

*The Diaries of  
Samuel Jones Melvin*

*1866*

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Took breakfast at Uncle's. Attended Prayer meeting in the Wesleyan church. Congregation small, but had a good time. Took dinner at Uncle's and went to church with them in the evening in company with Miss Lucinda Smith. Heard Rev. Lock preach from Romans ~~VI~~ 8:28. Good congregation and Disciples meeting having closed. Accompanied Mrs. J. E. Elliott home. Contributed fifty cents <sup>for a</sup> church for contingent expenses.

TUESDAY 2

Drakeville Iowa

Took breakfast at Hamiltons <sup>and</sup> spent the day there in reading <sup>and</sup> talking with Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Jackson <sup>and</sup> others. Attended church at night <sup>and</sup>, heard Rev. Lock preach from Prov. ~~VIII~~ 1:24-3 inclusive. Received three letters from C. H. Patterson, Lyd. Cooper <sup>and</sup> Will. Melvin respectively. Spent the night at Uncle George's. Weather very fine. Roads good.

WEDNESDAY 3

Uncle George Elliott

Helped Albert to cut some stovewood in the morning <sup>and</sup> then went to Mr. Hardy's where we spent the day. Number of Elderly ladies there making hoods. Had a good time generally. Helped Liz. Hamilton to carry her children home. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Lock preach from Jer. ~~II~~ 15. Good congregation and good attention paid. No especial excitement. Accompanied Miss Lucinda Smith home. Conversated with her on the subject of religion. Weather clear <sup>and</sup> cold.

NOVEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { New Moon, 7d. 5h. 41m. morning.  
First Quarter, 15d. 9h. 23m. morning.  
Full Moon, 23d. 0h. 31m. morning.  
Last Quarter, 28d. 10h. 21m. evening.

No.	Days of Week.	Weather Record.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon R & S	High water.
1	Thur.		6 34	4 54	0 45	6 31
2	Frid.		6 35	4 53	1 49	7 31
3	Satur.		6 36	4 52	2 49	8 25
4	SUN.		6 37	4 50	3 50	9 12
5	Mon.		6 39	4 49	4 49	9 58
6	Tues.		6 40	4 47	5 47	10 49
7	Wed.		6 41	4 46	sets.	11 15
8	Thur.		6 42	4 45	5 50	.....
9	Frid.		6 44	4 44	6 30	0 18
10	Satur.		6 46	4 43	7 15	0 55
11	SUN.		6 47	4 42	8 3	1 35
12	Mon.		6 48	4 41	8 56	2 19
13	Tues.		6 49	4 40	9 53	3 0
14	Wed.		6 50	4 39	10 51	3 47
15	Thur.		6 52	4 38	11 52	4 38
16	Frid.		6 53	4 37	morn	5 35
17	Satur.		6 54	4 36	0 59	6 30
18	SUN.		6 55	4 36	2 4	7 32
19	Mon.		6 56	4 35	3 13	8 28
20	Tues.		6 58	4 35	4 24	9 27
21	Wed.		6 59	4 34	5 39	10 25
22	Thur.		7 0	4 33	rises.	11 19
23	Frid.		7 1	4 33	6 14	.....
24	Satur.		7 2	4 32	7 18	0 37
25	SUN.		7 4	4 32	8 24	1 30
26	Mon.		7 5	4 31	9 30	2 23
27	Tues.		7 7	4 30	10 37	3 16
28	Wed.		7 7	4 30	11 41	4 8
29	Thur.		7 8	4 29	morn	5 1
30	Frid.		7 9	4 29	0 43	5 7

DECEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { New Moon, 7d. 0h. 41m. morning.  
First Quarter, 14d. 11h. 50m. evening.  
Full Moon, 21d. 3h. 50m. evening.  
Last Quarter, 28d. 2h. 39m. evening.

No.	Days of Week.	Weather Record.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon R & S	High water.
1	Satur.		7 10	4 28	1 23	6 55
2	SUN.		7 11	4 28	2 42	7 49
3	Mon.		7 12	4 28	3 40	8 37
4	Tues.		7 13	4 28	4 38	9 23
5	Wed.		7 14	4 28	5 34	10 9
6	Thur.		7 15	4 28	sets.	10 51
7	Frid.		7 16	4 28	5 12	11 30
8	Satur.		7 17	4 28	5 59	.....
9	SUN.		7 18	4 28	6 49	0 32
10	Mon.		7 18	4 28	7 49	1 11
11	Tues.		7 19	4 28	8 43	1 56
12	Wed.		7 20	4 28	9 43	2 37
13	Thur.		7 20	4 28	10 44	3 20
14	Frid.		7 21	4 28	11 48	4 6
15	Satur.		7 22	4 29	morn	5 0
16	SUN.		7 23	4 29	0 54	5 55
17	Mon.		7 24	4 29	2 2	6 58
18	Tues.		7 24	4 29	3 12	8 2
19	Wed.		7 25	4 30	4 25	9 4
20	Thur.		7 25	4 30	5 36	10 4
21	Frid.		7 26	4 30	rises.	10 59
22	Satur.		7 27	4 31	5 59	11 52
23	SUN.		7 27	4 31	7 8	0 18
24	Mon.		7 27	4 32	8 18	1 11
25	Tues.		7 28	4 33	9 25	2 2
26	Wed.		7 28	4 33	10 31	2 50
27	Thur.		7 29	4 34	11 33	3 39
28	Frid.		7 29	4 35	morn	4 27
29	Satur.		7 29	4 36	0 35	5 18
30	SUN.		7 29	4 37	1 33	6 11
31	Mon.		7 30	4 38	2 29	7 5



THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Took breakfast at Uncle's and accompanied John and Benmie to town. Wrote three letters of four pages each, to C. H. Patterson, Will. Mulrin and Lydia Cooper. Kniddled a few in the Wesleyan church and lit the lamps. Heard Rev. Lock preach from Romans 13<sup>th</sup> verse. Uncle's folks walked to church and Mrs. Morgan returned home with us. Aunt remained at home. Weather clear and cold. Roads good.

FRIDAY 5

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Spent the day at Uncle's. folks making preparation for a social gathering. Annie and I intended to have visited a school but she was too busy at other things. Went to town in the evening and took tea at Hamiltons. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Lock preach from Hosea 12<sup>th</sup>. Congregation tolerably large. Spent the night at Uncle's. Weather fine.

Uncle Geo. SATURDAY 6 Elliotts

Cut some stove wood in the morning while the boys were making preparation to receive visitors. Took to buggy and went for Miss M. E. Porter. About twenty young folks gathered in to eat turkey. Placed Mrs. Morgan (John's lady) and me at the head of the table. We succeeded very well in carrying. Some good jokes passed at the table. Six couples at first and seven couples at second table. Had a good time generally. Annie and I went home with the Smith ladies and remained until bed-time. Mary returned home with us. Weather fine.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Attended Prayer meeting in the Wesleyan church in the forenoon. Annie S. Elliott and I took dinner at Robt. Hamiltons and spent the afternoon. <sup>then</sup> attended church in the evening and heard Dr. Hall preach from Genesis 22<sup>nd</sup> vs 28<sup>th</sup>. Large congregation out. Young folks putting on what was termed "High Style" - Gentlemen sitting with their ladies. Spent the night at Uncle George's.

MONDAY 8

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Albert Elliott and I went to Drakeville in the morning and got four barrels of lard at Mr. Baird's and took it to Ottumwa. I bought a diary and a pair of pants. Roads were very icy in places and the team had smooth shoes on behind consequently we had to go slowly. Got home about nine o'clock at night. Rev. Lock did not get home and there was no preaching. <sup>Had</sup> prayer meeting

TUESDAY 9

Drakeville Iowa

Took Aquilla Roberts and Annie Elliott to school in the morning in Lerin Stanton's sled. Had a blind horse to it and when I was not watching the horse got into a ditch at the schoolhouse door. About noon I went to town and spent the afternoon reading the Phrenological Journal. Found it very interesting. Mr. Klingler and Mr. Stanton at Uncle's trying to make a settlement. Rained all day. Roads icy.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1866.

Drakeville, Iowa

Went to the Post Office in the morning and received a letter from D. W. Bruce and one from Miss Em. Childs. Answered them during the day. Spent the afternoon reading the Phrenological Journal & loafing about town. Bought a quarters worth of apples. Attended a spelling school in town at night, & helped Robert to straighten up his books some at night. Weather wet and gloomy, Roads icy. Boys on skates on the creeks of Drakeville.

THURSDAY 11

Uncle Geo. Elliotts.

Took breakfast at Robt Hamiltons. Leg was quite sore in the morning. Went to Uncle George in the forenoon, and from thence I went to Mr. Julius Corners school. School not very full. Spent the afternoon there. Lesson not well prepared and Corner was disposed to scold a little. Mr. Corner spent the night with us at Uncles. Rain all day, Roads very muddy.

FRIDAY 12

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Took Annie & Aquilla Roberts to school in the morning in the wagon. When I came back Albert & I went to town with the wagon & took Miss Mat. Harls home. Spent the afternoon talking with Uncle Geo. Aunt. Helped Albert to saw some shrewwood. Took the wagon to get Annie & Aquilla on their way home from school. John went to Bloomfield about noon. Enrolled some Bonds money.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliotts

Helped the boys to haul some of wood in the forenoon & smashed my thumb slightly. Went to town in the afternoon with Uncle George. Broke Lock the preachers wife was here because he had not come home and wanted some of us to go for him. He intended to have been home on Monday. Went to Uncle Geo. got ready to go to Carolina, but Benmie concluded that we would not go until morning. Went to town again & had staid until half past eight. Returned to my clo. Weather cold Roads very rough.

SUNDAY 14

Drakeville Iowa.

Benmie, Aunt Sarah & Harriet at three o'clock P. M. took breakfast, & got two horses called led by Benmie & started at five, to Carolina after the preacher who had been gone a week five days over his time. Arrived at Martins about ten o'clock & found the Rev. well enjoying himself well. Did not come home because his horse couldnt chow the roads were icy & he was having a very pleasant visit. He started back with us, his horse fell in the stall he returned to Martins & card Rev. Mr. Stephens.

MONDAY 15

Uncle George Elliotts

Spent the day at Robt Hamiltons reading and writing. Studied and wrote some on the subject of Penmanship. Bought some buttons for my overcoat in the morning. Uncle George sewed them on for me, Bought five cents worth of apples. Rev. Mr. Lock still absent from home. Some of his children very sick. Dressed them in the evening before going to bed. Weather very cold & stormy.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott's

Albert my parent to town in the morning with the sled. While there cut some wood for the preacher family. Had not yet come home. Leg. and her children came to Uncle with us. Mrs. M. and her children here also. Took Abby my single to the schoolhouse for Annie. D. J. brought Sarah Leister home with him. Attended a Rail Road meeting in town at night. Hand out with two boxes from uncle. Weather fine.

WEDNESDAY 17.

Uncle Geo. Elliott's

Spent the day at Uncle George's with Aunt Phamer and Sarah Lester. The boys were hauling wood. Uncle at town. My Bennie gone to Appanose County. Wrote a letter to Mollie in the afternoon. At night we went to town in the sled to attend the Peoples Prayer meeting in the M. Church, but there was no fire kindled. Mrs. Lock very sick. Took the sled for Mrs. Sutherland to see up with Mrs. Lock. Weather cold & clear.

THURSDAY 18.

Uncle Geo. Elliott's

Spent most of the day in the house. Helped to saw some wood. Bennie still in Appanose Co. Sarah Lester at Uncle's. Attended a spelling school in the district school house. Nearly all took part in the spelling. Good turn out in very good order. Arrived the word, pierce. Some sons took Annie in the sleigh, the rest of us went in the sled. Sons had been to Bloomfield. Weather fine.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott's

Went to Mr. Stanton's in the sleigh in the morning. Had got him to help us to butcher. Killed four hogs during the day. Intended to have visited at Mr. Boas' at night, but it snowed and storm'd so that we did not go. Spent the night very pleasantly at Uncle George's. Miss Sarah Lester here. Robt, Phamer my family went to Mr. Sutherlands in the evening for supper.

SATURDAY 20

Uncle George Elliott's

Hitched up the old horse in the morning and Sarah Lester and I went to Mr. Hardy's thence to Mr. Boas' and thence to Mr. Stanton's where we took dinner about three o'clock. Horses followed us. At night we started to Mr. Paggot's in the sled. Heard while we were on the way that they were coming to Uncle's so we turned back. They did not come and we went to Mr. Grant's where we found them and stayed until bed time. Uncle George Elliott's

SUNDAY 21

Uncle George Elliott's

Took breakfast at uncle's. Attended church in Drakeville. Heard Rev. Mr. Selleming preach from Luke 11: 23 & 27 inclusive. Attended the funeral of Mr. Dickart about four miles east of Drakeville. Sarah Lester went with us and did not return. Took late dinner at Hamalters. Heard Dr. Hall preach in the evening from Galatians 1: 12. Annie Bennie and I rode home in the sleigh. Hall said in his sermon 'Black as the rind of a hill'.







SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Took breakfast at Sig. Allen's. Took Mrs Allen to church in the sleigh & home again, put in one of his horses & drove about four miles with a slip Allen to her sister-in-law with 2 letters. Returned in time for church & changed horses. Took another Miss Allen to church. After church Uncle Geo. I came home, heard Rev. Huddleson preach from Mat. 18:9. Considerable of excitement. Preached also from Heb. 11:17-19. Quite a number joined the church. Weather warm.

MONDAY 29

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Miss Barbara Benson Miss Frank Benson Miss P. W. Elliott & I went to Mr. Boas' & spent most of the day there. Went to the M. E. Church in the evening to meeting. Heard the Rev. Mr. Mann preach from Romans 11:29. I had a lot of cause of 13<sup>th</sup> verse. Was in company with Miss Jo. Rice at church. Walking very bad on account of the thaw. Received a letter from Anne & Mary. Not much news. Spent the night at Uncle George's. Slewing nearly gone.

TUESDAY 30

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Took the little black mare & drove in the morning & got her shod. John Elliott & Robt Hamilton went to Bloomfield in the sleigh. Uncle Geo. & I went to Florin in the afternoon in a sleigh. Attended meeting at night & heard Rev. Huddleson preach from the words 'What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?' Did not tell us where it was to be found. Five persons professed to find peace in believing. Bought Mrs. H. Leonard's milk & milk being sick. Uncle remained.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Went to school in the morning with the Misses Carlbentzen, Miss Porter, Miss Elliott. Spent the day there. Had a good time. Had a dinner & supper at Mrs. Page's at 7 o'clock. About 20 young folks there. Miss Barbara 'Renson' Mason in company. About with her sister Pearl. Was some with Winnie Elliott. Went in the big sled. Went past for a while to Henry's. Had a good time. At 7 o'clock, played a game. Henry's & I had a good time. He brought his sled & sleds for some time. Good tea & music.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Drakesville Iowa

Spent the forenoon at Uncle George's with Albert & Aunt Thamer. Boys not at work. Came to town in the afternoon. Found Robt. Hamilton rather sick with the cold. Bought Aunt Thamer a veil in the evening for which I paid \$1.10. Attended church at night & heard Rev. Thos Boyles preach from Luke 11:13. Walked warm & pleasant. Snow nearly gone.

FRIDAY 2

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Spent most of the day in town. Uncle George & Aunt Thamer spent a portion of the day at Hamilton's. Came up in the sleigh, Uncle remained until late in the evening, I took aunt home. The Misses Carlbentzen, Miss Porter, Miss Smith & Mrs. Porter went with us to the spelling school. After spelling we visited at Sammie's. had a good time at Bechler's hall. The Misses Carlbentzen went to Mr. Boas' & very soon after I came home with Aunt & retired.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott

My twenty-eighth birth day. Aunt Hannah and I went to Mr. Stanton's in the sleigh. Spent the day very pleasantly there. Attended Church in Drakesville at night. Miss G. E. Postler, Annie and John Elliott went to Good Templar Lodge. After I had my boots and coat off to go to bed at Hamilton's, Mary C. and Annie came in, I then changed my motion and went out to Uncle's with them. Folks were late gathering to church there was no preaching. Weather very cold.

SUNDAY 4

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Attended prayer meeting in the Wesleyan Church in Drakesville. Took dinner at Hamilton's with Mr. Foster, John and Annie Elliott. Read an essay written by myself. Mr. Knight published in the Protestant. Attended church at night and heard an D. G. brother, Woodward preach from 35 Psalm latter clause 5 verse. Very plain sermon. Weather becoming milder.

MONDAY 5

Near Cincinnati

Took breakfast at Uncle Geo. Elliott's and Albert and took his sleigh and two horses started about half past eight o'clock. Found roads rather bad in many places. Saw traces of our sleigh loose. Before we reached Centerville had the harness fixed. Stopped a short time in both villages. Found some very good sleeping places. John Patterson about 6 P.M. came to see us.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1866.

J. Patterson's Near Cincinnati

Spent the forenoon at Mr. Patterson's. After dinner Mr. Patterson, A. B. Elliott and I went to Cincinnati. Visited the Jaquis family and had a good time. We supped there. Got to Mr. Patterson's about midnight and spent the night there. Country about Cincinnati is rather broken. Had not time to get acquainted with the folks. Got some braces made for our sleigh. Weather very pleasant.

WEDNESDAY 7

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Left Mr. Patterson's about nine o'clock. Stopped a few minutes at Mr. Jaquis' in Cincinnati. Came home (to Uncle Geo.) without any trouble. Met John and Annie just starting to Mr. Brooks to a party. Put our horses away to our supper and went to the party. Rushed over some folks there beside them selves. Miss Alice Brooks sang and played on the organ. Had a good time generally.

THURSDAY 8

Uncle Geo. Elliott

John Elliott and I went to Drakesville in the morning intending to go to Mr. Muddar's but the young folks had gone to Danabstrand and we concluded to go there. Wrote a letter to Follie, came back to Uncle Geo. and went from there to Mr. Vanorset and took dinner with a number of young folks. Formed an acquaintance with Miss L. Schuman. Attended a concert at night given by Miss Alice Brooks. It was good. Weather very fine.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1866.

Uncle Geo. Elliott

John and I went to town in the morning. Got Mr. Calvert to cut a piece of glass for covering a picture. John and I went to Mr. Calvert's and spent a portion of the day. The Brooks folks were there with a Cabinet Organ and we had some very fine music. Attended a party at Mr. Porter's at night. Miss Sarah Brenton, Annie Elliott and I went in the evening. Had a good time.

SATURDAY 10

Drakesville Iowa.

Went to Mr. Hardy's in the morning and from thence to Mr. Stanton's. Was back to Uncle George's before dinner. Robt, Lamer and their children there. Came to town in the evening and spent a short time in the stores. Bought a pair of gloves and some apples. Mr. and Mrs. Eutherland at Robert's until bed time. Annie stayed over night with us. Weather fine.

SUNDAY 11

Uncle Geo. Elliott

Took breakfast at Hamilton's with S. A. Elliott. Attended church and heard Rev. Lock preach from Romans V 3 and 5 and took dinner at Hamilton's and visited the graveyard in the afternoon. Attended church again at night and heard Lock preach from Psalm 117 verse. Bade the folks in town farewell. Saw Miss Lucinda Smith and Miss Ellen Hamilton home returned to Uncle's and spent the night. Retired at 11 1/2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1866.

City Hotel Washington Iowa.

Arose at half past two O'clock took breakfast and bade the folks farewell. Started at 3 1/2 to Ottumwa. Rich<sup>d</sup> Porter, B. S. Elliott and I took train at nine O'clock for Fairfield, thence took stage for Washington where we arrived about six O'clock in a snow storm. Put up at the City Hotel and attended a debate in the Methodist Church on the question of the Millennium. Had a good night's rest.

TUESDAY 13

Mr. Hamlin's Muscatine Iowa.

B. S. Elliott, Rich<sup>d</sup> Porter and I spent most of the day in Washington. Took train at three O'clock for Muscatine. Arrived here about five O'clock. Found the Hamlins all well.

Snowed considerably during the evening and night. Attended church in the P. C. church in the evening and heard Rev. Hamley preach from Rev. XXXIII and 14. Five persons forward for prayer.

WEDNESDAY 14

Mr. Hamlin's Muscatine Iowa

Spent the day about the house as it was very cold and stormy. I did not feel much like tramping about. Dearly went to school, but Mary concluded that it was too cold and did not go. Weighed 175 1/2 lbs. Did not attend church at night on account of the storm and entertained some fears that I should not be able to travel on the Keil Road on account of the snow.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1866.

Mr. Hanlin's Muscatine Iowa

Went to the depot in the morning watched some men playing billiards a short time and became disgusted with the sight of men drinking. Went to a barber and got shaved. Spent the remainder of the day about Mr. Hanlin's. Attended the M. E. Church at night and heard Rev. Brent preach from Jerk. XXXIV, 29". One lady professed religion. Found the Misses Daugherty's at Mr. H. when we returned. Exceedingly cold all day.

FRIDAY 16

Mr. Hanlin's Muscatine Iowa

Spent most of the day in the house and store. Thought some of starting toward home but the trains being irregular on account of the snow storm I concluded I had better wait until Monday. Billy Hanlin and I walked out over the city. Well pleased with its appearance. About 8000 inhabitants. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Perkins preach from Mat. X, 7". Weather cold.

SATURDAY 17

Mr. John Hanlin's Muscatine Iowa

Spent most of the forenoon in the house and store. B. A. Elliott started to Burlington and Richd. Porter to Drakeville on the train at half past eleven O'clock. Train came through from Chicago and brought news concerning the "snowing up" of the trains on the different Rail Roads. No meeting at the M. E. Church at night. Snow going off rather rapidly. Beginning to get acquainted with Dill's store.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1866.

Mr. Hanlin's Muscatine Iowa

Attended the Methodist Episcopal Church in the forenoon and heard Rev. Mr. Powers preach from Colos. XLV, 86. Was well pleased with his discourse, but he was very hoarse. James Hanlin and I took a walk over the city in the afternoon. Attended United Brethren church at night and heard a sermon from Acts 11, 19. Revival in progress for nine successive weeks. Two boys quarreling in church time of service. Weather fine. Snow thawing.

MONDAY 19

On Cars between Muscatine and Chicago

Went to a shoe shop in Muscatine in the morning and had my boots patched. Spent the remainder of the day about Mr. Hanlin's house and store. About half past four O'clock I left Mr. Hanlin's and went to the depot and got a ticket to Chicago. Left at half past five. No trouble about making connections. Left Rock Island about half past eight O'clock at night. Traps cold in the car. Snowed.

TUESDAY 20

Mr. Patterson's Clear Hudson Mich. Arrived at Chicago at five and left at six O'clock in the morning for Hudson. Found considerable more snow along the road than I had left in Iowa. Arrived at Hudson at four O'clock two hours behind time. Got to Mr. Pattersons about five. Found the folks all well. Snow about sixteen inches deep. Attended "Concert Meeting" in Hudson at night. Had a pleasant time. Weather favorable.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1866.

C. C. Potter's near Hudson Mich.  
Spent the forenoon at Mr. Pattison's.  
Wrote a letter to Mollie about noon. Visited  
Miss Emma Childs' school in the after-  
noon in company with C. C. Potter and  
C. B. Pattison. They had a good time generally.  
Attended a donation meeting at Liberty  
Hall in Hudson at night given for the benefit  
of the M. E. Minister of the place. Contributed  
one dollar. They had a good time. Became aqua-  
inted with quite a number of ladies. A 1:34 P.M. in  
all contributed. Snow melting very fast.

THURSDAY 22

C. C. Potter's near Hudson Mich.  
Took breakfast with C. C. and helped him  
to load a sawlog. Spent a portion of  
the day at Mr. Pattison's reading newspapers  
and magazines. Went with C. C. to  
see the ladies in the evening. Went  
with him to the D. P. Took  
layed until eleven o'clock. Had a  
very pleasant visit. Snow melting  
very fast. Remains some in the night.

FRIDAY 23

Mr. Pattison's near Hudson Mich.  
Took breakfast with C. C. and  
spent the remainder of the day at Mr.  
Pattison's. Was reading most of the  
day in the Ladies Repository and in the  
Bible. Intended to have gone to Adrian  
to the Junior Exhibition but it rained  
so in the afternoon that I did not go.  
Charlie came home from Ferris at  
noon. Spent the evening very pleasantly  
and retired at midnight. Weather clearing

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1866.

Adrian College, Adrian Mich.  
Spent the forenoon at Mr. Pattison's.  
Soon after dinner Charlie Katie and  
Ed Childs came with me to Hudson in the  
wagon. Left H. a few minutes after two  
o'clock. Arrived at Adrian about three. Paired  
some Beech nuts to B. F. Elliott. Took  
tea in the boarding hall. Attended a  
"Receal" in the reception room in the  
evening. We had a good time generally.  
Acted charades. Spent the night with  
V. W. Bruce. Weather quite cold.

SUNDAY 25

Adrian College, Adrian Mich.  
Took breakfast at the Boarding Hall  
with V. W. Bruce. Visited the  
Bruce family in the forenoon. Also  
attended Divine service in the Chapel.  
Heard Dr. Lee preach from Isaiah 66  
and D. Read the confession of Mr.  
Bivins who murdered his father, mother  
and wife. Attended Prayer meeting  
in the Chapel in the evening. Very few  
in attendance.

MONDAY 26

Mr. R. A. Watts' Adrian Michigan  
Took breakfast at the boarding hall  
with V. W. Bruce. Called at Prof. McKewen's  
in the forenoon. Visited Mr. Bruce's folks  
also. Took dinner with Sue Watts. Had  
intended starting home on evening train, but  
finally concluded to wait until morning  
as Watts was away from home. Went to the  
city in the afternoon and called at the  
college for my mail. Spent the night at the  
home of R. A. Watts with Mr. Spear who came  
in about ten o'clock. Weather clear.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1866.

Uncle James Cripe Salineville Ohio.  
Arose at Rich<sup>d</sup>. Watts ten minutes before two  
O'clock <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Sloan <sup>and</sup> I went to the depot.  
Left Adrian about three O'clock, arrived at  
Cleveland about 9<sup>h</sup> <sup>and</sup> was obliged to remain  
there until 2<sup>o</sup>. Arrived at Salineville  
about six <sup>and</sup> walked to Uncle James  
Cripe's a distance of nearly two miles.  
Found the weather in Ohio rather mild.  
No snow on the ground. Retired  
about midnight. Uncle just returned  
from Masonic Lodge.

WEDNESDAY 28

At Home

Spent the forenoon at Uncle James  
Cripe's. Went to the depot about noon with  
Uncle James. Spent a short time in  
picture gallery before train time. Uncle  
had his picture taken. Arrived at Hills-  
ville about half past twelve and remained  
there until 5-20. Arrived at Steubenville  
at 6<sup>h</sup> 30. Walked home, where I ar-  
rived about 11. Stopped a few minutes at  
David Thorley's. Weather warm. Roads muddy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

At Home

Will and I went to Paris Piquet in the  
morning and from thence to John  
Malvin's where we met Robt P.  
and Lavinia Cooper. Came home  
by the way of Aldersville in the  
evening and got the news. Recd a  
letter from Miss Em. Childs. Went  
to the sugar camp in the evening  
where day-labors were at work and  
had some sugar. Weather warm.

FRIDAY MARCH 2, 1866

J. J. Millers W. Middletown  
After taking breakfast at home  
I took Champ and went to the river  
for my valise. When I returned I  
distributed the presents sent from  
the west. Went with father to  
Middletown by the wagon. Took  
tea at Aunt Nancy Bushfield's.  
Attended church and heard Rev. Sawley  
preach a very good discourse from Rev.  
2<sup>Co</sup> III 17. Roads very muddy.

SATURDAY 3

J. J. Millers, W. Middletown  
Took breakfast at Millers, then went  
with father to town and helped him to  
harness the horses and put a calf in the  
wagon before he started home. Spent  
the remainder of the day at Mrs. Stewart's.  
Attended church at night and heard Rev.  
Cawley preach from Mark VII. Consid-  
erable excitement on the subject of  
baptism. Very plain discourse but heard  
of Campbellite baptism. Weather fine.

SUNDAY 4

W. Stewart's W. Middletown  
Attended sabbath school in the  
Wesleyan Church in W. Middletown  
and from thence I went with others  
to hear Rev. Mr. Saggart preach on  
Infant-Baptism. He preached three  
hours yet thirteen minutes. Heard  
Rev. Mr. Sawley preach again in  
the evening. House crowded full.  
People excited over his last sermon.  
Spent the night at Mr. Stewart's



MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1866.

At Home.

Took breakfast at Mr. Stewart's in Middletown, then walked home. Felt somewhat tired. Changed my clothing and spent the afternoon cutting wood on the hill next Mr. Cassidy's. Will and Mary went to church to Eldersville at night. C. M. Stevenson came home with Moll. Wrote three letters during the evening to Liz Hamilton, T. H. Elliott and C. H. Pattison respectively. Weather cold.

TUESDAY 6

At Home.

Was not in much hurry getting out to work in the morning as C. M. Stevenson had stayed all night and was having a particular chat with father and mother. Chopped wood during the day and split some rails. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard the Rev. Mr. Jordan preach from Prov. XIV and 32. Not very much life about any of the exercise. Weather cold.

WEDNESDAY 7

At Home.

Spent most of the forenoon in the house. Wrote a letter to Miss Emma Childs. Went to David in the afternoon in company with Mary and Lezzie Stewart. Sammie Thorley took the tooth ache very bad in the evening and went to town to have his tooth drawn. Attended church in the evening and heard Rev. Jordan preach from Rev. 22 17.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1866.

At Home.

Went to Stembenville with father and mother in the wagon. Bought myself a new hat, shirt, box of collars. Got home about five o'clock. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Wragg preach from the last two verses of 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. Meeting was closed because the members of the church seemed unwilling to labor. Weather cold.

FRIDAY 9

Mrs. Fugues.

Harnessed the team in the morning and went down into Virginia after a load of shingles for David Thorley. While coming home Jimmy broke her harness and we were obliged to take her out. Snowed considerably while we were gone. Two men named Williams of Marshall Co. Va. Spent the night at father's. I spent the night at Mrs. Fugues. Weather cold.

SATURDAY 10

At Home.

Hauled some some Hickory wood from the top of the hill in the morning and then we cut a large Walnut tree for coffin lumber. Spent the afternoon sawing white oak wood. Quit cutting about four o'clock and did the feeding. Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Bramley preach from 2 Kings VIII 10 25/31 inclusive. Nothing very exciting taking place. Weather very fine.



SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1866.

At John Melons, Harmon's Creek.

Attended Prayermeeting in the M. P. Church in Eldersville in the morning and heard Rev. Brimley preach at eleven a clock from Acts X 32<sup>nd</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Gave him one dollar to help pay for the M. P. Church in Walleburg. No preaching in town at night. Spent the afternoon and night at John's. Rained nearly all evening and night.

MONDAY 12

At Home. Took breakfast at John's and came home about eleven o'clock. Spent the afternoon sawing Walnut logs for David Shorley. Attended Church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Brimley preach a sermon on the signs of the times, from Rev. ~~XXII~~ 20. So dark coming home that as I started back to McConnells after a lantern Charlie pulled me off on a fence stake.

TUESDAY 13

At Home. Took two horses in the morning and went to John's after Miss Rebecca McConnel of Cadiz. As we were coming down the run at the forks of the road a tree fell and scared our horses until they both ran. Rebecca was carrying an umbrella and was thrown from her seat backwards. Her riding skirt caught on the horn of the saddle and she hung with her head downwards. The horse stood the fright well and she was not badly hurt. Rained nearly all day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1866.

At Home.

Spent most of the day about the house visiting with Martin and Rebecca McConnel. Took dinner with Aunt Sallie and Anne. Martin went to the depot in the evening to take train for Steubenville but was told that the train could not be down until ten o'clock P.M. and went to John's and spent the night. Will took him to the depot. Rained some during the day.

THURSDAY 15

At Home.

Went to David's in the morning to see if his buggy tongue would fit our buggy. Took the horses to Mrs. Pogue for Mary and Rebecca McConnel who had gone there to spend the night. Cleaned some oats during the day. Robert Cooper and J. G. were here. Rained considerably nearly all day. Thompson Crisp and Rachel Virtue were married. David and Ann spent the evening here.

FRIDAY 16

At Home.

Took Miss Rebecca McConnel to Danlin's Station in the morning in the buggy. Found the train at the station. Attended the election in Eldersville. Wrote some tickets in Caborn's store. Came home about three o'clock. Election passing off very quietly. Got some bridle bits mended. Signed considerably during the evening. Wrote a letter to J. P. Ludley in the evening.



SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1866.

At Home.

Spent the day in the coal bank. Will and I put out 75 bushels of coal. Thompson Crisp and his wife passed in the evening. Will and I walked to town at night and attended a Temperance meeting. Mr. Wigg read an essay written by Miss Ellen McCuen and delivered a short address. James Martin Sen. C. M. Stephenson and J. P. Melvin were appointed a committee to enquire with regard to the sale of Plantation Bitters and other drinks in our town.

SUNDAY 18

At Home.

Opened the Wesleyan church in the morning and kindled a fire. Heard Rev. Kenney preach from Mark V 8 part of 15 verses. Quite a number of young ladies remained for class meeting. Attended the M. P. church in the evening and heard Rev. Wigg preach from Matt VII 18 21 in cl. Weather cold. Snowed during the night.

MONDAY 19

At Home.

When I awoke in the morning I found it snowing. Hauled coal during the forenoon for aunt Sally. Mended a bridle in the afternoon while father went to mill. After doing the feeding I went to town for the mail. Got no letters. C. M. Stephenson came home with me on one of his accustomed visits. Will spent the afternoon in the coal bank. Snow about three inches deep.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1866.

Spent nearly all day in the Coal Bank. Will and I put out thirty-eight bushels of coal, supposed to be enough to last us through the season. When we came to dinner we found John Melvin's family and Will, Hamilton's family here on a visit - came in the sled. Snow all went off before they went home. Did not quit work until dark. Rained some during the day.

WEDNESDAY 21

At Home.

Will and I saddled the horses in the morning for Mary and Aunt Sally to ride to town. Finished clearing oats in the forenoon. Put the old wagon together and took a walnut log to Hales's saw mill to be sawed into Coffin lumber for David Thorley. Brought home some grinding with me. Mary and Will went to David's at night. Weather fine. Roads muddy.

THURSDAY 22

At Home.

Moved the oats from the barn to the granary in the stable and hauled some coal in the forenoon. Took two walnut logs to the sawmill for David in the afternoon and brought back a load of oak lumber for him. By the way one of the horses of the wagon I worked in the mill, while putting a stiff bit on the lead bridle. Will went to town for the mail. I rec'd a long letter from P. A. Elliott.



FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1866.

At Home.

Harneped up the horses in the morning and took a walnut log to the sawmill. Intended to have taken another one but the rain prevented us. Will. And I spent the afternoon greasing the harness. Went to David's sugar camp in the evening and stayed until about nine o'clock. R. P. Cooper there.

SATURDAY 24

West-Middletown

Spent the morning feeding and mowing the sheep. Got ready about ten o'clock and went with father to W. Middletown. Heard Rev. Carter preach at two o'clock from Jude 1st and 23. Attended church again at night and heard the same gentleman preach from 18th and 11. Was elected alternate delegate to conference. Spent the night at J. P. Miller's.

SUNDAY 25

J. P. Miller's W. Middletown

Attended Sabbath School in the morning and heard Rev. Carter preach at eleven o'clock from the 116th Psalm 12th and 14th verses inclusive. Sacrament after preaching. Heard Rev. J. H. McKeever preach in the evening in the Disciple Church from 1st Peter 16th and last part of 32nd verse. Good congregation out. Weather very cold and snowy. Spent the night at J. P. Miller's. Took dinner at Acker's.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1866.

At Home.

Father and I rode from Middletown in the morning. Roads very bad. Hauled some hay in the afternoon for the sheep. Went to town in the evening and paid father's school tax. Got Sal shed. Received two letters from Lib. Hamilton and C. H. Pattison respectively. C. M. Stephenson here. Weather very cold. No special news come from town in company with R. P. Cooper.

TUESDAY 27

At Home

Spent the forenoon hauling corn fodder. Lyd. came over about ten o'clock and stayed until about three. Father and I cut some rail timber in the afternoon. Wrote a letter in the evening to Miss T. A. Elliott. Ground the axes in the afternoon at David's. Weather fine. Roads rough.

WEDNESDAY 28

At Home.

Split some wood in the morning but the snow and rain stopped us. Came to the house and wrote three letters to C. H. Pattison. Rebecca M. Conard and James Melton of Ellipsis respectively. Blended a riding shindle in the evening and attended Prose meeting in the M. P. Church in Eldersville at night. Only fourteen there and a portion of them were not members of the church. Rained at night.



THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1866.

At-Home

Spent most of the day making rails in the woods next to M<sup>r</sup> Tombs. Made 157 rails. Mr. Wagg came about three o'clock and wished me to go with him to Eldersville to talk with John Alingham on the subject of selling Plantation Bitters whereon boys get drunk. Did not have a chance to talk with him. Carried 2 1/2 dozens of eggs to town. Weather fine and cold.

FRIDAY 30

At-Home.

Spent the day chopping Rail timber, splitting rails and sawing shingle stuff. G. P. Miller brought J. W. McKeever this far on his way to the cars. Miller returned to West Middletown, but F. W. spent the night with us. Weather was fine during the day with some appearance of rain in the evening.

SATURDAY 31

At-Home

Will and I made two mauls in the morning, it then commenced raining and I mended aunt Ann's shoes which I finished about three o'clock. Attended Temperance meeting in Eldersville in the Wesleyan Church. Addresses were delivered by The Revs. Carter and Rutledge. Committee consisting of Revs. Kinny and Wagg and Jacob Bole appointed to wait on and talk with Bro. Alingham concering the sale of ardent spirits.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1866.

At-Home.

Opened the Wesleyan Church in the morning and heard the Rev. Mr. Carter preach from Rom. v 152. Took dinner at Mrs. M<sup>r</sup> Cuen's. Attended the M. P. Church in the evening and heard Rev. Mr. Rutledge preach from Rev. I. W. 15. He preached concerning the second coming of Christ. Rev. D. S. Kinny and Mr. Denny came to our house on their way to conference. <sup>Weather</sup> rather fine.

MONDAY 2

At-Home.

Took Messrs. Carter, Kinny and Denny to Hankins station in the morning. Took a log to the mill for David Shorley and brought a load of boards back with us. David very unwell. Commenced plowing in the afternoon. Worked Jimmy in the lead in the sled. Visited at Uncle Geo. Grist's till bedtime in company with Mary and Will.

TUESDAY 3

At-Home

Hauled some rails in the morning and built the fence around the calf lot. Sowed some Clover seed in the chaff in the afternoon. Got through about four o'clock. Hitched the two colts to the wagon and hauled manure on the garden. Will went to town at night to hear the Rev. Mr. Rutledge preach. Weather very warm.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1866.

At Home

Hauled two loads of manure on the garden in the morning with four horses and then hauled with the colts until dinner time. Cut a log in pieces in the afternoon for rails and fire-wood. Took John's Cross cut saw home. Intended to have attended Prayer-meeting in Eldersville, but there was no one. Got home about nine o'clock. Weather very warm.

THURSDAY 5

At Home.

Father and mother went to Middle-town with David's buggy. We plowed stalk ground with Champ's plow - first time they were ever hitched to a plow. Brought a load of saw-dust from the mill with them in the evening. Lyle Cooper was over in the afternoon. Father and mother got home about dark. C. M. Stephenson here. Weather very warm.

FRIDAY 6

At Home

Day was wet - Spent the fore noon and part of the afternoon in the house mending shoes. Pulled out some stumps and rolled some logs in the evening. Went to David's at night and stayed until bed time. Robert P. Cooper and John there. David quite unwell.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1866.

At Home.

Settled up accounts with father in the morning and as the day was unfavorable for work I went to Burgettstown. Had a good time. Came to Mrs. Stephen-son's and took supper. Went to Mr. Wright's to a private Temperance meeting concerning Akinsham. Got home about eleven o'clock P.M. Snowed all day. Father very poorly.

SUNDAY 8

At Home.

Walked to Eldersville in the morning and heard Rev. Wray's preach from Acts ~~XXVII~~ and lat. part of 28. Went to Mr. Wray's and took dinner. Found David and Ann here when I came home. Father and Aunt Ann very poorly. Some snow on the ground. Roads muddy.

MONDAY 9

At Home

After feeding the stock in the morning Will and I skinned about five bushels of corn, mixed it with oats and took it to mill. Brought home some saw-dust with us. Spent the afternoon hauling stumps, rails and fire wood off the field where Will was plowing. Went to town in the evening for the mail. Recd. a letter from Rebecca McLeod. Got Champ dead. Water cool. Some



TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1866.

At-Home

Rolled some logs together in the morning and gathered some stumps off the cornfield. Took the wagon to mill with the two colts and brought home some chopped corn and cuts. Mother spent the afternoon at Mr. Boles'. Will plowed the lower garden. Robert 3rd and were over here until bed-time.

WEDNESDAY 11

At-Home.

Father and Mary went - to Steubenville on horseback. I cut some wood on the hill in the forenoon. Will plowing. Attended prayer-meeting in Eldersville at night. Meeting held afterward for the purpose of making arrangements for the Donation party.

THURSDAY 12

At-Home

Sowed oats in the forenoon on the hillside next the run, and harrowed in the afternoon. After supper I went on hunt of some of our cattle that had strayed off. I did not find them. Was at Bro. Murchlands and had a talk with him. He appeared in a good humor. Went to town for the news. Weather fine.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1866.

At-Home.

Spent the day plowing for oats in the middle field. Father and Will sowed some clover seed. Mr. Coon was here and spaded our garden. Hauled creek potatoes to the saddle room. Some of them were frozen. Weather fine and warm.

SATURDAY 14

At-Home.

Spent the day plowing for oats. Will harrowed in the afternoon. Father and mother were visiting at Mrs. Fogels. Will cut my hair and I cut his. Appearance of rain during the day. Rained at night. Will spent the forenoon hunting the cattle. Found them at Shively's.

SUNDAY 15

At-Home

Just as I was getting up in the morning James Denny came on his horse from conference. Father took him part of the way home in the evening. Attended meeting at Bethel & heard Wray's preach from Mat. VIII 13-14. Wray and his boys & John Incline took dinner here. Heard Wray's preach in Eldersville from Prov. II 24-27 inclusive.



MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1866.

At-Home

Will. borrowed Robt P. Coopers plow in the morning and we plowed stalk ground with two teams until dinner time, Father, mother and I attended James Rodley's funeral in the afternoon. Drove to Eldersville at night and attended a meeting at which preparations were being made for a Donation party to be given for the benefit of Rev. Wm. Wragg. Weather very fine.

TUESDAY 17

At-Home.

Plowed with two teams in the forenoon & a short time after. Finished sowing oats. Father took the Rev. Mr. Kinney part of the way to Middlestown on his way home from conference. Spent the evening at home preparing a presentation speech for the Donation party at the Rev. Mr. Wragg's.

WEDNESDAY 18

At-Home.

Commenced plowing sod again on the hill. Broke a point in the forenoon and as there was no points in Eldersville Will. went to Steubenville for one. Father and I commenced building the petition fence between us and Billy McConell. Attended a called Temperance meeting at night and heard Rev. J. B. Smith of Rochester Pa. deliver an address.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1866.

At-Home.

Spent the day building fence or rather laying reform. Drove at four o'clock and went to town to a Donation-party. Presented \$37.50 in cash and some other articles to the Rev. Mr. Wragg and family. Had a good time generally. Accompanied Miss Ellen McConell home. Day was very warm and very much like spring.

FRIDAY 20

At-Home.

Cleared some rails off the land where Will had been plowing in the morning and brought some hay to the stable. Built fence between us and McConell until evening when there was appearance of storm & we quit. David and Ann Shorley were here until bed time. Weather very warm.

SATURDAY 21

At-Home.

Will and I finished building the line fence between us and McConell in the forenoon. I took the colts to town in the afternoon to get them shod. Was quite late getting home. Drove a number of axes in before me. No especial news in town. Weather fine with some appearance of rain.



SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1866.

At Home

Rode Champ to Middletown in the morning. Heard Rev. Kinney preach from Heb. III & 11. Took dinner at Mr. Stewart's. Spent part of the afternoon at Mr. Kinney's. Attended church at night and heard the same man preach from Matthew IX & 31st. Came home after night meeting. Weather cool & pleasant.

MONDAY 23

John Melons, Harmon's Creek. The day was exceedingly wet and unpleasant. Spent most of the forenoon visiting. Put a heel on my boot. Will and I took a cow over to Mrs. Piques and helped the boys to lift a cow which had fallen and got badly hurt. Went from there to John's where I spent the night. Snowed considerably in the evening.

TUESDAY 24

At Home

Came home through town in the morning from John's. Folks in town were not up when I came through and I could not get the mail. Snow on the ground and the air very cold. Plowed nearly all day. Wore my coat all the time and was not uncomfortable.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1866.

At Home

Finished plowing for corn about two o'clock. Harrowed the piece back of the barn once over. Took the harrow with to town after supper and had them sharpened. Father attended the Wood-grower's convention in Steubenville. Will Bushfield stopped here on his way home. Weather cool.

THURSDAY 26

At Home

Took father and mother to the top of the hill above Saulini's station on their way to Pittsburgh. Hauled a load of coal to town for Col. Boles and a load of hay to Mr. Coon. Attended Cassidy Scott's infare at night in company with Miss Pauline Ruzher and others. Left frost in the morning. Home.

FRIDAY 27

At Home

Spent the day hauling manure and coal ashes on the field back of the barn. Went to the depot in the evening to meet father and mother coming from Pittsburgh. Visited the old well. Did not get home until nine o'clock. Mr. C. M. Stephenson here. Weather very fine.



At Home SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1866.

Hauled stable manure and coal ashes until evening. Hauled some ashes and put them about the fruit-trees.

Mr. Jack Johnson and his wife were here in the evening for medicine. Attended Temperance meeting at night. Mr. King offered a resolution concerning hating, which was adopted.

At Home SUNDAY 29

Opened and swept the W. M. Church in the morning and attend Sabbath School. Took charge of a class of boys. Heard Mr. King preach from 2 Cor. II 14<sup>th</sup> clause of 12<sup>th</sup> verse. Took dinner at John Melvin's. Heard Mr. Briggs preach in the evening from Romans II 20<sup>th</sup>.

At Home MONDAY 30

Hauled out three loads of coal ashes in the morning and spent the rest of the day harrowing corn ground.

August Sally and Will went to Mr. Gillespie's and brought the cow home which Aunt had bought. Robert Cooper came over for help to plant corn. Weather fine

At Home TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1866.

Harrowed back of the barn until the rain came on and then spent the forenoon writing letters. Wrote four letters beside a few lines for the Reporter and Tribune. Cleaned off the yard in the evening. Very heavy wind and hail storm in the evening. Went to town and from there to Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Night stormy.

WEDNESDAY 2

At Home.

Will and I clipped the sheep in the morning and separated the wethers from the ewes. Will and father helped Robt Cooper to plant corn in the afternoon and I harrowed corn ground. Went to David's at night and stayed until bed-time. Weather exceedingly cool.

THURSDAY 3

At Home.

Very heavy frost in the morning. Commenced planting corn. David Shorley and Robt Cooper helping. I spent the day harrowing. Will and father furrowed out after supper. Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Cassidy were here until bed-time. Weather so cool that I worked all day with



FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1866.

At Home

Spent the morning harrowing corn ground. About half past nine o'clock I called to David's folks and went for Robt Cooper to help us to plant corn. Finished planting a little before sunset. Will. and I separated the cattle and salted the sheep in the evening. Mary spent the night at Mrs. Piques. Weather cool.

SATURDAY 5

John Melvin's Harmon's Creek. Helped David Thorley to plant corn until one o'clock. Father and mother went to Middletown in the afternoon. Will and I planted the broom corn and clipped some sheep. I went to John's and from there to Will Hanlin's where I stayed until bed time. Spent the night at John's. Weather very cool.

SUNDAY 6

At Home.

Took Nannie Melvin with me to Sunday School in the morning. Heard the Rev. Peter S. Lashley preach from Isaiah ~~XXXIII~~ part of 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> verse. S. S. singing at three o'clock. Took dinner at Mr. Cuen's and heard the Rev. Mr. Stockton preach at five o'clock from III Cor. VIII & V. Weather still cool.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1866.

At Home

Will. and I put the truck-patch in order in the morning and planted some corn and beans. In the afternoon we planted our potatoes. Cleaned off the big yard in the evening and Will. took Charlie to the shop and had him shod. Mary spent the evening at Robt P Cooper's. Weather very fine.

TUESDAY 8

At Home

Spent the forenoon cleaning out the Privy. Will. took Mary to Hanlin's Station and she went to Pittsburg for her wedding clothes. Cleared out the cutting-room in the afternoon, finished cleaning the outer yard and bored a pair of barn posts. Rained some in the evening.

WEDNESDAY 9

At Home.

Attended Edward Metcalf's funeral in the forenoon. 43 couples by procession. Helped David Thorley to finish planting his corn between dinner and supper. Shelled some corn and after supper we aft at 35 rails. Robert and Lgd. were over in the evening. Weather very cool. Some appearance of rain.



THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1866.

At-Home.

Father & Mother went to Wellsburg in the morning. Coopers, Thorleys, Boyds and James Martin assisted us in building a dam to wash sheep in. Wool buyer here overnight to whom we sold our wool. C. M. Stephenson also here. Will. Robt Cooper & I killed a musk rat when we went to see the dam at night. Weather favorable for washing.

FRIDAY 11

At-Home.

Spent the forenoon moving sheep and washing one lot for Cooper. After dinner we washed David Thorley's, the remainder of Coopers, Saw lots of our own and one lot of Geo. Boyds. Had a fire kindled and had hot coffee all afternoon. Spent the evening at Mrs. Pogue's. Miss E. S. Lawther was there.

SATURDAY 12

At-Home.

Built a sheep pen in the morning and "clocked" our lambs. About nine o'clock we commenced washing some sheep and finished about twelve. Water quite cool. Father and I went to Robt's mill with the wagon in the afternoon and got some stringing & nail parings to. Mother went to Middletown in the morning. Will. spent the night at John Melvin's. Afternoon very warm.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1866.

At-Home.

Attended Sabbath School at Eldersville in the morning. Pretty good attendance. As there was no preaching at eleven we spent a short time singing in the S. S. Bell. Heard the Rev. Mr. Campbell of Paris, preach in the evening from Jer. ~~VI~~ 20. Will. and I spent the evening practicing pieces in the S. S. Bell. Very cool.

MONDAY 14

At-Home.

Very white frost in the morning. Moved the cooking stove to the cellar. Went to mill with the two colts to the wagon for some corn meal. Spent the remainder of the day making a gate post and setting posts for a paring fence back of the smoke-house. Went to town in the evening for the news. Very cool.

TUESDAY 15

At-Home

Spent the most of the day building a worm-fence around the horse pasture. Father was building paring fence back of the smoke-house. Helped him home in the evening. Robert P. Cooper came over in the evening to make arrangements about going for sacks to put our wool in. Weather very fine but cool.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1866.

At David Thorley's

Will went to Hinlin's rd to Burgettstown in the forenoon for wool sacks but could not find the sacks or the wool byer. I went to C. Scott's in the morning for the iron hoop for wool sacking. Fixed some fence around the horse pasture. Will Thorley sprained his ankle very badly handling ground rails. Spent the night at Thorley's.

THURSDAY 17

At Home

Went to Middletown in the morning with the buggy for Mary J. Lindsey. Took dinner with J. P. Miller. Got home about four o'clock in the evening and spent the evening cleaning off the front yard. C. M. Stephenson here. Weather rather cloudy in the morning but fair in the afternoon.

FRIDAY 18

At Home

Harnessed two horses in the morning and took a plow on the roads. Worked from the fingerboards to Mr. Cassady's field had but small force. Will went to town in the evening for a stone pick, and came home by C. Weaver's and got some wedges to split stone off the road on Laurel-hill! Weather fine

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1866.

At Home

Went to David Thorley's in the morning for the crobar. Learned that Dave Paterson was dead and David wanted some help to make the coffin. Spent the forenoon with him. Worked on the new road in Mr. Cassady's field in the afternoon and had a few words with the Supervisor about extra tools. Looked Mrs. P. Stewart as far as Will Bushfield's on her way home from Cincinnati Convention.

SUNDAY 20

At Home

Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning and heard Rev. Mr. Wragg preach from Songs of Solomon III & 4. Quite a good congregation out. Attended Sabbath School singing in Eldersville at three o'clock. Had rather an interesting time. Very warm.

MONDAY 21

At Home

Father and Mother went to Steubenville with the wagon. Went over in the morning and helped Robert P. Cooper to sack his wool in the forenoon. Sacked our wool in the afternoon and borrowed Permie's scale beam to weigh it. David brought his wool over in the evening. Went to town and delivered a note to Mr. Wragg's. Weather very cool.



TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1866.

At John Melvins, Harmon Creek.

Straightened up a gate post in the morning and helped Robt Cooper to put his wool on the wagon. Took our wool to Burgettstown. Had \$359.50. Came home John's and men with him to the Station where we met Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, and took them to John's where we spent the night. Heavy frost.

WEDNESDAY 23

At Home

Took breakfast at John Melvins and came home with John and Mr. Kinney and family. Went to Steubenville in the afternoon and bought me a pair of boots and a pair of pants for summer. Uncle McKeever Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary came in the evening. Hard freeze in the morning.

THURSDAY 24

At Home

Will & I went to Davids in the morning and ground some knives. About ten o'clock Mary & Cyrus Stephenson were married. About four o'clock we started with four two horse carriages and spent a short time pleasure riding. Bride and groom got on the train at 7-30 P.M. going to Wayne Co. Ohio. Mary J. Lindsey and Jas Stephenson rode together Day five

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1866.

At Home

Spent the forenoon preparing for sheepshearing. Maria Cassidy and family came in the forenoon. Commenced shearing sheep. Robert Cooper helping us. Mrs. Pogue spent afternoon here. Father went to Cross Creek to hunt hands for shearing sheep. Got the promise of two. Some appearance of rain.

SATURDAY 26

At Home

Had two darkies shearing sheep for us. They sheared about fifteen each. Robert Cooper and Will Thorley were also helping us.

Attended Temperance meeting in Eldersville at night. Very few there. Recd. a good long letter from C. H. Pattison Day five <sup>Washed at night</sup> <sup>at night</sup>

SUNDAY 27

Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning and heard the Rev. Mr. Kinney preach from Mat. VII 12. Got wife coming from church. Took Mr. Kinney home in the evening and heard him preach the same sermon with some little variation that he had preached in Eldersville. Rained some in the evening.



At Home  
MONDAY, MAY 28, 1866.

Took breakfast at G. P. Miller's in West-Middletown. Got home about ten o'clock. Spent the remainder of the forenoon cleaning up my clothes. Helped Robert T. Cooper and father to tear out the dam in which we washed our sheep. Went to town in the evening and got some black-smithing done. Bought a couple of checkshirts. Weather very cool and cloudy.

TUESDAY 29

At Home  
Cut some thistles in the meadow in the morning, then took Mary J. Lindsey in the buggy to Mrs. Stephens' to take dinner with Cyrus and Mary on their return from Ohio on their wedding tour. Had a good time generally. Came home about dark. Rained considerably during the day.

WEDNESDAY 30

At Home  
Cut some thistles in the meadow in the morning until the sheep got dry enough to shear. Andy Kene and Ben-Adams helped us to finish shearing. Cyrus and Mary came home about ten o'clock. Aunt Nancy and Dr. Bushfield started home. Weather cool

At Home  
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1866.

Took breakfast at home and then went to Mrs. Payne's and sheared sheep during the day. Elmer Powellson and John L. Ferguson were shearing with Will and myself. Finished shearing their sheep about sunset, and they will. And I came home. Weather very fine.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

At Home.  
Will and I took breakfast about four o'clock and then went with Robert T. Cooper to George Payne's where we spent the day shearing sheep. John Ferguson and Elmer Powellson were there. John sheared 35 and Elmer 38. We got very wet coming home.

SATURDAY 2

Mr. Hanlin's Harmonic Creek.  
Took a load of coal to town in the morning for Col. Roles. Father and mother took Mary J. Lindsey home in the afternoon. We commenced working our corn. Finished the corn back of the barn at supper-time. Having been invited by Mrs. S. Hanlin, I went there expecting to meet Miss Hellen Hanlin, but one Miss [unclear] invited, her cousin having come to her father's.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1866.

At Home

Took breakfast at Mr. Hamilton's and then came to John Melin's where I spent some time before going to Sunday School. Rained so that I did not get to S.S. until it was nearly out. Heard the Rev. Mr. Wray preach from Luke 11:42. C. M. Stephenson & John Melin here for dinner. Attended singing at Eldersville in evening. David making a coffin for Benny Paul's child. Wet.

MONDAY 4

At Home

The corn being too wet to work I took two loads of coal to town in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon in the cornfield. Worms cutting the corn badly. Cyrus & Mary went to Mrs. Stephenson's. Visited a short time at Mrs. Pogue's in the evening and read a letter from E. S. Hamilton.

TUESDAY 5

At Home

Spent the day in the cornfield. Will plowed and father and I did the hoeing. Cut worms working very strongly on it. Had to re-plant considerably. Went to Mrs. Pogue's in the evening to hear a letter read which she had got from E. S. Hamilton. Not much news in it. Day fine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1866.

At Home

Spent the day among the corn on the hill. Worms still very bad. Finished going through the corn the first time. Went to town in the evening for the mail. Wrote a letter to C. H. Patterson. Cyrus & Mary came in the evening and spent the night at home. High and blighting wind.

THURSDAY 7

At Home

Father & mother went to Freeman's in the morning. Will & I spent the forenoon moving the sheep and rectifying fences. Mary went over to Cooper's in the afternoon and Will and I spent the afternoon working among the Caves. Weather very fine and warm.

FRIDAY 8

At Home

Finished harrowing through the cane about ten o'clock. After dinner Will & I took the old buggy over to David's and got him to tighten the boxes. Hoed his broom corn and hauled a log for him while he was working at the buggy. Cut some chert after I came home and blacked my boots. Very warm.



SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1866.

At Home

Spent most of the forenoon in the garden pulling weeds after the rain. Fixed up the old wagon-saddle and wrote a letter to Rebecca McConnell and one to Miss Emiged Childs. Got ready to go to Johns after supper but a thunder-storm prevented one. Will. attended a singing at Mr. Philips. Letter and mother came from Newtown.

SUNDAY 10

At Home

Went to Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Mr. Kinney preach from Mat. II 28 & 29. Heard him preach again at Bethel in the evening from Isaiah II 1st clause of 13. Very good sermon and good audience. Weather exceedingly warm.

MONDAY 11

At Home

Collected some pigs in the morning and put one in the pen for Aunt Sally. Worked corn on the hill until after supper and then Will. and I attended a singing at Mr. Boles. Had a very nice time. Had the Buf owl there. Got some about eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1866.

At Home

Spent the day working corn on the hill. In the evening Will. and I went to town on the colts. Spent the evening there. Came home with Mr. Cooper. Wool merchant here offering fifty six cents per pound. Offered Geo. Bond sixty cents for his. Weather very warm.

WEDNESDAY 13

At Home

Commenced working corn on the hill in the morning but noticed that the Bucks had worms in their heads and quit the corn and spent the time until supper-time clearing their heads. Father and Mary were at Steubenville. Shower of rain in the morning.

THURSDAY 14

At Home

Went to David Thorley's in the morning and got some Benzine to put on the sheeps heads. Fin-ished hoeing corn on the hill. Will went to Coopers in the evening and borrowed the gun I shot ground-hogs with. Father went to Eldersville in the afternoon. Weather very pleasant.



FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1866.

At Home

Spent most of the day among the sorghum. In the evening we penned some of the sheep and cut their toes off. Altered some lambs in the morning. Two men on hunt of wool and one on hunt of sheep to buy. John Melvin was here in the evening and renewed his note. Weather fine

SATURDAY 16

John Melvin's Harmon's Creek.

Father and I had four rows of sorghum before breakfast.

Spent most of the day working among the cane. Got through it about half past three o'clock.

Took Sul to the Smith-shop in the evening and went from there to John's. Was at Hill. Hanlin's a little while. Spent the night at John's. Shower in the evening

SUNDAY 17

At Home

Intended to have attended Sabbath School and church in Eldersville, but it rained nearly all day and I spent the day at John's. Singing was our principal employment. Sue, Hanlin was there part of the day. Came home in the evening.

C. M. Stephenson here. Some of our folks at church during the day.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1866.

At Home

Helped David Thorley to shell some corn in the morning. Harnessed the team and took two loads of coal to town for Cornelius Boles. Father went to Middletown for mother and I borrowed David's horse to put in the wagon in Sal's place. Got very wet - coming home in the evening.

TUESDAY 19

At Home

Hauled two loads of cello-wood and two loads of pine wood during the day. Billy McConnel came over in the afternoon for one of his sheep which had crawled through into our field.

The weather was very fine and warm.

WEDNESDAY 20

J. P. Miller's. W. Middletown. Pulled weeds in the yard in the morning, and cut thistles until dinner time and then got ready to attend the concert at Pleasant Hill. Visited a short time with Aunt Anna, Aunt Betsy, Ad. and Minerva Crisp. Got to the hill about four o'clock. Heard part of the concert and saw the Calisthenics. Weather very fine. Spent the night with J. P. Miller.



THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1866.

At Home

Took breakfast at J. P. Miller's and attended the examination at Pleasant Hill Seminary. Commencement exercises commenced at 3 1/2 P. M. Immediately after the valedictory, was read a young gentleman stepped in and he was one of the lady graduates were married on the stage. Priscilla J. Freeman came home with father and mother. Weather very fine.

FRIDAY 22

At Uncle Geo. Crip's

Were working corn back of the barn until supper time.

Will Kline came for us in the forenoon and we went and helped Mr. Cassidy to throw his cots. Attended a small singing at Uncle Geo. Crip's in the evening and spent most of the night with Cousin Ada. Got home about 2 o'clock. Very warm.

SATURDAY 23

At Home

Spent the day until supper-time working corn in the Knob field. John came along in the morning and we talked for nearly an hour.

Went to town in the evening expecting to attend a Temperance meeting and make a speech, but it rained so that there was no meeting. Got quite wet.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1866.

At Home.

Attended Sabbath School in the morning. Heard Rev. Henry preach at eleven o'clock on the Book of Matthew. Attempted to hive a swarm of bees but they went back into the box from which they came out. Went to Eldersville and heard Wragg preach part of a sermon from Rev. III 15 "Charlie Melvin here."

MONDAY 25

At Home

Arose at four o'clock, went to Mr. Boles and told them of the singing at John Melvin's. Spent the day until supper-time mostly in the cornfield. Hived a swarm of bees. Attended a singing at John Melvin's in the evening. Had a very pleasant singing. Had an introduction to Miss Helen Sanlin. Arrived at home about eleven P. M.

TUESDAY 26

At Home. Spent the

day in the cornfield. Father took mother to Steubenville on her way to Cleveland. Legit was over and spent the afternoon. Mary Jane Cassidy was out collecting money to have a fourth of July Celebration at Bethel. Contributed fifty Cts. Was at Mr. Cassidy's a few minutes in the evening. Great appearance of rain.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1866.

At Home

Spent most of the forenoon finishing the corn and potatoes on the hill. Marked a lot of sheep and took them to Johns in the afternoon to pasture. Spent the evening fixing the fence to keep them in. Francis Moore was rather sick. Got home near eleven o'clock. Rained some during the day.

THURSDAY 28

At Home

Spent most of the day mending boots and shoes. We sold nineteen weathers to Mr. Wm. Craig for \$75.00. Took my mowing scythe to town in the evening to get it hung. Visited the Oil well and found them pumping water. Went to Johns and found Francis Moore better. Cool.

FRIDAY 29

At Home

Pulled some weeds in the morning and spent the forenoon hoeing sorghum. Went to Steubenville in the afternoon and bought a coat for fifteen dollars. Rode home with Alex. McConnel. Took supper at Robt. P. Cooper's. Got home about half past eight o'clock. Weather very cool and cloudy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1866.

J. J. Mullers West Middletown

Took off a top box from a bee hive in the morning. Cleaned up my clothing and went with father to West-Middletown. Heard Rev. G. G. G. preach from Deut. II 6" & 8" again in the evening from text. ~~II 6" & 8"~~ 1st. Marthen McKeever, Mary Lygie and I took a ride on horseback in the evening. Weather very fine and warm.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Mr. Stewart's West-Middletown. Attended Sabbath School in the morning. Heard Rev. Carter preach from Luke ~~XXIII~~ 41" & 44" incl. and Mark ~~IV~~ 34". Sacramental occasion. Took dinner at Mr. Ackison's with Miss Sarah Burns. Attended Lovefeast at 3 o'clock. Heard Carter at night from text. II 8". Spent the night at Stewart's.

MONDAY 2

At Home

Left Middletown about 7 o'clock in the morning. Spent the day hoeing sorghum. Will. Bushfield and Rebecca here for dinner. Mrs. Pague and Aunt Ann visiting at Mr. Cassidy's. Went to town in the evening for the mail. Received no news. Weather warm.



TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1866.

At Home

Took a cow over to R. P. Cooper's in the morning and Will. And I. Spent most of the day at Perine's raising. Got home about 4 o'clock and finished working the cow through. Went to Cooper's for the cow in the evening. Made some preparations to go to Cadiz to spend the "fourth". Very fine day but cloudy in the evening.

WEDNESDAY 4

M. McConnell's Cadiz Ohio.

Arose at 4 o'clock and got ready to go to Cadiz. Will took me to the river on horseback. Rained all forenoon. Arrived at C. about 4 P. M. Found folks all well. Attended concert at night in company with Cousin Rebecca McConnell. Had a very pleasant time. Proceeds to pay for the church organ.

THURSDAY 5

M. McConnell's Cadiz Ohio

Spent most of the forenoon about the grocery and Milliner shop. Visited at Ezra McConnell's in the afternoon. Visited the cemetery in the evening in company with Miss Rebecca McConnell. Became somewhat acquainted with Miss Stubbins and Miss Garrison in the Milliner shop. Talked a short time with Rebecca after the rest of the family had retired. Weather fine

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1866.

At Home

Left Cadiz in the morning about nine o'clock after having an exceedingly pleasant visit. Martin and Amanda saw me on the train. Got to Steubenville about eleven o'clock and walked home where I arrived about three and went hoeing corn. Willie attending a concert at Burgettstown. Weather very warm.

SATURDAY 7

At Home

Spent the day in the cornfield. Finished plowing the corn about suppertime and will finish hoeing it after supper. Temperance meeting was so thinly attended in the evening that society was adjourned six weeks.

SUNDAY 8

At Home.

Attended Sabbath school in Eldersville in the morning. Good turnouts. Heard the Rev. Mr. Lunny preach at eleven from Luke ~~24~~ 26. Attended church again at four o'clock and heard Mr. Huggs from the Gospel ~~24~~ 22. Rained as I came home. Stopped at Mrs. M. Creed's



MONDAY, JULY 9, 1866.

At-Home

Arose at four o'clock, got two horses ready and took father to the river on his way to Salineville Rained nearly all forenoon. Took two of the cows to Coopers and took dinner there. Will and I ground the cradling scythe. Went to John's in the evening and rec'd an invitation of a singing at Martin Trickers.

TUESDAY 10

At-Home

Picked some cherries in the morning then Will and I went cutting eye. Spent the afternoon helping to dig Sarah Moor's grave. Helped David Thorley and Robert Cooper to carry her coffin to Aldersville at night. Took supper at Mrs. Moor's. Got home about midnight.

WEDNESDAY 11

At-Home

Picked some cherries in the morning. Will and I cradled wheat until noon and let it lie in swath. Cut and bound after dinner. Tied up after supper what we cut in the forenoon and cradled until after sunset. Weather very warm with some appearance of rain. Went to in day.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1866.

At-Home

Attended Sarah Moor's funeral in the forenoon. Helped to carry the coffin and to fill the grave. Took Dr. Scott in C. M. Stephenson's carriage, to the grave yard. Cyrus rode the best - which I rode to town. Finished cutting eye and cut some wheat in the afternoon. Very warm.

FRIDAY 13

At-Home

Picked some cherries in the morning. Spent the forenoon cradling wheat and Timothy and spent the afternoon tying and shocking it up. Very nearly finished cutting our wheat. The crop being a very thin one. Weather fine.

SATURDAY 14

At-Home.

Spent the day tinkering about. Repaired the mowing machine come in the morning and made a whip-stock. Later went to town after dinner for some parts of the mowing machine. Will and I tied some wheat. Attended a singing at David Thorley's in the evening accompanied James Osborne. Weather fine. Dr. Bonus died at 10 P.M.



SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1866.

At Home

Walked to Sabbath School in the morning and let Charlie Adams ride. Heard Rev. Mr. Whigg preach from Psalm 124. Sacrament administered. But few partook. Took dinner at David Thorley's and did not attend church in the evening. Letter 2d Mother at Middleton. Weather exceedingly warm.

MONDAY, 16

At Home

Took the putman wheel of the mowing machine to town in the morning. Got a Temper screw put in it. Mowed most of the lot beyond the spring. Found the grass rather heavier than we expected. Timothy rather green. Clover in very good order. Weather hot.

WEDNESDAY 18

At Home

Spent most of the day hauling hay. Hauled in what was in the meadow below the stable and two loads from beyond the spring. A shower of rain stopped us. Rained nearly all evening. Miss Irene Rutledge and Miss Saggard came in the forenoon and spent the night with us.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1866.

At Home

Finished mowing the meadow beyond the spring and mowed the meadow below the stable against two o'clock. Spent the afternoon putting up hay. David Thorley's boys helped us to finish after supper. Great appearance of rain in the evening. Worked Champ to the rake.

THURSDAY 19

John Melvin's Harmon's Creek. Cut some weeds in the door yard in the morning and took Miss Rutledge and Miss Saggard to Mrs. M. Cues's. Spent the afternoon cutting thistles. Ld Cooper here in the afternoon. Went to John's and spent the night. Very cloudy all day.

FRIDAY 20

At Home

Went to Cress saw mill in the morning to ascertain if there was any wagon lumber there. Got home about nine o'clock, fastened the clips on the single trees and mended my shoes before dinner. David Thorley and some of the women were at Sturdeville with the wagon. Very heavy rain in afternoon and I went to meet them.



SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1866.

At Home

Will. & I carried some oats from the barn to the stable in the morning, went to David's and ground the scythes and the knives of the mowing machine. Mended some shoes, wrote a letter to S. A. Elliott and went to town and got Champ. Shod. Went with Thompson Crip to Mrs. Virtues and staid until bed. Weather cloudy.

SUNDAY 22

At Home

Attended Sunday School in the morning. Heard S. Nolan preach in the forenoon from Luke XVIII 13<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>. Had dinner at Mrs. McQueen's with Miss Rutledge, Miss Sargent and Dave McQueen. Heard Mr. Wragg preach in the eve. from Col. 1:1-10. Weather cloudy.

MONDAY 23

At Home

The morning being cloudy we did not wish to mow and consequently pulled the suckers from the sorghum and worked some among it during the day. About dinner time Mrs. Stewart and Will, and S. W. McKeever came. Father took McKeever to the depot, other folks went home. Spent the evening at David Thorley's

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1866.

At Home

Will. went to mill in the morning with some wheat. I mowed until two o'clock, we then put up a stack of hay that had been cut in the rain and checked up some of what I cut in the former part of the day. Mary went to town in the evening and got Ginnie shod. Weather very fine and warm.

WEDNESDAY 25

At Home

Spent the forenoon mowing. Finished mowing what could be cut with the machine about two o'clock. David Thorley came over with his force and helped us to put the hay in the mow. Ann Thorley and Mrs. Bosley were here on a visit. Weather fine.

THURSDAY 26

At Home

Popped out some hay stacks in the morning and brought three sled loads of hay to the stable. Finished our hay, all but the "Bush meadow". Went to mow for David Thorley in the afternoon and broke a bolt of the machine. Took it to town. Went to Mr. Hamilton's and to McConnell's shop to see if we could get some bound stuff for the mason. Could not get it.



FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1866.  
At Home.

Went to David Thorley's in the morning to mow. Had some trouble with the machine. Lost my knife in the afternoon. Got through mowing between one and two o'clock. Cradled oats in the afternoon at home. Father went to mill in the evening. Spent a short time in the evening hunting my knife.

SATURDAY 28

At Home.

Arose at four o'clock harnessed the horses and borrowed Robt Cooper's grain-carriage and hauled in our wheat and rye. Got through about half past three o'clock. Attended a singing at John L. Boles'. Sang in the vacant house. Quite a crowd there. Weather very fine.

SUNDAY 29

At Home.

Attended Sabbath School in the morning. Quite a good turnout. Heard Mr. Wragg preach from Leviticus 12<sup>th</sup> part of 7<sup>th</sup>. Lacked dinner at Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Heard the Rev. Mr. Stockton preach in the evening from Isaiah 12<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Walked down past Uncle Geo. Crisp with Nancy Crisp and Polly Wells.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1866.  
At Home.

Went to David Thorley's in the morning and mowed all forenoon. Came home after dinner and commenced trying oats. Took sick about three o'clock and did nothing more in the evening but to help haul in a load of oats. Went to David's and came home with Mary. Mrs and Mrs. Keiny there.

TUESDAY 31

At Home.

Arose at five o'clock and put some new rods in a cradle. Spent the forenoon cradling oats. Mr and Mrs. Keiny spent the afternoon with us. Brought in a load of oats after dinner and took Robt Cooper's grain-carriage home. Spent the evening cradling oats.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

At Home.

Spent most of the day cutting oats. Did some in the afternoon until a shower of rain stopped us. Finished cutting oats a little before sunset, and I settled the sheep and went to town for the news; from there I went to John's and found them all well. Got home about ten o'clock. Had new corn for dinner. I've used during the season of



At Home  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1866.

Harnessed a horse in the morning, went to David Thorley's ground the knives of the mowing machine and mowed the bottom meadow against two o'clock, then came home and we bound oats the remainder of the day. After sundown I took Mollie on horseback to Mrs. Stephenson's and did not get home until ten o'clock. Rec'd a letter from Emma Childs.

FRIDAY 3

At Home

Brought the horses in before breakfast and harnessed them. Hauled in oats in the forenoon on the sled. Will went to David's and bought some the new grain carriage and brought in one load on it. Spent the afternoon tying oats. Blacked my boots at night.

SATURDAY 4

W. Hanlin's, Harmon's creek  
When we awoke in the morning we found it raining. Cut our Linn-mothy seed in the morning and went to David's and ground the scythe and looked for my knife. Mowed the bush meadow. Dined at supper time and went to John Melvin's to a singing. Had a good time. Escorted Miss Sellen Hanlin to Will Hanlin's and had a good time until two o'clock. Slept at John Melvin's.

At Home  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1866.

Look breakfast at John Melvin's with Will Thorley and Rachel M. Riley who had stayed there from the singing. John Hanlin, R. M's Company could not find his hat and had to stay until daylight. Slept with me. Attended Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Kimmy preach from III 36. Took dinner at Mrs. Stephenson's. Bible class at 2 o'clock. Heard Wagg at 4. from Ep. Gen James. I. 5. Weather fine. Wrote a letter to Emma Childs.

MONDAY 6

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and hauled oats until dinner time then tied until supper time. Father finished tying after supper and Will and I brought in two loads of oats. Went to town for the news after I quit work. Rec'd 2 letters for Charlie Adams and one for David Thorley.

TUESDAY 7

At Home

Brought the horses in in the morning and harnessed them. Threw off a load of oats before breakfast. Finished hauling oats at dinner time. Brought in our last load of hay after dinner, then took the team and helped David Thorley to finish harvesting. Visited at R. J. Cooper's in the evening. Weather fine.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1866.

At home

Brought the horses in in the morning and harnessed them. Mrs. Boles came over and went with us to Sturbenville. Got home about four o'clock and found Susanah Melvin and Ann Thorley here. Went home with Mrs. B. and carried her basket. Saw James and John Antel. Very cloudy. Appearance of rain.

THURSDAY 9

Alex Hamlin's.

Spent most of the day making a cupboard for our cellar kitchen. Had some cane in the afternoon and mowed the weeds before Aunt Sallie's house. Paid my first visit at Mrs. Alex. Hamlin's. Met the Rev. Mr. Blackburn there. Spent the evening very pleasantly with Miss Helen. Weather cool and cloudy.

FRIDAY 10

At home.

Will got David's buggy and took aunts Ann and Sally to Wellsbury on a visit. Father and I did some tinkering about the house, fixing up fences &c. A. C. McKeever came for mother. F. C. McKeever being very sick with inflammation of the bowels. I went for Mary Stephenson. Weather fine.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1866.

At Mrs. Pague's.

Finished mending my shoes in the morning. Satted the sheep and father went to Middletown. Attended church at Eldersville and heard Mr. Wray preach from I Peter II 8 & 9. Spent the night at Mrs. Pague's. Mrs. Pague at town. Rained some during the evening.

SUNDAY 12

At home

Look breakfast at R. P. Coopers, came home and changed some clothing. No Sabbath school on account of the rain. Heard Mr. Wray preach from Phillipians II 8 & 9. Prayer meeting at three o'clock and Wray preached again at four from I Peter II 16. Weather cloudy.

MONDAY 13

At home

Mr. Stephenson left his buggy here in the morning and went to town. After the weather cleared up in the morning we went to work and repaired the walk between the house and the spring. Father and mother went to Pleasant Hill in the evening to see F. C. McKeever. Weather rather cloudy.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1866.

At Home

Spent-most-of-the forenoon about-the house sorting letters. Rerund nearly a hundred. Helped Will to put-up some ashes. Built some fence below the stable. Separated our ewes and lambs in the afternoon. Will and David's boys were out with the gun. Father came from Pleasant Hill at noon. In evening very well.

WEDNESDAY 15

At Home

After breakfast Will and I got on the horses and went to John Melvin's on Harmonicreek. Spent the day hunting black berries. John went with us and we all gathered about nine gallons. Did not get home until it was getting dusk. Father went to Pleasant Hill. Mother came home with him.

THURSDAY 16

At Mr. Alex. Hanlin's

While the dew was on in the morning we cleared up the barn. When the dew went off we raked up some timothy seed. Separated our ewes and picked out twenty five for sale. Threshed timothy until near six o'clock then got ready and went to Mr. Hanlin's. Found about 20 threshers eating supper. Spent the night very pleasantly with Miss Helen. Weather fine.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1866.

At Home

Got home from Mr. Hanlin's about 3 1/2 o'clock. Slept until 6 1/2. Cleaned some timothy seed in the forenoon, took dinner at Robt P. Cooper's being there on a cattle errand. Father and mother at Steubenville. Did some repairing of fences and cutting of burrs. Attended a party at Mr. Hanlin's which was intended for a singing, but the singers did not turn out. No look there and it proved a fizzle. Weather fine.

SATURDAY 18

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning, went to David Thorley's for the old wagon and hauled manure after driving some cattle to R. P. Cooper's. In the evening I brought the heifer home from there. Had trouble getting her out of the field. Attended Temperance meeting at night. Slim turnout on account of rain. I spoke a few minutes and read two pieces from the National Temperance Advocate.

SUNDAY 19

At Home

Attended Sabbath School in the morning at Eldersville, where we made some arrangements for an Anniversary. But few in attendance on account of the wet weather. Heard Mr. King preach from Exodus 17:7. Spent most of the afternoon reading 'Bridal Gift'. Went to David's and spent the evening there. Day very wet.



MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1866.

At David Thorley's

Spent the day hauling manure until five o'clock when father and mother went to see Campbell McKeever and I took Sul to town and got her shod. Spent the former part of the night at David Thorley's helping to make Mrs. Editha Wright's coffin. Will. Melvin, Will. Casper and Robert T. Cooper were also helping. Got through about twelve o'clock and ate supper. Rained some at night.

TUESDAY 21

Helped to carry Mrs. Wright's coffin to the house of mourning. Remained there until daylight when I accompanied the Misses ~~to~~ home. Slept about two hours. Attended the funeral in company with Ann Thorley. Very large funeral. Scattered some manure and grubbed some stumps. Mrs. Stephenson being sick, Tom. came for Mary.

WEDNESDAY 22

At Home

Father took Charlie Adams to Steubenville in the morning. Plowed with the colts until suppertime. Jennie got secured at a piece of canvas which I was putting on Champ, and I came near having a run away. Broke the harness some. Was at Mr. Cassidy's a short time in the evening. Wrote a letter to Adde Crisp.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1866.

At Home

Wrote a letter in the morning to Miss Rebecca McConnell. Dug out some stumps in the field where we were plowing. Went to town in the evening. Received a note from Miss Helen Dunlin stating that she could not go to Camp-meeting. Went to John's and took supper. Stopped a short time at Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Campbell McKeever not expected to live.

FRIDAY 24

At Home

Brought the horses in about daylight for father and mother to go to Pleasant Hill. Mr. Kinny came when we were eating breakfast. Helped Will. clean the mouth of the coal-bank. Took Mr. Kinny to Steubenville in afternoon. Cooked dinner and supper. Rec'd letter from S. A. Elliott. At David's in the evening.

SATURDAY 25

At Home

Father and mother being away Will. and I got our own breakfast and milked the cows. J. W. McKeever came along on his way to Middletown. I took him up on horse back. Met father and mother coming home. Informed us that J. C. McKeever had died at 2 A. M. Got home about half past four. Started to Stephenson's to tell Mary of J. C.'s death but met them coming and did not go. Went as far as town.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1866.

At Home

Attended Sabbath School in the morning. Came home and got dinner. John Melvin, David and Ann Harley and I went to J. C. McKeevers funeral which took place at 2 O'clock P. M. Very large funeral. 111 wheeled vehicles and 140 persons on horseback in procession. Prof. Luce of Bethany spoke and the Rev. Mr. Brownlee led in prayer. Day fine.

MONDAY 27

At Home

Arose at three O'clock and harnessed C. M. Stephenson's horses for him and then returned to bed and slept until after six. Helped Mary to do the milking. Scrubbed out a dead tree where we were plowing in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon plowing. E. S. Lawther at Mount Sally's. Cowed apples until bed time.

TUESDAY 28

R. P. Coopers

Arose early and found it raining. Will and I helped Will Steen to thresh during the day. I helped to take away the grain. Carried the Oats up stairs, and put the Barley and wheat in the lower story of the old house. Walker's machine. Considerable of trouble with the straw carriers. Spent the night at Robert P. Coopers.

At Home

Look breakfast at R. P. Coopers. The morning was very foggy. Threshed the but of a Barley stack in the forenoon and spent the afternoon on a stack of Timothy. Rained about four O'clock and hindered us some. Did not get through. Will spent the night at R. P. Coopers. Weather very cloudy.

THURSDAY 30

Mr. Alex Hauling helped Will Steen to finish threshing his timothy seed in the morning. Threshed at Robert P. Coopers during the remainder of the day. Left at supper time, got up my horse, took him to town and had a shoe moved to cure his lameness. Spent the night at Mr. Hauling's very pleasantly in company with Miss Helen. Met two men in a buggy as returned home about two O'clock. Weather very fine.

FRIDAY 31

At Home

Helped Mr. Bolis to thresh at his barn in the forenoon and at the stable near the mill in the afternoon. Threshed Barley after dinner and we had a very unpleasant job of it for want of room. Came home about sunset nearly given out. Took a warm bath and retired at a very early hour. Will helped Geo. Boyd to thresh during the day. Weather fine and warm.



At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning. Worked Mr. Kinney's young mare in the offside before. She worked well. Went to the run and loaded Wm. B. Cassidy's horse-power on the wagon<sup>nd</sup> brought it to the barn, set up the machine and threshed a dozen of sheaves. Went to town in the evening<sup>nd</sup> to Robt McCready's and gave my greasy for a pair off boots. Will Bushfield and family here over night.

SUNDAY 2

At Home.

Attended Sabbath School in the morning after which I heard the Rev. Mr. Kinney preach from III Cor. VIII<sup>th</sup> 1st. Took dinner at Mrs. Stephenson's. Heard Rev. Mr. Wazzy preach in the evening from II Cor. XV<sup>th</sup> 58. Members of the church remained after service to instruct the delegate before going to conference.

MONDAY 3

At Home

Went to Mr. Roles' in the morning before breakfast<sup>nd</sup> informed James S. of the arrangement to have him lead the music at our coming anniversary. Went to R. P. Cooper's<sup>nd</sup> had Lloyd to take some wild hairs from my eyes. Helped Will. Stey to start his young team plowing. Threshed some seed wheat in the afternoon. Attended a rehearsal meeting in Eldersville in the evening. Weather cloudy.

Mr. Alex. Hauling

Harnessed our four horses in the morning<sup>nd</sup> threshed during the forenoon with them<sup>nd</sup> David Thorley's team. Cleared up our grain in the afternoon. Had 28<sup>1/2</sup> bushels of wheat. C. M. Stephenson came in the evening to get-father to do a small job of mason work. Attended a singing at Will. Hauling's. Accompanied Miss Helen home. Rode Charlie. Two other ladies there. Had a very pleasant visit<sup>nd</sup> had Helen farewell as

WEDNESDAY 5

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and attempted to plow but found it too wet. Helped my ma to wash and churn. Carried some oats from the barn to the stable. Father was at Mrs. Stephenson's putting a foundation under a spring-house. Will. took Charlie to town in the evening and had his right fore shoe put

THURSDAY 6

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and hauled four loads of fire wood in the forenoon. Finished plowing the piece below the road about sunset. Father was at Stephenson's until evening putting up a foundation of a spring-house. Received no mail during the day. Weather fair<sup>nd</sup> warm. Ground rather wet for plowing.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1866.

David Thorley

Brought in the horses in the morning and harnessed them. Father, mother, Will Thorley and Ann went to Steubenville in the wagon. Will and I took the cow (Starry) to Coopers in the forenoon. Half sold Will's boots. Took Sal. to town in the evening to get her foot examined; she was quite lame. Spent the night at D. Thorley's.

SATURDAY 8

Mrs. M. McCreedy's  
Took breakfast at D. Thorley's. Spent most of the day threshing rye with a flail. Attended a rehearsal meeting in Eldersville at five o'clock. Will rode in the buggy with R. J. Creswell as far as Uncle Geo. Crisp. Attended singing there. Accompanied S. G. Sawther to Mrs. McCreedy's. Retired at a very late hour. Will with Katy Ann.

SUNDAY 9

At Home  
Father and mother being from home, Will and I got our breakfast and did the milking. Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville. No preaching there. Took dinner at John Melvin's. S. S. met in the evening to practice singing. When we came home, found Will, L. Reeman and Triscilla here. Minerva Crisp and Aunt Sally's.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1866.

At Home

Went to Mr. Steen's in the morning before breakfast and got "The Sister Band" from Lizzie for a performance for the Civil nursery. When I was going to David's for the harrow, Champ and Jennie ran away with the sled. Ran to Mr. Lawther's. Did not break anything but single tree and jockey stick. No one hurt. Commenced rowing wheel. Copied "The Sister Band"

TUESDAY 11

At Home

Will and I did the milking in the morning. Spent the day opening the new road over Laurel Hill. Left at four o'clock and attended a meeting to prepare for the anniversary. J. T. Bole met with us and sang. Rec'd a letter from Rebecca McConnell. Evening cloudy.

WEDNESDAY 12

At Home

Helped do the milking in the morning. Worked on the new road on Laurel Hill until we opened it through. About four o'clock Mr. Cassidy's team ran away with his plow from where we were at work. Broke the plow so as to render it useless, broke the harness some and cut his horses hind feet. W. S. Steen drove first wagon over new road.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1866.

At Home

The forenoon being cloudy I gathered apples to make cider. Gathered some in the afternoon. Plowed until half past four O'clock. Attended a rehearsal meeting in Eldersville. Took supper at David Thorley's after I came from town. G. S. Boles met with the school to play on the violin.

FRIDAY 14

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning intending to plow some but it soon rained. Gathered some apples. Borrowed David's buggy and went to the station to meet Rebecca and Amanda McConnell and Amanda Stubbins but they did not come. Went to Robt. McCready's for my boots which were not done. Recd. letters from B. S. Elliott and Add. Culp.

SATURDAY 15

At Home.

The morning had the appearance of fine weather and I borrowed Mrs. Pogue's hillside plow and ran two plows during the day. About noon John brought Miss Stubbins and the Misses McConnell for whom I went to the depot on Friday. They had gone on to Bradbets field on a visit having passed Hartins station before they were aware of it. Went to town in the wagon to attend Temperance meeting but there

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1866.

Brought in seven horses in the morning and harnessed and saddled them. Attended Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Mr. Wray's preach in the Wesleyan church from III Cor. VIII 59. In the evening Will, Mary, our lady visitors and I went to Mrs. Pogue's on horseback. Stopped at D. Thorley's as we came home, as we came up the hill Amanda Stubbins who was riding behind, fell off.

MONDAY 17

At Home

Took the Misses McConnell and Stubbins to the Rail Road Station in the morning and saw them on the cars. Got home about eleven O'clock. Plowed until supper time and then helped to sow some timothy seed. Sold twenty five of our ewes to Moore Barber for \$125. Spent a portion of the evening at D. Thorley's.

TUESDAY 18

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and filled up our cider apples in the wagon, went to Mr. Boles and ground them. Rained nearly all the time. Aunt Nancy Bushfield and mother went with us. Moore Barber took his sheep away. Went to town in the evening for the mail. Went from there to Robt. McCready's shop and got a pair of kip boots for which I paid him \$9.00.

Weather very



At-Home  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1866.

Halfed Aunt-Amis's in the  
and cut Sammie Thorley's and  
Albert's hair. Mended Will's  
boot in the afternoon and went  
to Eldersville to a rehearsal meeting.  
Not many there on account of  
the wet. Spent the evening at  
the Rev. Mr. Wragg's coring  
apples for butter. Mary Noah and Lib Martin  
there. Acted very foolishly.

At-Home  
THURSDAY 20

Helped father to prepare a grist  
of wheat to take to the mill in  
the morning and shelled some corn.  
Took dinner at David Thorley's.  
Went to town in the evening.  
Took the mail down to the station  
and brought the return mail.  
Attended rehearsal meeting and  
had a pretty good time.

At-Home  
FRIDAY 21

Helped do the milking in the  
morning and we dug a drain under  
the barn to carry the water out of  
the sheep-house. Went to D. Thorley's  
and ground our axes. Cut some  
saw-logs during the day. Attended  
rehearsal meeting in the evening.  
J. P. Bole's there with his violin.  
Met in M. P. Church. Lit the lamps  
and practiced after night. Called at Mrs  
Knight's after we adjourned.

At-Home  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1866.

Borrowed David's mare in the  
morning and hauled two logs to the  
saw-mill. Did not come home for  
dinner until 3 o'clock. Father and mother  
went to Sturbonville. Old Mrs. Ferguson  
was buried at Eldersville in the evening.  
Helped to carry her to the grave. Met for  
rehearsal and some of the M. P.'s having  
objected to our meeting in the M. P. Church,  
we met in the Wesleyan church. Was at  
Mrs. Stephenson's until bed time. *Don't*

SUNDAY 23

At-Home

Attended Sabbath School in the  
morning and heard the Rev. Mr.  
Wragg preach from II Peter II  
3 4 5. Attended a rehearsal  
meeting in the afternoon at  
which a number of the scholars  
rehearsed their pieces for our  
coming Anniversary. Weather  
very fine and warm.

MONDAY 24

At-Home

Arose between four and five  
o'clock met James McCuller at  
McCready's shop. He and I went  
to Sturbonville together and  
purchased the picnics for  
our coming Anniversary. Got  
home about three o'clock  
and borrowed some. Attended  
a rehearsal meeting in  
the evening. Had a good turn  
out. Weather fine.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1866.

At Home

~~Half sold Amos Amos~~

Furnished plowing about, two o'clock and took Mrs. Pogue's hillside plow home. Went to town in the evening and helped to erect a stage for our literary performance. David Martin at first refused to let us have the key of the M. P. Church, but Israel Wright got it. Rehearsed at night. Lydia Cooper here during the day. Retired at night.

WEDNESDAY 26

At Home

Made out a programme in the morning for the Anniversary which we were expecting to attend. Went to the R. R. Station with Wesley Wright and the ox team for the sweet-meats. Helped to prepare the stage and to serve the audience. After dinner, which was in the church, addresses were delivered by Rev. H. Kinney and Mr. Mathers. Rehearsed in the evening. Exhibition at night passed off well. I called off the programme. No one failed. Weather wet.

THURSDAY 27

At Home

Went to Mrs. Pogue's in the morning and borrowed a set of Yankee harness. Decorated the wagon in the afternoon. Ann Thorley and her family assisting preparing to attend the Union Mass Meeting to be held in Washington. Lydia Cooper came over and spent the night with us and prepared some wreaths and paper flowers. Retired between ten and eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1866.

At Home. Arose at 2 o'clock

and we harnessed four horses to our decorated wagon in which David Ann and Will. Thorley, Syd. Cooper, Ella Scott, A. M. Willson, H. M. Knight, Will. and I went to Washington to the Union Mass Meeting. Went with the West-Middletown Delegation. Procession was about two hours passing court house. Gov. Curtin, Gen. Geary, Gen. Butter, G. D. Lawrence and other speakers. Came home through Cross Creek village and did not get home until midnight. Day very fine and warm.

SATURDAY 29

At Home

Took Robert Cooper's harness home in the morning. Went to Eldersville and got the news. Took dinner at Mrs. Stephenson's. Came home and took some basket stuff to Mr. Bole's. Wrote in my diary after coming home. Copperhead meeting in West-Middletown. C. M. Stephenson and Mary here during the night. Weather very fine and warm.

SUNDAY 30

At Home

Attended Sabbath School in the morning. Heard the Rev. Mr. Kinney preach at eleven o'clock from Daniel 4:30. Father and mother took dinner at John's and learned that some dog had been worrying our sheep. Did not attend church in the evening but wrote my first letter to Miss H. M. Haslin and one to B. J. Elliott. David made a coffin for Mrs. Mrs. Johnson.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1866.

At Home

Went to John Melvin's in the morning in company with father and brought home a lot of sheep which the dogs had worried some but had not done much damage. Will. was plowing for David. David's boys helped me to cut off corn in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Mr. Wm. Steins. Campbell Hunter and Mr. were there

TUESDAY 2

At Home

Cut corn during the day on the hill field next to Mr. Cassidy's. Cut several loads. Spent the evening at home. Read the address of the Union League of Philadelphia, between dark and bedtime. Weather very fine and warm. Corn rather green but curing very well.

WEDNESDAY 3

At Home.

While at breakfast I took a notion to go to Burgetts town Fair. Will. and I went on horseback. Mr. Siple near by my visit in the hay. Fair not so good as common for want of stock & machinery. Saw a great many of my old acquaintances. Mr. H. H. Hatfield & Melvin and learned that he was about to be married. Got home about dark. Day cool and cloudy.

THURSDAY 4

At Home

Father went for Miss Maggie Bowler in the morning to do some sewing. We cut corn during the day. Father took the horse to the Smiths shop in the evening and failed to get all but one shoe driven. Received my first letter from Miss Helen Hamilton, who was attending Beaver Seminary. Father fine.

FRIDAY 5

At Home

Went to Steubenville with the wagon. Father and mother went in the wagon but got Mary's furniture. Everything packed of pretty well. Met Mrs. Foster in town on her way home from Cambria and brought her home with us. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY 6

J. P. Milless. West-Middletown

Will. went to town in the morning with the wagon and got Jennie and Sal. shod. Spent part of the day cutting corn. Cut father's and Will's hair and Will cut mine. Went to Middletown in the evening and heard the Hon. James W. Kelly deliver a political address. Spent the night with G. P. Miller. Weather very fine and warm.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1866.  
At Home

Took breakfast - At J. P. Miller's  
and got my pony at Steward's  
and came to Eldersville to have an  
appointment made for Hon. James, R.  
Kelly to speak in the Wesleyan Church on  
Monday evening. Took dinner at home  
with John, Robt. Cooper, C. M. Stephenson  
and their wives. Attended Church at the  
tent in the evening and heard Rev. Mr. Campbell  
preach from Hebrews XVIII vs 8.

MONDAY 8

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning  
to haul some coal for Cornelius Boles  
but found that it was not dug.  
Picked some winter apples until the dew  
went off and then cut corn until evening.  
Attended a Political meeting in the  
Wesleyan Church of Eldersville addressed  
by Hon Jas. R. Kelly. Very good audience  
considering the short notice. Kelly and Rankin  
were over night.

TUESDAY 9

Eldersville

Took breakfast in the morning  
before the rest of the family did and went  
to town to attend the election. Clerked  
for David S. Walker. Election passed  
off very pleasantly & quietly. Two draft  
decrees, L. J. Walker and Cornelius Mack  
voted. Votes objected to by L. S. Walker,  
Inspector, but received by Herin Walker  
Judge, and Robt. Stewart jr. The other Inspector  
got through counting votes about eleven  
o'clock. Got home about one o'clock.

John Melvin's, Harmon's Creek

The morning was very wet. Went to  
David's for the three quarter Auger.  
Spent the forenoon writing letters to  
Ada Crisp, Cr H. Pattison and Robert  
Hamilton. Gathered some winter  
apples in the afternoon. Went down  
to John's in the evening and spent the  
night there. Francis Moore was  
not well and cried nearly all night.  
Weather very wet and disagreeable.

THURSDAY 11

At Home

Took breakfast at John Melvin's  
and as it was raining, was not  
in much hurry home. Spent an hour  
or so at Wm. Hanlin's. Came home past  
the Park Road Station. Bought a paper  
stating that Geary's majority for Governor  
was from 15000 to 20000. Gathered some  
apples, took them to Mr. Boles and made  
about two barrels of cider. Afternoon very wet.

FRIDAY 12

At Home

Went to town in the morning and  
had Charlie's hind shoes driven. Stripped  
some cane after I came home. Helped  
to gather in some apples to thicken apple  
butter and cored some. Mr. & Mrs. Robert  
Patterson here. Will and I attended a  
Political meeting at Goodwill Schoolhouse  
which was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Scott of  
Millsburg and Arch. W. Campbell of the Wesleyan  
Intelligencer. Speeches very interesting. Good  
Audience and good order.



At Home

Arose very early as there was a kettle of applebutter to be thickened. Helped to core some apples. Will. <sup>2d</sup> & I cut off corn in the afternoon.

Received a bid to a singing at Mr. Philips'. I went to the Post Office before going to the singing. Met very many there. Miss Maggie Dowler was here & went with us. Rev. Kinny here. Weather very fine.

SUNDAY 14

At Home.

Wrote a note to Rev. Mr. Mathers in the morning to have a Temperance meeting announced. Looked at the papers. Carefully <sup>2d</sup> when coming away their dog bit me slightly. Took breakfast as the Old Man. Heard D. S. Kinny preach from Mat. XXVII & part of 3. Heard Mr. Mathers at Bethel from II Kings XXIII & 21<sup>st</sup>. Breachers here over night. Weather fine.

MONDAY 15

At Home.

Kitched up Mr. Kinny's mare <sup>2d</sup> & Jimmie in the morning <sup>2d</sup> & found they did not work together well at the tongue. Went to the school house with Miss Annie Bell. Mr. Kinny helped us to cut off corn in forenoon. Finished in the afternoon. Mary <sup>2d</sup> Aunt Sally went to Stensenville in the buggy. Went to town in the evening for the news <sup>2d</sup> from that to John Melvins. Wrote an article for James S. Bales' mag. Weather very fine.

At Home.

Father went to Stensenville with the wagon <sup>2d</sup> & brought out some flour for Cornelius Bales' <sup>2d</sup> some iron for our molasses furnace. Went to Mr. James Bales' in the morning to see if we could get some bricks but did not succeed. Spent most of the day. Gladys came. David and Ann, Robert <sup>2d</sup> & Lydia <sup>2d</sup> Sumner Riley were here until bed-time. Weather very fine <sup>2d</sup> & warm.

WEDNESDAY 17

At Home.

Spent the forenoon packing up Mary's furniture &c and moved her over to her own residence. Will. <sup>2d</sup> & I drove the cows, father took the wagon. Cyrus brought their wagon also. Took dinner at Mrs. Stephenson's. Helped to cut a coon tree and kill a coon. Wrote a letter in the evening to Miss Helen Hanlin. Weather very fine.

THURSDAY 18

At Home

Hauled stone in the forenoon to build a furnace to make molasses on. Father went to town in the afternoon <sup>2d</sup> & Will. <sup>2d</sup> & I stripped cane. Attended a Temperance meeting in Eldersville at night <sup>2d</sup> & heard addresses from the Reverends Graham Campbell <sup>2d</sup> & Mathers. Quite an interesting meeting. Purchased a lamp for 75 cts. Weather fine.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1899.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon hauling stone and water for the Loughlin furnace. Mr. Boles was here and got some Cooper's tools. Spent the afternoon stripping cane. Went to town in the evening and from there to Stephenson's where I stayed until bed time. Mother and Maggie Dowler went to Mr. Falls. Mrs. Thorley and Aunt Sally at Burgettstown. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY 20

J. P. Miller's, West Middletown

Spent the forenoon stripping cane and building a furnace for making molasses after having done a churning. Went to Middletown in the evening and made some arrangements about having our four horse wagon repaired. Attended church at night. Heard Mr. Mathers preach from Mark <sup>11:17</sup> 12:13. Spent the night at J. P. Miller's.

SUNDAY 21

At Home.

Attended Sabbath School in Middletown. Heard three sermons during the day. Carter from Rom. V 8<sup>th</sup> Jamieson (D. I.) from Heb. II 12:13. Carter from Isaiah <sup>XXVII</sup> 3. Lovefeast in the afternoon. Took dinner at Mrs. Lunge's with Mr. Worley. Came home after night-meeting. Got home about ten o'clock. Weather very fine.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1899.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning and hauled a load of pumpkins. Took a load to town for C. Boles. Gathered some winter apples at Mrs. Stephenson's. Got home about four o'clock and took a load of pumpkins to town for Mr. Crispen. Spent the evening at Aunt Sally's in company with Miss Bell, the School Teacher. Weather very fine.

TUESDAY 23

At Home

Took the four horse wagon to Middletown in the morning to get it rebuilt. Took dinner at Mr. Polans. Spent the afternoon stripping cane. Went to town in the evening and saw a dead calf with two perfect feds. Its backbone was imperfect & its hind legs crooked. Great many going in to see it. Weather very cool. Rained a small shower during day.

WEDNESDAY 24

At Home

Spent the forenoon hauling wood to make molasses with. Spent the afternoon topping cane and cutting it off. Attended a singing at Cornuthaer tonight at night. Had a good turn out. Miss Bell went with us. Came out near ten o'clock. Had a good time generally. Jim, Stephenson and Lib. Martin there. Showed some in the afternoon.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1866.

At Home

Ground some cane in the forenoon after cooking breakfast. <sup>nd</sup> washing dishes mother being at Middletown. Commence boiling pergam after dinner. Look off a batch after night, with the pan somewhat burned. Did not have things very well prepared for boiling. Bro Barter around assessing. Mrs. McCready very low with Typhoid Fever.

FRIDAY 26

At Home

Spent the forenoon boiling sorghums. It was raining in the morning <sup>nd</sup> we did not grind any so that we boiled but one pan full. Called to see how Mrs. McCready was in the evening. Trained per a little better. Went to town. Got wet coming home. S. P. Belis came along in the evening, stayed until bed time with Miss Bell at Aunt Sallys and as it was raining stayed over night in <sup>the</sup> <sup>us</sup>.

SATURDAY 27

At Home

Spent most of the day grinding cane and making molasses. Boiled two pans full. Last one very thick <sup>nd</sup> exceedingly frothy. Did not get through until nine o'clock. Will dig <sup>nd</sup> haul two loads of coal. Mary Stephenson came over in the evening <sup>nd</sup> took supper with us. Received a letter from Lib. Hamilton <sup>nd</sup> a long one from Am. Childs in which she informed me that she expected to marry in November.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1866.

At Home

Brought in the horses in the morning <sup>nd</sup> rode Champ to Eldersville to Sunday school. Heard Rev. Pinyon preach from Mat. <sup>XXV</sup> <sup>8</sup> part of 3 on the second coming of Christ. Took dinner at John Melvins. Heard Rev. Mathers in the evening from Daniel <sup>V</sup> <sup>27</sup>. Took supper at C. M. Stephens <sup>nd</sup> came home after night. Weather very fine <sup>nd</sup> pleasant.

MONDAY 29

At Home

Were about five o'clock <sup>nd</sup> tied some cane blades before daylight. Spent nearly all forenoon grinding cane. Spent the afternoon boiling the juice. Got the molasses off about dark. Spent the evening at Aunt Sallys. Miss Bell, the School teacher there. Rained all day. Got very wet in forenoon.

TUESDAY 30

At Home

Brought in the horse in the morning <sup>nd</sup> took a grind of wheat <sup>nd</sup> corn to Rylands mill. Ground enough cane in the afternoon to fill the pan with juice. Will dig about 15 bushels of coal for C. Bales <sup>nd</sup> haul it to town in the evening. Made out a load at Sis Boyds bank. Father <sup>nd</sup> Mother attended to C. M. Bevers <sup>nd</sup> dinner. Weather cool <sup>nd</sup> rather cloudy.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1866.

At Home

Awoke about five o'clock ate breakfast and put on a pan full of sorghum boiled two hours. Did not get through until night. Snowed considerably during the day and was quite unpleasant - Wrote a letter to Miss F. A. Elliott at night.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

At Home

Awoke before five o'clock in the morning and put a pan of sorghum on the furnace. Went to Rylands' mill in the forenoon with the wagon. Ground considerably frozen. Ground gone in the afternoon. Robt Cooper and David's boys hauling cane. Cut some broomcorn in the evening. Went to town. Received a letter from H. M. Harlin. Weather cold.

FRIDAY 2

At Home

Father and mother went to Steubenville in the wagon. McQuire's sheep-horn was burned. Spent most of the day stripping cane. David Shorley's folks making molasses. We boiled one pan full in the morning before they commenced. J. P. Zeile came with Miss Bell from school and visited on Harmon's Creek. Will spent the night at John Melvin's. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1866.

At Mr. Stephenson's

Father and David Shorley left Robert P. Cooper to kill a beef in the forenoon. David's folks making molasses. Commenced digging potatoes. And found some of them rotten. Went to town in the evening and got Jennie a book. Spent the night at C. M. Stephenson's. Remed nearly all afternoon. Mother went to West Middleton in the evening.

SUNDAY 4

At Home

Took breakfast at C. M. Stephenson's. When I went to Sunday School found no fire in the church. Went to Cozygrove and got matches and kindled fire. Heard mother preach from Mark 11: 1st Ch. 83. Called to see Mrs. M. Cready and found her better. Attended church in Eldersville in the evening. Heard Stockton preach from Rom. 8: 9th Ch. Paul & snowed.

MONDAY 5

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and spent most of the day hauling sugar in pumpkins. David Shorley's folks boiled down one pan full of sorghum. Aunt Sally and Miss Bell visited at Mr. Cassidy's in the evening. Wrote a note to David Barrett in the evening for mother. Father spent the evening mending Will's boots. Weather fine. Hard freeze in the morning.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1866.

At Home Stewart

Boiled down a pan full of sorghum in the morning. Under took to grind some but found the cane too hard frozen. Legd. paid us a visit in the evening. Took the pony team to Muddletown for the wagon. Got my papers made out before Legd. Mr. Clure for my extra family. Spent the night at C. Stewart's.

WEDNESDAY 7

At Home

Continued boiling our own molasses in the forenoon then did some potatoes in the afternoon.

David Shorley boiled sorghum until two o'clock at night and we sat up until the molasses was taken off. Father and Mother went to John's and spent the night. Weather very fine.

THURSDAY 8

At Home

Arose about seven o'clock and helped to put a pan of sorghum on the fire. Father and Mother being away, Ann got us our breakfast. David Shorley got through with his molasses about noon and we boiled one pan full for R. Kline. Got through about eight o'clock. Weather greatly fair. Egg Smith hauled two four horse loads of cane for Kline.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1866.

One day missed somewhere but not here.

SATURDAY 10

At Home

Arose before four o'clock and put on a pan of sorghum for R. Kline. Spent the forenoon boiling molasses. Legd. and buried some potatoes in the afternoon and helped to take off the molasses.

Will Stewart, Jennit and Irene Bushfield were here over night - also Mr. King. Pulled some taffy at night. Two of Mrs. Cassidy's girls here, training some. Wrote a letter to Anna Childs.

SUNDAY 11

At Home

Went to town in the morning and kindled a fire on the church. Went to Sunday School, but there was but few there and no fire. Sang a few pieces and adjourned. Heard Jimmy preach from the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew. Miss Bell and I attended church together in the evening. Heard Rev. Malters preach from Heb. 11: 27 of S. Wrote a note to B. B. Barrett.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1866.

At Home

Could come in this morning  
and I'd want to Pleasant Hill  
for some papers for Uncle Matthew.  
Washed my right fore finger in the  
afternoon. Went to Mr. Boles in  
the evening got my application for  
county and went to Eldersville. Linn  
I cared at some papers I ran with me.  
Got through looking about mine last  
father and Uncle M<sup>r</sup> went to Pittsburg

TUESDAY 13

At Home

Spent most of the day grinding  
corn and boiling molasses.  
About noon, Aunt Mary McKeever  
and Rebecca came. Hauled a load  
of wood and a load of coal in the  
evening. Father went to the  
station for mother and Uncle J. K.  
Mary, C. Burton, Sampson Crisp and  
Reebel at Aunt Sally's until bed time.

WEDNESDAY 14

At Home

Spent the forenoon grinding corn  
finished making molasses after  
night. Will Thayer took the buggy  
with Aunt Mary McKeever, Rebecca and  
mother to Dentonville. Doctor Scott  
came part way home with them.

Spent a few moments at Aunt  
Sally's at night. Aunt Mary's horse  
broke out of the field, started home  
and I followed and caught him.  
Weather cloudy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1866.

At Home

Having nothing very special  
to do we slept until a half hour.  
Washed the wagon and prepared it  
for painting. Cleaned the barn up  
some and painted the frames icky  
with spruce and some trees.  
Will Thayer went to the river to meet  
Aunt Mary McKeever, Rebecca and Aunt  
Sally visited at Mrs. Pogue's and the old  
folks were at David Hodge's at night.  
Went all day.

FRIDAY 16

At Home

Painted the pallets on the wagon  
in the morning. Went to David  
and came home with Aunt Mary,  
and Rebecca McKeever. Dug coal  
with Will in the afternoon.  
Lad came over. Spent a  
portion of the afternoon.  
Will and I worked a while after  
night. Day very fine.

SATURDAY 17

John Malone Hermon Creek

Washed the horses in the morning  
and hauled three molasses home. Took  
a load of coal to Coindus Boles  
and brought a buck from C. M. Stephen  
home. Hauled two loads of coal in  
the evening. Went to John Malin's  
at night. In approach of  
morning to Will. Hancock where we  
spent about two hours, very  
pleasantly. Day very fine.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1866.

At Home

Took breakfast at John Melvin's and he and I went to Sabbath School in the morning. Nothing done but the books and tickets taken in on account of their late gathering. Heard Rev. Japhis preach from Luke V. Ch. 19. Took dinner at Mrs. Foyne's. Mrs. P. quite unwell. Attended church at the Grove and heard Mr. Holliman preach from Luke X. Ch. 17. Fine day. Wrote a column to Mrs. Kate Kuhn.

MONDAY 19

At Home

Separated our ewes in the morning and hauled coal in the afternoon. Hauled five loads of 20 bushels each. Hauled all that was on the scaffold. Went to town in the evening and gave my horse a pair of pants and vest. Spent most of the evening with Aunt Sally and Miss Bell. Rained in the evening.

TUESDAY 20

At Home

Spent the forenoon among the sheep and painting the harness, spreaders, single trees and part of the wagon. Cleaned some broomcorn in the afternoon. Attended a singing at David Sherley's in the evening in company with Miss Unique Bell. Sarge there and we had a good singing although the roads were very muddy it having rained all forenoon and part of the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

At Home

Attended to the sheep some in the morning. J. P. Roles came for some buckshot. Took Aunt Anne over to Stephen's in the buggy. Selected a piece of goods in Robinson's store and ordered a pair of pants and vest made up. Costing \$15.00. Scraped broomcorn in the afternoon and cleaned up the barn floor. Gave some apples. Rec'd a letter from H. H. H. I don't remember who it was. Mended shoes at night.

THURSDAY 22

At Home

Spent most of the forenoon carrying corn from the crib to the barn, cleaning out the crib for the new corn crop. Painted the grain-carriage in the afternoon and went to Crife and Crosby Weaver in the evening. Having learned that Thompson and Rachel had moved into their own home. Saw Sam's home. Snowed nearly all afternoon.

FRIDAY 23

At Home

Went to D. J. Forley's in the morning for some kerosene when I found that I had been painting with kerosene oil. Painted the grain-carriage again. Took C. M. Stephens' buck home in the buggy. Spent part of the afternoon on the wagon. Went to the Station for a Mr. Johnston to accompany me to the post office but he had wished to go. Spent the evening at Mrs. Kuhn's. Rec'd a letter from C. D. Johnson.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1866.

At Home

Finished painting the grain carrier in the morning. I spent most of the day helping father to repair our old wagon but Father and mother went to Mrs. Jones in the evening and stayed until bed time. Wrote a letter to C. A. Pattison after night. H. Line paid for the making of his molasses \$25.00. Weather quite cold, some snow on the ground.

SUNDAY 25

At Home

Attended church in Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Mr. Nolan preach from Mark VIII 24. Wrote a letter to Miss H. M. Hamilton. Attended church at the Chapel at night and heard Mr. M. Blackburn preach from Matthew XXIV 44. Brought Miss Bell home behind me and took tea at aunt Sally's. Weather fine and cold.

MONDAY 26

At Home

Commenced husking corn about eight o'clock in the morning. Husked fourteen shocks during the day and father husked eleven. Went to town in the evening. Rec'd a letter from P. A. Elliott. Went to Corrie's to get help to husk corn but did not succeed. Attended a spelling at Oak Hall. Had very bad order Johnny Woodland King the misfeeder. I pronounced a while for Miss Bell. Day fine

At Home

Husked corn from seven in the morning until dinnertime. Helped father to pull a log. Husked the horses and prepared the wagon for hauling. Brought in one bush of corn about 50 bushels. Cut up the pork after night and cut the sausage meat. Spent a portion of the evening at Aunt Sally's with Hall's horse and Albert. Rained at night.

WEDNESDAY 28

At Home

Rained some in the morning and I mended some harness and made two new hitching straps. Husked some corn and hauled it in. Hauled a load of wood in the evening. Went to town for the news. Rec'd a letter from Miss Kate Huber. Brought home my new pant and vest for which I paid \$15.00. Cloudy all day.

THURSDAY 29

C. M. Stephenson's

Day being very wet, would not husk corn. I spent most of the time threshing my. Went to Eldersville in the evening and had my vest altered, some but still it did not fit. Went to C. M. Stephenson's and spent the night. I cut Will's hair and he cut mine. Summie and Albert Shortley's.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1866.

At Home

Took breakfast at C. M. Steppinson's called at Dr. McCarroll's and got the Report Book of School No. 2. for Miss Bell. Had my ears altered some. Home harnessed the horses and hauled a load of coal for C. Boles. Hauled two loads in the afternoon for R. Kline. John Malin's family spent the night with us. Retired about ten o'clock. J. S. Kelle here until bed-time. Day cold & stormy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

At Home

John Malin's family took breakfast with us then went to Mr. Boles' John went home to feed husked part of a load of corn and brought it in. Took a coat to the hay-mens - to town in the evening for the mail. Rec'd a letter from Lieut. Hamilton. Father and Mother spent the evening at Mr. Cassidy's. Weather very cool. Ground frozen.

SUNDAY 2

At Home

Did the feeding in the morning and went to Eldersville to attend Sabbath School. Did nothing but sing. Heard Rev. Mathus preach from the 116<sup>th</sup> Psalm, 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> verses. Took dinner at David Sharley's. Attended Church at Bethel at night. Heard Mathus from Psalm 114<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> verse. Contributed 25<sup>cts</sup> for light. Miss Bell rode home behind me. Robt. Cropper and Lads took supper with us. Weather very fine.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1866.

At Home

Attended to the feeding in the morning, watered the horses and turned them out. Husked corn all day. Father and Will part of the day husked 31 shocks. Wrote letters in the evening to Lieut. Hamilton and Kate Rubin. William Cassidy called on us for help to thresh his grain. Will spent the evening at Aunt Sally's. Very cloudy at night.

TUESDAY 4

At Home

The morning being cloudy and raining I watered the horses and went to David Sharley's and commenced making a last for my boots. Husked corn from seven o'clock. Will was helping Mr. Cassidy to thresh. Father and Mother went to town for Mrs. Lizzie Wright to work for us but she could not come. Rec'd a letter from H. Hankin and a notice from F. Gortman concerning Mr. Gortman's property.

WEDNESDAY 5

At Home

John Reed and Cornelius Phillips were here during the day husking corn. Father and Mother went to Stephensville with the wagon. Will helped Mr. Cassidy to thresh until about three o'clock. Wool merchant here and offered us fifty cents per lb. for our wool. Did not sell. Spent the evening at home. Weather very fine.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1866.

At Home

Ate breakfast by candlelight. Harnessed the horses, greased the wagon and hauled in two loads of corn before dinner. Went to D. Therley's in the afternoon and finished making a last for my boots. Visited Mrs. Bell's school in the evening. John Reid and Cornelius Phillips were here until noon husking corn when the rain stopped us. Will went to Stephen's at night and I half-soled my boots.

FRIDAY 7

At Home

Will was at Stephen's in the morning so I hitched up three horses and went to hauling corn. Brought 100 bushels of sound corn and hauled some soft corn to the bags, and brought in a small load.

Made out a bill of coal hauled for Cornelius Roles and made a paper lantern after night. Spent part of the evening at Aunt Sally's. Weather cloudy.

SATURDAY 8

At Home

While it was raining in the morning I repaired paper for a lantern and made out a bill of coal hauled for C. Roles.

Soaked up some wheat to make with. Husked corn in the afternoon. Rushfield's came in the evening.

Went to town for mail. No letters. Went to Coon's for corn-bushers and got the promise of two. Day very windy and stormy. Slept at Aunt Sally's.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1866.

At Home

After feeding in the morning I went to Eldersville and kindled a fire in the Wesleyan Church. Attended Sabbath School and saw the children get their presents. Heard Kinsey preach from II Cor. 13:14. Spent the afternoon and evening at home. Read some in the Bible, Pittsburgh Gazette and Morse and Spe. Father and mother went to see Mrs. Pogue who was sick. No preaching at the brick church on account of smoke.

MONDAY 10

At Home

Harnessed the horses in the morning and took a load of coal to town for Cornelius Roles. Brought Mrs. Lizzie Wright home with me. Went to Highland mill in the afternoon with the wagon.

Reads very rough. Jno. Walker and C. W. Stephenson boys on errands. Spent the evening at home reading. Will went to town for the news. Weather very cold.

TUESDAY 11

John Wilson's Harmonic Clock

After feeding in the morning I hauled a load of coal to town for Cornelius Roles. Brought Mrs. Lizzie Wright home with me. Went to Highland mill in the afternoon with the wagon. Reads very rough. Jno. Walker and C. W. Stephenson boys on errands. Spent the evening at home reading. Will went to town for the news. Weather very cold.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1866.

At Home.

Left John Nelson's about five o'clock and took breakfast at Mrs. Davis. Helped Cooper to butcher his hogs. Came home in the afternoon and prepared some for butchering. Heifer had a calf but behaved abominably well. Two had colds and despite of all our efforts to save them five of them died from cold. Rhine pline and his wife were here until bed-time. Weather very cold. Will at Cooper's at night.

THURSDAY 13

At Home.

Prepared for butchering in the morning after doing the feeding. Killed eight small hogs during the day, cut them up in the afternoon and cut some at night. Robert Cooper and D. Sherry helping us. Sailed at night. Mr. Beam called to see his sister in law Mrs. Lizzie Wright. Day very favorable for butchering. <sup>through</sup>

FRIDAY 14

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning I heard off the horses' fetlocks greased the legs, harnessed them and went to mill. Stream having frozen up I could not get my grinding. Left the wagon there. Hauled in a load of corn in the evening. Went to town for the mail. Rec'd letters from Kate Kuhn and C. H. Patterson. Bought a gallon of oil for 90¢. Weather cold.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1866.

At Home.

Took breakfast by candle light and took all the horses to the shop before sunrise. Got ten new shoes drawn during the day. Went down to John Nutting and spent the forenoon there. John D. Pidge came home with me. Milly Crisp and Minerva spent the night at Aunt Sally's. Mary Jane, Cassidy and Maggie were also there with Miss Bell. We had a fine time. Weather very cold.

SUNDAY 16

At Home.

Did the feeding in the morning and spent the day at home. Milly and Minerva Crisp were here. Snowed so that we did not attend church. Went to church in the evening on the sled. Heard Rev. Watters preach at Bethel from Rev. W 10". Was snowing very fast at coming home time, but we came through Edersville for the ride. First sleighing of the season. Jack Donovan did

MONDAY 17

At Home.

Will and I hauled some fodder for the sheep in the morning and then I took Milly Crisp and Minerva home on the sled. Took dinner at Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Came home and went to Ryland's mill in the afternoon and brought the wagon and some grinding home. Miss Bell was sick and not able to attend her school. David Charles making Zack Donovan's coffin. Terrible sleighing.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1866.

At Home.

Wife Bell being very unwell I went to the Schoolhouse, swept it, and kindled a fire for her. Will took her to school on the sled. Father and mother went to Middletown and sold a barrel of molasses. Will and I attended a spelling at Hickory Hollow. Had a nice time. As soon as the Teacher Miss McMillin to her boarding house. C. M. Stephenson and Mary Fox over night. Sleeping good.

WEDNESDAY 19

At Home.

Repaired the sled-box some in the morning and took twenty bushels of coal to town for Cornelius Koles. Broke two chains and a pair of harness in the operation and got them mended. Feeling very unwell at night with the cold Will went out sleigh riding in the evening and attended a spelling at Gardner's School house. Sleeping good.

THURSDAY 20

At Home.

Helped David Thorley the butcher in the forenoon. Tried to shoot Boyd's gun as it would shoot but found tow in the tube and had to get Mrs Foguel's gun. Got through with the boys about noon. Hauled three loads of corn fodder in the afternoon and took Mother and Lizzie Wright over to David's in the sled. Will took Wife Bell to Old Bethel to church at night. Aunt Philena and P. A. B. Melvin came. Sleeping good.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21,

At Home.

Went with James A. B. Melvin to See Benjamin Will's vault in the forenoon. Had dinner at David Thorley's. Harnessed Champ and Albert's horse to the sleigh in the afternoon and pleased some. Father, mother and Aunt Philena went to Wellburg. Borrowed Holt P. Cooper's bells and Albert Melvin, Will Thorley and Sammy Will. Melvin and I went to C. P. Stephenson's in two sleighs. Came home at bedtime. Received a call from H. Handley but too late to comply with an appointment of which I had promised.

SATURDAY 22

At Home.

Went to David Thorley's in the morning and got a turkey. Went to town with Will and Albert Melvin in the sleigh and from there I walked down to John's. Bought some sugar and some candy for the children. Had a turkey roasted for supper. Mr. Kinney, David Thorley's family, John Melvin's family, Holt P. Cooper and wife, C. M. Stephenson and wife, J. A. B. Melvin and wife, Sallie and Ann were our guests. Had a good time. Snow melting.

SUNDAY 23

At Home.

Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Kinney preach from Gen. xxxv 27. Went up with P. A. B. Melvin in the sleigh, his mother having remained in Wellburg with Aunt Alzina, who was not expected to live long. Weather being very unfavorable, I did not go to church at night. Rained considerably during the day and evening and the waters raised to a considerable extent.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1866.

At Home.

Cornelius Philips took Sal. to the river for Liz. Hamilton. We hauled some corn fodder and brought in a load of corn which had been husked for two weeks. Nothing special going on in the neighborhood. Received a letter in the evening from Famer. C. Hamilton. Lyd. Cooper was over and helped Aunt Sally make her dress. Snow all gone. Getting cold.

TUESDAY 25

At Home.

Harnessed the horses in the morning greased the wagon and took a little load of coal to town for Cornelius Bales. Attended Temperance meeting in the afternoon. Election of officers. Elected Secretary. Some of the boys about town very drunk. Came near fighting. Took supper at R. P. Cooper and came home at bed time. Dried cotton and a little snow on the ground.

WEDNESDAY 26

Mr. Alex Hamilton's.

Ate breakfast by lamp light. Took Champ and Jennie to the shop by sunrise and got six shoes sharpened and drove. Got home a little after twelve o'clock. Great many horses in to be shod. Nancy G. Crisp and Mary E. visited at Aunt Sally's. Did part of the feeding in the evening. Then went to Alex Hamilton's through a snow storm. Young folks nearly all from home until nine o'clock. Spent the evening with Nell by the old folks until Helen came. Had a very pleasant visit. Too stormy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1866.

At Home.

After doing up the feeding in the morning, I harnessed the horses to haul some wood but concluded that it was too cold. After dinner father and mother went to Esq. Smith's in the sleigh to see a girl who was there wanting a home. Lizzie Whigley Annie Bell, Will and I went to Rhine Kline's in the sled but stayed until bed time. Had a good time. Weather very cold.

FRIDAY 28

At Home.

Measured up seven bushels and a half of corn in the morning and took it to Rylands' mill, did not get it home with me. Hauled some fodder and some wood in the afternoon. Father, mother and Sammie Bushfield spent the night at John Prelim's. Made a pair of check lines of the large lines at night. Miss Bell spent the night with us. Weather very cold. Roads rough.

SATURDAY 29

At Home.

While feeding in the morning Will ran a rabbit into a hollow tree which he cut down it fell across the road and we had to cut it out. Father and mother came from John's in the forenoon and went to Mill. Bushfield's with some molasses in the afternoon. Went to town in the evening and took some work from Bales' shop to Robinson's to get it done. Spent the evening mending the old buggy harness. Weather cold. Sledding not very good.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 30, 1866.

At Home.

Spent the entire day at home. Will & Lizzie Wright went to town on horse back. Aunt Phoebe Barrett and Aunt Nancy Bushfield came home with father and mother in the evening. C. M. Stephenson & Mary were here for dinner & Aunt Mary went home with them. Will & Minnie Bell went to Eldersville to church at night on horseback. Weather fine. Sleighting not very good.

MONDAY 31

At Home.

Immediately after breakfast I went to Mrs. Logie's Coal bank to see if there was any coal dug for Cornelius Boles and to see the condition of the mine. Took a load of coal to town on the sled. Hauled it up past Mrs. Logie's house to burn the ice. Aunt Sally walked to town with some marketing and rode home in the sled with me. Went to Ryland's mill in the afternoon for some corn meal which we had there. Spent the evening at home. Patched my new boot in which a peculiar hole had come in the toe. Robert Scott was at Aunt Sally's with Miss Annie Bell. Aunt Nancy Bushfield & Aunt Phoebe Barrett here. Sleighting tolerably good but not quite enough snow. Snow melted some in the sunshine.

MEMORANDA.

Lepts of Scripture heard preached from  
 Romans VII & 23 Lock Drakeville  
 Prov. VIII 1-8 inclusive " "  
 Jer. III & 13 " "  
 Rom. VIII & clause 13 " "  
 Hoses X & 12 " "  
 Gen. XLV & 28 " Hall "  
 Luke IX 32 inclusive " "  
 Luke IX 23 & 27 " Flemming "  
 Gal. IV & 12 " Hall "  
 Isaiah XL 28 & 31 inclusive Haddison Floris  
 Mat. V & 9 " "  
 Heb. VII 17 & 19 inches " "  
 Romans VII Lat. Cl. 13' Madam Drakeville  
 Luke XI 20 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
 XXXIII Psalm lat. cl. 5' man Woodcock " "  
 Romans V 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive Lock " "  
 LXXXV Psalm 11<sup>th</sup> " " "  
 Ezekiel XXXIV 29<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " "  
 Mat. X & 7 " Perkins " "  
 John. XIV & 6 " Powers " "  
 Acts III & 9 " United Brethren " "  
 Isaiah XLVII 1 & 2 verse Lee. Adrian  
 Rev. XXII 17 " Hawley W. Middleston  
 Mark VI 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> " " "  
 Mt. 22. 1st Cl. 1st Pt. 16<sup>th</sup> Pt. Laggart " "  
 Eph. XXXIII 2<sup>nd</sup> " " " " "  
 Prov. XIV 32 " " " " "  
 Rev. XXII 17 " " " " "  
 2 Cor. VII 17 & 18 " " " " "  
 Psalm CIX 15-8 " " " " "  
 Acts X 32-35 inclusive Brinley " "  
 2 Kings VIII 10 & 13 inch " "