

# Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Friday, January 1

Working about house, not doing very much; keeping sort of holiday. Writing out notices for IOOF members for dues. Cold all day. Eli S. Richardson paid December rent this eve. \$3.00. Gave him credit in 1908 diary. P. clear. Ther. 23.

Saturday, January 2

Working about home, a.m. Went to Millersville to attend Bank Directors meeting, p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold all day, but beautiful winter weather. P. clear. Ther. 19.

Sunday, January 3

At Sunday school. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Supt. J.R. Yentzer, Asst. Supt. A.M. Charles, Secy. Martin Smith, Treas. Henry W. Hess, Organist Blanche Zercher, Asst. A. Roy Bortzfield. The Auditing Committee--A.J. Zercher, John R. Good, and Wm. Wade--have the following report to make. Receipts From All Sources for the Year: Balance of last year, \$26.50; Class Collections, \$55.24; Other Sources, \$117.92; Total Receipts, \$199.66; Expended, \$134.87; Balance on Hand, \$64.79, a.m. About house, p.m. At missionary in eve. Election of officers: Pres. A. Zercher, Secy. A.M. Charles, Treas. Mrs. A.J. Zercher, Collector, Blanche Zercher. Preaching by Rev. Shelby. Damp all day. Light rain in eve. P. cloudy. Ther. 34.

Monday, January 4

At Lancaster, Blanche along. Attended to various business, bought horse blanket, etc. Paid for all purchases. Damp, moderating, light rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, January 5

Was called to Jacob H. Herr's (Baumgartner's

Mill) to take charge of the body of their infant son Abrm. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Thursday at 12 and 1 o'clock, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Raining nearly all day. A very good and much needed rain. A regular spring day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, January 6

Lining and trimming casket, a.m. About home, M.B. Good took case to cemetery and stools to house, p.m. At home in eve. Colder all day. M.B. Good ½ day. P. cloudy. Ther. 29.

Thursday, January 7

Attending funeral of Abrm. H., son of Jacob H. and Barbara (Hisler) Herr. Born April 4, 1906; died January 5, 1909, aged 2-8-1. Rev. Jacob Thomas opened the services. Bishop Abrm. B. Herr, Text: St. Mark: 10:14. Bearers: John R. and Aaron R. Hess, Martin Campbell, and Frank Cramer. 14 carriages. Buried at Byerland Cemetery. Not large funeral. Rev. J.L. Hurst, pastor of M.E. Church here. Took supper with us. Great change in weather. Very much colder. Snowing part of the day. The roads are very rough. Cloudy. Ther. 27. \$22.50.

Friday, January 8

Working about home, a.m. Went to Jacob H Herr's for stools, and rec'd pay for casket, p.m. A very cold day. Roads still very rough. P. clear. Ther. 9.

Saturday, January 9

Working about home a.m. At supervisors' meeting, p.m. Nothing special. At IORM in eve. The order agreed to give \$25.00 toward stone walk. Mrs. Charles M. Zercher (Clara), Paul, and Martha (my wife) went to Phila. This morning. Wife will spend a few days with them. Cloudy. Ther. 19.

Sunday, January 10

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Shelby. The Sunday, school agreed almost

unanimously to give \$25.00 to the Stone Walk Fund, a.m. About home, p.m. and eve. Amos Graver here a short time in eve. Cold, raw, damp all day. Cloudy.

Monday, January 11

At Lancaster attending to business. Returned home about 4 p.m. Moderated very much today. Roads getting quite muddy. Rec'd check for \$20.00 of Walter R. Cliffe for \_\_\_\_\_. It is reported that Rodney Peaco, a colored boy, son of Ed Peaco, assaulted one of Fred Rankin's daughters on the eve of the 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ while on her way from church. I hope he will be dealt with accordingly. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, January 12

Working about house all day, repairing at stables, etc., etc. At public meeting for stone walks this eve. I think there is no doubt about it; we will have the stone walks. Damp and very mild. Much colder in eve. Commenced freezing in eve. No frost in ground of any account. Cloudy.

Wednesday, January 13

About house. Received word by phone about 9:30 of the death of Miss Fannie Miller near Bender's Mill, Central Manor. Went up, took charge of body and arranged funeral for Friday, morning. Fetched coffin from trolley this eve. Wife came home this eve. from Phila.; found the folks all well. Great change in the weather, very much colder. Commenced snowing and sleeting in eve. P. cloudy.

Thursday, January 14

Trimmed and lined coffin and sent case to cemetery and stools to house, a.m. Working about shop, etc., and down on farm, pm. M.B. Good- ½ day. Damp and rainy nearly all day, moderating. Snowed some last night, not near so cold. A.J. Winters mother died yesterday. Cloudy.

Friday, January 15

Attending funeral of Miss Fannie K. Miller. Born August 18, 1831; Died January 13, 1909. Aged 77-4-25. Bishop A.B. Herr opened the services (which were held at the house only) in the German, and Rev. Haverstick spoke from 2 Cor. 5:1-3. Bearers: Jacob, Frank, Isaac, and Benj. Neff- 4 nephews. Buried on home burying ground, a beautiful location. Large funeral. Rec'd pay for same, of Frank Neff. Fetched stools along home. Had undertaker's wagon. Was called to A.L. Henry this morning to take charge of body of infant son and arranged funeral for Sunday morning at 9 and 10. Very damp partly all day, and cold. Beautiful in p.m. P. cloudy. \$50.00 cash. (Fire-Refer to memorandum)

Saturday, January 16

Cloudy. At Henry's. Took case to cemetery, etc., a.m. Trimmed and lined casket, etc., p.m. At the entertainment given by the young folks of the village for the benefit of the Stone Walk fund. There were only a few present on account of the snow storm and sleet that had been raging since about 10:00 a.m. Very much colder, snowing, sleeting, and blowing without any intermission since this a.m., and still continues, at 11:00 p.m. Rumor has it that the fire last night was caused by Jacob McAllister himself, reported in A.S. Benedict's store this eve. by Geo. E. Lawrence.

Sunday, January 17

P. cloudy. Attending funeral of Thos. Haldy, infant son of Albert L. and Lizzie Henry. Born Oct. 2, 1907, died Jan. 15, 1909, aged 1-3-13. Rev. J.L. Hunt spoke from Matt. 19:14. Bearer: self. 8 teams. Buried at M.E. Church, Conestoga Centre. Small funeral on account of inclemency of the weather, a.m. About home, p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. H.S. Shelby. Very damp, cold, and sleeting, a.m. Cold but clearing in p.m. \$23.50.

Monday, January 18

P. clear. Ther. 20. At Lancaster. Blanche a-long. Attended business of various kinds. Returned home about 4:30 p.m. Very much colder. Cold all day. Good sleighing.

Tuesday, January 19

P. clear. Ther. 3. Working about house, a.m. At Safe Harbor and at farms. Received \$87.58 on tobacco delivered, of John Steckervetz and John Zercher, and shelling corn at home, p.m. Very cold all day. Coldest day of the season. John E. Herr paid me one month's rent for James Worker at Safe Harbor.

Wednesday, January 20

Clear. Working about house, a.m. Fetched stools from A.L. Henry, etc., p.m. Was called by phone by Henry Hess this eve. to take charge of body of his wife. Funeral Sunday morning 9 and 10, at Byerland. Rec'd pay of A.L. Henry for burial of child. Cold a.m. but a beautiful, beautiful day.

Thursday, January 21

P. clear. Went over to look after body, and working about house balance of day. Cold in morning but warmer during the day. At IOOF in eve.

Friday, January 22

P. clear. Working about house. Lined and trimmed coffin, etc. Sent case to cemetery and stools to house. Very beautiful day. M.B. good ½ day. Promised to help Mr. A.W. Black to a house. (Mrs. Wise formerly his \_\_\_).

Saturday, January 23

P. cloudy. Lined and trimmed casket for Sheridan Good, etc., a.m. Working about shop and down looking after body of Good and at township primary in p.m. Did not spend too much time there, too busy. At IORM in eve. Damp partly all day with some rain in p.m.

Sunday, January 24

P. cloudy. Attending funeral of Barbra M., wife of Henry Hess, Marticville. Born June 5, 1863; died Jan. 20, 1909. Aged 45-7-15. Rev. Jacob Thomas opened services; Bishop Abrm. B. Herr preached text: Rev. 14:12. Bearers: John, Aaron, Benj., and Christ Hess (nephews). 26 teams. Buried at Byerland. Very large and sad funeral. While there I rec'd word to come to Josiah Good's, that his son Christian (a fine young man) had committed suicide by shooting himself above right temple with a 32 caliber revolver, no cause known. Went over, took charge of body, washed, dressed, and embalmed same. This is indeed very sad! Very pleasant day. M/B. Good 1 day. \$47.50 paid.

Monday, January 25

P. clear. Lined casket and sent case to River Corner Cemetery, a.m. Took casket to Josiah Good's and put body in ready for funeral, p.m. Over at Atlee W. Black's, paid Emma Wise \$15 on property bought by Black. Very pleasant day, spring-like. Roads very sloppy. M.B. Good 1 day.

Tuesday, January 26

P. clear. Attending funeral of Sheridan F. Good. Born April 14, 1869; died Jan. 23, 1909. Aged 39-9-9. Rev. Jacob Thomas preached from Heb. 5:9; Bishop Abrm. B. Herr, text: Heb. 5:9 and St. Mark 16:16. Bearers: Chas. Landis; Christ, Oliver, Clair, and John Good. 30 teams. Buried at River Corner. Large funeral, a.m. About house, sent stools to Josiah Good's by M.B. Good. Went to Stone Walk meeting this eve, which is progressing nicely. A construction committee was elected, viz., John R. Good, H.B. Thomas, M.B. Good, Frank Warfel, George W. Pries, John Z. Wade. Auditing committee: E.L. Bortzfield, A.S. Benedict, A.J. Zercher. MB. Good- 1 day. Very much like spring, rather stormy. \$60.

Wednesday, January 27

P. clear. Was called to H.S. Stehman's to take charge of the body of their infant daughter Barbra who died of pneumonia. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Friday, at 12:30 and 2 p.m. Attended funeral of Christian E., son of Josiah and Susanna Good, born 4-7-1885; died January 24, 1909. Aged 23-9-17. Rev. W.J. Lindsay preached a very appropriate sermon from Heb. 9:27-28, especially the latter part of the 27<sup>th</sup> verse, one of the best sermons I have heard for a long time, especially for the sad occasion. Bearers: Abrm. and Benj. Witmer, Harry, Benj., Edgar, and Christ Eshbauh. Services at house only. 30 carriages along to Byerland Cemetery. Large funeral, very sad. Paid Emma Wise for property. M.B. Good, 1 day. Cooler. Look to memorandum. \$50.

Thursday, January 28

P. clear. Lining casket, etc., M.B. Good fetched stools from Josiah Good and took them to Stehman's and roughbox to cemetery, a.m. Working about home p.m. At IOOF in eve. Blanche at Lancaster all day. Very stormy all night and all day. M.B. Good ½ day.

Friday, January 29

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Barbra C., daughter of Harry S. and Adaline M. Stehman. Born May 23, 1904, died Jan 27, 1909, aged 4-8-3. Rev. Abrm. B. Herr text: St. Mark 10:14-15. Bearers: Raymond and John Charles, Harry and Wm. Stehman. 25 teams. Buried at New Church (Family Stone), large funeral. Very unpleasant day. Snow, rain, and sleet. Getting colder. \$25.

Saturday, January 30

P. cloudy. Fetched stools from Stehman's, etc., a.m. Working about house, p.m. At IORM in eve. Rec'd work this eve. of the death of Christ K. Rohrer, Masonville. Went over and laid out and embalmed body.

Returned about 2:30 a.m. Very much colder, snowing some in p.m. Still getting colder.

Sunday, January 31

Clear. Went to Rohrer's this morning and arranged funeral for Wednesday at 10 o'clock at Masonville Church, a.m. About house, p.m. At church in eve. Wm. Gerhart preached a very practical sermon, son of the late D.W. Gerhart. Rec'd word about 9:15 p.m. of a murder committed at Alfred Hallman's, purpose being robbery, and about 10 p.m., rec'd word by phone to come and take charge of body. Went at once, took M.B. Good along. Found excitement running high. Was asked to help Martin H. Hess, son of Jacob L. Hess, to search the house for money. I am satisfied we found several thousand dollars put away in kettles, boxes, tied in cloths, and stuck away in dozens of places. Paper money in several Bibles and other books. The robbers also shot Amos Kreider who was visiting there in eve. (A neighbor) was also shot in the arm, but hope not fatally. Will not move body before tomorrow. Two men from adjoining twp. are suspicioned and will be watched. M.B. Good, ½ day.

Monday, February 1

Clear. Went down to Hallman's to fetch up body. The deputy coroner held an inquest. Jurors: A.J. Zercher, Christ Brooks, Jacob B. Harnish, Henry Redcay, B.F. Hookey, Geo. Sangrey. Verdict: Deceased came to his death by a bullet wound in the neck, rec'd from man now unknown. Fetched body to my house and arranged funeral for Thursday, at 9 o'clock from the home, and 10 at Pequea Church, a.m. Put body in shape and embalmed same, and working about house, p.m. Cold all day. Raw wind. M.B. Good, ½ day.

Tuesday, February 2

P. clear. Sent roughbox to Masonville Cemetery. I was lining and trimming casket,

etc., a.m. Sent roughbox to Pequea Cemetery. I was lining and trimming coffin, etc., p.m. Very busy. Heard this eve. that there were two arrests made in the Hallman case. Walter Aston, as son of Amos Aston, near Sickman's Mill, and Paul Formworth, living on the Steinman farm, Martic Twp. I certainly do feel sorry for the parents, especially Astons. Moderating, very much warmer. M.B. Good, 1 day.

Wednesday, February 3

P. cloudy. Attending funeral of Christian F. Rohrer. Born Nov. 28, 1870; died Jan'y. 30, 1909; aged 38-2-2. Rev. Anderson spoke at house. Rev. Haverstick and Rev. John Knecht at church. Text 116 Psalm, 7 verse. Bearers: N.F., D.F, and J.E. Shuman; Lee, Christ, and Clayton Charles. Hearse, friends walked. Buried at Masonville Church. Very large funeral. Returned home from church, dressed body of Alfred Hallman, and put in coffin, and took in parlor for the folks to see. There were 112 called to see the remains. Great excitement about the men arrested. Walter and Benj. Aston and Paul Formworth made confessions and implicated Jacob Hinkey and Amos Brach. M.B. Good 1 day. Cold, damp, raw air all day. Light blusters of snow. \$80.

Thursday, February 4

P. clear. Attending funeral of Alfred Hallman, born Jan'y 19, 1841, died Jan'y 31, 1909. Aged 68-0-12. Rev. Jacob Thomas, text St. Matt. 24:22-24. Rev. Noah Z. Hess, text Rom. 6:23. Bearers: J.B. Harnish, Henry Redcay, Martin H. Hess, Amos H. Hess. 18 carriages. Services and burial at Pequea Brethren in Christ Church. A very large funeral, almost 700 present. Took dinner at church basement, a.m. At John Steckervetz sale down on farm; he had a very good sale. Mr. Purdy of the Sunbury Burial Case Co. here, paid to date and gave him an order; he spent the night

with us. At IOOF in eve. M.B. Good ½ day. \$50.

Friday, February 5

P. cloudy. Went to Hallman's for stools, and working around house, a.m. Went down on farm for corn in p.m. About house in eve. Very much like spring, few drops of rain, p.m.

Saturday, February 6

P. cloudy. Working about house all day. At IORM in eve. Pleasant but very stormy partly all day. Rec'd word this noon of John Huber (Detective) that Wm. Gochenaur confessed to the burning of Emanuel Groff's barn near New Danville. He said the Mr. Groff had told him that he would not have any work for him next year and thought if he would burn that barn he would have work and could stay. I feel very sorry for Will. Poor fellow.

Sunday, February 7

P. cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Damp, raw air all day. Commenced snowing about 5 p.m. and still snowing at 8:30. Colder.

Monday, February 8

P. clear. At Lancaster on business, Blanche along. Henry L. Martin bought pair of mules of W.W. Bones this morning for \$300, paid \$5 on them and gave him 90-day note for balance, \$295. I went on as security. A beautiful day. Snow nearly all gone.

Tuesday, February 9

P. cloudy. Was called out last night about 11 o'clock to come to Marticville to take charge of the body of Mrs. Adam H. Shenck. Embalmed same and arranged funeral for Thursday, 9 and 10 at Byerland Church. Lining and trimmed casket, etc. Sent box to cemetery and stools to house, p.m. At Stone Walk meeting in eve. Construction committee was authorized to commence work quarrying stone, etc., at once. Cold

damp raw air all day, snow in p.m. and rain in eve. M.B. Good ½ day.

Wednesday, February 10

P. cloudy. Working about home all day. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Mrs. Alfred Hallman at her son Benj.'s house, 6:30 this eve. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Sunday,, 9 and 10 at Pequea. Roads are something terrible for mud. Damp and raining, stormy and colder in eve. Very stormy last night.

Thursday, February 11

P. clear. Attending funeral of Annie Huber Shenk. Born June 2, 1876, died February 8, 1909, aged 32-8-6. Bishop Abrm. B. Herr, text- 2 Cor. 4: 3-6 verses. Rev Jacob Thomas took part in the services. Bearers: Benj. Mellinger; Stoner Seitz; Earl Miller; John, Jacob, and Aaron Huber. 30 carriages. Services and burial at Byerland Church, large funeral, a.m. Took dinner at the house, and took trolley and went to Hallman's to look after body, etc., p.m. At IOOF in eve. Very much colder and stormy all day. Very rough roads. M.B. Good ¾ day. \$70.

Friday, February 12

P. clear. Working in shop lining and trimming coffin, a.m. In shop, etc. Sold my pigeons, 69 pair at 20¢ per pair to Kegel of Lancaster. Am certainly glad they are gone; lost lots of money on them. M.B. Good fetched stools from Adam H. Shenk's and took them to Hallman's this p.m. Cold all day; moderating p.m. and eve. M.B. Good ½ day.

Saturday, February 13

P. clear. Working about home. Took case to Pequea Church, etc., a.m. Attending meeting of Road Board, p.m. At IORM in eve. Rain last night and early morning, pleasant balance of day.

Sunday, February 14

Cloudy. Attending funeral of Fannie Hallman

(nee Ayle). Born February 16, 1836, died February 10, 1909. Aged 72-11-24. Rev. Jacob Thomas text-- 2 Cor. 5:10. Rev. Noah Z. Hess text—Isaiah 38:1. Bearers: Jacob B. Harnish, Henry Redcay, Amos H. Hess, and Isaac H. Shenk. 13 carriages. Services and burial at Pequea Brethren in Christ Church, large funeral, possibly 500 persons being present. Took \_\_\_ at church, a.m. At home, p.m. Andrew Good and wife, Harry Jenkins, wife and family, took dinner here and spent p.m. At home in eve. Damp all day, began raining about 4 p.m. and rained all eve. \$50.

Monday, February 15

Cloudy. Wife and I were at funeral of Mrs. Owen Hizer, near Brunnerville. Buried near Brickerville. Had a very nice time. Met quite a number of relatives and friends. She was aged. 68-8-12. Text was Heb. 4:9 and 2 Cor. 4:4-7. Roads very bad. Were fetched back to Lititz to the trolley by W. Hess, a neighbor. Stopped off at Enck's a short time. Damp all day,, colder in eve. but quite warm. The church where the services were held is 105 years old, has its first roof (shaved shingles). Very antique in furnishing. This is my 52 birthday. I have great reason to thank God for His blessings, protection, and came thus far as through life. May He be pleased to continue.

Tuesday, February 16

P. cloudy. At township election, cast the first ballot (straight republican). Washed hearse, etc., a.m. Went down to Hallman's for stools used at funeral. Bought the looking glass that was shot through the night the murderer fired at Mrs. Cramer, paid \$2 for same. I also got the ball that was fired at her and lodged on the wall after going through glass frame. Displayed it at Benedict's store this p.m. At election, etc., p.m. There were 218 votes polled. H.H. Kurtz ran Independent for school director, rec'd 85 votes, Sickman 135, H.M. Stauffer 147, the 2 latter being elected.

Damp all day, rain and hail in p.m. and thunder. (See Memorandum)

Wednesday, February 17

P. clear. Working about house. Went down on farm, fetched corn along up. John C. finished stripping tobacco, will deliver Friday,. Gave John C. one of our hogs this eve. It had the\_\_\_\_. Very much colder, but nice day.

Thursday, February 18

P. clear. Working about the house all day cleaning up garden and lot. Trimmed blackberries, etc. Took the agency for selling the Ohio Dairy Feed agreement for 3 years. At IOOF in eve.; no quorum. Very beautiful day, spring-like.

Friday, February 19

P. cloudy. Working about home. Burned brush, etc. in lot, etc., a.m. Helped Bro. Emanuel to clerk Harvey Alexander's sale (personal property) in p.m. He had a good sale. At home in eve. Raw wind in p.m. and rain toward eve. and heavy rain in eve. John C. Zercher delivered balance of his tobacco today, his whole crop amounted to \$239.48.

Saturday, February 20

P. clear. Working about home, a.m. Went to bank meeting at Millersville, p.m. About home in eve. The school district had a meeting this eve. and refused to allow the Cement Walk committee to use the school ground at East End and Central Graded for to crush stone for walk after school closes in spring. Such directors! And yet they want to make it appear as though they were very much interested in the walk, Directors M.H. Groff, Eli Warfel, H.G. Good, Fred H. Sickman, and John Burkhart. It is certainly disgusting. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, February 21

P. cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching.

Rev. Shelby preached a Lincoln anniversary sermon, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A very beautiful day. Light rain in eve.

Monday, February 22

P. clear. At Lancaster, Blanche along. Paid for Rufus Lawyer property \$175.00 (At Safe Harbor, Union Warfel property). Bought 5 goldfish for wife and Blanche, who gave them to me for birthday present. Very beautiful day. Regular spring weather.

Tuesday, February 23

Cloudy. Went down on farm to reset fence, etc. Cyrus Turner along. Commenced raining about 9:30 and continued all day. We stripped tobacco for Steckervetz balance of day. Damp and rain all day. Heavy rain in p.m. and eve. Still raining at 9:15 p.m. Cyrus Turner  $\frac{3}{4}$  day. 75.

Wednesday, February 24

Cloudy. Called by phone to Benj. M. Bear's near Little Pittsburg, who was found dead on chair about 6 a.m. Took charge of body, embalmed same, and arranged for funeral Saturday, at 9 and 10 at Stehman Church near Letort, a.m. Was called by phone to Geo. A. Gantz to take charge of one of twin babies. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Saturday at 1:30 and 2 at Stehman Church near Letort. Busy all day. Raining nearly all day, not cold. A very good rain. Regular spring weather.

Thursday, February 25

P. cloudy. In shop trimming caskets, etc. Sent roughboxes to the Stehman cemetery (church) by M.B. Good. Harry Jenkins fetched 2 ton of Dairy Food from car at Safe Harbor. Charged \$2. At IOOF in eve. Very great change in the weather. Cold and very stormy all day. M.B. Good 1 day. Cyrus Turner 1 day.

Friday, February 26

P. clear. Working about house all day.

Supervisor board met this eve to make out their accounts. We worked til 10:30 p.m. to finish. Very pleasant day, not near so cold. Beautiful day. A.R. Caldwell sec'y, \$50. A.J. Zercher treas. and ex, \$30. Geo. J. Fehl treas. and ex, \$25.

Saturday, February 27

P. cloudy. Attending funeral of Benj. M. Bear. Born February 29, 1836, died February 24, 1909. Aged 72-11-24. Rev. John Omacht text-Heb. 11:8. Rev. J.L. Hunt (briefly). Bearers: Isaiah Hess, John Denttinger, Benj. K. Habecker, F.F. Brenan, Zach Witmer, Elias Sneath. 16 carriages. Large funeral at Stehman's U.B. Church. Went from church to home of Geo. A. Gantz, a.m. Attended funeral of Esther B. one of infant twins of Geo. A. and Annie Bender Gantz. Born Sept. 13, 1908, died Feb. 24, 1909. Aged 5 mos. 11 days. Rev. John Omacht, Rev. John Haverstick Job 1:21. Bearers: Ruth G. Kauffman, Anna Mary Henry, Fannie E. Miller, Anna M. Gerlach. 14 carriages, medium large, at Stehman U.B. Church, p.m. At IORM in eve. Damp all day. Rain a.m. but pleasant p.m. Bear, \$50 +\$5= \$55. Gantz, \$15. (See memorandum.)

Sunday, February 28

P. cloudy. At Sunday school, a.m. Abut home, p.m. At preaching in eve. by Mr. Sheffer of F and M College, a student sent by Mr. Shelby. Rather cold all day, but pleasant.

Monday, March 1

P. clear. At organization meeting of Road Board, viz.: Pres. A.J. Zercher, Sec'y. A.R. Caldwell and John E. Lefever, Treas. A.S. Benedict. The township was re-distributed viz. 4 road masters: #1 Michael S. Lefever, #2 John R. Good, #3 Fred Wise, #4 Geo. Warfel. Tax rate 2 ½ mills. Working about house balance of day. Pleasant day, much cooler in p.m. and eve. Feels like snow. Attending organization of road board, etc., 1 day, \$2.

Tuesday, March 2

Cloudy. Working about house all day. Put tobacco on lawn, cleaned henhouse, pigeon loft, etc. Raining part all day, and damp. County Supt. Brecht was visiting schools here today.

Wednesday, March 3

Cloudy. Went to New Providence to Hiram Peoples and bought 150 bluegill fish for pond on farm. Paid \$7.50 for same and got 8 gold- fish and paid for same. Drove to Willow Street and took trolley; was home shortly after 12 noon. Took fish down to farm and put them in upper pond and fetched corn along up, p.m. At home in eve. Damp all day. Rain in eve, colder. Sorry to hear of death of S. Millo Herr, one of the County Commissioners.

Thursday, March 4

Cloudy. About home all day shoveling snow best part of a.m. and part of p.m. and posting books, etc. Commenced snowing about 9:30 last eve. and snowed all night and best part of a.m., and very stormy. It is supposed that there was 15 or 18 inches of snow fell up to noon today, but it was quite wet and heavy, but the high winds is drifting very much. The roads are not passable; no mail this eve. on that account. Great change in the weather. Snowing a.m., colder and very stormy p.m. and eve. Mr. J.F. Findlay took photo of our house. Wm. H. Taft was inaugurated President of U.S. today and Theo. Roosevelt, my ideal of a President returns to private life.

Friday, March 5

P. cloudy. About house all day working at books and about barn. Road masters busy opening the public roads of snow. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, March 6

P. cloudy. Working about house all day in shop, etc. At IORM in eve. The Red Wing Club

gave an oyster supper this eve. for the benefit of the Stone Walk Fund. They had a fair audience considering the weather. The papers have an article stating that Jacob McAllister was arrested on a charge of arson, supposed to having set fire to his barn, gave bail for hearing. Damp all day, commenced snowing about 3 p.m. but did not snow very much.

Sunday, March 7

Clear. At Sunday, school and preaching a.m. At home, p.m. and eve. A very beautiful day. Snow melting very fast.

Monday, March 8

P. clear. At Lancaster, Blanche along. Rec'd deed for Rufus Lawyer property, and paid Mr. Houser, Esq. \$5 for writing same (too much) and left it at Recorder's Office and attended to other business. Saw W.W.G. with reference to commissioner appointment, but not able to say anything yet. Very pleasant day, but not as warm as yesterday.

Tuesday, March 9

Cloudy. About home all day, not doing much. Broke my glasses and had to send them to Lancaster to get fixed. Paid \$.30 for same. Raining and very damp all day.

Wednesday, March 10

p. cloudy. Down on our farm, had horse shod at Henry Beacher Blacksmith, paid for same. Working about home. Rec'd word about 4:30 of the death of George Garrett down near Mt. Nebo. Went down and embalmed body and arranged funeral for Saturday morning at 9 and 10 at Colemanville Church. Storm partly all day and colder.

Thursday, March 11

P. clear. Went down on farm with Martin F. Good and killed steer, weighed 411 lbs. Dressed. Arrived home at noon. A message from W.W. Greist to call up his office by

phone. Did so, and was surprised to have him offer me a position as clerk. Went to Lancaster at once and held a conference with him and agreed on clerkship in the County Commissioners' Office at \$1000 a year. I have accepted. Hope I will like it and succeed in getting John C. to take the business. Mr. Purdy of the Sunbury Burial Case Co. here this eve. Paid him account to date and bought small order. John C. went to look after body, p.m. Cold raw wind all day.

Friday, March 12

P. cloudy. Sent case to Colemanville Cemetery by John C., and I lined casket, etc., a.m. Cleaned hearse and got everything ready for funeral tomorrow. Pleasant day, damp in eve.

Saturday, March 13

Cloudy. Attending funeral of George Garrett, a member of Conestoga Lodge #334, IOOF, for 50 yrs. Born July 29, 1831, died March 10, 1909, aged 77-7-11. Rev. J.L. Hunt text Eccl. 12:1. Bearers: Grant H. and Howard H. Gardner, Henry H. Aston, Albert L. Henry. Services and burial at Colemanville M.E. Church. 8 teams. Small funeral, a.m. Attended the Road Board meeting in p.m. At IORM in eve. Raining partly all day and very damp. John Steckervetz delivered the rest of his tobacco yesterday and gave me my share of money this morning. \$50 cash.

Sunday, March 14

Fetches W.F. Bruner and W. Flounder, his son-in-law, from trolley, and all went to Sunday, school and here for dinner. Spent some time here and took them to trolley (Blanche did) and fetched Mr. Baker along up. Benj. F. Zercher had a son born to them this p.m. Just 11 mos. today, they had one born. At church in eve. Rev. Shelby preached. Rec'd word by phone of the death of the other twin child of George and Annie Bender Gantz; the other died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February,

1909. Damp partly all day. Colder p.m. and eve.

Monday, March 15

P. clear. At Lancaster by trolley. Stopped off at Millersville Bank on business. Attended to business. Paid clover seed at Reilly Bros. and Raub \$9.72, etc. John C. went up to Gantz this morning to take charge of body and arranged funeral for Wednesday a.m. Very pleasant a.m. Colder and stormy p.m.

Tuesday, March 16

P. clear. John C. took case to the cemetery. I lined casket, etc., a.m. At Benj. F. Buckwalter's sale in p.m. Rec'd word at 6 p.m. by phone that I was appointed to a clerkship in the commissioners' office today. Mr. Sam'l W. Diller notified me. Am very thankful for the position and I hope I may be able to give satisfaction. Raw cold wind all day, colder this eve.

Wednesday, March 17

Attending funeral of Edith B., one of twins of Geo. A. and Annie Bender Gantz, born Sept. 13, 1908, died March 14, 1909. Aged 6 mos. and 1 day. Rev. John Omacht text St. John 14:1-4. Rev. Henry Haverstick text James 4:14, "For what is your life." Bearers: Ruth G. Kauffman, Annie Mary Henry, Fannie E. Miller, Anna M. Gerlach. Buried at Stehman's and services. 16 teams, a.m. At Sale of Personal Property of Mrs. Philip Markley, p.m. At home in eve. Henry L. Martin here. Snowed this morning. Stormy and much colder all day. Settled with John C. Zercher to date, and will go to work on Monday, morning at \$9.00 for week. \$15 cash.

Thursday, March 18

P. clear. Down on farm. Met Edw. Eshleman there and went over the mine ground together with a view of selling him the locust growing there. Also called his attention to the cutting of oak, cherry, and other trees in the

wood leaf. Sold him which should have been "chestnut only". I made this offer to sell the entire leaf to him now for \$350.00 additional. He to have a few days' time to consider, a.m. Helped Bro. Emanuel to clerk sale (Personal Property) of Jacob McAllister in p.m. Bought a corn planter for \$1.20 for Henry Martin (farmer). At IOOF in eve. Cold raw air all day.

Friday, March 19

Working about house and arranging things so as to be ready to go to Lancaster on Monday. Was called out this eve. to take charge of the body of Pharis Boyd's wife. who was only married five weeks ago. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Monday morning. John C. was along and will take charge. Cold raw wind all day.

Saturday, March 20

P. clear. At Lancaster to arrange about going to work on Monday,. Everything all right, a.m. At bank meeting, Millersville, and went to see Barbra Good at Eshbach's with regard to a matter between her bro. Martin B. Good (who is very sick) and herself and had it arranged and she came to see him. He is very sick this eve. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day but raw air.

Sunday, March 21

P. clear. At Sunday school, did not stay for church. Went to fetch Dr. J. Harry Pickel from trolley to consult with Dr. B.F. Good in Martin B. Good's case, who has typhoid fever. They pronounce him a very sick man but think by proper nursing he may be able to pull through. They have decided to procure a trained nurse for him. 3 o'clock p.m. was called to hurry to Martin B. Good's bedside by Mabel and found him in a very critical condition. Phoned to Dr. Good to come at once, but at 3:45 he passed away very quietly. Embalmed body (John C.) and arranged for funeral for Thursday 9 and 10 at River Corner. This is certainly a shock to the

community, so unexpectedly. He was a good friend of mine worked a great deal for me. Pleasant all day. Cool.

Monday, March 22

p. clear. At Lancaster. Did my first day of work at the Commissioners' Office today. John C. and H.W. Hess attended the funeral of Cora Stella, wife of Pharis Boyd. Born March 4, 1890; died March 19, 1909. Aged 19 years, 15 days. Rev. Shelby preached text St. John 14:1. Bearers: \_\_\_\_\_. 4 carriages. Everything passed off very nicely. Cold and getting colder all day. John C. started in work this morning at 9 dollars per week, no extras, and H.W. Hess at \$1.25 per day, whenever needed. \$75.00.

Tuesday, March 23

P. clear. At Lancaster all day. Ordered hyacinths for M.B. Good's funeral, tribute of self and family. Pleasant all day.

Wednesday, March 24

P. cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Helped John C. to put body in casket and dress it for tomorrow. Looked very natural. Very heavy frost this morning, almost like snow. Moderating. Light rain this eve.

Thursday, March 25

At funeral of my friend, Martin B. Good, born Sept. 11, 1853, died March 21, 1909. Aged 55-6-10. Revs. Abrm. B. Herr opened service at church, Jacob Thomas at house, and J.B. Good text 2 Cor. 5:17. Bearers: J.W. Morrison, J.H. Eshleman, Franklin Warfel, J.R. Good, A.M. Charles, A.S. Benedict. Service and burial at River Corner. Large funeral for as unfavorable day. At IOOF in eve. Raining partly all last night and a.m. Heavy rain just as funeral was leaving house for church.

Friday, March 26

P. clear. At Lancaster all day. Returned home 5:45 p.m. Rather cold all day. Light snow storm about 8 a.m.

Saturday, March 27

P. cloudy. At Lancaster and at bank meeting and home. At oyster supper this eve for benefit of Stone Walk, and at IORM in eve. Damp, cool, and light rain in p.m. Paid John C. Zercher \$9.00 this eve. for the week to date.

Sunday, March 28

P. cloudy. Was called to J. Haldeman Herr's to take charge of his remains. He was found in a spring on his farm. Drowned, supposed to be of suicidal intent. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Tuesday,, 1 p.m. at home, and inter at Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster. John C. along up. About house balance of day. At church in eve. by Bro. Shelby who told us he had handed in his resignation to the Willow Street people. Cool and damp partly all day.

Monday, March 29

P. clear. At Lancaster all day in office, etc. Transferred the Kirk land to M.H. Groff and John Eshleman and received pay for same, \$456.00. At home in eve. Pleasant day but colder.

Tuesday, March 30

P. cloudy. Attending funeral of John Haldeman Herr, Letort. Born Oct. 30, 18 37, died March 28, 1909. Aged 71-4-28. Rev. Omacht opened with prayer. Rev. J.L. Hunt text Sam'l 20:3. Rev. Knecht text 103 Psalm 14. Bearers: Benj. E. Mann, H.M. Stauffer, H.F. Yergey, B.B. Herr, Harris Detwiler, C.D. Stoner. Services at house only. Burial at Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster. This was a quartered oak casket, Ex handles, a very fine job, and best of all, the family was very highly pleased and complimented me very much for services, etc. Drove to Millersville, then took car to cemetery. Cold all day. 2 snow blizzards in p.m., one of them just as we got off of car at cemetery, very unpleasant. Colder, rain last night. Snow and colder this p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

P. clear. At Lancaster all day. Received my first pay \$27.78. Paid David H. Hess interest for Charles Property, etc., \$39.00 by check. Cold raw wind all day.

Thursday, April 1

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid Henry Good interest. Daniel M. Witmer mill bill. Dr. B.F. Good Medical Services and received one bill of \$13.75. Rec'd word this eve. of the sad death of Raymond G. Ayers, 11 years, who had his home with Elmer Thomas, New Danville, by willfully shooting himself in the right temple with a 22 target rifle after writing this message against one of the building back: "Give my money to my brother \_\_\_Ayers of Quarryville, who lives at \_\_\_ Road." At another place he wrote, "I don't know what will become of me." Fetched body home and will prepare it for burial. How sad—so young and tender. Very pleasant all day.

Friday, April 2

P. cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Was to see Ruth Benedict and Mrs. P.M. Bruner who are sick. Partly cloudy, warmer, and very stormy for a short while and rain in p.m. and eve.

Saturday, April 3

P. cloudy. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. went to bank meeting, Millersville, and home. At IORM in eve. Raining and damp partly all day. Cool all day. Had a meeting of Board of Supervisors this eve. and decided to grade the walk and charge to road account if our council so instructs.

Sunday, April 4

P. clear. At Sunday school and preaching (Communion services. John Raymond Charles, son of Aldus and Clara Charles was baptized and confirmed at this time.), a.m. Went to Willow Street to attend a Joint Consistorial meeting. Rev. H.S. Shelley, our

pastor, had handed in his resignation. We did accept it, but made him a raise of \$100 in his salary to remain, which he held under consideration for a few days. John C. attended funeral of Raymond G. Ayers (the boy who shot himself) at the New Danville Brick Church this a.m. Large funeral. Rev. Abrm. B. Herr had charge. 23 Psalm. Rather cold, raw all day. \$20.

Monday, April 5

P. clear. At Lancaster all day. Signed as Guardian for Alma F. Fralich for her marriage license, to Harry F. Hess, our near neighbor's son, Martin and Cecilia Hess and gave her \$150.00 on account of her inheritance. Took dinner at O.F. Bruner's Hotel, Lancaster. Very beautiful day, very spring-like.

Tuesday, April 6

P. cloudy. At home and attending wedding of Harry F. Hess, our neighbor's son, and Alma F. Fralich, for whom I am Guardian. Had a very nice time, a.m. Drove down on farm, the first I had been there since Martins lived there. Quite a thunder gust and very nice rain this p.m. toward eve. and warm. Was called out last night to take charge of body of Christian Shenk at Millersville, arranged for funeral Thursday 9 and 10 at Mennonite church, Millersville. John C. will take charge of funeral.

Wednesday, April 7

P. cloudy. At Lancaster all day. John C. took roughbox to cemetery and stools to house and lined and trimmed coffin. Quite warm, becoming stormy and colder. Had a local in the Lancaster papers with regard to my business. Find in back of this book. [Undated Newspaper Clipping: "Robbers Kill Aged Man; Seriously Wound Another"]

Thursday, April 8

P. cloudy. At Lancaster all day. John C. attending funeral of Christian Shenk. Born

Feb. 13, 1830; died April 6, 1909. Aged 79-1-23. Buried at Millersville Mennonite Church this a.m. \$50. At IOOF in eve.

Friday, April 9

At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanch at Lancaster for clothes, etc. Cold raw wind all day. Light rain in morning. Some snow squalls p.m. and eve. P. cloudy.

Saturday, April 10

At Lancaster til 2:30 p.m. Met Mrs. Christ Rohrer who paid for burial of husband, also made out Undertaker Certificate for burial of J. Haldeman Herr. Attended Road Board meeting and handed in my resignation as a member and asked to have Adam F. Bortzfield appointed to fill the vacancy, which was granted. At IORM in eve. Great change in the weather, much colder. P. clear.

Sunday, April 11

Wife and I went down to mothers this morning and spent the day with them. Found them well as could be expected. At church in the evening. A cold Easter day, and yet pleasant. Plenty of ice this morning. P. clear. Ther. 23.

Monday, April 12

At Lancaster all day. Mr. Reist, one of the Commissioners, gave a dinner to us today. It was a grand affair. At home in eve. Cold raw wind all day, moderating in eve. Thos. J. Davis was found dead at the American House Lancaster this morning. P. clear.

Tuesday, April 13

At Lancaster all day. Raining partly all day. Ordered calendar for 1910 this eve., of the Dallastown Calendar Co. 300 for \$25.00. Cloudy.

Wednesday, April 14

At Lancaster all day. Thos. J. Davis buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery today. Rec'd word this

eve. of the death of an infant of Arthur Kreider near Creswell. John C. will take charge. Raining nearly all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, April 15

At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. D.D. Henry Rill installed the officers. Cool all day, but pleasant. Clear.

Friday, April 16

At Lancaster all day. John C. buried infant of Arthur Kreider at Creswell. Rec'd pay for same (stillborn), a.m. \$4.50. John C. drove Mr. Herr, real estate dealer of Lancaster, from trolley to Magnetic Mines, Safe Harbor, and back to trolley this p.m. They put up Sale Bills for the sale of same on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1909. Very beautiful day. P. clear.

Saturday, April 17

At Lancaster til 3 p.m. Stopped at Bank Directors meeting, Millersville. Made a loan of \$500 for payment of property at Safe Harbor, etc. At IORM in eve. Very beautiful day, warm. Settled with Benj. F. Zercher for rent and mill bill and all accounts to date. Resigned as one of the supervisors of the twp. and had Adam F. Bortzfield appointed for the unexpired term. Clear.

Sunday, April 18

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. Wife and I drove to Lancaster and paid a visit to Mrs. Eli. J. Kendig family. J.R. Yentzer and wife, E.L. Bortzfield and wife and Roy there. Had a very pleasant time, p.m. At home in eve. Quite warm all day. Real warm. P. clear.

Monday, April 19

At Lancaster all day. The Hallman murder trial came up today. Jurors chosen and several witnesses called. I was subpoenaed this morning and testified to the taking charge of the body, etc., p.m. Fred H. Sickman and Geo. E. Lawrence were accepted as jurors for the

Aston trial. I can't understand how they could serve. Gave a dinner to the County Commissioners and Mr. Swope, Lew Reist, James Aiken, Samuel W. Diller, com., David Swope, chief clerk, and myself. Owen F. Bruner served us and had certainly a grand dinner. Everything o.k. Quite warm all day. Light rain p.m. Clear.

Tuesday, April 20

At Lancaster all day. The Walter W. Aston case went to jury this eve. Raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday, April 21

At Lancaster all day. Walter W. Aston (the first one tried for the Hallman murder) was found guilty of Murder in the First Degree, which seems to give almost universal satisfaction. How sad; I certainly feel sorry for his parents and family. Damp all day, cooler. Settled with Mr. Purdy of the Sunbury Burial Case Co. for accounts to date. Cloudy.

Thursday, April 22

At Lancaster all day. The jury being picked, and a special [??] went out for jurors, and the trial of Benj. Aston began. Damp, cold, raw all day, P. cloudy.

Friday, April 23

At Lancaster all day. The jury on the Benj. Aston trial for murder came in with a verdict of Murder in the First Degree. A terrible thing to think about for men in a community like this, but only what you can expect from a man of his caliber. Very pleasant all day. Raining partly all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday, April 24

At Lancaster all day (til 3:30 p.m. at which time the Fornwalt jury were about to go out on the murder trial). At IORM this eve. Heavy frost this morning, but pleasant during the day. Clear.

Sunday, April 25

At Sunday school a.m., home p.m. At church and Missionary Society in eve. Paid our apportionment to Bro. Shelby. Balance \$21.51. Pleasant all day, but cool. Few drops of rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Monday, April 26

At Lancaster all day. Very beautiful day. P. clear.

Tuesday, April 27

At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. Bought her a French dresser, chiffonier, and 2 chairs, quartered oak. Cost \$30. Paid by check for same. Cool all day, light rain in p.m. Much cooler in eve. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, April 28

At Lancaster all day. John C. took tombstone of Jack C. Hess in to Lincoln Marble Yard and fetched furniture for Blanche along out. Came home by trolley in eve. Raw, cold wind nearly all day. P. clear.

Thursday, April 29

At home today, drove over to Northern End of twp. with Petition of Judge Chas. J. Landis for signatures, a.m. Down on farm and Safe Harbor, etc., p.m. At IOOF in eve. The lodge arranged to attend Divine Services at the Ref. Church Sunday, morning, May 2, at 10 o'clock. (For this time of year, a very cold raw day. Sleet, hail, rain.) Cloudy.

Friday, April 30

At Lancaster all day. Rather quiet all day. Received my first full pay of \$83.33 and my pay for witness in the Aston and Fornwalt murder trial. Much warmer than yesterday. Light rain in morning. Cloudy.

Saturday, May 1

At Lancaster all day. This was [Jug?] day at Lancaster. I bought 4 of Sam'l W. Diller's son. Paid him \$1.00 for them. Damp and raining

partly all day. Cooler in eve. Paid J.W. Morrison \$5.75 for phosphate rec'd by Henry Martin. P. cloudy.

Sunday, May 2

At Sunday school and preaching. Rev. Shelby preached a sermon to the IOOF of our village. There were 20 members of the order present, a.m. Wife and I drove down on the farm in p.m. At home in eve. Rough cold wind nearly all day. P. clear.

Monday, May 3

At Lancaster all day. Frost this morning and ground slightly frozen. Warmer during day. P. clear.

Tuesday, May 4

At Lancaster all day. Warmer, but still cool. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, May 5

At Lancaster all day. Much warmer. P. cloudy.

Thursday, May 6

At Lancaster all day. Mr. Swope not in; had charge of office for first time. Very light shower this morning. Very pleasant day, quite warm. At IORM in eve. P. cloudy.

Friday, May 7

At Lancaster all day. Bought sweeper for wife. Very fine weather, warm. Everything looks spring-like. Heavy rain and quite a lot of hail p.m. Another shower about 6 p.m. Cooler this eve. Vegetation is fairly jumping. P. clear.

Saturday, May 8

At Lancaster at office til noon. We have half holiday on Saturday, for the summer, or rather until Oct. 1. Bought suit of clothes and hat for self. Returned home at 4 p.m. Gave a supper to the Road Board at Mary Ann Kendig's Hotel. The following were present: John E. Lefever, A.R. Caldwell, Adam F. Bortzfield (my successor), A.S. Benedict

(treasurer), Geo. J. Fehl (ex-supervisor), and John R. Good, Fred Wise, and Michael Lefever (road masters). We had a very nice supper and very kind words spoken. Cost \_\_\_\_\_. Paid John C. for the week and H.W. Hess for work to date. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day, P. clear.

Sunday, May 9

At Sunday school a.m. At home and walked out to bro. Emmanuel's in p.m. At church in eve. Damp and cool a.m. Clear and pleasant but cool air p.m. and eve. P. cloudy.

Monday, May 10

At Lancaster all day. Paid H.F. Sickman my mill bill to date. Light rain this eve. Was caught in rain this eve. on way home from trolley and completely ducked. Oh, it just poured. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, May 11

At Lancaster all day. Quite cool all day, but pleasant. The Magnetic Ore Mines property as sold on the front steps of the courthouse this p.m. at 2:00 for \$100,000 to The Real Estate and Trust Co. of Philadelphia Pa. Clear.

Wednesday, May 12

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day, but cool. Frost this morning. Paid Amos Graver \$10.00 on account. Clear.

Thursday, May 13

At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. Very beautiful day. Clear.

Friday, May 14

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. P. clear.

Saturday, May 15

At Lancaster a.m. At Bank meeting Millersville and home, p.m. At IORM in eve. Warm all day. Paid John C. to date. P. clear.

Sunday, May 16

Was called to Addison T. Peters this morning to take charge of the remains of child. John C. and I went up and washed and laid out body and arranged funeral for Tuesday morning. At preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Rec'd word in eve. of death of infant child of Frank Herr, Creswell. I will bury tomorrow p.m. without services. John C. went to Lancaster for casket and the old stand-by (Joe) nearly gave out. Beautiful day. P. clear.

Monday, May 17

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day and eve. They commenced to lay cement walk today. P. clear.

Tuesday, May 18

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day, very much cooler. Examination of teacher today. P. clear.

Wednesday, May 19

At Lancaster all day. Cool all day. Rec'd word by phone this eve. about 6 o'clock of the death of Noah Boyer at St. Joseph Hospital Lancaster. John C. and I went in and fetched out body and embalmed same. Arrived home about 1 o'clock at night. He died from the effects of an operation for bladder trouble. P. clear.

Thursday, May 20

At Boyer's this morning and arranged for funeral Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at M.E. Church, this place. At Lancaster all day. Quite cool all day, and damp air. At IOOF in eve. P. cloudy.

Friday, May 21

At Lancaster all day. Raining partly all day, and quite cold. A very good and much needed rain. Cloudy.

Saturday, May 22

At Lancaster a.m. Left Lancaster at 1:30 p.m.

Stopped at Boyer's on way home and shaved Mr. Boyer for funeral tomorrow. At IORM in eve. Damp cold air all day. Cloudy.

Sunday, May 23

Attending funeral of Noah Boyer. Born 4-25-1869; died May 19, 1909. Aged 40 yrs. and 24 days. Rev. A.F. Martin of Manor Church of God preached from 1 Cor. 15:54. And Rev. J.L. Hunt made few remarks. Bearers: Martin H. Henry, H. and Jacob S. Hess, Martin Agon, Oscar Cramer, Joseph M. Witmer. Very large funeral. Buried at M.E. Church here, a.m. \$60. Attended services at M.E. Church in p.m. Rev. J.L. Hunt preached to the A.O.K. of M.C. At church at Reformed in eve. Damp n morning but pleasant during day. Much warmer. P. clear.

Monday, May 24

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd pay for burial of Noah Boyer today. Very pleasant day, but rather cool. Paid J.W. Morrison \$15.00 toward cement walk in addition to what I had already given, making a total of \$40.00 toward the walk. P. clear.

Tuesday, May 25

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd cash from Addison T. Peters for burial of the child. Very pleasant all day. P. clear.

Wednesday, May 26

At Lancaster all day. Damp, light rain, and cooler. P. cloudy.

Thursday, May 27

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd my 2<sup>nd</sup> month's pay, \$83.33. Rained a.m. Damp partly all day. Warmer. Thunder gust in eve. Not much rain at 9 p.m. P. cloudy.

Friday, May 28

At Lancaster all day. Was one of the appraisers for Noah Boyer estate. Gave my pay, \$2.00, to the widow. Raining part of the

day, and warmer. Concrete walks were laid in front of our house today. P. cloudy.

Saturday, May 29

At Lancaster a.m. At Bank meeting and home, p.m. Very pleasant and warmer. Paid John Strohman for labor on farm, \$3.00. Paid C.D. Biechler for cleaning at our farm, \$4.00. Paid John C. to date. \$6.88. P. clear. Decoration Day. P. clear.

Sunday, May 30

At Sunday school and preaching. Rev. Shelby preached a special sermon to Captain Hess Post G.A.R. this a.m. Rev. Shelby, wife, and son David took dinner with us and spent p.m. I went down to Cousin Conrad Hess and fetched Blanche and Mrs. Keene home. They went down yesterday morning. They held Love Feast services at Pequea Church. At house in eve. Very beautiful day, but cool air. Clear.

Monday, May 31

Down on farm, found things going nicely. John C. and I went to Safe Harbor and took charge of body of Peter N. Kreider, who was found dead this morning. Embalmed body and arranged funeral for Thursday and 9 and 10 at Green Hill. Also attended Decoration Service at M.E. Church. After a parade, Hugh R. Fulton, Esq. and H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., made the addresses. Paid Miles C. Miller for painting house, \$25.00. Paid A.S. Benedict Road Tax, \$17.46. Paid H.L. Martin \$6.00 Bond money to date. A very beautiful day. Quite warm. P. clear.

Tuesday, June 1

At Lancaster all day. Rather busy with getting gout election (primary) papers. Paid County Tax to John H. Eshleman. Very beautiful day. Quite warm. P. clear.

Wednesday, June 2

Went to Lancaster and received word of the drowning of Chas. S. Herr at Ranck's Dam

(Conestoga Creek) east of Lancaster. Asked Fred Fisher to take charge of body. It not being fit to bring into his home, he left it at County Morgue. Will bury tomorrow at 11 a.m. Rec'd word early this morning of the death of Michael M. Kreider very unexpectedly of heart failure. John C. took charge of body and arranged funeral for Saturday morning at 9 and 10. At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. P. clear.

Thursday, June 3

At Lancaster all day. Went to funeral of Chas. S. Herr, who was buried at Woodward Hill Cemetery. I had Fred Fisher to take charge for me at 11:00, a.m. In office, p.m. Rec'd word of the death of Abrm. Keperling at Ephrata. Was asked to fetch the body from Lancaster on Monday,. John C. buried P.N. Kreider of Safe Harbor today. Raining a.m. Quite warm all day. Cloudy. Kreider \$35.00. Herr \$50.00.

Friday, June 4

At Lancaster all day. Raining and damp partly all day. Arranged for bringing body of Abrm. Keperling from Lancaster on Monday. Funeral at 10 a.m. at M.E. Church. Cloudy.

Saturday, June 5

At Lancaster, a.m. At home attending primary election (County), p.m. Served as clerk in the absence of the regular clerk. Wife at Lanc. By stage. Very small vote out; only 61 votes polled. Raining a.m. Damp p.m., and warm. John C. buried Michael M. Kreider this a.m. at River Corner. \$50.00. Cloudy.

Sunday, June 6

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday, June 7

At Lancaster all day. John C. attended funeral of Abrm. R. Keperling from Ephrata. Met funeral at Lancaster. Buried at Mt. Zion

Cemetery. \$8.00. Very pleasant day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, June 8

At Lancaster all day. Damp all day. Rain p.m. and eve. Cloudy.

Wednesday, June 9

At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Bear (Benj. Bear's mother) died this a.m. John C. took charge of body. I went along over to look after body, and funeral in eve. Cooler and raining partly all day. Cloudy.

Thursday, June 10

At Lancaster all day. Cloudy. Rain and damp all day, and cool.

Friday, June 11

At Lancaster all day. Damp, but clearing in p.m., and warmer. P. cloudy.

Saturday, June 12

At Lancaster a.m. At home and Millersville at Bank meeting, p.m. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day. Mrs. Elizabeth Bear, born Aug. 4, 1815; died June 9, 1909. Aged 93-10-5. Rev. Smith preached from Psalm 116, 15 verse. Large funeral. Buried at Stehman's. \$70.00. Clear.

Sunday, June 13

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Rained several showers, a.m. Damp, p.m. and eve. Cloudy.

Monday, June 14

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. Thunder gust in eve. fine rain. P. clear.

Tuesday, June 15

At Lancaster all day. Quite a number of the delegates and political leaders went to Harrisburg to the state convention, J.A. Stober being a candidate for state treasurer. Very pleasant all day. P. clear.

Wednesday, June 16

At Lancaster all day. Very beautiful day. J.A. Stober of Schoeneck was nominated for state treasurer today. P. clear.

Thursday, June 17

At Lancaster all day. Warm rain in eve. Real heavy. P. cloudy.

Friday, June 18

At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day, but cool. Clear.

Saturday, June 19

At Lancaster a.m. At Lancaster, home p.m. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday, June 20

At Sunday school and rehearsal of Children's Day Service, a.m. Harry Bruner's wife and Emmie Bruner spent the day with us. At Children's Day Service in eve. Large crowd present. Very pleasant day. Quite warm. Clear.

Monday, June 21

At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. Farmers cutting quite a great deal of grass. Clear.

Tuesday, June 22

At Lancaster all day. Very warm. Heavy thunder and rain at Lancaster, p.m. Very little rain here. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, June 23

Not at Lancaster; got the day off. John C. and I down on farm, clearing around and on fish pond. A fine lot of fish there. Crops look very good. Am pleased with the way things look on the farm. I think Henry is doing very well. Everything looks neat and in order. Very warm all day. Mr. Bruce, Marticville, was here looking at my spring wagon. Will give him the job for \$50.00.

Thursday, June 24

At Lancaster all day. At IOOF in eve. Very warm all day. Light shower of rain. P. clear.

Friday, June 25

At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. Very heavy rain and storm at Lancaster. Limbs and trees blown down. Electric wire poles. Passengers were transferred from car to car on account of poles leaning over track. Very little rain here at home. Not enough to settle the dust. P. clear.

Saturday, June 26

At Lancaster til noon. At home balance of day. Rec'd our pay for June this a.m. \$88.33. Very warm all day. A festival for benefit of stone wall was held this eve. P. clear.

Sunday, June 27

At Sunday, school and preaching a.m. Wife, Blanche, Mrs. W.F. Bruner, and daughter Olive went down to Maris Good's for dinner and spend the p.m. I was home. A very warm day. At 3:45 p.m. ther. was 92 in the shade. Thunder gust in eve. Light rain. P. clear.

Monday, June 28

At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. P. clear.

Tuesday, June 29

At Lancaster all day. Very heavy thunder-storm and rain last night. Beautiful day, much more pleasant since the rain. P. clear.

Wednesday, June 30

At Lancaster all day. Henry Eckman died about 3 p.m. John C went down and took charge of body. A very sad death. Beautiful day, good hay weather. P. clear.

Thursday, July 1

At Lancaster all day. Went to B.H. Montgomery's to arrange for funeral of Henry Eckman, Saturday, morning at 9 and

10. They ordered a beautiful quartered oak casket for him. Very warm all day. Rec'd a postal of Charles that Clara and Paul will be up on Saturday, eve. of Philadelphia to spend some time. P. clear.

Friday, July 2

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word this morning of Dieh (Dill) at Letort, formerly of this place. John C. went up and fetched body here to our place and arranged funeral for Sunday 2 p.m. at Reformed Church, this place. At IORM to arrange for funeral of Henry Eckman, tomorrow morning. Warm all day, a beautiful summer day. P. clear.

Saturday, July 3

Attending funeral of Henry Eckman, born Dec. 18, 1850; died June 30, 1909. Aged 58-6-12. Rev. Miles Miller spoke from Eccles. 12:1; Rev. H. Andrews from St. James 4:12 and Psalm 39:4. Bearers: A.F. Martin, A.L. Henry, Clair Good, Mart Markley, Harry Peters, John G. Goo, 4 members of #65 IORM. This was one of the finest caskets, etc., I ever used: Solid quartered oak, copper handles (extension and \_\_\_). Went to Lancaster in eve. to meet Charley, wife and Paul, and came out with them. At IORM in eve. Much cooler all day and quite dusty. P. clear. \$150.00.

Sunday, July 4

Was called by phone to come to Fredk. D. Lutz to take charge of the body of his wife and arranged funeral for Wednesday morning. Put body of John Dill in casket and set it in our parlor for funeral this afternoon, a.m. Attending funeral of John Dill, born Dec. 14, 1830; died July 1, 1909. Aged 78-6-17. Bearers: Amos Fralich, Valentine Shenk, Martin H. Hess, and J. Grant Warfel. Revs. Omacht and Amos Martin spoke. Held a short here at the house and then at Reformed Church, this place. Large funeral. Gave his son and wife and daughter Lizzie and her

daughter dinner, and Rev. Martin supper, p.m. At church in eve. Quite cool all day. Great change in the weather. (Ther. 56) P. clear. \$45.00.

Monday, July 5

Not at Lancaster today, being a legal holiday. Working about the house. Got a load of hay from Tobias Stehman, paid for same, a.m. Down on farm short time, and met Mr. Hudson and Stewart representing the Phoenix, Arizona Irrigating and Land Co. I purchased a section, 160 acres, of them and gave them my check for \$120.00 for first payment on same. They seem to be very fine Christian men. Very beautiful day. Quite cool in eve. P. clear.

Tuesday, July 6

At Lancaster all day. John C. took spring wagon over to Mr. Bruner, Marticville, to have it remodeled, painted, etc. Very beautiful day. Went on B.H. Montgomery Bond for settling up Henry Eckman's estate. He and Henry Fisher will settle it jointly. P. clear.

Wednesday, July 7

At Lancaster all day. John C. attended funeral of Ida D., wife of Frederick D. Lutz, of Central Manor. Born Aug. 23, 1873, died July 4, 1909; aged 35-10-11. Buried at Masonville, Manor Twp. I went down to B.H. Montgomery's this eve. and appraised his personal property, amt. \$10.75. Very pleasant and beautiful day. P. clear. \$50.00.

Thursday, July 8

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Cool, especially in morning. Had A.F. Martin to hoof Jenny Lin. Paid \$1.75 for same. Paid J.W. Morrison \$47.10 for phosphate and straw to date. P. clear.

Friday, July 9

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Sun very warm. Air quite cool. P. clear.

Saturday, July 10

At Lancaster til noon. At home p.m. and at AOK of MC in eve. Was installed as treasurer for this term. Very pleasant day. Warmer and getting dry and very dusty. P. clear.

Sunday, July 11

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Clara and Paul here in eve. Very beautiful day. Dry and dusty. P. clear.

Monday, July 12

At Lancaster a.m. Went along Mrs. Reist and Aikin (commissioners) to look after the Rock Hill Iron Bridge over the Little Conestoga near Fenstermacher's old house and the Iron Bridge at Safe Harbor, with regard to repairing them, and took supper at Mary A. Kendig's Hotel, this place. Very warm and dusty all day. P. clear.

Tuesday, July 13

At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. A very nice shower of rain this eve. Paid John Strohmman \$10.00 on account of work done down on the farm.

Wednesday, July 14

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day, but very warm, nice air. P. clear.

Thursday, July 15

At Lancaster all day. Bought lawn swing at Reilly Bros. and Raub, \$9.50 cash. Very warm all day. At IOOF in eve. P. clear. Ther. 92

Friday, July 16

At Lancaster all day. Very warm and dry. Paid John Strohmman \$3.00 on account. Brought body of Benj. Hugh from Safe Harbor Station to Highville Church where funeral held. Sent from Reading. Paid \$6.00. P. clear.

Saturday, July 17

Not at Lancaster today. Down on farm, a.m.

At Reformed S.S. picnic, p.m. At IORM and AOK of MC in eve. Very warm and dry. Paid John C. to date. Bought a lawn swing for Blanche Thursday, and put it in the yard this morning, she not knowing anything about it. She was certainly surprised and pleased very much.

Sunday, July 18

At Sunday school, a.m. At home, Paul and Clara here, p.m. At church in eve. Rev. Shelby preached. Very pleasant day. Rather stormy, a gust passed north of us in eve. High wind afterward, and quite cool. Paid A.M. Charles \$3.00 for Henry Martin toward Mr. Shelly. P. clear.

Monday, July 19

At Lancaster all day. Very much cooler. Ther. 58 this morning. Cool all day. Paid Benj. Metzler at Reilly Bros. and Raub for swing, \$9.50. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, July 20

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Ther. 57 this morning. Warmer during day. Paid Mr. Martin, agent for security, fifty, my first premium for new policy, by check. P. clear.

Wednesday, July 21

At Lancaster all day. Wife, Clara, and Paul went along in, will stay til tomorrow. Very pleasant day, but dry. P. clear.

Thursday, July 22

At Lancaster all day. Wife, Clara, and Paul came back from Lancaster. At IOOF in eve. Very pleasant day, very light rain last night. Cool all day. P. cloudy.

Friday, July 23

At Lancaster all day. Had a very good rain last night and this morning. Things look very much refreshed. How thankful we should be for it. P. cloudy.

Saturday, July 24

At Lancaster til noon. Went to Safe Harbor. Met Mr. Anderson, who claims to own Safe Harbor property formerly owned by Kern and Anderson. I bought 4 houses on Spring Street for \$100.00. Paid \$2.00 to B.F. Campbell, his agent, to bind bargain. John C. along. At AOK of MC in eve. Very pleasant day, cool. P. clear.

Sunday, July 25

At Sunday school, a.m. At home, p.m. and eve. Very beautiful day. Clear.

Monday, July 26

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Phoned to W.F. Bruner, Philadelphia, with regard to Charles coming home. He called up at 4:25 p.m., and after some persuasion, promised to be up tomorrow. We are certainly all very glad, as we have not seen him for nearly one year. Hope he will not disappoint us. P. clear.

Tuesday, July 27

At Lancaster. Charles came up from Philadelphia at noon, took dinner with me at the Lincoln, bought him a suit of clothes at the S.S.S. store of John E. Bortzfield for \$14.50. Left Lancaster for house at 3:30 p.m. by trolley. We are all glad to see him, almost a year since he was home. Light rain gust, quite warm all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, July 28

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. Mrs. Annie Wood and Lettie Herr asked me to administer on Chas. S. Herr's estate. Will do it for them. P. clear.

Thursday, July 29

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word by phone this eve. of a boy drowning at Safe Harbor. Frank, a son of Clarence and \_\_\_ Herman, near Stephens' Schoolhouse Manor Twp., on the Habecker farm. He and 2 of his brothers were going in bathing and got in deep water and

could not swim. Was 11 years old. Arranged funeral for Sunday morning at Reformed Church, Conestoga Centre. This was certainly sad. Returned home about 10 p.m. Very, very warm thunder gust in eve. Had a very nice shower of rain. P. cloudy.

Friday, July 30

At Lancaster all day. Very, very warm all day. One of the warmest days of the season. Rec'd my pay for this month. \$88.33. P. clear.

Saturday, July 31

At Lancaster til 3:30 p.m. Had P.M. Bruner, my wife, Charles, and Paul representing 4 generations of Bruner family. Have their photo taken at Musser's. At IORM in eve. Warm all day, but not as yesterday. P. clear.

Sunday, August 1

At Sunday school and at funeral of Franklin, son of Clarence and \_\_\_ King. Born Jan. 2, 1898, died July 29, 1909. Aged 11-6-27. Rev. Omacht preached, text Isaiah 11:6. Bearers: Frank Rummel, \_\_\_. Body was swollen some, but no smell, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. John Steckervetz and wife spent evening with us. Light rain morning and a.m. Warm all day. P. cloudy.

Monday, August 2

At Lancaster all day. Fetched proofs home this eve. of pictures taken on Saturday,. John C. fetched stools, etc. from King's. Very pleasant day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, August 3

At Lancaster all day. Not feeling well; caught cold. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Wednesday, August 4

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant; cool all day and dry. Paid \$6.09 for canvas for cemetery for grave digging. Paid J.R. Yentzer \$5.00 for Clarence King's burial lot. P. cloudy.

Thursday, August 5

At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day, warmer and dry. This morning was quite cool, could really stand an overcoat for driving. At IOOF in eve. Clear.

Friday, August 6

At Lancaster, a.m. Attended the undertakers' outing at Quarryville this p.m. Took John C. along. Had a very nice time. Every person present had a photo taken on the bench in front of Mr. Reynolds' place of business. A beautiful day. Not so warm, but still dry. P. cloudy.

Saturday, August 7

At Lancaster, a.m. At home, etc., p.m. At AOK of MC and at IORM in eve. Warm all day and dry. P. clear.

Sunday, August 8

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A very warm day and dry. Ther. 95. Clear.

Monday, August 9

At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day, and still very dry. Looked very much like rain this eve. Mrs. E.L. Bortzfield and Roy here this eve. The warmest day of the season. Ther. 96 to 100. P. clear.

Tuesday, August 10

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant, not so warm. P. clear.

Wednesday, August 11

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant all day, not so warm. P. clear.

Thursday, August 12

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Looked very much for rain and not near so warm. At IOOF this eve. P. cloudy.

Friday, August 13

At Lancaster all day. Rather cool all day.

Looked very much for rain. John C. fetched Blanche from Rawlinsville Camp this morning. It closed last night. Cloudy.

Saturday, August 14

At Lancaster til noon. Went to Accomac to spend the p.m. in company with a number of courthouse officials, Mr. \_\_\_ W. Diller having arranged for an afternoon outing and chicken and waffles supper. We certainly spent a very nice time there. Returned home around 9 p.m. and went to the annual supper of the IORM in eve. Had a very nice time. A very pleasant day. P. cloudy.

Sunday, August 15

Went along with John C. to Byerland Church with roughbox and there to house to look after body, and home, a.m. About home, p.m. At church in eve. Light rain in eve. P. clear.

Monday, August 16

At Lancaster all day. Damp and showers. John C. attended funeral of Jacob E. Stauffer, New Danville. Born Feb. 15, 1867, died Aug. 14, 1909. Aged 42-5-29. P. cloudy. \$45.00.

Tuesday, August 17

At Lancaster all day. Damp and light showers all day. Commissioners granted me 10 days' vacation commencing Monday,, 23<sup>rd</sup>. P cloudy.

Wednesday, August 18

At Lancaster all day. Much warmer. P. cloudy.

Thursday, August 19

At Lancaster all day. Went along to David H. Mellinger to take charge of the body of his aunt Barbara Wissler. Who died about 12:30 this morning in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. John C. was along. Rec'd word by phone at 1:35, and got ready for Lancaster, a.m. Warm all day. P. cloudy.

Friday, August 20

At Lancaster all day. Bought some clothing, etc. Was granted s vacation and will not be in the office for a week or 10 days at least. Warm all day. Light shower afternoon. P. cloudy.

Saturday, August 21

Attending funeral of Barbara Wissler (maiden lady). Born Aug. 18, 1820, died Aug. 19, 1909. Aged 89 years, 1 day. Rev. Thomas Necht preached from 13 Psalms 3 verse, and Rev. Frank Andrews text: St. John 14:2. Bearers: Benj., Edward, and Isaac Eshleman, Adam K. Frey, T.C. Kachel, and Jacob Murry. Walked to church, a very nice funeral, and family very much pleased. I was glad to meet the people at Creswell and community. Walked out to U.E. picnic in eve. and at IORM. Very beautiful day, but dry and very dusty. Clear. \$105.60.

Sunday, August 22

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home, p.m. Wife and Blanche went to Lancaster to see Mr. Bruner. He is some better. Returned home about 7:30 p.m. Mr. Hemminger and wife called and spent the eve. with us. Very pleasant day, but still very dry. Clear.

Monday, August 23

Left home this morning, wife and I, on a vacation for a few days. Left Lancaster at 8:45 a.m. by trolley for Philadelphia. Arrived there at 1:15 p.m. At 69<sup>th</sup> Street took car for Charles and arrived about 2:00 p.m. Clara welcomed us. Paul looked at us a short time, and then came running. Charles, Clara, Paul, wife and I went out to Woodside Park and spent a very pleasant eve. and stayed overnight with Charles. Lena and Charles Smith over to see us. Very pleasant day. Avery pleasant ride by trolley. Clear.

Tuesday, August 24

Left Charles this morning for Avalon By the

Sea, arriving about 10:45 a.m. making only one stop after leaving Camden, N.J. The folks received us warmly, found them all well. Spent p.m. on beach. A beautiful day. Received a letter of Blanche this eve. stating that Emma Hertzler Warfel had died yesterday; funeral Thursday,. Clear.

Wednesday, August 25

About house, a.m. Went in bathing a short time. This was my first dip in the ocean. It was certainly fine. Jacob and I tried fishing along the shore awhile in p.m. but without success. Very pleasant day. Warm. William Bruner and wife came out this eve. Clear.

Thursday, August 26

Jacob, Wm. and I started out on a fishing boat this morning (sail boat) and remained out all day. We caught 28 fine fish (weak and kingfish mostly) and returned home about 5:00 p.m. Very much pleased with the trip. Very pleasant day. J. Grant Warfel's wife buried today. \$53.00. Clear.

Friday, August 27

About house and went bathing, Jacob, William, and I. I cannot tell how I enjoyed it. It was great. We staid in the water several hours. About house and took a walk (all hands) on the beach. Very pleasant all day. Cloudy.

Saturday, August 28

Well we start for home this morning. Am sorry we cannot stay longer. We certainly had a fine time. Arrived at Lancaster at 1:40 p.m. and home at 6:00. Very pleasant day. At M.E. picnic in eve. Spent a pleasant eve. Clear.

Sunday, August 29

At Sunday school in a.m. At home, Blanche and Mrs. Keene went out to Conrad Z. Hess in p.m. At church in eve. A very beautiful day. Had a nice shower of rain about noon today. P. cloudy.

Monday, August 30

Did not go to office (Lancaster) today. Down on farm, am well pleased with everything there except John Steckervetz tobacco patch which is entirely too grassy. Will hardly be a ½ crop. Martin's crops, corn, are good. Benj. Zercher tobacco patch is very clear of weeds, a.m. About house, took down a few peaches for wife, etc., p.m. At home in eve. A very beautiful day, but still dry. Clear.

Tuesday, August 31

At Lancaster all day. Received congratulations on my return from my vacation. Received my August pay this morning. Very beautiful day but cool. Got 50 bush. oats off car of Fred H. Sickman @ 50 cents per bushel. John C. hauled it. P. clear.

Wednesday, September 1

At Lancaster all day. Pleasant all day but very much cooler, especially in the eve. and rather stormy. P. cloudy.

Thursday, September 2

At Lancaster all day. This was return of Register of Voters, very busy, a.m. I was alone in the office this p.m. Mr. Swope went to baseball game. Reading and Lancaster played. At IOOF in eve. Had a very pleasant meeting. A.F. Martin and myself gave a small supper, ice cream, bologna, and pretzels. Very pleasant day, but cool. Very light frost in low places this morning. Clear. Ther. 50 this morning.

Friday, September 3

At Lancaster all day. Ruth Bennett came along out with me to spend a few days. Cool all day but warmer than yesterday. Very pleasant. P. cloudy.

Saturday, September 4

At Lancaster a.m. Came home in p.m. At AOK of MC and at IORM in eve. Looked very much

for rain, but none. Very pleasant day. P. cloudy.

Sunday, September 5

At Sunday, school and preaching, a.m. About home, Rev. Shelby here for dinner and spent part of p.m. with us. Walked down to Harry Jenkins in eve. for a short time, and then at home. Very stormy partly all day and very dusty. Pleasant day, cool in eve. P. clear.

Monday, September 6

Not at Lancaster today. Labor Day, legal holiday. Down on farm. Grant H. Gardner and son, carpenter, putting scaffold in corn barn for hanging tobacco. At Safe Harbor looking after work on county bridge. The supervisors are putting crushed cinder on road bed, p.m. Quite warm during day but no rain yet. Quite a heavy frost in low places this morning. Clear. Ther. 48.

Tuesday, September 7

At Lancaster all day. Blanche along; we drove in. Stopped at John Stauffer's, New Danville and rec'd check for burial of his son, Jacob E. Quite warm all day, and very dusty. Clear.

Wednesday, September 8

At Lancaster all day. Very nice day but warm. Paid John Strohman \$3.00 this eve. Received word this a.m. of the death of Oscar B. Hess's wife. Funeral will be held Saturday morning. P. clear.

Thursday, September 9

At Lancaster all day. Rather damp all day. Feels very much like rain. Warm all day. At IOOF in eve. P. cloudy.

Friday, September 10

At Lancaster all day. Damp all day and warm. Commenced raining about 11:30 last night and rained quite heavy part of the time, about 1 inch of water having fallen to this

time. A great blessing, this rain. We should certainly be thankful for it. Cloudy.

Saturday, September 11

Very pleasant day. At funeral of Amanda B. Witmer, wife of Oscar B. Hess, Rock Hill. Born Feb. 6, 1875; died Sept 9, 1909. Aged 34 yrs., 7 mos., and 3 days. Rev. Levi Hershey, Reformed Mennonite, preached at house, text: 1 Peter, 1 chapter and last verse. Rev. Knecht preached at church. Buried at Stehman. Bearers: Harry F. and Herbert Hess, Harry and Abrm. Brady, Harry Weaver, and William Denlinger. Very large funeral. Blanche along over. We did not go along to church. I had arranged to take my S.S. class to Pequea this p.m. (See memorandum.) P. cloudy \$86.50.

Sunday, September 12

At Sunday, school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Mr. Roth, student at F and M, spoke in place of Mr. Shelby. Very pleasant day. Took wife to trolley this morning; she went in to Lancaster to see her father. He is not well at all. Will not return till tomorrow. P. cloudy.

Monday, September 13

At Lancaster all day. Went along with sheriff to make appraisement. Made \$1.00 and helped to appraise Sam'l McLaughlin's property here at Conestoga Centre, and rec'd \$1.00 for same. Working in office balance of day. Wife in to see me and came along home this eve. I drove in the morning. Very pleasant day, quite warm. I took locust blossoms along in this morning from a tree opposite Emanuel Groff's house on New Danville Pike. P. clear.

Tuesday, September 14

At Lancaster all day. Alone in office partly all day. Amos Beach was acquitted of the Heuber robbery near Byerland Church. Mr. Hinzey is up for trial for murder in the

Hallman case. Jury out this eve. Lena Pennypacker & Martin Smith took dinner with us this eve. Very pleasant day; quite warm. P. clear.

Wednesday, September 15

At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Hinzey (Jacob) who was connected with the Hallman murder was acquitted by the jury last eve. Quite warm all day. P. clear.

Thursday, September 16

At Lancaster all day. Light showers, rather heavy rains in eve. Buried stillborn child for Benj. Sangrey at River Corner Cemetery. Charged \$5.00. Pain for same. Cloudy.

Friday, September 17

At Lancaster all day. Great rain last night; more rain than we have had for over two months. Everything looks very much refreshed. Farmers are very busy getting ready for seeding and at their tobacco. Quite warm all day; beautiful weather. P. cloudy.

Saturday, September 18

At Lancaster in office till noon. Went to Accomac opposite Marietta to spend the p.m. and dinner there, and a fine one. 21 of us, and spent a very pleasant time. Returned home about 9 o'clock in the eve. A very beautiful day. Clear.

Sunday, September 19

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Shelby, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Quite cool all day, a beautiful day. Clear.

Monday, September 20

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Tomorrow is Fulton Day. A great time is expected at the Fulton House. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, September 21

At Lancaster all day. Today is Fulton Day,

celebrating at his old home. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Wednesday, September 22

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. Very much like rain, a.m. P. cloudy.

Thursday, September 23

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day. At IORM in eve. P. clear.

Friday, September 24

At Lancaster all day. Rained nearly all night and part of a.m. Much cooler in eve. P. cloudy.

Saturday, September 25

At Lancaster, a.m. At Bank meeting this p.m. At IORM in eve. Very pleasant day, but quite cool in morning. P. clear. Ther. 46.

Sunday, September 26

At Sunday school, a.m. At home, p.m. Mrs. M.M. Bortzfield here and took supper with us. At church in eve. Rev. Shelby preached a temperance sermon, one of the best sermons he preached to my recollection. Cold all day, but very pleasant. P. clear.

Monday, September 27

At Lancaster all day. Much cooler all day; real raw air. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, September 28

At Lancaster all day. Still cool all day, and real cold in eve. It is clear this eve, and feels very much like frost. Rec'd pay of Serena Snyder for burial of Emma, wife of I.G. Warfel. P. clear.

Wednesday, September 29

At Lancaster all day. Cool all day. Light frost this morning. Clear.

Thursday, September 30

Down on farm, everything going ok. I am pleased, a.m. Had a meeting of the Mt. Zion

Cemetery lot owners with a view of organizing a cemetery co. Only a few attended. The following were appointed a committee to see after the purchase of the same: John and Amos McAllister, Martin Overholzer, Amaziah H. Gardner, and Adam F. Bortzfield. They asked me to price it to them, which I did. "Cemetery Only," \$400.00. "Cemetery and Church," \$900.00. Which I consider very reasonable. Very pleasant day. At IOOF in eve. Clear.

Friday, October 1

At Lancaster all day. Rec'd my pay this morning. Quite cool all day. Much cooler in eve. Clear.

Saturday, October 2

At Lancaster. Left office at 3:30 p.m. for home. At IORM in eve. D.D.G. H. Kiel was there from Lancaster and raised up the chiefs of our tribe. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday, October 3

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home, p.m. Mrs. P.C. Hiller here. Wife, Blanche, and I spent the evening at John R. Good's, east end of village. Cloudy.

Monday, October 4

At Lancaster all day. Cool and damp all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, October 5

At Lancaster all day. Officer Andrew J. Keeseey was shot by a man who he arrested for selling liquor on the street in Lancaster, and very likely fatally shot in the breast. The assailant escaped. Warmer today. Rec'd word of Henry Frazer's death at County Hospital. Went in this morning (John C.) and fetched body out here for burial tomorrow at Pittsburg Evangelical Church. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, October 6

At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day and

warmer. John C. attended funeral of Henry Frazer from here. Buried at Pittsburg E.C. \$12.00 Paid. P. clear.

Thursday, October 7

At Lancaster all day. Alone in office. Very pleasant day, much warmer. Clear. It is reported that the man who shot Andrew J. Keeseey was arrested in New York City this morning. (Good)

Friday, October 8

At Lancaster all day. Quite warm all day and dusty. Clear.

Saturday, October 9

At Lancaster a.m. Came home at noon and went to the sale of John M. Graver's personal property. Had a good sale. At IORM in eve. A very beautiful day, quite warm. Clear.

Sunday, October 10

At Sunday school in morning. Wife, Blanche down at Steckervetz's in p.m. At Missionary and preaching in eve. Very beautiful day, but dusty. P. clear.

Monday, October 11

At Lancaster all day. Damp, and a beautiful rain started about 10 a.m. and continued nearly all day. Real heavy shower in eve. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, October 12

At Lancaster all day. The Lancaster County Fair opened today. A very large attendance. The whole office force went out. Except myself, and I expect to go out tomorrow. Heavy rain last night, much cooler today, especially so in eve. P. clear.

Wednesday, October 13

At Lancaster all day. At office a.m. At the Lancaster County Fair, wife and I, in p.m. A large crowd and a good exhibit of machinery,

poultry, fancy work, etc. Very cool (cold) all day, especially p.m. and eve. P. cloudy.

Thursday, October 14

At Lancaster all day. In office alone, p.m. Thousands of people in the city and at fair. Immense crowds. Cold all day. Paid John Strohman \$12.00 for work done down on the farm. P. clear.

Friday, October 15

At Lancaster all day. In office a.m. At fair, p.m. Cold, raw wind all day. P. clear.

Saturday, October 16

At Lancaster a.m. At Bank meeting p.m. and house. At IORM and AOK of MC in eve. Cold, raw wind all day. John Strohman \$3.00 for work done down on the farm. P. clear.

Sunday, October 17

At Sunday, school and preaching, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. H.W. Hess here a short time in eve. A very pleasant day, but cool. P. clear.

Monday, October 18

At Lancaster all day. Cold and damp with light rain. Partly cloudy all day. Very damp in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday, October 19

At Lancaster all day. Cool, but a very beautiful day. Paid John Strohman \$1.00. Clear.

Wednesday, October 20

At Lancaster all day. Cold all day. Very heavy frost. Ice this morning. Rec'd word by phone of the death of Valentine Kneisley this eve. Went along with John C., down, shaved and laid out body and arranged for funeral for Sunday morning. P. clear.

Thursday, October 21

At Lancaster all day. Deeded the Eby proper-

ty of Charles to Christ E. Herr and rec'd pay for same, \$900.00. At IOOF in eve. Rained very nice, and damp partly all day. Cloudy.

Friday, October 22

At Lancaster all day. Was down to see Mr. Bruner at noon today Wife came in this a.m. He is very weak. Very pleasant day. Thunder gust last night. Clear.

Saturday, October 23

At Lancaster at office til 3 o'clock p.m. Arrived home 5 p.m. Mrs. Martin B. Good had sale this p.m. of some personal property. Damp all day, raining p.m. At AOK of MC in eve. Cloudy.

Sunday, October 24

At funeral of Valentine Kneisley, born July 4, 1840, died Oct. 20, 1909. Aged 69-3-16. Large funeral, buried at Mt. Zion a.m. At home, p.m. went to Safe Harbor to see after body of infant of Grant Henry, and rec'd pay for same, \$4.00. Cold raw air all day and damp rain in eve. Cloudy. \$48.00.

Monday, October 25

At Lancaster all day. Not at office work. Was excused for several days on account of father-in-law's death last eve. Mr. P.M. Bruner will be buried on Wednesday morning, have charge of same. Wife was along in. Settled with Henry L. Martin this eve. to date, giving me a credit of \$399.47 balance. Beautiful day. Buried child of Grant Henry of Safe Harbor at Mt. Zion Cemetery this a.m. John C. attended. \$4.00 P. cloudy.

Tuesday, October 26

At home making arrangements for funeral, a.m. Took casket in and put body in ready for funeral. Returned home and as surprised to see Chas. And Paul here. Also, Milton Heiser and wife. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Wednesday, October 27

At funeral of Father Bruner. Born June 13,

1829, died Oct. 24, 1909. Aged 80-4-11. Revs. Glass and \_\_\_ Officiated at house, and Mr. Glass and Shelby at church. Large funeral. Buried here at Reformed Church. We went back to house. We all had hired cabs. The funeral expense was \$104.75. P.M. Bruner, J.M. Bruner, W.F. Bruner, O.F. Bruner, and myself paid each 1/5 of it, \$20.95. And each one their own cab, \$5.00. Wife, Blanche, Charles, and myself in one. Charles went home this eve, left Paul here with us. Very pleasant day. Cool, but rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Thursday, October 28

At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office, getting out election papers, etc. Light rain in morning. Much colder during day and eve. P. cloudy.

Friday, October 29

At Lancaster all day in office. Rec'd a letter from Charles asking us to fetch Paul home tomorrow. Wife will take him down. Very much cooler all day. Heavy frost this morning. Received my pay today. P. clear.

Saturday, October 30

At Lancaster, helped wife with grandson Paul on train for Philadelphia on the 12:55 train. At office til 2:15. Left for home. At AOK of MC, had a light lunch for the members, about 40 being present. Spent a very pleasant evening. Coldest morning of the season. Ground frozen quite hard. Cold all day. P. clear.

Sunday, October 31

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. Mrs. Emma Davis here in p.m. Took a walk down to the place that we lived when my father died (44 years ago) could see very little resemblance. Except an old cherry tree. The old weeping willow was cut down this summer. I picked up a few pieces of broken brick and slate that I supposed were of the house, my first here for years. At Mrs. M.B. Good's,

Blanche and I, a short time in the eve. Very beautiful day. Quite warm. Clear.

Monday, November 1

At Lancaster in office all day. Brought ballots, etc., along out for the election tomorrow. Wife came home this eve. with me; I drove in. Very pleasant day, quite warm. Clear.

Tuesday, November 2

At polls all day. Very small vote out, only 119. Stober received 115 and Kipe 2. Very pleasant day, rather unfavorable in eve. Light rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, November 3

At Lancaster all day. In office. The election came off ok yesterday. Senator Stober was elected State Treasurer by a large majority, as were his colleagues. Pleasant all day. P. clear.

Thursday, November 4

At Lancaster in office all day. Stormy and colder, especially in p.m. and eve. Two houses burned at Safe Harbor for Wm. Anderson last night. Supposed to have been set on fire. Miss Mary Jane Watson died this morning. John and I went over and I went to Lancaster. P. clear.

Friday, November 5

At Lancaster all day. Mrs. John M. Graver died this a.m. John C. took charge of the body, which was in bad shape, having died of dropsy. I went over in the eve. and arranged for funeral and casket and fund the body very well embalmed. Funeral on Monday morning. Rather cool all day. P. clear.

Saturday, November 6

At Lancaster all day. Cool all day. P. cloudy.

Sunday, November 7

Attend funeral of Mary Jane Watson. Born Oct. 18, 1889; died Nov. 5, 1909. Aged 20-0-

17. Rev. Thos. Knecht preached. Large funeral, had lavender casket. Very pleasant day, but very frosty. Went over to Graver's, and put body of Mrs. Graver in casket for tomorrow. A very large body. When we came home, word was here to come and take charge of the body of Martin Harnish on New Danville Pike. Returned home 12 midnight. He died of cancer. A very busy day. P. clear.

Monday, November 8

At Lancaster all day. John C. buried Mrs. Susan Graver, wife of John M. Graver. Born June 1, 1845; died Nov. 5, 1909. Aged 64-5-4. Large funeral. Buried at Mt. Zion. Received word this eve of the very unexpected death of Benj. Z. Hess, who died at St. Joseph Hospital, Lancaster, while being operated on for an injury caused by a limb striking him while trimming trees. Fetched body to his home. Returned home at 2 a.m. Very sad. Damp all day, rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, November 9

At cousin Benj. Hess's home to make arrangements for funeral, to bury Thursday 9 and 10. Quartered oak casket, one of the finest I ever furnished. Got to office about 11:30, and there balance of day. Partly cloudy and cool.

Wednesday, November 10

At Lancaster in office all day. Attended funeral of Martin H. Harnish. Born June 1, 1838; died Nov. 7, 1909. Aged 71-5-6. Large funeral. Used slate vault. Very pleasant day, cool. P. clear. Coffin, etc. \$53.50 + Vault \$45.00 = \$98.50.

Thursday, November 11

At funeral of cousin Benj. Z. Hess. Born April 5, 1858; died Nov. 8, 1909. Aged 51-7-3. Rev. Hostetter spoke at house. Rev. Jacob Thomas opened the services at the church. Rev. Levi M. Engle spoke from 1 Sam'l 20 chap., latter clause of 3<sup>rd</sup> verse. Rev. Hostetter made a few

closing remarks. Bearers: Abrm. Avery, David and \_\_\_ Hess, Amos and Harry Warfel, 6 nephews. Buried at Pequea Church. A very large funeral, possibly 1000 persons being present. Beautiful corpse. A very sad funeral. Used slate vault. Clear. \$186.50.

Friday, November 12

At Lancaster all day. In office. Rec'd 1 ton hay of Henry H. Herr. Very beautiful. Clear.

Saturday, November 13

At Lancaster a.m. Fetched A.D. Herr along out and took down on the farm with a view of planting an apple and peach orchard of about 6 acres, and have decided to go ahead. At IORM in eve. Very beautiful day. Clear.

Sunday, November 14

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. Wife and I drove down on the farm in p.m., and at home in eve. Very pleasant, only damp. P. cloudy.

Monday, November 15

At Lancaster all day, in office. David Swope, chief clerk, went on his vacation, and I am filling the position. Kept quite busy this a.m., it being quarter sessions court. Mr. A.D. Herr at office with regard to the orchard planting. 300 apple and not less than 900 peach. Warm all day. Quite damp, and looks very much for rain, a.m. Paid Benj. F. Hill \$3.00 for digging grave of P.M. Bruner. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, November 16

At Lancaster all day in office. Damp and cool all day. At church in eve., the first of a series of meetings to be held in our church. The Rev. Roth of Mountville preached. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, November 17

At Lancaster all day in office. Rain last night And morning, much colder in p.m. and eve. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. Miles Miller, of this place. P. cloudy.

Thursday, November 18

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold raw wind all day. Several snow flurries. Rev. D.G. Glass of Lancaster preached for us and took supper with us. P. cloudy.

Friday, November 19

Went to funeral of N.C. Henninger, Undertaker, New Holland. About 14 undertakers of the association were present, a.m. In office, p.m. At church in eve. Mr. Down, a local minister of the M.E. Church, preached. Cold raw wind all day. P. clear.

Saturday, November 20

At Lancaster til 2 p.m. Came home earlier this eve. John C., Blanche, Mrs. E.L. Bortzfield, and I went to Pequea Church this eve. A good meeting. Warm all day, clear.

Sunday, November 21

At Sunday school, a.m. About home, p.m. At church in eve. Rev. Shelby preached. A beautiful day, real summer weather. Clear.

Monday, November 22

At Lancaster all day in office. Real busy all day. Enos Mowery, clerk in Controller's Office, father died yesterday at New Providence. A very beautiful day. P. clear.

Tuesday, November 23

At Lancaster all day in office. Busy all day. A very good rain this a.m., and much cooler in p.m. and eve. Cloudy.

Wednesday, November 24

At Lancaster all day in office. A.D. Herr is planting an apple and peach orchard for me down on the farm, about 1200 or 1300 trees. They finished this p.m. Cold and damp a.m. Commenced snowing at noon, and snowed all of p.m. and eve. A real blizzard. Very much colder. At church in eve.

Thursday, November 25

At home, today being Thanksgiving Day. At

church in the eve. Rev. J. Hunter Watt preached a very good sermon. Snowed nearly all a.m. and part of p.m. and stormed. Roads drifted a great deal. About 6 inches of snow fell. P. cloudy.

Friday, November 26

At Lancaster all day on office. Kept quite busy. Cold, raw, damp air all day. At church in eve. Preaching by Bro. Shelby. Cloudy.

Saturday, November 27

At Lancaster in office, a.m. At Bank Directions meeting, p.m., and home. At IORM and AOK of MC in eve. Rather cool all day. P. cloudy.

Sunday, November 28

At Sunday school and Communion services this a.m. Drove down to farm, John C. and I, this p.m. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday, November 29

At Lancaster all day in office. Was called by phone and John C. was up at Benj. S. Fry's and took charge of his body and moved it over to his son's home, Albertus Fry and arranged for funeral for Thursday morning at Masonville. Pleasant but raw wind. Gave A.D. Herr check for \$202.00 for trees planted last week on farm, about 1235 apple and peach. P. clear.

Tuesday, November 30

At Lancaster all day at office. Rec'd pay for month. Rec'd check of Conrad H. Hess for Benj. Z. Hess funeral. Busy all day. Beautiful day but cold. P. clear.

Wednesday, December 1

At Lancaster all day at office. Came home on 3:30 and went along with John C. to Amos Hess to see after the body of his wife who died this morning. Beautiful day, but cool. Clear.

Thursday, December 2

John C. attended the funeral of Benj. Fry near

Letort, a.m. Buried at Masonville Mennonite Church. We killed one fat hog today. Weighed about 250. At Lancaster, and then went to Harrisburg to meeting of the undertakers to see Mr. Prof. Eckel with regard to Blanche taking a course in embalming. Very pleasant day. P. clear. \$55.00.

Friday, December 3

At Lancaster all day at office, rather busy. Pleasant day, but cool. P. clear.

Saturday, December 4

At Lancaster all day at office, etc. At AOK or MC in eve. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday, December 5

Attending funeral of Mrs. Amos Hess (Elizabeth). Born May 18, 1837; died Dec. 1, 1909. Aged 72, 6, 13. Rev. John G. Nissley opened the services to text Rev. 22:12-14. Also Tobias Sechrist and John Beshore from the same text. Bearers: Simon H. and Michael H. Musser, David Peifer, and Enos Hostetter. Buried at Pequea Church. Large funeral. Took dinner at church basement. Very fine corpse. At church in eve. A beautiful day, but very frosty morning. Clear. \$50.00.

Monday, December 6

At Lancaster all day at office. Much colder during day. Raw wind. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, December 7

At Lancaster all day at office. Very busy. Cold, raw, damp air all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, December 8

At Lancaster all day in office. Very busy. Getting much colder. P. clear.

Thursday, December 9

At Lancaster all day in office. Very busy on assessment books. At IORM in eve. Very much colder, making ice fast. P. clear. Ther. 16.

Friday, December 10

At Lancaster all day in office. Busy all day. Cold all day, raw wind. Making ice all day. Few flakes of snow. Paid Grant A. Gardner \$5.00 in full for carpenter work done in summer. P. cloudy.

Saturday, December 11

At Lancaster, a.m. At home and Valentine Kneisley's sale, Personal and Real Property, brought \$1800.00. Miles C. Miller. At IORM and AOK of MC in eve. Very cold in p.m., raw wind. P. cloudy.

Sunday, December 12

At Sunday school and preaching, a.m. At home, p.m. and eve. Amos Graver here in eve. Cold all day. Light snow in morning, and commenced snowing in evening. Cloudy.

Monday, December 13

At Lancaster all day, busy in office. Raining partly all day, very heavy in eve. Rec'd word this noon of the death of infant child of Christ and Elsie Warfel on the H.G. Rush farm near New Danville. Cloudy.

Tuesday, December 14

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold but pleasant. P. clear.

Wednesday, December 15

At Lancaster all day in office. Busy all day. John C. had funeral of Christ Warfel's child. Buried at Brick Church, New Danville. Cold all day. P. cloudy. \$12.00.

Thursday, December 16

At Lancaster all day in office, very busy. Registers make their return. Cold all day. Stormed some this a.m. P. cloudy.

Friday, December 17

At Lancaster all day in office. Very quiet. Cold raw air all day. P. clear.

Saturday, December 18

At Lancaster til noon. Came home and went to sale of Val Kneisley in p.m. Property brought \$1800.00. Very cold and stormy all day. P. cloudy.

Sunday, December 19

Wife and I drove down to see mother. Found her real well, and spent a pleasant time with her. We took a number of Christmas presents along for her, which pleased her very much. Returned home in eve. and went to church. Very cold all day. P. clear.

Monday, December 20

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold all day, rather stormy. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, December 21

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, December 22

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold raw wind all day. Feels very much like snow. P. cloudy.

Thursday, December 23

At Lancaster all day in office. Cold raw wind all day. P. cloudy.

Friday, December 24

At Lancaster all day in office. Very quiet. Received presents from commissioners. Mr. S.W. Diller, silk umbrella; L.R. Reist, a very fine umbrella (not silk); Mr. Aiken, a fine pearl handled pocket knife; David Swope, chief clerk, suspenders and necktie. I gave each of them ½ dozen linen kerchiefs. Stopped off at Millersville to attend annual meeting of F. and A.M. and had a fine luncheon. Cold and stormy all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday, December 25

About home all day. Spent a very pleasant Christmas Day. Charles and family, Norman Good, Charles Hill, Alfred Collins took supper

with us. I was certainly glad to have them with us. Cold all day. Snowing all day, very heavy. Cloudy.

Sunday, December 26

At home all day. Charles intended going home this morning, but on account of the heavy snowfall yesterday, was unable to go. Telegraphed to R.T. Co. that he was storm-stayed, and would report as soon as possible. Started to walk to Lancaster, but was compelled to turn back. Blowing and drifting all day. Reports have it that 15 to 18 inches of snow fell yesterday. Cold all day. P. cloudy.

Monday, December 27

At home all day. Could not get to Lancaster on account of drifted condition of roads and trolley roads. Charles and Alfred Collins walked to Lancaster this a.m. to get back to their homes. Charles must get to Philadelphia at the earliest possible moment. This snow-storm seemed to be an old-fashioned one, reaching over a very large scope of the county. Cold all day, a few flakes of snow, a.m. P. cloudy.

Tuesday, December 28

At Lancaster, and at 10:30 took trolley car for Manheim Bon, where we were royally entertained by Dr. J. Francis Dunlap at dinner, after which we all went to see the Grand Collection of Old Curios, etc., of Mr. Danner, which was great, returning to Lancaster at 5:30. Went to Perfection in eve., and staid at Lincoln Hotel all night. Cold all day. Roads are drifted very badly. The trolley service was impacted very badly. There were 10 to 12 inches of snow fell. P. cloudy.

Wednesday, December 29

At Lancaster all day in office. Rather dull. Returned home this eve. Very cold all day. P. cloudy.

Thursday, December 30

At Lancaster all day in office. Rather busy.

Returned home in eve. A very cold day, coldest of the season. Wife, Blanche, and I went to E.L. Bortzfield to spend the evening, A. Roy being home. We spent a very pleasant evening, and fine supper served. Ther. 4 above.

Friday, December 31

At Lancaster all day in office. A very cold day, not quite as cold as yesterday. Great reason have we to be thankful for the blessing of another year of health, comfort, and prosperity. P. cloudy.

## MEMORANDA

Sept. 11, 1909

Met my S.S. class at Good's station on the York Furnace trolley line and took them to Pequea, paying their fares for the normal trip: Myrtle H. Good, Elizabeth Smith, Adaline Agon, Margie Martin, Victoria Trissler, Bessie Benedict, Anna Warfel, and Minnie Graver. Blanche went along down to help entertain. We all had a very nice time; I certainly enjoyed myself, and the girls seemed very much pleased, and expressed themselves freely. We left Pequea at 6 o'clock in the eve. for home. At IORM in eve.

In account with James Worker tenant at Safe Harbor in the Urias Warfel property. Rent \$2.00 for month's rent in advance.

Jan. 19	for rent	\$2.00
Feb. 18	for rent	\$2.00
March		\$2.00
April		\$2.00
May		\$2.00
June		\$2.00
July		\$2.00
Aug.		\$2.00
Sept.		\$2.00
Oct.		\$2.00
Nov.		\$2.00

In account with John E. Herr tenant in the Watson B. Lawyer property at Safe Harbor. Rent \$5.00 per month in advance.

Jan.		\$5.00
Feb.		\$5.00
March		\$5.00
April		\$5.00
May		\$5.00
June		\$5.00
July		\$5.00
Aug.		\$5.00
Sept.		\$5.00
Oct		\$5.00
Nov.		\$5.00
Dec.		\$5.00
Jan.		\$5.00
Feb.		\$5.00
March		\$5.00

In account with Ellison Richardson tenant in the Butler property, Conestoga.

Rent \$3.00 per month.

Feb. 27	Cash on property	\$50.00
	Interest	\$15.00
	Total during year	\$65.00
	Cost of Property	\$400.00
	First payment	\$100.00
	Balance	\$300.00
	Above payment	\$50.00
	Rent paid to April 1, 1909	\$250.00
May 1	April rent	\$3.00
June 1	May rent	\$3.00
June 30	June	\$3.00
July 30	July	\$3.00
Sept. 2	Aug.	\$3.00
Oct. 2	Sept.	\$3.00
Nov. 2	Oct.	\$3.00
Dec. Nov.		\$3.00
Jan'y. 3	Dec.	\$3.00

January 15

Large Fire, Jacob McAllister's large barn is burning fiercely at this time, 6:30 p.m.

February 27, 1909

Rec'd John H. Eshleman \$45.00 on payment of land, bought of me last fall.

H.L. Martin \_\_  
Oct. 25 Settled to date \$399.47

March 26, 1909

Rec'd John H. Eshleman \$11.00 balance on land. Sold to him last fall. Will give deed \_\_\_\_ 1909.

January 27

Paid Emma Wise \$185.00 for her property in Flinchbaugh Street. I bought this property for Atlee W. Black. He shall pay me \$1.50 per month rent, with privilege to pay on principal at any time, and the property to be his as soon as paid for. Rent \$5.00.

John C. Zercher's tobacco crop of 1908.

Sold to Harry Snyder.

2240 lb. wrappers @ .10 = \$224.00

3442 lb. Fillers @.04 = \$13.76

87 lb. waste @.02= \$1.72

Total \$239. 48

My interest- ½ of John C. Zercher \$119.74

John Steckervetz tobacco crop of 1908.

Sold to Harry Snyder.

2416 lb. wrappers @ .10 = \$241.60

876 lb. fillers \$35.04

153 lb. waste \$3.06

Total \$279.70

My interest- ½ of John Steckervetz \$139.85

John Strohman

Oct. 14 cash 12.00

Oct. 15 cash 3.00

Oct. 19 cash 1.00

In account with Cyrus Turner

Paid in Full

In account with John C. Zercher

1908-1909 Balance of account

Feb. 27 ½ day labor \$.63 Paid

Wages paid @ \$9 per week

March 27 1 week \$9.00