

*The Diaries of  
Samuel Jones Melvin*

*1869*

## NOVEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { New Moon, 3d. 6h. 51m. evening.  
First Quarter, 10d. 10h. 11m. evening.  
Full Moon, 19d. 2h. 34m. morning.  
Last Quarter, 25d. 1h. 30m. evening.

No.	Days of Week.	Weather Record.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon R & S	High water.
1	Mon.	Clear	6 34	4 53	3 20	9 6
2	Tues.	Clear	6 35	4 52	4 35	10 0
3	Wed.	Clear	6 36	4 51	5 51	10 53
4	Thur.	Clear	6 37	4 50	sets.	11 40
5	Frid.	Clear	6 39	4 48	6 27	0 3
6	Satur.	Clear	6 40	4 47	7 16	0 51
7	SUN.	Clear	6 41	4 46	8 9	1 41
8	Mon.	Clear	6 42	4 45	9 6	2 32
9	Tues.	Clear	6 44	4 44	10 5	3 22
10	Wed.	Clear	6 45	4 43	11 5	4 15
11	Thur.	Clear	6 46	4 42	morn	5 9
12	Frid.	Clear	6 48	4 41	0 5	6 5
13	Satur.	Clear	6 49	4 40	1 5	6 59
14	SUN.	Clear	6 50	4 39	2 4	7 50
15	Mon.	Clear	6 51	4 38	3 1	8 38
16	Tues.	Clear	6 53	4 37	3 59	9 21
17	Wed.	Clear	6 54	4 36	4 58	10 3
18	Thur.	Clear	6 55	4 36	5 57	10 46
19	Frid.	Clear	6 56	4 35	rises.	11 25
20	Satur.	Clear	6 57	4 34	5 51	.....
21	SUN.	Clear	6 59	4 33	6 37	0 26
22	Mon.	Clear	7 0	4 33	7 30	1 11
23	Tues.	Clear	7 1	4 32	8 29	1 58
24	Wed.	Clear	7 2	4 32	9 33	2 46
25	Thur.	Clear	7 3	4 31	10 41	3 36
26	Frid.	Clear	7 4	4 31	11 51	4 32
27	Satur.	Clear	7 5	4 30	morn	5 33
28	SUN.	Clear	7 7	4 30	1 2	6 37
29	Mon.	Clear	7 8	4 29	2 14	7 39
30	Tues.	Clear	7 9	4 29	3 27	8 39

## DECEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { New Moon, 3d. 5h. 57m. morning.  
First Quarter, 10d. 6h. 27m. evening.  
Full Moon, 18d. 7h. 6m. evening.  
Last Quarter, 25d. 9h. 49m. evening.

No.	Days of Week.	Weather Record.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon R & S	High water.
1	Wed.	Clear	7 10	4 29	4 41	9 36
2	Thur.	Clear	7 11	4 28	5 54	10 30
3	Frid.	Clear	7 12	4 28	7 6	11 19
4	Satur.	Clear	7 13	4 28	sets.	.....
5	SUN.	Clear	7 14	4 28	6 49	0 32
6	Mon.	Clear	7 15	4 28	7 49	1 21
7	Tues.	Clear	7 16	4 28	8 50	2 9
8	Wed.	Clear	7 17	4 28	9 51	2 57
9	Thur.	Clear	7 18	4 28	10 52	3 43
10	Frid.	Clear	7 19	4 28	11 51	4 30
11	Satur.	Clear	7 20	4 28	morn	5 20
12	SUN.	Clear	7 20	4 28	0 49	6 10
13	Mon.	Clear	7 21	4 28	1 47	7 2
14	Tues.	Clear	7 22	4 28	2 45	7 51
15	Wed.	Clear	7 23	4 29	3 45	8 39
16	Thur.	Clear	7 23	4 29	4 46	9 27
17	Frid.	Clear	7 24	4 29	5 48	10 14
18	Satur.	Clear	7 25	4 29	6 49	11 1
19	SUN.	Clear	7 26	4 30	rises.	11 45
20	Mon.	Clear	7 26	4 30	6 21	0 8
21	Tues.	Clear	7 27	4 31	7 26	0 55
22	Wed.	Clear	7 27	4 31	8 33	1 43
23	Thur.	Clear	7 27	4 32	9 42	2 32
24	Frid.	Clear	7 27	4 32	10 52	3 21
25	Satur.	Clear	7 28	4 33	morn	4 13
26	SUN.	Clear	7 28	4 34	0 3	5 11
27	Mon.	Clear	7 29	4 35	1 14	6 11
28	Tues.	Clear	7 29	4 35	2 25	7 12
29	Wed.	Clear	7 29	4 36	3 36	8 15
30	Thur.	Clear	7 29	4 37	4 47	9 14
31	Frid.	Clear	7 30	4 38	5 55	10 9

Home Friday, January 1, 1869.

Was awak at 12 O'clock when the new year commenced. After raining hard. After doing the feeding I spent the forenoon putting a barrel in for a cistern. Will. Melvin and Geo. Hamlin came from Will. Hamlin's singing in the spring wagon in the afternoon, had been stormstaid there. Went to Mr. John Steer's in the evening and collected \$13.20 of money due us for more than a year for work on the roads. John was up at night and we worked at dividing our Dr. King's business. Failed to settle.

At Home Saturday 2

After doing up the feeding I purchased Cal. and Lick and hauled a load of dry wood for stove wood. Foster and Mother went to Middletown to attend quarterly meeting. Spent most of the day summing up the accounts of last year and making out an account of our Dr. King's business. Did not get through with it. Pale small in the evening.

At Home Sunday 3

Arose at six O'clock, fed and saddle two horses. Lizzy, Wicks, Ada, McKelbin and I went to Middletown and attended quarterly meeting. Heard Rev. Burrows preach from Hebrews 11:2 & 4 inclusive. Took dinner at Helen's. Attended singing of Sabbath school in afternoon. Got home before seven.

At Father's Monday, January 4, 1869.

Spent the forenoon cutting stonewood and helping Aunt Sally to prepare for washing. Spent most of the afternoon posting my last year's diary and putting up accounts.

Scrubbed the floor in the evening for Helen. She took the babe with her up to father's.

After scrubbing I went up there & spent the night. Will and I finished making up the books & a count of returning

At Home Tuesday 5

Helped Aunt Ann across the run in the morning as she went to D. Sharley's. Helped to shell some corn which Will took to mill mixed with oats. Cut some stonewood in the afternoon.

Did the feeding in the evening. Sammie Thole brought us our paper in the evening.

At Home Wednesday 6

Charlie being unwell in the morning, I did not get out to help do the feeding. Will and I took about forty bushels of coal to town for C. Boles. Got a bundle of mended. Hauled some fodder after we came home.

Attended prayer meeting in Eldersville at night. Saw E. M. Kidd there.

At Home Thursday, January 7, 1869.

Arose at half past six O'clock and helped to do the feeding. Cut some straw to fill a cradle tick. Will and I took two loads of coal of 40 bu. each to town for C. Boles. Had deth in M<sup>r</sup> Connells care. J. L. Boles and J. R. McCreary at town shooting at a mark with C. Boles. Came home and found Charlie was unwell and Helen had not been able to get ironing done. She broods until half past ten O'clock.

At Home Friday 8

Arose a little before six O'clock, helped to do the feeding, then we got ready and went to father's in the spring wagon. Found Liz Kiddle better but Margaret Hamilton was down with fever. Little a number in to see them. Charlie was pretty well and pretty good all day. Geo. Hamilton came home with us and went to Eldersville with Will to a singing. Spelling at Oak Hill.

At Home Saturday 9

Assisted home with the feeding in the morning. Helped Sammie Thole and Albert to clean some back wheat. Visited with Geo. A. Hamilton at Mr. Jacob Boles' and took dinner there. Went to Gillespie Mill for some flour. Met Will. Saw there. Boles' young folks visiting at father's until bed time.

At Home Sunday, January 10, 1869.

Woke before clear daylight & attended to the feeding. Geo. Hamilton took breakfast at father's and went with Will & Lizzie Wright to Eldersville to Church. Miss Ada M. Kibbin, Helen and I went to Old Bethel & heard Rev. Alsler preach from Eph. V 182. Took sacrament. We left our bay at home for the first. Went over to father-in-law's in the evening, found Margaret recovering slowly. Got home about 7 P.M.

At Home Monday 11.

Arose at five and found it snowing fast. After helping with the feeding I took a split bottomed chair to Mr. Boles to get a new bottom in it. Hired a span to our sister. Charlie had the Cholera so bad that I could not get out to help with the feeding in the evening. Wrote a letter to S. P. Hamilton at night. Snowed forenoon. Rained after.

At Home Tuesday 12

Found the snow very deep in the morning (when I got up). Spaded some paths about the house. Assisted some about the feeding. Mended some harness in the forenoon, wrote a letter in the afternoon to J. W. Bruce. Attended to the feeding in the evening and put a cracker on D. Thorley's buggyship. Will went out to the stable & took care of it.

Home Wednesday, January 13, 1869.

Harnessed a team in the morning and father, Lizzie Wright, David & Ed. Will. Thorley went to Steubenville in the sled. Took Miss Ada. McKibbin to school in the sleigh and went to Mr. Boles and brought home our split bottomed chair which was there for repairs. Took Helen and Charlie over to Robt F. Cosper's where we staid until 3 1/2 o'clock. Charlie took Cholera. Rev. Burrows came just as we came home. Ate supper with us. Will went to town with the sleigh.

Home Thursday 14

Did most of the feeding about the house in the morning. Went to D. Thorley with Rev. Burrows. Geo. A. Hamilton brought Maggie Hiddle to our house about noon to stay with us some time. Repaired trapoon neck-yoke. Father, mother and Aunt Nancy Bushfield went to Scott's on sled. D. Thorley & Samson. John Cassidy and Maggie went to assisted bedtime.

Home Friday 15

Spent most of the forenoon feeding and doing chores. Cut Rev. Mr. Burrows' hair for him. Father and I put up some boards under the barn to increase the size of our sheep shelter. Attended Temperance meeting in Eldersville at night. But few there. Rev. Burrows made some remarks. Officers were elected. Singing in the other church at the same time.

Home Saturday, January 16, 1869.

Attended to the feeding in the morning and Will and I hauled three sled loads of fodder, upset with one of them nicely. Sang some in the afternoon and had an argument with Rev. Burrows about degrees of knowledge of the science of music in Heaven. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Burrows preach from Rev. 22:17. Got home about nine o'clock. Day fine.

Home Sunday 17

Attended to the feeding in the morning. Father took the sled to church, although the ground was rough and sandy in some places the sled ran pretty well. Heard Rev. Burrows preach from Roman 11:14 U. Clane 34. Good congregation. Maggie Kiddle stayed with Helen while I was at church. At Home in the evening.

Home Monday 18

After doing up the feeding in the morning Will Sherley came along with his sledge, I borrowed it, took Jennie McEive & Maggie Kiddle to school. It was Maggie's fast-day. Went to the woods and hunted a basket-stick. Cut one tree but did not think it good. Spent the afternoon cutting stove-wood and attending to the feeding. Attended church in town at night and heard Stearns preach

Tuesday, January 19, 1869.

Helped father and Will to kill Aunt Sally's pig which was so very peculiarly diseased that we were obliged to skin it. Hide weighed 2 1/2 pounds, about 1/4 the weight of the hog. Took a sick cow to Mr. Roles in the afternoon for baskets. Attended a meeting of the school Directors at Oak Hall, called in to settle difficulty in the school. Nothing special done. Attended church in Eldersville at night heard Stearns preach from II John 1:8 is. cl. Helen did not wish me to go. He seemed very much discontented but having made arrangements to take the sled, I could not well <sup>back out.</sup> Go. Hankin came home with us.

Home Wednesday 20

After attending to the feeding in the morning, I went to the woods & procured a pole for a sled tongue and rollers. Father and I spent most of the afternoon repairing our old stone sled to haul log-wood. Singing at Oak Hall at night. Will was out with the sleigh. Conduct at school was so exceedingly bad that I. S. C. children left. <sup>but</sup> arrangements were made at night to have the directors called in again.

Home Thursday 21

Did part of the feeding in the morning. Harnessed two horses and went in the sleigh to John Mulcahy with a request from Miss McEabin that the board of Directors be gathered together. Went for David Beaton who was not at home. Directors suspended Albert Holly, Geo. Sawyer, Wm. Edwin Kline 3d from Musselton from the school for bad conduct. J. P. Miller came for Aunt Mary McEiver. Thompson City and family visiting at father's.

Friday, January 22, 1869.

Father and I cut a tra for cow  
logs in the forenoon. Just before dinner Miss  
Cidw. M. Ribbin sent for me to the school house  
as the boys were there who had been suspended  
and she feared trouble. I went, talked some  
with John Ed M. L. Lawther. They invited me  
over to settle difficulty with their parents  
concerning the cow. I went in the evening with  
D. Harley. Had quite a heated discussion with Mr.  
Lawther & John. Got home after 11 o'clock. Aunt  
Ann sick as David's. Scott Hartine & his Scott right  
side. He can was much troubled about me staying  
at home Saturday 23

John L. Boles came in while we  
were eating breakfast. Aunt Ann was very  
sick at D. Harley's, some of us went to see her. She  
came home in the evening. Hauled two logs to mill  
on sled. Met John Murchard at Will and I  
came home. He called me a damned liar and  
said I had wasted in my bones. He made a  
false statement and told him the man that  
had that was a liar. He drew a standard  
from his sled and threatened to strike me with it.

Sunday 24

Did most of the feeding in the  
morning and helped father to get  
ready to take aunt Mary home.  
Did not attend church in the  
morning. Mrs Boles over to see  
Aunt Ann who was very poorly.  
Attended preaching in town at night  
and heard Mr. Young preach from Luke  
XIV 18-19. Illiterate man. Mr. P. here  
from the west for horses.

Monday, January 25, 1869.

Slept until late in the morning.  
Will harnessed the team, father and  
I fed two lots of sheep and cut a log with  
Will came. He took three logs to the mill  
on the sled although there was not  
much snow on the road. Went to D.  
Harley in the evening and from  
thence to R. P. Coopers and got a  
role of butter. Got home between  
eight and nine o'clock. Helen and  
Maggie Riddle had quite a scuffle before going  
Mary Stephenson hold her collar home.

Tuesday 26

Father took Charlie to the chop  
and got him shot. He went to see  
Mary Stephenson and found her quite  
poorly. Spent nearly the entire day  
cutting stovewood. Father and  
brother went to Billy the Clearys  
at night to stay until bed time.  
Will went to church at Eldersville

Wednesday 27

Spent the forenoon doing chores  
and cutting stovewood. Will took  
a saw log to the mill on the loaded  
Father and mother went to  
Stephenson's in the afternoon in  
the spring wagon and did not com  
home until bed time. David Harley  
Ann and Alma came over in the  
evening and stayed until bed time  
Raining a little at night

Home Thursday, January 28, 1869.

After doing the feeding in the morning father and Will took the wagon out to Billy Gillispie and took our broken buggy to town. I went to Mr. Grimes on Painter Hill to get some cuttings of Grimes' Golden Pippin for B. L. Elliott. Went also to James Longhead where I got the promise of them. Stopped in Fairbairn town both going and coming. Will. Malvin lying sick there. Aunt Sally and Ann Patter, Mother and S. Crisp here until bedtime.

Home Friday 29

Spent the forenoon putting a lid on our cistern. Spent the afternoon cutting stave-wood. Father took Aunt Sally and Mother to Stephenson's in the spring wagon to see mare with her broken collarbone. Cut Alma Sholey's hair at night and she remained here with Maggie Riddle.

Home Saturday 30

After attending to the feeding in the morning Will and I finished hauling our hay-fodder. I went to John Malvin's and took dinner. Intended to have gone to Will Harlin's on an errand but they were gone to Stauber's. Came home past Stephenson's. Attended church in Eldersville at night. Heard Stillwagon preach from Gal.

Sunday, January 31

Went to church in the morning and Lizzie went to church in the afternoon. Heard Nolan preach from Rev. 22 & Mt. 24. 19. Bro. Walker came to see father for dinner. Walked back to town at night and heard Rev. Stillwagon preach from Mat 18: 25. Spoke one hour and five minutes. Two persons forward for prayers. Near ten o'clock when I got home.

Home Monday, February 1

After doing the feeding Will and I sat down and saw some. Father came home from Stephenson's. We spent the day cutting raft-timber and making rails. Will went to town to church at night. I counted up Aunt Ann's account of money received from Geo. Crisp.

Home Tuesday 2

After doing the feeding Will and I harnessed the team and hauled two loads of coal to town for C. Boles. Geo. Doll shed while we were there. Will went with the last load himself. Got a box from Coopers to send some cuttings in to B. L. Elliott. Father went to Stephenson's at night and Will to church. Rained some.

Home Wednesday, February 3, 1869.

My 30<sup>th</sup> Birth day.

Helped Will. to do up the feeding in the morning. We chopped and gathered brush until dinner time. Father came home from Stephenson's at noon. We cut some rail timber in the afternoon. Mother took care of Charlie a while in the evening. Will. Shorley came over at night and I went up to Father's where we say some evening very <sup>well</sup>.

Home Thursday 4

Found the snow about three inches deep when I arose in the morning. After doing the feeding I took Maggie Kiddle to school on horseback. Helen washed during the day. The weather was so cold that I was in the house considerably. Bought the girls home from school in the evening and mended my boot sose. Talked some of money to Messers in the p.m.

Home Friday 5

Helped father to do the feeding in the morning. Took the sled and came out with Maggie Kiddle to the school house. Went to Mr. James Loughhead's and shipped some cuttings of Grimes Golden Tippers to B. L. Elliott for 25.00 cuttings rail 37.50. Took the box to Wellburg. Maggie Melvin came home with me from Foulertown and we turn a job off the sled. Got home about eight o'clock. Will. attended church in Aldersville at

Saturday, February 6, 1869.

After doing the usual feeding in the morning Will. and I hauled two loads of hay for the sheep and hauled a load of wood. Father put holes in the little sled. I went to Mill in the afternoon with five bushels of wheat. Stopped at Robt. Cooper's as I came home. Robert and his family came over in the sled and stayed until bed time. Will. took the sled to church at night and was forward for prayers.

Home Sunday 7

Attended to the feeding in the morning. Will. took the sled to church. Father and I rode on horseback. Five persons joined the church. Will. took his sled load to John's for dinner. Attended church at night. Heard Rev. Blake preach from Deut. 32<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. Will. Melvin, Will. Shorley, Geo. Robt and J. P. Boles forward for prayers. Maggie Melvin and Maggie Kiddle

Home Monday 8

Shelled some corn in the morning after doing the feeding, and mixed it with oats. Will. took it to the mill in the afternoon and bought some lumber home. A walk along at noon peddling Station. Went to Hyland's mill and bought some flour home. Took spring razor to chop and had it mended. Attended church at night. Heard Stillinger preach from Ex. 10<sup>th</sup>. Five persons forward for prayers. Among them Will.



Home Tuesday, February 9, 1869.

Found it raining when I awoke in the morning. Father and I went to Steubenville in spring wagon with some marketing. I got a new suit of clothes for which I paid \$18.00. Attended church at night and heard Stillwagon preach from Num. 29. Ten persons were forward for prayers, seven of whom had formerly been forward. No one made any profession of religion. Still wagon designated at Rev. 3. manna of conducting prayer meeting.

Home Wednesday 10

Attended an Experience meeting in Eldersville at which quite a number of persons, Will Melvin and Will Sharly among the rest were forward for prayers. Had a warm discussion with Stillwagon on the propriety of different persons praying solemnly when the leader could not be heard. Father took mother to Middleton in spring wagon. W. Lee and wife with us over night.

Home Thursday 11

Nicholas Lee and his wife being here I did not do much but attend to the feeding during the day. In the afternoon Rev. Burrows came. Attended church at night and heard him preach from Heb. III 2 & 4 inclusive. Quite a number of young persons were forward for prayers among them W. Lee & wife.

Friday, February 12, 1869.

Decided myself to attend church in the morning, but just as I started Ross Riddle came with a wagon load of visitors and I did not go. Attended the closing exercises of Miss Ada McKibbin's school. Helen went home with Riddle's folks to stay until my return from Washington. Attended church in town at night. Heard Rev. Blake preach from Rev. 28 17. W. Melvin & Will Sharly still forward for prayers with others. Spent the night at C. M. Stephenson's.

Home Saturday 13

Took breakfast at C. M. Stephenson's. Swept out the Wesleyan Church. Came home & wrote an account of the closing of Miss McKibbin's school for publication. Cleaned up some of my clothes. Miss McKibbin went home with Rich<sup>d</sup> Rippton. Much affected when she left. Attended church at night. Heard Burrows preach from Mt. Pet. I & 1. A number forward for prayers. Will Melvin & Will Sharly among others.

Home Sunday 14

Attended sacramental meeting in W. M. Church, Eldersville. Heard Rev. Burrows from Luke III 21, 22 & 23. Will Melvin united with the church. Took dinner at R. P. Cooper's. Attended church at night. Heard Stillwagon preach from John VII 37. Very dark and late. From the fact that company remained so long at the sponsors' bench, I concluded there must be an Aikin in the church.

Washington Monday, February 15, 1869.

Took breakfast at father's. Will took me on horseback as far as the High School house on my way to Washington & I walked the remainder of the way. Got W. about two in time for Court call. Put up at the Fulton House. Slept with D. C. McCuen in No. 24. Met with some of the boys from my old company of the Army. Weather changed in the night - getting colder and showing snow.

Washington Tuesday 16

Took breakfast at the Fulton House. Spent most of the day in the court room. Was on one jury but the case was made up before the evidence was all heard and the jury discharged. Met with James H. Hillman in town in the evening. Heard Judge Achison speak upon the Colley subject in the Court house in the evening. Slept with D. C. McCuen in No. 24 Fulton House.

Middletown Wednesday 17

Got discharged from the jury in Washington a little after nine o'clock and left Washington a few minutes after ten. Walked to Middletown, stopped at the school room where I had formerly taught and could recognize but one of my old scholars besides of them there. Attended a Sabbath School concert at the W. M. Church at night. Was very good. Over 20 dollars taken.

Thursday, February 18, 1869

Took breakfast at J. Stewart's in Middle town. Walked as far as Andrew Loris on my way home, then Will, Melvin and Will. Porter overtook me and I rode the remainder of the way home. John brought Lincmeat up to have it smoked. Took two horses and the spring wagon and went for Helen and Charlie to Father-in-law's. Got some blacksmithing done while in town. Roads very bad. Rained and snowed some in the evening.

Home Friday 19

Found the ground white with snow and considerably frozen when I awoke in the morning. Took breakfast with my family at my Father-in-law's. Brought Stewart with us as far as the school house. Stopped at Uncle Charlie Hankins and took dinner. Got home about four o'clock and found Mary Stephenson and her boy at father's. Boy very unwell. Ripes away in Erie County.

Home Saturday 20

Harnessed a span of horses in the morning and we hauled rails and furnished building a fence from the coal bank up to the end of the lane. Got through about five o'clock and turned the boys in the new enclosure. Meeting still in progress in Eldersville. Will and Lizzie Wright was at night.

Sunday, February 21, 1897.

Did not attend Church in the forenoon but remained at home and kept Charlie while Helen went to Presidential meeting in Eldersville. Rev. James Robinson President. Maggie Province, Geo. Hanlin and Maggie here for dinner. Geo. Hanlin forward for prayers at night. Thirteen persons forward. Robinson preached from Rev. ~~1811~~ 1817 - the third time this text was preached from during this meeting by different men.

Home. Monday 22

After doing my share of the feeding I kept Helen and Charlie over to David Shaly's where we took dinner & supper. I went to see Catherine Lanther and found her very poorly. Went also to R. P. Cropper's. Attended Church in Eldersville at night. Heard Rev. Robinson from Town ~~1811~~ 26. Eleven persons forward for prayers. Geo. A. Hanlin proposed to find peace in believing in Jesus Christ at breakfast in the forenoon.

Home. Tuesday 23

Spent most of the day in the house, the weather being too unfavorable to work out of doors. Helen was washing and I spent the time writing and attending to the babe. Wrote some pieces in my essay book. Donation party in the Methodist Church of Eldersville but there were none of us present. Over 160 were contributed. Ground very icy.

Home Wednesday, February 24, 1897.

Spent most of the day in the house mending my boots. Ground was so icy that I could not do much out of doors. Will went to town to meeting in the forenoon. Father and I attended to the feeding in the evening. Did not attend church at night. Wrote a letter to J. H. Semperton.

Home. Thursday 25

Did but little during the forenoon except the feeding. Sat in the house and talked with Mary Stephenson whose broken collar bone was just recovering. Will and I hauled a load of hay in the afternoon. Attended Church at town at night and heard Stillwagon from Town. ~~1811~~ 6. Ten persons forward - two converted. Large party and Oyster supper at pro. Ample.

Home. Friday 26

After doing the feeding in the morning we hitched up the team. Cut a tree in the woods next to McCornell's and hauled out some saw logs on the sled. Snow was very deep. Father took Mary Stephenson home in the sled in the afternoon. Father & mother sat with me until bedtime.

Home Saturday, February 27, 1869.

Spent most of the forenoon fixing up a straw pen. Wrote a letter to E. S. Hamilton and one to C. H. Patton. Chopped some in the afternoon and attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Stillwagon preach from I John 1 & 11.

Nine persons forward for prayer. No one made a profession of religion although quite a number of them had been forward very frequently.

Home Sunday 28

Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Burrows preach from Ephesians 1:25 & 27 inclusive. Will, Melvin and Will. Horley were baptized and received into the church. We had our boy Charlie baptized at father in the afternoon. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Stillwagon preach from Eccl. 1:6. <sup>per prayer</sup> nine persons forward

Home Monday, March 1

After doing the feeding in the morning we harnessed two horses and hauled down the old house logs to build a log pen of. Did not attend church at night. Will was there. Aunt Susannah Jones and others were forward for prayer. Spent the evening sewing up ripped places in one Blackskin grove. Weather quite cold and windy.

Home Tuesday, March 2, 1869.

Will and I sawed off a piece of a log in the morning for an hopping block. Father and I hauled stones most of the day for foundation for a hog pen. Repaired some fence in the evening. Read a speech of Hon. W. Williams of Ind. concerning the resumption of specie payment. Will attended church at Eldersville. Nothing special transpired except Miss Maggie Smith professed faith in Christ. Home Wednesday 3

Will, Fook, father and mother to the station on their way to Pottobong mother intending to have her eye examined. Will and I hauled wood after he came back. Helen went to church at night with Will and Lizzie Wright. Aunt Sally and Jennie McClure stayed with me while I kept Charlie F. He slept all the while they were gone.

Home Thursday 4

After doing the feeding in the morning Will thought we had better haul some logs as there was some snow on. Hauled two logs to the mill, and hauled two loads of boards home. David Phorley came in the afternoon to fix our clock but did not get it to run. Will attended church. Rutledge preached no conversions.

Home. Friday, March 5, 1869.

Will went to John's with the Spring-wagon for father and mother on their way from Pittsburg. David Shorley came and worked at the clock most of the day before he got 1 to run. I made some stakes for the threshing machine in the evening and put some prices on my boot-soles at night. Albert Shorley and Sarah here until bedtime. Day cold. Mercury 9° above 0.

Home Saturday 6

Did the usual amount of feeding in the morning but it was very cold and windy all day and we did not pretend to do much work. Put hinges on the lid of a box on the threshing machine. Will hauled a load of hay for the sheep in the afternoon. Will attended church in Aldersville at night. Nothing special transpired.

Home Sunday 7

Helen and I attended church at Old Bethel and heard Rev. Kester preach a very good sermon on Baptism. Preached an hour and thirty five minutes. Left - Charlie at home with Aunt Sally. I attended church in Aldersville at night and heard Rev. Rutledge preach from Rev. The Susan Jones and Mary Smith proclaimed faith in Christ.

Monday, March 8, 1869.

Spent most of the forenoon shelling corn for cow-feed. Went to D. Shorley and brought home some ducks. Took a load to mill in the afternoon and brought a load of boards home. Attended church in town at night. And heard Rev. Rutledge preach from Isaiah III 5-6, 7. Not very large congregation. Only three persons forward for prayers.

Home Tuesday 9

Harnessed the team in the morning before breakfast. Put one muck in pokes and then hauled manure from the stable over the hill on to our cornfield. Mr. Roles came over in the afternoon to borrow our wagon to haul hay on. Will attended church in town at night. But few out. Day fine. Rained in the evening.

Home Wednesday 10

Found on rising that it was still raining. After doing the feeding we harnessed the team and I went to mill and brought home some grinding and some slabs. David Shorley brought over pump over and put it in our cistern. At one in the afternoon mercury stood at 62 degrees above zero, at night it stood 32 above.

Home Thursday, March 11, 1869.

After doing the feeding in the morning  
Bells Boys and Thompson Crisp came  
and got our large wagon to haul hay on.  
We spent the day chopping wood and  
saw timber on the field which  
we intended to put in corn.

Talked some in the evening  
about going to Missouri to live.  
Talked about the inconveniences  
of living in a new country. No meeting  
in town. First night - sniped for news.

Home Friday 12

After doing the feeding Will  
and I hauled a load of hay  
for the sheep. Ground hard  
frozen and some snow on it.  
Father went to Davids for the  
crop cut saw and we cut some  
posts in the afternoon for the  
Coon. David Thorby came over  
in the evening. Paid some  
money for support of the gospel.

G. Stewart Saturday 13

After doing the feeding in the  
morning we concluded that we would  
attend the quarterly meeting in W.  
Middleton. Hesitated a little to  
take Charlie on account of whooping  
cough there. But finally we went  
with father and mother in the  
spring wagon. Charlie very good.  
Heard Burrows from I Cor 11 "29"  
Spent the night at G. Stewart's.

W. Stewart Sunday, March 14, 1869.

Attended Sabbath School in the  
morning at Middleton and made  
a few remarks. Took Charlie to  
Church for the first time. He behaved  
very well. Heard Burrows from James  
I "25" Took dinner at Rebecca M.  
Keevers. Attended Love Feast in  
the evening but few spoke. Heard  
Burrows again at night from  
Romanis III & G. Cl. 9<sup>th</sup> Did not  
have Charlie there at evening at night  
near Eldersville.

Monday 15 Home.

Took breakfast at G. Stewart's  
in Middleton. Saw Mr. Dods to  
learn whether a dog could be got  
from him for Robt Cooper. Took  
dinner at Mrs. Ruesfield's.  
Got home about five o'clock  
and found that Will had been  
keeping up our fire for us.  
Considerable of snow on the  
ground. Day literally cold.

Home Tuesday 16 Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to the feeding in  
the morning we harnessed two horses  
and hauled a stack of hay down off  
the hill for the horses. Hauled one  
load in the evening for the sheep  
in the back field. Snow enough  
on the ground to make the sled run  
well. Went to David Thorby's and to  
Robt P. Cooper's in the evening on an  
errand. Got home about 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 17, 1869.

After doing the feeding in the morning we harnessed the team and hauled thirty four bags, each six feet long, to Thomas Coon's, went by Bethel. Got home about half past one O'clock. Killed a veal for Aunt Sally and set it ready to take to town. Miss Shorley visiting at father's. Day pleasant - some snow.

Thursday 18

Arose at six and harnessed two horses for father to drive to Sterbenville. David Shorley went with him in the Spring wagon. Looked marketing. Father did not get the money for flour chickens which he took. Will and I did chores and chopped down in the afternoon.

Home Friday 19 Eldersville

Took breakfast at home, went to Eldersville and clerked for Saml Walker at the Township election. Got along nicely. Expected John Murchland would be unfriendly but it was not so. Got through about eleven O'clock. Will brought me a horse to ride home. Snow and rained most all day.

Saturday, March 20, 1869.

Did not arise until after seven O'clock. Did not feel well. Will and father had feeding nearly done. Mixed up some grain for Chop and Will. took it and six bushels of wheat to Ellerspie's mill to get it ground. Father and I cut some fence-posts and Will took a load to Mr. Coon's. I went with him as far as Eldersville. Swept out the Wesleyan Church. Roads very muddy.

Home Sunday 21 Near Eldersville

After doing the feeding in the morning I got ready and went to Eldersville expecting to attend Prayer meeting but heard Rev. Walker preach from Rom. II 10. Still wagon. Holding a protracted meeting at Fuller Miller School house. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Burrows preach from Rev. II 10 his last sermon in our midst. Day fine near Eldersville.

Monday 22 Ashie

After doing the feeding in the morning we harnessed the team and Will and I hauled a load of coal to town for C. Boles. Roads very bad. While there we got some blacksmithing done one shoe driven, Mattock sharpened and some chains mended. Got home about three O'clock. Day very stormy and disagreeable.

Tuesday, March 23, 1869.

Worm fed up the team in the morning and Will and I hauled a load of hay for the sheep and moved some stack bottoms. In the afternoon, Will went to mill, father and I ground our axe and chopped some below the house. Spent the evening at home reading in the Washington Reporter. Robert Cooper at father's in the evening.

Home Wednesday 24 near Eldersville

After doing the feeding in the morning Will and I ground his axe; spent most of the forenoon chopping a big log in the field next to Steens, clearing off the field for corn. Spent the afternoon rolling logs burning brush and chopping firewood. Felt very tired and spent the evening at home. Day very fine.

Home Thursday 25 near Eldersville Pa.

I attended to the feeding in the morning. Will had two of the horses harnessed before I got out from breakfast. We spent the forenoon rolling logs in the field next to Steens. In the afternoon we hauled out some rails and firewood. Will and Will Phorley intended to leave for Paris for a concert.

Friday, March 26, 1869.

Spent the forenoon rolling burning logs together and cutting a stick for a maul. Helped father to put a pole on the sled. Aunt Ann, Helen, Charlie and I went to John's in the spring wagon and spent the night there. Took Lizzie Wright with us as far as John's. Wright's Mill's saddle was cut in Eldersville.

Home Saturday 27

Took breakfast at John Melvin's, went to Mill. Barber's and made a short visit. Ate dinner at John's and came home in the afternoon past Pattenhouse Crisp. Spent part of the evening making a maul handle. Weather quite warm and buds swelling rapidly.

Sunday 28

Home near Eldersville Pa. We rode on horseback to church, Helen and another remaining at home. Heard Nolan preach from II Samuel, II and latter part of 30<sup>th</sup> verse. Took dinner at father's. Lizzie Wright was away and Helen helped mother do the cooking. Thermometer indicated 70.



Monday, March 29, 1869.

Spent - part of the forenoon opening a drain above the house and stable. Will harnessed the team in the morning but it rained all day and we did not haul any. Father went to town for some medicine. I spent the afternoon mending my boots. Spent the evening reading in the Washington

Reporter: Charlie rather peculiar.  
Near Eldersville Pa

Tuesday 30

Found it raining in the morning when I rose. Helped to do the feeding. Washed the horse legs with dish-water. Philander Wright brought Lizzie home. Spent most of the day mending harness. Helen did a washing. Lydia Cooper visited at father's. Will came down in the evening and we sang some. Day very wet getting cold in the evening.

Wednesday 31

Had some logs in the morning and set them on fire. Sowed clover seed in the about two o'clock. Cleared off a foundation and commenced building our logpen and wagon shed. Wrote two letters at night to C. H. Patten and Joe W. Templeton. My fire

Thursday, April 1, 1869.

Father and I cut some hickory in the morning for the hog-pen. Will harnessed the horse and they took a regular play as if making us April fools. Hauled up the logs, hewed two of them and put them in position when it commenced raining and I spent the afternoon writing letters. Spent evening at home reading. Afternoon wet.

Home Friday 2

Attended to the feeding in the morning as usual and then we spent the day erecting a hog-pen. Got it calved off in the evening when it commenced raining and snowing and we had to quit. Mary Stephenson at father's in the afternoon. Will shortly sick. I visited him.

Home Saturday 3

Spent the day working at our wagon shade; put up three forks and a plate on them. Washed Charlie in the afternoon. Weighed 16 pounds. Had only gained  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pound in the last month. Will shortly still poorly. Snowed some during the day.

~~Home~~ Sunday, April 4, 1869.  
Will. not being at home, father and I attended to the feeding in the morning. The roads were very bad and the horses had their scratches, so I walked to Eldersville to church. Heard Bro Stillwagon preach from 1st Peter 1st 5-11. Will. Thorley quite sick. Threatened with fever. Cold wind during the day.

~~Home~~ Monday 5  
Went to see Will. Thorley in the morning before breakfast and found him some better. Spent the day preparing the rafters and putting the roof on our haypen and wagonstade. Weather was fine but somewhat windy and commenced raining in the evening.

~~Home~~ Tuesday 6  
Spent the forenoon ducking the hogpen. Will took Charlie to the shop and had him shod. Hauled some wood in the afternoon and also some hay. Sang some in the evening. Will and Lizzie both being in, Lizzie asked Jennie McClure when she came in if she could not go and till the

~~Home~~ Wednesday, April 7, 1869.  
Will. and I cut a tree out of the way which had fallen over the line fence into Kelly McConnell's field. Hauled manure, and plowed down some early potatoes in the field next to the run. Went to town at night and attended P. Prof. Blake's last singing. His pupils did not all pay their subscriptions. Weather squally.

~~Home~~ Thursday 8,  
Finished planting potatoes in the morning and then commenced plowing for oats. Helen and Aunt Seely were visiting at Robt. Cooper's. I ate dinner at home alone and supper at father's. Helen came home about half past five o'clock. Wrote a letter in the evening to Mrs. Pyle for father and mother.

~~Home~~ Friday 9  
Arose at half past five. attended to the usual amount of feeding, and harnessed the team before breakfast. Commenced sowing oats in the morning and harrowed until nine o'clock. I plowed the remainder of the day. Will broke our old plow in the evening and then went to harrowing.

Saturday, April 10, 1869.

Harnessed a team in the morning and went to Mrs. Foy's for a plow before breakfast - Robert Cooper, Mrs. Foyne and father went to Steubenville in the spring wagon. John Cooper came along in the morning and told me that he wanted me to superintend the digging of Mrs. Moore's grave. This done, Patrick and I dug it in the afternoon. Albert Shorley harrowed for me while I was gone.

Home Sunday 11

Harnessed a team in the morning for father to take the family to church in the spring wagon. I went with David Shorley to Bethel and helped them to put the vault in Mrs. Moore's grave. The funeral was there about one o'clock. C. N. Stephenson and Alma Shorley ate dinner with us.

Home Monday 12

Father being at Bushfield in the morning with the team I could not plow, and fixed up a set of harness for John to work on old Sal. He brought Aunt Anna home in the forenoon, harnessed with her and plowing our oats in the afternoon and burned some stumps. Wrote a letter to B. F. Elliott. Snowed some

Tuesday, April 13, 1869.

Father took Mr. Plummer to the station in the morning on his way to Edyland. Will and I mixed some corn and oats which he took to mill. Put up an ash barrel of ash. Filled some stumps, hauled some hay, pulled the wool off of two dead sheep. Took calf to town in the evening which I sold for six dollars and thirty cts. Took plow to town also. Aunt Cora.

Home Wednesday 14

Arose at five and took father as far as Mc Connells lane on his way to Pittsburg. Cut a limb out of the way on my return. Will and I cut off corn stalks until noon and I finished them after noon. Cut Will's hair. Went to Station in the evening and brought father home and the two plows. Cornelius Barber came with us as far as town. Snowed some

Home Thursday 15

Harnessed the teams in the morning and Will and I spent the day plowing stalk ground on Mr. Stens farm. Father was baking and burning planks. Mattie Crisp and Minerva visited us and took dinner with us. I went to town at night to see C. N. Stephenson and for the first time, bought Helen a pair of shoes.

Home Friday, April 16, 1869.

Spent the day hauling stones off our corn ground. This Coon with us. Will finished plowing stalk ground at Mr. Steen's and commenced on our end. Helen visited at D. Thorley's in the afternoon and spent at night and helped her home with Charlie.

Weather very fine with some appearance of rain. In evening <sup>plowed our garden</sup>

Saturday 17

Felt quite unwell in the morning. Spent most of the forenoon hauling stones off our corn ground, Thos. Coon helping. Spent the afternoon plowing. Tried a plow which father got a new beam for in Pittsburgh but it was not much the better of it. Was late when we retired.

Weather quite pleasant.

Home Sunday 18

Attended to the feeding in the morning. Attended at the reorganization of the elders-well Sabbath School. John Melvin elected Superintendent, was not present at the election and declined to serve. When Helen and I fed the sheep in the evening a two year old ewe choked to death. It had been in the pen for some time.

Home Monday, April 19, 1869.

Father and Will separated some sheep in the morning. Will went to help John to plow. Father went to mill, and went to help John in the afternoon. I spent the day making garden and attended to the feeding in the evening. Our first lamb came and I brought the ewe in at night. Will stayed at John's over night. Weather warm & cloudy.

Home Tuesday 20

Arose at fifteen minutes past four o'clock, fed and harnessed two horses, took Fannie Melvin on behind me and went to Kittenhouse Crip to help John Melvin to plow. Pat. Coon was here cutting wood for us during the day. Will and I came from John's about dark. Recd a letter from G. L. Hamilton. Bought some shorting in town.

Home Wednesday 21

Arose at five and mixed a feed for the horses. Will went to mill for some cow feed. I plowed during the forenoon. Chopped down two dead trees and scattered some manure while father was plowing. Pat. Coon was here chopping some stonewood. The wind blew very hard nearly all day.

Home Thursday, April 22, 1869.

Cross at five o'clock.  
Pat Coon here cutting Stover and  
showed him where to work in  
the morning. Spent most of the  
forenoon scattering manure while  
Will and father were plowing.  
Spent the afternoon plowing.  
Mary Jane and Mary Stephenson  
here on a visit in the afternoon  
at a supper with us. Weather  
warm. Castrated two calves at noon.  
One of them died at night.

Friday 23

Father and Will skinned  
a yearling calf in the morning  
which had died during the  
night after a surgical opera-  
tion. Spent the day plowing.  
Made but poor speed.  
Ground getting very hard.  
Murchlands preparing to  
plant corn. Robt. Cooper  
harrowing corn ground.

C. M. Stephenson Saturday 24

Spent most of the day plowing  
and for corn in what was known  
as the three cornered field. In the  
evening I took Champ and the buggy  
and we went to C. M. Stephenson's  
where we spent the night. Mary  
Jill & Eg. there. Willie Stephens  
thought to have whooping cough.  
Cyrus rather angry about having been  
notified by the neighbors to move a  
pile of stover.

Home Sunday, April 25, 1869.

Took breakfast at C. M. Stephenson's.  
Left Helen and Charlie there while  
I attended Sabbath School and  
preaching. Heard Helen from  
II Pet. III Chapter 8 Verse of  
21 Verse. Took dinner at C.  
M. Stephenson's. Did not attend  
Church in the evening. Got  
home between five and six  
o'clock. Day very pleasant  
but cool in the morning.

Home Monday 26

Will attended to the feeding in  
the morning and I harnessed  
the horses. Father and Will  
plowed while I mended my boots.  
Plowed until dinner time. Put in  
some onions. Spent an hour or  
more with Lou. Bushfield on  
his way from Freeman's where  
his father was sick. Will and I  
harrowed in the evening. Evening.

Home Tuesday 27

Will took some door and Window  
frames to town in the forenoon  
for J. H. Pline. I took R. P.  
Cooper's plow home and then  
harrowed the rest of the day  
on our corn ground. Harrowed  
the Steen field over and part  
of our own twice. Father harrowed  
while I came to supper. Charlie P. and  
Helen thought's back was hurt.

Wednesday, April 28, 1869.

Red and harnessed the horses in the morning and Will and I harrowed Corn ground until nearly noon then commenced marking. Heard that David McCree was dead. Father took one team and went to Bushfield's for mother in the afternoon. Will and I still marking. Windy some about supper time. Considerable appearance of rain at night.

Home Thursday 29

Will and I spent most of the forenoon running out corn ground in Mr. Steen's field. Rained on us before dinner. Attended Old Dan McCreedy's funeral in the afternoon. Eight buggies and omnium couples on horseback in procession. Father went to the station for Mrs. Kyle and Helen. Went to town and got <sup>at the depot</sup> Charlie a

Home Friday 30

Will went to Cooper's in the morning and helped them to plant corn. Father and mother took Mrs. Kyle and Jennie McCreedy to the station on their way home. Our mare, Jennie, got down in the stall and could not get up until I took some boards out of her way. Hauled three wagon loads of stave wood in the afternoon. Intended to go to Father Hanlin's on Saturday, but concluded to plant corn if the weather would permit. -

Saturday, May 1, 1869.

Spent the morning doing the feeding and pumping the water out of our system while it was raining. Plowed a few rounds in the forenoon. Went to Father Hanlin's in the evening. Took Lizzie Wright with us for our Harmon's Creek. Stewart Hanlin and I went to Paris in the spring wagon in the evening. Called on Dr. Hill to learn what to do for Cath. took in my nose. Mother Cook's wet.

Home Sunday 2

Attended Sabbath School and Prayer meeting at Tucker's Church in the morning. Took dinner at Father Hanlin's where we had left Charlie. Came home in the evening and brought Lizzie Wright with us. Got home in time to feed and attend to the milking. Weather quite cold and disagreeable.

Home Monday 3

Harnessed the team before breakfast - Will and I finished plowing and harrowed Rogue before dinner. Spent the afternoon harrowing Corn ground. Got through about 2 o'clock. Weighed Charlie in the evening. He weighed 17 1/2 pounds. Will Shorter came over in the evening and had his haircut. Weather very cool.

Tuesday, May 4, 1869.

Father and I finished marking out our corn ground the first way in the forenoon while Will was helping D. L. Lark to prepare his ground. I marked out for them in the afternoon while the bees-arche planting. Did not get quite done. Just as I was starting in to dinner the mare tramped my toes and made them feel very uncomfortable.

Home Wednesday 5

Arose in the morning and found quite an appearance of rain and did rain some. Finished planting David Lark's corn against ten o'clock and then commenced on ours. Supposed that we had got about half done in the evening. Afternoon warm with some appearance of rain.

Home Thursday 6

Arose at six o'clock. Appearance of rain. Finished planting corn in Mr. Steen's field. In the forenoon and finished at home about half past four o'clock. About fifteen acres plowed for Corn, Cane, and potatoes &c. Rhine Cline helped us a while in the afternoon and to get us to haul him a load of lumber.

Friday, May 7, 1869.

Helped father to cut some seed potatoes in the morning. He took matter over to Mr. Boles and Will and I planted some potatoes. Planted our sorghum. Will took Doll and Gracie to the shop to get them shod. I put the wagon in readiness to go to town for lumber while father went for mother in the evening.

Home Saturday 8

Arose at five o'clock and harnessed the team and father and I went to the river with the wagon. Took down butter and eggs and brought out a small load of lumber from Wells saw-mill for Rhine Cline. Ate supper at Rhine's in Eldersville. Weather was very fine. Road a little rough.

Home Sunday 9

Brought in the horses in the morning. Harnessed two of them for father to take the mill to church & saddled two and Leggie Wicks and I rode to Sabbath school. Helen left Charlie with Aunt Ann and went to church. Heard Thummes preach from Mat- 48 & 5-11. Leggie sick in the afternoon.

Monday, May 10, 1869.

Spent most of the forenoon planting late potatoes. Finished planting the seventh bushel. Put up some hot poles about dinner time. Hauled coal-ashes on the corn ground in the afternoon. Helen did a washing. Aunt Ann mending Charlie as usual. He had a spell of Cholera in the evening. Weather very fine & warm.

Home Tuesday 11

Rose at five and brought the horses in. Helen, Will, and I went to John Melvin's. Helped him to plant a field of corn at P. Crisp. Sammie Tholey, Albert and others helping. Got home about nine o'clock. Mary Lizzie McKeever came to tell father and mother that Bushfield's youngest child was not expected to live.

Home Wednesday 12

Helen got up and kindled the fire in the morning and left me sleeping. Brought in the horses, father and mother went to Bushfield's. Coopers, Tholey's and we washed sheep. Got through about five o'clock.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Wells that he should have the box all day. Alex. McConnell crowded in & out on his horse.

Thursday, May 13, 1869.

Did some feeding in the morning. Brought the horses and horses in got ready and went to Mr. Leighthead's and paid him the balance due on Cuthbert's debt to B. T. Elliott. Got home about four o'clock and worked some in the garden. Sowing all day.

Home Friday 14

Went to mill in the forenoon took some wheat and also some rye. Spent part of the day building a chicken coop. Uncle James Harkin came along in the evening and bought our bull for \$35.00. Took supper with us. Father went to Stephenson's in the evening. Found Willie better.

Home Saturday 15

Brought in the horses before breakfast. Father, Sammie Tholey, Albert and I went to town in the spring wagon with skin wool and marketing. Bought groceries and other articles too numerous to mention. Was raining quite hard in the morning when we went away. Good day at night.



Sunday, May 16, 1869.

Selen and I went to Sabbath School and Church on horseback. Father went to Middletown in the morning in the buggy. Got home late in the evening. Brought Tommy Stewart with them. Will Thorley and Alma came over in the evening. Alma had got a letter from Jennie McClure. Pennell several showers during the day.

Home Monday 17

Brought in the team in the morning and harnessed them. Helped to clean up the barn for sheep shearing while we were waiting for James McElvaine to come to whittowash the church. Hauled some things to town for the church and Will hauled three loads of wood for Rhine Rhine. McElvaine spent the night with us.

Home Tuesday 18

James McElvaine took sheep face with us in the morning. Father went to town in the morning to prepare the church for scrubbing while McElvaine finished whitewashing. Aunt Sally Selzer, Miss Jennie Strong, Mrs. Pugh and I scrubbed. Will hauled water and David and father painted.

Home Wednesday, May 19, 1869.

Arose at 1/2 O'clock took breakfast and went to Gillespies mill to work on the roads. Was there about seven O'clock. Geo. Boyd Supervisor. It but very little account. Mrs.monds had the plow. No person would have known from their actions toward me that they had ever been at enmity with me. Cloudy and a little shower.

Home Thursday 20

Worked on the roads. Commenced at Cassidy's line and worked toward home. Got as far as Cassidy's barn. Hands worked pretty well. Made the road well. Rev. Mr. Palmer came in the evening. Spent about an hour with us. Had been in the signal corps in the army. Weather quite pleasant.

Home Friday 21

Arose at 1/2 O'clock and brought in the team. Plowed on the road from Stein's line to fingerboards. Plowed on us nearly all day. Plowed with Champ and Jennie. Had a few words with Will. E. Stein in the evening. He became very angry and struck me. Conscienceless reprobates about kept me from giving him a few with my fist.

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Saturday, May 22, 1869.  
Went out to the field in the morning to clear up some locust tree tops. Went to Mr Cassidy's and told him that his mare had a colt and went with him to render it some assistance. Spent the afternoon repairing fences. Went to town in the evening to put up the blinds in the church but the paint was not dry. Tom Stewart lost his coat. I brought it home from Mrs. Cready's.

Home Sunday 23  
Went to Sabbath School in Eldersville on account of Quarterly meeting at Bethel. Took Spring wagon and took Aunt's wagon & Sally, Helen and Charles, Will Steward to church. Heard Rev. Cyrus Palmer for the first time from Mat. ~~XXV~~ 32. He was very much embarrassed and did not preach more than 15 minutes.

Home Monday 24  
After taking breakfast we brought in our ewes and trimmed our lambs. Hired up a carriage and went to John Melvins with the team. Father, Will and I hauled 95 Rail Road ties. John hauled 67 with his team. We hauled from ten to twenty feet of a load. Father and

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Tuesday, May 25, 1869.  
Went to David Horley's in the morning before breakfast and to town with for some fish. Got a half barrel of lake fish for \$4.50. Commenced shearing our sheep. Sheared the Bucks and eight ewes, Father Will and I. C. M. Stephenson had a call at father's. Mary there for dinner, visited at D. Horley's in the afternoon.

Home Wednesday 26  
Spent the day shearing sheep at home. Will sheared 18, father 10 and I sheared 12 each one rolling his own wool. Brought in another lot of sheep at night and housed them to keep them dry as a rain storm was approaching. Flooded our garden late in the evening. Rained.

Home Thursday 27  
Arose in the morning and found it raining. Kept our sheep in mow all the day. I took sick a little before luncheon and was not able to shear any more during the day. David & Horley Sammie and Albert came over after supper and helped some. I got better in the evening and rolled some wool. Rained very

Friday, May 28, 1869.

While we were at breakfast in the morning David Sholey came to help us to shear sheep and brought our large rocking chair home which he had been repairing. Sheared 14 sheep during the day beside driving Annie, David, Labyard 12, Sammie 13, Abbs 11 and Will. Melvin 19 or 20. Rained several showers during the day and hailed some. Ann and Alice over on with horse.

Saturday 29

Brought in the cows and horses in the morning. Farmed a little while about getting ready to go to town for fear of rain, at last Helen, Lizzie Wright and I got ready and went to town in spring wagon. Had dinner at Col. Stearns. Quite a large procession out to decorate soldiers graves. Left Charles with Aunt Ann's baby.

Sunday 30

Brought in the horses and cows in the morning. Will and I rode to Sunday School on horseback. Lizzie Wright in Steubenville. Father and mother attended church in Aldererville and went to Stephens for dinner. Wrote a letter in the afternoon to E. L. Hamilton and read a number of letters which paper brought.

Monday, May 31, 1869.

Spent most of the forenoon pulling weeds in the garden and stopping holes along the fence to put the row and pigs in the field below the house. Looked out the sheep washing box and put it away in the afternoon with some wheat to get it ground for summer's bread. Will and I made a short call at David Sholey's in the evening and then Will went to town. Heavy thunder shower in the afternoon.

Tuesday, June 1

Home. Set out some plants in the morning and pulled some weeds in the garden. We cut Thrushes in the forenoon. Very thick in the field. Cut some after dinner, then brought in a horse and commenced working corn in Steer's field. Frank Scott came along in the evening on hunt of a girl. To do housework. Mr. and J. C. Wright went to John Steer's riding on horseback from here. Frank rode out of home.

Wednesday 2

Spent the forenoon being corn in Mr. Steer's field a little after two o'clock we went to David Sholey's and helped him to scald a small addition to his hof. Helen went to see Susannah Scott in the afternoon and from there to Sholey's. Got through with the passing at supper time. Weather very fine but warm.

Thursday, June 3, 1869.

Brought in two horses in the morning and harnessed them. Finished the corn in Steen's field the first time working and sold a few rows in our own field before dinner. Father and Mother went to Uncle Geo. Criss' in the afternoon. I went to town after supper and got Jennie shoes. Got me a new pair of pants and hat and put up the blinds in the chere.

Home Friday 4

Father and I brought in the horses in the morning. Spent the day working corn except while it was raining. James & Berry Hill came about dinner time trying to sell lightning rods. He ate dinner at father's. Was a gifted talker. Did not order any rods. Will went to mill in the evening for flour.

Home Saturday 5

Brought in the horses in the morning and Will and I took the team to Eldersville and hauled 30 barrels of salt and a box from Hamilton Station for P. H. H. C. Cooper. Hauled eleven barrels of salt at one load. Got Dolly shoes driven. Uncle Matthew McKeever and Aunt Nancy Bushfield at father's when we came home.

Sunday, June 6, 1869.

Brought in the horses in the morning took Helen, Lizzie Wright and Aunt Sally to Sabbath School in the Spring-wagon. Heard Helen preach from Luke 24<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Was an appointment for extra session of Bible class in the afternoon but they did not meet in time to do anything before preaching. Heard Stillwagon preach from John 9<sup>th</sup> 35<sup>th</sup>. Aunt Ann kept Charlie in the forenoon. He was quite sick in the evening. Sister Ann & Mary were over. Charlie unwell all night.

Monday 7

Brought in the horses in the morning. Uncle McP's mare caused me some trouble. He and Aunt Nancy Bushfield started home early. Worked all day in the corn. Will went to town in the evening of an errand. Charlie P. was very unwell all day. Aunt Ann at David's sewing. Aunt Sally assisted to take care of Charlie. Did not sleep well.

Home Tuesday 8

Will arose a little after four o'clock and brought the horse in to work corn in the. Charlie was unwell and very restless during the night so that he did not sleep much. I took care of him while Helen got breakfast. I felt rather unwell, but worked all day among the corn and potatoes. Will quit work early to attend a

Wednesday, June 9, 1869.

Brought in Champ in the morning and fed and harnessed him for D. Thorley to drive to Pughtown. Aunt Sally went with them in our spring wagon. Spent most of the day hoeing cane. Father went to town to pay our tax. Father and mother went to Pleasant Hill to examination in the evening. Will went to Miller's Schoolhouse at night to a singing. Lydia Cooper visited us in the afternoon. Charlie was some better. <sup>Went</sup> my cool.

Thursday 10

<sup>Went</sup> Slept until late in the morning. Spent the forenoon mowing the yard putting handles on the cultivator &c. Finished hoeing our cane in the afternoon. Will got home about nine o'clock and went to Pleasant Hill to examination in the afternoon. Father came home about four o'clock. Planted some brown corn and went to town for the mail in the evening. Charlie getting better. <sup>Went</sup> David's home from <sup>Went</sup> home.

Friday 11

Father and I separated some sheep in the morning. Went to D. Thorley and made arrangements to go to Steubenville tomorrow. Planted some seeds in the garden in the afternoon. Planted corn in Steen's field. As Will and Albert Thorley were coming in from work they saw a coon go in a hole in a tree. Cut the tree and killed the coon. Better cool.

Saturday, June 12, 1869.

<sup>Went</sup> Brought in two horses in the morning David Thorley and I went to Steubenville in the spring wagon. David got a barrel of flour for 7 1/2 dollars. Bought some groceries and got my teeth mended. Took my watch to get a new main spring in it. Got home about six o'clock. Mitchell Hardin and Maggie came in the evening to spend the night with us. Will slept with Mitchell.

Home Sunday 13

Mitchell Hardin and Maggie being here we slept until late. Father woke me about half past six & wanted to know if I wanted all the horses in. Spent the entire day at home. Morn went to church but Will. Rained nearly all day. Mitchell went home in the evening but Maggie remained over night. Father went to Middleton.

Monday 14

<sup>Went</sup> Home; <sup>Went</sup> Monday 14. Went to Robt. S. Cooper's in the morning and from there to make Geo. Cuff's for blue clay. Dug in three places but did not get good clay and came home without any. Spent the afternoon tinkering about the house. Made a rack for Shilias and Cyfle's. Cleaned off the old house porch. Will Thorley and Will Melvin are in exhorting in the evening.

Tuesday, June 15, 1869.

Did some plastering in the morning before the women should undertake the walls. Aunt Sally and Helen washed blankets, and whitewashed some in our house and scrubbed. Father did some painting in the forenoon. Will and I spent the day working corn in Peter's field. I did not come down at supper time. Horses ran off in the evening when I set them out to water. Weather very cool and cloudy.

Home Wednesday 16

Wrote and carried banner. Slept until late in the morning. Father brought in the horse & work corn with. I finished the Steen field about nine o'clock and spent the remainder of the day in our own Mill. Went to town in the evening to Prayer meeting. Father and I spent about half an hour breaking a heifer which had a calf forenoon.

Home Thursday 17

Father brought in the horse in the morning. Spent most of the day plowing corn. Father and Will did the hoeing. About quitting time Albert Shorley came over and found three gopher coons in the mulberry tree. Killed them and supposed them to have belonged to the old one we killed last Friday. Day very warm.

Friday, June 18, 1869.

Arose fifteen minutes past four o'clock and brought in the horses. Spent the day working corn. Will and Rebecca Bushfield, John Nelson and family came to father's and spent the night. John brought out a horse. Had her all day plowing &c. Weather very warm. Had some in garden. Robt Riddle's

Saturday 19

Wrote of Harmon's Creek

Moved some of the grass off the swamp in the forenoon and almost gave out. We got ready in the afternoon and went to Robert Riddle's and Aunt Eliza Hamlin's where we spent the night very pleasantly. Did not retire until quite a late hour and did not sleep well on account of the heat. We drove Champion in the buggy. Was very warm.

Sunday 20

Wrote of Harmon's Creek

Took breakfast with Aunt Eliza Hamlin in the morning. Helen did not attend church. Robert Riddle and I went in our buggy. Heard Elder Pettit preach from Romans ~~xxv~~ 17. at Teacher's church. Morning was very warm but a large crowd out at meeting. Rained very hard just as the services were closed. Did not get out until dinner at Riddle's just before

Monday, June 21, 1869.

Took breakfast with my family as usual  
morning. The morning was very cloudy  
and raining soon. We walked out over the  
farm and went to Robert Riddles of a  
little brand for Helen. Came home about  
noon. Rained a little on us on the way  
and rained two or three very hard  
showers after we got home. John  
Melvin was here during the day and  
we commenced making straw carriers  
for our threshing machine. Cut out the

Home Tuesday 22

As we did not retire until late, we  
were late arising. Spent the day making  
straw carriers for our machine. Stretched  
the straps and sewed them together. John  
got the nails made as he came through  
town; they were not made right and  
he took them back and changed them.  
Aunt Susan Jones came in the evening  
and took supper with us. Men were  
working on the roads past our house.

Home Wednesday 23

D. Thorby came over in the morning  
and repaired our clock some.  
Father took Rebecca Bushfield, Will  
Bushfield and mother to Robert Cooper  
on a visit; left them there and went  
after them again about supper time.  
Spent the day working corn, potatoes  
and corymber. Corn growing well  
since the rain, but ground considerably  
warped. Weather very pleasant.

Home Thursday, June 24, 1869.

Cleared some worms off a sheep's head  
in the morning. Will Bushfield went  
home from here. Finished being  
over rain at supper time and  
bed corn after supper. When  
coming to dinner, Will and the  
dogs killed a very large ground  
hog. Robert Cooper came over in  
the evening to make some arrange-  
ments about going to town tomorrow  
Day very pleasant for corn working.

Home Friday 25

Father and Robert Cooper went to  
Steubenville with the mazon and  
brought out some store goods for  
John & Mary Cooper. Will and I  
worked in the cornfield. Did not  
quite get through our corn the  
second time. Aunt Susannah  
Jones still here on a visit.  
Mother and Rebecca Bushfield visited  
at David Thorby's. Day very warm.

Home Saturday 26

Took the cows to the field in the  
morning and cut some thistles. Helped  
to finish losing the corn the second  
time. Had some in the garden. Got  
it well cleaned out. Cut a hole in  
the cutting room to air the loaves.  
Put a lash on the buggy whip and  
catted the sheep in the evening. William  
Bushfield and wife at father's over  
night. Will wanted to sell our farm in Pa.

Sunday, June 27, 1869.

Brought in the horses in the morning and fed them. Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville and helped to make arrangements for a celebration on the 3 of July, as the 4<sup>th</sup> comes on Sabbath. Difference of opinion about the propriety of putting up a table. Heard Rev. Stillwagon preach from Rev. V 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Did not attend church anywhere in the afternoon. Will attend singing in town.

Home Monday 28

Prepared a cross-scythe in the morning and cutting thistles was the work of the day with me. Latta and Will worked corn and cut thistles. Both Rev. Mr. Gamble came along just at dinner time and took dinner with us. Rained shortly after the middle of the day and he remained with us until after two o'clock. Was very tired at night.

Home Tuesday 29

Will and I put the mowing machine together in the morning & prepared for cutting clover. We spent the day mowing thistles while bytter was flowing corn. Mr. W. Luckman came along in the evening buying sheep. Engaged a lot of our lot & 2.00 per head provided he could get the money within a week. Mrs. Sym around register

Wednesday, June 30, 1869.

Repaired some fence in the morning to keep the horses in their place. Latta went to cornfield but rain stopped him from work. We put the sticks on the straw carriers of the machine and mowed some wheat in the barn. Bell Hamlin and Aunt Eliza came about eleven o'clock, they with Aunt Sally, Helen, Charlie and I went to C. Scott's and spent the afternoon very pleasantly. Showery.

Home Thursday, July 1

Cut some thistles in the morning and gathered some mulberries. Latta and another came from Bushfields about ten o'clock. Aunt Eliza Hamlin and Bell spent the forenoon with us and went home in the afternoon. Latta and I put the sticks on the straw carriers. I borrowed a shovel-blow and plowed some corn in the evening. Singing at D. Tholip's at night.

Home Friday 2

Brought in the horses in the morning and fed them. Spent the forenoon and until near three o'clock being gone. Went to town, got Gimme shod and helped to erect the table for the Sabbath School Celebration. Put few of us to put it up. Table four lengths of fifteen feet boards. Rained hard in the evening and the boys did not get their living corn cut.



Home Saturday, July 3, 1869.

The morning was very cloudy and wet. About ten o'clock we started to Eldersville to the celebration. Table was spread in the grove and well loaded. W. W. Kniff was selected Trust and three vice presidents. I acted as Sec. and read the Declaration of Independence. Great Davis delivered an address. Crowd did not disperse until late in the afternoon. Afternoon was very pleasant and every thing passed off very well.

Home Sunday 4

Brought in the horses in the morning, saddled up and rode to Eldersville to the Rev. Palmer. My-a very many at Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Luke ~~XXIV~~ 35. Class meeting after preaching. Wrote a letter in the afternoon to Mr. Annie L. Moore. David, Thos. and Ann were over at father's in the evening.

Home Monday 5

Borrowed a shovel plow in the morning. Run three plows in our corn until supper time when we finished. Mr. Jackson came at noon and took away 35 head of sheep which he had bought from us at \$2.00 pr. head. Carried Charlie over to Leather's for Helen and Sam. Ann commenced cutting wheat in the evening and took the shovel plow

Home Tuesday, July 6, 1869.

Mr. Coone came and helped us to reap wheat. I mowed clover until dinner time and spent the afternoon reaping. We put up 75 dozens of wheat. Three reaping all forenoon and four in the afternoon. Broke the track-clearer of the machine and fixed it in the forenoon. Weather very fine for harvesting, not exceedingly warm.

Home Wednesday 7

Willard repaired the sheep's heads in the morning. Put the grain carriage in the wagon and father repaired the rake. I mowed until dinner time and they reaped 14 dozens of wheat. In the afternoon we hauled for two wagon loads of hay and reaped seven dozens more. I cut Will's hair about dark. Lizzie went to town.

Home Thursday 8

Took a heifer to Nathaniel Gillespie in the forenoon and reaped some wheat. Went to haul in some hay in the afternoon. Got a large load just between the two houses when one of the hind wheels broke down and spoke in it broken. Had hard time removing the hay on the sled and some of it got wet. Took the sled to town in the evening.

Friday, July 9, 1869.

Awoke at four o'clock and found it raining hard. Did not rise until six. Spent the forenoon mending a pair of shoes for Helen. Thinned some broomcorn and opened the drain in front of the stable just after dinner and spent the remainder of the afternoon reaping and binding wheat. Uncle McKeeva, Aunt Jane and mother went to town in the spring wagon in the afternoon, to see the show. Home

Home Saturday 10

Put some pieces on my boots in the morning. Uncle McKeeva and Aunt Jane went from here to Mr. McReady's. We commenced at eight o'clock and three of us put up 71 dozens of wheat against half past six o'clock with the sickles. Cyrus Stephenson and Mary came over in the evening and made a short visit. Day fine

Home Sunday 11

Helen intended to have gone to Sabbath school and church with her babe but the morning was cloudy and she did not go. Almond Harley came over and rode behind me. After Sabbath school, heard the wagon pass from Matthew to 1 1/2 miles inclusive. Took dinner at home, and took Helen, Charlie, Aunt Sallie, Lizzie Wright and Almond Harley to church in the evening. Heard Rev. Stockton preach 7 Car. Va. pt. of 19 & 20 verses. Helen & Charlie

Monday, July 12, 1869.

Harnessed two horses in the morning and hauled a load of stovewood. Father and mother came home from Bushfield's about eight o'clock. We finished cutting the wheat back of the barn before dinner and ground a scythe. We spent a part of the afternoon reaping and then found the grain standing so well that we ran the cradle the remainder of the day and put up 75 dozens. Day warm. Brought home a duck at night.

Home Tuesday 13

The forenoon was wet; spent most of it tinkering about the loom. Made a hook for my watch chain. John Melvin and Mr. Sharp of Bangellata came for cherries. I gathered a bucket full in the morning. Spent the afternoon cutting wheat. Will, Sholey and I used the scythe and rake, while father and Will used the sickles. Put up fifty dozens. Father bled a horse

Home Wednesday 14

Gathered a small bucket full of cherries in the morning before breakfast. We spent the forenoon cutting wheat - father reaping and Will and I running the cradle. When we came to dinner we found Sue Watts and her three children, Mr. & Mrs. Stewart and Thomas here on their way to remain. They left about half past one o'clock.

Thursday, July 16, 1892.

Finished cutting our wheat in the forenoon. 455 dozens in all. Only cradled a little over 100 dozens of it. Cut our rye in the afternoon with the Eickles 40 dozens of it. Father almost gave out two or three times during the day and I did not feel very well. Were very glad to get through for the day was very hot. Gathered some cherries in the morning before going to work.

Friday 16

Was quite unwell in the night and did not rise very early in the morning. Spent most of the forenoon cleaning up the barn to put wheat in. We run two sleds in the afternoon hauling in the wheat back of the barn. Sammie and Albert Charley helped me and we got through before the wheat got too wet to haul. Mr. Stewart and others returned from Freeman's.

Home Saturday 17

Finished mending my boots in the morning. Father spliced the tongue of the mowing machine and Will went to mill and went after the grinding in the afternoon. I gathered a bucket of cherries and spent the afternoon repairing the threshing machine greasing the spring ways and doing other chores. Father and mother visited at Stephensons. John came up at night and laid me \$5.75. Did not

Friday, July 16, 1892.

Awoke about half past five in the morning and found it raining. Did not attend Sabbath School. Attended church at eleven o'clock and heard Rev. Palmer preach a short sermon from Jeremiah VI 20 "Tolerable good congregation considering the day. Helen remained at home. Rained nearly all day. Will and Aunt Ann were both unwell.

Home Monday 19

Will and I ground the knives of the mowing machine in the morning and ground the Cythe. I went to Robert Coopers and paid him \$50 dollars for the crane which I bought of him last fall. Came home and mowed some before dinner. Will and father went to town for the wagon wheel. Repaired machine in afternoon. John came along and we settled last years threshing debt.

Home Tuesday 20

Brought in the horses in the morning and fed them. Father went to town of an errand. I started to mow with the machine, while going the first round I bent the yard under the wheels and when we got fixed it was so cloudy that we quit and sent for a load of wheat and it was raining before we got it into the barn. Spent the afternoon fixing up the threshing machine. Day showers.

Wednesday, July 21, 1869.

Harnessed all the horses in the morning & father and Will went to Stenberville on Spring wagon, father and Lizzie Wright went over to Peter Handl in the buggy and I went to mowing. Broke the outer shoe of the cutter bar, went to C. N. Stephens and got a new one for \$2.50. Father and Will got home about two o'clock and put up some hay. I mowed until sunset - Day very cool.

Home Thursday 22

Father brought in the horses in the morning and we harnessed the whole team and got one of David Tholey's horses to haul hay with. I mowed nearly all day and finished the large field on the hill. Rhine, Eliza, Sammie Tholy and Albert were helping father and Will to haul in and cock up hay. Weather very favorable and hay in nice order.

Home Friday 23

Father and I brought in a sled load of hay before breakfast. Hauled two wagon loads of hay in the forenoon. Coked up hay all afternoon and finished coking up the large meadow on the hill. Stallion heifer sold and put in a queen for father at a cost of seven dollars. Uncle Mathews, Mr. Keever and Aunt Jane at father's over night.

Home Saturday, July 24, 1869.

Father, Tholy and his two boys helped us to put up three stacks of hay in the meadow on the hill. We got the stacks topped out about two o'clock but did not get them raked until the shower came on. After supper we went to Tholey's and hauled in about 1/8 of 8 dozens on his wheat. Thompson Crisp had David's wagon and grain carriage borrowed.

Home Sunday 25

Brought in all the horses in the morning and fed them. Will and I rode to Sabbath School on horseback. Father, Aunt Sally, Lizzie Wright and Uncle Mathew McKeever went in the spring wagon. Heard Rev. Stillman preach from Luke XXIV 42-43. Helen and I rode to church on horseback in the evening and heard Plummer on the training of children from Prov. XXII 6. Here was

Monday 26

Home Brought in the horses in the morning and fed them. Uncle McKeever and Aunt Jane still at father's. Uncle McE. and mother went to Mrs. McEvens. Mowed the meadow at the end of the lane and coked up part of the hay. Rained before supper time, Will and father raked a stack bottom after supper and I hauled a load of straw to Robt. Gadsden's.

Home Tuesday, July 27, 1869.  
Harnessed the team in the morning  
and went to David Thorley's for  
the wagon. David's force helped  
us all day and we got our wheat  
all put up. Put up a large bush.  
Had only 20 dozens of rye left  
out at night. Father and  
I hauled wheat and rye after  
Rupper while the rest looked  
up some hay. We thought we  
were going to have rain but it  
cleared off. <sup>Went to David Thorley's</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>we</sup> <sup>got</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>wheat</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>put</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>night</sup> <sup>Put</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>large</sup> <sup>bush</sup> <sup>Had</sup> <sup>only</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>dozens</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>rye</sup> <sup>left</sup> <sup>out</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>night</sup> <sup>Father</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>hauled</sup> <sup>wheat</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>rye</sup> <sup>after</sup> <sup>Rupper</sup> <sup>while</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>rest</sup> <sup>looked</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>some</sup> <sup>hay</sup> <sup>We</sup> <sup>thought</sup> <sup>we</sup> <sup>were</sup> <sup>going</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>have</sup> <sup>rain</sup> <sup>but</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>cleared</sup> <sup>off</sup> <sup>Went</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>David</sup> <sup>Thorley's</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>we</sup> <sup>got</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>wheat</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>put</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>night</sup> <sup>Put</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>large</sup> <sup>bush</sup> <sup>Had</sup> <sup>only</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>dozens</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>rye</sup> <sup>left</sup> <sup>out</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>night</sup> <sup>Father</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>hauled</sup> <sup>wheat</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>rye</sup> <sup>after</sup> <sup>Rupper</sup> <sup>while</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>rest</sup> <sup>looked</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>some</sup> <sup>hay</sup> <sup>We</sup> <sup>thought</sup> <sup>we</sup> <sup>were</sup> <sup>going</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>have</sup> <sup>rain</sup> <sup>but</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>cleared</sup> <sup>off</sup>

Wednesday 28  
Brought in the horses and we  
hauled a load of rye in before  
breakfast which finished our grain  
hauling. I went to David Thorley's  
and mowed seven acres of grass  
from half past eight o'clock  
until quarter past four. Then  
took the machine to town to get  
it put in line. Brought Luff  
home behind me. Her sister  
is in town. Rained at night.

Thursday 29  
We threw off a load of rye in the  
morning. Harnessed two horses  
went to town and got the mowing machine  
repaired home. Look dinner of cakes  
and cheese and moved in the  
afternoon in Mr. Patterson's field  
for Mr. Coone. Look Rupper at  
Mr. Patterson's. Got home about  
dark. Father and will were putting  
up some hay. Morning quite cloudy

Friday, July 30, 1869.  
Harnessed the horses in the morning  
and we ground the knives of the mowing  
machine. I went to Eldersville and  
spent the day mowing for Thomas  
Coon in Mr. Patterson's field. Look  
dinner and supper at Mr. Patterson's.  
Quit mowing about six o'clock  
brought the machine to the shop  
and had the seat repaired. Got  
home about nine o'clock. Look  
a bolt of the machine on the wagon

Saturday 31  
Home.

Hunted and found a bolt on the  
road in the morning belonging to  
the mowing machine. Will helped  
Robert Cooper to stack his hay.  
Father was unwell and did not  
work any. Mowed the little patch  
with the scythe. Father took Catherine  
and mother home in the buggy in the  
evening. She was suffering with consumption.  
Spoke early evening.

Sunday, August 1  
Attended Sabbath School and church.  
All rode on horseback from here Ann  
Storley fell from their spring wagon  
and was somewhat bruised. Heard  
Rev. Palmer preach from 119 Psalm  
and 117 verse. Very good sermon but  
read from the manuscript. Heard that  
Will had finished a young cow and we  
went down in the evening to see it. Spent  
the night in John belows. Father very  
unwell in the evening but better in the morning.

Monday, August 2, 1869.

Home  
Took breakfast at John Wilson's  
Gossome tin for repairs for the  
machine. Got home about  
ten o'clock. Rather some better.  
Finished putting in our hay in  
the afternoon and reaped some oats.  
Lyd Cooper was over to see father.  
I went to town in the evening &  
got some groceries. Weather very  
fine for harvesting.

Tuesday 3

Home  
Will went to J. M. Steer's in the  
morning to help them stack hay,  
but the appearance of rain was  
so great that J. M. Steer came  
and helped us to reap until dinner time  
then went home to put up some hay.  
Will and I finished reaping the old  
orchard. Rained hard in the afternoon  
and washed away our buckets and dipper.  
John and Spangah came from father who  
was quite poorly during the day.

Wednesday 4

Helped Will to grind his scythe in  
the morning and we put the cords  
in the straw carriers of the machine.  
Spent most of the day reaping  
oats. Will went in the after-  
noon to help John Steer put  
up some hay. Father and mother  
went to Bushfields in the evening.  
Father able to reap some. I went to J.  
Leeds in the evening and helped

Thursday, August 5, 1869.

Home  
Did not rise until six o'clock.  
J. M. Steer helped us to reap oats  
until supper time then went home to  
put up some hay. David Thorley  
helped us to reap and Will Milin  
cradled for him. Father and  
mother got home from Bushfields  
about nine o'clock. Lizzy  
Wright went to town in the evening  
and got Champ shod. Forenoon  
was cloudy. Afternoon very fine.

Friday 6

Home  
Will worked a short time at home in  
the morning, then went and helped Mr.  
John Steer to stack his hay. Got  
home a little after supper time. Father  
and I reaped oats until supper time  
and then we tied 44 dozens.  
Aunt Ann and Helen came out  
in the afternoon and brought  
Charlie with them. Aunt Ann reaped  
enough for two or three sheaves.

Saturday 7

Home  
Shingled Alyn Thorley's hair in the  
morning. J. M. Steer helped us to reap  
oats in the forenoon and tie in the  
afternoon. We tied 115 dozens of  
oats. At supper time the sun  
was eclipsed and things were a dull  
appearance, but a small portion  
of the sun visible. Charlie was  
very much troubled with bowel-  
complaint during the day. Mercury stood

Home Sunday, August 8, 1869.

Charlie was very unwell and when I went to Sabbath School I did not remain for church but came home took dinner and went back in the evening and heard Wolen preach at 4<sup>th</sup> Adock from Luke ~~11:17~~ 11:18. He and Lizzie Goodfield came to father's and spent the night. Slept at Dr. Towns's office and got some medicine for Charlie. He slept pretty well during the night.

Monday 9

David Thorley and Rhine pline helped us to reap oats during the day and Will cradled oats for David while he was reaping. Rhine took some flour home with him at night on old Sol. Weather was exceedingly fair for harvesting. Getting very tired of reaping oats. Charlie slept well all night and seemed to be much benefitted by his medicine.

Home Tuesday 10

Charlie seemed to be much better and remained so all day. Rhine, Rhine and L. M. Steen helped us to finish reaping oats. Got through between three and four o'clock. Tied eighty-four dozens of oats from that night. Weather was very favorable and we got nearly through with our oats.

Home Wednesday, August 11, 1869.

Gathered a basket of onions while the dew was on. We tied our oats during the day. Got through at two o'clock. Had in all 358 dozens. After supper we went and helped David Thorley to haul oats. Hauled in two wagon loads. Rev. Mr. Burrows and daughter were at father's over night. Charlie's health improving.

Home Thursday 12

Got some apples and brought in the horses before breakfast. Cut some stoverwood then father and I took the team and went to D. Thorley's and helped them to finish harvesting in the forenoon and they came over in the evening and we stacked 224 dozens of our oats. I took sick in the afternoon and had the head-ache all evening. Ann over on a visit.

Home Friday 13

Got my hair trimmed in the morning. Will went to help Bro. Steen's to cut and tie oats. David Thorley's force helped us to finish putting up our oats at dinner time. Fannie Scott and Jane Ann visited us in the evening. I started to go for blackberries. Went as far as Elphewille and came back. Father and mother being

Home Saturday, August 14, 1869.

Went to bed in the morning and gathered a big quart bucket full of blackberries. John came along and we tinkered some at the machine. Cut some stove wood in the afternoon and mowed some sheep. Sewed one side of the sole of my fine boot. And cut Will's hair in the evening. He went to town to prospecting. Day very warm.

Home Sunday 15

Brought in the horses in the morning and fed the one I wanted to use. Some appearance of rain. David, Tholey, Will, Tholey and I went to Middletown to Quarter meeting in our spring wagon. Heard Harrows from 25 Palm 4<sup>th</sup> verge. David and I took dinner at Mr. Danny's. Lovefeast at 3 o'clock. Rained a shower at night.

Home Monday 16

Arose 15 minutes past three o'clock brought in a horse and Will and I went down to John Melvin's and among hands we gathered about ten gallons of blackberries. Came home and took part of our machine to Eldersville to get new boxes for the fly wheel shaft but E. Poles was very unaccommodating. We put the boxes together and concluded

Tuesday, August 17, 1869.

Robert Widdles Harrowscreek.

Separated our ewes and lambs in the morning and I harrowed the team and hauled a load of wood. After dinner, father & I plowed some in the cane. After supper, I took Helen and Charlie over to Robert Widdles in the spring wagon and spent the night there. Some boys were there & had a mess of boiled corn after dark. Father's

Wednesday 18

Took breakfast at Robert Widdles about four o'clock started for Middletown past John's. We took the threshing machine from Eldersville for repairs. Enjoyed Robert Terine's threshing quite on the way. Got home about six o'clock in the evening and took two horses with the horse on and went to father's after Helen, Charlie and the spring wagon.

Thursday 19

Took breakfast at father's and got home a little before eleven o'clock. Spent the afternoon repairing the machine and making father's preparatory to threshing. David Tholey made a table for our machine. Will Steen came along in the evening to borrow some sacks and Frank Co. came to get us to thresh for him. Weather very fair.



Friday, August 20, 1869.

Arose at five o'clock and spent the day repairing harness making leathers to put under the horses shoes repairing machinery and getting ready for threshing. Got Samuels Thorsly to take our horses to the smith shop and get them shod.

Will was away somewhere and did not get home until afternoon. John brought his family up and helped us some about loading the machine. Weather fair.

Home Saturday 21

Brought the horses in before breakfast. Father and I made a cap for the picker rod of the threshing machine. Alper Thorsly went with me, took the horse power to Robert Perine and brought the thresher there from Middletown. While we were in that neighborhood Thos Patterson's stall was struck by lightning and all his out-birds were killed. Lost some fine punch and could not find it. Got to home about ten o'clock.

Home Sunday 22  
Arose a little before seven o'clock and feeling rather unwell I concluded not to go to church although there was a quarterly meeting in Eldersville. Spent the entire day at home. Wrote a letter in the afternoon to Geo. A. Howlin and one to E. J. Hamilton. Brought in the horses and kept them in over night to spread to make an carpet.

Monday, August 23, 1869.

Home  
Arose at 4 o'clock Will and I changed the team. I went straight to Robert Perine's he went by Eldersville to get a shoe driven. Had the machine set when John got there. Started the machine and both lunched so that we did not get on until thresher till after noon then weather so hot that we could not get along fast. Machine run well. Spent the night at Geo. Corban's small house and large family.

Home Tuesday 24

Took breakfast at Corban's after harnessing our team. Threshed 304 bushels of oats and 19 1/2 bushels of wheat during the day and moved the machine in the evening to the stacks. Weather so warm that our horses could not work steadily. Young Bailey told some very hard gams. Came home after we quit work.

Home Wednesday 25

Arose at one o'clock and went to Robert Perine's to thresh, got there about three o'clock and slept an hour in the stable before John and Will got out. Set the machine in the morning and threshed 12 bushels of barley before dinner, very hard to thresh and very hot. Threshed 77 bushels of wheat in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 26, 1869.

Went to work at 8 o'clock  
Took breakfast off of Carbanis  
and threshed 104 1/2 bushels of  
wheat - against - two o'clock beside  
waiting some time for hay?  
I moved the machine as far as  
Eldersville and not knowing where  
we would thresh next - we got some  
repairs put on machine, John  
came to Mr. Freshwaters to see  
about threshing there, his work  
was messed and we came home.

John Melvin Friday 27 Harmon's Creek.

Arose at four o'clock, went to  
town and took the measure of the  
machine to make a pair of  
elevators. Will went to John  
to make some arrangements about  
threshing. I spent most of the  
day working at our elevators,  
and went in the evening with  
Will and John and set the ma-  
chine at John's and spent the night

Saturday 28

J. C. Wright and Silander hooked  
us up at three o'clock at John  
Melvin's. Harnessed our team  
and threshed 228 1/2 bushels  
of wheat and 8 1/2 bushels of  
barley. Broke the camrod  
of the machine when we  
only had 13 dozens to thresh. Took  
the shoe by hand and finished it. Kined  
in the evening but driver broke as we

Sunday, August 29, 1869.

Brought in the horses in the  
morning. Father took two horse  
wagons to church I took  
spring wagon, took Helen to her  
letters after preaching. Heard  
Rev. Palmer preach from Mark  
16: 46-52 in evening. Got home  
about eleven o'clock. Father took  
Irene Bushfield and Jimmie  
Stewart home in the evening in  
D. H. Wagon.

Monday 30

Father's  
Arose at four o'clock and  
went to John Melvin's and  
helped John to load the machine  
on the wagon and measured  
some for the screening elevators.  
Spent the day with David  
Thorley making a set of Harmon's  
elevators. Mended the driver rope  
of father's at night and left there  
at ten o'clock. Day fine and cool.  
Father Harnessed.

Tuesday 31

Arose at four o'clock harnessed  
three horses got some rivets,  
from Crispen to rivet on the wheels  
of the elevators and got some rivets  
put in the driver rope in town.  
We threshed 136 bushels of oats  
and 158 bushels of wheat -  
during the day for Emory and  
moved the machine to Father  
Melvin's. It was a day.

Father ~~at~~ Wednesday, September 1, 1869.

Arose at four O'clock kindled a fire in the stove John came before breakfast we set the machine and threshed 133 bushels of barley and 152 bushels of oats during the day and got about an hour before sunset and the boys carried on pretty high after supper and camp until bed time. Day very cool.

Father Haulins Thursday 2

Arose at four O'clock in the morning and we harnessed our horses before breakfast. Threshed 515 bushels of oats during the day. Broke the drive rope and spent some time screwing down the slider to keep master's heel from jumping cog. Was unwell in afternoon.

At Haulins Friday 3 Arose at 4 O'clock before five O'clock and we harnessed our horses. John came from home before breakfast and we had some tinkering to do before we commenced threshing. Finished threshing the oats in the forenoon and threshed a hundred bushels of wheat after setting in the afternoon. Got up late with the machine and

70 in Saturday, September 4, 1869.

Arose at father Haulins about four O'clock. Finished threshing his crop of grain, which amounted to 1224 bushels. Threshed 211 bushels of wheat during the day and had the machine loaded before sunset. Helen and Charlie came home with me at night on horseback. I carried Charlie all the way the first time I ever carried him so far on horseback. Weather fine.

Home Sunday 5

Took breakfast at home. Attended Sabbath School in Ellersville. Good turn out. Aunt Ann kept her in the evening. Went to Sally, Maria McConnell, Helen and I went to church in the evening in the spring wagon. Heard Plummer preach up to us I Cor 11:13. Day very fine.

A. Haulins Monday 6

Arose at home at four O'clock and fed and harnessed our horses, took Helen and Charlie in the spring wagon to father Haulins. We took the machine to James McConnell and threshed 91 bushels of wheat and 145 bushels of oats in the afternoon. Had rather bad luck. Rope broke two or three times and broke the separator in the evening. Still the

Tuesday, September 7, 1869.

Woke up in the morning and found it raining then slept until a late hour. Spent the day at my father in law's mending the driver rope of the machine. Sewed up the greater portion of a ball of shoe thread. Went to James McConnell's in the evening and repaired the machine some and spent the night at father in law's. Rained all day.

Wednesday 8

A. Hamlin's. Arose at four o'clock. Father Hamlin took Aunt Jane down to the station in our spring wagon. Went to McConnell's to thresh but it rained all day and we did not thresh any. Spent the day loafing about the barn and stable. Made a coupling for John's wagon. Spent the night with A. Hamlin at father Hamlin's.

Thursday 9

Geo. Morrison's. We took breakfast at father Hamlin's, packed two horses and took Helen and Charlie in the spring wagon to Geo. Morrison's and left them there and went to James McConnell's where we finished threshing a little before dinner time and moved to Alex Hamlin's at the stone house. Took dinner at Alex Hamlin's. Spent the afternoon at Alex Hamlin's.

Friday, September 10, 1869.

Went from Geo. Morrison's to Alex Hamlin's and took breakfast. Went to Paris after a Camrod which we had there getting mended. Spent the day threshing in the barn and did not get quite through there. Threshed 47 bushels of wheat and 310 bushels of oats during the day. Helen, Charlie and I spent the night with Alex and Roene.

Saturday 11

Home. Took breakfast at Alex Hamlin's and we finished threshing oats there before dinner and moved down to the widows and had the machine set before dinner. Threshed 170 dozens of oats in the afternoon. Broke the driver rope two or three times. Brought Helen and Charlie home in the spring wagon at night.

Sunday 12

Home. Did not attend Sabbath School in the morning but went to church with Helen, Aunt Sally, Lizzy Miss and Rev. Palmer in the spring wagon. Heard Palmer preach from Rev. VI. 17". Helen, Charlie and I went to David Thorley's in the evening and did not get home until dark. Brought in the horses to have them feed for some time.

Monday, September 13, 1869.

Arose at four o'clock in the morning and went to Aunt Nancy Handlin's for breakfast. Put a bumper in the machine before we commenced threshing. It was all day on a wheat rick. Were bothered considerably with the breaking of the rope. Sewed until eleven o'clock mending the rope. John Handlin and Will Melom took in Grace and Maggie from Mrs. Robert Riddle's.

Tuesday 14

Threshed a small stack of hay at Aunt Nancy Handlin's in the morning and moved the machine to Robert Riddle's and took dinner there. Threshed a stack of oats in the afternoon and were bothered some with the rope breaking. Carried a tin of mason most of the way from Riddle's to her home. Day fine.

Wednesday 15

Threshed 95 bushels of wheat at Robert Riddle's and brought the machine as far as Robert Cooper's and set the machine. Got some blacksmithing done in town as we came home. Weather was very fine with some appearance of rain in the evening.

Thursday, September 16, 1869.

Arose between four and five went to David Thorley's and took breakfast from thence to Robert Cooper's where we spent the day threshing Oats and barley. Broke the rope several times and broke a cog out of the fly wheel in the evening. Will and I took it to town at night and had one rewetted on. Got home a little after ten o'clock.

Friday 17

Between Middletown and Home. Arose at 3 1/2 o'clock and went to Robert Cooper's spent most of the day threshing. Had the thresher set up in the morning. Were bothered some with the new cog. Broke four cogs out of our walkover in the evening and went to Middletown at night and got a new one. Got home about 11 o'clock. Weather warm.

Saturday 18

Arose about half past six in the morning and went to Robert Cooper's to thresh. Machine did not work well after we put in the new walkover and it heated and broke the corners off the cogs of the master wheel. Got through threshing at Cooper's about dark and brought the machine home.

Home Sunday, September 19, 1869.

Arose about seven O'clock  
Will and I walked to Sabbath  
school. Heard Rev. Leach  
preach from II Cor 4:5<sup>16</sup> and  
sermon. Took dinner with  
Dave Gordon at home went back  
and heard Mr. Plummer from  
John III Lf. Cl. 3<sup>rd</sup> verse. Then  
went to Brick Church and heard  
Rev. Campbell from III Sam 6:7<sup>18</sup>.  
All very good sermons. Day hot.

Home Monday 20

Arose about six O'clock,  
greased my boots before break-  
fast and cut some wood went to  
set the machine and found that  
one cog of the fly wheel was  
missing. I took the machine to  
town and had it replaced. Took  
dinner at E. Boles. David Shady  
and his boys helped us to thresh  
wheat in the evening for seed.

Home Tuesday 21

Arose at half past five.  
Father brought in the horses and  
fed them while Will and I harrowed  
them. We plowed until nearly  
supper time, father sowed the  
ground and we finished harrowing  
it after supper. Father sowed the  
timothy seed. Day very hot with  
quite an appearance of rain in

Home Wednesday, September 22, 1869.

Arose at 5 1/2 O'clock. Morning  
was cloudy. Rained a small shower  
before breakfast. Will and  
father went to Mr. Cassidy's and  
got some wheat. Plowed until dinner  
time. I broke a point and Will broke  
one. Father took some old metal to  
Cherburyville and traded for points.  
Will plowed in the afternoon and I  
harrowed and put on the ceready  
clever on the machine. Doubtful about them

Home Thursday 23

Arose about half past five O'clock  
and helped to harrow the team.  
Will and I plowed until dinner  
time. Father commenced cutting  
off corn. In the afternoon Will  
went to town to attend the settlement  
of a difficulty between  
a small Wright and Benj. Dimit  
concerning Dimit getting drunk.  
Father and Mother went to Rushfield

Home Friday 24

Arose at half past five O'clock  
and cut a feed for the horses.  
Will brought the horses in and we  
had only been at work a short  
time when father came home from  
Rushfield. Finished sowing our  
field of wheat but did not get  
it all harrowed over. Eden and  
I spent the evening peering and  
singing.

Home Saturday, September 25, 1869.

Arose 20 minutes after five and cut a feed for the horses before breakfast. Will and I finished harrowing in the wheat down yesterday and commenced plowing some where father had cut off corn before dinner. Rained some at dinner time. In the afternoon he sowed some wheat in the corn ground and got through at supper time. Commenced raining a little before sunset.

Home Sunday 26

Arose fifteen minutes before seven o'clock. Went to see David Sharley before going to church. Found him in bed quite unwell. Was at Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Mat. VII 12<sup>th</sup>. Very good sermon. Got home about nine o'clock. Took Mr. Palmer part of the way to Middletown in the evening. Weather very cloudy, cool.

Monday 27

Arose 20 minutes before five o'clock. We cleaned some wheat and I took it to mill. I hauled two little loads of stovewood before dinner and helped father and Will to cut off corn after dinner. Went to Church Hill at night with the Spring wagon and bought a bushel of peaches for 12<sup>cts</sup>.

Tuesday, September 28, 1869.

~~At~~ Alex Smith's spent the morning doing chores. Went to mill, and hauled a load of pumpkins in the forenoon. Finished seeding a little before sunset. Went to Alex Smith's and found him suffering very much with the wound received in the threshing machine which took off two of his fingers and wounded two. Mrs. J. M. Carroll and I sat up in the afternoon of the next day fine.

Wednesday 29

Sat up from half past twelve o'clock with Alex Smith who had his hand badly injured in the threshing machine. He was very restless and suffered very much. Hand much swollen. Came home for breakfast and helped to cut off our share of the corn in Mr. Steer's field. Got through a little before sunset.

Thursday 30.

Arose fifteen minutes before six o'clock. Pat Coon and Tom came in the morning and we tied the fodder in Steer's field and then cut corn in our own field. Tied up a rope in the evening. Tyron the screening elevator with John came in the evening and told us that Mr. Colan wanted his three horses for him the first of next week.

Home Friday, October 1, 1869.

Arose between four and five o'clock. Wedged the pulley in our elevators before breakfast. Thomas and Patrick Coon were here during the day and we finished cutting off our corn. Will. Shorley came over in the evening and stayed until bedtime also Almond and Sammie. Will. went to Alex. Smiths in the evening to see how he was with his crippled hand.

Home Saturday 2

Cut some stover wood in the morning. Found when we went out to work that the cows and logs were in the cornfield. Pat. Coon and Thomas helped us to blade our corn during the day. Got through about four o'clock. Cut some stover wood in the evening. Was cloudy all afternoon and raining at bedtime. Will and Lizzie Wright went to Shorley.

Home Sunday 3

Did not rise until near seven o'clock. Attended Sabbath School in the morning. J. C. Wright tendered his resignation as Assistant Superintendent and teacher and was accepted by the Sabbath School. Heard Rev. J. B. Lucas preach a splendid sermon from Chap. 6 and Psalm 6 and Psalm 138. Heard Helen in the evening.

Home Monday, October 4, 1869.

Spent the entire forenoon repairing the threshing machine. Put on a set of elevators to elevate the screening. Threshed about 25 bushels of wheat in the afternoon. Elevators worked well until driver rope of them broke and then we took them off. Called to see Alex. Smith in the evening and found him much better. Came home through Eldersville and bought a new piece of coal and an old drilled Alex. Smiths.

Home Tuesday 5

Arose about five o'clock and put the feathers on the ends of the small tug to run the screening elevators. We spent the forenoon threshing wheat in the barn. Just before dinner we moved the machine to the stacks and threshed 267 bushels of oats. Went to Alex. Smiths at night found him very bad with his wounded hand. Min. Cassidy and I sat up with him until one o'clock and then came home.

Home Wednesday 6

Got home from Alex. Smiths about two o'clock. Left him a little easier. Slept until five o'clock. Ate breakfast at fathers, Helen and I left with the Aunties and went on horseback to the funeral of James Hankin, who died suddenly of Diabetes. Large funeral. Buried at St. Johns Church. Helped to finish threshing after we came home and loaded the machine. I am



Thursday, October 7, 1869.

Spent the forenoon pulling a load of straw from our stack and taking it to Eldersville for Rippen. Father Hamlin and Margaret visited us. Father Hamlin and father Melvin visited Alex. Smith. Helen and I visited Clearwork. Owen in the evening and found him very low but ready and willing to die. At her request we sang "A Song of Heaven". Got home about nine o'clock. Had Charlie with us. Day fine

Home Friday 8

Arose at half past five and Will went to the Kawgettown fair. Father and I spent the forenoon repairing the molasses pan and clearing up the barns for Cain. Spent the afternoon cutting stonewood and cutting Cain. Carried our dirt tight fruit to the cellar in the morning. Mrs. Sally Williams son visited us in the evening.

Home Saturday 9

Arose a little before six o'clock. Spent the most of the forenoon trying up Cain. Will got home from the fair about ten o'clock. Hauled in two loads of Cain to the barn in the afternoon. Pan, Cris and Theodore and his family visited us in the evening and took supper with us. Spent the evening at home. Will went to work for Geo. Cris. Day fine

Sunday, October 10, 1869.

Arose at 6 1/2 o'clock and brought the horses in. They went as far as Mr. Cassidy's place & got them. Stopped Rev. Mr. Palmer and I rode to town together. Did not have much Sabbath School. Heard Palmer preach a splendid sermon from Romans VIII & 11. Spent the afternoon and evening at home. Palmer took dinner with us.

Home Monday 11

Arose early and brought in horses before sunrise. We cut two wagon loads of cane and brought it in before dinner. Sythy and Will and the women folks attended Mrs. Clearwork's funeral. I cut cane in the afternoon and we hauled a load after Will came home. Father & mother went to town at night and I put a fork

Home Tuesday 12

Will took breakfast with us. Father and mother returned from town between nine and ten o'clock. Spent most of the forenoon repairing machinery. After dinner John helped me to repair the horse power saw & we loaded it on the wagon before we went to the election. Helen and Charlie and I went to town until bid time & got a bull

Robert Clelands  
Wednesday, October 13, 1869

Arose about half past four  
O'clock, we harnessed the team  
John came and took breakfast  
with us. He and I took the machine  
to Robert Clelands and set it  
before dinner. Will stayed at  
home & sent Israel Wright in  
his place. Worked one of Cleland's  
horses and one of Robert  
Riddles. Day very windy.

Robert Clelands  
Thursday 14

Found it raining in the morning  
when we awoke Mr. Cleland and  
son. Covered up the machine & the  
eggs that was left in the shed.  
About eight o'clock we commenced  
and finished the job about dark.  
Worked Robt Riddles team.  
Spent the night at Mr. Cleland's  
with Israel C. Wright. Day cloudy.

Robt Riddles  
Friday 15

Israel Wright  
slept until breakfast was ready  
at Clelands and John and I had  
the horses harnessed. Loaded  
the machine and moved to  
David Suttons. Got ready to  
thresh a little after ten o'clock.  
Machine did not run very  
well. Mellow shaft heated  
soon. I spent the night at  
Robert Riddles. Day fine.

Home  
Saturday, October 16, 1869.

Repaired the machine  
come in the morning before the  
hands gathered. Took breakfast  
at Robt Riddles. Machine  
run pretty well in the forenoon  
but we were bothered by the  
breaking of the rose in the  
afternoon. Got through at Suttons  
and loaded the machine against  
four o'clock and took it to  
Morrisons. Part of a cog being broken  
from the machine I brought home

Home  
Sunday 17  
Jesse McConnell, Horie McConnell  
and Joseph Brobson being here I  
did not attend Sabbath School.  
Stons being out of the Brick Church  
Protestants and Wesleyan church  
in forenoon. Heard Lucas  
preach from Mat 24: 4-5. Heard  
Mr. Plummer preach in the evening  
from Epistle of Jude 11. Verse  
11. Uncle McKewen and Aunt Jane at fathers  
8  
Man Crisp work  
Monday 18

Cottage House Martinsville Ohio.  
Arose at half past four. Will and  
I took our horse power as far as Sam-  
sers mill, and tried Godlows old  
mill but it was too small. Went  
on to Martinsville. Put up at the  
Cottage House. Lodging good but  
whiskey sold there. Slightly quiet.  
Very quiet town. Forces but  
not quarters. Weather fine.

Home Tuesday, October 19, 1869.

Took breakfast and dinner  
in the Cottage House at Martin's  
Lerry Ohio. Waited all day until  
near four o'clock getting work done  
at machine shop. Weather very  
disagreeable. Rained until sundown  
and snowed some. Will was with  
me and we drove until mid-  
night when we arrived at home.  
Found that father had fallen and  
hurt his shoulder again.

Leo Proxion Wednesday 20

Took breakfast and dinner  
at home, husked some corn  
and cut some Torwood. Father  
and Sammie Shorly took Jane  
and Maria to Connell and  
Joseph Beaton to Steubenville.  
Will and I took the horse power  
of the machine to Morrisons and  
John helped us to set it. Hands  
there after dinner to thresh. Did  
not thresh any.

Home Thursday 21

Commenced threshing  
in the morning at E. Morrisons  
Threshed thirty bushels of wheat  
and broke the wallower shaft.  
John took it to Middletown.  
Will came home and I spent  
the rest of the day tinkering  
about the machine. Came  
home past John's at night &  
found that he had not returned.

Friday, October 22, 1869.

Wore at home at half past  
three o'clock, went to John's  
took Champ and father Hamilton's  
buggy, took our new wallower shaft  
to E. Morrisons, took the buggy home  
and took breakfast at father Hamilton's.  
Machine did not run well  
during the day and we got  
but little done. Journal not  
taken to the right size.  
Weather very fine for threshing.

Saturday 23

Took breakfast at E.  
Morrisons, fixed the machine  
up in the morning and got  
it to work much better than  
it did yesterday. Got through  
threshing George's crop about  
dinner time and moved the  
machine to Samuel Martins  
and set it in his barn.  
Rained nearly all day.

Home Sunday 24

Did not attend Sabbath School  
in the morning. Helen and  
pigeon to church on horseback.  
Heard Plummer preach from  
Luk. 11:6 on the subject of  
prayer. David Tholey's two  
brothers John and William  
were with him at church.  
Took Plummer part of the day  
home. Father and mother out to

Monday, October 25, 1869.

Arose at two o'clock in the morning, greased my boots and cut-stove-wood until four. Maked Mill, but he did not rise until I had the horses harnessed and was ready to go. Threshed at Sam. Martins. Threshed in the barn all day. Finished in the barn and loaded the machine for dinner. Threshed 77 bushels of oats and 102 1/2 bushels of wheat in the afternoon. John was out with us.

Tuesday 26

Arose in the morning and harnessed the horses before breakfast. Finished threshing the barley in the barn and loaded the machine before dinner. Piled 77 bushels of Oats and 102 1/2 of wheat in the afternoon. Finished the job. John not with us. James Morrison did the feeding. Weather quite cold.

Wednesday 27

Loaded the machine at Martins in the morning and moved to McKnight's before dinner. Mrs. McKnight not at home. Liz Widdle did the cooking. Threshed 244 bushels of oats after two o'clock. Threshed a while with six horses. Came home after dark. Weather cold. Snow on m.

Thursday, October 28, 1869.

Arose at five o'clock, took breakfast at home. Took Sol and Polly with me to Billy M. Knight's. Found that Will and Robert Redelle had part of the team hitched up. Hand did not come until late. Finished at McKnight's and moved the machine to Will Hanlin's before dinner. Rope jumped off and broke the fly wheel pulley just about sunset and took it to the Smith shop and came home.

Friday 29

Took breakfast at home, went to town and got the pulley at the Smith shop, went to John's and they just had breakfast ready. Was raining some and John had covered the machine. Threshed the remainder of Stella Hanlin's oats, moved the machine and threshed his wheat. Were almost done with the eye when we broke a cog off our wallower and had to quit. Will and I moved the machine to

Saturday 30

A. Hanlin's. Shook and gathered apples all forenoon. Will and father hauled a load of pumpkins. Will and I hushed on corn in the afternoon for the logs. Helen and I got ready in the evening, took Aunt Ann & Stephens sons and we went over to father-in-law's where we spent the night. Aunt Jane Gracy was there. Evening very cold and snowed some.

Sunday, October 31, 1869.

Look breakfast at ~~at~~ Hanlin's.  
Look Helen, Nan Morrison and Nell  
Hanlin to Prayer meeting with spring  
wagon. Helen and I called in to see  
Provinced folks in the evening.  
Attended church at Tucker's at  
night and heard Rev. Sheets preach  
from Luke XIV & 1<sup>st</sup> of 18"

Doctor was called on to see Mutch  
Hanlin and Aunt Kate Gracey.

Mitch troubled with rheumatism and  
Aunt had strained shoulder.

Monday, November 1

Look breakfast at father Hanlin's.  
Brought Aunt Kate and Willie  
Gracey as far as station on their  
way home. Stopped at store as  
we came home. Unloaded  
machine off wagon. Will hauled  
hay in afternoon for C. Boles.

Father and I ground cane and  
hucked corn for logs. Helen and I  
at Cooper's until bed time Rained  
in the forenoon

Tuesday 2

Arose <sup>some</sup> 15 minutes after five and  
kindled fire in furnace. Cogs  
began boiling sorghum. made  
two pans of molasses during  
day. Ground two bushels of  
juice. Spliced sweep of mill.  
Will. Hauled wood and went  
to machine at Cassidy's in affter-  
noon. Father attended molasses  
boiling. Weather very pleasant

Wednesday, November 3, 1869.

Arose about five o'clock and  
we put on the sorghum to boil  
before breakfast. Father and  
I made two pans full of molasses  
during the day. I did the grinding  
and he the boiling. Young John  
Wright came to buy some sheep  
but did not purchase. Will spent  
the day digging coal. Sammit  
Thurley and Albert came over in  
the evening. Day very warm.

Thursday 4

Arose at six o'clock. father and Will  
had put the molasses on and had  
the horses harnessed. Will hauled  
a load of coal and we husked some  
corn for the logs. He went to Mr.  
Cassidy's to help it threst and  
father and I worked at the molasses.  
Robert Cooper came over in the  
evening and stayed until bed-  
time. Weather quite warm.

Friday 5

Arose <sup>some</sup> 15 minutes after five and  
helped father and Will to put the  
molasses on. Will went and helped  
Mr. Cassidy to finish thresting. Spent  
most of the day grinding sorghum  
and father attended the pan. Will  
went out with Champ and Annie to  
the wagon in the evening after corn  
they ran with the dog and broke  
it and the harness considerably but  
did not cool

Home Saturday, November 6, 1869.

Arose 15 minute after five o'clock and helped father to put on the pan with molasses. Ground a small load of cane in the forenoon and we finished making molasses in the afternoon and had a little over two barrels. Killed a sheep in the evening. Sold ten sheep to John Wright at two dollars per head. Will and Nan Crisp went to Bethel at night to church.

Home Sunday 7

Attended church in Eldersville in the morning and heard Rev. Palmer preach from Philippians 21. Took dinner at father Hambro's. Found Mitch's health much improved. Got home about sunset and we walked out to Bethel at night and heard Rev. Robinson preach from Mat. VII. 1-25. ~~more~~ too late to hear the text announced. Weather very cold & freezing.

Monday 8

Home. Arose at six o'clock. Spent the forenoon doing chores such as cutting stoverwood moving onions, conducting the water into watertrough &c. Helped father & Will to put the wagon in order & select some ewes to take to Will's Bushfield's to the buck. Put some molasses in the barrel. A merchant came in the evening and Will went to

Home Tuesday, November 9, 1869.

Arose about five o'clock and killed the pigs & fed the hogs and horses before breakfast. Will and I took three fat hogs to Hankin Station which weighed 1175 pounds. Received 100.35 for them. Got home a little after noon. father & mother had just got home from Bushfields. Attended H. S. Steen's cornhusking in the evening. Father and mother went to John's at night and Will and Nan Crisp went to Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Will & I were over till bed time.

Wednesday 10

Home. Spent most of the day making a hogtrough and fixing the pen to put our fattening hogs in. Father came from Papa's in the morning. Brought Lizzie Wright home with him. Anna Thorley quite poorly during the day. Robert Cooper and Agd. were over until bed time. Will and Albert Thorley went to town.

Home Thursday 11

Arose at 6 1/2 o'clock fed the horses and hogs before breakfast. Spent the forenoon husking a load of corn. Cut some stoverwood in the afternoon took the wallower out of our machine and prepared to go to Martinsferry. Hired our beds. Albert Thorley came in the evening to go with me to Martinsferry. Lizzie Wright, John Crisp, Aunt Sally Hall & Will & I went to Martinsferry.

Friday, November 12, 1869.

<sup>Home</sup> Crossed at three o'clock, Ed and Bernfeld  
Champ and Jennie Albert Horley &  
I started at half past five o'clock &  
went to Martins Ferry Ohio for a  
collar for the machine. Took  
toothache in the forenoon and  
suffered with it all night. Arrived  
at the ferry about half past eleven  
left there at five and arrived at  
home about eleven. Helen and Aunt  
sally sitting up waiting for us.  
<sup>Was very cold when I got home.</sup>

Saturday 13

<sup>Home</sup> Did not arise until after eight  
o'clock, still suffering with tooth  
ache and sore jaw. Spent the day  
in the house lying on the floor  
before the fire. About eleven  
o'clock, C. M. Stephenson brought  
Aunt Ann and Mary over through  
the storm in the Spring wagon.  
Snowed nearly all day.

Sunday 14

<sup>Home</sup> Not quite unwell with pain in  
my back when I arose and did not  
attend church although arrangements  
had been made with Max and Ricky  
Provinces to meet them there and  
bring them home with us. Will and  
Nora Crisp went to church on  
horseback. One sled and one sleigh  
there. Got better in the afternoon.  
ate supper at father's. Quite snowy

Monday, November 15, 1869.

<sup>Home</sup> Cut some stoverwood in the morning.  
We fenced our haystacks so that we  
could turn our cattle to the stover-  
stack. Latter took some more axes  
to Will Bushfield's on the sled &  
Aunt Nancy came home with him at  
night. I cut a Hickory tree for  
stoverwood. Spent the evening at  
home reading in the Wesleyan.  
Snow thawed some during the  
day. Latter broke the old sled.

Tuesday 16

<sup>Home</sup> Fixed up the sheep-shelter and brought  
the sheep in out of the snowstorm.  
Hauled a load of wood on the sled.  
Pretty good sledding. Spent the after-  
noon repairing harness which Jennie  
had broken in the runaway. Put  
a patch on Helen's shoe at  
night. Will dug coal during the day.  
Snowed until evening then turned  
to rain & snow went off at night.

Wednesday 17

<sup>Home</sup> Spent the forenoon repairing  
our axes and clipping some  
of our sheep. Turned our horses in  
with the axes. Will and I hauled  
some coal in the afternoon and  
he went to mill while I helped to  
do the feeding. Commenced bunding  
my boots at night. Will went  
to prayer meeting. Very windy day  
Snowing at night.

Thursday, November 18, 1869.

Arose a little after five o'clock and finished mending my boots. Father, Aunt Sally, Will and Nan, Crisp attended Church in Eldersville. National Thanksgiving. I spent the day putting our new wallower in its place and getting ready to thresh David Thorley's crop of grain. Cut some stonewood by moonlight. Day cold.

Friday 19

Arose at five o'clock, fed and carried all the horses before breakfast. We spent the day threshing at David Thorley's. Threshed 200 bushels of oats and something over 30 of wheat. Wallower worked pretty well but cut some in forenoon. Strap came partly off the driver ropes and caused some delay.

Wallower shaft commenced boring in the <sup>evening</sup> ~~in the~~ afternoon.

Saturday 20

Arose a little after five o'clock. Fed and carried the horses before breakfast. Went to David Thorley's and finished threshing there in the forenoon and loaded the machine before dinner. Took the machine to Geo. Boyd's after dinner and took the power to town and got the main shaft squared up. Snowed nearly all day.

Sunday, November 21, 1869.

Did not rise until after seven o'clock. Helen and I rode to church on horseback. Nan, Crisp kept Charlie for us. Heard Plummer preach from Gal. III 4 & 5. Pretty good congregation out considering the kind of weather. Fine strip at Church. Road in rather bad condition with snow about two or three inches deep. Wrote a letter to Robt Hamilton at night.

Monday 22

Arose at four o'clock and cut some stonewood, fed and carried the horses before breakfast. Went to Geo. Boyd's and we set the machine and commenced threshing about ten o'clock. Had tolerable good luck. Three teeth came out of the cylinder and concave and caused some excitement. Put new leather on the rope at night.

Tuesday 23

Arose at five o'clock. Helped father do most of the feeding. Went to Geo. Boyd's to thresh. Will had the horses all harnessed and ready to hitch up. Threshed very well all forenoon. Just after dinner we twisted our wallower shaft off. Dins. and Joe Crisp and Will's manning to finish the job. Alex. McCune wanted us to look for him. Snowed in the evening.



Home Wednesday, November 24, 1869.

Arose at four o'clock and cut some stovewood before breakfast. Went to Geo. Boyd's where we finished stacking against dinner-time. Moved Crisp's machine to Alex. M. Connell's. Thompson and Tolun with us. Brought our own broken machine home in the evening and I went to Gillespie's Mill and brought our grinding home. Rec'd a letter from A. T. Moore.

Home Thursday 25

Arose about six o'clock and cut some stovewood before breakfast. Fed and watered the horses & he hung and helped Robert Cooper to kill his hogs. Got through there about the middle of the day. Came home and husked corn in the afternoon. Will went to Cooper's at night & I went to town for groceries. Alligoy's auction going on - still

Home Friday 26

Arose about six o'clock. Will attended to feeding the horses and I cut some stovewood. Father and I husked corn nearly all day. Hacked shocks which were blown down. Will hauled in two wagon loads. We put the machine away in the barn in the evening. Commenced raining about four o'clock.

Home Saturday, November 27, 1869.

The day was very stormy and wet. We spent the entire day doing chores. Took the machine off the wagons and put it in the dry. Put away all our machinery and farming implements. Will and I hauled two loads of coal in the evening. Will went to town at night. Mich. Hanlin came in the evening and spent the night with us. Uncle Mat. McKeever and Aunt Nancy at father's Mill <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup>

Home Sunday 28

Left until late. Mich. took breakfast with us and we attended church at Aldersville. Helen did not go. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Rev. ~~12~~ 12. Subject the General Judgment. Congregation pretty large. Got acquainted with my new cousin Maggie Province. Weather very fine during day. Spent the evening at home.

Home Monday 29

Took breakfast at home by candlelight. Father went to Steubenville with Uncle McKeever in his buggy and Will and I went in the wagon. Bought over fifteen dollars worth of goods but could not get a pair of boots to fit me in Steubenville. Got home just as it was getting dark. Bought some ham a load for three dollars. Rained all day.

Home Tuesday, November 30, 1869.

Was raining in the morning when I awoke and was in no hurry about rising. Went out about nine o'clock husked corn until dinner time. Randolph Crip came, and Will went with him to Alex McConnell's to help to thresh. Father went with C. M. Stephenson to take away a hog we had sold to him. Weighed 390 lbs. I put up a shifter and husked three shocks of corn in the afternoon.

Home Wednesday, December 1

Spent the day husking and hauling corn. Sammie Schurley and Albert were helping us. Will was at McConnell's helping to thresh. We hauled in two loads of corn (fifty bushels each) in the afternoon. I finished making my half handys at night. Day was very fine & foggy in good order for husking.

Home Thursday 2

Arose at five o'clock. Cut some stoverwood before going to work. We husked about four shocks of corn and concluded it was snowing too hard for husking. Father and I went to Will Bushfield's and brought our ewes home and Will went to Alex Smith's to a corn husking. Snowed nearly all day.

Home Friday, December 3, 1869.

Arose at six in the morning and helped to do the feeding. Helped David Thorley to butcher his hogs. Helen rode over behind me on Toll. Aunt Ann kept Charlie for us. I came home in the evening and helped father do the feeding. Went back at night and brought some offallings home with me. Weather very favorable for butchering. Snow on the ground.

Home Saturday 4

Arose in the morning and found the ground frozen and covered with snow. Spent the forenoon getting stoverwood and turning a fence in the back part of the place to let the sheep get water. Went to Steubenville in the afternoon to get my boots put. Found they were not done. Did not wait for them. Got home about 7 o'clock.

Home Sunday 5

Attended at the Wesleyan Church in the forenoon. Preacher did not come. I read a chapter and led the exercises of a prayer meeting. Jennie fell down with Will and tossed him off coming home. Was not hurt. Did not attend church in the evening but wrote a letter to C. N. Patterson.

Home Monday, December 6, 1869.

Arose about half past five. After helping to do the feeding, I went to Haslin Station for a pair of boots sent me on the Recommen-  
dation train. Helped to prepare in the afternoon for butchering.

Went to Robert Cooper's at night for help. He was at town and I waited until he came home at night 10 o'clock and paid him what money I owed him. Borrowed

Home Tuesday 7

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock. Kindled our fire and kept Charlie in bed until Helen got breakfast. Butchered our legs during the day. Had very bad luck with the gun. Did not get begun until after ten o'clock and did not get through with the carcass until near midnight. John and his family came on the sled and stayed at father's until bedtime. Day cold

Home Wednesday 8

Arose about 7 o'clock and attended to the horses before breakfast. Went to Mr. Roles with Will & we helped them to thresh their wheat and one run of oats during the day. I very nearly gave out in the evening and felt quite unwell when I came home at night. Father called the meat and cleared up after butchering

Home Thursday, December 9, 1869.

Arose at half past six o'clock, fed the horse and cleaned the stable before breakfast. Will and I helped Roles to finish their threshing. Got through about two o'clock, came home, hauled a load of coal for father and brought by a load of corn. Will went to Britton-Cre school at night and I took home some fresh meat which we had borrowed from Holt Cooper. Charlie sick about twelve o'clock.

Home Friday 10

Not having slept well we did not arise until late. I attended to the horses before breakfast. Spent the day husking corn in Steen's field, piled it up and covered it with fodder. Spent the evening at home talking with Will Thorley and Alben. Just two years since we commenced horse keeping. Weather cloudy.

Home Saturday 11

We harrowed the team in the morning after doing the feeding, took the wagon to Steen's field and father and Will husked corn while I took a load of corn down to Mr. Steen's. We brought two loads of corn home during the day. Sammie Thorley helped us to husk in the afternoon. Geo. Boyd came and fed his threshing belt.

Home Sunday, December 12, 1869.  
Took a good general wash in the morning. Attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Rutledge preach from I Cor. ~~XIV~~ 41 "2<sup>nd</sup> of 42. Good congregation out. Robt. M. Smith and wife were there. Father and another took Aunt Nancy Bushfield home in the spring-wagon. Did not attend church at night. Roads muddy.

Home Monday 13  
Arose 20 minutes before 6 o'clock ate breakfast - and took Doll to town and had her high shoes put on. Father went to Washington as a witness for James Poles to testify concerning Abingham's Character. Sammie Shorley helped Will and me to husk corn in Steen's field. Helen, Charlie, Aunt Sally and Aunt - the evening at S. Crisp.

Home Tuesday 14  
Sammie Shorley, Will and I spent the day husking and hauling corn at Mr. Steen's field. Worked until it was quite late. Hauled three loads of corn during the afternoon two to Steen and one home. Cut some stove wood and tacked down our carpet after night.

Home Wednesday, December 15, 1869.  
Arose at six o'clock and kindled fire in the stove. Rained so hard all day that could do nothing but chores. Took a wash-board to D. Shorley's and got it repaired. Mended Helen's shoes in the afternoon and sewed my boots some. Sammie Shorley and Albert came over at night and I helped Sammie some with his Arithmetic.

Home Thursday 16  
Arose about seven o'clock. Spent the day doing chores. Helped Helen some about her washing. Cut some wood in the forenoon to manufacture into stove wood. Hauld one load of wood and two small loads of coal in the afternoon. Wrote a large letter to Annie S. and Ed. Moore at night.

Home Friday 17  
Arose at six o'clock attended to the feeding and Will and I husked corn during the day. Husked 29 shocks. Father came home from Washington about 3 o'clock. David Shorley and Ann came over and stayed until late bed time. Singing at the Schoolhouse at night. Weather fine for husking.

Home Saturday, December 18, 1869.

Awoke in the morning and found the ground covered with snow and still snowing. We harnessed the team and hauled two loads of corn from Mr. Stens' field one to Steens and one home. I hung the little door on the back end of the cutting room in the afternoon and Will hauled a load of coal. Spent the evening at home. Will & Charly was here a short time in the evening. Stormy

Home Sunday 19

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Opened the Wesleyan Church and kindled the fire. Heard Palmer from Remond's. Nov 21 Went to Stephens' and bought some which Aunt Sally had ridden. Heard Palmer preach at father's at night from Mat. IX part of 9" from the words Follow me.

Home Monday 20

Arose about seven o'clock and helped to attend to the feeding. Spent the forenoon putting half poles on Aunt Ann's sleds. Talked a short time with Rev. Palmer in the afternoon and helped Will to haul two sled loads of corn fodder for the sheep. Father went to town and got two of the horses. Was absent the evening at home. Cold

Tuesday, December 21, 1869.

Arose 20 minutes after four o'clock and kindled fire in stove, went back to bed and slept until Helen had breakfast ready. Read a letter from E. J. Hamilton and one which Helen had rec'd from Miss Lilla Leeper. We hauled two small loads of coal during day and prepared a load of grain. Will took it to mill. Rev. Palmer visited us in the evening.

Home Wednesday 22

Father took Rev. Palmer part of the way to Middletown. Will and I husked corn in the forenoon in Stens' field. Finished hauling corn from there in the evening and had about 180 bushels for our share. Prepared some onions at night to take to market. Weather becoming somewhat cold.

Home Thursday 23

Arose 20 minutes before five o'clock. Did not go to market as we expected on account of the cold. Repaired Helen's blouse and cut some wood in the forenoon. Went to Aldersville in the afternoon and bought some groceries. Spent the evening at home mending my gloves &c &c. Weather quite cold.

Friday, December 24, 1869.

<sup>Home</sup> Woke 20 minutes after five O'clock. Luther, Sam Crisp, Helen and I went to Steubenville with marketing and sold over 23 dollars worth. Marketing very plenty in town and had hard work to find sale for ours. Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally kept Charlie for us. Was quite late when we got home. Charlie behaved well. Weather fine. Roads very heavy.

<sup>Home</sup> Saturday 25

Harnessed the team in the morning and went out and helped father and Will, to husk and haul in part of a load of corn in the forenoon. Attended a Temperance meeting in town in the afternoon. Did not do it as often but postponed it two weeks. Bought some Christmas presents. Sammie Thorley, Albert and Sarah were here until bedtime.

<sup>Home</sup> Sunday 26

Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Robinson preach the same sermon which we had heard him preach at Bethel from the words "Whoever will be my disciple". Congregation not very large. Rev. Lucas wife very sick scarcely expected to live. Sam Crisp, Will Doss and Will Nelson went out to Bethel at night but there was no preaching there.

Monday, December 27, 1869.

Arose at half past five O'clock. Spent part of the forenoon shoveling mud at the stable door. Will and I husked eleven shocks of corn in the forenoon. Latter a.m. mother came home from Bushfields. He brought in about 50 bushels of corn in the evening. Spent the evening at home reading in my diary & numbering them. Day showery.

<sup>Home</sup> Tuesday 28

Slept while Helen got breakfast ready. We harnessed the team in the morning and husked and brought in a load of corn against noon. Husked another load in the afternoon and brought it home. Spent the evening at home. Wrote minutes of last Temperance meeting.

<sup>Home</sup> Wednesday 29

Arose 20 minutes before six O'clock and harnessed the team before breakfast. Will did not feel very well and we only got about 85 bushels of corn husked. Weather was quite favorable for husking but the ground was somewhat muddy. Helen and I spent the evening at David Thorley's.

Thursday, December 30, 1869.

Arose at five o'clock and harnessed the team before daylight did some chores and cut husked about 65 bushels of corn and put it in the crib. Ann Thorley was visiting at our house and called Helen to make Charlie's dress. Will went to town at night to arithmetic school. Spent the evening at home. Weather very fine.

Friday 31

Arose at five o'clock and took care of Charlie while Helen got breakfast. While we were eating C. M. Stephenson came and told us they had a young daughter. Cut a hole in the wall boarding between the wagon-shed and the granary to throw corn in for the horses. Father, Will, and I husked 22 shocks of corn in the forenoon and Saml Thorley's boys helped us to husk and haul in about sixty bushels in the afternoon. Spent the evening at home preparing some things to go on a visit to father Hanlin's on New-Year's day. Weather very fair for corn husking. We had probably 250 bushels still in shock.

Memoranda.

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