

*The Diaries of  
Samuel Jones Melvin*

*1868*



JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 1, 1868.

At Home.  
 Will. And I chopped  
 two horses in the morning  
 and hauled part of a stack  
 of hay for the sheep. Spent  
 most of the afternoon putting  
 a leaf up to the wall for  
 washing dishes on. Put up  
 some new window blinds in the  
 evening. Had half a can of  
 Oysters cooked in the evening  
 and David, Ann, Albert, and  
 Anna Hooley, Father and mother,  
 Aunt Sally, and Aunt George  
 Will. Mary Kayback and Lizzie  
 Wright ate supper with us.  
 Party broke up about ten  
 o'clock. Weather rather moist.  
 Snow melting some.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

NAMES.	When born.	Inaugurated.	Continuance in Office.	Died.	Native of
George Washington.....	Feb. 22, 1732.....	April 3, 1789.....	8 years.....	Dec. 14, 1799.....	Virginia.
John Adams.....	Oct. 30, 1735.....	March 4, 1797.....	4 ".....	July 4, 1826.....	Massachusetts.
Thomas Jefferson.....	April 2, 1743.....	" 4, 1801.....	8 ".....	July 4, 1826.....	Virginia.
James Madison.....	March, 16, 1751.....	" 4, 1809.....	8 ".....	June 28, 1836.....	"
James Monroe.....	April 2, 1759.....	" 4, 1817.....	8 ".....	July 4, 1831.....	"
John Quincy Adams.....	July 11, 1767.....	" 4, 1825.....	4 ".....	Feb. 23, 1848.....	Massachusetts.
Andrew Jackson.....	March 15, 1767.....	" 4, 1829.....	8 ".....	June 8, 1845.....	S. Carolina.
Martin Van Buren.....	Dec. 5, 1782.....	" 4, 1837.....	4 ".....	Dec. 27, 1862.....	New-York.
William H. Harrison.....	Feb. 9, 1773.....	" 4, 1841.....	1 month.....	April 4, 1841.....	Virginia.
John Tyler.....	March 20, 1790.....	{ Succeeded to Presidency. }	3 yrs. 11 months.	January 17, 1862	"
James K. Polk.....	Nov. 2, 1795.....	{ Succeeded to Presidency. }	4 years.....	June 15, 1849.....	N. Carolina.
Zachary Taylor.....	Nov. 24, 1790.....	" 4, 1849.....	1 year 4 months.	July 9, 1850.....	Virginia.
Millard Fillmore.....	May 7, 1800.....	{ Succeeded to Presidency. }	2 yrs. 8 months.	".....	New York.
Franklin Pierce.....	Nov. 23, 1804.....	{ Succeeded to Presidency. }	4 years.....	".....	New Hamp.
James Buchanan.....	April 23, 1791.....	" 4, 1857.....	4 ".....	".....	Pennsylvania.
Abraham Lincoln.....	Feb. 12, 1809.....	" 4, 1861.....	4 years 40 days.	April 15, 1865.....	Kentucky.
Andrew Johnson.....	Dec. 29, 1808.....	April 15, 1865.....	".....	".....	North Carolina.



JANUARY, THURSDAY 2, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Father and Will went to Stebensville in the sleigh. Will got himself a twenty dollar overcoat. They got home about four o'clock. I spent part of the forenoon at David Thorley's then took the sled over in the afternoon and brought our new cup-board home. Helen did the washing and cleaned up the house which, together with the new cup-board made our new home look cheerful and happy. Will and I went to town in the evening and from thence to Bethel Church where we heard part of a sermon from the words "Come unto me all ye that are weary &c." preached by Rev. Stillwagon. Mrs. Peter Black professed Religion. No other seekers forward. Quite a number of the members took an old fashioned Methodist shout. Snow melting some.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 3, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning and helped to mix some corn and oats which Will took to mill and got ground for cow feed. Spent most of the forenoon making repairs about the house. Just after dinner, father and mother brought me my bed. Rev. Mr. Carter and Mr. Helen came about two o'clock and took dinner with us. Attended Church in Eldersville at night and heard Mr. Carter preach from Jer. 17: 4-5. Congregation very small. Rained in the evening. Snow nearly all gone.



JANUARY, SATURDAY 4, 1868.

At Home

Crossed about six o'clock. Helped do the feeding and helped Will. to get some wood. Attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Carter preach from I John IV 8, 28. Still wagon and Nolan both made remarks. Congregation very small. Swept out the church and lit the lamps for night. Came home, got supper and went back in the wagon. Three Misses Rayback with us. Heard Carter preach from Hebrews II 31. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Quite a solemn and interesting discourse. Nolan exhorted. Got home about fifteen minutes after nine o'clock. The Rayback ladies with Aunt Sally over night. Weather most. Roads muddy. Getting colder with some appearance of snow.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 5, 1868.

At Home.

Did the feeding about the house in the morning. Got ready and walked to Eldersville to Sabbath School. Pretty good turnout there. Heard Rev. Carter preach from III Kings II 15. Sacrament administered. Will. Medwin and Lou. Rushfield ate dinner with us here. Church at night again in the wagon. Heard Carter preach from John VII 37. Invitation given for seekers of religion to come forward. Call not responded to. Got home a little after eight o'clock. Protracted meeting going on at Bethel. Five persons joined the church during the day. Teachers of Eldersville Sabbath School proposed to raise some money to replenish the library. Roads getting quite muddy. Freezing some at night.



JANUARY, MONDAY 6, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning with father's assistance I made two loads for our flour & meal barrels. In the afternoon I took an axe over to David Thorley's and got the handle wedged and ground the axe. Cut some stove wood. Went to school for the first during the winter.

Wrote a letter to Colonel Wm. A. Cook in relation to my bounty.

Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Carter preach from Rev. 11:13.

Nolen exhorted very earnestly and invited seekers of religion forward but none came.

Wrote to have preaching tomorrow night. Preachers at father's over night.

Rained all day and was very disagreeable.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 7, 1868.

At Home.

After feeding in the morning I cut some stove wood. Then took a row to Ken. Dismitt's where I took dinner. Conversation mostly about religion and the meetings in progress in the community. Went to town in the evening and kindled a fire & lit the lamps in the Wesleyan church for preaching, but the congregation was so small that we only had prayer-meeting.

Heard notice in town that Mrs. Rachel Cook of Pittsburgh had been brought a corpse to Burgettstown.

Got home a little before nine o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Carter & Mr. Nolen spent the day visiting. Visited several families in Eldersville and were favorably impressed with their conduct and conversation. Rained all day.



JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 8, 1868.

At Home.

Helped do the feeding in the morning and went in search of our cow but did not find her.

Rev. Mr. Carter and Mr. Helen started for home in the forenoon. Cut some wood and went to Father Hanlin's before dinner. Found the house shut up and no person at home. Father and Bell attending Rach Cook's funeral. Went to the school house and spent part of the afternoon listening to recitations and was much pleased with the school. A number of the patrons of the school were coming in when I left, by quite a little difficulty which had occurred between the teacher and some of the scholars. Carried the mail to and from the station.

Snowed hard all afternoon. Roads very muddy. Mary L. Raybuck here to get Helen to help her to work out some examples in Intellectual Arithmetic.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 9, 1868.

At Home.

Arose in the morning at five o'clock and found the ground covered with snow and the weather very cold. Father and mother had remained at Robt. Cooper's over night.

Will. and I went to David Shorey's in the morning and carried over some lumber of which to make a wardrobe in our house. David Shorey spent the day putting it up and did not get quite through. Remained very cold all day.

Spent the evening at home. Closed one of the cellar windows to keep the frost out and spent the remainder of the evening reading, <sup>My</sup> sitting in my chair. Found it very pleasant and agreeable to spend long winter evenings at my own fireside with my chosen companion.



JANUARY, FRIDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at half past five o'clock and found that my left hand and arm were partially paralyzed. Did not get entirely over it until after-noon. I shall be lame on the thumb of my left hand. David Thorley furnished me a wardrobe. Spent the day mostly in the house. Cut some stove-wood.

Cyrus Fisher came about noon and spent the night at Father's.

Commenced patching Helen's shoes at night and did not get near through.

Weather severely cold and some snow on the ground but not enough for sleighing. Will go to town in the evening and get the mail. No letters.

Meeting of the citizens to take in consideration the propriety of making a donation to Rev. Stillman. Small turn out.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 11, 1868.

At Home.

After doing my portion of the feeding in the morning I went to David Thorley's. He borrowed some shrounakers and intending to furnish merchandise Helms for me but about ten o'clock Geo. Boles came. He wanted a load of hay hauled. Hauled a load of hay on the sledge from Billy McConnell in the afternoon. Came home and helped to do the feeding. Hauled a small load of coal to town after night for C. Boles from Mrs. McCready's bank.

Looked at on the sled. Attended Temperance meeting in the Wesleyan Church. Only five present and no public speaker.

Got home a little before nine o'clock.

Another meeting appointed for three weeks from tonight. Father fell down cellar stairs and sprained his wrist. For coat.



JANUARY, SUNDAY 12, 1868.

A. H. H. H. H.  
Arose in the morning at five o'clock. Will being away I had all the feeding to do. Was through with the feeding against seven o'clock. Walked to Eldersville to Sabbath School. Pretty good turn out but late gathering.

Made some remarks concerning the library at which W. W. Knight seemed to take offence. I made some remarks in reply. Israel Wright the Librarian became somewhat affronted and declared that he would have nothing more to do with the library.

Heard Rev. Stillwagon preach from John 18: 46. Had a pretty good congregation out. Preaching and Sacrament at Bethel at night but did not feel disposed to attend owing to the coldness of the weather and the roughness of the roads. Some appearance of snow.

JANUARY, MONDAY 13, 1868.

A. H. H. H. H.  
Arose early and after doing the feeding spent part of the forenoon cutting and hauling wood. Aunt Ann went over to Robt Coopers. Went and saw her across the runs lest she should fall on the ice. After dinner I went to the coal bank and shoveled and wheeled out some clay and stones which had fallen in the mouth of the bank.

About three o'clock I came to the house and did some of the feeding. About four o'clock Helen and I started on horseback to go to Geo. Morrison's but found it so very cold, the road so rough and so late that we stopped at Father Hanlin's and stayed over night. Helen was very cold when she got there. No person as far as when we went but Father and Willie Grace. Father & mother went to William Bushfield's. Very cold.



JANUARY, TUESDAY 14, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast  
at Father Hamilton's with  
Rev. Mr. Blackburn.

Went to Geo. Morrison's  
in company with Helen  
and took dinner. In  
the afternoon we went  
to see grand father Hamilton  
and found him very poorly.

Got back to father  
Hamilton's about four  
o'clock and then I came home.  
John Melvin rode Champ  
from the station to Elders-  
ville.

Lambert's young folks and  
Joseph Smith at Father's  
until bed time. Will. Shorley  
with me over night.

Lammie Duffield came  
home with father.

Snowed nearly all day.  
Roads quite rough.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Slept until six,  
when father called me and  
Will. Shorley up to breakfast,  
Helen being absent from home.  
I boarded during the day with  
father. Spent most of the  
forenoon mending the cart-  
harness. In the afternoon I  
finished clearing off the  
track at the mouth of the  
coal bank then came up  
patched Helen's shoes. Father  
very unwell and had the  
knots ached during the  
day. He put poles on the  
sled and mended up the  
sacks to go to mill.

Will. W. Little freight went  
to town in the evening  
in the sleigh and brought  
me a letter from J. W.  
W. Keever containing six  
dollars for books which  
left in his possession for  
sale. Got through mending G.  
grease shoes and boots about  
ten o'clock. Slept alone in our  
own house. Night cold.



JANUARY, THURSDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

Arose a few minutes before six o'clock. Helen being absent from home I boarded at father's.

Helped Will. to clean up eleven bushels of wheat which he took to mill. Dug coal most of the day and only got out twenty-eight bushels.

At noon, I hunted for, and found a horse shoe which Will. lost when crossing from mill. Found it about a mile <sup>W.</sup> of a path from house. Half the Helen's shoes after night I put a piece on the toe of my boot. Father went to town in the evening to get an aching tooth drawn but the doctor was not at home. Evan Hindman's horses ran away with him in the morning. Ran from his house to Robt McCreadie's and he in the sled Will. went with sleigh to Gardner's School house to a spelling

JANUARY, FRIDAY 17, 1868.

A. Hurlins.

Spent the forenoon in the coal bank. Dug about twenty-five bushels of coal. Subscribed for the history of the Bible, costing \$4.75. In the afternoon father & I hauled two loads of hay.

Got read about four o'clock took the sleigh of the horses and went to Father Hurlins. Attended church at Tucker's yard heard Rev. Mr. Lockhart Fulton, a Presbyterian minister preach from Luke XIV 1st ch. 18. Spent the night at Father Hurlins. Rev. Mr. Blackburn there.

Night exceedingly cold.



JANUARY, SATURDAY 18, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's; about half past nine o'clock, Helen, Maggie and I left there and came over home.

Israel and Sarah C. Wright, Milly Crisp and Minerva came about noon, while the others visited Mary Rayback's school, Minerva stayed here and visited. Ladies stayed here until bed-time. Will, and Israel went to town in the evening in the sleigh.

Will took the girls home at bed-time and Israel stayed over night at Father's. Father and Mother came from Bushfield about dark. Went to David Thorley's a short time in the afternoon. Felt very unwell in the evening. Maggie Hanlin with us over night.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 19, 1868.

At Home.

Will Melvin, Lizzie and Israel Wright, Mary Rayback, Helen and I went to Sabbath-school in the sled. Anticipated some difficulty between Israel Wright and W. W. Knight concerning the library, but all passed off pleasantly.

Heard Noah's preach from Luke XXV 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Very large congregation. One lady presented herself as a seeker of religion. Stopped a few minutes at father Hanlin's as we came home. Maggie stayed there. Lizzie Wright went with us as far as Eldersville and came home with us about one o'clock.



JANUARY, MONDAY 20, 1868.

At Home.

Got home from Sucker's Church about one o'clock. Did not arise until half past seven.

Took a small sled load of straw to town for John Ravenscraft. Got home about one o'clock. Cut some stove-wood, went to the woods & got a hickory pole and dressed it out for a sled tongue. Father & Mother went to C. M. Stephenson's in the evening on the sled. Mary Raybuck, Lizzie Wright & Will. Went to Mrs. M. Cready's to spend the evening. Had quite an argument over an example in intellectual arithmetical with Helen, in which she came out best. Snow melting during the day. Snowing fast in the evening.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

When I arose in the morning, found that something near a foot of snow had fallen during the night. Swept off some paths before breakfast.

Spent most of the forenoon putting a tongue in the sled. Father & Aunt Sally went to see Mr. Steen who was very poorly. When they came home Sammie Bushfield & I went to Mr. Kline's in the sleigh for the half inch angle. Robt. P. Cooper brought Lydia over in the sled and he went to town to get some blacksmithing done. Ann was over in the afternoon and informed me that there was some dissatisfaction concerning the Sabbath School. Went to town in the sleigh with Will. and called on Mrs. Gillespie & learned that Ann was mistaken. Walked home. Will went to Miter Society. Got home 10-20



JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 22, 1868.

At Home

Spent most of the forenoon cutting wood and helping to melt snow for washing. Kindled a fire in the old house for that purpose.

After dinner I took some lumber to David Thorley's and had some seats made for our little sled. Sewed harness for David while he was working at the seats.

Boys brought the seats over in their new sleigh. It's first trip. Worked at the sled box in the evening.

Will went to town in the evening in the sleigh.

Spent the evening making preparations to go to Pewtown. Wrote a note to J. W. McKeever acknowledging the receipt of some money which he had sent me.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

Awoke in the morning intending to go to Pewtown with Helen, David Thorley, and Ann. But Aunt Sally in the sled, but was very much surprised to find the snow melting under a shower of rain.

Spent most of the forenoon feeding and shelling corn. Killed Aunt Sally's pig in the afternoon. In the evening Helen and I went to Uncle Grant-Hamlin's in the sled with Sam and Charly. Got our

spurn home with us. Got home about twelve o'clock. Will was out with the sleigh and the young team. He took Lizzie Wright and William Beane to a party at Thompson's

Croft's. Got home about the same time we did. Froze pretty hard during the night.

Crawford & Sutherland



JANUARY,

FRIDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

After doing up the feeding in the morning, Geo. Poles came to get us to haul home hay but our horses were too amothered. Went with him to town and got the coal picks sharpened. Went to John Melvin's and took Ginner, from thence to Grandfather Hinlin's. Found the old gentleman quite low. Not expected to live long. Met Presley Boyd's family there. Got home about six o'clock very tired of my walk. Wrote out the minutes of the last Temperance meeting. Will. Shorley up Gilbert in a while in the evening. Weather cold and roads very icy.

JANUARY,

SATURDAY 25,

1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning I took a fork to David Shorley's which had the handle broken and had it mended. Father and I hauled some hay. In the afternoon Father and Mother went to Will. Bushfield's in the sleigh. Roads icy. Cut some stove wood and Helen and I attended the closing exercises of Mary Raybuck's School. Several visitors there. No remarks made by any one except the teacher and they not of a very pleasant, or encouraging nature. Attended a singing at the school house in the evening. Respectable turnout: Maria Raybuck and Patterson at Father's over night. Some appearance of snow.



JANUARY, SUNDAY 26, 1868.

At Home.

Arose  
ten minutes before  
seven o'clock and did  
my portion of the feeding.  
Harnessed Pat. Raybuck's  
horse and our own two.  
Pat took Mary's trunk  
home with him in  
the sleigh. Attended  
Sabbath School. Had a  
very good turnout of  
both pupils and teachers.  
James Stephenson and  
his wife made their  
appearance.

Heard Rev. Stillinger  
preach from Eccl. XI  
1st & 4th inclusive.  
Cyrus Stephenson & Mary  
came to Father's for dinner.  
Father and mother got  
home from Bushfields  
about dark. Will Lizzie  
Wright, Aunt Sally and  
Will Thosley went to Bethel  
to church in the sled.  
Snowed nearly all day &  
melted.

JANUARY, MONDAY 27, 1868.

At Home.

After doing  
the feeding in the morning  
repaired the sled box which  
had broken with Will. As he  
came from church Sabbath  
evening. Father and Will  
cleared up the barn and  
harnessed the horses. We then  
hauled a stack of hay down  
off the hill & put it in the  
barn. Father made a couple  
of sheep troughs and Will  
took them over the hill.  
In the evening Helen  
and I got in the sleigh  
and went to C. M. Stephenson's  
and found no person at  
home. Turned right  
about and went to Robt  
Cooper's, where we stayed  
until bed-time.

Will went with us as  
far as town on his  
way to John Melvins. Snowed  
nearly all day but did not  
make much snow on the ground.



JANUARY, TUESDAY 28, YEAR 1868.

At Home

After doing the feeding in the morning Father took the small sled and took a load of chopping to mill. Got it home with him about one o'clock.

I spent the forenoon making a crop piece for the sleigh to put the buggy tongue to it.

In the afternoon we put a pole on the little sled and Father, Mother and Aunt Sally went to Jacob Boles and stayed until bed-time. Helen and I commenced getting ready to go to Father, Hamilton's but it was quite late and Will wanted the sleigh and team to go to town for Mary Stephenson to up care it up. They got home about 9 1/2 o'clock.

Pole strap of sleigh broken. Wrote a letter to C. J. Hamilton and one to Mr. Hawkins the Photographer in Steubenville and commenced one to C. H. Patterson. Sleighing good

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 29, YEAR 1868.

Alex. Hamilton's.

Spent most of the forenoon cutting stove wood and mending a Pole strap. Finished writing a letter to C. H. Patterson.

After dinner, father and I hauled two loads of rails and fenced the straw stack to keep the cattle from destroying it. Uncle Matthew, Aunt Jane McKeever, Aunt Nancy Bushfield, Will and Samuel came just after dinner. I did the feeding in the evening, while Will was digging coal. Got ready and started to Father Hamilton's about 4 1/2 o'clock. Helen and I went in the sleigh. Found them all at home but father. Evening very cold and frosty.



JANUARY, THURSDAY 30, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at Father's and about nine o'clock Helen, Margaret and I started in the sleigh and visited the sick at Mr. Fenton's. Grand-Pa Hamlin's Geo. Morrison's & Alex. Hamlin's. Got back to Father's about 1 1/2 o'clock and took dinner. Bill came home with us in the sleigh. Stopped in town and bought some articles in the store. Got home about sunset. Attended a singing of David Thorsley's. Got them out and had a very pleasant time. Got home about ten o'clock.

Weather very cold.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 31, 1868.

At Home.

After doing my portions of the feeding in the morning I cut some stove-wood and then went to the barn and helped father and Will thresh rye with the flails.

Quit about three o'clock and cut Will's hair.

After feeding, Isabel, Helen and I got in the sled and went to Mr. Robert Stephenson's where we stayed until bed-time. Old Sol fell down with us on the way and we had to unhitch. Had a very pleasant visit and it was nearly mid-night when we came home. Blessing God. Spent the night at Mr. Ball's until bed-time. Came home just before we did.



FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 1, 1868.

At Home.

Helped do the feeding as usual and helped to finish threshing eye in the forenoon. After dinner I took Bell, Hamlin home in the sleigh and when turning over there, broke the tongue, but got it fixed up as to bring me home. Took Mary A. Rayback as far as the station on her way home. Kindled a fire in the Wesleyan Church and lit the lamps; came home and ate my supper then went back to the Temperance meeting. Not very many there. Stillwagon delivered his first Temperance Lecture. Nothing to brag of. Got home about ten o'clock. Snow melting some and spoiling the sleighing. L. Horley made a coffin for one of Eb. Marguis' children.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 2, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock and hurried round and got feeding done. Helen being somewhat unwell did not go either to Church or Sabbath School. Not very many at Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Mr. Carter preach from II Cor II & 2 verse. Took David's family to Sabbath School and Church, David being away with a coffin for Eb. Marguis. Heard Rev. Carter preach from I Cor. II & 2. Congregation about as large as usual. Did not attend singing in Brick Church in the afternoon but Will. sent us the sleigh and took S. & S. Wright who was home with him for dinner. Snowed very fast in the evening and got quite stormy.



FEBRUARY, MONDAY 3, 1868.

My 29<sup>th</sup> Birth day.

At Home.

Helped do the feeding in the morning as usual. Helped to get Rev. Mr. Carter's conveyance ready for him to go home. Spent most of the forenoon cutting stove wood and reading in a book entitled "Married Life" very interesting. In the afternoon Will and I went to David Thorley's and ground two axes.

In the evening father and mother went to Mrs. Pague's in the sled to stay until bed time.

Will and Lizzie Wright went to Johnathan Wright's on a visit. After reading until about eight and a half o'clock, Helen and I went up and talked about an hour with Aunt Sally & Aunt Ann about old times and old relations. Evening though cold, passed very pleasantly.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 4, 1868.

At Home.

Helped father to get ready to go to Steubenville in the morning. Father, Mother and Ann Thorley went in the sled. Will went to town and got the colts, sharp shod and the sleigh repaired some. I went to David Thorley's and commenced making a bookcase but John Melvin Carney and informed me that his family and Will Hamilton's family were at our house on a visit. Was just eating dinner there when he came. Spent the afternoon at home. Re-strung John's bells for him. Did some spading at a mark in the evening. Visitors stayed until bed time. David and Ann, Robt Cooper and Lydia and father's family was with us a short time in the evening. Weather very pleasant and snow melting some.



FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 5, 1868.

At Home.

Did the feeding  
over the hill in the morning.  
Put a pole on the little  
sled. Went over the hill  
with father and Will. And  
cut down a tree off which  
we cut three rail-cuts.

Went with father after  
dinner to David Shorey's  
and ground two axes.

Father and mother, David  
Shorey and Ann, went to  
Wm. Bashfield's in the  
little sled, in the evening,  
to stay until bed time.

Will went to town on  
horseback as sleighing  
was not good.

I spent the evening  
fixing the polestraps of  
the buggy harness.

Did not get through but  
laid them by about  
ten o'clock. Day very  
pleasant. Snow melting.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 6, 1868.

At Home.

After dinner  
our feeding in the morning.  
Will and I went to the coal-bank  
where I made a small bearing  
in and we took out about  
fortyseven bushels of coal.  
Will spent most of the time  
opening drains and laying  
track. Father went to town  
in the afternoon and attended  
a meeting with the Commission-  
ers to attend to the assess-  
ment of taxes.

Scind at a polestrap in  
the evening and finished it  
about ten o'clock. Will  
Steen called in on his way  
from Mr. Philips' and  
stayed until bed-time.  
Weather very cold.  
Day stormy.



FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 7, 1868.

At Home. After helping  
to do the feeding Will  
and I went to the coal  
bank. Found considerable  
of water in it which I  
undertook to drain out  
but failed. I went to  
digging in another place  
Only put out twenty one  
bushels while Will put out  
forty two. Father hauled  
the coal on the sled.  
Will went to town in  
the evening in the sleigh  
to attend church and  
choir singing. Felt very  
tired and did not go  
myself. Spent the evening  
about the fireside in  
conversation with Helen  
and Lizzie Wright.  
Weather cold but some-  
what moderated since  
yesterday.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 8, 1868.

J. P. Miller's. After doing the  
feeding Will and I harnessed  
the team and hauled two loads  
of hay before dinner for  
the sheep. Read a while  
in the Washington Reporter,  
then Father, Mother, Helen and  
I got ready and went to  
Middletown in the sled.  
Stopped a few minutes at  
Will Bushfield's. Father and  
Mother remained over night  
at Mr. Stewart's and Helen and  
I went on out to J. P. Miller's  
where we spent the night very  
pleasantly. Did not retire  
until after eleven o'clock.  
Evening very fine with  
some appearance of snow.



FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 9, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at J. J. Miller's where we had been visiting over night. Found it raining and the snow going away very fast when we arose. Attended Church in West Middletown and heard Prof. Gilchrist preach in the Wesleyan Church from Acts 13:46. Preached one hour and twenty minutes. Took dinner at Mr. Stewart's. Came home through the rain and snow in the evening with one hole worn off the sled.

Will. Lizzie Wright and John Walker went to town in the evening in the sleigh. Snowed considerably after three O'Clock.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning then Will and I went to the coal-bank. He dug 21 bushels of coal in the forenoon while I was bearing in. When we came to dinner, C. M. Stephenson came with a sleigh and took Aunt Ann home with him to stay with Mary while he should be gone to Ohio to sell territory for the use of patent Sheep shears. Will and Aunt Sally went to Hargetts town in the sleigh in the afternoon. I put out 28 bushels of coal. Father and I hauled up all that was dug, after five O'Clock and put it in the coal-house. Was quite tired when evening came, and found it very pleasant to rest in my own house. Sleighing quite good. Not very cold.



FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 11, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to harness the team in the morning, and father took some eye with him to Philips' mill as he went to Middletown for mather with the sled. Cut some stove-wood then went to David Thorley's and made a book-case. Took dinner there with my brother John.

Will and I chopped some in the afternoon. M. M. Wiley was visiting at father's during the day.

Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Stillwagon preach from John II 8, 11. "A tolerably good congregation" and very good attention. But very few of the members were present. And but little spirituality manifested. Day very fine and evening pleasant. Sleighing good;

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 12, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning as usual, then harnessed the team and hauled wood and coal during the day. Hauled five loads of wood and two of coal.

Father cut down two trees and each of them fell on the fence and broke a post.

Will and I went to town in the evening. I heard Stillwagon preach from Luke XIII 34 "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh". Audience tolerably large and attentive, but not particular excitement. Day exceedingly pleasant. Sleighing good, but snow melted some during the day.



FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 13, 1868.

At Home.

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning and Will went to the coal-bank and dug coal all day. Opened the cracks in the stable floor in the forenoon, and spent most of the day cutting stope-wood. Father hauled two loads of coal in the afternoon.

Stalled on the hill and got below the road. I took the two young horses and put in before the old team and helped him out. Went to church at night in the little sled. Heard Stettinson preach from Numbers 13:29.

Snow melted some during the day but sleighing still pretty good.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 14, 1868.

At Home.

After doing up the feeding in the morning I got the hobbling tools and put a lift on the toe of one of my boots and then went to D. Sholey's and put a screw in one of the heel plates. While there Frank and Carlo fought very hard and we had considerable difficulty in getting them separated.

Father and I repaired the roof of our coal-house in the afternoon. James Riley spent an hour or so with us.

Will spent the day in the coal-bank. He hauled up sixty-three bushels in the evening at three loads with the sled and four horses. Snow pretty nearly all melted off the lain.

Spent the evening at home. Played some on the violin. Weather very fine. Worked most of the day in my shirt-sleeves.



FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Slept until nearly seven o'clock. Did the feeding before breakfast. Chopped stove wood until Robt Cooper & Lydia came on a visit. Talked with Robt until nearly dinner-time. After dinner he and I went to Eldersville in his sleigh with a mare which he had just bought from James Thomson. Bought a dollars worth of tea and a dollars worth of coffee. Will dig 70 bushels of coal before the day and father & I hauled it up after four o'clock. Spent the evening at home. Helen undertook to learn to shave me, and took her first lesson in the shaving art. Received a letter from G. V. Hamilton containing information that Sir Elliott & Polys and his wife had joined the M. A. Church. Day cloudy. Rained a little.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

Went to Sabbath School in the morning on the little sled. My father and mother went in the sleigh. Good turnout at Sabbath School but they were very late gathering. Heard while there that Mrs. David Fulton was dead and would be buried at two o'clock. John Melvin, Israel Wright, Helen and I took the sled, went to John's for dinner and from thence to the funeral. Waited for the minister until three o'clock and the corpse was not lifted until four. Helen went from the house with her father with some friends. Took supper at John's and went from there to church and heard Stillion's preach from the words "Be ye therefore followers of them that by faith and patience inherit the promises". Was just too late to hear the text. Snow nearly all gone. Helen did not come and

Prayer - melvins



FEBRUARY, MONDAY 17, 1868.

At Home.

The morning being somewhat stormy, I went to David Thorley's intending to make a sugar box, but found that Sammie had one commenced.

Cleared off some wood I went to Mr. Steen's, borrowed a log-sled and put a tongue in it, came home, took dinner at father's, Helen being at her father's, then took our two young horses and hauled two logs to the mill for David. Left another one down the hill. Used his team also. Spent the evening at father's reading the news.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 18, 1868.

A. Hauling.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning as usual. Hauled the colts and went and helped David Thorley to haul logs to the mill on a log sled. Hauled two down before dinner, then soled the sled and took one load after dinner. Helped to load the second one. Then came home, got ready and went to Father Haulin's, from thence to Mr. Hutton's with "Bell" where we met quite a company of folks among whom was Mr. Joseph Leeper. Spent the evening very pleasantly. Games played Croquet and Arthur's cards. I played one game of each. Got to father Haulin's a little after eleven o'clock.

Day very fine & pleasant.



FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 19, 1868.

At Home. Took breakfast at father Hanlin's. Just before breakfast. Bell fell on the ice and sprained her ankle. Got home about half past eleven o'clock. After dinner Will took the two good horses and went and helped David Thorley to haul saw-logs. Run commenced rising, ice got rotten and they quit.

Received a letter from J. M. Richmond. Will went to town in the evening to a prayer meeting.

Father and I cut at wood in the afternoon. Spent the evening at home.

Day fine and warm. Roads getting a little muddy.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 20, 1868.

At Home. Will helped David Thorley in the forenoon to haul some logs to the mill. Father and I drew the meat in the forenoon and chopped stove-wood.

After dinner we hauled the meat and I went with Helen to her father's and brought back the horse she rode. Did not wait in town for church as I came home.

Had appearance of rain & a dark night. Got home about 7 1/2 o'clock and ate a supper of bread butter & different kinds of water. Spent the night at home alone.



FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at six, stirred up the fire and being alone, made my bed. Ate breakfast at father's. Moved the stove and prepared it to receive a new pipe.

Groomed some axes and cut up some dead apple trees in the forenoon.

Afternoon father and mother went to Aldersville in wagon. Will and I cut stove wood. In the evening Will went to school and I went to church

after giving Mr. Crippen instructions how to make our stove pipe. Heard Rev. Henry Lucas preach from the words, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Day very fine and spring like but got cold in the evening. Spent the night at home alone. Felt very lonely.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.

Helped father to do the feeding in the morning. Watered and carried the horses. Took the buggy tongue off the sleigh and in putting the iron on the buggy again I mashed one of my fingers.

Went to town immediately after dinner to give Mr. Crippen some instructions about making a piece of pipe for our cooking stove. Walked up and brought the pipe home with me. Had considerable of work to get it to fit.

Had intended to have gone for Helen but when I thought how Will and Lizzie might must either walk to church tomorrow or else stay at home I concluded not to go. Will went to town to church.



FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 23, 1868.

A. Hamilton.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning as usual, then Will and I rode up to Sabbath School together. Had pretty good school. Got twenty-four new volumes in our library. Heard Rev. H. Lucas preach from Mat. 27<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> clause of 36<sup>th</sup> verse. Sacramental occasion. Very good sermon and some new ideas presented.

Took Aunt Sally on Charlie as far as Eldersville on her way to John Melvin's as I went to father Hamilton's for Helen who had been there for some days.

Attended church at night and heard J. H. Nesbit preach from Luke 11 & part of 10<sup>th</sup>. Very good sermon. Spent the night at father Hamilton's. Revs. Jones, Blackburn and Nesbit there. Had a good time. Weather very cold.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 24, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at Father Hamilton's. Saw Dr. Nesbit and his two boys start home to Pittsburgh. About nine o'clock Helen and I started for home. Got home a little before twelve. ate dinner at father's and as it was raining all day spent the time in the house.

Wrote a letter for Mother to Dr. Sterrett of Pittsburgh concerning her eyes. Spent the evening at home reading and hearing read a Sabbath School book entitled Tired of house-keeping. Did not get quite through it but found it very interesting.

Will Melvin, Will Thorley and Lizzy Wright in with us until bed time. Weather very unpleasant. Raining and freezing.



FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 25, 1868.

At Home. After doing the feeding in the morning I helped father to get ready to go to Mill. After he started Will and I raised the roof of our porch and drew the plate across the building and fastened it there. Put up a scraper and nailed up a box in the pantry for a side cupboard. Spent the afternoon chopping stoverwood. Spent the evening writing letters. Wrote one to J. R. Elliott and one to E. J. Hamilton. Got through about half past nine o'clock and then retired.

Will went to town in the evening and attended church, was also at a spelling at the Tent School house.

Weather cloudy and rainy in the forenoon but cleared up in the evening and froze at night.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 26, 1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon cutting stoverwood. In the afternoon we cleaned up and had a half bushel of wheat and took it to Ryland's mill and got it ground. Got home in time to help to do some of the feeding. Will went to Gillespie's mill with the wagon and brought home some chopping which we had there. Ann Thorley was over a short time in the evening at father's but did not stay in with us. Will went to town after night. News in the papers concerning the preparatory steps taken to impeach President Andrew Johnson for high crime and misdemeanor.

Intended to have written some letters but felt too sleepy.



FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 27, 1868.

At Home.

Helped Will.  
to harness the horses for  
father in the morning.  
He and mother went  
to Will. Bushfield's in  
the buggy. Cut Will's  
hair in the forenoon  
and he went home  
with Robt P. Cooper.

Went to town in the  
afternoon and got another  
piece of stovepipe made  
to fit on the stove and  
did not get it to suit.

Spent the evening  
writing a letter to

Mrs. and Mrs. Pattison. Got  
through about nine

o'clock and wrote in my diary.

Commenced freezing about  
one o'clock and snowed  
in the evening.

Will attended Church in  
Eldersville at night.

Mrs. Ravenscraft was  
forward for prayers.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 28, 1868.

At Home.

The day  
being very stormy I did  
not undertake to work  
my share of doors.

After doing the feeding  
in the morning as usual  
we repaired the fence  
around the straw-stack.

Spent the forenoon  
reading a book entitled  
"Who are happiest?" a book  
belonging to the Eldersville  
Sabbath School Library.

Helley Washed during  
the day and scrubbed  
in the afternoon.

I half-soled my boots  
in the afternoon and

we spent an hour or  
so up at father's in

the evening. Will. Thorley  
was over and played

the violin.

Snowed considerably in  
the evening.



FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning as usual, we put a pole on the sled and well and I hauled two loads of hay for the sheep before dinner.

In the afternoon I wrote a letter to C. M. Richmond and one to Rebecca M. Cornell.

At night I went to D. J. Wiley's and got Albert to come and stay with Helen while I attended Temperance Meeting in Eldersville. Heard Rev. Mr. Carter preach. Got home about half past ten o'clock. Took a good wash and retired.

Snow enough on the ground to make a sled run pretty well.

Helen suffering with a severe cold.

MARCH, SUNDAY 1, 1868.

At Home.

Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville. Had a good time. Pretty good turn out but late gathering. Fannie Melvin recited a poem before the school and Martha M. Busch gave a history of a book which she had read during the week.

Heard Rev. Mr. Carter preach in the forenoon from Romans II 16. At night there was preaching at Father's. Heard Carter again from Rev. III 20.

Solcably good turn out considering the kind of weather. James Steen being present saw the picture of the mischief on the wall and came very nearly laughing out.

Rained hard all day but much harder after night.



MARCH,

MONDAY 2,

1868.

At Home.

Spent most of the forenoon down shores and talking with Rev. Mr. Carter. Went to D. Thorley and ground a pair of scissors and the peg cutter. When I came home I found Robt Cooper and L. D. here. They took dinner with us and went home a little after two o'clock.

Spent about two hours in the afternoon making the sheep shed more comfortable and putting in racks. John Melvin and family came in the evening on the sled. John took supper with us. John and Susanah, father and mother went in the evening to see Mr. Boles who had been thrown from a horse and had some of his ribs broken and otherwise hurt. Snowed most of the day and got very cold in the evening.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 3,

1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding I spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon half-soleing Helen's shoes. John and his family left in the morning early. Will spent most of the day at C. M. Stephenson's. Put a patch on my old fire boots and rezed up the side-seams. Got through about nine o'clock.

Day very stormy and cold. Kept the sheep in the shelter all day. Evening very cold.



MARCH, WEDNESDAY 4, 1868.

At Home.

Cut a load of green hickory wood, in the morning to smoke meat with. Hauled one load of stovewood before dinner. Will Steers was hauling hay and his sled slid over the road between the forks of the road at finger board and top of the hill and upset. Nothing broken and no person hurt. Hauled two loads of stovewood in the afternoon. Will went to town in the evening to prayer meeting with Charms in the sleigh. Lizzie Wright, Helen and I spent the evening at David Shuley's. Will came home that way and brought Helen and Lizzie home. got home about 10 1/2 O'clock. Will Scott and Rachel Headington were married at four O'clock in the morning and went on the cars to Pittsburg. Weather cold. Sledding tolerably good.

MARCH, THURSDAY 5, 1868.

At Home.

Helped father to put up by round a little cherry tree to keep the sheep from peeling it. Chopped wood most of the day. Will cut my hair and trimmed my whiskers at noon. When we quit work in the evening Will was repairing the old house cut off a post which supported it and the building fell. Father and I were both much frightened and ran to see if he were under it but found that that he had escaped unhurt. Helen and I spent the evening at C. M. was not at home, he being away trying to sell territory for the patent right on the Mathers Sheep Shears. Got home about eleven O'clock. Weather fine. Snow on the ground. Some sleighs running. Frank Burton and David C. Dimick



MARCH,

FRIDAY 6,

1868.

At Home.

Woke about seven o'clock and found it raining. Did but little during the day but attend to the stock and cut trenches in the ice to carry the water away from the house and sheep house.

Took dinner at Robert P. Cooper's. As I came home, found Samuel Thorley and Albert endeavoring to remove some ice which had gorged in the run, and assisted them in their sport.

Will. took Champ to town and had some gravel removed from his foot. We shelled some corn for sheep feed in the afternoon.

Spent the evening at home. Rained moderately all day.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 7,

1868.

At Home.

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning, we cut some of the sheep toes off and chopped wood until dinner time. Sold our wool to Alex. Patterson at fifty cents per pound. Hauled a load of coal for Whine Glie in the afternoon and hauled a load of stovewood for our stove.

Went to C. M. Stephenson in the evening and got a hole of butter.

Will. Spent the night there and I brought his horse home.

Day fine. Roads getting very muddy.



MARCH,

SUNDAY 8,

1868.

At Home.

Will. being away  
I attended to his  
feeding and my own too.  
Attended Sabbath School  
at Eldersville. Sarah A.  
Thornley recited a poem  
and Nancy Kernan chapt  
told the story of Dick  
Lawson, which she had  
read in her Sabbath  
School book.

Proposed to raise money  
to buy books by collection  
from the scholars. Called  
our money boy a little  
Robert. Frank Huston  
and wife made their  
appearance at Eldersville.  
Heard Rev. Stillwagon  
preach from Prov. 11:8  
Lat. pt of 24<sup>th</sup>. Tolerably  
good congregation out.  
Weather fine but roads  
very muddy.

MARCH,

MONDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

Will. Started  
to Steubenville in the  
morning before sunrise  
for some sacks to put our  
mash in, but could not  
get across the river on account  
of the ice. Father and I went  
to Geo. Boyd's and got the  
sacking machine and set it  
up. Spent part of the  
forenoon repairing the  
back to raise the wagon  
with. Commenced  
hauling away the old stone  
fence about the old house  
to clear the field off  
for corn. Hauled twenty  
two sled-loads of stone  
in the afternoon.  
Robt P. Cooper came  
along in the evening  
and went with  
him to Eldersville  
for the news.  
Roads getting quite muddy.



MARCH,

TUESDAY 10,

1868.

At Home.

Will. started about six o'clock to Stemberville for wool sacks but could not cross the river on the ferry boat. Crossed on the card and got home about five o'clock. Father and I hauled some sled loads of stone in the forenoon.

I piled some stove wood in the afternoon and set a post for our woodshed.

Father talked a while with a little dutch peddler who came along with a wagon trying to sell ready made clothing.

Forenoon was very pleasant but rained in the evening.

Lizzie Wright went to town of an errand in the afternoon on Charles

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 11,

1868.

At Home.

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning we packed our wool. Found the sacks very short forty one fleeces being the largest number we could get in a sack. Got through racking about two o'clock and took the racking machine some to Robt. Coopers on the wagon. Got home about four o'clock and did the feeding.

Will. went to town to prayer meeting in the evening. Lizzie Wright, Helen and I went to Thompsons. Criss' had a very bad time. Got home a few minutes after ten o'clock.

Weather very fine but some appearance of rain in the evening. Roads quite muddy. Mrs. Hall visiting at father's.



MARCH,

THURSDAY 12,

1868.

At Home.

Crossed fifteen minutes before five o'clock and we fed and harnessed the horses intending to take our wool to Steubenville, but it commenced raining while we were at breakfast and we did not go.

Put up our meat in forks in the forenoon and finished fixing up our stonewood.

Put up a rafter for the purpose of supporting the roof of our wood shed. Hauled stones in the afternoon. Will stop Champ to the shop and had his foot examined.

Natty Gillespie called on father for some money.

Father cut down some apple trees in the old orchard.

Rained nearly all forenoon and rained again in the evening.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 13,

1868.

At Home.

Crossed about 20 minutes past five o'clock, knitted the fire, fed the horses and helped to harness them. Father and I started to Steubenville with four horses and fifteen hundred and thirty six pounds of wool.

Found the roads in very bad condition. The river banks almost full.

Mr. Hare in with wool and Mr. Louis Carter also.

Alex. Lanther was down with his wagon and got home about the same time we did about half past seven o'clock.

David Shorley and Ann over until bed-time.

Weather exceedingly fine.



MARCH,

SATURDAY 14,

1868.

John Melvin's Harmon's Creek.

After doing up the feeding in the morning I got my share of the wool money from father, went over and paid Cooper one hundred dollars of borrowed money with interest for 3½ months.

Spent part of the day hauling stones. Covered our wood shed in the evening. Received a letter from S. Hamilton and one from Annie D. Elliott.

Helen and I started about sunset and went to John Melvin's where we spent the night.

Rained some in the afternoon which prevented us from starting earlier.

Paid John \$5.18 which I owed him. Rained some in the night.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 15,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at John Melvin's and went from there to Eldersville Sabbath School. John and Nannie went with us. John quite unwell. Very good Sabbath School!

Heard Nolen preach at eleven o'clock from Romans 8:4. Nolen ate dinner with us. Will went to C. M. Stephenson's for dinner.

Father and I both fed the sheep over the hill in the evening. I fed them not knowing that he had.

Will Phorley went to Church at night with Lizzie Wright, and led Jimmie for Will to ride home.

Day exceedingly fine and warm. Roads quite muddy.



MARCH,

MONDAY 16,

1868.

At Home.

Commenced  
hauling stones about eight  
o'clock in the morning.  
Hauled two or three loads  
and a rain shower stopped  
us for a short time.  
When we came to dinner  
we found John here after  
his meat which we had  
been smoking for him.  
Swept our front yard and  
cleared off the rubbish.  
Spent the afternoon  
hauling stones from the  
old stone fence about the  
old house and cutting  
down old cherry trees  
and burning them.  
Intended to have visited  
at Uncle Geo. Crip's but  
the appearance of rain in  
the evening forbade our  
going. Will Thorley sat  
with us until bed time.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the  
day hauling stones  
off the field we  
intended to plow.  
Had a heavy contract  
of hauling away a  
stone fence, the founda-  
tion of the old stable and  
the old house entirely  
before plowing the field.  
Trimmed up some fruit  
trees so as to allow the  
horses to pass under them.  
Will went to town in  
the evening.  
Simmie Riley and Jo.  
McCready came and sat  
until bed time with.  
Helen and I read over a  
number of our old letters  
previous to their coming in.



MARCH, WEDNESDAY 18, 1868.

At Home.

Spent the day  
hauling <sup>the old house app.</sup> ~~the~~ ~~roof~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~house~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~hill~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~sheep~~ ~~shed~~.

Went to town in  
the evening for the  
mail. Received nothing  
but a letter for Lizzie  
Wright. Sent the Independ-  
ent back to the Editors  
to have it stopped.

Went out to C. M.  
St. Paulson's and got a hole  
of butter. Cyrus not  
at home. Away selling  
territory for the sale of  
Patent Sheep shears.

Got home about  
ten o'clock. Found the  
road somewhat muddy.

Day very fine. Evening  
quite cool.

Hauled the roof on two  
sleds coupled together. Hauled  
out the logs of the old house  
in the afternoon.

MARCH, THURSDAY 19, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about  
fifteen minutes before six  
o'clock. After doing the feeding  
we got the team harnessed.  
Spent the day hauling away  
the foundation and chimney  
of the old house.

Hauled on two sleds.

Rhine Kline helping us.  
Kline ate supper with  
us and made about his  
usual number of foolish  
speeches. William Steen  
spent an hour or so  
with us. Only just  
able to walk about,  
had no use of his right  
arm and but little use  
of his legs in consequence  
of a fall from a wagon  
which injured his spine.

Day very fine. Evening  
quite cool.



MARCH,

FRIDAY 20,

1868.

At Home.

Did not do much of the feeding in the morning but got ready as soon as convenient and went to Eldersville to the election where I spent the entire day clerking at the election. Clerking for father. 149 votes only polled. Everything passed off pleasantly. Felt a little unwell when I came home about twelve o'clock at night. After going to bed, while asleep, I said to Helen "I guess we have not clothes enough over us," upon which she arose, went up stairs and got a quilt. The noise of her footstep on the stairs waked me. I sprang from the bed and went to the stair door to fasten up whoever might be intruding there. I met her in the door and was just drawing back to strike when I found who it was. Day cold & stormy.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 21,

1868.

At Home.

Felt somewhat unwell in the morning and did not rise until about seven o'clock. Will hauled a load of straw for Rhine Mine. I greased the buggy and harnessed the horse for father. And mother to go to Middletown to quarterly meeting. After dinner Will and I hauled some hay for the sheep and I set out two little Heart Cherry-trees below the house. I did the feeding in the evening while Will was at Cooper's. Helen and I went to Mr. Cassidy's and sat until bed-time. Old Mr. Cassidy was very poorly. Just lying in a stupor. Not any more than just breathing. Daid Thorley making a coffin at night for Sarah Johnson. Day very cold and blustry.



MARCH,

SUNDAY 22,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock. Helped Will. to do the feeding. Went to Mr. Cassidy's and found the Old gentleman still very low. Walked up to Eldersville and opened the Sabbath School. Walked from there to Jack Johnsons to attend the funeral of his daughter Sarah who was about thirteen years of age. Got home about four o'clock. Father, Harkin, John, Mich. Sig and Liz. Riddle stoped with us as they went from the funeral and took dinner.

Spent an hour or so with Helen as father's sister in the evening. Father and Mother got home from Middletown about dusk. Day fine

MARCH,

MONDAY 23,

1868.

At Mr Cassidy's.

Rhine Wine was helping us to haul stones off the field which we intended to put in corn. He took supper with us in the evening. After doing up the feeding, Heleg and I went to David Thorley's to stay until bed time. Just as we were about starting home a Thunder storm came up and stoped us. About the time the storm was over Jimmie Reley and Will. Nelson came for David and me to go and wash, dress and lay out Old Mr. Cassidy who had died about ten o'clock. Got there about twelve and for the first time I assisted in preparing the dead for the grave. John L. Boles was also with us. James Cassidy and Ann Smith arrived about five hours before their father died. Day fine



MARCH,

TUESDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

About twelve o'clock David, Thosley John & Boles and I commenced preparing Old Mr. Cassidy's remains for the grave. We got through about three o'clock and ate supper. I got home about five, went to bed and slept until nine. Set up an ash-hopper in the forenoon while Will went to mill with some corn and oats for cow-feed. Received the History of the Bible for which I had subscribed in the winter. Cost \$4.75. Hauled three loads of stones in the evening and plowed a ditch to carry water away from the stone pile. Went with Lizzie Wright to Mr. Cassidy's wake and returned before nine o'clock. Day very fine. Sowed three pecks of clover seed

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 25,

1868.

At Home.

When I awoke in the morning it was raining. Did some of the feeding and went to Bethel to assist in digging Mr. Cassidy's grave if needed, but there being help enough there, I came home and went with Helen to the funeral. Got home about half past twelve o'clock. Day being wet, I spent the afternoon in the house. Repaired a lock on Helen's trunk and mended my gloves some. Spent the evening reading in a book entitled "The Night of Sol." Day wet almost throughout.



MARCH,

THURSDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.  
Found two  
oxen home in the morning  
and spent the forenoon  
cutting logs on a field  
of Mr. Steen's which we  
intended to put in  
corn. Spent the after-  
noon putting logs  
together in heaps,  
ready for burning.

Will, Thorley and  
Alma were over here  
in the evening.

After supper Helen and  
I had quite a game  
supper which I played  
the part of Denmark.

Day very cool and  
windy. Wind blowing  
up very fast.

Helen became sick upon  
seeing me act as though I  
were drunk and was  
very much affected, so much  
so that I had to promise  
not to act so again.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 27,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at six  
o'clock and when I got to  
the stable father and Will  
had the feeding done and  
the team harnessed.

Hauled a small load  
of coal for Mr. Kline and  
spent the remainder of  
the day clearing off stumps  
and logs from our corn  
field at Mr. Steen's.

In the evening, Will,  
Lizzie Wright, Helen  
and I went to David  
Thorley's, stayed until  
bed time and ate sugar.  
Got home about eleven  
o'clock. Day fine  
Rained a little shower  
in the forenoon.



MARCH, SATURDAY 28, 1868.

At Home.

Commenced plowing in Steen's new sod field. Commenced with two teams. Found the field hard to plow on account of the stones. Will Steen spent the afternoon hauling off stones with his team.

Quit plowing about half past four o'clock got feeding done got ready and went to town to Temperance meeting. Rev. Mr.

Graham who was expected to address the society did not come and the audience was disappointed. Got home about seven o'clock. Will spent the night at John's.

Received a letter from C. H. Pattison.

Day very fine

MARCH, SUNDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

Did the feeding over the hill in the morning. Saddled three horses, harnessed two and walked to Sabbath School & Church. Good turn out at Sabbath School.

Heard Rev. Carter preach from Phillipian's 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

In the evening heard him preach again at father's from Mat. ~~XXIII~~ <sup>XXIII</sup>. Quite a large congregation of young folks out.

At supper at Father's with C. M. Stephenson and Mary and David Thorley and Wm. As a Missionary Collection taken up during the day \$3.45 were received.

Grand Maury spent the night with us after taking supper up at father's after church.

Day very fine and warm



MARCH,

MONDAY 30,

1868.

At Home.

Arose twenty  
minutes past five  
o'clock and hastened to  
get things ready as early  
as possible for Cyrus and  
Mary to start home.

Spent the forenoon plowing  
and at Mr. Steen's while  
Will. and father were  
fixing the bridge at  
the coal bank under the  
direction of Geo. Steen.

(Supervisor). Sowed about  
six bushels and a half of  
oats for Will. Steen.

Father and Will. with me  
in the afternoon plowing  
in Steen's field.

Day very fine and warm.  
Pasture and wheat making  
some appearance like spring

MARCH,

TUESDAY 31,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at five  
o'clock kindled the fire as  
usual, Went to D. Shorley's  
before breakfast and got a  
pair of new harness to get  
ironed. Father and Will.  
castrated some pigs and I  
helped them with the calf.  
Hitched up the team and  
hauled fifty bushels of coal  
to town for Mrs. Moore. Had  
to make two loads of it on  
account of a mudhole in  
McCunnell's lane. Got the  
hind shoes taken off  
the horses and some other  
blacksmithing done.

Got home about 2 1/2  
o'clock. Finished plowing  
a field of oats for W. Steen.  
Field said to contain five  
acres. Sowed it in 2 1/2 hours  
for which he agreed to give  
me one bushel of potatoes.  
Plowed a few rounds in  
our corn field at Steen's.  
Read some in "Loci's Journal"  
at night. Day very fine



APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 11,

1868.

At Home

Harnessed the team in the morning before breakfast. Moved some roots in the garden and then took the team and plowed it. Spent most of the day making garden. Planted some beets and onions and sowed some salad. Carried the potatoes and turnips into the barn.

Father and Will were plowing the rod-field at Mr. Steens.

Oliver Waddle was at father's in the forenoon. After dinner father harnessed the team to the buggy and took him and mother over to Billy McCreedy's. Went after mother in the evening on horseback. I spent the evening reading a Sabbath School book entitled Docius's Journal. Day fine. Rained in evening.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 2,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed the teams before breakfast. Meaded a plowline. Spent the forenoon hawking stones off the field we were plowing at Mr. Steens. Finished plowing at Mr. Steens about five o'clock in the evening. Came home and commenced plowing stock ground back of the barn for oats. Went to C. M. Stephenson's in the evening and got a rope of butter. Got home about twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock. Learned that the Stephenson boys were about dividing their farm into shares and that Cyrus expected to move into the house with his mother. Day fine but cool and windy. Rained in the morning. Evening very cool.



APRIL,

FRIDAY 3,

1868.

At Home.

Helped Will.  
to harness the team  
in the morning.

Plowed back off the barn  
until four o'clock  
when we finished  
plowing, & then sowed  
six bushels of oats  
over the ground and  
we harrowed again.  
Got through a little  
before sunset.

Father went to town  
in the afternoon and  
paid our school-taxes  
which amounted to  
\$22.10. Spent most  
of the evening writing  
in my diary and  
reading a Sabbath School  
book entitled 'Dacia's  
Journal'. Morning very  
cold and ground frozen.  
Evening cloudy with  
some appearance of rain.  
Will. went to Mr. Boles'  
to tell them we proposed  
having a singing tomorrow evening.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 4,

1868.

At Home.

When we  
arose in the morning  
we found the ground all  
covered with snow. Spent  
part of the forenoon moving  
a stack bottom below  
the stable and scattering  
the manure about it.  
Went to the top of the hill  
and told Jeff. Pert of our  
intention to have a  
singing. Went to the plow  
about nine o'clock.

John Steen & Alexander got  
a wagon load of hay from  
us. Snowed heavily  
all afternoon and was  
very unpleasant. Had  
a small singing in  
the evening. Quite a  
number of young folks  
in. Maggie Hanlin & W.  
Steward came between eight  
& nine o'clock. Young  
folks left about ten.  
Getting quite cold and  
freezing.



APRIL,

SUNDAY 5,

1868.

At Home.

Did most of the feeding in the morning. Maggie, Harlin Steward, and Will Melvin with us for breakfast. Steward, Will, and I walked to Eldersville to attend the election of officers of the Sabbath School but on account of a want of a Constitution and By-laws, a committee was appointed to draft them and the election postponed. The committee were C. K. Stellwagen, H. Patterson, W. F. Knight, Robt. Osburn, and S. J. Melvin. As Steward and Maggie proposed going home in the evening he and I did not stay for church. C. M. Stephenson and Mary came to father's for dinner. Weather quite cold. Snow on the ground.

APRIL,

MONDAY 6,

1868.

At Home.

Father and I spent the forenoon hauling rails off the field we intended to plow and gathering up some manure about the sheep house. After dinner I took Jimmie and helped John home with a load of hay. When we got it just off he concluded he would come after the other load although it was there after three o'clock. Came up and we put the hay on against sun-set. He ate dinner and supper both with us. After supper we put his two horses and two of ours to the load and took it home for him. I got home and got my horses put away against eleven o'clock. Snowed a little in the evening.



APRIL,

TUESDAY 7,

1868.

At Home.

Awoke in the morning and found it snowing fast.

Spent the forenoon feeding and mending Aunt Anne's shoes. Mended Helen's shoes in the afternoon and then went to Eldersville for some groceries.

While waiting for the mail I heard some boys in Cooper's store tell some very disgraceful stories about Mrs. Alinghams.

Got a letter for Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann from John Elliott, containing a picture of their little daughter Jimmie. Snowed nearly all day. Rained some in the evening.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 8,

1868.

At Home.

Cleaned out all the racks in the morning and fed and hayed the horses. Father attended to the rest of the feeding and then went to Robt P. Cooper's after mother who was there attending an 'Old ladies party'. Robt Cooper's first daughter born. Put a half sole on my boot while Will went to school after some chopping. Hauled a load of coal for Rhine Rhine.

Father went to the station with the buggy for Aunt Phoebe Barrett. I laid some stone pavement and knocked a large piece of skin off one of my fingers. Snowed some in the afternoon.

Samuel Bushfield and Irene were here and carried on so at night that we laughed until we were tired. Will went to town in the evening. Weather cool. Very windy.



APRIL,

THURSDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon and afternoon until three o'clock plowing stark ground. Father sowed six bushels of oats and we harrowed it in.

Will took the buggy in the evening and went to Mrs. Poque's for Aunt Ann and Helen who had come over to see Lydia and her young babe. Commenced snowing about four o'clock and made the walking very unpleasant.

At nine o'clock still snowing very fast. Felt very hoarse and my throat somewhat sore.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 10,

1868.

At Home.

When we arose in the morning found snow on the ground about two inches deep and the trees covered with ice. Spent the forenoon feeding, carrying the horses &c.

After dinner I helped Helen some with her washing and wrote two letters to E. J. Hamilton and Annie S. Elliott respectively.

Helped Will to do the feeding in the evening and then went to town for the mail. Did not get any news. Father, Mother and Aunt Pholbe Barrett visited at Cooper's in the afternoon and Will dug 35 bushels of coal for Will Steen.

Some snow on the ground in the evening and some appearance of more. Evening quite cool.



APRIL,

SATURDAY 11,

1868.

Geo. Morrison's Near Paris. Pa.  
 Spent the morning feeding  
 stock, currying saddling horses  
 &c. After taking a good  
 bath, Helen and I got ready  
 and went to Robert Kiddles  
 where we took dinner.  
 Found Grand-pa Haulin  
 not expected to live  
 many days. His right  
 leg as large as two legs  
 ought to be - affected  
 with Orysipelas and Dropsy.  
 Old man sitting in an  
 arm'd chair. Did not know  
 us when we first went, but  
 knew us before we came  
 away. Went to Geo. Morrison's  
 and spent the night  
 very pleasantly.  
 Weather rather cold and  
 chilly. Wore an overcoat  
 very comfortably.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 12,

1868.

Father Haulin's.

Look break  
 fast at George Morrison's  
 and had intended to have  
 gone to church to Tucker's  
 but before church time  
 it commenced sleeting  
 and snowing and was so  
 very stormy that we spent  
 the day at Morrison's.  
 I went to see how Grand-  
 pa Haulin was, before  
 breakfast and found him  
 still living but still sinking.  
 About five o'clock Helen  
 and I rode over to Father  
 Haulin's where we spent  
 the night. About the  
 middle of the day I was  
 taken with a severe pain  
 in my stomach and  
 bowels from which I  
 suffered all the afternoon  
 and evening. Day very  
 stormy. Snow on the  
 ground about two inches  
 deep in the evening.



APRIL,

MONDAY 13,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's. Left there about nine o'clock and called in to see Grandpa Hanlin. Found him still living but very low. Came past John Melvin's on our way home.

Stopped at Robert P. Cooper's and took dinner. Saw their young daughter my little niece for the first time. Got home about three o'clock

and found that two men had been here twice to try to buy Champ but we had him away and they did not get to see him. Fixed up some sprouts to catch rain water and helped to do the feeding in the evening.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 14,

1868.

At Home.

Spent most of the forenoon attending to the sheep. Went over the hill and hauled two sled loads of stone before dinner. A rain came on and stopped us. Spent part of the afternoon hauling stones.

Felt quite unwell during the day. David Thorley and Anne were over at father's in the evening and Helen and I went up and stayed until bed time.

Snow melting off the ground very fast.



APRIL, WEDNESDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning I changed my clothes while Will harnessed the cows again and I took Aunt Thobe Barrett in the buggy to Will Bushfield's. Saw the funeral of a Miss Fullerton who was burned to death, her clothes having caught fire at the fireplace.

Saml. Campbell compared his horse with Champ and we weighed them and found his horse three pound the heavier. Aunt Nancy came home with me. Got home about half past five o'clock.

Attended Prayer meeting in Eldersville in the evening. Rained some in the afternoon. Recd. a letter from Rebecca McConnell.

APRIL, THURSDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

The morning being cloudy, Will, and I were not in much hurry about getting out to work. Cleared Champ and Jennie nicely expecting Geo. Chapman to come to see them, but he did not come.

Hauled a load of stovewood before dinner and three loads of stones. Spent most of the afternoon

hauling stones and clearing off our cornfield. Finished hauling <sup>all but with side piles</sup> having hauled in all 250 sled loads of stones in one field. Wrote a letter for mother to Jas Bushfield. Marked out a piece of oats ground in the afternoon and plowed a few furrows.

Weather very pleasant in the afternoon but somewhat windy.



APRIL,

FRIDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Father, Will. and I sowed nine bushels of oats in the forenoon. Will. and I finished harrowing just at dinner time. Planted something more than a peck of early potatoes in the lower garden and planted a few short rows of corn for roasting ears. Finished plowing the piece of ground in which we expected to plant sorghum in the Old Orchard. Got through about six o'clock and then attended to the feeding. Mrs. Lawther was visiting at father's. Weather fine in the forenoon. Rained two or three showers in the afternoon and the wind blew very strongly.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 18,

1868.

J. Patterson's, Eldersville

Harrowed the teams in the morning and Will. and I took the plow and harrow to Mrs. Pogue's. Helped Robert Cooper to finish sowing his oats. Got through plowing at dinner time and finished harrowing about four o'clock. John Lawther and John Cassidy working with Robert. Attended a meeting of the committee appointed to draft a Constitution by laws for the Sabbath School. Met in Hugh Patterson's room. Rev. C. K. Stillwagon had a long constitution written out and we disagreed upon it and did not get through amending it until half past one o'clock at night. Helen having gone to bed awake about one o'clock and finding that I was not at home awake father's folks and dispatched Will. after me. Got home about two o'clock. Day very fine.



APRIL,

SUNDAY 19,

1868.

At Home. Got home from Eldersville from a committee meeting about two o'clock in the morning. Met Will going in search of me. Slept until near seven o'clock.

Attended the adoption of the Constitution of the Eldersville Methodist Union Sabbath School, and was elected Assistant Superintendent. W. W. Knight receiving two votes more than I did, for Superintendent. Was much pleased with the result of the election. Heard Rev. Spillwagon preach from Prov. ~~XXIII~~ 23.

Will stayed at Stephensons for dinner intending to hear Rev. Stockton in the evening. Father, Mother and Aunt Nancy Bushfield went to Coopers and attended to their feeding. Day somewhat cloudy.

APRIL,

MONDAY 20,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon clearing up the road about the stable. Put the grain carriage up in the wagon shade and put the bed on the wagon. Went to the woods with Will. Had we brought in three sleds and put them on the sled and set the little sled away in the dry. I knocked the skin off two of my fingers. Riddled some in our door yard and fixed the step.

About five o'clock, Mich Haulin and David Gordon brought us a cow and calf.

Father went to Middletown in the afternoon and brought Phoebe Stewart home with him to go to Pittsburgh with mother to get her eyes operated on. John Walker and Uncle Math. McKewen spent the night at Fathers. David Thorley and Alma there until bedtime. Day cloudy and rainy. Mary Stephen



APRIL,

TUESDAY 21,

1868.

At Home.

Mother started to Pittsburgh in the morning to have Cataract removed from her eyes. Father, Mrs. Steward and Uncle Matthew McKeever went along. Will took them to the station in the wagon. Robert Cooper helped us to plow during the day. Did not plow much until after dinner.

Will and Lizzie Wright went to Jonathan Wrights at night. Will Shortley was over on an errand in the evening. Rhine Rhine in a few minutes. Left a horse here over night. Weather very fine.

Buds swelling very fast and pasture beginning to grow

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 22,

1868.

At Home.

Attended to the sheep in the morning before breakfast and fed the horses. John Cassidy brought Robert D. Coopers team and helped us to plow all day.

James Cassidy came and wanted me to act as one of the appraisers of his father's estate. Intended to have got father but he was not at home.

Spent the evening at home, blacking boots, writing in my diary &c. Day very warm and spring like.



APRIL,

THURSDAY 23,

1868.

At Home.

Helped Will to do the feeding in the morning. Then got ready and went with David Shirley to Mr. Cassidy and assisted him in appraising the property of John Cassidy deceased. Appraised to the amount of \$1228.50. James Stewart Esq. there all day and qualified us in the evening. We received one dollar each for our services.

Got home about five o'clock. Uncle Nath. McKeever came from Pittsburgh. Rode a horse from C. M. Stephenson's and took it to town in the evening. Left my overcoat to get it mended. Day very fine but cool.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning. Helen and I got ready and went to Glenview in the buggy. Had some negatives taken for photographs. Visited a short time at the house of the Misses Beatie. They have a very fine house on 4<sup>th</sup> St. Tom Thurn and wife in town. Did not see them.

Did some shopping. Stopped at Nick Lee's for supper. Got home about nine o'clock. Father got home from Pittsburgh about two o'clock P.M. Weather quite cool.



APRIL,

SATURDAY 25,

1868.

At Home.

After kindling the fire in the morning, while Helen was yet in bed I undertook to arouse her by playfully biting her neck, but unfortunately left a mark which remained blood-shot all day, and was a source of uneasiness to me. Spent the day plowing sod-ground with Will.

Went to Steubenville to change a pair of shoes which I had bought for her.

Went to Eldersville in the evening to attend Temperance meeting.

Very few there except outsiders and the meeting was not organized at all. Got home about half past nine o'clock.

Received a letter from Sumner Hamilton.

Weather wet and unfavorable in the morning. Cool and cloudy in the evening.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock, attended to the feeding, got ready and walked to Eldersville to Sabbath School.

Nothing done but teachers chosen for the classes.

W. W. Knight entered upon his duties as Superintendent. Was very tedious in his operations. Did not get to Church until near twelve o'clock. Heard Nolan preach from Acts XXVII.

8<sup>th</sup> lot Ch. 28<sup>th</sup>. Mary L. Bayback came home with Will.

from Church in the evening. While sitting on the rocking chair in the evening, Helen sat down on my knee and she broke the back of the chair.

Weather during the day was clear but cool. White frost in the morning.



APRIL,

MONDAY 27,

1868.

## Father Haulins

Greased the two horse wagon in the morning harnessed two horses and took twenty bushels of wheat to the mill. Got home about half past one o'clock. Will took father to the station on his way to Pittsburgh. Helen and I got ready to go to the exhibition at Miller's School House. When I drove up to the wall and asked her to get in, she asked me to get out. I playfully refused and started as though I would go without her. When I stopped, she remained motionless and when I asked her if I should unhitch she thought me an earnest, came into the house and began to weep, but after proper explanation was made she accompanied me and we had a good time. House very much crowded and the order was bad. Admission 25 cts. Performers did their part nobly. Exhibition closed about eleven o'clock. Weather fine.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 28,

1868.

## At Home.

Took breakfast at father Haulin's and had my measure for pants taken. Got home about two o'clock, changed the harness, ate a check and went to mill. Will. Spent most of the day plowing. Got home from mill about two o'clock. Found Sam. Campbell and Geo. Graham here wanting to compare horses and mate them. Hitched up the two teams. The boys matched much better than the duns. Did not make a trade. Will. went to the station in the evening for father. Plowed two hours and attended to the sheep. E. J. and M. J. Lawther, Mary S. Raybuck and Lizzie Wright with us for supper. Day fine. Appearance of rain in the evening.



APRIL, WEDNESDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

Forenoon was wet. Took the little spring wagon to David Thorley's to have it finished.

Shortened the buggy tongue some and got home about half past eleven O'clock.

Will. went to town and got Jimmie's fore shoes mended. I spent the afternoon plowing corn ground.

Will. brought out the spring team in the evening and helped to finish plowing.

Clipped some sheep in the evening. Did the milking both morning and evening in consequence of the rain. Alma Thorley with us for supper.

APRIL, THURSDAY 30, 1868.

At Home.

Will. and I harnessed the team and hauled about twenty-five bushels of coal for the mine in the morning.

Commenced harrowing over corn-ground.

Surveyors running around Mr. Cassidy's farm. Father with them part of the day, and went to Will. Bushfield's in the evening.

Robert L. Cooper came over in the evening and got some butter. Stayed until half past eight O'clock.

Weather fine during day. Quite cool in the evening.



MAY,

FRIDAY 1,

1868.

At Home.

Spent most of the forenoon making garden while Father and Will were harrowing corn-ground. Finished harrowing our own field about supper-time then Will and I went to Billy McConnell's and got four boards to put a bottom in the bed of the spring wagon and carried them from there to David Thorley's. Harrowed some on the corn field at Mr. Steen's in the evening.

Weather very fine and warm with some appearance of rain.

MAY,

SATURDAY 2,

1868.

At Home.

The morning being wet - I went to David Thorley's and Will went with me to Mrs. McCreedy's where we got two poplar boards of which to make the seats for the spring wagon. Went to town in the afternoon and got some more boards for the wagon. Got home about half past six o'clock.

Father took the buggy to the station and brought Thebe Stewart this year on her way home from Pittsburgh. Rained nearly all day but so warm that vegetation seemed to come right forward.



MAY,

SUNDAY 3,

1868.

At Home. Attended  
Sabbath School in Eldersville  
in the morning and took  
charge of my class.

Heard Rev. Stillwagon  
preach from III Corinthi-  
ans III 18"

Took dinner at C. Mr.  
Stephenson's

Attended our first  
Sunday School. Monthly  
Prayer meeting at  
five o'clock in the  
afternoon. Tolerably  
good turnout.

Only four prayers  
offered. Father took  
Mrs Steward home.  
Got home about  
sunset.

Most beautiful  
growing weather.

MAY,

MONDAY 4,

1868.

At Home.

Harrowed  
corn in Stearns field in  
the morning. About half  
past nine o'clock, father  
and I commenced marking  
out our corn ground.

Harrowed out until  
supper time and then  
commenced planting.  
Helen and Lizzie Wright  
helped father to drop and  
Albert Hoyle, Will. and I  
covered. Planted 28  
rows along the head of  
the Old Home field.

Will. went to town in the  
evening to attend the  
Ministerial Aid Society  
meeting at Wm Casprows.

Carried our rocking  
chair over to David  
Shorley to have it mended.  
Got home about half  
past eight and found  
Helen in bed. Day very  
warm. Indications of  
rain in the evening.



MAY,

TUESDAY 5,

1868.

At Home.  
 Will. Thorley  
 and Albert came over  
 in the morning to help  
 us to plant corn. I com-  
 menced marking out  
 the field at Mr. Steen's  
 and father and the boys  
 were planting but  
 between eight and  
 nine o'clock it commenced  
 raining and we quit. I  
 put a pair of half-soles  
 on Helen's shoes. Went out  
 again to the field but  
 were driven in by another  
 shower which made the  
 ground too wet to work.  
 Went to D. Thorley's to  
 see about fixing the  
 seats of the spring wagon.  
 Brought our rocking chair  
 home with me.  
 Spent most of the after-  
 noon prospecting along  
 the river to find a place to  
 wash sheep in.  
 Rained considerably during  
 the day.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 6,

1868.

At Home.  
 Father and I  
 fixed up a gate at the  
 cow pasture in the morning  
 then went to the run  
 and found that the  
 company had concluded  
 to put the sheep-washing  
 box in and prepare for  
 washing. Spent nearly  
 the entire day putting  
 in the box in Mrs. McCre-  
 ely's sugar camp. Put  
 up a spout over our  
 back door in the evening  
 and worked an hour  
 or more with some  
 little pigs to try to  
 keep them alive.  
 Well. went to Middle-  
 town to a concert.  
 Rained very hard  
 about sunset.



MAY,

THURSDAY 7,

1868.

At Home.

Father went early in the morning to the sheep washing place, let the water out of the box and cleaned the mud out of it. Will. got some from the Middle-town concert about nine o'clock. Washed one lot of sheep for Mr. Wells, two lots for Robert Cooper, two lots for David Thorley and all of ours. Quit about five o'clock. Was a very disagreeable day for washing sheep. Hoisted our ewes and lambs as ought as some of the lambs were very weak and the evening wet and cold. Rained nearly all afternoon.

MAY,

FRIDAY 8,

1868.

At Home David Thorley After doing up the feeding in the morning I went to see if Robt. Cooper was going to wash his sheep and found him and John Cassidy at the box with the sheep. Helped them through with them. Went to David Thorley's in the forenoon and ground two axes. Cut some stovewood in the afternoon, did the feeding in the evening and took some flaxseed oil over to David Thorley's to mix paint with to paint the spring wagon. Read a long letter from Lada Bushfield of Pittsburgh. Father started to Pittsburgh in the afternoon. Will. marked out some corn-ground after supper. Day quite cool. Mr. Thorley was taken very bad with something like Paralysis, sent for wood



MAY,

SATURDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast with Helen at David Thorley's. Came home to plant corn, David Thorley's folks helping us. About nine o'clock John Melvin brought Reverend Mr. Kinney and Rev. Jas. R. Beard this far on their way to Wm. Middletown. I quit marking corn-ground and took them in the buggy. I walked almost all the way. Rev. Beard a United Brethren preacher, speaking through the country lecturing against Free masonry. Said his life was almost constantly in jeopardy. Was very much pleased with him. Told us some very lamentable truths concerning Masonry. Got home about 4 1/2 o'clock. Helped to plant corn after supper. Mother got home from Pittsburgh about dark. Day fine but cool. Turned our season at night for the first.

MAY,

SUNDAY 10,

1868.

At Home.

Arose a few minutes before six o'clock, brought in the horses, harnessed one for father and saddled three. Attended Sabbath School in Aldersville heard Helen preach from II Cor. VIII latter part of 2<sup>d</sup> verse. Helen took dinner with us. Aunt Sally and Lizzie Wright went to see R. M. Riley in the afternoon. Found her very poorly. Willy Steen came in the evening and borrowed Willy's gun to shoot dogs which had been killing his young lambs. Weather fine and clear but quite cool.



MAY,

MONDAY 11,

1868.

At Home.

David Thorley and his boys helped us to plant corn in the forenoon. Got through about half past eleven o'clock.

Will and Sammy took dinner with us.

Helped David Thorley to plant his corn in the afternoon. John Leather and Robert Cooper helping. Run two plows marking out. Got through all but five rows and did not have seed enough to finish.

Helen and Lizzie Wright went to town in the afternoon. Weather fine

MAY,

TUESDAY 12,

1868.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning and harnessed two of them intending to haul some stove-wood, but went to work and planted our

corn and potatoes. Got through with the corn at dinner time. Planted our potatoes in the afternoon. Planted five different kinds.

Father went to the Station in the afternoon and got some carpet-chain for Mrs Stewart.

Day fine but cool. Rained some after dark. Will at W. W. Knight's singing.



MAY,

WEDNESDAY 13,

1868.

At Home.

Intended to have gone to Steubenville with David Thorley in the wagon but found it raining when we got up. Will took father to the station in the morning to go to Pittsburgh after mother. They came down in the evening to John Melvin's.

Will cleaned up the barn ready for sheep shearing.

I cut some wood in the morning and put a load of stove-wood in the wagon.

Will and I cut some stove-wood in the afternoon and hauled home the loads. I went to town in the evening to get some irons for the spring wagon but did not get any work done. Rained in the evening.

MAY,

THURSDAY 14,

1868.

At Home.

C. M. Stephenson came in the morning and informed us that they had a young son. Took us by surprise. Took Aunt Sally home with him. Was at David Thorley's a few minutes in the morning and then I went to Eldersville and got some irons made for the spring wagon. Will took the buggy to town for father and mother on their return from Pittsburgh. Got home about half past three o'clock, took a horse and helped a Welch man to drive a cow to Eldersville which he had bought from us for sixty dollars. Half soled and greased my boots in the evening. Rained considerably during the day.



MAY,

FRIDAY 15,

1868.

At Home.

Forenoon was wet but David Thorpe came along with his horse and about nine o'clock we started to Steubenville with the wagon. Bought some fish, sugar, coffee & other articles for house use. Sold 40 pounds of side meat at 16 cts per pound. Brought out a barrel of flour, one barrel of salt, two half barrels of fish and some potatoes besides groceries. Had a pretty good load for slippery roads. Cleared off in the afternoon.

MAY,

SATURDAY 16,

1868.

At Home.

Went to David Thorpe's in the morning to divide some fish which we had bought in Steubenville. Walked with David Thorpe over to Ceq. Stewart's where he and I were on a jury to try Chalmers Miller for disturbing the peace at a meeting.

Had some firm with some of the witnesses but they failed to prove the several allegations brought against him and we brought in a verdict of Not guilty in manner and form as indicted, and decided that each should pay the half of the cost except the attorney's fees which should be paid by Miller. Got home about half past six o'clock. Rained some during day.



MAY,

SUNDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Helen and I went  
to Sabbath School in the  
morning in the buggy.  
Drove the old team.  
Turn out at Sunday  
School pretty good.

Heard Stillwagon preach  
from Apheclan's V & part  
of 14<sup>th</sup> verse.

Spent the afternoon  
and evening at home.

Will went to the Pent  
to church in the evening.  
Helen in rather a distressed  
state of mind concerning  
her manner of life as a  
professor of religion.

Day fine. Weather cool.

MAY,

MONDAY 18,

1868.

At Home.

Was aroused  
in the morning by a stone  
which Will had thrown  
falling on the roof about  
five o'clock. Harnessed  
up the two teams, took the  
wagon and harrow and went  
to John Melvin's and harrowed  
corn ground until half  
past three o'clock. Will  
Sholey was there and we  
run three harrows. Planted  
a few rows before supper;  
Helen being with us, I  
found it necessary to  
start home immediately  
after supper. Old Dal  
fell down in the mud-  
hole on John's hill and  
we were obliged to unhitch  
and draw the wagon out of  
her way before she could get  
up. When I had unhitched the  
horses after coming home, they  
started to the field with the  
harness on; when I caught Charles  
by the bridle, he gave me a severe  
stroke with his head on my nose  
which caused it to bleed freely. Cloudy.



MAY,

TUESDAY 19,

1868.

At Home.

Father and I clipped our yearling lambs in the morning got through a little before dinner time. G. Stewart brought Aunt Sabe Barrett down in the forenoon on her way to Cedar Riv. In the afternoon I went to D. Sholey's and got some fish for Mr. Hamlin's folks rode yince to Eldersville and had a shoe dress; went to John Melon's and helped him to finish planting corn. Father took Aunt Sabe Barrett down to the station and finding that she could not get on a train until morning, took her to Johns where she remained over night. Father helped to finish planting corn, then brought John's children home with him in the buggy. Day fine.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 20,

1868.

At Home.

I took the young team and the sled and went to D. Sholey's and brought home our first bagged stones off the lower meadow. Got through at dinner time. Sheared our bucks in the afternoon. James J. Boles came over in the evening and we had a long talk concerning the late law suit. He did not go home until about 10 1/2 o'clock. Matthew Richardson's oldest child was burned to death and will come to town in the evening to bring home the horse which Lizze Wright rode Trip. Weather fine but cool. Rats very troublesome at night.



MAY,

THURSDAY 21,

1868.

At Home.

Found the horses in the wheat-field when I got up in the morning. Spent most of the forenoon writing out a statement of facts concerning the verdict of last Saturday for James S. Boles.

Spent the remainder of the day shearing sheep. Father attended the funeral of Mathew Richardson's child.

Mrs. Mary McCready of fathers on a visit.

Miss Martha K. Gillespie out begging money to buy a library for the M. S. Sabbath School at Bethel. Will and I each paid 25 cents. Weather quite cool.

MAY,

FRIDAY 22,

1868.

At Home.

Thought it too cool to shear sheep in the morning and hoed the potatoes; when we got through I went to town and had a shoe driven on Jimmie. Wanted to get some coach varnish but McClyen had none.

Robt P. Cooper, John Cassidy, Parkinson Boles and John Sashley helped us to shear sheep in the afternoon. In the evening David Thorley found that his mare was not colting right & sent over for help. Cooper, J. S. Boles and I went over. J. Murchland and C. Lauther there. Colt came around and was dead.

We pulled it away from the mare and in the operation she was ruptured and her life was despaired of. Weather fine.



MAY,

SATURDAY 23,

1868.

At Home.

Went to D  
Shorley's in the morning  
and found his mare still  
living and doing well as  
could be expected.

P. L. & S. P. Boles, John  
Cassidy, John Melvin &  
Robt Cooper helping us  
to shear sheep. Cooper gave  
out before dinner and  
went home. Will Shorley  
rode Jimmie to Steuben-  
ville, and as he brought  
her home Sammie got  
on behind him she  
leaped and threw them  
both off, bruising Sammie's  
face considerably and  
hurting his shoulder.

Uncle Matthew McKee  
came in the evening &  
spent the night at  
father's. Will and I went  
to David's after we quit  
shearing and gave the  
mare a slippery elm injec-  
tion. Rained in the  
evening.

MAY,

SUNDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

Helen being  
somewhat unwell did  
not attend Sabbath School.  
Got some medicine from  
John Cooper. Sabbath school  
not yet all full. Heard  
S. J. Nolan preach from  
John XIV 22. Congregation  
small. Sacrament at Bethel.  
Dan Hare, Mrs Osburn, Mrs  
A. C. & Sarah Wright & E. C. Lawther  
at father's for dinner.  
Advers Shorley took dinner  
with us. Went to David's  
in the evening to see the  
mare and found her  
still recovering. Father  
and mother there in  
the evening too.

Weather fine



MAY,

MONDAY 25,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon shearing a sheep: Will Thorley helping us. Had one sheep a piece to shear after dinner and then finished.

The Coons, Old Thomas and Pers. were digging a ditch for us. Mowed some swamp grass in the afternoon and hauled a load of coal for Rhine Mine. Got home between sun-set and dark. Sammie Thorley was out with the gun in the evening.

Will was with him a short time and shot a ground-hog.

MAY,

TUESDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.

Woke up early with a severe pain in my breast. Was unable to work during the forenoon. Father and Mother started early to Pittsburgh. Will took them to the station. I spent the forenoon walking about. Went to David Thorley's.

After dinner Will and I took the team, went to Sillespie's mill and hauled a load of wagon stuff for Samuel the Creeper for which we charged him three dollars. Paid him nine dollars for repairing the wheels of the spring wagon. Took the spring wagon to town in the evening to have the rest of the iron put on. It got home between eight and nine o'clock.

Day quite warm. Coons here ditching.



MAY,

WEDNESDAY 27,

1868.

At Home. Felt too unwell in the morning to go to Cooper's to shear sheep. Took Aunt Ann out to Mrs. Wright to hear the word, if any from Susannah Jones. They were expecting her home soon but she had not got her children as reported. Slept from twelve o'clock until three. Father came home from Pittsburg about three o'clock. Spent the evening brightening up the tree of the busy-barnes, reading the news &c. While working some of the bees in the evening I got stung in four places. Tried the bee charm but found it of no account. Thunder storm and heavy rain in the afternoon. Hard rain after dark. Coons here ditching.

MAY,

THURSDAY 28,

1868.

At Home. Will went to help Robt. Cooper shear sheep in the forenoon and father went to William Bushfields. I spent most of the forenoon cutting stocwood. Wrote a letter to Rebecca V. Cornell. Helen and I went to Eldersville. Got a hired shoe put on my horse. Went out to R. M. Stephenson's and saw their young son for the first time. Cyrus brought Aunt Sally home in the evening. Rained several showers during the day. Very fine growing weather.



MAY,

FRIDAY 29,

1868.

At Home. The ground being too wet to work corn and the sheep too wet to be shorn we spent most of the day cutting stove wood.

Hoed some in the garden in the evening and put sticks up to the peas.

Went to town late in the evening and brought the spruce wagon home. Corbelick, Boles and Jimmie away fishing instead of attending to their shop.

Day very warm. Threatened rain some.

MAY,

SATURDAY 30,

1868.

At Home. Brought the team in in the morning and harnessed them, put the bed on the wagon and hauled a load of stove wood before dinner.

Will helping Robt Cooper to shear sheep. Father halfoled his boots. Roled some logs together in the afternoon and hauled another load of wood.

Helen feeling rather unwell on account of not being able to do more house work.

Coons here digging ditto. Spent the evening tinkering about the spring wagon, putting hooks on seats, leathers on rubbers &c. Rather cloudy all day but no rain.



MAY,

SUNDAY 31,

1868.

At Home. Will, Lizzie, Miss  
Helen and I went to Sabbath  
School in our spring wagon  
for the first time.

Geo. Jones, Israel Wright  
and I were elected delegates  
to the State Sabbath School  
Convention, to meet in  
Pittsburgh, June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Heard Rev. Stillwagon  
preach from Mat 23 &  
4<sup>th</sup>. Did not attend  
church anywhere in the  
afternoon. Slept about  
two hours, then attended  
to bringing the cows &c.

Helen and I ate supper,  
with father and Lizzie.

Will went to a singing  
at the church in Eldersville  
at four o'clock.

Weather very fine and warm.

JUNE,

MONDAY 1,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the  
morning building  
chicken-coops and  
putting chickens in them.  
Went to Steubenville  
and got 130 sweet-potato  
plants. Got them on  
the hill above town  
from a man named  
Myres. Got home about  
four o'clock prepared  
the ground and set  
out the plants.

Father got a letter  
from Mother in Pittsburg  
in the evening. Her  
right eye probably to  
receive another  
operation.

Day very warm.



JUNE,

TUESDAY 2,

1868.

## At Home

Brought in the horse in the morning before breakfast.

I spent about two hours cleaning out a ditch and then went to hoeing corn. Hoed until supper-time. Cultivated a few rows then took

the spring wagon and took Aunt Ann to C. M. Stephenson's. Left the wagon in town to get the springs stiffened.

Heard some very entertaining music at C. Boles'. Hands working on the roads along the river. Will. d. ft John's shearing sheep. Weather fine.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 3,

1868.

## At Home.

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock, took breakfast and went to work on the roads under John Merchland as Supervisor. Commenced at the line between Steer's and Mrs. Pogue and worked down the river. About 7 1/2 o'clock Father and mother Hardin came to our house on a visit and spent the day.

Father H. came to the road where we were at work and I came home with him at dinner time and did not go back.

Spent part of the afternoon looking over the farm. Father bled Champ in the evening and Will went to Eldersville. Day fine. Folks left about 6 P. M.



JUNE,

THURSDAY 4,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at five in the morning, took breakfast and went immediately to working on the roads. Commenced at 6 1/2 O'clock by my time and worked from the Guide boards at the run to the top of the hill by Reines Coal-bank.

Wm. Casside's team plowing, and John team cropping. Father and Bro. Mitchland shake to each other which was an uncommon occurrence.

Took Sal and Jimmie to Wes. Robinson's to the horse. Sal was in season. Got home about 9 1/2 O'clock. Sent to town with Will. and got a chip hat and a dollar's worth of sugar.

Day very warm. Threatening rain in the evening.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 5,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at 5 1/2 O'clock and hoed some in the garden before breakfast. Spent part of the forenoon in the Cornfield; took early dinner and attended the auction of the Personal property of John Casside deceased. Sheep sold from \$1.50 up to 2.50. Almost everything went very low.

Spent the afternoon, from two O'clock in the Cornfield. Got through with one corn at home. Will.

Went to town in the evening for the mail. Day very warm with strong indications for rain in the evening.



JUNE,

SATURDAY 6,

1868.

Father Haukins.

Spent the forenoon working among the horseman; got through a little before eleven o'clock.

Worked corn in Mr. Steens field until near three o'clock when a storm came up and we were obliged to quit. Mr. Steen brought out a comb and a pair of scissors and I cut his hair for him in the field. Will Steen had our buggy borrowed and he and his wife went to John Elliotts by Middletown.

About six o'clock Helen and I started to Father Haukins where we spent the night. Talks all at home and no person else there. Evening cloudy and cool.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 7,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at Father Haukins. Attended Sabbath School at Inkerschusch.

Heard Rev. Gamble preach from Heb. X<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. Closed with prayer.

Took dinner at Uncle John Haukins and spent the afternoon very pleasantly, singing and talking.

Ate a piece at Father Haukins as we came home. Got home at dusk. Evening quite cool.



JUNE,

MONDAY 8,

1868.

At Home.

Will. went to Hanlin Station in the morning and got 100 Sweet potato plants. Spent an hour or so hoeing in the garden. Hoed corn in Mr. Steen's field until supper time and then set out some potato plants.

Will took father to Eldersville on his way to Pittsburgh.

Aunt Betsey Gisp was visiting at Aunt Sallys. I took Jennie to Miss Robinsons in the evening but found she was not in season. Got home about 9 1/2 O'clock. Day very fine.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

Went to the cornfield in the morning and dressed up a few rows of corn but a rain came on and stopped us.

Took the runners off the straw-buries all the forenoon and wrote a letter to Joseph H. of Lempleton. Robt L. Cooper and John Cassidy brought a cow over.

Spent the afternoon working corn in Steen's field. Will. went to the station in the evening and brought father, mother and Miss Jennie. Mr. Clark and Miss Kate Rusfield home with him.

Received my discharge and a check for \$100. with a letter from the Pennsylvania State Military Agency. Morning cloudy. Afternoon fine.



JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 10,

1868.

At Home. Will brought  
in the horses in the morning  
and we hauled a four-  
horse load of cloverwood.  
Finished working  
corn in Mr. Steen's field  
one way and tumbled  
into it the other way  
immediately.

Miss Pauline Bucher  
came to Aunt Sally's  
in the evening.

Watered our sweet  
potato plants twice  
during the day.

Day very pleasant.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 11,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about  
half past five o'clock.  
Spent the day in the  
cornfield at Mr. Steen's.  
Mr. John Shorley and David  
Shorley milled at father's  
in the afternoon.  
Went to town in the  
evening and found  
that C. M. Stephenson  
had taken the spring  
wagon to Steubenville.  
Gave C. Boles five dollars  
with which to purchase  
a new spring for the  
wagon. Geo. Boles  
out on hunt of their  
mare which was lost  
at a party at James  
Sardner's on the creek.  
Weather fine evening cool.  
Miss Kate Birchfield here.



JUNE,

FRIDAY 12,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the day working corn. Finished at Steens just before dinner and commenced on our own field the second time. Miss Catharine Lawther visiting Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann.

Lizzie Wright, Kate Bushfield and Helen walked over to Robert Cooper's in the evening. Helen was very tired when she came home and somewhat unwell. Her mind being troubled about something which I could not learn, she cried considerable before bedtime and breathed so very irregularly that I did not sleep until after one o'clock. Arose about midnight lit the lamp and kept it burning until morning. Weather warm.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 13,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the day until supper time working my corn. After supper I mowed our yard and blacked my boots. Michel and Bell Hamlin came about dark and stayed with us over night. G. F. Scott was here a short time in the evening. Uncle Henry and Woodward, Uncle Matthew McKeever and Aunt Jane were at father's over night. Father and Mother had intended going to Middletown but got disappointed. Satted all the sheep during the day. Weather very warm. Nights getting warmer.



JUNE,

SUNDAY 14,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about five minutes after five o'clock and brought in our horses. Curried and harneped two or three. Wood Melvin took Lizzie Wright to Church, Bell, Hanlin and went in their buggy. Helen and I went in ours. The buggies together, Uncle Henry, Wood, Bell and Michael Hanlin took dinner with us. Sabbath School very full. Some new scholars. Heard Stillwagon preach from Rev. W. D. Robt. Cooper and Lyd. Cyrus Stephenson and Mary were here in the evening. Father & Mother went to Middletown late. All started off before sundown. Day very warm.

JUNE,

MONDAY 15,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at four o'clock and brought in what horses we had at home. Went to David Thorley's got Charlie and took him to town and got a shoe put on him before breakfast. John came with his team. I borrowed Robt Coopers Doll to put in Sal's place and we loaded up the machine and took it to Middletown to get it repaired. Got home about ten o'clock P. M. Was after eleven before we retired.

Day very warm with some appearance of rain. Father and Mother were at Middletown and got home in the afternoon.



JUNE,

TUESDAY 16,

1868.

At Home.

Was raining when I awoke, went to sleep again and slept until after six o'clock. Found that Robert Coopers mare had rubbed the hair from her hind leg while working yesterday and I felt uneasy about it. Let Robert should be displeased. Took her home in the morning and Robert was away.

Hoed corn until evening. Helen and Lizzie Wright were visiting at Mr. Lawthys in the evening and I ate supper with Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann. Father and Mother went to town in the evening. Day very warm. Some appearance of hail.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the day working corn. Finished working it the second time of little after supper and hoed some cane.

Went to town about sundown for the spring wagon and found that neither the spring nor C. Boles' iron had come to the station and consequently the wagon was not repaired. Bought coffee, sugar and dried peaches, in connection with what I had bought previously, my bill amounted to \$3.82.

Henry Cooper in making the change gave me two dollars too much which I did not know until I was on my way home. Took a bath before going to bed.



JUNE,

THURSDAY 18,

1868.

At Home.

Spent most of the day hoeing corn. Got through a little before supper-time and hoed some in the garden.

Will went to Middletown in the evening for Miss Kate Bushfield and brought her and Jimmie Steward home with him.

I took Sul and Jimmie to Wesley Robinsons in the evening. Robinson had a very weak cold which tried to help him to feed. Met Cornelius Hooker there.

Day very warm. Rained a little shower in the night.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 19,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock and read some in the Washington Reporter before breakfast and finding that my subscription had run out, wrote a letter to have it renewed.

Went to Mr. Steen's and borrowed a chisel plow and Will borrowed one from David Thorley and we plowed with three teams in the afternoon.

Mrs. Toque, and Lyd. Cooper were visiting at father's in the afternoon and we did not go out from supper until very late. Will and I plowed until 8 o'clock and finished the field as there was considerable appearance of rain. Father thought we worked too late to do it right. Day very warm.



JUNE,

SATURDAY 20,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at five o'clock, kindled the fire, then saddled the mare and went to Eldersville. Learned that the spring for our spring-wagon, was at the station. Rode down and carried it up to town before me. Got home about nine o'clock and ate breakfast. John brought a couple of young heifers up and turned in our field. Rode the potatoes in the forenoon. Had my hair cut in the afternoon. Cut Will's hair for him. Took Gimmie to Wesley Robinson's. Went to town in the evening intending to attend the Primary Election and go to the station for George Bushfield but when I went to town the election was over, the spring-wagon was not completed and father had gone to the station. Brought the wagon home. Bushfield rode

JUNE,

SUNDAY 21,

1868.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning and harnessed three of them. Lizzie Wright, Katy Bushfield, Helen and I went to church in the spring-wagon. Did nothing at Sabbath School, but to attend to making arrangements for celebrating the fourth of July.

Heard Nolen preach in the forenoon from John III 14-15. Did not attend church in the evening.

Helen and I walked over to David Thorley's after five o'clock and stayed until sunset. I did the milking morning and evening. Day cloudy with a shower in the afternoon.



JUNE,

MONDAY 22,

1868.

At Home.

Weather brought  
in the horses in the  
morning, I harrowed three  
of them. And we plowed  
corn in Mr. Steen's field  
with three plows until  
dinner time. In the  
afternoon we were stopped  
by a shower of rain and  
I mended the buggy harness.  
After supper we finished  
the corn having been through  
it three times. I took  
Mr. Steen's plow home.

Came home about 8  
o'clock, stopped in at  
father's to make some  
arrangements about to mor-  
row's work and was very  
much surprised when I  
came in home to find  
Helen in bed weeping on  
account of my delay about  
coming home.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 23,

1868.

Uncle Jas. Melvin's Pughtown.  
Arose at three and a  
half o'clock, brought in  
Champ and Jimmie and harnessed  
them. Aunt Ann and Sally,  
Helen and I went to Pughtown.  
Started at six o'clock.  
Took Kate and Geo. Busfield  
with us as far as the  
station. Stopped a few  
minutes at father Henrich's.  
Got to Pughtown about  
half past eleven o'clock  
and found the folks  
all well. Spent the  
remainder of the day  
visiting. Saw Uncle's  
new shop 30 x 32 feet.  
Not altogether finished.  
John Henry at at  
home. Weather fine  
Roads good.



JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon visiting at Uncle James Melvin's in Pughtown. A Mr. and Mrs. Cairns there for dinner. Spent the time very pleasantly. Left Pughtown about 1/2 O'clock came through Millersburgh and Florence to Father Hanlin's. Got there about five O'clock and took supper, and Maggie M. Hanlin came home with us. Got home about nine O'clock P.M. Folks all in bed but father.

Got the horses put away and retired about ten O'clock.

Weather fine and threatening rain.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 25,

1868.

At Home

Spent the forenoon cutting wood. Father hauling wood. In the afternoon we commenced going through the corn at Steen's the fourth time and rowing turnip seeds. Drest at supper time and took Sel. to Wesley Robinson's but it was of no use. Maggie Hanlin being here on a visit, she and Will. went to Paris to a concert. As I came home from Robinson's, Robt. McCready's dog came out and caught the mares tail. I got off and threw at him, missed him, and hit a little girl in the yard. She cried some but was not considered by her mother much hurt. Weather fine but threatening rain.



JUNE,

FRIDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon hoeing corn in Mr. Steen's field.

When we came down to dinner found Dan.

Morrison, Liz. Kiddle & Maggie Hanlon visiting here. I spent the

most of the afternoon very pleasantly visiting with them.

Mrs. Jane Steen, Miss Melissa Steen,

Mrs. Hall and Aunt

Nancy Bushfield at father's.

Spent the evening hoeing up our garden after a cloud came up which threatened a storm.

Thundered and lightened some but did not rain any.

About midnight the dog got a pole cat in the old house. Will shot at it three times with the revolver and shot it at last with the rifle.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 27,

1868.

At Home.

Father and Aunt Ann went to Wellsburg to see Uncle Henry who was sick with cough and pain in his breast. Father returned in the evening with the word that he thought he could not live until morning.

Will and I drilled up twentyfour rows of corn in Mr. Steen's field during the day. In the evening Will took the spring wagon to town to get a brace repaired and get Champ shod. I went to Patterson's mill to see if the grove could be had for celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Maggie Hanlon & Helen went to D. Thorley's in the evening, Will came from town that way. I went over when he came home and we all came home together in the wagon. Uncle Henry died.



JUNE,

SUNDAY 28,

1868.

At Home.

Father and Aunt Ann went to Wellsburg in the buggy in the morning to see Uncle Henry. Attended Sabbath School and preaching in Eldersville. Arrangements were made after considerable debate to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> in Stephenson's grove. Heard Stillwagon preach from John IV 34-35.

John Nelson took dinner with us, then he and I went to Wellsburg in the spring-wagon. When we got there we found that Uncle Henry's remains were just being conveyed to the tomb in the "honors" or rather some foolery of Freemasonry. We walked out to the cemetery and got there in time to witness the closing ceremonies. Took tea at Sarah Nailors with a number of friends. Aunt Sally, Aunt Ann and father came home with us. Home a little before 11 o'clock.

JUNE,

MONDAY 29,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock. Arranged the spring-wagon for the old folks to go in to John's. Will and I dressed up eight rows of corn in the forenoon and fifteen in the afternoon in Mr. Steens cornfield. Did not come in for supper until nearly seven o'clock. After supper I carried a piece of hickory wood over to David Hoyle's, to get some rods put in my grain-cradle. Got home a little before nine o'clock. Day very warm with some appearance of rain in the evening.



JUNE,

TUESDAY 30,

1868.

At Home.

Spent part of the forenoon in the cornfield. A very heavy cloud came up and the appearance of a storm drove us to the house.

Rained but little here.

Wrote a letter to S. J. Hamilton and one to Annie J. Elliott. Spent

the afternoon in the cornfield. Helen was washing in the old house.

Father, mother, and Aunt Nancy, Bushfield were assisting at David Thorley's.

I went to town in the evening and bought some groceries. Got home about half past nine o'clock.

Weather quite warm.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 1,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the day working corn. Father was with us in the forenoon, in the afternoon he went to town and paid our State and County tax amounting to 21.42. After supper Alex.

Hambin came to look at some sheep and made arrangements to have twenty-five of the best of them picked out. Took the spring wagon to town in the evening and took Helen &izzie Wright to the milliner's at home about half past nine o'clock.

Took a good bath before retiring. Weather very warm. Len Bushfield and Rebecca came for Aunt Nancy.



JULY,

THURSDAY 2,

1868.

At Home.

Separated a lot of seed in the morning. Picked out twenty-five for sale.

Spent the rest of the day working corn. Finished our corn the fourth time. Found we were not going to get through and I gave Sammy Thorley ten cents to help us finish. Got through about 8 1/2 o'clock. Day exceedingly warm.

JULY,

FRIDAY 3,

1868.

At Home.

Got read to go to Steubenville with father in the morning, but just as we were ready to start Albert Thorley came over and said that his mother had taken another spell. Father, mother and Aunt Sally went over immediately. Mayor Hanlin came along while they were away to see some sheep, father came home soon and sold the sheep at three cents per pound. We went to Steubenville in the spring wagon and bought some groceries. Got home about four o'clock. Day very warm. One of Brownrigg's cutting wheat. Rev. Wm. Gamble, Bell Hanlin and Maggie were here over night. They came about half past eight o'clock.



JULY,

SATURDAY 4,

1868.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning. Sifted some Mulberries and Raspberries before breakfast. Attended @ Sabbath School Basket-Picnic at Stephener's grove. Had a good time. Rev. Gamble delivered a very nice address. The crowd was not very large but quite respectable!

A large company in Billy Boles' woods, from Steubenville. They were said to have had a very good time.

Large Picnic in Mrs. McCreedy's sugar camp. Said to have been about one thousand persons there. <sup>not</sup> plenty of whiskey. Several persons very drunk. Several old men there among whom was Geo. Smith, C. Boles, Wm. Connell & others. Some fighting done in the evening. Michel Hanlin & David Gordon with us over night. Day exceedingly warm.

JULY,

SUNDAY 5,

1868.

Mich. Hanlin and David Gordon took breakfast with us. <sup>And then</sup> Will went with them to Tucker's Church. Attended Sabbath School at Selderwood.

Heard Nolan preach from Matthew ~~XXV~~ 29."

Great appearance of rain in the evening but little rain fell in our vicinity.

Will did not come home but spent the night at John Mellons.



JULY,

MONDAY 6,

1868.

At Home. Took the cows and hogs to the field in the morning and went to David Charles for my axe. Will father was cutting a tree of the Eldersville road. Will got home about nine o'clock. I spent most of the forenoon fixing up a slop barrel and cutting wood.

Will and father hauled two loads of wood in the forenoon. Will and I hauled a load in the afternoon while father went to town to get some blacksmithing done and cut three dozen and a half of eye. After supper I cut some wood and pulled some weeds in the yard &c. Helen wrote a letter to her brother George. Day very warm.

JULY,

TUESDAY 7,

1868.

At Home. Will and I took twenty-eight head of sheep to Hillside Station in the morning. Chandler undertook to weigh them and made a mistake in the weight. Weighed them three times before he got them right. Weathers averaged 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Had considerable of ramming after W. C. Gillespie and David M. C. C. Sheep. Spent the afternoon until supper time cutting eye. After supper it rained a and shower and I went about dark with the spring wagon and brought Helen, Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally home from Uncle Geo. Cress. Got home about five o'clock and Aunt Sally opened the spring door and tumbled down into the cellar. Not seriously hurt.



JULY,

WEDNESDAY 8,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon cutting rye. David Thorley made up a fraim and hung our grindstone. Will and I cut three dozens of rye in the afternoon until a thunderquast stopped us. Spent the evening grinding our cradling scythes when it was not thundering and lightning too much. Rained most of the afternoon and evening.

Father went down to Mr. Cassidy's after mother in the evening.

JULY,

THURSDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

While the grain was wet in the morning we tinkered up the cradles and got ready for cutting wheat. Cut some rye in the forenoon. After dinner we had about three dozens of rye, some in sheaf and some in grip when a heavy rain came on very unexpectedly and stopped our operations. Got one set of knives for the mowing machine finished cutting rye after supper and cut two dozens of wheat in Mr. Steen's field. Wheat pretty good. Rye very good.



JULY,

FRIDAY 10,

1868.

At Home.

Spent the day at Mr. Steen's cutting wheat. Three of us only put up eighteen bags in the forenoon. Ld. was over in the afternoon visiting B. took supper with us. C. M. Stephenson came while we were eating supper.

As Will and I came in from putting up some sage in the evening we came across a pole cat and killed it.

Helen and Lizzie went to town on horseback in the evening.

Weather very warm.

JULY,

SATURDAY 11,

1868.

Grandfather Hanlin's.

Spent the forenoon with father working in the cane. Hoed three rows after dinner and hoed the sweet potatoes. Ate a mess of heart cherries off the old tree over the hill.

Father and mother went to Middletown in the afternoon.

After supper, Helen and I went in the spring wagon to Grandpa Hanlin's and spent the night very pleasantly. Conversed some with Grandpa although I had to hallow to make him hear. Will working at Mr. Steen's.

Day very warm.



JULY,

SUNDAY 12,

1868.

At Home.  
Took breakfast at Grand pa. Haylin's. Came over to Eldersville to Sabbath School and heard Rev. James Lucas speak some concerning the Sabbath School endowment fund for Adrian College.

Went out to Bethel in the evening and heard Rev. Jas. Lucas preach from Acts ~~23~~ 23. Not a very large congregation out.

Ate a mess of red-heart cherries in the evening.

Day very warm.

JULY,

MONDAY 13,

1868.

At Home.  
Father and mother came home about eight o'clock from Bushfields. Their horse having pinched out - and come home they were obliged to borrow a horse to bring them home. Will meet them at Bethel, taking a horse for them.

Cut wheat at Mr. Steen's all day. Felt very badly on account of the heat and took a good wash in the evening.

Day very hot.



JULY,

TUESDAY 14,

1868.

At Home.  
 Arose at  
 four o'clock and  
 gathered a six quart  
 bucket full of cherries.  
 Spent the forenoon  
 putting up wheat  
 at home. Father

went to town in  
 the forenoon and  
 got the mowing machine  
 repaired some  
 and I mowed the  
 meadow below  
 the stable in the  
 afternoon. So very  
 hot that the horses  
 could scarcely stand  
 it to mow.

Susannah & Melvin  
 took supper with  
 us.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 15,

1868.

At Home. Gathered a six  
 quart bucket full of  
 cherries in the morning  
 before breakfast. We put  
 up a few dozens of wheat  
 on the hill in the forenoon  
 until the hay became  
 dry, then Will commenced  
 raking and father and  
 I both being almost  
 given out, prepared the  
 sled for hauling.

I went to D. Thorley's  
 just before dinner  
 and got Will and  
 Sammie to come and  
 help us to put the  
 hay in in the afternoon.

Got through about  
 sunset. Was very  
 much broken out  
 with Rickley heat  
 and felt very unwell  
 in the evening.

Day exceedingly hot.



JULY,

THURSDAY 16,

1868.

At Home.

Spent - the forenoon cutting wheat at Mr. Steen's. At dinner time Will and I gathered some cherries.

Got through with the wheat at Mr. Steen's about a quarter past six o'clock and cut a few dozens in our own fields.

The day was an exceedingly pleasant one for harvesting.

Cool breeze going nearly all day and we sweat but very little.

JULY,

FRIDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Cut some stove-wood in the morning and put a new rod in my grandcradle. Father, Will and I cut 40 dozens of wheat - in the forenoon, by the afternoon Will

Thorley came just before supper time and helped us to finish cutting wheat - got through a little before sundown and shocked the afternoon's cutting afterward.

Had in all 241 dozens of wheat. Helen and Lizzie Wright went to town in the evening.

Weather very pleasant for harvesting.



JULY,

SATURDAY 18,

1868.

Wm. Hanlin's.

Cut some  
storewood in the morning.  
Will. brought the horses  
in and he and father  
ground the knives of  
the mowing machine.

Will. mowed with the  
machine until dinner  
time and I mowed fence  
corners. After dinner

Will. raked some hay for  
R. Kline and I finished  
mowing the lower lot.

Finished cocking up the  
hay after supper. Thorley's  
boys helping Helen, and

I went to Will. Hanlin's in  
the buggy with Champ.

The men put some  
of the hay in the stable  
after we went away.

Day very warm.

JULY,

SUNDAY 19,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast  
at Will. Hanlin's and  
stayed until after ten  
o'clock. They came up  
to Eldersville and heard  
Nolen preach from John  
VIII 16. Did not attend  
church anywhere in  
the afternoon. Slept  
about two hours after  
I got my dinner.

Spent the evening  
walking about and  
talking with the folks  
at the upper house.  
Tried to fix up our  
furn a table in  
Aunt Ann's bible the  
weight of a talent, but  
could not make it  
out satisfactorily.  
Day very hot.



JULY,

MONDAY 20,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed the horses in the morning and mowed until ten o'clock on the meadow beyond the spring.

Such an appearance for rain that I quit & we put in two sled loads of hay from the lower meadow. Rained a very nice shower.

Commenced hauling in wheat in the afternoon and hauled in our eye John came with his team about three o'clock and helped us until evening.

Evening quite pleasant.

JULY,

TUESDAY 21,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed the team in the morning and Will and I brought in 30 dory of wheat. John came and he and Will hauled the rest of our wheat &

I finished mowing the meadow beyond the spring.

Hauled two loads of wheat from Steensfield in the afternoon and hauled in the hay from the meadow beyond the spring. Rhine Kliew

helped us in the afternoon. Mary & McKeever and Will Stewart paid us a visit. Lizzie Wright & Mary Lizzie went to town in the evening and when they came home Will and Will Stewart and Mary Lizzie went to Robt Coopers expecting to bring Maggie Melvin home with them.

Day quite warm. John's family here through the day.



JULY,

WEDNESDAY 22,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed  
the horses in the morning  
and Will and I went  
to Mr. Steens field and  
brought in 29 dozens of  
wheat. Father and Will  
brought in the last load  
at dinner time.

Commenced cutting  
oats back of the barn.  
Sold a cow to an  
Irishman from  
the Rail Road for  
45.00. Helen and  
Maggie Melvin went  
to town in the  
evening.

I threatened rain all  
day.

JULY,

THURSDAY 23,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed  
up the horses in the  
morning and took the  
mowing machine to David  
Shorley's and mowed until  
nearly suppertime when  
the appearance of fog  
stopped me and I came  
home and tied some  
oats before the rain came  
on. Shorley's got all the  
hay put up which I  
had mowed down.  
Helen was over with  
me and came home  
with me.

The cow which we had  
sold to an Irishman on  
the Rail Road came home  
very early in the morning.  
He came after her with  
a trucker and took  
her back again.

Very heavy rain in  
the evening. Washed the  
corn fields considerably.  
Will and Maggie Melvin  
went to Stephenson's.



JULY,

FRIDAY 24,

1868.

At Home.

The young cow which we had, sold came home again in the morning and the Irish woman came for her and I helped her to start her on the road again. Spent the forenoon doing chores. Will and Marcella Melvin came from Stephenson's a little afternoon.

I went to D. Thorley's and finished mowing a meadow and helped them to put up some hay. Did not get quite all up until a rain came on.

Spliced the wagon whip in the evening. Very nice shower just before sundown.

JULY,

SATURDAY 25,

1868.

At Home.

Cut some stoverwood in the morning. Robert Cooper brought some cows over and I talked with him about an hour. Helped Will & grand by scythe and we finished cradling at about sunset and then opened a passage through a stonepile to let the water pass through and it was after night when we came in. Spayed and took a good bath and went to bed about ten o'clock.

Day very cloudy and damp.



JULY,

SUNDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.

Slept until  
near six o'clock.

Will and Maggie Melvin  
went out to Fowler  
Town in the morning.  
I walked to Sabbath  
School. Helen remained  
at home.

Heard Stillwagon  
preach from Exodus  
XX 8. Remember the  
Sabbath Day to keep  
it holy. Got home  
about two o'clock.

Wrote a letter to  
A. J. Hamilton in  
the afternoon and  
Helen and I took  
a walk over the  
hill. Father and  
mother went to  
David Thorley's in  
the evening.

Day very pleasant.

JULY,

MONDAY 27,

1868.

At Home.

David Thorley  
came over about twelve o'clock  
at night for Aunt Sally to  
attend to Ann's case of con-  
finement. Arose about  
five o'clock and cut stove  
wood until breakfast was  
ready. Father went over to  
see Ann before breakfast  
and found her very poorly.

Will tied some oats before  
breakfast. Tied oats all  
day. Will, Thorley and  
Sammie helped us in the  
afternoon and we put  
up 223 dozens during the day.  
I shocked after supper.

Uncle James Gracy came  
just as we were done  
eating dinner and stayed  
with us about two hours.

Will, Thorley, Sammie and Alvin  
were at Father's at night. Maggie  
Melvin being here we spent the  
evening singing and had a very  
pleasant time. Day cloudy & cool.



JULY,

TUESDAY 28,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed the team in the morning and went to David Thorley's and mowed until dinner time. They had a young son born, which I saw for the first time. Helen and I came home at noon and found Mrs. Semerinas Long and her daughter, Father and mother Hadlin here on their way to Crof Creek. They left about two o'clock and father and I tied 56 dozens of oats lacking three sheaves. Will mowed at Thorley's in the afternoon in my place. David was away in search of a girl to hire to do house-work. Day very pleasant.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 29,

1868.

At Home.

Cut some stovewood in the morning before breakfast then helped father and Will to grind the knives of the mowing machine. Will mowed until supper time, Father finished tying oats except a few dozens to be reaped. While cocking up hay in the evening the wind blew so strongly as to upset nearly all the haycocks and we were obliged to rebuild them.

Will went to town after we quit work.

Day very pleasant with appearance of rain in the evening.



JULY,

THURSDAY 30,

1868.

At Home.

Robert Cooper came in the morning to help us to harvest. Hauled in three loads of hay in the forenoon and pulled off one load on the barn door.

Mowed some after dinner and quit on account of the appearance of rain.

Hauled in the oats from the field back of the barn and put up some hay in the afternoon.

Will attended a concert in Burgettstown at night. He took the Spring wagon took Maggie Melvin home. Kure Robertson, Missella Cosgrove and A. M. Wilson went with him. Great appearance but no rain.

JULY,

FRIDAY 31,

1868.

At Home.

Robert Cooper helped us with our harvest. Stacked hay until supper time. John Melvin was also helping us part of the day.

After supper we put up a stack of oats at which we worked until nine o'clock and had to stop it. Sold some fat sheep in the evening at 2 1/2 cts per pound and engaged to drive them to Burgettstown.

Uncle Matthias and Aunt Jane at father's when we came in. Finished mowing in the forenoon. Mary Stephenson had a short call.

Great appearance of rain all day but no rain came.



AUGUST,

SATURDAY 1,

1868.

At Home. Spent the forenoon  
 hauling and stacking oats.  
 Got through about half  
 past eleven O'clock.  
 Brought the last load  
 of oats into the barn.  
 Finished harvesting  
 except mowing some  
 fence corners and the  
 young orchard. Thorley's  
 boys were with us in  
 the forenoon and  
 Rhine, Kline. Kline got  
 5 1/2 lbs of flour from  
 us. Uncle Matthew,  
 McKeever and Aunt  
 Jane remained during  
 the day. Mother and  
 Uncle McK. went to  
 town in the evening  
 in the buggy. I spent  
 the afternoon and  
 evening doing chores.  
 Rained a nice shower in  
 the afternoon.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 2,

1868.

At Home. Arose at  
 six O'clock. Brought  
 in the horses and  
 went to Sabbath School  
 to Eldersville in the  
 spring-wagon. Attended  
 Church in the Wesleyan  
 Church and heard Holm  
 preach from Jer. ~~XVIII~~  
 21". As we  
 came home we met  
 Cynthia Haulin and  
 John coming from  
 Bethel and brought  
 them back with us for  
 dinner. Had some trouble  
 running after our bull  
 in the afternoon.  
 Did not attend monthly  
 prayer meeting in the  
 evening on account of  
 the rain. Rained a nice  
 shower in the evening.



AUGUST, MONDAY 3, 1868.

At Home. Spent the forenoon doing chores and cleaned up 22 bushels of wheat to take to the mill. Will Harlin came over in the morning and borrowed some money. Father went to mill and took mother with him as far as Mrs. Pogue's but for some cause she did not stay long and walked home by herself. Will and I repaired some fence whilst supper-time and then brought up a load of wood for stove-wood and Will went to town to an Educational Society meeting. Robt Cooper came over to mark arrangements about taking away our sheep on Wednesday. Some appearance of rain in the evening.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 4, 1868.

At Home. Arose about twenty minutes after four o'clock went out to Bethel and gathered about five quarts of blackberries. Borrowed a scythe from Mr. Cassidy and helped Will to mow the young Orchard. Got through about three o'clock and separated our sheep-picked out the ones we designed to sell. Bushfield's folks spent the afternoon among us. I went to Middletown after supper to see about our machine and found that we could not get it for a week yet. Got home about ten o'clock. Had a shoe driven while in Middletown. Day fine with some appearance of rain.



AUGUST,

WEDNESDAY 5,

1868.

At Home.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock, and brought in the horses. Father, David Thorley and Robt Cooper took some sheep to Burgettstown. I went to Eldersville in the morning and bought some groceries. spent most of the forenoon topping off haystacks. Spent the afternoon mending harness and then greased them after supper.

John Murvin and Uncle Charlie Hanlin came in the evening to learn the news about the machine.

Got cleaned up and ready for bed about nine o'clock.

Day very fine.

AUGUST,

THURSDAY 6,

1868.

At Home.

Father and I went to Steubenville with the wagon in the morning. Took some marketing down for Mrs. Hall. Bought two barrels of salt for which we paid \$5.50. Bought groceries, harness and some tools, cordage etc for tinkering the machine. Got home about three o'clock and prepared the wagon for hauling out manure. W. M. hauled out six loads on the sled while we were gone. Father and I killed a yearling sheep in the evening for mutton. Helen and I went to David Thorley's in the evening until bedtime.

Day very warm.



AUGUST,

FRIDAY 7, T

1868.

At Home.

Cut some stove-wood in the morning while Will was getting the team ready to haul manure.

Hauled manure all forenoon. In the afternoon I helped father and Will to load the wagon and whilst Will was unloading I half-soled my boots and put a piece on each of Helen's shoes and pegged Aunt Sally's shoes some. Robt Cooper came over in the evening and I talked with him about buying his mare. Father at first thought it would not do but afterward concluded that I had better buy.

Day very fine with some appearance of rain.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 8,

1868.

A. Hanlin's.

Hauled manure until supper time. Went to Mrs. Pape's in the morning before breakfast and bought Robt Cooper's bay mare for \$175. Paid \$75 down and gave my note for the balance. Hunted the bull until after eight o'clock and found him at Mr. Cassidy's.

Worked the mare in the team all day and she did well. Helen and I went in the spring-wagon to father Hanlin's. Drove Doll and Minnie. I went on to Steve Smith's and got the picker rod of our machine. Steward Hanlin and I went to Lawrence on an errand. Father Hanlin sick with Erysipelas.

Weather fine



AUGUST,

SUNDAY 9,

1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast  
at Father Hanlin's. Father  
was quite poorly.

Bell and I attended  
Sabbath School and Prayer  
meeting at Tucker's Church.  
Had a good refreshing time  
in afternoon after  
prayer meeting. Took  
dinner at Father-in-law's.

Dr. Hill called in to see  
him. Attended Sabbath  
School at Muller's School.  
Home in the evening with  
Bill Hanlin and Helen and  
A. Then came home  
together. Helen in deep  
concern about her soul's  
salvation, seemed very  
much depressed all  
evening and had but  
little to say.

Weather fine

Father and Mother at  
Middletown

AUGUST,

MONDAY 10,

1868.

At Home.

Will went to  
town in the morning to  
get some Smithing done.  
I cut some stove wood,  
harnessed the team and  
hauled a load of wood  
and then commenced  
loading manure before  
Will got home. Sold  
Rhine Flint some flour.

Billy Mc Connell and  
Billy Freshwater both here  
to get threshing done.

Hauled manure all  
afternoon. Went to Billy  
Mc Connell in the evening  
and found that John had  
promised to go to Freshwater's  
to thresh first.

Weather fine. Father  
got home from Middletown  
about noon and told us  
that our machine would  
be ready for us by tomorrow  
according to promise.



AUGUST,

TUESDAY 11,

1868.

At Home.

Awoke about five o'clock. Got the horses in and helped Will to harness them. Went to West Middletown for the threshing machine.

Got some shoeing done to the amount of \$1.20.

Machine repairs cost \$110<sup>00</sup><sub>00</sub>.

Took dinner at Nolan's.

Wheeled on John's wagon was cutting the fly wheel of the machine and we were obliged to stop at Patterson's Mill and get some iron put on the axle. Did not get home until near sunset.

Rained hard while we were at the Smith shop.

Got a new coupling for my part of the machine.

John remained over night at father's. Day fine.

AUGUST,

WEDNESDAY 12,

1868.

David Gardner's drove about four o'clock John brought in the horses and I helped to harness them. Gathered up our trunks, fitted in a new coupling and started out to thresh Thompson's crop with us with two horses. I went to Uncle Geo. Cref's and got some smithing done. Did not get much threshed before dinner. After dinner the machine ran hard and some of the journals heated. Threshed 21 bushels of oats and 150 bush of barley for Wm. Freshwater. Will and Thompson came home, John and I stayed at David Gardner's. Weather fine.



AUGUST, THURSDAY 13, 1868.

At Home.

Arose fifteen before four o'clock at Esq. Gardner's. Will. and Thompson Crip came just as we got up. Harnessed the horses and were ready for breakfast as soon as it was right clear. Machine did very well. Finished the barley about ten o'clock 277 bushels in all. Commenced on the oats before dinner.

Doll got her foot across the stay rod and did some kicking. Scratched some of the hair and hide off of her, but we still worked her. I came home in the afternoon and left the other boys to thresh the Oats & wheat. Graf, Naylor and family, and Cousin Lydia Melvin came about half past five o'clock and I spent the evening chatting and gathering up blankets for threshing. Day fine

AUGUST, FRIDAY 14, 1868.

At Home.

Woke at three o'clock and went to David Gardner's, harnessed part of the team, helped to set the machine and we threshed 127 bushels of wheat for Wm. Freshwater. Got through about three o'clock and moved the machine to Charlie Hankin's and set up. Brought two horses home with me.

While the team were standing during the day Champ was fighting the flies and threw pinnae over the stay rod. Wazlov's folks at father's over night.

Weather fine & cool



AUGUST, SATURDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at three o'clock and Helen and I rode down to Uncle Charlie Hamlin's and got there just as they were getting up. Harnessed the horses and put covers on them before the hands gathered to help to thresh.

Threshed nearly all day and only got 237 bushels of oats & 50 bush of wheat. Did not break anything in the forenoon while we were threshing oats. Broke the straw carriers twice in the afternoon and got through about five o'clock and loaded the machine. Hands very slow and backward about helping us.

Day very fine & cool. Came home about nine o'clock.

AUGUST, SUNDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about seven o'clock. Brought in the horses and fed them. Walked to Eldersville to Sabbath School.

Got some medicine from Dr. McCurdy for a breaking out on my body. Heard Wm. I preach from Luke XXIII & 34. Will and Lydia & Melvin took dinner with us. Robt Cooper and Lzd. were over in the afternoon. Father & Mother went to Phorley's in the forenoon and Will & Lzd. went to Stephenson's in the buggy.



AUGUST,

MONDAY 17,

1868.

At Home.

Woke up 20 minutes before three o'clock, kindled fire in the stove. Helped Will. to harness the horses, went to town & got some shoeing done and got some oil. Moved the machine from C. Hanlin's to James Gibson's & threshed his wheat & rye. Broke the master wheel of the machine sometime in the afternoon but worked with it until we finished and then I brought the power to Eldersville, found there was no iron there suitable to mend the break, withy went to the station intending to go to Stemberville but was too late for the train, then came home intending to go to Stemberville tomorrow in wagon. Day very warm.

AUGUST,

TUESDAY 18,

1868.

Rittenhouse Crisp.

Went to Stemberville in the morning with the spring wagon & bought enough iron to fire the master wheel of our machine. Got back to Eldersville a little after ten o'clock. Came home & took dinner. Graf Taylor and Addie came for Cousin Lydia. Ann Phorley at father's. Harness'd up in the evening, went to town, moved the machine to R. Crisp's and spent the night there. Will. was with me. G. P. Miller and family stopped at father's on their way home from Freeman's Landing. Day fine.



AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 19, 1868.

John Melvin's.  
Set  
the machine at  
Rittenhouse, Crisp's in  
the morning. Worked  
two of James Gibson's  
horses. Threshed out  
Crisp's crop before sun-  
set, ate supper and  
moved the machine  
to Emley's. Took the  
horses to John's where  
we spent the night.  
Had very good luck  
during the day & did  
not break anything.  
Rained a little shower  
but did not stop us  
from threshing.  
Crisp's bill \$13.00

AUGUST, THURSDAY 20, 1868.

At Home. Will. was quite  
unwell in the morning  
when he awoke. John  
and I went to Emley's  
and set the machine.  
Rained considerably while  
we were at it. Threshed  
Emley's crop before  
dinner. Moved the  
machine down to John's  
and threshed some for  
him and some for  
Crisp. Got a little  
before sunset and  
I came home to spend  
the night with my wife.  
Was truly glad to find  
her well and talking with  
Aunt Ann when I came.  
Day fine after the rain.



AUGUST, FRIDAY 21, 1868.

John Gardner's Harmon's Creek  
Started from home about five o'clock in the morning and took breakfast at John Melvin's. Finished threshing his crop of grain in the forenoon, took dinner there and moved the machine down to John Gardner's before we fed the horses. Set-up the machine and threshed nearly all John's crop in the afternoon. Iron sawed at the pit head foathered by considerably during the day by heating. Left Helen crying on account of my leaving home. Felt as though I were among heathen when among those who live on Harmon's Creek. Weather fine

AUGUST, SATURDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.  
Took breakfast at John Gardner's. Hooked up the team and threshed about ninety bushels of oats, loaded the machine and hauled it to Robt Cooper's where we took dinner then set the machine and I went to town and got some blacksmithing done. Did not get home until after night & then ate supper up at father's. Shaved myself, blacked my boots and retired about half past nine o'clock.

Father and mother went to Middletown to Quarterly Meeting.

Weather fine but very warm in the afternoon



AUGUST, SUNDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

Walked to Sabbath School in the morning. Opened the school by reading the last chapter of Revelations and singing "There is a land of Beauty." School tolerably full. Two teachers absent.

Heard Stillwagon preach from II Cor. XV 58.

Took a walk over the hill in the afternoon with Helen. Brought the horses in in the evening and fed them. Kept them in over night.

Day very fine with some appearance of rain in the evening.

Helen was very sick for a short time after retiring to rest.

AUGUST, MONDAY 24, 1868.

Robert J. Cooper's. Harnessed the horses in the morning and went to Cooper's to thresh. John had got there before me and was helping to dress a mutton. Threshed all day without much bad luck only one of our journals kept. Heating and the straw carriers broke once.

Will fed very fast for a short time in the evening. John, Will, Helen and I all stayed over night with them.

Day fine with great appearance of rain in the evening. I did not get quite done threshing.



AUGUST,

TUESDAY 25,

1868.

At Home. Finished  
 threshing Coopers grain  
 about eight o'clock  
 and moved to Mr. Bales'  
 where we threshed a rick  
 of wheat and were through  
 about half past two  
 o'clock. Pulled up the  
 machine and moved  
 to David Thorley's. Found  
 that our Pinon wheel  
 was very badly cut up  
 and was not working  
 right. Concluded to take  
 the power to Middletown  
 and have a new one  
 put on. Brought the  
 power home with us.  
 Broke the straw carriers  
 after supper. John spent  
 the night at father's.  
 I lost the account book  
 and went back to David's  
 found it. Mazie Hamlin  
 came over and took Helen  
 home with her and left  
 me alone.

AUGUST,

WEDNESDAY 26,

1868.

Geo. Boyds.

Arose at three  
 o'clock and as soon as it  
 was light John and I  
 started to Middletown with  
 the horsepower of the threshing  
 machine. Got a new spur  
 wheel and shaft for which  
 we had to pay six dollars.  
 Got home about three  
 o'clock and set up the  
 machine at David Thorley's  
 and finished his crop and  
 moved the machine after  
 night to Geo. Boyds.  
 Ran over a log on the  
 hill making a turn with  
 the long coupled wagon  
 and rattled for a short  
 time. Almost got along  
 well. Day very warm.



AUGUST, THURSDAY 27, 1868.

At Home. Arose at four o'clock at Mrs W. Creada's, John Will, and I harnessed the horses and set the machine against the bands all gathered. Threshed 260 bushels of Oats and 87 bushels of Wheat during the day. The new spur wheel cut and bothered us considerably. Got through threshing at-dark and loaded the heavy part of the machine. John went home and Will and I attended to the horses. I came home a little before nine o'clock and found that Steward Harlin had brought Helen home. C. M. Stephenson and family were at-father's.

AUGUST, FRIDAY 28, 1868.

At Home. Arose about four o'clock at home, and went to Geo. Boyd's before breakfast. Found them all in bed and John's two horses out in the road. Harnessed the horses, hauled the machine to Wm Steer's and threshed two hundred bushels of oats before dinner. Spent the town at night by which Will went. I came home and found Rev. Garet Jones and two boys named Henderson here. Did not retire until after eleven o'clock. Weather very warm. Had a very fine shower of rain in the afternoon.



AUGUST,

SATURDAY 29,

1868.

At Home.

Rev. G. Jones  
 James & Andrew Henderson  
 took breakfast with us  
 in the morning and  
 then proceeded to Castle  
 Man's Run to Camp Meeting.  
 I went to Mr. Wm. Steens  
 between seven and eight  
 o'clock and we finished  
 threshing his crop of grain  
 got through about  
 two o'clock.

Wore out the cap and  
 step under the layshaft  
 of the horse power and  
 when we moved the  
 machine over to John  
 Steen's I took the cylinder  
 and step to Middletown  
 in the spring wagon.

Got a good wetting on  
 the way although it  
 rained none at home.

Got home about nine  
 o'clock. C. M. Stephenson &  
 Mary at father's.

Weather very warm.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 30,

1868.

At Home.

Went over the  
 hill in the morning  
 before breakfast and got  
 some musk melons.

C. M. Stephenson and Mary  
 took breakfast with us.  
 Slept too late and I felt too  
 tired to attend Sabbath  
 School. Attended church  
 at eleven o'clock and  
 heard John preach  
 from John IX vs pt. of 25.

Slept a short time in  
 the afternoon and Helen  
 and I walked over the  
 hill to see if the logs  
 were in mischief.

Day very fine and  
 warm, with some appear-  
 ance of rain in the after-  
 noon.



AUGUST,

MONDAY 31,

1868.

At Father's.

Cut some stove wood in the morning, then harnessed Jammie & Doll and went to Middletown after the cylinder of the threshing machine. Got started home about noon. Got to John Steen's about two o'clock and found the hands gathered ready for threshing. Threshed sixty bushels of wheat and eleven bushels of oats in the evening. After unharneking the horses and feeding them I came home and found Helen had chert up the house and was intending to sleep up in the other house so I slept there with her. Rained a nice shower in the evening!

SEPTEMBER,

TUESDAY 1,

1868.

At Home.

Arose at five o'clock and went to John Steen's and helped to harrow the team threshed about 24 bushels of wheat and it rained so hard that we were obliged to stop until dinner time. Got through about three o'clock in the afternoon and loadened the machine and brought it home after supper. Set the machine at our barn and I went to town and had a stove driven on Sul. Bought some groceries. Got home before nine o'clock.

Fine Afternoon



SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 2, 1868.

At Home.

Crossed at five O'clock, cut and mixed a feed for the horses, cut some stovewood, then helped to harness the horses and commenced threshing a little before eight O'clock. Threshed 166 bushels of oats and 116 bushels of wheat. Got through against sundown. Did not break anything during the day.

Had one of Thompson Crip's horses in in the machine. Loaded the machine ready to move to the oats stacks in the morning.

Had a very pleasant day and just enough hands to do the work right. Did not have any trouble with wheels cutting.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 3, 1868.

At Home.

Crossed twice during the night and morning to attend to the horses which were quarreling in the stable. Hauled the machine over the hill in the morning and threshed 253 bushels of oats. Rained a hard shower shortly after we commenced. Got through a little before four O'clock, put the machine on the wagon and John and Will started with it to Billy Bolds'.

I cut some stovewood and went over the hill and raised the sweet potato vines and brought down some sweet potatoes and some melons. Ate a whole melon just before retiring.



SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 4, 1868.

### Robt Riddles.

Arose in the morning before three o'clock and kindled a fire in the stove then slept while Helen got breakfast. Took Will Steen's harness and grain sacks home. Got some slacksmithing done in Eldersville as I went through. Went to Billy Boles' and helped John and Will to set the machine. Just when we were ready to hitch the horses to the machine Billy said it was going to rain and he would not thresh, so we pulled up the machine & moved to Robert Riddles and set it up. In the evening Will and I went to Father Gault's to see Jim Jackson threshing with a Wapelon Machine. Concluded that they were putting considerable of wheat out in the straw but they were threshing very fast. Spent the night at Robert Riddles. Did not rain any of any account during the day.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 5, 1868.

### At Home.

Arose up five o'clock at Robert Riddles and Will and I harnessed our four horses before breakfast. Threshed oats and filled all the sacks they had twice before the wagon came, and carried them to the house and emptied them. Moved the machine to Billy W. Nigh's in the afternoon intending to thresh there but his wife was away from home and he could not secure enough sacks to haul away his grain, so we set the machine and came home.

Had hard work to get the men who were there to help us to set the machine. When we came home we found that father and mother had gone to Smithfield.

Day very fine. Evening cool.



SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 6, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at six  
O'clock and found the  
horses all out in the road.  
Brought them in, and  
harneped Jennie and Doll  
and put them to the  
spring wagon and we attended  
Sabbath School at Eldersville.  
No preacher anywhere in  
the neighborhood except at  
Old Bethel. Still wagon  
gone to Conference.  
Had our monthly Sabbath  
School Prayer meeting in  
place of preaching just  
after Sabbath School.

Spent the afternoon at  
home. Brought in some  
musk melons in the evening.  
Will Melvin and Will Shorley  
took dinner with us.

Threatened rain all after-  
noon and rained but  
little. Weather rather cool.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 7, 1868.

John Melvin's.

Awoke in  
the morning and found  
that it had been raining  
and was cloudy. Cut people  
stowwood & Will and I  
harneped the horses. Helen  
went with me to John's.  
Went to Bill McKnight's to  
thresh. Got there by eight  
O'clock and were ready to  
thresh but had no box nor  
suff bushel until nine.  
One hour lost clear.

Got through there shortly  
after dinner and moved  
to the Widow Crisp. Got the  
machine set there against  
half past five O'clock and  
threshed 88 bushels of  
oats before dark.

Spent the night at  
John's with Helen.

Weather fine and we  
got along well.



SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 8, 1868.

Alex. Hamlin's  
Took breakfast  
at John Melvin's.  
Went to Widow Crisp's  
and threshed 35 bushels  
of wheat, loaded the  
machine and were  
on the road against  
ten O'clock. Whilst driving  
I struck a rock on the  
side of the road and came  
very near putting the  
horse power off the wagon.  
Moved the machine to  
David McCreadie's. Ate  
dinner at father's. R. M.  
Kiley there. Plowed some  
in the afternoon whilst  
Will and father went to  
Mrs. Metcalf's for some  
seed wheat. Took old Sal  
and the buggy in the  
evening and went to John's  
to bring Helen home and  
we went from there to  
father Hamlin's and spent  
the night very pleasantly.  
Day very fine.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 9, 1868.

At Home.  
Took breakfast  
at father Hamlin's. Had  
rained some during the  
night. Went and saw  
Aunt Isabella Province  
who was very sick, as we  
came home. Found her  
considerably better than  
she had been. Got home  
about twelve O'clock.  
Gathered some elderberries  
and cut some stoverwood.  
Plowed some in the  
afternoon until the  
rain came on and  
then we went to the  
barn and cleaned up  
some seed wheat.  
Will cut my hair and  
I cut his by candle light  
and then we ate some  
Watermelon which  
Albert Thorley brought  
over.  
Rained considerably  
in the evening. Ground  
rather wet in places for  
plowing.



SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five o'clock, harnessed the horses and Will and I went to David McCready's to thresh. Was very cloudy and raining in the morning. Got the machine set and commenced threshing about eight o'clock.

Had not threshed long until we broke the rest of the side of the machine and were obliged to set the machine again for a side hitch.

Broke the rings which the springs work and I went to Stephenson's for theirs but found it would not fit, and worked with our broken ones. Broke the cam rod just at supper time and I went to town and got it mended and was back before they were done eating, then just before quitting time both sides of the straw carriers broke. Among brakes we got nearly two hundred bushels of oats threshed.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 11, 1868.

At Home.

Arose 20 minutes after four o'clock, kindled a fire and after breakfast I went to David McCready's. Just as we got the horses hitched to the machine it commenced raining and we unhitched again. Got through threshing oats at dinner time. Threshed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Bush wheat after dinner and brought the machine home. Roads very slippery.

Appointment for a law suit between Wright's and Gardner's at Gardner's schoolhouse but it did not come off.

John did not attend. Settled up some accounts with John in the evening. Searched some in my diary to find out what John Steen was owing us for work on the roads.



SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 12, 1868.

At-Home.

Harnessed two horses in the morning, greased the spring-wagon and Helen and I went to Nicholas Lee's. Went about two miles out of our way.

Rained on us nearly all the way. Went to Steubenville in the afternoon and bought \$13.95 worth of goods. Mr. & Mrs. Lee went with us.

Did not get home until after night.

Will came in and sat a short time with us, before bed time. Evening was somewhat cloudy.

Turned the horses out before going to bed. Retired shortly after nine o'clock.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 13, 1868.

At-Home.

Was very cloudy and raining all forenoon.

While we were eating breakfast E. M. Stephenson came and informed us that their child was very sick.

Brought down some musk-melons and sweet potatoes. Did not attend church on account of the rain. Father went to town and to Stephenson's. I took some melons to David Thorley's. Met Thos' Thorley and family there.

Spent the afternoon and evening at-home. Wrote a letter in the evening to my brother-in-law Gen. A. Hanlin.

Weather became rather cool in the evening.



SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 14, 1868.

At Home.

Cut some stove-wood in the morning, then helped father to set some posts to put up a sheep shed at the end of the barn. Shortly after dinner we harnessed two teams, father sowed wheat and Will. and I harrowed the lot back of the barn.

Sowed timothy seed after supper. Will. went to town to the Ladies Educational Society and I cut a post to make a hen-roost. Worked until after dark.

Morning was cool and cloudy but the afternoon was very pleasant.

Dreamed sometime in the night that Helen was fast in the threshing machine, jumped out of bed and the striking of my foot against a chair awakened me.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Father and Will. brought in the horses in the morning. Will. and I went out and tried to plow but found it too wet and went and cut off some corn until dinner-time. After dinner we went to plowing again. Mr. Samuel Walker came in the afternoon to engage my services at the ensuing election as clerk. James Philips came for straw and Weirich Gillespie came and got ten bushels of wheat at \$2.00 per bushel for seed. Will. came in in the evening and ran some.

Brought in some sweet potatoes as we came in to dinner. Weather rather pleasant with some appearance of frost in the evening. C. M. Stephenson's child still quite unwell.



SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.  
Arose about six  
O'clock. Will brought in the  
horses and he and father  
harnessed them while I was  
cutting some stoverwood.  
Finished plowing this side  
of the hollow next to the house  
of the oats stubble against  
dinnertime. Spent the after-  
noon plowing on the other-  
side of the hollow. Gathered  
some grapes, some peaches  
and some apples during the  
day. Messrs. Cornther &  
Everett were here in the  
evening buying wool. Robert  
Cooper and John Murchland  
were with them. Offered us  
only 48 cents for our wool  
& bought Steens & Murchland's  
for 50 cents. We did not  
sell. Albert Thorley and  
Sarah brought us some pears  
during the day. Weather quite  
cool. Had a fire kindled in  
the grate for the first this season.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 17, 1868.

At Home.  
Cut stoverwood  
until breakfast was ready.  
John Mc Leland and Pierce  
came in the morning and  
threshed some rye for the  
straw. Will and I plowed all  
forenoon and part of the  
afternoon. Finished plowing  
about one o'clock. Harrowed  
until supper time, then  
sowed Timothy seed until  
dark. Will and Maggie,  
Cassidy took supper with  
us. Tared some pears  
between dark and bed-  
time to be put up air-  
tight.  
Weather quite cool.  
Fire in the grate.



SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 18, 1868.

C. M. Stephenson's.  
Spent the forenoon harrowing in wheat. Got through seeding just at dinner-time. Spent the afternoon until four o'clock cutting off corn in Mr. Steen's field. Took supper at home. Harneped two horses and Helen and I went to Stephenson's in the spring-wagon. Spent the night very pleasantly there. Their boys getting well again. Weather was very pleasant during the day, although there was quite a white frost in the morning, the first which I had noticed during the season. Evening very cool.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 19, 1868.

At Home: Took breakfast at C. M. Stephenson's and brought Helen to David Thorley's, then I came home and cut off corn until dinner-time. Ate dinner and supper both at father's. Elen. & Lawther there for dinner. In the afternoon Will. and I hauled a load of pumpkins and a load of corn for the boys and I hauled a load of wood to cut into Stovenwood. The Boles boys came over and threshed some rye for the straw. Heard in the evening that Herren & Appuch Hunter was dead. Had been confined. Aunt Sally took Lizzie Wright part of the way to John McElan's on Old Sal. Weather fine with some appearance of rain in the evening.



SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 20, 1868.

At Home.

Morning was very cloudy and wet. Did not attend church any where. Went out to Bethel in the forenoon and saw Will. Melvin, Robt Cooper, Robt Moreland, John Lawther and others digging a grave for Mrs. H. A. Hunter. Took dinner at Chas Scotts with Robert, Birmingham. Jeff. Scott, Robt Birmingham and I went & met the funeral on the hill near Fowler's mill. I came on and told the folks who were waiting at the graveyard and a number of us went back and met the funeral.

Rev. Mr. Flehmings officiated at the church. Coffin was not opened except the glass uncovered. Corps was turned nearly on her side & nothing but the side of the face could be seen. Rained nearly all day.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon putting up the old roof over the end of the barn for a sheep-shelter and putting the ground in order about it for putting in wheat & grass seed. Father and I ground two axes in the afternoon; he went to Lawther's with mother, I fixed up another hog-trough, talked a while with Man. Crip, and Minerva went to Robt Cooper's and took supper, from thence I went to young John Wright's and bought a bushel of green peaches for two dollars. Came home through Eldersville and tried to get some cans and could not. Got home about eight o'clock.

Weather fine & clear but quite cool in the evening.



SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.

Went to town in the morning and had one of Doll's shoes moved to find the cause of her lameness. Had a new shoe put on and shortly after I came home she was more lame than when I went away. Bought two dollars worth of sugar for sweetening peaches.

Chopped some stoc wood, and spliced the last of a whip to drive four horses with. Worked some at the coal bank in the afternoon. John came in the evening and got two pigs which he carried home in a sack. He showed us a letter from E. P. Hamilton which informed us that she had another young son.

Sammie Thorley came over in the evening and I put a cracker on their buggy whip for him. Rained nearly all day.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

Arose 20 minutes before four o'clock and put on a fire in the stove, laid down again, but did not sleep any.

At five I rose again and harnessed Charlie and Doll. I took Father, Mother & Will to the Station on their way to Pittsburg to the Republican Mass. Meeting.

Got some blacksmithing done as I came through town.

Came home and got out some posts to make a hen-house.

Set one of the posts then started to go to Burgettstown to sell the Dolly mare, but learned shortly after I left Aldersville, that the men in B. were paying but low prices, so I stopped at Stephenson's. Got home about five o'clock moved some fruit cans up to the cellar and set another post of the hen-house.

Heard that James Reley expected to be married to Miss K. D. Smith tomorrow. Wet all forenoon. Afternoon cool & cloudy.



SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 24, 1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon attending to the horses, bringing in Apples & Sweet potatoes &c.

David Thorley came along on his way to Steens to work but remained here on account of the rain.

Gen. Boyd stopped in on his way to Wellburg, and had a button sewed on his shirt collar. In the

afternoon I mended Helen's shoes, hitched up to the Spring-wagon and went to the station to meet the folks coming from the Mass. meeting at Pittsburg. Father and Mother did not come.

Brought Will. John Cooper & C. M. Stephenson up and two boxes of peaches for D. J. McCarroll, to Aldersville. James Riley & Kate A. Smith went to Washington to get married. Henry Hesse and Rachel M. Riley went with them all in two horse carriage. Rained nearly all day.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 25, 1868.

At Home.

Did the milking in the morning and finished mending Helen's shoe.

Sewed a side seam for Aunt Sally. Took our Rocking-chair to David Thorley's to have it repaired.

Harnessed the team, greased the wagon and Helen and I went to Uncle Grant Huntin's and spent part of the afternoon.

Came home after the coming down of the accommodation train in the evening and brought father and Mother home with us from the station. James Riley and his wife were serenaded at Mr. Boles' at night. Rained nearly all day.



SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 26, 1868.

At Home. Spent the forenoon carrying apples, repairing David Shorley's lines, cutting stone-wood and getting the horses into the field. They went out nearly to Esq. Smith's before I got them turned homeward. Spent the afternoon cutting off corn. Salted the sheep in the evening. and wrote a letter after night for Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann to John Elliott and Farmer Hamilton.

Retired a little after ten o'clock. Weather fine during the day and cool in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 27, 1868.

At Home. Milked the cows in the morning. Brought the horses in. Took the spring-wagon to Sabbath School & Church. Father rode home. Mr. Golen did not come. Had Prayermeeting in which I read a chapter, announced and sang an hymn and offered the first prayer.

Spent the afternoon at home. David and Ann came over in the evening to see mother, but she and father had gone to see Late Luther. found her very poorly. John Peil's child died in Eldersville of Cholera Infantum. Lorraine Shorley came over after his father to make the coffin. Day very fine. Evening very pleasant.



SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 28, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five in the morning. Repaired the gate at the entrance of our yard some before breakfast. Hunted for some time for the hatchet and did not find it. Spent the day cutting off corn. Will shot two ground-hogs in the morning which we skinned, intending to render their fat into oil and tan their hides for whang leather.

Spent the evening from dark until bed-time cutting out letters for a motto for the Mass meeting to be held at Washington. The Banner, a whiskey bottle and under it the words: Spirit of Democracy.

Helen went to bed feeling rather unpleasantly about something, but the cause of her weeping I could not ascertain. Weather very fine.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five o'clock and put a fire on in the stove. Not having slept well during the night, I laid down and slept until breakfast was ready. James Rice came in the morning to thresh Rye for the straw. Cut off corn until 12 o'clock when we finished.

Hauled two loads of pumpkin from Mr. Steen's field. We cut and hauled a load of wood in the evening. Robert Cooper came over in the evening to borrow our Spring wagon to go to Steubenville. He put with us until bed-time. Father rather unwell in the evening. Will went to town. Weather fine Evening cool.



SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 30, 1868.

At home.

Cut some letters in a banner to carry to Washington. Went to David Shorley's and helped to plow some to sow wheat on. Ran three teams.

Helen started to go to Uncle Charlie Hamlin's and met Father-in-law and his cousin John Hamlin coming over here.

She went as far as town & came home again. I came home, brought in some sweet-potatoes. Soon after dinner our visitors left. I went to David's and made a whip stock.

Went to Charles and Grant Hamlin's in the evening to see if the girls intended going with us to Washington. Bought some fresh beef from Tom Cosegrove. Helen and I went to a singing at David Shorley's after I came home.

Did not get home until eleven o'clock. Nan Crisp came home with Will. Weather fine.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 1, 1868.

At home.

Will and I turned the four horse team in the morning and hauled a load of coal for Mr. Kline and a load of wood. Brought home some pines to decorate the wagon with to go to Washington to the Republican Mass meeting. Will went to John's for his wagon and brought the Misses Willson, High and McKibbin home with him. They made some sleaths for the wagons and we concluded to take two spring-wagons instead of the four-horse wagon. I cut some letters for our banner and printed them. Will took the girls home in the evening.

Will, Shorley and Sammie helped us to fix up and stayed over night at father's.

Weather very unfavorable for Mass meetings. Rained some in the afternoon and rained night. Nan Crisp here on a visit.



OCTOBER,

FRIDAY 2,

1868.

At Home.

rose at 12  
O'clock and found it raining.  
Woke up again at two O'clock <sup>and</sup>  
found it more clear but still  
not satisfactorily cleared off &  
start to the meeting. Did not  
commence getting ready until  
after three O'clock. Left

Eldersville about six O'clock  
with two spring-wagon loads.  
Rained but little on us while  
on the way to Washington.

Got there just in time to  
move into the tower with  
the procession which was  
supposed to be five miles  
long and very nice and  
orderly. Heard but little of  
the public speaking.

Started home between three  
and four O'clock. Will stayed  
with his wagon load for the  
night performance. Rained  
very hard on us as we came  
home. Came through Eldersville  
and brought Anna Willson  
home. Carrie McKibbin came  
home with us and remained overnight.

OCTOBER,

SATURDAY 3,

1868.

At Home

Will got home from  
the Washington Map Meeting  
about five O'clock in the morning.  
After I got my breakfast <sup>and</sup>  
cut some stovewood I harnessed  
two horses and took John's wagon  
home. Took Miss Carrie McKibbin  
also. Came home through  
Eldersville and tried to sell  
some coal but could not  
come any speed. Was a young  
man named Hudson here in  
the morning after a job of coal-  
digging. Did not get home  
from town until four  
O'clock. Helen thought I had  
lost my love for her <sup>and my</sup>  
happy home because I remained  
away so long. She became  
reconciled before nine O'clock.  
I cut some wood and cleared  
away the evergreens in the  
evening of which we had been  
making wreaths. Weather  
very favorable.



OCTOBER,

SUNDAY 4,

1868.

At Home.

Went to Sabbath School in the morning on horseback. Helen did not go.

Only three teachers there. School very late gathering. Heard Rev. Rutledge preach from C<sup>X</sup> Psalm 3<sup>d</sup> verse.

Great deal of talk about going to Steubenville to a Political meeting on Tuesday next. Father went to Middletown to church and brought Aunt Nancy Bushfield home with him. John Melvin and his family took dinner with us. Weather fine.

OCTOBER,

MONDAY 5,

1868.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning, harnessed Charlie & Doll, went to Middletown and got some repairs for the machine, came home in the afternoon, helped father to strip cane a short time in the evening, went to town, had gummi shod and attended a meeting of the Republicans to make preparations for having our township represented in the Mass. meeting to be held in Steubenville. Got home a little after nine o'clock. Weather fine. Rev. Rutledge at father's over night.



OCTOBER, TUESDAY 6, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at four o'clock, blackened my boots, brought in the horses after hunting for some time for them, Will. took two of them & Robt Coopers wagon & took a load of Republicans to Steubenville to the Mass meeting. Father & I went on horse back. Levi S. Gardner Capt. David Martin jr and Richd. Stocks Lieutenants. Sixty eight all told in the procession. About forty of whom were voters. Arrived at Steubenville in time to form in procession. Town most beautifully decorated and the crowd was very large. Almost all, or a great many of the mechanical arts represented in wagon. Did not hear much of the speaking. Got home about five o'clock. Day very fine.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 7, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about half past six o'clock. Will. went to the Burgittstown Fair on horseback. I cut some alowood. Turned the horses out and old Sal. ran away out into the woods and caused me a race. Spent the forenoon putting a yard over the side gearing of the threshing machine. Cut and hauled some wood in the afternoon. Went to Thompsons Crap to see about threshing from thence I went to town to get some blacksmithing done but the smiths were all gone to the fair. Came home past Robert Coopers and brought home one of our blind bridles. Will. ate supper with us. Weather very fair.



OCTOBER, THURSDAY 8, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five in the morning and found it raining. Kindled a fire in the stove and went back to bed and slept until six. We harnessed the team and took the horse-power of the machine to Thompson Crip's. And John had not yet come. We brought our fore wheels back, the woman helped us to load the thresher and we took it over & had it almost set when John got there. Will. went to town for the ring in which the springs work.

Did not thresh any until after dinner. Threshed two hundred bushels of oats.

Got home about seven o'clock. was very loose all day. Got very cold after the rain. Wore my buckskin gloves in the forenoon.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 9, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at four o'clock and found the weather fine. Went back to bed and slept until five. Harnessed the two horses which I had brought home, took breakfast and went to Thompson Crip's and finished his threshing. And 327 Bushels of Oats and 114 Bushels of wheat.

Father and I came home at sunset, after we had loaded the machine, and brought down 150 sweep pump kins to keep them from freezing.

In the afternoon we broke our cam rod and Will. took it to the shop and got it mended. We threshed on whilst he was gone by shaking the shoe by hand. Very white frost in the morning, day very fine.



OCTOBER, SATURDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.

Helped Will to harness the horses in the morning. Cut some stoverwood. Helped father to clean some rye. Will and I went to Thompson Crisp and brought home the horsepower of the threshing machine. Put the machine away in the barn and fixed the wagon up for hauling pumpkins.

Went to Mr. Steen's in the afternoon and helped to move their smokehouse and raise their coal-and-wood house. Got home about sunset and hauled a load of pumpkins for the boys over Sunday.

Mrs. McKibbin came about noon to commence her school on Monday. Her father brought her in a buggy. Weather very fine evening cool.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 11, 1868.

At Home.

Helen did not attend Sabbath school or church. I went to Sabbath School on horseback. Heard Mr. Nolen make some remarks from II Cor. III 1" 13" inclusive. After sermon had two prayers and he took dinner with us. Bushfield's folks were at father's for dinner.

Did not attend church any where in the afternoon or evening. Spent the evening at home. Helen and I talked over old times when I used to visit her at her father's.

Weather very pleasant



OCTOBER, MONDAY 12, 1868.

At Home.

Cut some stove-wood in the morning, helped Will. to harness the horses, went to David Phuley's and borrowed a set of harness, father took one team and went to mill while Will. and I hauled pumpkins with the other team. After dinner he hauled rails and built a pen below the Spring-house and put over fattening hogs in it. Hauled pumpkins with two wagons in the evening. Bought in the large wagon full of sweet pumpkins. Bought in some Sorghum blades also. Worked until after dark.

Weather clear, and pleasant. Miss Adie McKibbin commenced her school in our district

OCTOBER, TUESDAY 13, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast about the usual hour. Will. and I went to town together with a load of pumpkins for Mr. Crippen. I spent the day clerking at the election. Challenged Cornelius Philips' vote but it was of no use the board allowed him to vote. Got along very pleasantly in the house. Geo. Miller acted as judge in place of Hoff Smith. Asa Sam. Walker and John Marchland Inspectors. L. M. Steen & myself clerks.

Vote stood 81 Republican to 153 Democratic. Helen went to her father's in the afternoon. I got home about eleven o'clock.

Election passed off very quietly. Weather very pleasant.



OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 14, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at father's. Will went to the station to hear the news from the election. Heard that Pennsylvania and Ohio had gone republican. Repaired the sorghum boiling place some in the forenoon & cut some storewood. Put a load of pumpkins in the wagon in the afternoon to take to Steubenville. <sup>and</sup> gathered some turnips. Bladed some corn in the afternoon. After we quit work in the evening traded old Sal over to my father-in-law's to exchange her for Charlie which Helen had over there. Did not get there until eight o'clock. Sleeps but little during the night. Rained some in the evening.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at my father-in-law's about two o'clock came home & slept about an hour on the floor before harnessing the horses to go to Steubenville. We took down two hundred sweet pumpkins for which we received ten dollars. Sold some turnips also. James Riley and Samuel Shirley were with us. Riley got a storeboy to split his moving for us. Got home about six o'clock. Helen still at her father's drug store. Fruit weather fine.



OCTOBER, FRIDAY 16, 1868.

A. Hamlin's. Will and I  
harnessed the team in the  
morning and hauled two  
loads of wood to use in the  
lynnce for making molasses.  
After dinner we stripped  
sorghum and cut it off.  
Finished cutting about  
five o'clock, came to the house  
harnessed Jimmie and  
Doll and took Aunt Ann  
over to C. M. Stephenson's,  
then drove over to  
Father Hamlin's and took  
supper. Spent the night  
there. Helen had been  
there since last Tuesday.  
Weather getting quite cool.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 17, 1868.

At Home. Took breakfast  
at A. Hamlin's. Will and  
I gathered some apples  
and Helen and I were soon  
on our way home.  
Brought the mail from  
the station. Got a letter  
for Aunt Ann and took  
it to Stephenson's and  
read it to her. Came home  
about half past nine  
o'clock and found father  
and Will working with  
the team. Ground freezing  
considerably and we feared  
the team might spoil.  
Hauled it all to the barn  
had five four-horse  
wagon loads. Hauled a  
load of pumpkins in the  
evening. I half-soled  
my boots at night and  
Will attended a lecture  
on music in Eldersville  
given by Rev. Mr. Blake.  
Day was cold.



OCTOBER,

SUNDAY 18,

1868.

At Home.

Arose about  
20 minutes past six  
o'clock. Harnessed Doll  
and Jimmie to the spring-  
wagon. Helen, Miss McKibbin  
and I went to Sabbath-  
School. School voted to  
have an exhibition this  
fall. Lost a shoe off  
Doll and went all the  
way back to town on foot  
at it and did not find  
it. Syd. was over on a  
visit during the day. &  
Robert Canoyer in  
the evening for her.

Morning was quite cold  
with ice frozen over the  
tubs and put in water  
barrels. Evening pleasant.  
No preaching in Eldersville.

OCTOBER,

MONDAY 19,

1868.

At Home.

Harnessed the  
team in the morning and  
lather and I hunted pump-  
kins all day. Will spent  
the forenoon cleaning out  
the drain in the coal bank  
and assisting Joseph  
Star to get ready to dig coal.  
Alex and Robert Murchland  
each got some pipe straw.  
John came along in the  
evening and got some  
unclashed. I sewed some  
of the side seams of my  
boots in the evening.  
Weather rather cloudy and  
damp. Rained some in  
the morning.



OCTOBER, TUESDAY 20, 1868.

At Home.

Brought in two of the horses and harnessed them. Cut some stovewood in the morning. Ground someorghum, father attended the boiling whilst Will and I built a fence around the boiling place in the afternoon.

Finished mending my boots after night.

Joseph Star digging coal for us. Will went to town at night.

Weather cloudy but no rain during the day.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

Arose shortly after five o'clock. Harnessed the two old horses. Cut some stovewood before breakfast. Will ground Cain during the day, and father boiled the juice. I went to town with some coal for the church. Got two shoes driven on the horses and had a box put in one wheel of the wagon. Went to the station for the mail, but Will Steen had got it. Husked some corn in the afternoon. Cut Will's hair at night. Somewhat cloudy during the day and evening.



OCTOBER, THURSDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.

Woke at five o'clock kindled a fire in the stove, found that father and Will had the pan full of sorghum ore and were ready to go to their breakfast. I watched it while they were eating.

Cut some wood, Ground Cain and helped about the molasses. Will brought in some corn in the afternoon and hauled some stovewood.

Molasses work went on very well. Went over to D. Thorley's in the evening and brought home our rocking chair.

Wrote a letter at night to Q. L. Hamilton.

Snowed some during the day and was quite blustry. Cloudy all day.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

Cut some stovewood after we put the pan on in the morning to boil molasses.

I ground Cain nearly all day, finished about four o'clock. Father attended the boiling.

Will gathered in some apples in the afternoon.

Mary Jane Lawther was at father's on a visit. Spent the evening at home with Helen.

Looked over one of my old pap books and read some in the Wesleyan. Weather Cool and cloudy.



OCTOBER, SATURDAY 24, 1868.

At Home.  
Arose at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock and helped to put on our last pan of molasses. Cut some stovewood, as usual. Will and I brought down a sheep for mutton. Kline here mending a wheelbarrow. Threshed some rye straw for Reeves, McInen and Campbell Cosgrove. Went to Stenbenville in the afternoon and changed my boots and got some medicine for mother.

Great rejoicing in town at night over the result of the election. Cannonading going on after night. Father and mother visited Catharine Lawther in the evening and found her very poorly. Day very fine.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 25, 1868.

At Home.  
No Sabbath School at Eldersville in the morning on account of Quarterly meeting at Bethel. Attended church at Eldersville and heard Helen preach from St. John ~~XV~~ & St. James of 5<sup>th</sup> verse. Waited dinner a short time for John's family to come for dinner but they did not come. Bushfield's were at father's for dinner. I took a note over to Will Hanlin's in the evening for Helen, on some business between her and Sue. Got home about seven o'clock and found that Helen had gone to church to Bethel with Will in the Spring wagon. Day very fine.



OCTOBER,

MONDAY 26,

1868.

At Home.

Will harnessed the team in the morning while I was eating breakfast. We put the grain carriage on and he hauled two loads of hay from David Thorley's to Aldersville for Dr. Mc Cardy. I helped him to load.

visited Catharine Lawther and found her very unwell. Disease Consumption.

Dug some potatoes in the afternoon. Helen and I went in the spring wagon to Mr. Boles' at night to see R. M. Rides. Found her almost confined to bed with liver complaint.

Day fine.

OCTOBER,

TUESDAY 27,

1868.

At Home.

Threshed some rye straw in the morning for Robert Murchland. Dug some potatoes and helped to bury some. Gathered in some apples in the evening and finished digging our sweet potatoes.

With Miss McKibbin, Lizzie Wright, Helen and I went to David Thorley's and stayed until bedtime. Cloudy all day. Rained some on us as we came home.



OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 28, 1868.

At Home.

John Lawther came in the morning and got some eye-straw. We had just got cleverly to work digging potatoes when Samr Stephenson came for some straw we quit and threshed three dozens for him.

Mr. Stewart and Martha McKeever came at noon.

Finished digging potatoes in the afternoon and husked some corn. Buried a hole of potatoes in the garden.

Went to town in the evening to attend Prayer meeting and a meeting of the committee to select pieces for a Sabbath School exhibition. Committee did nothing. But few at prayer meeting, only three prayers and Stillwagon talked a short time.

Weather cool. Night very fine.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

We threshed some eye-straw in the morning for Mr. John Steen. I helped Thompson Crip to thresh some. Will Steen borrowed our wagon to haul corn in.

Hauled some coal in the afternoon. Cyrus Stephenson brought Mary over in the forenoon and came over after her in the evening and took supper with us. I wrote a letter at night to C. H. Patterson.

Will Miss M. Kibbin and Lizzie Wright went to Bethel to a singing at night in the spring wagon. Weather very fine.



OCTOBER, FRIDAY 30, 1868.

At Home.

Spent the forenoon threshing rye. Father and mother went to see H. M. Riley and Catharine Lawther who were both sick. Will and I ground our axes in the afternoon and chopped a hickory tree into fire wood. Father came home in the evening and helped us some. Hauled it up in the evening out two sleds. Took Aunt Sally and Anna and Helen over to Robt Cooper's in the evening in the spring wagon, stayed until bed time.

Will Melvin brought us a letter from Geo. Hamlin stating that James Riley and Kate had arrived safely in Missouri.

Weather fine

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 31, 1868.

At Home.

Fixed a latch on the pantry door in the morning. Helped to husk some corn for the hogs. Father and I threshed some rye. Put a cover over part of the hog pen in the afternoon and cut some stove wood. Thompson Cress brought over half bushel measure some in the evening and chatted a while with us. Spent the evening at home reading in the Washington Reporter.

Rained nearly all day. Robt Cooper's horses were here in the morning and Will took them home.



NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 1, 1868.

At Home.  
Arose at 7 o'clock.  
Took the spring-wagon and  
took Helen, Lizzie Wright  
and Addie McRobbin to  
Sabbath School. Was very  
late when we got there.  
Had no regular class exercises.  
Spent a short time singing.  
Heard Stillwagon preach  
from Romans. VIII 31.  
Preached the doctrine  
of Progressive Sanctification.  
Got home 20 minutes  
before two o'clock.  
John Williamson and  
family, came to David  
Thorley's.  
Snowed some during  
the day and evening.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 2, 1868.

At Home.  
Father and  
Will. were up it much  
earlier than we were and  
had their breakfast over  
and the horses harnessed  
before I got breakfast.  
Cut some stove-wood.  
Attended to putting the  
cows away. Husked corn  
until dinner time. Will.  
Harkin came and threshed  
some rye for the straw.  
Liz. came with him in  
the wagon. They took dinner  
with us. Hauled in two  
loads of corn in the  
afternoon. I mended  
the harness on the neck-  
yoke of the spring-wagon  
at night. Got through  
about nine o'clock.  
Day cloudy and very  
favorable for husking  
corn.



NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 3, 1868.

Eldersville.

Took breakfast at home. Attended the election in Eldersville and acted as clerk.

232 votes polled 81 of which were Republican. Election passed off quietly in the house but the Democrats tried their best to stop all doubtful Republican votes.

Got through counting out votes about twelve o'clock. Got home about one. Helen slept at Aunt Sally's, when I came home I spent the remainder of the night with Will.

Day very fine.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 4, 1868.

At Home.

Harnessed up the horses in the morning and hauled a load of coal to our coalhouse. Hauled a load from Mr. Cassedy's bank for J. P. Kline. Hauled two loads of pumpkins from Mr. Steen's field and hauled in a load of corn which father and Will had husked.

Horses hauled two or three times during the day. Thompson Cress, Rachel and Mary G. virtue spent the evening with us until bed time. Uncle Matthew McKee and Aunt Jane at the other house. Will went to the singing at Eldersville expecting to bring his teacher home with him but he did not come. Day very fine. Will spent the night with us.



NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 5, 1868.

At Home.

Will took breakfast with us. Spent the forenoon husking corn in Mr. Steen's field.

After dinner we harnessed the team and hauled in the load which we had husked fearing that it might get wet.

Will and I hauled a load of wood in the evening and he went to town in the evening intending to get Champ shod. Took the spring wagon with him intending to take some ladies from Eldersville to Bethel to the singing.

I had thought of going but it did not suit Helen to go and I concluded to stay at home with her.

Father and mother went to Bushfield's in the evening. Day cloudy. Snowed and rained some.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 6, 1868.

At Home.

Father was at Bushfield's in the morning and as soon as Will and I got feeding done, we went to Mr. Steen's field and commenced husking corn. Father came to us a short time before dinner and we finished husking a load for Will Steen and husked a load for ourselves. Will seemed fearful that we would not give him an equal share of the good corn.

Weather very fine and warm. David Shorley's boys got our wagon in the evening to go to Stebensville with tomorrow. I sent for my watch with them.



NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 7, 1868.

At Home.

Took the cows to the field in the morning. Weighed out  $29\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of flour for Rhone Kline. Husked corn in the forenoon in Steens field.

William Edward did not seem to be in a good humor and would not haul only two loads fearing he might get some small corn at the lower side of the field consequently I had to harness our team and haul in what was husked. Will, Shorley and Albert were helping us.

Burned our cabbage in the afternoon. While we were eating supper, Nannie Caskey came and told us that one of their cows were choked and her father was away.

Father and I went down and got her unchoked.

Weather very fine. Took a good bath in the evening.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 8, 1868.

At Home.

Brought in the horses in the morning and harnessed two of them. Drove Sol and Jimmie in the spring wagon to church.

We attended Sabbath School in the morning. Heard Nolin preach from Acts 17. Part of 6<sup>th</sup> verse preached the first sermon of a series which he proposed to preach from the same text. Father went to Middletown in the evening for Mother.

Rained some during the day and evening. Will did not come home from church during the day and I did the feeding in the evening.



NOVEMBER, MONDAY 9, 1868.

At Home.  
Hill and I spent the forenoon husking corn in Steen's field. At noon father and mother came home from Middletown, John came along about the same time. He was out collecting threshing bills. Gave him what money I had collected for threshing to pay off his note to McCullough.

Husked corn again in the afternoon and W. E. Steen hauled in a load.

Helen and I went to Stephenson's in the evening. Took over a barrel to get some cider in. Got home about eleven o'clock. Cyrus not at home until nine. Day very favorable for husking. Hodder damp.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.  
Brought in the team in the morning harnessed up and hauled in a load of corn from Steen's field. Rained considerably while we were out. Took some wheat and corn to mill in the afternoon. Got the meal home with me. After doing some of the heading in the evening I walked over to John Steen's to try to collect some money which he owed me, but did not get it. He promised to send part of it over tomorrow.

Wrote a letter to Lamer Hamilton in the evening. Very wet day.



NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 11, 1868.

At Home. Cut some stove-wood in the morning after doing the feeding. Will went to Ross Cooper's to give him word about taking some sheep away. Helped father and Will to move their cooking stove from the cellar up into the kitchen. Finished husking corn in Steen's field about dinner time. Tended the turnips in the afternoon and brought them in. Helped W. G. Steen to load his corn. Will, Melvin and Samuel Thorley hauled the fodder in the afternoon and prepared the field for Steen's stock.

I buried our beets in the evening. John M. Steen came about sundown and paid us fifteen dollars for a hog and some hay which he bought from us in the spring. Sent a letter and two newspapers to town in the evening with Will. For Robert Hamilton. Got quite cold and snowed some during the day.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 12, 1868.

At Home. Will went to the station in the morning to meet Aunt Mary, Mr. Keever and P. J. Freeman, but they were not there. I went to Ryland's Mill for some grinding. Mrs. Mary McCready and Miss Jimmie Allison came home with me in the wagon. Took some flour down to Klines when I came home. Father and I cut some wood in the afternoon and Will went to Stephenson's for a barrel of cider. Attended the singing at Ruth at night. Helen, Miss Zha McKibbin, Will Thorley and I went in the spring wagon. Got home between nine and ten o'clock. Had a good time. Weather fine.



NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 13, 1868.

At-Home.

Father woke us up in the morning a little before five o'clock. Helped to harness the team and get father and Will ready to go to Steubenville. Lizzie Wright went with them. They took 8 1/2 bushels of Turnips and about 57 sweet pumpkins. I repaired some fence in the forenoon and regulated the cattle in pasture. Hauled a load of wood in the afternoon, sawed a cut from an old trough for a cow-trough, moved some sheep to different pasture and clipped some of them.

Falks got home about sunset and Helen and I walked over to see Katy Lawther, whom we found rather low in Cow-emption. Got home about ten o'clock.

Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 14, 1868.

A. Hamilton's

This being the first anniversary of our wedding we spent the day very pleasantly at home until four o'clock P. M. Husked corn in the forenoon and hauled it in in the afternoon. Quite a number of ladies visiting at Father's and Aunt Sally's among whom was Fanny Scott, Sally Johnson (formerly Walker) Maggie Cassidy, Mrs. Magee of Ohio, Jennie Stewart and Irene Bushfield. Will Stewart was also there.

At four o'clock we were ready and went to Father Hamilton's in the spring-wagon. Took some pumpkins with us. Met Nick on his way over to see us. Met Jim at their own lane. Had a very pleasant evening visit. Family all at home, except those who were married, and no one else there except David Gordon. Weather fine and much like the day we were married.



NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's. The boys harnessed our horses, Father, Bell and I went to Sabbath School in the spring-wagon. No preaching but had a good Prayer-meeting. Helen did not attend.

After dinner, Helen, Maggie and I went to see Grandpa Hanlin. Found him very poorly, his legs badly swollen and running water.

Came back past father-in-laws and left Helen and Maggie there.

Got home a little after dark. Found David Thorley and Ann at father's, I ate supper with them. Will was not at home when I came.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

Helen being over at her father's I boarded at my father's. Father woke me between five and six o'clock. Spent the forenoon husking corn. Sammie Thorley was helping us. We put in one hundred bushels during the day. I did not husk any in the afternoon on account of hauling.

John and his family came in the evening and spent the night at father's. Spent part of the evening until late bed-time singing. Weather fine, with some appearance of rain at night.



NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 17, 1868.

At Home. Took breakfast with John and his family at father's Helen being away. Went to the woods and cut some hoop poles. Put legs and ends in a cow-trough. Took my fine boots to Mr. Philips' to get them oiled. Spent an hour or so visiting Miss Ada M. Robbins' School. Cut a piece off the end of our jockey-kick and riveted the irons on again. Did a churning at night and helped father's folks to core some apples for apple-butter. Weather was so very wet that Helen did not get home and I slept with Will.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 18, 1868.

At Home. Took breakfast at father's, did the milking and feeding. Father helped to women home making apple-butter in the forenoon. Husked corn during the day. Only husked fifty bushels of ears and tied some fodder shocks. Will had a very bad boil on his cheek bone. Hitched up a team late in the evening and started to bring Helen home from her father's but met her and Maggie coming near Boyd's Coal-bank. After supper we called a short time at father's and Aunt Sally's. Day fine but cool.



NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 19, 1868.

At Home.

Maggie Hamilton was here and took breakfast with us. I cut some pumpkins for the cow by candle-light. After harnessing the mare for Maggie to go home and starting her with Aunt Anna, who went with her as far as town, I went to the cornfield and husked until dinnertime. Sammie Thorley and Will helped us in the afternoon and we got two loads in during the day. Harnessing up the team and did the hauling after dinner. Will, Melvin, Will, Thorley and Eddie McHibbin attended the singing at Bethel. Will had a very sore boil on his face. Aunts Sally and Anna spent the evening with us. Helen rather unwell. Weather fine but changeable. Cloudy with appearance of snow in the evening.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 20, 1868.

At Home.

Arose in the morning and found the ground covered with snow and more falling. After doing the feeding we went to the cornfield and commenced husking the 15 remaining stacks. Sammie Thorley and Will. Roon came to our assistance and we finished and brought the load in before dinner although the work was exceedingly unpleasant on account of the snow.

Put a lid on our cow trough in the afternoon. Cut some stovewood and did the feeding in the evening. Mended my watch chain after night. Will attended the singing at Eldersville in the afternoon and evening. Robt Cooper came over in the evening with some pork. Spent the evening at father's. Very wintry.



NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

Turned the horses out of the stable to let them go to water, they ran away and went to Mr. Steens. Learned that Will. G. Steens' little girl was very sick and went in to see her. Liz. Steen came for hops when I came home. We cut some wood for butchering before dinner.

Made soap in the afternoon and did the feeding in the evening. Will was away bringing the bull home and father went to Stephenson's.

Mich. Hardin came over in the evening and he and Will spent the night with us.

Snow on the ground and weather quite blustry.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.

Did most of the feeding and milking in the morning. Will, Melonie and Mich. Hardin took breakfast with us. Did not attend Sabbath School. Attended at Wesleyan Church in Eldersville. Sabbath School was very late closing and when thought it best not to have prayer meeting. M. K. Hardin came back and took dinner with us and went to town with Will in the afternoon to singing. I did all the feeding, father being at Mr. Steens to see the sick child whose health was no better than on yesterday evening. Day rather unpleasant. Snow melting some.



NOVEMBER, MONDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning I assisted him about preparing for butchering. Cleaned out the horse trough.

Greased the wagon before dinner. Robert Cooper brought over his meat barrel and father put a whoop on it for him. I went to Steubenville in the afternoon and bought some crocks and other articles which were needed about butchering.

Got home about six o'clock.

Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 24, 1868.

At Home.

Crossed twenty minutes after four o'clock and had breakfast over against daylight. Commenced butchering a little after eight o'clock. Killed seven hogs and had them cleaned before twelve o'clock.

Robert Cooper, David Thorley and William were helping us. Cut up the meat in the afternoon. Cut the sausage and stuffed it after night. Was about eleven o'clock when we got through. David's folks stayed until we were through. We put up about 361 lbs of pork for our share.

Day very fine for butchering. Hauled a load of coal for Rhine Kline just after dinner. Horses & cart at the fresh meat when they came back and were somewhat fractious.



NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 25, 1868.

At Home.  
I did not wake until seven in the morning. Spent the day helping the women to clean up after butchering, putting meat away &c. &c.

In the afternoon I washed some stones about our cow trough and cleaned up the old house some.

Will went in search of some of our hogs which were missing and did not find them.

Uncle James Crip came to father's just after dark.

Day fine, but commenced raining in the evening.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 26, 1868.

At Home.

National Thanksgiving.  
Spent the day at home doing chores. Helped Helen to wash in the forenoon and eat some stove-wood.

Put up a barrel of ashes in the afternoon to make some soap. Helped

Helen to scrub after night. Will and father attended church in Eldersville and heard Stillwagon scold the members of the church.

Ellen McClean came home with them for supper and attended the singing at Bethel.

Rained some during the day. Evening fine.



NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 27, 1868.

At Home.

After breakfast we caught the two cows and bored their horns which were very hollow. I then went to John Melvin's and found him at Will Hardins butchering. They got through about ten o'clock. Then John and I husked a wagon load of corn and brought it in. I came home past the station and through Eldersville.

Carrie McKibbin at John's sick. Sent with me for her sister Addie to go down and see her. Got home about seven o'clock and found Aunt Ann with Helen sewing.

Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 28, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five. Father started to Steubenville with the wagon between daylight and sunrise. I spent the forenoon feeding and doing chores. Cut some stovewood for Aunt Sally and cut a sled load of wood for ourselves before dinner.

After dinner I hauled in the load of wood I had cut and cut some stovewood. Called the sheep. Robert Boles came about three o'clock and said they were out of coal and wanted me to haul them a load. Having but two horses and no breast chains, I could not do it. Father got home about four o'clock. Will went to John's to help husk corn. Lizzie Wright went to Uncle Geo. Crisp's to stay till bed-time. Snowed some in the afternoon.



NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about seven o'clock. After doing the feeding, I saddled one of the horses and rode to Sabbath School. Not many there until nearly time to close.

Did not read any. Had the minutes read and the roll called. I made some remarks and obtained a pledge from the school that they would be out earlier on next Sabbath morning.

Heard Stillwagon preach from Isaiah ~~26~~ 31".

Spent the evening at home. Night so clear that I read common print in the Wesleyan by moonlight.

Read a letter from G. S. Hamilton in the afternoon.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 30, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at 5 1/2 o'clock. After breakfast Will and I harnessed the team and hauled a load of coal. Robert Cooper came over for help to butcher and we all went and helped him to kill and clean his five pigs.

Got through against dinner time. Father and Will came home. I stayed and helped to cut up the meat and sausage; got home about nine o'clock. Father and mother went to Bushfields on the evening. Father took some cows with him.

Geo. A. Hanlin came and spent the afternoon with Helen, I did not get to see him. Snowed considerably during the day. Not very cold.



DECEMBER, TUESDAY 1, 1868.

At Home.

Helped Will to attend to the feeding in the morning, then went to Mr. Boles' and helped them to thresh their oats. They were scarce of hands as usual.

While eating dinner I took a pain in my right ankle which nearly put me past work during the afternoon. I did the driving after dinner and my ankle got better.

Got home a little after four o'clock. Brought my boots home from Mr. Philips'. Half-bled Helen's shoe at night. Weather fine.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 2, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning, we went to David Thorley's and helped them to butcher. Got through killing about noon. Helen was there with us and did not feel very well during the afternoon and evening. We got the sausage cut and put away and got home about eleven o'clock. Helen was so unwell that we did not sleep much.

Weather very fine.



DECEMBER, THURSDAY 3, 1868.

At Home.

Helen woke me up about three o'clock in the morning as she was feeling quite unwell. I did not rouse any of our folks until daylight, and when Aunt Sally came in she thought I had better go for Mrs. Leavitt which I did, and after breakfast I went for Aunt Betsey Crisp & Dr. Hill whom I met near Geo. Morrison's, and called with him at John Melvin's to see Miss Carry McKibbin. Got home about eleven o'clock and learned that Helen was very poorly and shortly after the middle of the day she gave birth to our first child, which we determined to call Charles Pattison. Cut some stove wood and took Mrs. Roles home in the evening. Went to town after night and got some groceries.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 4, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. After breakfast I helped father to harness the team to haul coal and then I harnessed two horses and went to Mr. Heron's for a nurse for Helen during her confinement. Took dinner at my father-in-law's. Did not get Nancy Heron as we expected, but her sister Mary Elizabeth came in her place. Her sister did not want her to come on account of the storm. Got home about half past six o'clock. Rained most of the day. Commenced snowing about half past three o'clock and snowed until after four. Received a letter from E. L. Hamilton. Kline here digging coal with Will.



DECEMBER, SATURDAY 5, JANUARY 1868.

At Home. Arose about  
half past six O'clock  
and found the snow  
melting of the house.  
Margaret Hanlin and Mary  
E. Heron attended to getting  
breakfast and attended to  
Helen in her sickness.  
Father and I hauled coal  
all day although it was  
very sloppy and wet.  
John H. Kline was helping  
Will to dig coal. They put  
out about 112 bushels of  
coal. Wrote a letter at  
to D. J. Hamilton  
Lou Bushfield, Correne  
Campbell and Jennie  
McKeeve came to father's  
in the evening.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 6, 1868.

At Home. Arose at  
half past five O'clock,  
kindled a fire in the stove  
and did the feeding.  
Attended Sabbath School in  
Eldersville. No fire when I  
went. Sabbath School rather  
short. Helen was to have  
preached in town but did  
not come and consequently  
we had prayer meeting.  
David Thorley and Ann  
Cannova in the evening and  
ate supper with us.  
Helen and Charlie seemed  
to be getting along very  
well. Weather rather damp  
and chilly. Getting colder at  
night.



DECEMBER, MONDAY 7, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at  
5 1/2 O'clock and attended  
to the feeding. John  
brought Miss McKibbin  
in the morning to take  
charge of her school again.  
Her sisters health improving.

Cut some wood in the  
forenoon, hauled it in  
the afternoon and  
hauled a load of fodder  
in the evening.

Kline helping Will. to  
dig coal.

Wrote a letter to  
Charlie Pattison in the  
evening. Snowed nearly  
all day but not very  
cold.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 8, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five  
O'clock, took some cattle over  
the hill and repaired their  
shelter some, brought a lot  
of ewes to the house;  
attended to the feeding of  
nearly all the sheep. Did not  
get through feeding until  
nine O'clock. Finished  
writing a letter in the fore-  
noon to Charlie Pattison  
informing him of the birth  
of our son, and of the name  
we had given him.

Went to town in the after-  
noon, got Doll shod all  
around, two picks sharpened  
and the coal wedges dressed.

Got home about four  
O'clock and helped father  
attend to the feeding.

Day very windy with  
snow flying. Getting colder.  
Helen and Charlie getting  
along finely.



DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 19, 1868.

At Home.

I did the feeding of the sheep in the morning and watered the horses, then I cut some stove wood while father went to the woods for a sled sole. put the wagon bed on the sled, put four horses to it and hauled a load of coal before dinner. C. M. Stephenson and Mary came when we were about ready to eat dinner. Mrs. Lathrop called in to see Helen. Hauled a load of coal in the afternoon for Rhine Kline. Stephenson's took supper with us. Helen was quite poorly in the evening and I had my bed made down stairs. Weather quite cold.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 10, 1868.

At Home.

Just one year elapsed today since we commenced housekeeping and our son just one week old showed the first signs of pain or sickness by crying since his birth. Helen's health much better than for some days. Got up twice during the day while her bed was being made up. Father and I hauled coal all day with four horses and the sled. Rhine was helping till he died. We hauled him two loads of coal from McCassey's bank. Put a piece on the toe of my foot at night. Will take a sled load of girls over to C. M. Stephenson's at night. Miss Lorene Campbell, Miss Jennie McVeber, Miss Lida McVeber and Mrs. Lizzie Wright. Day fair.



DECEMBER, FRIDAY 11, 1868.

At Home. Father took old  
Sal and the sleigh and took  
five bushels of corn and  
Oats to Ryland's mill. Sal fell  
down on the ice but neither of  
them were hurt much.  
Will and I hauled a load of coal  
and two loads of wood for  
Kline in the forenoon and  
father and I hauled coal  
in the afternoon while Will  
attended the singing in Elders-  
ville. Lon. Bushfield came  
in the evening and took  
some of the girls who were here  
and Will took two of them in  
the sleigh. they were Muses.  
Mary Heron, Jennie McKeever,  
Corone Campbell, Addie McStibbin  
and Mrs. Lizzie Wright.  
Helen sat up most of the  
day. The babe seemed to be  
pretty well and cried but little.  
Weather fine for winter.  
Slept for the first time  
with my boy and took care  
of him some during the  
night.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 12, 1868.

At Home. After doing up  
the feeding in the morning  
I cut some stovewood.  
Will and I hauled two  
loads of fodder before dinner.  
After dinner we finished  
hauling coal and hauled  
a load of wood. Father and  
mother went to Bushfield's  
in the evening in the sleigh.  
Gen. Mathew McKeever,  
Jennie McKeever and Corone  
Campbell went home. Lon  
Bushfield took them in  
the sled.  
Spent the evening at  
home. Miss Mary Heron  
here doing our work.  
Helen felt pretty well  
during the day. Both her  
and the babe slept well  
at night.  
Weather cold.



DECEMBER, SUNDAY 13, 1868.

At Home. After doing  
the feeding in the morning  
I harnessed a team and  
took Miss Ada, McKibbin,  
Miss Mary Herron and  
Mrs. Lizzy Wright to  
Sabbath School in the  
little sled. But few there  
until very late and we  
did not read any.  
Heard Stillwagon preach  
from Proverbs 22 and 23.  
Spent the afternoon at  
home. Helen not so  
well as formerly.  
Father and mother came  
from Bushfield's in the  
evening and sat in  
our house until bed-  
time. Weather cold.  
Sleighing tolerably good  
in places.  
Helen and babe slept pretty  
well during the night.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 14, 1868.

At Home. Will was not  
at home in the morning  
and father and I attended  
to the feeding. Marked some  
cows in the forenoon and  
turned them all together so  
as to save running about to  
feed them. Will and I built  
a temporary shelter for the  
cows. Hauled two loads of  
fodder for the sheep in  
the afternoon and  
prepared a load of chopping  
to take to mill.  
Will took Aunt Ann  
over to Stephenson's in the  
sleigh in the evening.  
Had some trouble about  
getting the sleigh shafts  
fixed in order for wapping  
Aunt Sally and Miss Ada.  
McKibbin sat with us a  
short time during the evening.  
Weather fine.



DECEMBER, TUESDAY 15, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at six  
O'clock, took breakfast,  
left father and Will to  
attend to the feeding and  
I took a load of grain to  
Bylands mill to get it  
ground. Left one horse  
there, rode as far as John's,  
walked from thence to  
Grandfather Hamlin's and  
found him not expected  
to live over night. Got  
back to the mill about  
two O'clock, got home again  
three, assisted in doing the  
feeding. Will spent  
nearly all day at the  
smithshop. He and Will  
Thorley took Lizzie Wright  
and Ada. McPherson to the  
singing at Bethel in the  
sleighs. Sleeting not very good.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 16, 1868.

At Home.

Helped to attend  
to the feeding in the morning.  
Will and I ground two axes,  
and chopped some wood.  
Father and I attempted to  
split a rail cut and failed.  
Spent the afternoon cutting  
stovewood and putting the  
door on the back part of  
the stable. Learned at noon  
that Grandfather Hamlin  
was dead. Steward Hamlin  
came over at night to tell us.  
Remained with us over night  
and he and I slept up  
stairs. Helen, the babe and  
Mary Ferron slept down stairs.  
Babe very good, during the  
night and did not cry  
any of any account.  
Weather rather dreary,  
Rained some during the  
day.



DECEMBER, THURSDAY 17, 1868.

At Home.

Arose twenty minutes after four o'clock, took breakfast and did some of the feeding. Steward Hamlin and I left about eight o'clock. Left my horse at my father-in-laws and went in his sled to Grandfather Hamlin's funeral. The announcement was that the funeral would start at eleven o'clock, but the minister not being present, Will Melvin rode to David Wright's for Rev. Stillwagon and the funeral started about one o'clock. Took supper at father-in-laws. Stopped in town and bought some sugar and tea for which I could not pay and was compelled to open my first bank account in the store.

Came home and found Helen quite unwell with father mother and Aunt Sally attending her. She says she had caught cold. She and the babe both slept well through the night.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 18, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at six o'clock. Went over the hill and fed the sheep before breakfast. We butchered our beef in the forenoon. David Thorley helped us. Ann and Sarah came over on a visit. Cut up the beef in the afternoon. Weighed 320 pounds. Will went to the singing in Eldersville at night. Helen's health somewhat improved. Father and Mother but with us until bed-time. Weather quite pleasant during the day. We weighed our babe. At two weeks and one day old he weighed  $8\frac{1}{4}$  pounds.



DECEMBER, SATURDAY 19, 1868.

At Home.

After attending to our feeding in the morning father and I salted our beef. Father, and Mother went to Robt Coper's in the sleigh and took them a piece of beef. I took a small piece to Will. Hardin's. Stopped a short time at John Melvin's. Went to S.ATHERENLAW'S to see Liz. Kiddle who was sick there. Found her better. Took dinner there and got home about four o'clock and helped father to attend to the feeding. Will. at town getting some smothering done. Father and Mother set with us until late bed-time. Babe sleeps well during the night but had to be fed before going to bed. Weather mild. Snow melting.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 20, 1868.

At Home.

Attended to the feeding as usual. Will. went to town and kniddled the fire in the church. I took Aunt Sally, Ada. McKibbin and Lizzie Wright to church in the spring wagon. No teachers at Sabbath School and Mr. Knightheaded the school service. Heard Jolen preach from Titus III. 11, 12 & 13. When we came home John and Susannah were here and took dinner with us. Will. did not come home and father and I did the feeding. Father and the girls attended church at Bethel. Snow nearly all gone and roads getting muddy. Slept pretty well during the first part of the night but babe was never restless in the after part of the night.



DECEMBER, MONDAY 21, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning Will took Jennie and Charlie to the shop and got them shod. Father and I removed some manure from the front of the stable in the forenoon. Lydia Cooper paid us a visit. Cut some stove wood in the afternoon.

Will brought me a letter from J. J. Lindly written on a half leaf of book case paper cut lengthwise. Answered the letter after night. Made some preparations for going to Steubenville.

Babe slept well during the night.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 22, 1868.

At Home.

Arose a little after five o'clock, took breakfast and father and I went to Steubenville in the wagon. Sold some turkeys some butter and some hides. Had some walnuts in but could get only fifty cents per bushel for them. Brought them home again for Cornelius Barber.

Brought home a cask from the Paper Mill to contain Kamewater. Got home about three o'clock. Will started to Paris & a singing soon after we came home. Spent the evening at home reading some and writing in my diary.

Helen and the babe were up at father's while we were at town the first they had been up. Babe cried a short time in the evening but rested well during the night. Weather cloudy. Snowed a little during the night.



DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 23, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning we concluded to butcher the two hogs which we had fattened for sale. I spent about an hour washing out the bleach-barrel which we had brought from Steubenville. Will went for Robert Cooper and David Shorley after he and father had kindled the fire. Had very good luck cauldling the hogs although one of them was very large. After dark we concluded that it was snowing enough to take the sled to town instead of the wagon. Shorley's boys being over we put the wagon bed on the sled and put the hogs in it.

Helena's 23<sup>rd</sup> Birth day.  
Slept well at night. Weather very cold.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 24, 1868.

At Home.

Arose at five, kindled fire, harnessed two horses for father and Will to take the hogs to Steubenville. I attended to the feeding then took Mary Herron home on horseback. Got there about half past twelve o'clock. Found Sam Herron just starting for his sister-in-law's people beyond Washington. His sister-in-law not expected to live. Ate dinner at Herron's. Came home as far as father Hanlin's and fed the horses. Maggie Hanlin came home with me. Father and Will could not get across the river and they brought the hogs home again. Father and mother went to Bushfield's in the evening. Slept very well during the night. Babe did not cry any. Weather exceedingly cold.



DECEMBER, FRIDAY 25, 1868.

At Home.

Arose about six o'clock. Will and I attended to the feeding. Father was at Bushfield's; came home a little after the middle of the day. Spent most of the day about the house. Cut some stoverwood.

Sammie Thorley and Albert and Benton Lawther were here part of the day. I got three pounds at a mark. Sammie put three balls in the patch - drove one centre. He only shot three times.

Went to town in the evening to attend Temperance meeting. But few members present, and the election of officers was postponed. Society was not organized. Got home about eight o'clock. Maggie Hamlin here with us. Helen going about her work - was somewhat hoarse in the evening. Weather very cold. Slept well with the babe.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 26, 1868.

At Home.

After doing up the feeding in the morning Will and I took the crosscut saw and went down by the coal-bank and hewed some stoverwood. About dinner time Geo. Hamlin came with a horse to take Maggie home. Spent the afternoon with us and then they went to John Melvin's to a singing. Hauled a load of stoverwood in the afternoon and attended to the feeding in the evening as usual.

Mrs. Pella McKibbin and Mrs. Lizzie Wright sat with us about bed time and we cracked some hickory nuts. Did not sleep very well at night, was up some during the night with the babe. Helen quite hoarse.

Snowed some in the evening.



DECEMBER, SUNDAY 27, 1868.

At-Home. Will, being  
away from home, father  
and I attended to the  
feeding. I did not  
attend church anywhere  
during the day. Uncle Matthew  
McKiever and Sammie Bush-  
field came to father's about  
noon. John Reed Senior  
died in the morning and  
the measure for his coffin  
was brought to David Shorley's  
in the afternoon. I went  
over in the evening and  
found them working at the  
coffin. See Melvil and  
see Harlan came here on  
their way from J. Boles' and  
took supper with us.  
Informed us that I had  
another coming soon. Will  
and the girls went to Nettie's  
to church at night.  
Did not sleep very well during  
the night on account of the  
restlessness of the babe.  
Weather cloudy. Thawing some.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 28, 1868.

At-Home. Helped father  
and Will to get ready to go  
to Steubenville in the morning  
with two hogs, one of which  
weighed 404 pounds, the other  
179. Uncle Matthew McKiever  
went with them. I cut a  
stid tongue when I was done  
feeding in the morning.  
Sammie Bushfield was out  
with me. Did a churning at  
noon. Went to John's in the  
sled in the afternoon and  
brought a cradle home to  
rock our babe in.  
Prepared a strap in the  
evening and strung a string  
of thirteen bells, but did  
not get the job quite completed.  
Sammie Shorley and  
Will were here until bed-time.  
Dad attended the funeral  
of John Reed. Slept well  
during the night. Weather  
pleasant. Ground thawing  
a little.



DECEMBER, TUESDAY 29, 1868.

At Home.

Awoke in the morning at four o'clock and found it raining. Heard some of the horses kicking and went to the stable, but there was no harm done. Cleared up our pig in the forenoon and father sharpened the crook cut saw. Will and I ground the axes. Sawed some stovewood in the afternoon and bent some broken irons of the spring wagon to town with Will at night. C. M. Stephenson brought Aunt Ann home in the spring wagon. Aunt Ann was at Stephenson's on a visit and I milked her cow for her at night. Received a letter from Lizzie L. Hamilton. Put a piece on the sole of one of my boots at night. Rained some nearly all day.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 30, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding in the morning, we cleaned up fifteen bushels of wheat and father took it to mill. Will and I sawed stovewood until dinner time when Gen. Vanlin came. He stayed but a short time after dinner, and I split stovewood in the afternoon. Father took a two horse load of coal to town for C. Polis.

Will went to town at night and I finished stringing his bells. The day was very fine. Looked as though we might have some snow.



DECEMBER, THURSDAY 31, 1868.

At Home.

After doing the feeding, Will. went to Rylands Mill for some grinding, father split some stove wood down by the coal bank. I put some repaired. Irons on the spring wagon and greased it.

Weighted Charlie and measured him. Weighted 9 1/2 pounds, measured 15 1/2 inches around the chest and 21 inches high, the day he was four weeks old.

Dug a hole to put a barrel in to contain rainwater.

Geo. A. Harlan came over in the evening, he and Will. took the spring wagon and took A. M. Wilson and Lucille Cozzone to Will. Harlan's to a ring. Sammie Thorne and Albert came over at night and I mended a set of checklines for them.

Was awake at twelve o'clock at night when 1869 expired. Rained all night.

Texts of Scripture heard preached from.

Jan. 3. Mat. XVI 28-30 incl Stillwagon Kethel  
Jan. 3. Jer. L. 4-5 Carter Eldersville  
" 4. John III 28 " "  
" 4. Heb. X 31 " "  
" 5. III. 10. 28-5 " "  
" 5. John VIII 37 " "  
" 6. Rev. III 9-31 " "  
" 12. John II 46 Stillwagon " "  
" 17. Luke XIV 1-18 Fulton Tuckers  
" 19. Luke XV 15-34 Blackburn " "  
" 19. Luke XIV L. cl. 17 Helen Eldersville  
" 25. Job. III 1-4 incl Stillwagon " "  
Feb. 2. I. Cor. II 22 Carter " "  
" 3. Acts V 38-39 Gilchrist-Middleton  
" John IV 11 Stillwagon Eldersville  
" Luke XII 40 " "  
" 13. Lumb. X 3-29 " "  
" 16. Heb. VII 25 " "  
" 21. Acts XXVII 28-4 Lucas " "  
" 23. Mat. XXVIII 1-10 incl 35 " "  
" 23. Luke XV 1-10 Nesbit Tuckers  
March 1. Rom. II 16 Carter Eldersville  
" 1st Rev. III 20 " Father's  
" 8. I. Cor. X 24 Stillwagon Eldersville  
" 15. Rom. X 8-9 Helen " "  
" 29. Phil. III 12-13 Carter " "  
" 29. Mat. XVIII 11 " Father's  
Apr. 19. I. Cor. XXVIII 23 Stillwagon Eldersville  
Apr. 26. Acts XXIV L. cl. 25 Helen " "