stopped here a short time. Great change in the weather. Sun very warm but quite a cool wind all day. As though there might have been hail yesterday storms.

Monday, July 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and sister Ellie along. Quite cool all day. About 30 degree change from Saturday in morning.

Tuesday, July 8

Clear. Thinning corn, etc., a.m. Down on farm surveying line between Dr. Mayer's farm and ours. Dr. being dissatisfied with line, but think if he had it to do over he would have left well enough alone as he was the loser, p.m. At home in eve. Very warm but cool air, especially in eve.

Wednesday, July 9

Cloudy. Cutting our wheat with binder (Amos Fisher). Commenced to rain about 10:30. Did

not get it all cut and none hauled in. Did not expect rain so soon. At home p.m. and eve. Rather cool air all day. Warmer in eve. Thunder gust in eve.

Thursday, July 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Drove in. Blanche along in. Beautiful day.

Friday, July 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in city. Stores closed this p.m. Half-holiday. Mr. McKinney and son, Christ Urban and Walter Ressel hauled in our wheat from Miller property and stacked it, a.m. Very pleasant day. Rather cool this morning.

Saturday, July 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Went to sale of Harry Graver's real and personal property. Bought spring harrow, \$2.05 and mower (grass), \$2.00. Both in very good condition. At home in eve. Called to Marticville by phone to take charge of the body of David M. Huber. Walter and I went over and arranged funeral for Monday, 9 and 10. Very warm all day. Heavy rain with some storm in p.m.

Sunday, July 13

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Walter took roughbox to cemetery and I lined casket. Nice air all day but warm and sultry.

Monday, July 14

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of David M. Huber. Born October 24, 1837. Died July 11, 1913. Aged 75-8-17. Rev Jacob Thomas spoke at house and opened services at church. Bishop Abrm B. Herr preached. Text, 1 Peter 1, 3 to 10. Bearers: Abrm, Milton, Maris and Benj Huber, John and Simon Lehman. All nephews. Large funeral at Byerland. Returned home from church. At home p.m. Not feeling well. Severe headache. Quite

warm but very pleasant in eve. Very stormy last night and early morning.

Tuesday, July 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. At Safe Harbor in eve. by auto to see H.M. Stauffer. A.S. Benedict's auto. Very pleasant day. Ideal weather.

Wednesday, July 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sold frame house on Back Harbor Road to Frank Walter that I bought from Marvin E. Bushong representing the McCall's Ferry Power Co. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Air cooler.

Thursday, July 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in today. Very pleasant day. Light rain in eve.

Friday, July 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Expect to thrash out wheat tomorrow. Machine came this eve. Quite warm all day. Very pleasant in eve.

Saturday, July 19

Partly clear. At home. Thrashed out wheat crop here at home. Yield, 64 bus. Harry Sensenig thrasher. Paid \$4.50 for same, a.m. At Sunday school picnic p.m. and eve. Large crowd and very pleasant time in H.G. Rushes woods on Lancaster road. Beautiful day.

Sunday, July 20

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Walked out to Bro Emanuel in eve. to see Mother and rest. Quite warm part of day.

Monday, July 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rather busy all day. Light rain last night (shower). Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, July 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. We think a rain would be very nice and good. Very dry.

Wednesday, July 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. Thunder gust north of us. Just a few drops of rain.

Thursday, July 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Heavy rain at Lancaster and heavy storm and rain at Millersville. Blew several trees over at Millersville Normal school. No rain here at home. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 25

At Lancaster all day. Sent check to Security Life Insurance Co. Very pleasant day. Not near so warm.

Saturday, July 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home balance of p.m. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day. Very dry and dusty.

Sunday, July 27

Partly clear. At Sunday school and at Bro Emanuel's balance of day. Spent a very pleasant time. Aaron Henry of Nebraska, formerly of Safe Harbor, was there. I was certainly glad to see him. Had not seen him for about 28 years. Quite warm all day. Very dry and dusty.

Monday, July 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. Left Millersville at 5:10 and just short distance this side at cherry trees in Mr. Herr's field we saw a man partly lying apparently in distress. We had trolley stop and ran back and found to our surprise a young man very well dressed with a bullet hole in his left breast and one in his left side of lower jaw.

Almost exported, we put him on trolley and ran back to Station and carried him to the Pickel's office. By request of the doctor I stayed and assisted him. After being revived somewhat at intervals he gave the following story. (See Memoranda).

Tuesday, July 29

Partly cloudy. Ther: 99 and 102. 85 at 7:30 p.m. At Lancaster all day. The Italian who shot himself yesterday died this morning at 5:45 at General Hospital. I was asked to take charge of body, but on account of inconvenience, I got Fred F. Groff to take charge of whole affair. Very warm all day and dry. Therm at Benedict's store, 96 degrees in shade.

Wednesday, July 30

Partly clear. Ther: 99 and 102. At Lancaster all day. The New Era has a detailed account of the Italian who committed suicide at Millersville on account of a girl named Miss Mary B. Reset. (See clipping in back of diary). Called to Millersville to take charge of the body of widow of Christian Shenk. Blanche and Walter over and arranged for funeral, Saturday p.m. Very warm. More air, p.m. Therm at Benedict's store 97 degrees in shade.

Thursday, July 31

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Called to Ira Duke's to take charge of the body of their infant son, Chester. Walter and Blanche were over. Will bury tomorrow p.m. No funeral. Very warm all day.

Friday, August 1

Partly clear. At Millersville. Called to home of Chas Dinkelberg. He died very unexpectedly. Blanche and I went over by auto to make time (A.S. Benedict). Walter took case to cemetery and stools to house of Shenk's. Wife and I went to undertaker's outing at Pequea in

p.m. Had a very heavy thunderstorm there. Came home about 6 p.m. We had a very heavy rain storm and thunder. The heaviest storm and rain we have had for some years. A regular cyclone. Blew trees down. Hail destroyed tobacco north of us. Long Lane, etc. Very warm. Buried Ira Duke's child p.m.

Saturday, August 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in. I had charge of office. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth Shenk, widow of Christian L. Shenk, Millersville. Born March 9, 1830. Died July 30, 1913. Aged 83-4-21. Rev Hostetter at house. Bearers: Christ, Adam, Benj and David Shenk. Buried at Millersville Mennonite cemetery. At IORM in eve.

Sunday, August 3

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Lined casket, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Walter took polished case to cemetery and stools to house. Sun very warm. Beautiful day.

Monday, August 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Chas Theo Dinkelberg, Millersville. Born October 10, 1862. Died August 1, 1913. Aged 50-9-21. Rev Shirey spoke. Text, Prov 27-1. Bearers: John Aierstock, John Sheirich, Abrm Brubaker, Levi Long, Wm Reisner, Harry G. Herr. Large funeral. Services at the house only. Interred at Millersville Mennonite, a.m. Light rain in morning about 6 o'clock. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, August 5

Partly clear. In orchard on Miller property and moving briars a.m. Down on farm looking after orchard and things in general. Am very much pleased with the orchard. Took a drive with J.W. Morrison this eve. Sun very warm all day.

Wednesday, August 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Came home at 2:30 to see sister Lizzie Eberley, who came up to see Mother. Blanche called to Mt. Nebo to take charge of the body of Walter F., son of Joseph and Mary Cramer. Died of diphtheria. Will bury tomorrow afternoon at Rawlinsville. Quite warm but nice air.

Thursday, August 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Came home on business at 2:30 p.m. Blanche and Walter attended the services and burial of Walter F., son of Joseph and Mary Cramer. Born July 4, 1912. Died August 6, 1913. Aged 1-1-2. Rev Nichol conducted the services. No text. Bearers: Walter and Mr. Douts, grandfather to child. Burial at Rawlinsville M. E. cemetery. Family very much pleased. Very warm all day, especially in eve.

Friday, August 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. The Bull Moosers are having a meeting here in the village this eve. to organize and select candidates for township offices. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, August 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Left on 1:30 car for home. Working about home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Held our annual chicken corn soup supper this eve. A good attendance. Great Sachem, Thum, Great C of R Thos K. Donnelly and the G.J.S., Mr. Brown were present. Wife and Mrs. Nettie Herr made the soup and said by those who partook of it to be the finest. Very warm all day.

Sunday, August 10

Partly clear. Ther: 95. At Sunday school a.m. At home balance of day. Very warm all day. A grand rain in eve.

Monday, August 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rather busy all day. Registry assessors all over county coming in for instructions on the new Primary Act. All voters must assert their political affiliation if they want to vote at the coming primary this fall. Very much cooler. A beautiful day.

Tuesday, August 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Mr. Shirk, Muller, Swope, Kinzer and Hall went to Williamsport to attend the State Convention of County Commissioners. Called to Safe Harbor this p.m. Blanche and Walter to the home of W.W. Bone. His sister-in-law, Sue B. Davis, died. They embalmed body and arranged funeral for Friday, 1:30 p.m. Real cool all day. Great change from Sunday.

Wednesday, August 13

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Alone in office partly all day. Light showers and cool. Some warmer in eve.

Thursday, August 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Very pleasant day. Some warmer.

Friday, August 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Sue B. Davis. Born 4-10-1845. Died 8-12-1913. Aged 68-4-2. Rev Roberts preached. Text, Philippians 1-21. Bearers: H.M. Stauffer, Danl M. And Henry M. Witmer, Arthur Campbell, Benj Landis, A.F. Brenner. Services at home of W.W. Bones. House services only. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery, Conestoga Centre. Quite warm all day. Very pleasant day. Warmer.

Saturday, August 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home and went out to U. E. Sunday school

picnic. Took supper with them and spent a couple of hours very pleasantly. At IORM in eve. Had Alfred S. Kendig, veterinary, euthanize our old horse, Dock, last night. Formerly H.W. Herr's horse, and buried him down in orchard below Gardner's here at home. This was our agreement with Christ W. Hess, grandson of Elam Hess. Quite warm all day.

Sunday, August 17

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Dr. Omwake, President of Ursinus College, preached a very good sermon. Text: "Would that God's People we're All Prophets." Very warm all day.

Monday, August 18

Clear. Ther: Reported 100 in shade. Down on farm all day. Working in orchard trimming trees. Christ Urban mowing weeds. We could scarcely stand it. It was so hot. Unless it cools some tonight I will go to the office tomorrow and try to take cooler weather for it. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, August 19

Partly clear. At home working in orchard a.m. About home and called to the home of Abrm Brady. He died at 2 p.m. of inflammation of the bowels rather unexpectedly. Blanche along and arranged funeral for Friday morning. Was sorry to hear of the death of my old friend, M.M. Bortzfield who was found dead in the barn of Samuel Brackbill for whom he had been working on farm. Supposed he fell from hay mow near the back. Not near as warm as yesterday. Nice air all day.

Wednesday, August 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. M.M. Bortzfield buried this p.m. at a Greenwood cemetery, Lancaster. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, August 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Barbara Ellenberger is spending the p.m. and will remain for the night. She was born at the Harry Hess home, now Valentine Shenk's and was not here in the neighborhood for 62 years. She is now 75 years old. Her present home is Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa. Very pleasant day.

Friday, August 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Abram B. Brady. Born 9-20-1877. Died 8-19-1913. Aged 45-10-29. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Luke 5-18. Rev Jacob Heisey. Text, Numbers 23-10. Bearers: Danl M. Witmer, Bayard Benedict, Wm Schmook, Isaac Hess, Pharis Kendig, Hubertus Frey. Very large funeral at Stehman's U. B. Church. 180 teams. Quite warm. Light rain p.m. and eve.

Saturday, August 23

Partly clear. Called to Francis Hess at 1:30 a.m. to take charge of the body of his wife. Blanche and I went down. At home a.m. Went to a Safe Harbor to John J. Tripple's sale of personal property and by way of Abram Brady's, home and fetched rug and cooling board home. Uncle Jacob Zercher and wife, Ezra Zercher, wife and family of Florin spent the eve. here very pleasantly. Thos Hollow died this eve. Blanche and I went out and took charge of body and arranged funeral for Tuesday, p.m. The Hess funeral, Tuesday a.m. Walter off till Monday morning. At Lebanon. Beautiful day.

Sunday, August 24

Partly clear. Went to Frank Hess to see after body, Blanche and I, and at Sunday school a.m. At home and at Hollow's looking after body, p.m. At church in eve. Rev Kresge of New Providence preached. A beautiful day.

Monday, August 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Received petitions of candidates for office. A beautiful day.

Tuesday, August 26

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Martha G. Hess, wife of Frances. Born 8-18-1858. Died 8-23-1913. Aged 55-0-5. Rev Heisey opened services. Rev Moseman and Bishop Christ Hostetter spoke from Hebrew 9-27. Bearers: Jacob and Martin Thomas, Christ and Martin Mylin, Harry Gall, Earl Blantz. Very large funeral at Pequea Church, a.m. Attended funeral of Thos Hollow. Born 11-26-1828. Died 8-23-1913. Aged 84-9-3. Rev Roberts. Text, Matt 25-21. Bearers: M.H. Groff, John Eshleman, A.F. Martin, Mart Agon, B.F. Smith, A.H. Benedict. Small funeral at M. E. Church, here, p.m. I read his will. He left all his property to his wife. Blanche called to Central Manor to take charge of body of child. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, August 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office. Quite warm all day. Fine rain at Lancaster. Very little here at home. Heavy storm reported at Lititz.

Thursday, August 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Quite warm all day.

Friday, August 29

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Barbara, widow of the late Jacob Henry (Stone Mason). Born 3-29-1831. Died August 26, 1913. Aged 82-4-27. Rev Roberts. Text, Matt 24-44. Bearers: Landis and Pharis Graver, Martin Henry, Chester Gardner, Allen Sickman, Earl, Ivan, Lester Henry. 8 grandsons. Funeral from home of Amos Graver and at M. E. Church, here, a.m. Walter

attended funeral of Mabel C., infant daughter of Saml and Adaline Warner. Born 4-14-1912. Died 8-26-1913. Aged 1-4-12. Rev Musser. Text, Matt 19-13+14. Also Hagner. Bearers: Frank, Clyde, Raymond Witmer and Ralph Seitz. Funeral at Creswell. About p.m. and eve. Thunder gusts early in morning and several during day. Heavy in eve. Not much rain.

Saturday, August 30

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. At M. E. picnic in eve. Took supper there. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, August 31

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Took Blanche to trolley. She went to colored camp at Pequea and I fetched sister Ellie along up. At home in eve. Very pleasant day. Quite dry and dusty.

Monday, September 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30. Busy in office. Being Labor Day, offices were closed but I did up some of my extras. The Conestoga Traction Co. refused to accept the York Furnace Trolley Co. return tickets this morning for some reason or other. Very warm day.

Tuesday, September 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. 1 hour late this eve. Quite warm and dry.

Wednesday, September 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Warm all day.

Thursday, September 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. The busiest day since I have been there. The registry assessors made their returns. So busy we did not go out for dinner or all day. Very warm all day.

Friday, September 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Settled with Amos Fisher to date, \$24.00. Very warm all day and dry and so dusty.

Saturday, September 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Left for home at 1:30 p.m. About home p.m. and eve. Daddy Eidemiller came this eve. Called to Harry W. Frey's to take charge and inter the body of stillborn son. Blanche and Walter went and interred same in Highville cemetery. No services. Rather damp but no rain all day.

Sunday, September 7

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Had a heavy rain this eve. and heavy thunder and lightning. A much needed rain. Very warm all day. Some cooler this eve.

Monday, September 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife along in by trolley. Busy preparing the judgment and mortgage books for the assessors. I commenced the work today. Quite warm all day. We had a great rain last night. Everything looks refreshed. Lancaster had about 5 hours rain yesterday, p.m. They claim that they never had such a rain before. Some of the papers claim the damage to property and sewage etc. will reach \$1,000,000.

Tuesday, September 9

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy at my books. Stewart, the young colored man who was arrested for highway robbery of Mrs. Addison Benedict, had his trial today and was found guilty. Very pleasant day. Very much cooler.

Wednesday, September 10

Partly clear. Ther: 45. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Came home to do some work. Mayor Gaynor of New York City died today at 1:30 on mid-ocean on a trip to Europe. Very much

cooler. Light frost reported at Martic Forge this morning.

Thursday, September 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy getting ready for primary, etc. At IOOF in eve. Beautiful day. Rather cool.

Friday, September 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Rec'd 60 bus of oats from farm. Damp and cool.

Saturday, September 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home. Brought ballots for primary along. Our farmer, Wm McKinney, told me this eve. that he was going to quit farming for us and go back to his old neighborhood. I am very sorry as we got along so nicely and a good farmer. Cool all day.

Sunday, September 14

Clear. Ther: 45. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Wife and her sister Mary went to Wrightsville this p.m. to visit their uncle Jacob Ohmit who fell and broke his arm last week. Will visit their aunt Caroline Bruner, Columbia and an Aunt at Washington Boro on their return. Bro Emanuel spent part of p.m. here and Amos Graver the evening. Quite cool all day. Feels very much like frost.

Monday, September 15

Partly clear. Ther: 43. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Sent last of ballots out at noon for city. This finished up the primary business, all but voting tomorrow. John W. Lansinger was sentenced today by Judge Hassler to one year in the county prison. An appeal was taken. I feel very sorry for him. Quite cold this morning and cool all day.

Tuesday, September 16

Partly cloudy. Ther: 43. At the primary

election all day. 157 votes polled. 102 Republican, 54 Bull Moose and 2 Democrat. A great change from the President election. The B-M carried the township then 2 to 1 for Roosevelt. A.R. Caldwell was a candidate for Recorder and Dr. J. Harry Pickel for State Committeeman on that ticket and each received 54 votes out of a total of 157 cast. I am certainly pleased with the results. Feel sorry for my Bro Emanuel. He left the Republicans and went on the B-M ticket and met the same defeat. 53 votes. I tried to persuade him but could not. A small vote but folks are busy in their tobacco and indications are for frost. Cooler. A few drops of rain.

Wednesday, September 17

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Judges of Elections made their returns. Light rain in p.m. Rain all eve.

Thursday, September 18

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. J.W. Morrison bought an automobile today. The Kline. Moderating. Light rain last night and p.m. and eve.

Friday, September 19

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. The commissioners and clerks started to complete the vote of Tuesday at noon today. Damp all day and rather cool.

Saturday, September 20

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30. Came home with J.W. Morrison in his new Kline auto. His first trip. Hettie Good, Mrs. Annie Herr, J.W. Morrison, myself and A. Shaffer. A fine machine. At IORM in eve. Rec'd word about 4:30 p.m. of the death of Edwin G. Diffenbaugh, who met with an accident or rather found unconscious in his mill last night one week ago and never gained consciousness. Damp and rather cool all day.

Sunday, September 21

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Blanche and I went to see after the body of E.G. Diffenbaugh and see the place that he was found. A rather warm day. Showers p.m. and one of the heaviest rains of the season in the eve. Very heavy rain. Very little thunder.

Monday, September 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy getting books ready for assessors. Very heavy storm in northern part of county yesterday. Cool all day.

Tuesday, September 23

Clear. Ther: 41. Attending funeral of Edwin G. Diffenbaugh. Born January 3, 1860. Died September 20, 1913. Aged 53-8-17. Rev Aaron Harnish read 90th Psalm. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Amos 4-12. Bearers: Henry Hess, Martin Eshleman, Wyatt Warfel, Henry Harnish, J. Harnish and Jacob Herr. Large funeral at M. E. Church, Conestoga Centre, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Mother went down to Bro Emanuel's to stay some time.

Wednesday, September 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Cool all day. Warmer in eve.

Thursday, September 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. Sister Lizzie Eberly came up and took Mother down home from Bro Emanuel's this p.m. Very pleasant day.

Friday, September 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sent check to H.B. _ for account to date. Check dated 25th by mistake. Beautiful autumn day.

Saturday, September 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Very much cooler.

Sunday, September 28

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Shelley a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Quite cool all day and feels very much like frost this eve.

Monday, September 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp all day. Light rain morning and eve.

Tuesday, September 30

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Lancaster county fair opened today. Paid school tax this eve, \$30.70. Pleasant. Real warm p.m.

Wednesday, October 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Bought a pair of black horses of John R. Bowermaster, Lancaster today. Paid \$400.00 cash for them. I hope we may be suited and o.k. Lewis Spencer was appointed Post Master of Lancaster Post Office today. Raining greater part of day. Several thunderstorms. Some hail and very dark part of day. (Like night).

Thursday, October 2

Partly cloudy. Spent part of the day at the Lancaster county fair. A great display of machinery, stock, poultry, fruit, corn, etc., etc. Commenced raining about 2 p.m. or shortly afterward and quite a storm. I left the ground about 3 p.m. for home. Wife, Mrs. Ressel and Mrs. Kreider were in together. Came home later. Beautiful warm a.m. Rain and storm and much cooler in eve.

Friday, October 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at mortgage books. Damp and stormy and very much cooler in eve.

Saturday, October 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Returned home 3 p.m. Working about home. Drove in

with Walter. We drove the new horses. I am pleased with them. He delivered 2 ice boxes to the Lancaster County Morgue for the use of county. Sold them for \$15.00. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, October 5

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Rev Causey who preached here as a student 10 years ago and had been in North Carolina since then preached a very able sermon. A beautiful day.

Monday, October 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Blanche along in. A very pleasant day.

Tuesday, October 7

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Damp all day. Light rain p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at my books. Damp, cool all day.

Thursday, October 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. At IOOF in eve. D.D. Grand Master and Henry Will, a member of this lodge, were present. Damp and warmer.

Friday, October 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Finished the J and M book for the assessors today. Quite warm all day and damp.

Saturday, October 11

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Left for home at 1:30 p.m. At home in eve. Wm McKinney, his wife and daughter (our farmer and family) spent the evening here very pleasantly. Abrm B. Miller, Millersville, died very unexpectedly last night about 9:30 of heart failure. He was

a brother to Uncle Christ B. Miller. I saw him standing at his front gate in the morning speaking to someone as I passed on the trolley on my way to Lancaster. Another reminder of the uncertainty of life. Damp all day. Light rain in eve. Warmer.

Sunday, October 12

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Shelley a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Lizzie Frey spent the day with us. Beautiful day. Very much cooler in eve. Feels very much like frost. Heavy rain last night.

Monday, October 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Cold raw wind all day. Feels very much like snow.

Tuesday, October 14

Clear. At Lancaster a.m. Went with A.S. Benedict. Wife and I, Harry Eckman and Mrs. Keene. Went to Columbia to Old Home week in p.m. Had a very nice time and the decorations are fine. An ideal day. Quite cool. Took part in parade.

Wednesday, October 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy at office. Drove to Lancaster. Took Blanche along and took the 6:26 train for Magnolia, West Virginia to visit Charles and spend a week or more. Hope she may have a nice time. Sales of real estate here in the village. Kendig's Hotel, public sale to Walter Eshleman, \$5,630. Thomas Hollow property at public sale to Jos M. Witmer for \$1,114. I sold the house, sheds, garden and lot of the Kreider property back as far as barn, reserving barn, front and shop to Mary and Martha Miller for \$2,300. Cool but very pleasant all day.

Thursday, October 16

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant all day.

Friday, October 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Walter went to Columbia this eve. by auto with J.W. Morrison to see the fireworks display this eve. for Old Home Week. Pleasant all day. Looks very much for rain in eve.

Saturday, October 18

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Left for home at 2:30 p.m. At home in eve. Paid Conrad Hess fire tax on Kendig property, \$5.68. Damp. Light shower and rain in eve. Cool.

Sunday, October 19

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and eve. W.F. Bruner, Carl and Russel Warfel (Rebecca Martin Warfel's boys) spent the day with us. Raining partly all of p.m. Quite heavy in eve.

Monday, October 20

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Rained this morning. Heavy rain in eve. Some hail at Millersville and very much colder.

Tuesday, October 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Cold raw wind partly all day. Snow storms reported in various sections of country north and south. Chicago a blizzard. Kentucky snow, etc.

Wednesday, October 22

Clear. Ther: 31. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Through with rush for now. Very heavy frost. The first heavy frost of the season. Ice and ground frozen. Beautiful day but cold all day.

Thursday, October 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day but cold. Very heavy frost. Heavy.

Friday, October 24

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche phoned

from Lancaster at 8:15 p.m. Just returned from Magnolia, West Virginia. Will remain at Lancaster overnight. Raining nearly all day. Heavy rain p.m. and eve.

Saturday, October 25

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Returned home 4 p.m. Blanche returned from Charles'. Had a very nice time. Damp and rainy nearly all day and eve.

Sunday, October 26

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching by Mr. Kirk, a student at the Seminary, Lancaster. Home in North Carolina. Very able young man, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Damp partly all day.

Monday, October 27

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Alone in office as clerk Swope at Harrisburg seeing after printing of ballots. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, October 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very much like rain a.m. Beautiful p.m. Much cooler in eve.

Wednesday, October 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, October 30

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Finished getting election papers ready. Rec'd the trees from Maloney Bros and Wells Co., a.m. Christ C. Urban planted them over on the Miller property. Pleasant but cooler.

Friday, October 31

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sent money to Maloney Bros and Wells Co. for trees received yesterday. Very much colder. A few flakes of snow.

Saturday, November 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day.

Sunday, November 2

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Michael Christ and daughter took dinner with us and spent part of p.m. At church in eve. Pleasant day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, November 3

Partly clear. Went to see about repairs on county bridge near Sickman's mill. Down on farm looking after orchard and to Safe Harbor to look after some business matters, a.m. Working about home. Christ Smith here lathing part put to kitchen, p.m. Very heavy frost almost like snow and ice. Beautiful day and colder in eve.

Tuesday, November 4

Partly cloudy. At the polls all day. Very busy. 288 votes polled. The entire Republican ticket was elected in the township. A.R. Caldwell, a candidate for Recorder on Bull Moose ticket, received 127 votes. Chas Lehman, candidate on Republican ticket for same office received 144. The balance of votes scattered. They were very much disappointed. They expected to carry the township for B-M. Called to Albert Carr's, Rock Hill and to Frank Good's near the village on account of deaths. Good's seeing diphtheria. Blanche and Walter took charge. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, November 5

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Received election return judges. Beautiful day.

Thursday, November 6

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Judge Landis, Chas I, Jacob Groff, Enos E. Mower and David

Swope, 3 clerks, commenced computing the vote of the Tuesday election. At church in eve. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Mable G. Frey. Born September 2, 1901. Died November 4, 1913. Aged 12-2-2. Rev Jacob Thomas preached. No text. Only short service at house porch. She died of diphtheria. Jacob M. Charles, Hal Shank, Jonas and Harry Lacy. Buried at River Corner Mennonite cemetery. A very heavy frost and a beautiful day.

Friday, November 7

At Lancaster all day. Was called to Reuben Gamber's near Central Manor. His wife died. A.S. Benedict took Blanche and I up. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Monday a.m. I took car at Millersville 8:00 a.m. to lane. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Catherine May, infant daughter of Miles and May Drennen. Born 8-4-1913. Died 11-4-1913. Aged 3 months. Rev Martin Groff preached. Saml 20-4. Bearer: Walter Ressel. Funeral at U. B. Church, Green Hill. A beautiful day.

Saturday, November 8

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Paid Christ Smith for plastering kitchen, etc., \$5.50. John M. Graver paid for corn, \$10.50. Damp all day.

Sunday, November 9

Partly cloudy. About home all day. Spent a quiet Sunday. Heavy rain all of a.m. and part of p.m. and much cooler in eve.

Monday, November 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Rudolph Gamber. Born 7-22-1873. Died 11-7-1913. Aged 40-3-15. Rev Moseman of Lancaster and Rev Henry Haverstick preached from Amos 4-12. Bearers: Jos and John Habecker, Benj Charles, Benj Gambler, Wallace

Hottenstein, Wayne Brubaker. Large and sad funeral at Letort Mennonite Church. Great change in weather. Papers report 8 to 10 inches of snow at Pittsburgh and the west. A few flakes here. The coldest of the season.

Tuesday, November 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Bought stable blankets for horses. Cold all day.

Wednesday, November 12

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Sold fat hog to Elmer Hoak. Weighed 244 lb. @ 12 cents. \$29.28. Beautiful day.

Thursday, November 13

At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Hoak's outfit here shredding fodder this p.m. Pleasant. Moderating.

Friday, November 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Hoak here bailing hay and straw. 7 3/4 tons hay and 3 tons straw. Staying at Walter Ressel's. Blanche took diphtheria and we are quarantined. Am very sorry, but will have to abide by the law. Paid D.B. Foutz and I.G. Warfel for helping to bale. Damp and cooler in eve. Light rain in morning.

Saturday, November 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30. Came home. Spoke to wife and went over to Ressel's. Cold damp raw air. Light rain and part snow in p.m. Cold in eve.

Sunday, November 16

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At Ressel's p.m. At church in eve. Back to Ressel's for the night. Over to see the folks several times during day. Blanche some better. Aunt Betsy Warfel died at the Oreville home this morning but on account of Blanche being quite sick we did not take charge. Thought it best. Raining nearly all day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, November 17

Partly clear. Called to Isaiah Herr's, Millersville this morning. He died very unexpectedly. Walter and I went over. Arranged funeral for Wednesday, 12:30 at home and 2 p.m. at Creswell. Went to Lancaster 1-1/2 hours late. Still at Ressel's. Blanche very much better. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 18

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter lined casket, etc., Blanche not being able, but improving nicely. Very heavy frost. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, November 19

Partly cloudy. Attending funeral of Isaiah Herr, Millersville. Formerly Creswell. Born December 27, 1836. Died November 16, 1913. Aged 76-10-19. Rev Moyer had opening prayer. Rev O.O. Leidigh. Text, Job 14-14. A very good sermon. Bearers: David H. Landis, Elam Hertzler, Christ Shenk, Benj Sheaffer, Brenneman, Walter Herr. Floral Mill members of Chas M. Howel #496 which deceased was a member. Funeral at Creswell, Pa. Aunt Betsy Warfel buried today at Pequea. Could not attend on account of this funeral. Threatening rain a.m. Unseasonably warm p.m. Hard on horses.

Thursday, November 20

Partly clear. At home. John Homsher of Strasburg surveyed the property I sold to the Miller girls leaving me 43 feet 1 inch in front of Kreider property, shop and barn a.m. Walter and I drove down on farm and from there to Safe Harbor and fetched doors and corner cupboard up from the Urias Warfel house I am having torn down., p.m. Sold fat hog to Amos Graver. Weighed 222 lbs. Beautiful day. Remarkable weather. So warm men sitting on porches in shirt sleeves. Not even vests.

Friday, November 21

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Not feeling well. Bad cold or rather sore face as though abscess was forming on left cheek. Called to Hebron Rankin's to take charge of stillborn child. Will bury tomorrow at River Corner Mennonite cemetery. Wife's birthday and our 33rd marriage anniversary. Very beautiful day.

Saturday, November 22

Clear. About the house all day. Had Dr. Good down to see after my face. Quite sore and prescription for it. Walter buried stillborn child of Hebron Rankin at Mennonite cemetery River Corner this a.m. Settled with Earl Jenkins for hay, etc., \$15.00. He paid me for same balance due, \$10.00. Labor by him, \$5.00. A beautiful day.

Sunday, November 23

Partly cloudy. In the house partly all day. Face quite sore. Dr. Good here treating with iodine. Rec'd word last night of the very unexpected death of my old friend Amos K. Kreider (gentleman Amos), formerly of Run Valley, now of Lancaster. Dropped over while taking a walk to River View cemetery. Body at the daughter's home, #50 South Prince street, from which the funeral will be held Tuesday morning. Services at Byerland Church. Beautiful day but getting much cooler and windy.

Monday, November 24

Partly clear. At home (Ressel's) in morning. Called to take charge of body of Christ V. Kendig, Millersville. Father of Ben F. Kendig and at his home. Walter and I went over in auto. Had Amos Benedict take us, a.m. Walter took Kreider roughbox to Byerland Church in p.m., etc. Walter had his 2 hogs killed today. Weighed 518-3/4 lbs. dressed. Cold and blustery all day.

Tuesday, November 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went early this morning and went to the funeral of Amos S. Kreider on South Duke street #503. Born May 6, 1845. Died November 22, 1913. Aged 68-6-12. Bishop Abrm Herr. Text, Amos 4-12. Jacob Thomas spoke in closing. Bearers: Benj and Jonas Hess, Amos Kreider, and Jacob Dagon. Funeral at Byerland. Walter attended funeral at the church. Pleasant and cool.

Wednesday, November 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Cool damp raw air all day.

Thursday, November 27

Cloudy. Walter and I attended funeral of Christian V. Kendig. Born October 21, 1828. Died November 24, 1913. Aged 85-1-3. Bishop Abrm B. Herr served at home. Rev Daniel Lehman. Text, 2 Timothy 4 + 6, 7, 8. Rev Gish. Texts, Acts 17 in general. Bearers: B.H. Neff, F.F. Doerstler, John W. Stehman, A.R. Funk. Large funeral at Mennonite Church Millersville. At home again. So glad. Took quarantine off today. I am certainly grateful to Mrs. Ressel and Walter for kindness shown me. Cold raw air all day. Some snow. First of season. Very light.

Friday, November 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Have entered suit against Grant Henry, Safe Harbor, for larceny of iron trough from property I rent from the Water Power Co. We have been bothered so much with stealing down there that I thought it best to make an example. Am sorry I had to do it. Damp and raining partly all day.

Saturday, November 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30. p.m. Busy in office a.m. Damp and much colder p.m. and eve.

Sunday, November 30

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. by Rev Shelley. Fannie Frey spent the day with Blanche. Damp and colder in eve.

Monday, December 1

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Helped Grant Henry out of jail so he could join his family at Reading. Sister Ellie left Lancaster for Phoenix Arizona at 10:35 a.m. Hope she may have a safe journey. Paid Christ Urban \$18.62 for labor to date. Road Board organized today. A.R. Caldwell president, Harry W. Warfel, secretary, B. Frank Markley, treasurer. Road Masters: section #1, M.S. Lefever, #2, Franklin Warfel, #3, Jacob W. Ressel, #4, Saml Peters. Damp all day. Light showers part of day.

Tuesday, December 2

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Damp all day.

Wednesday, December 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Damp a.m. Clearing and colder p.m. and eve.

Thursday, December 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Drove in. Blanche along. At IOOF in eve. Voted to move lodge to Millersville in near future. Rec'd 80 names from the Jr. OUAM Lodge there for membership. Beautiful day but much colder. Heavy frost.

Friday, December 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Very pleasant day. Remarkable weather for time of year.

Saturday, December 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30. Very busy in office a.m. Took supper at A.S. Benedict's.

The Woman's Aid Society gave it for benefit of church. Pleasant all day.

Sunday, December 7

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Raining last night and partly all a.m. and part of p.m. Clearing in Eve.

Monday, December 8

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. The York Furnace trolley service is the limit this eve. The 5 o'clock car at Millersville was the work car. No fire. 4 lawn benches to seat about 12 persons were all the seats. The rest of the passengers stood as best they could, but collected the regular fares. Almost impossible for ladies to get on or off. Great change in temperature. About 40 degrees from yesterday. Cold and stormy all day. A few snowflakes.

Tuesday, December 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Called to John A. Lefever's, Long Lane, to take charge of body of Ralph W., a son. Blanche and Walter over. Sorry to hear that the sheriff was in the town with A.M. Charles and H.G. Good. No surprises, casket factory troubles, etc. Cold all day. Not near so stormy.

Wednesday, December 10

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walked home from Millersville on account of the very poor trolley service on York Furnace road. Cold all day. Light sprinkle of snow about 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Drove in. Wife along. Rec'd word of death of Chas Lappin. Found dead at Isaac Rohrer's, Manor township. Walter brought body here to our place. No relatives known. At IOOF in eve. Sent postal to Jacob McLane, Washington Boro, who will be 91 years old on Saturday, by request of his son, J.L.

McLane, one of the clerks in Quarter Sessions office. A.M. Charles and H.G. Good took bankrupt law today. Cold all day. Snow flurries in morning.

Friday, December 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went to Millersville in eve. to F & A.M. lodge annual supper. Returned to Lancaster afterwards. Walter and Blanche attended funeral of Ralph W., son of John A. and Sue Lefever. Born November 26, 1909. Died December 9, 1913. Aged 4 years and 12 days. Rev Hagner. Text, Mark 5-39. Bearers: Earl and Raymond Charles, Lester Harnish, Guy Howe. Large funeral at brick church New Danville. Delivered body of Chas Lappin to county morgue. Pleasant all day.

Saturday, December 13

Clear. At Lancaster till 2:30. At IORM in eve. Stayed at Lancaster last night at Majestic Hotel. W. King, J.W. Morrison and I from the F & A.M. annual at Millersville. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, December 14

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Called by phone to come to the home of Emil Kunze, he having died. Went up and arranged funeral for Wednesday. At church in eve. Very pleasant day.

Monday, December 15

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Drove in, Blanche and I. Mrs. Benj F. Henry died very unexpectedly today. Real cold all day, but fine winter weather.

Tuesday, December 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Drove in. Mrs. Annie Herr, neighbor, along. Heavy frost. Moderated during day.

Wednesday, December 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Emil Kunze. Born March 1, 1849. Died December 14, 1913. Aged 64-9-13. Rev Jacob Heisey and Rev H.P. Hagner, closing remarks. Bearers: Benj Neff, Christ Rutt, Abrm Young, Geo Mann. Funeral at Masonville Mennonite Church. Pleasant all day.

Thursday, December 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. At IOOF in eve. Wrote letter to Pa. Water and Power Co., Baltimore, Md. with regard to renting Safe Harbor properties. Very much colder.

Friday, December 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Mrs. Amos McAllister died at Millersville this p.m. of pneumonia. Clear and cold.

Saturday, December 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30. At home in eve. Great crowds of Christmas shoppers in city, the weather being so favorable. Very heavy frost but great winter weather. Fine day.

Sunday, December 21

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching. Treated the Sunday school folks to box candy and orange, a.m. John Eidemiller and wife spent their first visit here since their marriage. Bro Emanuel here a while, p.m. Very pleasant day. Looks like rain in eve.

Monday, December 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Drove in. Blanche along. Very busy all day. Cold all day.

Tuesday, December 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Cold. Moderating. Rain p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, December 24

Partly cloudy. Called out early this morning to come to the home of Benj Gamber near Central Manor. Blanche and Walter attended, he having died. I was at Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. and made final arrangements to move lodge to Millersville for the 29th. Cool and looks very much like snow or rain.

Thursday, December 25

Cloudy. Spent the day very pleasantly about home with wife and Blanche. Exchanged presents. Sent calendars through village as usual on Christmas Day. The Lord has been good to us and we are so unworthy. Damp a.m. Raining p.m. and eve.

Friday, December 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Snowed last night. Several inches fell but ground nicely covered. Melted quite a good deal as it fell. Very much colder p.m. and eve.

Saturday, December 27

At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Benj L. Gamber. Born 4-11-1832. Died 12-24-1913. Aged 81-8-23. Rev Henry Haverstick. Rev Danl Lehman. Bearers: Harnish Landis, Jos Habecker, Wallace Huttenstine, Benj Charles, Benj Gamber, Wayne Brubaker. Large funeral at Millersville Mennonite church. At IORM in eve. Cold all day.

Sunday, December 28

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. Received word about 3:30 to come to Mt. Joy for body of Martha Baer. We got Mr. F.F. Groff to take me up by auto. Elected S.S. officers today. Cold all day.

Monday, December 29

Partly clear. Ther: 22. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Was out nearly all last night. Had been to Mt. Joy after body of Martha

Baer and afterwards to John Neff's, Highville and arranged funerals for Wednesday. Brought body from Mt. Joy in auto. (F.F. Groff). Very cold last night. Cold all day.

Tuesday, December 30

Partly clear. Ther: 20. At Lancaster all day. Stayed at Lancaster overnight. Was at the IOOF meeting at Millersville. Our lodge moved there and this was our first meeting. There were 76 new members initiated. Very busy in office. Signed lease for Safe Harbor properties today. Rent to be paid semiannually. Called to Ed Eshleman's. Stillborn. Will bury Thursday morning at River Corner Mennonite. Very pleasant day but cold and frosty.

Wednesday, December 31.

Partly cloudy. Ther: 20. Attending funeral of Martha F. Baer, widow of Benj. Born July 21, 1839. Died December 28, 1913. Aged 74-5-7. Rev Martin Groff. Bearers: Isaac Hess, John, George and Henry Earhart, Elias Snead, Andy Sonder. Large funeral at Stehman's Church, a.m. Attended funeral of John Neff. Born 4-9-1848. Died 12-28-1913. Aged 65-8-19. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Job 14-14. Rev Hagner closing remarks. Large funeral at Highville U. B., p.m. Called to Harry Mellinger's. Their small child died. Blanche and Walter went down. Funeral Saturday. A very busy day which closes up another year for which we had much to be thankful. Cold all day and very frosty.

MEMORANDA

March 8

Settled with Eli S. Richardson to April 1st, 1913. Balance due from that date, \$43.19.

March 24

Settled with John G. Groff for farm to date. Balance due him, \$49.70. Gave him my check for same.

July 28

So Sad. Some Mother's Boy. Name, Barney Matthews. Home, Birwin, Pa. No brothers in this country. (Italian). My best friend, Wm Bair, Birwin, Pa. Let him know. I was coachman for him. Write him. He will take my things and do what is right. I asked him if anyone shot him. No, I did. Why? Much trouble. When? Long ago. What? Girl. Italian girl? No, American girl. He had \$45.14 in his pocket. He told me to take it out of his pocket, which I did and gave it, the 32 caliber revolver, 2 chambers empty, rest loaded. U.S. Revolver Co. stickpin and ring and watch all to Dr. Pickel's care. He told this without any persuasion and thanked us for what we did for him.

January 25

Tobacco crop off of Miller property

1945 lbs. @ 10 cents, wrappers: \$194.50

321 lbs. @ 3 cents, filler. 9.63

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\$204.13

Our share: \$102.06

No tobacco returns from farm (ore mine). Partly destroyed by hail and farmer, John G. Groff refused to harvest it for 2/3 of Crop. Was only entitled to 1/2 of Crop.

In account with H.H. Bitts. Rent, \$4.00 per month in advance.

April 2 on account: \$3.00

April 24, 2 days labor: \$3.00

May 13, 1 day labor: \$1.50

May 30, 4 hours labor: \$.60

May 31, 1/2 day labor: \$.75

June 2, 1/2 day labor: \$.75

June 4, 1 day labor: \$1.50

June 12, 1 day labor: \$1.50

June 16, 1 day labor: \$1.50

June 17, 3/4 day labor: \$1.14

July 4, helping in hay: \$.75