

*The Diaries of  
Samuel Jones Melvin*

*1870*

NOVEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { Full Moon, 8d. 2h. 48m. morning.  
Last Quarter, 16d. 4h. 15m. morning.  
New Moon, 23d. 2h. 37m. evening.  
First Quarter, 29d. 6h. 49m. evening.

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

DECEMBER.

Moon's Phases. { Full Moon, 7d. 9h. 55m. evening.  
Last Quarter, 15d. 4h. 26m. evening.  
New Moon, 22d. 7h. 34m. morning.  
First Quarter, 29d. 11h. 54m. morning.

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

A Hanlin's Saturday, January 1, 1870.

Arose at five O'clock and prepared to go visiting. We started about eight O'clock in spring wagon and went to father Hanlin's to spend New years day. Men foke all away but father. Spent the day and evening very pleasantly. Boys at home at night. Had been at Robert Riddle's during day raising potatoes. Da. was fine. Went late in the evening when it commenced raining.

A Hanlin's Sunday 2

Attended Church at Tucker's church and heard Rev. Sheets preach from John 10 and part of 9. Very good sermon. Took dinner at father Hanlin's and spent the evening and night there very pleasantly. Day turned out very stormy rained in the forenoon and turned to snow in afternoon.

Home Monday 3

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's and after some delay, got started home. about eleven O'clock. Brought 7 bushels and about five bushels of apples with us. Roads very bad. Father and mother went to Stephenson's on the sled in the afternoon. Quite an amount of snow blown into our carret and all about

Home Tuesday, January 4, 1870.

Spent the day about home cutting stovewood and doing other chores. Father and I put-oles on the little sled in the afternoon. He took mother over to see Catherine Sawyer in the forenoon and was-for her in the evening. Miss Bell Hanlin, Helen and I went to Thompson Crisp at night in the sled to a singing. Had good time.

Home Wednesday 5

Cut some stovewood in the forenoon after doing the feeding. Then helped father and Will to remove some furniture from the sheep-house and put a drain round the wall. Spent the evening at home. Weather quite pleasant for winter.

Home Thursday 6

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Will helpeded two horses, and I hauled a load of coal on the little sled, took Aunt-Ann, Bell Hanlin and Helen to Mr. Roles; came home and hauled coal until half past two o'clock when I went back to Mr. Roles and brought the folks home. Snowed all day and

Home <sup>near Wadsworth's</sup> Friday, January 7, 1870.

Arose a little before six o'clock helped to do the feeding and sharpened our case knives. Helped father and Will to cut and haul some wood. Hauled on the hog sled. I hauled three loads of coal in the little sled in the evening. Aunt-Ann, Bell Hanlin, Helen, Charlie and I went to David Thorley's at night - and stayed until bed time. Day fine

Home Saturday 8

Spent the forenoon feeding stock and cutting stovewood. After dinner, Helen and I went in the little sled to C. M. Stephensons. Found Mary getting along well with her young babe. Father, Will and I attended Temperance meeting at night. Election of officers of the Society. Mercury stood ten degrees below zero

Home Sunday 9

Arose 20 minutes before six o'clock and found the weather very calm with mercury standing at 3 degrees above zero. Was calm all day but much warmer in the evening. Bell Hanlin, Helen and I went to church in the sled. Heard Rev. Lucas from West 33. Father and Mother went to Middletown in the evening.

Home Monday, January 10, 1870.

Arose a little before six o'clock and helped Will to do the feeding and then we hauled three loads of fodder and brought two sheep racks to the barn. Spent the afternoon metherousing a sheep shed and Will was at David's preparing a elypt tongue. Father and Mother got home from Middletown about dark.

Day fine and calm.

Home Tuesday 11

Arose about 20 minutes before six o'clock. Father and I did the feeding, Will dug coal during the day.

Father and I repaired a sled and put holes on it. Cut some storewood. Spent the evening writing minutes of Temperance meeting and a letter to G. S. Allen.

Home Wednesday 12

Arose 20 minutes after six o'clock and found it raining. Father and I attended to the feeding and Will dug coal. I went to David Shorley's and brought home our rocking chair. Dug a drain in our sheep shed and father and I hauled nearly 100 anshels of coal. Spent the evening at father's with Helen and Bill Smith.

Home Near Oldsville Pa. Thursday, January 13, 1870.

Arose at six o'clock, helped to do the feeding and cut some store wood. Went to David Shorley's and got John's double tree. Father, mother and I went to John's and helped him to kill a beef and brought home two and a half quarters of it. Got home about seven o'clock and had all the feeding to attend to. Will was digging coal. John, father and Mary Jane visited at father's in the evening.

Home Friday 14

Father and I cut up our beef in the forenoon. Christ Ann had 41 pounds, father's quarter weighed 110 and ours weighed 92 lbs. After dinner we hauled four loads of coal. Will was digging during the day. Rev. Palmer came in the evening to father's. Commenced raining about feeding time.

Home Saturday 15

The morning has very wet and after doing the feeding Will and I harnessed two horses and plowed some furrows to carry the water to different parts of the field below the stable. Commenced making an ash hopper in the afternoon. Rev. Palmer spent the evening with us. Weather became much cooler in the evening.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Sunday, January 16, 1870.

After doing the feeding in the morning we harnessed the four horse team and went to Eldersville to Church. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Luke VIII pt 48.

Went out to Bethel in the evening and heard the same man preach from Gen. III 8 part of 9 from the words "Where art thou" Discourse short Day fine and warm.

Home Monday 17

Will harnessed the horses in the morning and we were just starting to the cornfield when it commenced raining and we unhitched. Spent most of the day making an ash hopper. Helen, Bell Hanlin, Rev. Palmer and I went to Bethel at night and heard Rev. Lucas preach from Mat. VIII 24, 27

Home Tuesday 18

After doing the feeding in the morning we went to the cornfield and Will, Thorley helped us to husk during the day and we cribbed about 100 bushels of ears. Helen, Bell Hanlin Aunt Sally and I went out to Bethel to Church in spring wagon. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Mark VIII 36. Good sermon. We then bowed for prayers.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Wednesday, January 19, 1870.

Arose ten minutes before six o'clock, helped to do the feeding, harnessed the horses before breakfast and cut some stovewood. Will, Thorley and Sammie helped us to husk corn during the day and we put about 100 bushels in the barn. Bell Hanlin, Helen and I walked out to Bethel to Church and heard Rev. Lucas preach from Acts III 8 pt of 6 "Verse. Good congregation out."

Home Thursday 20

Fed the horses before breakfast in the morning and Will harnessed them while I was cutting some stovewood. Will, Thorley and Sammie helped us to husk corn and we finished at dinner time. I went to town, got some groceries and got some shoes. Attended church at Bethel and heard Rev. Lucas preach from Luke VIII 32. Large and attentive audience. No stir.

Home Friday 21

Helped to do the feeding in the morning, and harnessed the horses before breakfast. Cut some stovewood. Will, Thorley and Sammie helped us to husk corn and we finished about noon. Will hauled in the load of the corn and some coal. Helen, Bell Hanlin and I went to Robt Riddle's and spent the night.

Home near Eldersville Va.  
Saturday, January 22, 1870.  
Took breakfast at Robert  
Kiddie's. Harnessed our team  
and Helen, Charlie and I went  
to Aunt Nancy's and found  
her very poorly. Went on to father  
Hartley's where they were having  
a frolic husking corn. Took  
dinner there and came home in  
the afternoon. Brought a small  
pig with us. Roads more smooth  
than we had expected. Day fine &  
warm.

Home Sunday 23

The entire day was so wet  
that we remained at home  
and did not attend church any-  
where. Father had his horse  
saddled to go to Eldersville  
but did not go on account  
of the rain. Will and Nan-  
Crip went in the forenoon.  
Mercury stood at 54 in the morning  
but was down to 39 in the evening.

Home Monday 24

Fed the horses in the morning  
and Will harnessed them. We  
hauled our corn fodder off Mr.  
Steen's field before dinner.  
Father and Mother went to Middle-  
town with some molasses in the  
evening. I went to Eldersville and  
bought Helen a pair of shoes which  
proved to be too short. Took a huffer to  
Geo. Boyda and brought fish home.

Home near Eldersville Va.  
Tuesday, January 23, 1870.  
Assisted Will to do the feeding in  
the morning and then went  
to Eldersville to change a pair of  
shoes for Helen. Got home a little  
after twelve o'clock and spent  
the afternoon removing an old  
ash tapper and putting up a new  
one. Attended church at Bethel at  
night. Heard Lucas preach from  
Rom. VIII 35-39 inclusive. A Miss  
Buxton was forward for prayers.

Home Wednesday 26

After helping Will to do the feeding  
Helen and I went to Castidey Scott's  
and took dinner there. Helen gave  
her measure for a pair of shoes.  
We got home about three o'clock.  
Father and Mother came from  
Middletown about sunset.  
David Gordon went to church with  
us at night. Heard Lucas preach  
from Isaiah 63 pt of 1. One lady forward

Home Thursday 27

Arose about seven o'clock and  
fed the horses. Father and  
I went to Sturbenville in the  
spring wagon. Took some butter  
and eggs. Got home about  
four o'clock. Found roads were  
muddy. Nan Crip went home  
in the evening and Will went  
to Eldersville. Did not attend church  
at night but posted last years diary.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa</sup>  
Friday, January 28, 1870.

Helped Will to do the feeding in the morning and then put up the ashes in a hopper to make some soap. Father put the roof on one side of the corner. Will took two horses in the evening and started for Paris Cropping station. Did not tell us what for, but we learned that Sarah Milly Crisp and John Walker were married and supposed he had gone to meet them. Went to see Catherine Lawther in the evening and found her very poorly.

Home Saturday 29

Spent most of the forenoon shelling corn and preparing some chipping to take to mill. Fed the dog. Tope some in the forenoon to drive sheep. Father went to mill. We attended a Temperance meeting at night in Eldersville. Two men named Bennett and Boughton were there and established a division of Sons of Temperance. I did not go in. Helped Uncle Clark to

Home Sunday 30

Assisted in doing the feeding. Attended church in Eldersville and heard Mr. John preach from Mat. 7 & part of 21. He took dinner with us. We did not attend church at night, but Will and Nan Crisp went. Snowed some during day.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa</sup>  
Monday, January 31, 1870.

Spent most of the forenoon cutting stovewood grinding my axe, feeding &c. After dinner I cut some more stovewood and went to mill with the team. Grinding not all done when I got there. Strap broke of the mill and I did not get the grinding all done. Father and Mother went to Stephenson's Mill. Tholy over in the evening. Snowing fast.

Home Tuesday, February 1

After helping to do the feeding I went to Gillespie's Mill with the sled and brought home the remainder of our grinding. Went to Cassidy Scott's in the evening and brought Helen's shoes home. Went to town with Will in the sleigh at night. He went to a meeting at Tom. Walkers. Dr. McCasrell and I drafted a petition for mail route. I got home.

Wednesday 2

Will took father and mother by the river on their way to Pottsburgh and Freeman's Landing. I took some broom-corn and handles to John Cassidy to get made into brooms. Spent in the sleigh. Snow going off very rapidly. Spent a short time at D. Sharley's and put pieces on toes of my boots in the evening.

Home Thursday, February 3, 1870.

Helped Will to do the feeding in the morning, then he took the sleigh to town to get new holes on it. I harnessed a team and hauled stones to make a pavement across the road between the barn and bars for the sheep to cross the road on. Mrs Hall and Polly Wells were visiting at father's. Father and mother

Home Friday 4

Assisted Will in feeding and then spent the remainder of the day cutting stove wood. Father and mother not at home. John Cassidy brought a lamp room over in the evening and sat and chatted with Nan Crisp. Will went to Eldersville to a singing and I wrote a letter to C. H. Tutson at night.

Home Saturday 5

Did part of the feeding in the morning before breakfast then ground my axe and chopped stove wood until after three o'clock. Father and mother returned from Pittsburgh mother remaining at Stephensons until father came home for the buggy. Attended meeting in Eldersville preparatory to petitioning for a mail route through Eldersville.

New Eldersville Pa.

Home Sunday, February 6, 1870.

Did the usual amount of feeding in the morning, saddled two horses and Helen and I rode them to Eldersville to church. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~10th~~ <sup>10th</sup> ~~Cor~~ <sup>Cor</sup> ~~10th~~ <sup>10th</sup> ~~9"~~ <sup>9"</sup> Sacrament was administered and Miss Mary C. Hallett taken into the Church on Certificate from the M. E. Church. Did not attend church at night. Weather fine.

Home Monday 7

Cut some stove wood in the morning and helped to attend to the feeding. Will and I hauled down one load of stove wood before dinner and two loads after dinner to our wood shed. Father went to Hardens Station and sold some wheat which he and Will filled up in the evening. I went to town at night and helped to prepare petitions for mail route.

Home Tuesday 8

Awoke about half past six in the morning, assisted with the feeding and wrote two copies of petitions for mail route from Bethany to Hardens Station. Robt Cooper and Ed came over on a visit. Robt, Will, and I attended Shos Walkers Land. Went in sleigh. Will and Nan Crisp went to church in sleigh at night. Snowed nearly all day.

Home <sup>at Eldersville</sup> Wednesday, February 9, 1870.

When I got up in the morning Will was harnessing the team to take some wheat to mill. We took 44 bush and 14 pounds to Haulin's mill and sold it at 45¢ per bushel. Hauled it in two sleds. Spent part of the afternoon taking out a root for a sled. Attended Church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Lucas preach from III Cor. V and 1st of VII Miss Maggie Amos.

Home Thursday 10

Arose a little after six o'clock assisted Will in doing the feeding and then we put a sole on Cooper's sled and when father and mother came from Bushfield he took it home. Got out a sled root in the afternoon and took it to David Harley's. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Lucas preach from Mark 8<sup>th</sup> 35<sup>th</sup>.

Home Friday 11

Arose about five o'clock. Harness ed Champion before breakfast. and Will harness ed Champ. Father and I went to Steubenville on the little sled. Took over fourteen dollars worth of marketing. C. M. Stephenson and family were here. Were offered 45 cents for our wool. Mabon of Morris was after our wool in the evening and offered the same. Attended church at night.

Home <sup>at Eldersville</sup> Saturday, February 12, 1870.

After attending to the feeding in the morning Will and I ground mease. We put up our straw stack that had blown over. Father went to Stephenson's in the afternoon to sell our wool. Will circulated a petition for a Mail Route and I cut a stick for a sled runner. Helen and I did Doll's to church at night. I went to the station for the mail and missed both the mail and the sermon. <sup>Morning warm Mercury 48 at noon 24 at</sup> <sup>Home</sup> Sunday 13

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning Will being out of town. Went to Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Palmer preach from Jeremiah, IV 10. Good congregation out. Father and Mother took dinner with us. Heard Palmer at father's at night from III Cor. XVII 22. Pretty good turn out. Weather fine.

Home Monday 14

After helping to do the feeding in the morning I went to town and bought a gallon of Lamm's oil for the harness. Got home about noon and we spent the afternoon greasing our wagon harness. Will and Rev. Palmer went to town to church at night and we did not get the harness greased. Rained

Home Tuesday, February 15, 1870.

After assisting with the feeding in the morning I harnessed Stearns and went to Robert Cooper's for the woolpacking machine. At three o'clock in the morning we were roused by Will calling at our door that aunt Sally was dying. He awoke up immediately, but she soon came on. Dr. Donnan's horse fell with him as he came. He pronounced it disease of the heart. Rev. Lucas and John Mulvih visited us during the day. Aunt Sally recovering.

Home Wednesday 16

Slept until late, cut some wood for Helen for washing purposes. And then we packed our wool. Had 410 fleeces, two clips. Loaded it on the wagon in quads and a half. Put the wagon in the barn.

Mrs. William Steen visited at father's during the day. Robert Cooper brought our grain sack home. I took his packing machine home in the evening. Fine.

Home Thursday 17

After doing up the feeding in the morning I put a half robe on one of my boots having put the other one on before breakfast. Will and I spent the remainder of the day greasing our buggy, harness, bridles &c &c. Father and I fixed the load of wool in the evening ready to take it to town. Commenced raining about noon.

Home Friday, February 18, 1870.

Arose at half past five o'clock and found it snowing so that we could not go to town with our wool. Spent the forenoon feeding stock and reading in the Wesleyan. Went to David Thorley's in the afternoon and dropped out a pair of sled runners for our little sled. We spent the evening up at father's. Snowed much all day and got quite cold in the evening.

Home Saturday 19

Attended to the feeding about the stable as usual in the morning. Will and I hauled four sled loads of corn fodder in the forenoon. Father went to see Catherine Lawther in the afternoon and helped me to put runners on our little sled. Will attended the closing exercises of Miss Hearn's Night School at Oak Hall. Singing there at night.

Home Sunday 20

Assisted with the feeding in the morning as usual and as it was quite stormy the cows had to have some extra attention. Will, Helen and I went to church on the little sled. Roads rough and muddy in places. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from General Epistle of James II. 16<sup>th</sup>. Was cold and before Helen and I did not attend church at night.

Home Monday, February 21, 1870.

Arose at six O'clock and found mercury two degrees below zero.

Did nothing during the day except feeding and attending to Charlie while Helen was sewing. Charlie was quite unwell, his disease supposed to be whooping cough.

Gillespies and Pettibone took their wool to town on sleds. Will and Nan Crisp went to see Rachel Mares sick and found her very feeble. They went to church.

Home Tuesday 22

After doing the feeding in the morning Will and I took a team and hauled corn fodder. broke the sled tongue and repaired it. Hauled seven loads during day. Father and mother went to Stephensons in the sleigh in the afternoon. Helen Nan Crisp Will and I went to church at night. Mrs. Milly Walker forward for pay. Left Charlie at home.

Home Wednesday 23

Arose at six O'clock and assisted with the feeding. Harnessed two horses and Helen Charlie and I went in the sleigh to Conde John Provenes'. The men folks all from home. Had a very fine drive. Miss Maggie came home with us. Sleighing almost done. Did not attend church at night. Weather fine.

Home Thursday, February 24, 1870.

Arose at four O'clock, harnessed the team and father and I took our wool to Stentenville on the wagon. Could not take the team a crop on account of the ice. Put the wool on the boat. Spool clip amounted to \$34.30. Got home about seven O'clock. Weather quite fine but cold. Alma Thorley and Albert were over in the evening.

Home Friday 25

After doing the feeding Will went to mill, father took mother to Mr. Lawthers and I went to town & got a pair of pants cut out. After I came home we put up our meat to smoke. Took Miss Maggie Provenes to church in Eldersville at night. Her way home. She stayed overnight at McFees. Heard Lucas preach from John 24 & part of 15. Snow on the ground.

Home Saturday 26

After attending to our feeding in the morning we prepared some sheep feed and Will and I spent most of the day squaring up our threshing accounts for 1869. Will and Nan Crisp went to Lawthers in the evening to see the sick folks and I went to town for the mail. Recd none. Wrote a petition for a Mail Route from Bethays to Berlin, Pa.

Home Sunday, February 27, 1870.

Arose at half past six in the morning, after doing the feeding we harnessed a team and went to Eldersville to church. Left Charlie at home with Aunt Ann. Heard Plummer preach from Luke, XVIII pt of 43.

Sang a few pieces of music at father's before Plummer left. Father took some part of his way home. Will and Man Cress going to church at home at night. Day Showery.

Home Monday 28

Arose about six o'clock, kindled the fire and fed the horses before breakfast. Started to Bethany about eight o'clock for a Mary Woots petition. Got there about half past eleven o'clock and took dinner at the Betham House. and fed my horse. Got 69 names to the petition, some to Independence and got some subscriptions. Came home by way of Patterson's Mills. Washome about seven o'clock.

Home Tuesday, March 1

after assisting with the feeding in the morning took the Spring wagon to town and got some tires cut. Went to Mr McCarralls and got a petition which had been circulated at Patterson's Mills. Took dinner at Robert Osburn's. Prepared the petitions and had them mailed. Robert Osburn and I went to the station with the Spring wagon and brought up our sewing machine. Storm all day.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville, Pa.</sup> Wednesday, March 2, 1870.

Arose near seven o'clock, assisted some with the feeding and then we harnessed the team and went to David Thorlitz. Hauled one log for him in the forenoon on the sled, and two in the afternoon on the wagon. Sammie took one down with their two horses. Charlie barked with me in the evening and we laid quite a time getting out. Had to put six horses to the wagon before we got out. Bad place to haul from.

Home Thursday 3

Father and I hauled three loads of cory fodder in the forenoon while Will was inviting folks to the singing. Hauled one load of fodder in the afternoon and staved one cut of Rhingelstuff. Had a nice little singing at father's at night. Quite a good turn out. Snow melted quite late. Weather quite fine, snow melting.

Home Friday 4

Will took Man Cress home in the sleigh in the forenoon. She had been working for father's folks and Mary Jackson with her illegitimate child was employed in her place at 75¢ per week. Helen did some washing during the day and I mended one of the pole straps of the Spring wagon. Rained some during day.

Home  
Saturday, March 3, 1870.

After feeding in the morning Will and I sawed shingle stuff while father split it out in bolts. Will hauled the sled loads of it in the afternoon. When we came to dinner Old Sal was down in the stable and could not get up. Did not have much trouble in getting her up. Spent the evening at home. Brought my sled home from Dr. Thorley. Snowed some during the day. *Home in the evening*

Home  
Sunday 6

Allen and I went to church in the morning in the sleigh. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Heb. ~~XIII~~ 8. Quite a good sermon. Steward came home with us for dinner. Will, Melvin and Alvin Thorley also ate with us. Steward went home in the evening. We remained at home at night. Snowing fast in the evening.

Monday 7

Woke at five in the morning and dressed as usual with the feeding. At nine o'clock Helen, Charlie and I started to father Hamlin's sleigh. Took dinner there and Helen had some sewing done on my pants on the machine. Father Hamlin and I went to Paris in sleigh. I had a physical examination by Dr. Hill. Spent the night at Geo. Morrison's and board here \$2.00 ~~75~~

Home  
Tuesday, March 8, 1870.

Took breakfast at Geo Morrison's and got home about twelve o'clock. Sleeping good. Will and I hauled some fodder in the afternoon. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Palmer preach from Act. ~~XIV~~ 10. Commencement of a protracted meeting. Congregation tolerably large to be in the Wesleyan church.

Home  
Wednesday 9

Spent the forenoon sawing shingle stuff. When we came to dinner we found Robert Reddle and family here. Spent the afternoon very pleasantly with me. Attended church at Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Palmer preach a very good sermon from Prov. ~~XIII~~ 5. Snow melting some but still sleighing. *Home*

Thursday 10

After doing the feeding I went to David Thorley's and put a handle in our mail. Uncle Geo. Crisp and aunt Peter came while I was there. Did not do much in the afternoon but tinkered. Father was making shingles. We attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Palmer preach from Ex. ~~XIII~~ 14. *Home*

*Spent the afternoon at Stephen's. The trunk left for the station. Then from the station.*

Home Friday, March 11, 1870.

Spent most of the forenoon shelling corn for cow feed and sheep feed. Will took a load of grinding to mill in the afternoon and I did not do much but feeding. We attended church at night and heard Sumner preach a good sermon on the Judgment. Text - 1st Cor. V 10. Roads getting muddy. Rained some in the evening.

Home Saturday 12

Spent most of the forenoon scraping up manure in front of the stable. Made a whip stalk in the afternoon and spent an hour or so in conversation with Rev. Palmer and wife. The roads being muddy I drove four horses to church in the evening, and seven of us went in the wagon. Heard Palmer preach from Jer. VIII. Prof. L.

Home Sunday 13  
The roads being muddy I drove four horses to Church and seven of us went in the wagon. Protracted meeting closed. Heard Palmer preach from Jer. VIII part of 6. Good congregation out. Palmer preached in the evening at father's from the 86th Psalm, and 5th verse. Charlie got Will's turning fork from church and after biting it held it to Will's ear to give him the sound.

Home Monday, March 14, 1870.

Will and I hauled some fodder in the forenoon. He went to mill in the afternoon and I cut out a pair of pipes for John's harness. Father and Will came in in the evening a short time and I sewed some at the barn. Rev. Palmer and his wife at D. Thorley's over night. Weather quite fine.

Home Tuesday 15

Will and I finished hauling our fodder in the forenoon. I sewed some at John's harness in the afternoon and evening. Thompson Crisp came in the evening and ate supper with us. Settled his threshing account for 1868. Day cloudy, commenced snowing after night.

Home Wednesday 16  
Will was at Crisp's over night and father and I attended to the feeding in the morning. I finished making a pair of pipes for John's harness during the day. Helen, Charlie and I spent the evening at father's with Rev. Palmer and his wife, conversing mostly about Arminian life. He had belonged to the

Home Near Aldersville Pa  
Thursday, March 17, 1870.

After doing the feeding Will and I went to the woods and got two sleds and father helped us put them on and put a box on the sled. He took Mr. and Mrs. Palmer to Middletown in the afternoon. Mother went with them. Weather not good. I went to see Rachel McKelley in the afternoon and found her very poorly. Helen washing.

Home Friday 18

Took Aunt Ann and Helen over to Rachel McKelley in the morning on the sled. Came home by way of Lawther's. Found the sick folks all very poorly. Will and I hauled load manure on the sled in the afternoon. Helen, Charlie and I visited at Robert Cooper's until bed time. Snow melting very fast.

Home Saturday 19

After assisting with the feeding I worked on John's harness until feeding time again. Will came home from Mr. Roles' and told us that Miss Rachel McKelley was dead. D. Horley had orders for two coffins, one for an infant of J. A. Stewart Esq. Geo. Morrison and family visited us at

Near Aldersville Pa.  
Sunday, March 20, 1870.  
Did not attend church any place during the day. Geo. Morrison and family here until after dinner. I took Aunt Sally and Ann M. Bell to Mr. Roles' in spring wagon. Father, Will, Helen and I attended the funeral of Miss Rachel McKelley in the afternoon. Large funeral considering the wet day and muddy roads. Mr. Thummer at father's over night. Charlie at home with Aunt Ann while we were at funeral.

Monday 21

Will took the spring wagon in the morning and went with Mr. Thummer to the station for his mother-in-law and some other women and took them to Thummer's. I went to Billy McConnell's in the morning for receipt to cure heaves. Made John's harness. Spent the evening putting a leather on our neck-cake. Weather fine. Roads muddy.

Home Tuesday 22

After we had done the usual amount of feeding in the morning Will and I harrowed the team and hauled a stack of hay down off the hill to the barn and stable. Will, father and mother spent the evening in overhouse until bed time. Will was playing the violin. Weather equally.

Near Aldersville Pa.  
Home Wednesday, March 23, 1870.  
After we had done the  
feeding in the morning I  
went to Mr. Boles and borrowed  
three cross cut saw and we sawed  
shingle stuff the remainder of the  
day. Helen, Charlie and I went  
to Mr. Cassides in the  
evening and stayed until  
bed time. John Melvin and  
family were at David Sharley's.  
John got his harny that I had  
mended  
Home Thursday 24

Spent the day sawing shingle stuff  
Will and I hauled one cut off  
in the forenoon in seven minutes  
by the hatch. felt very tired at  
night. Father took Mother &  
Santlers in the wagon and  
brought her home again in the  
evening. Mr. Steen was with  
us a short time after dinner.

Home Friday 25  
Spent the forenoon sawing shingle  
stuff. Will hauled in two loads  
of bolts in the afternoon. I took  
Helen and Charlie over to David  
Sharley's after dinner. Came home  
and chopped off a rail cut and  
helped to do the feeding. Took  
supper at Sharley's and came  
home at bed time. Loaned David  
\$30. Day exceedingly fine & warm

Near Aldersville Pa.  
Home Saturday, March 26, 1870.  
Will and I spent the forenoon  
hauling shingle stuff and firewood  
After dinner Will took the young  
team and went to Stephenson's for  
some lumber for David Sharley  
to make sleds and harrows of. I spent  
the afternoon tinkering and reading.  
Father was making shingles and  
I did the feeding. Forenoon was  
fine but it commenced raining  
about half past eleven and was showery  
all evening.  
Home Sunday 27

When we arose in the morning, the  
ground was white with snow and  
still raining and snowing.  
Continued to rain all day. Father  
and Will went to Church but  
the rest of us all thought it too  
bad and did not venture out.  
Preacher did not come and there  
were no religious services. Spent the  
day at home reading. Helen poorly with cold  
Home Monday 28

Arose 20 minutes before six o'clock,  
Assisted father with the feeding,  
then he and I went to Steubenville  
with the spring wagon and took  
some butter, eggs and poles to  
market. Got 40¢ for butter 22¢  
for eggs and 55¢ per lb. for poles.  
Got home about four o'clock and  
Will and I cut a large dead tree off  
the Aldersville road. Weather cloudy.

Home near Eldersville Pa  
Tuesday, March 29, 1870.

Will was at John's in the morning and father and I attended to the feeding. I went to Geo. Boyd's and found him very unwell but sleeping. Went to Eldersville and got Jimmie's sled. Took dinner at Stephenson's. Got home about three o'clock. Chopped some wood. Will went to sit up with Geo. Boyd and Helen and I attended dinner service at Mrs. Cunningham's and heard Rev. Lucas preach from I Tim VII & 6. Preaching

Home Wednesday 30

Assisted father with the feeding. Will had been sitting up with Geo. Boyd until four o'clock and was sleeping at feeding time. Helped David to perform a surgical operation with his legs. Will and I spent the remainder of the day clearing off ground to plow. Had quite an argument with Sammie Shorley about cutting & creeps for a wagon axle. Weather fine and warm

Home Thursday 31

Mr. Steen having made a proposition for me to put one of his fields in corn father went in the morning to see the prospect. Will and I shelled some corn. Got the horses ready to clear off Steen's field but it commenced raining and we did not go. Repaired a load of choppings to take to mill in the afternoon. Van Cuy and Shorley came in the evening and spent the night with us.

Home near Eldersville Pa  
Friday, April 1, 1870.

The morning being wet we did not harness the team. Father and Will put up a shelter for father to have a dinner under. I helped Helen to Churn, opened some drains on the road, Went to David Shorley's for harness needles, mended some harness for John Melvin, went to Gillespie's Mill with a load of grain to get chopped. Started at half past four and got home a quarter before five o'clock. Rained nearly all day.

Home Saturday 2

Harnessed four horses in the morning and went to Gillespie's mill for hay grinding. Was not done when I went, but waited for it. Hauled two small loads of coal after dinner. Cyrus Stephenson and family visited here during day and took supper with us. Read some in the evening. Weather fine.

Home Sunday 3

Slept until after six o'clock. We left Charlie at home with Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally and Helen and I went to church on horseback. Roads very muddy. Heard Rev. Collier preach from Eph. V 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>. Presidential meeting. Got ready in the evening to visit the sick folks at Lawthers' but Aunt Ann discovered Helen and we did not go.

Home Monday, April 4, 1870.

Arose at five o'clock and Will and I attended to feeding and currying the horses. Hauled out a little load of hay, moved some sheep, took the two teams and went to Mr Steen's (Fogner's farm) where we spent the day clearing off rails and rubbish and plowed some in the evening. Father was with us during the day. Weather fine but cold.

Home Tuesday 5

Arose at half past five o'clock and fed and curried the horses. Will helped me to harness. Spent the day plowing in the Steen farm for corn. Took our dinner with us. Made some coffee. Had some stumps burning in the field which made a good place to boil coffee. Snowed some in the afternoon.

Home Wednesday 6

Arose at half past five o'clock and helped Will to feed and curry the horses. And we spent the day in Mr Steen's field plowing burning stumps &c &c. Plowed 17 rounds a piece on the land. Made tea for our dinner. Thompson Crisp and Tolen working just along side of us in the afternoon. Was some what showery during the day.

Home Thursday, April 7, 1870.

Arose at five o'clock and cut a feed and mixed it for the horses before breakfast. Helen Charlie and Aunt Ann got ready and I took them as far as Cooper's when I was going to my work. Plowed in the Steen field during the day. Doll broke her hind leg at noon and I took it to Uncle Geo. Crisp and got a new one. Took Puffer at Cooper's. Day very fine.

Home Friday 8

Arose a little after five o'clock and fed and curried the horses. We pulled the hind shoes off Doll and Charlie. Plowed all day in Steen's field; Will plowed until half past two and then went to Paris to a concert. Johnnie Inghelton was with him in spring wagon. Read the President's Proclamation concerning the enfranchisement of the negroes of the United States.

4 Home Saturday 9

Arose twenty minutes after five o'clock, fed all the horses and harnessed two of them. Will and I went to Mr Steen's field and plowed until noon and at the earnest solicitation of Thompson Crisp we took dinner with he and he fed our horses. We finished plowing the field a little after two o'clock in the afternoon and finished mending John's harness in the evening. Day very fine.

Home Sunday, April 10, 1870.

Arose at six and a half O'Clock  
Helped Will to curry the horses.  
Harniped three horses, father &  
mother went to church in the buggy  
Aunt Sally, Rev. Palmer, Helen,  
Charlie and I went in spring wagon.  
Heard Palmer preach from II Cor.  
VIII 29 " Good sermon. Day  
was fine & good congregation.  
Spent the evening at home.  
Geo had nine pigs.

Home Monday 11

Arose in the morning and found  
it raining too hard for us to  
plow Will took Rev. Mr. Palmer  
to the station on his way to  
conference. I mended my boots  
in the forenoon In the after-  
noon we commenced plowing  
stalk ground for oats. Will  
came down in the evening  
and we sang some in "Silver Spray"  
J. P. Miller called on us.

Home Tuesday 12

Were late getting out to  
work in the morning. Took  
Aunt Sally's cow to Thompson  
Crisp's. His horse was sick  
and Uncle Geo. bled him in the  
mouth. Came home and  
plowed until four o'clock when I  
quit and came in and took supper  
with J. P. Miller who was on his way  
home from his brother's.

Home near Eldersville Pa. Wednesday, April 13, 1870.

While eating breakfast  
breakfast in the morning, Hoss  
Cooper brought his colt over and  
we put him in the cage and  
drove a short time. He worked  
very well. Sammie Shorley helped  
me during the day to plow  
and harrow. We run three  
teams. Weather very favorable  
and we got along finely. Miss  
Mary E. Virtue visited us in  
the afternoon

Home Thursday 14

Sammie Shorley was with  
us during the day and we  
run three teams putting in  
our oats. Brought in a  
load of potatoes at dinner  
time. Got a good forenoon  
work done but did not  
work so steadily in the  
afternoon. Weather quite  
warm with some appearance of rain.

Home Friday 15

Father went to Steubenville  
with the spring wagon and  
was home about one o'clock.  
I spent most of the day  
taking potatoes out of the  
holes. Hauled them in at  
two loads, about forty bushels  
of nice ones. Worked until  
quite late in the evening and  
finished plowing oats but did not

Home near Eldersville, Va.  
Saturday, April 16, 1870.

Arose 20 minutes after five  
o'clock. Will and I finished  
harrowing in oats, then plowed  
the patch we had in potatoes last  
year. Plowed our garden in  
the afternoon and repaired the  
walk at the springhouse door.  
Robert Cooper and Lyle were  
over in the evening. I shaved my  
whiskers off at night. Weather  
cool and cloudy.

Home Sunday 17

Alex and I went to church  
to Eldersville on horseback.  
Heard Rev. Rutledge preach from  
Mtus 11 13. Congregation not  
very large. Officers elected  
in the Sabbath School elected  
and I was elected Superintendent  
and W. W. Knight Assistant.  
Rained considerably during  
the day. Cool in the evening.

Home Monday 18

Assisted father to do the feeding  
in the morning. Rinded two collars  
for Summie Shorley, then went to  
Eldersville, thence to John Walker's on  
Harmons Creek, thence to Will Hamilton's  
where I took dinner with a number  
of hands who had been shearing  
sheep for him. Came home through  
Eldersville and bought some store goods.  
Put Will's hair in the evening.

Home Tuesday, April 19, 1870.

Arose about five in the morning,  
fed and curried all the horses, and  
harneped four of them before  
breakfast. Spent the day plowing  
in Mr. Steen's field near the barn.  
Will was hauling guano for Will  
Steen and father was scattering  
manure. Here I was plowing.  
Mr. Steen was out with us  
almost all day. Weather cool  
and rather cloudy.

Home Wednesday 20

Arose about half past five and  
fed the horses. harneped two before  
breakfast. Attended to the cattle.  
Father and Will took the teams  
to Mr. Steen's field where we run  
three teams during the day. I  
spent much all day scattering  
manure. Mr. Steen has putting  
stalks into the furrow. Did not work  
about 5 1/2 o'clock and ate supper after  
night.

Home Thursday 21

Fed the horses in the morning  
and harneped two of them before  
breakfast. I spent most of  
the day scattering manure on the  
Steen field near the barn while father,  
Will and Will Steen were plowing.  
Will sent in at supper time and  
had a piece brought out for us.  
We finished there about 15 minutes  
after six o'clock. Day cloudy.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, April 22, 1870.

Fed the horses in the morning and harnessed two of them. Will and I took two teams and went to David Thorley's where we spent the day plowing sod ground. Finished the field about half an hour after sunset. Had quite an exciting time and did some very fast plowing. Helen and Aunt Ann visited at Mr. Casdays in the afternoon. Weather very fine & warm.

Home Saturday 23  
Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and went out among the sheep before breakfast and found them all right. Will and I shot the chickens out of the wagon shade, put they bed on the large wagon and were hauling manure when father and mother came from John's. We planted our early potatoes, after dinner. Rec'd a letter from C. H. Patterson Weather fine.

Home Sunday 24  
Arose at six o'clock, fed the horses before breakfast. Turned out all the horses but two and Will and I walked to Sabbath School to Eldersville. Distributed 20 copies of the "Children's Banner" among the school. Heard Mr. Plummer preach from Mark V 8. Helen meaning Charlie and did not attend church.

New Eldersville Pa  
Home Monday, April 25, 1870.  
Arose about six o'clock and spent about two hours working with our heifer and her first calf. Had but little trouble milking her. Made some garden during the day and commenced making handles for our harrow. Will was in our house in the evening and played the violin until bed-time. Weather quite cool in the forenoon, evening warmer.

Home Tuesday 26  
Arose at five o'clock, fed the horses, turned the cow in with the calf, went to David Thorley's borrowed an Auger and put the handles on our harrow. We built some fence before dinner. Will and I went and harrowed the Steen field over once before sundown. Put a sack on the buggy at night.

Home Wednesday 27  
Arose about five o'clock and fed the horses. Took Helen, Charlie and Aunt Ann to Uncle Geo. Rife in a spring wagon left them there while I was harrowing corn ground on Steen's farm. Gate dinner and supper both at Uncle Geo's. Got home between eight and nine o'clock. The day was fine, and we finished harrowing the field.

Home Thursday, April 28, 1870.

Arose at 5 1/2 O'clock, Will fed the horses and I harnessed two of them. We went to Mr. Steins and harrowed until dinner time. Father commenced marking out corn ground on Steins (Poy farm). Rained nearly all afternoon and we quit work about three O'clock. Spent most of the evening in the house reading and flaying on the violin. Took our calf from the cow and fed it in the evening.

Home Friday 29

Arose about five in the morning, and after attending to feeding the calves, father went to the Steins field on the old Pogue farm and marked out corn ground, Will and I went to Mr. Steins and harrowed until noon, we then took two plows and marked the field out one way and commenced crifing it. Charlie sat on my knee when I wrote this and and smelt the pen when making the above.

Home Saturday 30

Will aroused me in the morning about five O'clock by tapping on our door. After attending to feeding the calf. We went to Mr. Steins. Sammie Shorley helped Will to finish marking corn ground while we selected some seed corn. We planted the field during the day. Got through about half past five O'clock. Father went to Bushfield for mother in the afternoon.

Home near Oberdell P. Sunday, May 1, 1870.

Arose at 5 1/2 O'clock, fed the horses and saddled two of them for Helen and me to ride to church. Attended Sabbath School in the morning and had a good turn out. Heard Rev. Rutledge preach from I. Thp. 111 12 13. Congregation large and tolerably attentive. Spent the afternoon at home reading and looking about among the stock. Weather fine and warm.

Home Monday 2

Arose at half past two O'clock and put the horses out of the yard, put them in the stable. Arose at half past four and we went to the Steins (Pogue) farm and we ran three teams until we finished marking it out. in the afternoon ten of us planted the field, took our supper out with us and I made a boiler full of coffee for supper. Day very fine.

Home Tuesday 3

Arose about five O'clock and got the teams ready for father to go to Steubenville. He and Helen and Armas Gully went to town in the wagon. Will and I helped Uncle Geo. Crisp folks to plant corn. Sammie Shorley and Albert had our gony team harrowing corn ground. Call from Coopers for help to plant corn tomorrow.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Wednesday, May 4, 1870.

Arose at five o'clock fed the horses, attended to the sheep and milked a ewe which had a very large teat. Went to Robert Cooper's between seven and eight o'clock and helped him to plant corn during the day. We got through about 5 1/2 o'clock. Will and I came home by way of Mr. Lantz and called in to see the sick folks. Mary Jane improving slowly, that's no letter.

Home Thursday 5

Arose about five o'clock and fed the horses and as soon as I got on breakfast, went and milked a ewe that was suffering with a large teat. Spent the forenoon helping David Sporley to plant corn. Got through about 12 o'clock, came home and fenged off a calves and commenced plowing the field below the stable for a truck patch.

Home Friday 6

Arose at five o'clock fed the horses and barneped two of them before breakfast. Will and I spent most of the day plowing the lot below the stable. Will quit at supper time and went to John Mylons to a kinsman. Rather trammed our sheep during the day. Rained some in the afternoon.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Saturday, May 7, 1870.

Arose at 5 1/2 o'clock and fed the horses before breakfast. Spent most of the day plowing the field below the stable which was very dry and hard. Got through about half past three o'clock and then prepared a small seine to catch some fish for Santher's sick folks. Rev. Mr. Hulley was at father's in the afternoon. Will Steward was also there. Day rather cool & cloudy.

Home Sunday 8

Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in company with Rev. Mr. Palmer in the morning, but the day being wet, it was thought best not to have regular class exercises and Mr. Palmer read a chapter, we sang an hymn, had prayer and some remarks from Palmer. Heard Palmer preach from II Tim II 15. Lizzie Wright came home with me from church.

Monday 9

Robert Cooper came in the morning and father went and helped him to put in the sheep washing box. Will and Sammie Thorley went to mill with a four horse load of grinding. I took Lizzie Wright to town and Aunt John's Stephenson's in the spring wagon. Got Charlie and Doll shod. We washed one lot of sheep in the evening and I caught some fish for the sick folks.

Home Tuesday, May 10, 1870.

Arose at 5 o'clock and spent most of the day washing sheet. Got through about two o'clock, when Sammie, Charlie and I prepared a seine of coffee sacks and a small piece of net and went to Bethel run and caught about the half full of a six quart bucket of fish. Got home as it was getting dusk. Weather showery and cool.

Home Wednesday 11

Arose at five o'clock, fed the horses and brought in the cows before breakfast. Will and I hauled manure in the forenoon and father harrowed some. Had some manure in the afternoon but were stopped by a shower of rain. Took Doll over to Mrs. Robinson's in the evening. Got home about half past eight o'clock.

Home Thursday 12

Arose at five o'clock, fed the horses and brought the cows from pasture before breakfast. We spent the forenoon hauling out manure on our corn ground. Will worked with Champ and the Township seaper. Harrowed some in the afternoon and were stopped by a shower. Father and I chopped some in the evening and Will went out at overtime.

Home near Eldersville Pa. Friday, May 13, 1870.

Arose at five as usual and fed the horses and brought in the cows before breakfast. Will and I planted some pumpkin seeds in the cornfield at Mr. Steen's in the forenoon and father went to Bushfield's for Ann Frances and brought her home with him. We harrowed and marked out the lot below the stable in the afternoon and commenced planting corn. <sup>Charles Robinson's</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>last</sup> <sup>made</sup>

Home Saturday 14

Arose 20 minutes before five o'clock stopped the boys, brought the horses in and fed them and brought the cows before breakfast. Charlie's boys helped us to plant our truck patch during the day. And in the evening father and I went out to Bethel graveyard with Uncle Geo. Crisp and John & helped them to unload Grandfather and grandmother's tombstones.

Home Sunday 15

Arose at five as usual and brought in the horses and cows. Fed the boys and horses before breakfast. Helen and I got ready and went to Sabbath School on horseback. Heard Rev. J. B. Lucas preach from Dent. XVIII 15. God congregation on Stockton announced to preach in town in the evening but none of us went.

Home <sup>near Aldersville Pa.</sup>  
Monday, May 16, 1870.

Arose 20 minutes after four o'clock  
brought in the horses and fed them,  
brought the cows before breakfast.  
After the morning work was done,  
Helen, Charlie and I went over to  
father Henlein's in the spring wagon.  
Their women folks were cleaning bones,  
and I helped the men to plant corn.  
Spent in the afternoon and saw  
Geo. Morrison and his family.

The day was warm. Got horses at 3 o'clock.  
Will lay up with a boil on his leg.

Home Tuesday 17  
Arose about the usual hour and planted  
some cucumbers before breakfast. Father  
and I contracted our lands in the  
forenoon and spent most of the after-  
noon picking stones and cutting thistles.  
I went to town in the evening and  
got a sled driven on Jimmie and  
went to the Station for the mail.  
Got home about 8 1/2 o'clock. Helen  
very uneasy because I was so late.

Home Wednesday 18  
Arose at five, brought in the horses  
and fed them before breakfast.  
Harneped Champ and Jimmie and  
took them on to Bethel hill and  
plowed on the roads. Father and  
Uncle Geo. Crip put up Grand  
father and Grandmother Jones'  
tomb stones. Geo. Boyd ate  
dinner with us in the evening and  
I took Mr. Boles' saw home after  
we quit work.

Home <sup>near Aldersville Pa.</sup>  
Thursday, May 19, 1870.

Arose at five and brought in the  
horses and prepared to work  
on the roads. Plowed bed in  
the garden before road time.  
Plowed during the day with Champ  
and Jimmie and worked out our tax.  
Planted some beans in the evening  
and went to see John Shorley who  
was lying sick at David Sharleys.  
Will Melvin just getting able to  
walk with a boil on his leg.

Home Friday 20  
Arose at five. Father and I  
went to Steubenville with marketing.  
Got 14 cts for Eggs and 15 cts for butter.  
Bought some tomato plants and  
numerous other articles. Got home  
about four and father went to see  
John Shorley and found him better.  
I intended to have sat up with him  
but it was considered unnecessary.

Home Saturday 21  
Arose about five o'clock and kindled  
a fire in the stove, but went back  
to bed again on account of thunder  
and lightning. Slept until about  
six o'clock. Spent the day whitewash-  
ing and cleaning up our lounge.  
Got through about sunset. John  
Melvin came along in the evening  
but made only a call. We slept  
up stairs on account of dampness  
in lower story.

Home <sup>near Eldersville, Pa.</sup>  
Sunday, May 22, 1870.

Arose at five o'clock, brought in the horses, started to David Thorley's for my saddle and bridle and met them on the way. Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville.

Good turn out but late getting. Heard Nolan preach from Rev. W. D. C. 10<sup>th</sup> verse. Mr. Bushfield and Rebecca came and took Aunt Maud home with them. The day was very pleasant.

Home Monday 23

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock, hurried and kindled the fire and as there was a great appearance of rain, I brought old Charlie into the stable to keep him from getting wet while taking medicine for the heaves. We cleaned out the barn in the forenoon and commenced shearing sheep in the afternoon. Heavy thunder storm in the evening. The truck <sup>was in over barn.</sup>

Home Tuesday 24

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock, turned out a lot of sheep that we had sheltered, attended to feeding the horse and broke some stones on the road before breakfast and then spent the remainder of the day shearing sheep. John Lawther helping us.

Rained nearly all day and we were obliged to keep our sheep sheltered.

Home <sup>near Eldersville, Pa.</sup>  
Wednesday, May 25, 1870.

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock, fed Charlie and washed some stones on the road before breakfast. Father, Will and I finished shearing what sheep we had sheltered before dinner. John Lawther, Edamie, Thorley and Albert helped us to shear in the afternoon. Ann Thorley and Alma and Aunt Lucy Bodley visited us in the afternoon and took supper with us.

Home Thursday 26

Arose ten minutes before five o'clock and turned the sheep out to eat grass before breakfast. Edamie, Thorley and Albert and John Lawther helped us to shear sheep until we finished just after dinner. John Maloni, Susan and Frankie were with us part of the day. We replanted some corn in the evening and sold some sheep at 40¢ per pound.

Home Friday 27

Arose at five o'clock and brought Jimmie in from the field. Commenced cultivating corn in the field near Steis' Barn. Cutworms cutting the corn rapidly. Got over most of the field replanting and cultivating. Robert Butler was working with Will. Stym while he was visiting there. Weather cool and cloudy. Did not come to supper.

Home Saturday, May 28, 1870.

Arose fifteen minutes after five o'clock, brought in one of the horses and after breakfast we went to the stem field and finished cultivating it against twelve o'clock. Cut Will's hair after dinner. Father and I had the early potatoes in the afternoon and Will helped us to plant some more after supper. I went in the evening to Miss Polynois on an errand. Weather fine. Will took five in the evening.

Home Sunday 29

Arose 20 minutes after five o'clock, brought the horses and cows before breakfast. Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville. Ada and Charlie remained at home. Jim Jennings and his wife at Church. Heard Lucas preach from Gal. 4:9. Father and mother went to Middletown.

Home Monday 30

Brought in the horses before breakfast and prepared to work corn. Had some in the garden. Will and I spent the day working corn in Sten's field on the Pogue farm. Great many folks attended the Decoration of Soldiers graves at Eldersville but we did not go, on account of our corn needing work. Weather very warm.

near Eldersville Pa.

Home Tuesday, May 31, 1870.

Arose about the usual hour and had some in the garden. Will brought in the horses. We worked some among the cane in the morning and father and I took a lot of apple to the station, where father waited until evening for the money. I took Doll to Miss Robinson's and put her to his horse. Cut some stoverwood in the evening. Will at Thompson's stable yard.

Home Wednesday, June 1

Arose 20 minutes before five o'clock and brought the horses and cows. Will, Helen and I went to Steubenville with marketing. Will bought himself a new suit of clothes and Helen got herself a new hat and one for Alma. Dorothy. We got home about six o'clock weather very warm.

Home Thursday 2

Arose about the usual time and brought the horses and cows before breakfast. Father, Will and I went to the stem field on the Pogue farm and worked corn during the day and got once through our corn. Father went to Birdfields with the spring wagon and brought Rev. Palmer and his wife home with him. Day was very warm and he had a shower in the evening.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, June 3, 1870.

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock and brought the horses and cows before breakfast. Scatter went to see Frank Scott's and Cassidy's sick folks in the morning and then we took four horses and went to Steen's (Pague's) farm and worked on during the day. I took Jimmie and put her to Robinson's horse. Mr. Mc Gregor came along in the evening taking the Census.

Home Saturday 4

Arose at 5 1/2 o'clock and brought in the horses and cows as usual before breakfast. Spent the forenoon doing chores and getting a load of wood for cloverwood. Attended Church in Eldersville in the afternoon and heard Palmer preach from John III 14. Rev. Palmer and his wife spent the evening with us. Will did not come home.

Home Sunday 5

Waken arose in the morning before I did and built the fire. Charlie and I left until near six o'clock. Attended Church in Eldersville and heard Mr. Plummer preach from II Cor. II 28. Sacrament of Lord's supper administered and Helen was received into the Church on certificate. Mrs Stewart, Mrs. Lenny, Mr. Nolan & John & Ed. Ackison were here for dinner. Heard Palmer preach in the evening from Philippians III 5. (Sunday)

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Monday, June 6, 1870.

Arose a little after five o'clock and greased my shoes and brought in the horses as usual before breakfast. Father Will and I went to the steen field on the Pague farm and finished working the corn there the second time. Got through at supper time and Will and I went to the Steen field on the home place and plowed and hoed winter rows. Will went to John Melvin's after a pair of shirts which he had there getting made.

Home Tuesday 7

After doing the usual amount of chores in the morning, Will and I went to Steen's and worked corn until dinner time. When we came home we found Syd. Cooper and Mary Scott at father's. We all ate dinner there together. I went to Eldersville in the evening and gathered some information concerning Meyer's and Pague's with their horses.

Home Wednesday 8

Will brought the horses and cows in the morning before I arose and we finished working our corn over the second time. Got through about sunset. Father went to Crook Creek village in the afternoon and got Council from Esq. Donahoe concerning the triming pole in Eldersville and learned that it was the duty of the supervisors to put it out of that.

their beautiful conduct was the

Home <sup>near Aldersonville Pa.</sup>  
Thursday, June 9, 1870.  
Arose about six o'clock  
and found the morning  
showery. Spent part of the  
forenoon thinning out corn below  
the house. Mended a pair of  
shoes for myself a pair for  
Helen and a pair for Aunt  
Eulby. Put the wagon ladders  
on in the evening to haul a load  
of shingles for Robert P. Cooper.  
Will went to the examination at  
Pleasant Hill Seminary.

Home  
Friday 10  
Arose about six o'clock and found  
it raining. Attended to Charlie  
until Helen did the milking.  
Went to Middletown to try to  
effect a trade for a mowing-  
machine but could not make  
a deal. Stopped at Bushfield's  
as I came home. Aunt Nancy was  
rather poorly but was getting better.  
Weather very wet.

Home  
Saturday 11  
Arose at 20 minutes after four  
o'clock and found the horses in the  
outfield, went to Robt Cooper's in the  
morning to see if he was going to the  
river after shingles. We went and he  
hailed 5,500 shingles in his bed and I  
hailed 13,500 on the wagon ladders  
with four horses. We doubled teamed on  
the hills as the day was wet and the roads  
slippery. Got our dinner in Stubeville.

Home <sup>near Aldersonville Pa.</sup>  
Sunday, June 12, 1870.  
Arose about six o'clock and  
brought in the cows and horses.  
Milked and rode to Sabbath  
School on horseback. Got very  
many out. Heard Rev. Lucas  
preach from I Petre III 15.  
Spent the entire afternoon at  
home. Father and mother went  
to Bushfield's in the morning. Mended  
my hair in the evening and Aunt  
Eulby and Helen had a bath time for milking.

Home  
Monday 13  
Spent the forenoon cutting  
stumpwood mending Helen's shoes,  
mowing the grass &c. Spent  
the afternoon pulling out corn  
in the steep field on the Pogue  
farm. Had some brown corn  
in the evening and cut Sammie  
Phorley's hair. Wrote a letter  
after supper to Robert and  
Thamer Hamilton.

Home  
Tuesday 14  
Arose about the usual hour  
and brought the cows and horses.  
We finished thinning out our  
corn in the forenoon and I spent  
some time pulling weeds and hoeing  
in our garden. Father, Will and  
I cut some wood and Will  
hailed it in the afternoon. I went  
to the Station in the evening and  
deposited a letter in the office.

Home Wednesday, June 15, 1870.

Arose about the usual time, but as it was raining and I did not feel well I went back to bed and took a nap. Spent the forenoon making a jack to raise the wagon with. Spent the afternoon cutting stovewood, trucking it and talking with Thompson Crisp. Attended a meeting in Eldersville at night which took into consideration the propriety of celebrating the "4".

Home Thursday 16

Arose about the usual time and spent most of the day putting in a stone culvert at our stable. Father and I made some preparations for roofing the barn. I carried the oats to the stable. Took the two mares to Wesley Robinson's in the evening and got home between eight and nine o'clock.

Home Friday 17

Brought the cows after breakfast in the morning. David Thorley came over and we all went to work on the barn roof. Will tore off the old roof, David drove shingles all day and father drove in the afternoon. Will and I attended them. J. M. Montford came along in the evening and spent the night with us.

Home Saturday, June 18, 1870.

Arose about the usual time. J. M. Montford having spent the night with us took breakfast with us and we spent the day driving roof on our barn. Father and Uncle Mat. M. Seiser attended an arbitration in Eldersville, between J. L. Scott and Stephen Ferrine. Was not decided when they came home. Weather very warm.

Home Sunday 19

Arose about five and brought the horses and cows. We attended church in the morning at Eldersville and heard Nolan preach from Acts 24<sup>th</sup> ch. 25<sup>th</sup>. We took dinner at father Hanlin's and attended church at Suckers in the afternoon where we heard Rev. F. Hudson preach from II Cor. II 21<sup>st</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

Charlie staid with his Grandmother and Cousin Maggie <sup>at the house</sup> at church.

Home Monday 20

Arose about the usual time and greased my shoes before breakfast. Carried some stables for David Thorley on the barn and talked a short time with Aunt Ann Crisp and Aunt Kelsey then Will and I went to Mr. Steen's and squared corn the remainder of the day. Rang some in the evening.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa.</sup>

Tuesday, June 21, 1870.

Arose a little before five o'clock, and cut stowewood and dug up weeds until breakfast was ready then Will and I went to Mr. Steen's and worked corn the remainder of the day. Got through about sunset and we ate supper after night. Father worked corn during the day below the stable and went to make arrangements about cutting grass at Robt's place.

Home Wednesday 22

Arose about half past five o'clock. Will had brought the horses in and we went to Steen's field on the Boyce place and plowed corn during the day. I took the spring wagon to uncle Geo. Crisp in the morning to get the tires cut. Father and mother went up there on a visit in the afternoon. Day fine and warm.

Home Thursday 23

Arose about the usual time. Will and I plowed corn in the Steen field until suppertime when we finished and I went to uncle Geo. Crisp and brought home our spring wagon. Shortly after I got home Robt Hamilton and family from Iowa, John Meloni and family, Cyrus Stephenson and family, Lydia Cooper and family and almost all of Mr. Porter's family came and that was a great fest made for some time with the home folk.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa.</sup>

Friday, June 24, 1870.

Arose 15 minutes after four and brought in the horses. Father and I went to Steubenville with marketing in the spring wagon. We got home about four o'clock. Robt Hamilton and family here feeling pretty tired over their late trip from Iowa. Spent the evening in the house in conversation with Liz. Weather very warm.

Home Saturday 25

Arose about the usual time and Will and I plowed and hoed some potatoes in the forenoon. Hired some boys. Robert Hamilton and Annie, Helen and I went to Lantier's in the afternoon and found the sick folk very low. Took the spring wagon to town in the evening for repairs but did not get anything done. Weather exceedingly warm.

Home Sunday 26

We attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning. Robert Hamilton and Lister boys went with us in the wagon. The usual exercises were set aside by the business pertaining to celebration. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Ep. Geny of James ~~the~~ 17th. When we came home Aunt Anna was very sick. Only her mother & Charles at home. John's family, John Walker and family

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Monday, June 27, 1870.

Arose about the usual time and brought the horses and cows. Will barned the horses and we spent the day mowing until near supper time when I broke a gear and took part of the mowing machine to the shop & had it repaired. Made some arrangements concerning the approaching celebration. Weather exceedingly dry and warm.

Tuesday 28

Home. Arose about five and brought in the horses. Cut some stovewood and then went to mowing. Passed until near dinnertime and then we put up hay in the afternoon. Put one load in the stable. Robert Hamilton and family visited at Robert Cooper's. Some appearance of grain. Neighbors cutting wheat.

Home Wednesday 29

Went out in the morning with the team. Will and I turned up some hay and put a load on the wagon while father took Hamilton's family to Uncle George Culp's but as they were not at home they returned and visited here in the afternoon and took supper with us. Will shot old Carl in the evening. Rained in afternoon

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Thursday, June 30, 1870.

Arose a little after five and attended to Charles & Helen's breakfast. Robert Hamilton and family spent the day at father's. We reaped some wheat during the day and put one load of hay in the barn. I went in the afternoon and saw Frank Scott's child which was very sick with Scarlet Fever. Will went to town in the evening for the buggy.

Home Friday, July 1

Father, Mother and Hamilton's family visited at Stephen's during the day. Will, Albert, Charles, and I hauled in two wagon loads of hay. I hoed our garden over in the forenoon. Rained very hard in the evening. Run very high. Took out some fence at the Steen cornfield and I repaired it in the evening.

Home Saturday 2

Spent the morning attending to the horses and cattle, cutting stovewood &c. Will and I took some lumber to town and helped to put up a table 100 feet long for celebration purposes. Dance in Bailly McCready's woods in the afternoon. We got home about four o'clock. Rained nearly all forenoon. Spent the evening helping the women to scrub. Let Hamilton here helping.

Home  
Sunday, July 3, 1870.

Arose in the horses and brought  
the cows before breakfast. Attended  
Sabbath School at Eldersville.  
Heard Rev. Palmer preach  
from Mark VIII 37. Preached  
a very good sermon. Robt Ham-  
ilton and family took dinner with  
us. C. Mr. Stephenson and family  
at father's. David and Ann Horley  
over in the evening. Will went to  
Snepers in the buggy in the evening.

Home  
Monday 4

Arose about the usual time, washed  
the spring wagon, come in the morning  
took Robert Hamilton's family and my own  
family to Eldersville to a Sabbath school  
celebration. Heard addresses from Rev. Jas  
Robinson and young lawyer J. C. Wright.  
Got home about four o'clock, after having  
a good time. Several Sabbath Schools there rep-  
resented. Jas chairman. Did not have much  
music. Crowd tolerably large & day fine.

Home  
Tuesday 5

Arose about the usual time but Helen  
being quite unwell, I prepared some water  
for her and she took a bath before breakfast  
and I did the churning before I went out  
to work. We spent part of the day reaping  
wheat. Father and mother went to Middle-  
town in the evening with Robert Hamilton  
& family on their way to Munn town.  
Spent to Mr. Coons in the evening & being  
gone a day which we had bought but  
this and I did not let me have time.

Home  
Wednesday, July 6, 1870.

Arose about the usual time and  
stopped the boys before breakfast.  
Will and I spent the day cutting  
wheat. Father came from Middleton  
in the forenoon and washed with  
me in the afternoon. Said that  
Nolen's had treated Hamiltons very  
coolly and did not even invite them  
to get out of the way at their house.  
Will went to town in the evening.  
Some appearance of rain.

Home  
Thursday 7

I put some teeth in my grain  
rake in the morning. We cut  
wheat until noon. Rained nearly  
all afternoon and I covered my  
cartage and cut a stick to repair  
the hay rake with. Will went to  
mills in the evening with some  
wheat and corn. Learned in the  
evening that Mary Jane Lawther was  
not expected to live over night.

Home  
Friday 8

Arose at the usual hour, cut some  
stowwood, repaired my cradle some and  
went with a company of neighbors  
and helped to cut Lawther's wheat on Pine  
place. Lawther's folks not able to  
get away on account of sickness &  
cut it themselves. Fifteen of us in a  
team. Got home about five o'clock  
and will and I cut eleven dozens of  
our own. Weather very cool and

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Saturday, July 9, 1870.

Arose at five o'clock, he spent the day cutting wheat. Father went to mill after dinner and Will went in the evening to see if Mr. Kline would come to help us to harvest.

Will Thorley visited us a short time in the evening and stated that Cooper was done cutting wheat. Mary Jane and Catherine Lawther both very slow and not expected to live.

Home Sunday 10

Arose about six o'clock and brought the horses and cows before breakfast. Helen and I left Charlie with Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally and attended Sabbath School and Church at Eldersville. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from 1st John III 2. Did not attend church anywhere in the evening. Read some in Trial of the Pope.

Home Monday 11

Arose about the usual hour and cut some stovewood. We went out immediately after breakfast and cut wheat until the rain stopped us. We then ground the knives of the mowing machine and the mowing scythe before dinner. Cleared up but see wind in afternoon. Thorley's force, Cook's force and John Lawther helped us to finish cutting our wheat.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Tuesday, July 12, 1870.

The morning appeared rather unfavorable and father and I hauled some rails and prepared three stackbottoms for our wheat. Thompson Crip came and informed us that they had sold their machine and we proceeded to make arrangements for the purchase of a Profilon Machine with a Middletown power. We went to Elizabethtown in the afternoon and ordered one. I did not get home until about eleven o'clock.

Home Wednesday 13

Will and I brought the cows and horses. He harnessed the team while I cut some stovewood. It rained all day. Father and Will worked some. After supper we put Jimmie in the rake and raked some hay. This is the first time she was ever in a rake. She worked as well as could well be expected.

Home Thursday 14

Arose a little before five o'clock and brought in the horses and cows. Will and I ground the knives of the mowing machine. I finished mowing the field on the hill and we hauled in three loads of hay on the wagon. Robert Hargillton and family came home from Warrington at supper time. Thorley's boys helped us in the evening. Weather fine.

Home Friday, July 13, 1870.

Arose about the usual hour. Will brought in the horses and I cut some stoverwood before breakfast. We ground the knives of the mowing machine and prepared to mow some hay though it looked too much like rain. Forley's force helped me in the afternoon and we put up two stacks of hay. Robert Hamilton and family at father's. Aunt Susan was visiting there.

Home Saturday 16

Spent the day hauling wheat with the wagon and sled and David Shirley stacked it. Got through about sunset. One stack slipped so that we were obliged to take off some and prop the stack. Mr. Plummer came just when we were done eating supper and ate supper in our house, then went to see father's.

Home Sunday 17

Brought in the horses before breakfast. Attended Sabbath School in the morning. But one teacher there. Collier was not. Robert Hamilton took his family Aunt Ann, Helen and Charlie to church in Spring Wagon. Heard Plummer preach from Mark 8:14-15-16. Spent the afternoon at home. Slept part of the time.

near Eldersville Pa. Monday, July 18, 1870.

Arose about the usual hour and cut some stover and some stover good while Will brought in the horses. Will mowed some in the morning with the machine, then gave it up & I finished mowing the meadow back of the barn. Hauled in one wagon load of hay and cocked up what was mowed before dinner. Went to town in the evening and got sled.

Home Tuesday 19

Large Spod Day bought some articles at the store. Got home about nine o'clock. Will brought in the horses in the morning while I cut some stoverwood. I spent most of the day mowing in the little meadow at the end of the lane. Broke a bolt in the afternoon and sent up to town with Albert Shirley for repairs. We put up the remainder of the meadow back of the barn and put one sled load in the barn. W. Montford took dinner with us.

Home Wednesday 20

Hauled two wagon loads of hay to the stable in the morning and put some in the barn before dinner. Put up a stack in the meadow back of the barn and cleared out that meadow before supper. Cocked up the hay in the meadow at the end of the lane in the evening. Robert Hamilton and family visiting at Robert Cooper's. Slept.

Home Thursday, July 21, 1870.

Arose at four o'clock and brought in the horses. Heavy rain about five. Robert Hamilton and I went to Steubenville with the spring wagon. Cropped at Huntsferry. Got 18 cts for butter and 16 cts for eggs. Got home about half past three o'clock.

Hamilton's family with us for supper. Father and Will cutting oats while we were gone. Hamilton's father and mother at home at night.

Home Friday 22  
Arose at five and cut some stove wood, brought in the horses and fed them before breakfast. Will harrowed the team and hitched them up. I went to Shorley's and mowed. During the day, cut on meadow.

Father and Will with David's boys went in some of our hay. Helen and Ann Shorley went to John Melvin on a visit in the afternoon to visit Hamilton's. Father came from there.

Home Saturday 23  
Arose about the usual hour and did but little before breakfast. Took a load of hay off the wagon and hauled in one load the wheat and cut oats until dinner time. Father went to John's and brought the Hamilton family home. Will and I cut some oats in the afternoon and tied some. Filled a chest in the evening. Spent the evening with ourselves. Laid paper here and there.

Home Sunday, July 24, 1870.

Arose about five and brought the horses and cows. Went to David Shorley's to see if the were going to Middletown. Ann Shorley, Robert and Liz Hamilton, Helen and I went to Middletown in our spring wagon. We heard Palmer preach from part of a chapter to King Helen and I took dinner at Rebecca McKeever's. Started home as a rain was coming up and we were obliged to stop at Pleasant Hill.

Home Monday 25

Arose about the usual hour, brought the horses, and cut some stove wood. Went to D. Shorley's and mowed until dinner time. Just after dinner I broke a gear of the machine, went to town got the machine repaired and five shoes driven. Halted Shorley's to put in a load of hay. After supper started a shower of rain, stopped us from work.

Home Tuesday 26

Arose about the usual time. Brought in the horses and cut some stove wood. Went to David Shorley's and mowed with the machine until supper time. When a heavy rain stopped me. Ground a set of knives while at Mrs. Haines' Camp home and mended my shoes. C. M. Stephenson was here in the evening. Hamilton's visited at Uncle Geo's.

Home <sup>at Eldersville</sup>  
Wednesday, July 27, 1870.

Cut some storewood as usual before breakfast. Cut and hauled a load of wood, then went and cut oats with a sickle until dinner time. We tied thirty-one dozens after dinner. Rain came on about three o'clock and drove us in. Went to Myrtle Geo. Crisp, John Melvin's and Widow Crisp's in the evening on business concerning the machine. Got out coming home. Got home about nine o'clock.

Thursday 28

Arose about five o'clock and put on fire, as it was cloudy I went back to bed until almost six. Spent the forenoon ~~cutting~~ cutting oats. Went to David Sholey's after dinner and helped them to put up barrels. A heavy rain came on about 12 o'clock. Hamilton and family came home from Stephensons in the evening. Pulled weeds in the yard.

Home Friday 29

Arose about the usual hour and brought the horses in. Will and Stock Hobbin to Mrs. McCreedy's. Robert Hamilton's family, Helen, Charlie and I went to James Cassidy's in the spring wagon and had a splendid visit. Got home at dusk and found Ann very poorly. Learned just before leaving Cassidy's that Catherine Sawther was dead. Evening very cool.

Home Saturday, July 30, 1870.  
Arose about the usual time and spent the morning getting ready to attend Catherine Sawther's funeral which took place at ten o'clock. Large turn out. Took Robert Hamilton and family in our spring wagon. Tied oats in the afternoon. We put up 106 dozens, Robert and Will Hamilton helping us. Robert and Leg spent the night with us. Weather fine.

Home Sunday 31

Arose at five and brought in the horses and cows. Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville. But few teachers out. Heard Palmer preach from Heb. ~~II~~ 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. Hamilton's family took dinner with us. Missionary collection taken up amounting to \$9.80. Leg Hamilton and I walked up on the hill in the evening. David Sholey and Ann at father's.

Home Monday, August 1

Arose at four o'clock and went to Bethel and picked about a ton of blackberries. Came home harnessed the team and went and finished mowing at D. Sholey's. Commenced mowing a meadow at Mrs. Poquel's. We put up 60 codes of hay in the evening. Father Will and Robert Hamilton finished, hung our oats about supper time.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Tuesday, August 2, 1870.

Arose fifteen minutes before five o'clock and cut some stoverwood, and brought in the horses before breakfast. Father and I went to Robert Coopers and mowed until supper time. Got very nearly through. Spent the evening putting up hay. Coopers force, Thompsons force, our own force and Thompsons Crip, nine of us at work about ten. Got nearly through cooking up.

Home Wednesday 3

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses before breakfast. Helen went with us and we went to Robert Coopers and stacked our hay there. We put up three stacks in the meadow and hauled several loads to their stable. Coopers force and Thompsons Crip helping us. Got home about half past eight o'clock. Some clouds and some appearance of rain.

Thursday 4

Arose about half past five and cut some stoverwood before breakfast and then Willard took three horses and went and helped Robert Cooper to haul oats until dinner time. We hauled 128 dozens for him. We hauled at home in the afternoon with three teams. Tholeys and our own. Tholeys boys Thompsons Crip and Bob Hamilton helping us. Aunt Lou benched and had the Dr. called in. Sam Crip and Minerva with us over night.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, August 5, 1870.

Arose about half past five. Brought in the horses. Harnessed up and mowed until dinner time in one of our pasture fields. Cut two sled loads of hay. Stopped out some stacks in the afternoon and put one load of hay in the snow which was the last of our harvest.

Went to John Melvins in the evening to see whether he had sold our old machine. Had not sold it. Day five

Home Saturday 6

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses before breakfast. We took the old wallower shaft out of our old machine and Thompson and Soley Crip and I went to Martinsville and bargained for a horse power for our new machine. Thompson and I went in the buggy to Steubenville. Got home about eleven o'clock and learned that our machine had been shipped from Mafilon.

Home Sunday 7

Attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. John Owl preach from Mat. VII 8 of 10. Sacrament administered. Helen, Charlie and I went over to father Hanlins after church and took dinner. Called at Uncle Leas Proves in the evening and saw some of the Pittsburgh friends. Got home after dark. Father and Hamiltons family came from Martinsville.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

Monday, August 8, 1870.

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses. Thompson Crip came just after breakfast & we concluded to take a Mapeion power for our threshing machine and I went again to Martins Ferry to countermand our order of Saturday. Got to Martinsville about three o'clock. Started home about 6.23. Got home about half past ten. John Cnelis and family here for dinner.

Home Tuesday 9

Arose a few minutes before six o'clock and brought in the horses. Got ready with all possible speed and we attended the funeral of Mrs Mary Jane Lawther. Learned that she had given evidence of a change of heart. Large funeral. Spent the afternoon preparing to go for our machine. Got a load of wood. Aunt Sally had a sinking spell in the evening. Got better pretty soon.

Home Wednesday 10

Arose a little after four o'clock and brought in the horses. Got ready as soon as we could and Will and I went to Steubenville after part of the new Mapeion Thresher. Thompson Crip and Tolen went also. Had some trouble getting the power loaded. No stay rods sent with machine. Rained on us considerably in the afternoon and we did not get home until ten o'clock.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

Thursday, August 11, 1870.

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses. We harnessed up and took the machine to the top of the hill where we expected to thresh, but we had no stay rods nor spring coupling, and spent most of the day trying to get our power fixed so it would run but could not succeed and concluded that we would have to send to Martins Ferry for help. Aunt Lucy was very poorly in the evening.

Home Friday 12

Arose about the usual hour and we hauled out two bolters to haul the machine on. Father's family, children and grand children were gathered home and ate dinner with him. 7 children 14 grand children, 4 sons in law & daughter in law. Had dinner about 2 o'clock. Two Gooding societies had worship before we all separated. Rebecca Bushfield and Lizzie were there also. Very heavy rain in the afternoon raised the streams very high and washed the roads terribly. Had a hard time with us over hills we came from Martinsville to here.

Home Saturday 13

Arose at four o'clock intending to go to Pittsburgh for spring coupling for our machine but there was a wreck on the road and accommodation train did not run. Went home and made some preparations for hauling our new machine. Thompson and Tolen Crip were here most of the day. Hamelton's folks and some of the rest of the family were at S. Post's for supper. Rained in the evening.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Sunday, August 14, 1870.

Awoke about six o'clock, brought the horses and cows. Robert Hamilton and his family took breakfast with us. We attended church in Eldersville and heard Golden preach from III Tim. IV 7-8. David Horley, Ben, Alms and Johnny, John, Melvin, Will, May & One Keener, Hamilton's family and our family all took dinner at C. M. Stephenson's. Got home a little before sunset. Weather clearing up cool.

Home Monday 15

Cut some stonewood in the morning and spent the forenoon putting a carriage on the wagon to haul our horsepower on. After dinner I took Thompson Crip Jim Lorse and Jimmie and went to Steubenville with some marketing intending to get the coupling rod of our machine from Martine Mills but it did not come. Uncle George Crip went with me. Got home between ten and eleven o'clock at night.

Home Tuesday 16

Thompson Crip came in the morning and took his horse home. Robert Hamilton and family intend to start home in the afternoon but Robert was sick and could not go. Horley's Coopers and Stephenson's were here to see them start. I cut quite a lot of stonewood during the day and hauled home a load of coal from Mrs. Pughs bank. Hamilton's boy and I visited our coal bank in the evening also Will and One Keener.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Wednesday, August 17, 1870.

Awoke about four o'clock. Hamilton's started home about six o'clock. Father went with them as far as Pittsburgh and was home about four o'clock. Started our new machine in the evening and threshed ten or twelve bushels of oats and wheat together. I sent the Boys in the evening for help tomorrow. Wells, Wright and Robinson came in the evening and bought our old mowing wheel.

Home Thursday 18

Awoke about five o'clock and got ready as soon as possible. Father and I killed a sheep. Had some words about the cooking and Helen cooked for her share of the hands. Threshed all day with tolerably good luck. Machine run pretty well. Did not get quite through with the threshing. Was quite late when we quit. Thompson Crip went home. Helen remained over night. Aunt Ann was quite poorly during the day.

Home Friday 19

Will brought in the horse in the morning. We hitched up and finished threshing in the evening. Moved the machine to Sarah Cardwells and before dinner. Threshed until sundown. Cats in bad condition. I came home at night. Got very wet. Aunt Ann very sick. Dr. J. W. Benson came and was so drunk that he went out and lay in the stable about two hours but finally became sober enough to bring his buggy home. Thought Aunt

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Saturday, August 20, 1870.

Helped Frank Scott to thresh during the forenoon. Got through about one Acre. Father and I straightened up our straw stack and then I went to S. Gardner's where our boys were threshing. Found they were averaging 100 bushels per hour.

John Gardner fed through 100 bushels in 55 minutes. Stopped in town a short time as we came home. Ann Ann some better but very poorly, yet remained in bed all day nearly.

Home in Sunday 21

Attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning. Bible Class occupied nearly one hour after the rest of the school was dismissed as there was no preaching in town.

Helen and I attended Church at Bethel in the evening and heard Rev. John S. Gott preach from John 11:7 & 8. Aunt Ann still confined to her bed. Day fine.

Home Monday 22

Arose at five o'clock, helped Will to harness the team. We went to S. P. Gardner's and threshed 240 bushels of wheat and about 180 of barley. I got home about half past eight o'clock and found Ann Ann some better. Miss Ada C. Kibben at father's and Mrs. Maria Cassidy had been here on a visit but was gone. Weather very fine. Machine did tolerably well.

Home Tuesday, August 23, 1870.

Arose at half past four and walked to S. Gardner's for breakfast. We loaded up the machine and moved to Old Sammie Gardner's, set up and threshed 3/3 bushels of oats, very wet.

Had trouble keeping our power staked down. Look sick just after we got in the evening and Will came home with me. Uncle James and Aunt Philina Melvin Melvin came in the afternoon and were at father's once more.

Home Wednesday 24

Arose a little before five o'clock feeling considerably better. Gathered enough elderberries before breakfast to make three gallons of butter. Went to Gardner's and helped to finish their job of threshing. Got through about four o'clock and moved the machine to Robert Smith's. Paid Frank Melvin \$45 on our machine. Got home about nine o'clock. Day hot.

Home Thursday 25

Arose at home about four o'clock and walked to Ed Smith's. We harnessed our horses before breakfast. Set the machine in the barn and could not stretch there on account of the wind. Moved the machine outside the barn. Broke a lever in the afternoon and Thompson Crisp hewed one out of a green white oak. Rained in the evening and we did not get quite done.

Thompson

Friday, August 26, 1870.

Arose at four O'clock at Esq. Smith's finished threshing there about ten O'clock, loaded the machine and moved to Wm Freshwaters grain on David Gardner's place. Threshed 93 bushels of wheat in the evening. Turned our horses out at night and I went home with Thompson Crisp and spent the night there. Rachel was quite sick. Lay four. Will home with

Saturday 27

Arose at Thompson Crisp's a little before four O'clock and took breakfast at William Freshwaters. Spent most of the day threshing wheat and only threshed 170 bushels, and 70 bushels of oats. Got home after dark. Found folks all well as common. Weather quite pleasant.

Sunday 28

Did not arise until near seven O'clock and did not feel very well. Did not attend Sabbath School. Helen and I went to Church on horseback and heard Rev. Palmer preach from Eccl. xvii 1st of 31. Felt very sleepy during sermon. Did not attend church in the afternoon. Will and Mary & McKeever went on horseback. Ann Shelby was over in the evening.

Home <sup>Dear Blountville Pa</sup> Monday, August 29, 1870.

Arose a few minutes before five O'clock kindled a fire and brought in the horses. Cut some stovewood and Will and I went to David Gardner's where we spent the day threshing until about four O'clock when we were stopped by a rain storm. Did not thresh any after supper. McKin's machine was set up at John Wrights and threshed some in the afternoon and came over to see our machine.

Tuesday 30

Paul Carter's. Finished threshing at David Gardner's and loaded the machine before dinner. Moved to Paul Carter's and threshed from three O'clock until getting time on oats. McKin's machine threshed with Wm Strain's at the same time. Spent the night at Samuel Carters with Thompson Crisp and Helen. Will came home.

Wednesday 31

7 Regis Pools. Arose at Saml Carters between four and five O'clock and harnessed our horses before breakfast. Will was away helping Jacob Kolesz thresh. Robt. Steward and Robt. Provia's came to Carter's for seed wheat before we got out to thresh and told us that James Gibson had been killed by being kicked by a horse. Moved the machine to Regis Pools and set it to

Home <sup>near Abernethy Va.</sup>

Thursday, September 1, 1870.

Commenced threshing about seven o'clock in the morning. John Crip and I attended to getting the horses ready. Went to Lewis Cappers in the afternoon to see Chalmers Miller threshing. Got through at Ben Pools a little before sunset and moved the machine to Ben Pools. Got home a little before nine o'clock and found folks tolerably well.

Friday 2

Arose at four o'clock at home and went to Ben Pools to thresh. John Crip and Will were in bed when I got in sight of Pools. Got through threshing at supper time and moved the machine to Wm Pools and set.

No person to show us how to go and we were considerably out of humor about how we were treated. Spent the night at Pools.

Saturday 3

Arose at Mr. Pools about day break and we harnessed our horses before breakfast.

Finished threshing their oats before dinner. Ouh the ~~th~~ twenty bushels of wheat in the afternoon on account of rain.

Went to Hamilton's station in the evening for our spring confining but found it was of no account to us and did not bring it home.

Home

Sunday, September 4, 1870.

Arose about six o'clock and brought in the cows and horses. Helen and I went to Sabbath School on horseback. I got out while hitching the horses. Tendered my resignation as Superintendent but it was not accepted. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Rev. III and II of 10<sup>th</sup> verses. Spent the afternoon at home. Wrote a letter to E. J. Hamilton coming fine.

Home

Monday 5

Arose at four o'clock, brought in the horses, fed and harnessed. Went to Wm Pools and finished threshing his wheat. Got through about dinner time and moved the machine to Jack Wheeler's and set up, threshed ten bushels of oats and some timothy seed. Came home past David S. Shorley's. Helen in bed at Ben Sally's when I came home. We left at 10 o'clock.

Home

Tuesday 6

Arose a few minutes after three o'clock and kindled the fire. Started to Jack Wheeler's at four o'clock and ate breakfast there by candle light. Got through threshing at Wheeler's at was getting dark. John Crip being sick must come at supper time. We loaded the machine and moved to Robert Cooper's after night. Thompson left the separator at Pools, Va.

Home near Oberlin, O. W.  
Wednesday, September 7, 1870.  
Arose at Robt Cooper's about  
five O'clock and brought in the  
horses and harneped them before  
breakfast. Crisp boy did not  
come with the separator until  
near eight O'clock and made us  
very late getting commenced threshing.  
Threshed 264 bushels of Oats, and  
91 bushels of wheat. I came home  
about half past seven O'clock.  
Day very warm.

Home  
Thursday 8  
Arose a little before five O'clock  
and went to Robert Cooper's  
and ate breakfast. He found  
threshing there at dinner time  
and moved the machine to  
Uncle Geo. Crisp and set up  
for threshing and found that  
our riddles were left at  
Cooper's. I got home from  
Crisp's about half past seven  
and found that father and mother had  
gone.

Friday 9  
Arose about four O'clock and kindled  
the fire, went back to bed and slept  
until breakfast was ready. Brought  
the cows and got a basket full of  
apples. Helen and Charlie went with  
me to Uncle Geo. Crisp's. We had  
forgoten the riddles at Cooper's. Son  
went for them and not finding them  
at the barn, went back without them. Will  
went and found them at the house. Threshed  
250 bu of Oats & 33 bu of wheat. I did not get out of

Home near Oberlin, O. W.  
Saturday, September 10, 1870.  
Arose a few minutes before  
five O'clock and went to Uncle Geo.  
Crisp's for breakfast. Finished threshing  
there about nine O'clock and moved  
the machine over to Mr. Werts and  
threshed 133 bushels of oats before  
dinner. Ate dinner at Home from  
Crisp's and supper at Mr. Werts.  
Got through threshing about four  
O'clock, hauled the machine to Crisp's  
and left it, hoping it would come  
home from Sunday.

Home  
Sunday 11  
Arose about five O'clock, took Helen and  
Charlie with me to Sabbath School in the  
Spring wagon, attended church and heard  
Plummer preach from Gal. III 17.  
Went to Will. Hantlin's and took dinner.  
Got home about half past six O'clock  
and Helen attended to the milky after  
dark. Heard that Thomas Colegrove  
had failed in business at the Railroad  
Station. Weather very fine.

Home  
Monday 12  
Arose at five O'clock and kindled  
the fire. Will brought in the horses.  
I went to Robt Cooper's and borrowed  
his mare to plow with. Borrowed some  
harnep and singletrees from Mr. Cassidy  
and a plow from David Sholey and  
we ran three teams in the afternoon.  
Father went to mill in the fore  
noon and brought in some flour.  
Weather fine.

Mar. Aldersville Pa.  
Home Tuesday, September 13, 1870.

Arose about five o'clock and helped father to prepare to go to Steubenville. Will and I spent the day plowing. Father got home about three o'clock and then we run three teams. Mother and Lizzie Steward went to Reynolds. I took Helen's shoes to Mr. Philips in the evening to get them mended. Weather very fine.

Home Wednesday 14  
Arose a little before five o'clock and cut and mowed a field for the horses before breakfast. We plowed during the day with three teams. Albert Sharley plowed a short time and let father rest. I went to Mr. Philips' after Helen's shoes after I quit work. Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Vetaey, Keener and Mrs. Nancy Gardner were at Aunt Sally's visiting.

Home Thursday 15  
Arose about 5 1/2 o'clock and found that the horses had got out of their field, found them in another field. We finished plowing our wheat ground about three o'clock and commenced sowing. John helped us during the day and we plowed with four teams. Had Holt-Croft's mare. John went to Mr. Boles' in the evening.

Home Friday, September 16, 1870.  
Sowed Wheat all forenoon and timothy seed all afternoon. Got through sowing wheat at dinner and had no quite enough timothy seed to finish. Run three harrows during the day. Sammie Sharley and Albert helped us. Had John's mare. Will and I went to Thompson Creek in the evening and made settlements about our threshing and prepared to pay for our machine. John's funeral at father's on night.

Home Saturday 17 Paris Pa.  
Spent the morning getting ready to go to father Hanlin's. Stopped in the store in Eldersville and bought \$30 worth of goods. Got to father's about half past eleven. Father Hanlin and Willie <sup>and I</sup> went to Burgettstown and settled for our machine. Got back to father Hanlin's about sunset and spent the night there very pleasantly.

Home Sunday 18  
Attended Church at Paris in company with father and mother Hanlin and Helen. We went in the spring wagon and heard Rev. David Henry from Eph. Mt. 8. Took dinner at Father Hanlin's and got home a little before sunset. Father was up to see Mr. Steen in the afternoon and found him all the way about.

Near Eldersville Pa.  
Home Monday, September 19, 1870.

Helped to weigh and divide some flour in the morning. Rhine Kline and Ed came and we cut off corn during the day in the Saunders' corn field. Wrote a letter in the evening to L. Spence & Co. and one to C. W. Patterson. Got through about half past nine o'clock and posted my diary. Weather very fine. Charley did not sleep well in the night after midnight.

Home Tuesday 20  
Arose about half past five o'clock. Spent the forenoon cutting off corn in Steen's field. Spent the afternoon at home visiting with Bobt. Biddle's family, Jennie Hardin and Hannah. Went to Eldersville with them in the evening and left our spring wagon for repairs. Jennie Hardin remained with us. Weather very pleasant.

Home Wednesday 21  
Spent the forenoon cutting off corn. Finished in Steen's field about half past nine o'clock, and finished at home a little after dinner and then we fenced some of our haystacks. Father commenced cutting clover for feed. I put the new wallower in our old horse power in the evening. Jennie Hardin with us over night. She was a great Antislavery

Near Eldersville Pa.  
Home Thursday, September 22, 1870.

Arose about half past five o'clock and learned from Will that John was coming for the old machine. We went to Crisp and unloaded our new power to get the wagon. We got the machine loaded before dinner and took it to town in the afternoon for repairs. Helped J. P. Boles some at work on C. Boles' cotton while Boles was driving two shares on Jimmie for me. Got home about five o'clock. Jennie Hardin here.

Home Friday 23  
Father started to Steubenville about four o'clock and Will and John Lanther started in the spring wagon at the same time to the Foughtown fair. I spent the forenoon putting a bottom in one coil bucket and talking to Fran Morrison and Bell Hardin who came to visit us and stayed over night. Stripped some sorghum in the afternoon. Jesse Freeman came home with father and mother and he and I went to town in the evening.

Home Saturday 24  
Arose about the usual time. Father and I arranged a place in the barn to cure the broomcorn. Cut off the broomcorn during the day and put it in the barn. Will and John Lanther got home from Foughtown fair in the afternoon. Fran Morrison and Bell Hardin started home in the evening. Aunt Ann rec'd a letter from Uncle Thompson. He is well.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Sunday, September 23, 1870.

Arose between five and six o'clock.  
Brought in the horses and fed them.  
Went to Sabbath School on horseback.  
Father drove the two horse wagon to  
Church Jimmie Hanlin was voted  
into membership in the W. M. Church.  
She was still with us. Helen, Charlie  
and I went over to David Thorley's  
in the evening. Robt Cooper and his  
family were at Aunt Ann's and went  
home about the time we came home.  
Heard Rev. Palmer preach from 21. John 18<sup>th</sup> v 38<sup>o</sup>

Monday 26

Home. Spent the forenoon cutting  
Cloverseed. After dinner Will and  
I went to town in the afternoon  
for the wagon. Helped to take the  
old horsepower apart and get the  
Lay shaft stoped and repaired. Took  
the power to John Love's to get the  
oil rolls in. When I came home  
John Magee was here and remained  
over night with us and James Hanlin.

Home

Tuesday 27

Walked the young cow in the  
morning and then took two horse  
and went to town for wagon.  
Assisted John and John Love with  
the power. Got home about 12  
o'clock fixed up the wagon and  
hauled two loads of manure in  
the afternoon. Will was assisted  
Wm Cassidy to thresh during the  
day. Jimmie Hanlin still here.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Wednesday, September 28, 1870.

Arose about the usual time and cut  
a feed for the horses before breakfast.  
We spent the day hauling out manure  
although it was raining a little nearly  
all the time. While one was out with  
the team the rest were blading cane or  
cleaning through and. Jimmie Hanlin  
left for Charlie Scott's in the  
morning. Will went to town in the  
evening and took a basket home which  
I had borrowed from John Love.

Geo Morrison

Thursday 29

Arose in the morning and found it  
very cloudy. Commenced raining about  
eight o'clock and rained all day.  
We spent the forenoon clearing up the  
barn. After dinner Will and I  
took three horses and went to town  
and helped John Melvin and Sigal  
Cry to haul our old threshing machine  
to Geo. Morrison's. I spent the night  
there and Will came home very wet.

Home

Friday 30

Took breakfast at Geo. Morrison's  
and waited until nine o'clock  
and it still rained. Took Maggie  
Hanlin home and took dinner there.  
Got home about three o'clock.  
Brought a basket of tomatoes home  
with me. Father and Will hauled  
a load of hay for Cornelius Boles.  
They stalled with it and were obliged  
to turn back and rebill part of the load.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Saturday, October 1, 1870.

Arose a little before six o'clock. Will and I spent the forenoon working on the coal road, repairing it and widening it. After dinner we helped father to put the cane mill and boiling apparatus in order for making molasses. Father and mother went to Kuch fields in the evening. I catted the sheep and helped Helen to milk and churn. Weather damp and

Home Sunday 2

After doing the usual amount of Sunday morning work, Helen, Aunt Sally and I went to Sabbath school on horseback. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Lamentations II 24. Good congregation. Commenced preaching about the time preaching commenced and rained all afternoon and evening.

Home Monday 3

Arose between five and six in the morning and found it raining. Did the milking for Helen. Went to Ev. Overisons in the forenoon and helped them to thresh in the afternoon. Broke two bolts which held the slide down and had to quit before they got quite through. Came home just father and John's. Got home a little before

Near Eldersville Pa  
Tuesday, October 4, 1870.  
Arose a little before six o'clock and spent the day helping Thorley's boys to make some molasses. I did not get them on until almost noon and took them off after dark. Molasses not very good. Father and Aunt Sally went to Stouberville with the wagon and got home in time to help me to take the molasses off. Rained some in the evening.

Home Wednesday 5  
Arose a little before six o'clock and found it raining. Helped S. Thorley to put on a span of sorghum before breakfast and we hoid it during the forenoon when we finished making Thorley's molasses. Helped father and Will. to chop wood during the afternoon. Will. went to town in the evening to get Jennie shot.

Home Thursday 6  
Was very unwell with pain in my stomach in the morning and did not rise until about six o'clock. Spent most of the day getting wood for boiling molasses. John and his family came in the forenoon and brought Joseph Brodson and Jennie McConnell. Will and Joseph went to the Burgertown fair. Weather quite cloudy.

Near Eldersville Pa.  
Home Friday, October 7, 1870.  
Arose about 5 1/2 O'clock and  
brought in the horses and cows.  
Helen, Charlie, Jessie Freeman,  
Joseph Brobson, Jennie Mc  
Connell and I went to the Har-  
cellstown Fair in our spring  
wagon. Stopped in Eldersville  
and got Robinson to drive &  
Abner Finnie. Took dinner at  
John Onelwin's. Got home about  
dark. Day cool & cloudy. Fair good.

Home Saturday 8  
Arose about the usual hour and  
greased my boots before breakfast.  
When I went for the horses and cows  
I found the docks were frozen - the  
first frost I had noticed. Cleaned  
out the drain in the coal bank  
in the forenoon. Will dig a load  
of coal in the afternoon and father  
and I prepared some cane for  
grinding. Jennie McConnell and Jo  
Brobson at father's.

Home Sunday 9  
Arose at six O'clock and brought in  
the cows and horses before breakfast.  
Helen, Charlie, Jennie McConnell and  
I went to Sabbath School in our  
spring wagon. Heard Onelwin preach  
from Isaiah ~~the~~ 48, 6<sup>th</sup>. He took  
dinner with us. Jennie McConnell  
also. Spent the evening at home  
reading. Weather very fine & clear.

Near Eldersville Pa.  
Home Monday, October 10, 1870.  
Brought in the horse before break-  
fast and commenced grinding our  
Roryburn. Made one pan full of  
molasses during the day and ground  
enough juice for two. Aunt Sallie  
Jane McConnell, Helen, Charlie and  
I went to Stephens's to stay until  
bedtime. Cyrus and I went to town  
in the spring wagon. Attended a Caucus  
meeting to nominate a "Free" ticket  
for tomorrow's election. Some <sup>Free</sup> Democrats  
got home about seven O'clock.

Home Tuesday 11  
Arose a little after five O'clock.  
Spent part of the forenoon pre-  
paring cane for grinding. Attended  
the election in Eldersville in the  
forenoon. Voted a "Union" ticket -  
more than half Democrat for Township  
Officers and. Spent the afternoon  
working with the Roryburn. Will  
and Joseph Brobson went to town  
in the evening. Forenoon showery.

Home Wednesday 12  
Will and I spent the day making  
molasses and bleeding cane. Took  
off one pan full of molasses and  
covered the pan. Father, Mother,  
Joseph Brobson and Jessie Freeman  
went to Wm. Bushfield's mill. Jennie  
McConnell, Aunt Sally, her Crip.  
Jo Brobson, Will, Helen, Charlie and  
I went to Coopers at night and  
stayed until bed time. Weather

Home near Aldersville, Pa.  
Thursday, October 13, 1870.  
Arose at four o'clock and  
father and I put the molasses  
on. Will took Annie to school  
and Joseph Brobson to the station  
in the forenoon on their way home.  
Spent the day working with  
sorghum. Uncle Matthew McKee  
and Aunt Jane came to father's in  
the afternoon. I went to town  
at night and bought a couple  
of barrels to put molasses and  
kelp in.

Home Friday 14  
Arose a little before five o'clock and  
brought the horses and cows before  
breakfast. Father and Will put  
on the pan with the sorghum  
in it. Ed. Kline helped Will  
to bleed cane during the day, I  
hauled and ground it and father  
boiled it with molasses. Took off  
two pan fulls during the day. Weather  
fine and cool.

Home Saturday 15  
Arose about four o'clock and helped  
father and Will to put on the pan  
of sorghum. Ed. Kline helped us and we  
bleaded cane most of the day. Aunt  
Sally attended to the pan. We hauled  
our cloverseed in in the evening.  
Albert Shorley dug us a load of  
coal which we hauled also. Will  
Shorley came in and chatted a short  
time in the evening. Weather very fine

Home Sunday, October 16, 1870.  
Arose a little before six o'clock  
kindled a fire and brought the cows  
and horses before breakfast. Helen  
and I went to Sabbath School and  
left Charlie with Aunt Sally and  
Aunt Ann. Aunt Ann was very poorly  
during the day. Heard Rev. Rutledge  
preach a good disc course from Rev.  
VII of 16". Did not attend  
church in the evening. Father  
and mother spent the afternoon at S. Shorley's.

Home Monday 17  
Arose about five o'clock and kindled  
a fire. Will brought in the horses &  
I ground some cane before breakfast  
around two hogheads of sorghum.  
Before dinner and one hoghead  
in the afternoon. Ed. Kline was  
here during the day and helped to  
finish bleading and topping cane.  
I went to Thompsons Crisp in the evening  
to make some arrangements about threshing  
got home about nine o'clock.

Home Tuesday 18  
Arose at five o'clock and found  
that father and Will had the molasses  
almost boiling. Morning was cloudy  
and very cold wind. Finished hauling  
our sorghum in the morning and  
Will finished grinding it in the after-  
noon. I commenced digging ear  
potatoes after dinner. Used the  
shovel plow and cultivator for the  
purpose of digging them out. Wrote a

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Wednesday, October 19, 1870.

Arose a little before six O'clock and brought the horses and cows before breakfast. Father finished making the molasses in the forenoon. Trade about 150 gallons of our own and 18 for David Sherley. We dug about 16 bushels of potatoes during the day and covered two holes. I went to Crisp's in the evening and we commenced to put a wind gauge in the machine. Did not get quite done.

Home

Thursday 20

Woke up about four O'clock intending to go to Billy McCreedy's to thresh, but found it was raining. Slept until near six. Spent the forenoon putting the logs in their places, preparing to go to mill & putting up an ad hocer. Father went to mill. Will and I went to Crisp's in the afternoon and moved the machine to Billy McCreedy's and helped to set it up. Will then spent the evening with us.

Home

Friday 21

Arose at four O'clock and helped Will to harness the horses and we were at Billy McCreedy's before sunrise and ready to thresh before Crisp's boys got there. Threshed 447 bu of Oats and 36 bu of wheat during the day. Came home through town and brought home three lbs of fresh beef. Will, Rebecca Harlin and my Hanny Scott with us over night.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Saturday, October 22, 1870.

Arose at five O'clock, ate breakfast at home with Misses Lanny, Scott and Rebecca Harlin. Went to Billy McCreedy's about eight O'clock. Thompson Crisp had not got there yet. Will and Helen had threshed about 16 bushels of wheat. Finished McCreedy's threshing about dinner time and moved the machine to David Sherley's and set it in the evening. Day very fine.

Home

Sunday 23

Arose a little after five O'clock and brought the cows and horses. Helen, Charlie, Aunt Ann and I went to church in spring wagon. I attended Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Exodus ~~XXXIII~~ pt of 31. Palmer took dinner with us. Did not attend church in the afternoon. Father and mother went to see Alex Gutter who was laid up with a sore leg. Day very fine.

Home

Monday 24

Arose a little before five O'clock and helped Helen to do a churning before breakfast. We went to David Sherley's and helped to thresh. Threshed 94 bushels of oats and 58 bushels of wheat. Helen helped Ann with her cooking. We got through about three O'clock and moved the machine to Frank Cunningham's barn and set it up. He did not invite us to stay over night.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Tuesday, October 23, 1870.

Brought in the horses between daybreak and sunrise and harnessed them. We went to Frank Cummings and threshed 318 bu. of Oats and 48 of wheat and moved the machine to Mrs. M. Cready's barn in the evening. I got home about seven o'clock. Father went to Rylands' Mill in the morning for cornmeal. Weather fine. Northern Lights.

Home Wednesday 26  
Arose 25 minutes before four o'clock to go to Boyd's to thresh but found it raining. Went to bed again and slept until five. Went to Boyd's after breakfast. We set the machine. Threshed 213 bu. of Oats and 74 1/2 of wheat & brought the machine home against dark. Had pretty good luck during the day, only broke a link in a spreader chain. Wind unfavorable.

Home Thursday 27  
We spent the day preparing to do our threshing in the barn. Cleaned up the floor, threshed out our cloverseed and cut beach poles and hauled them for a straw pen. Father and I dressed a pig after night, while Will went to call on some help for threshing. Will Thorley was here a short time in the evening.

Home Friday, October 28, 1870.  
Arose 25 minutes before four o'clock and brought in the horses and harnessed them before daybreak. Went to Frank Scott's for help to thresh but did not get it. Finished threshing our crop of oats. Had 374 bushels. Hands rather scarce. Was very tired when night came. Took the machine off Trip's wagon and they took it home with them. John Melius <sup>Farmers' Creek</sup> Saturday 29

Did not rise until very late on account of being tired. Spent the forenoon clearing up after threshing and putting the machine away. Rinsed our cabbage and Aunt Sally's in the afternoon and then Helen, Charlie and I went to John's in the evening and spent the night there with Will Thorley. Stopped in town in

Home Sunday 30  
Took breakfast and dinner at John Melius'. Was raining at the time for Sabbath School and Helen and Charlie remained at John's while John and I went to Sabbath School and church. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Psalm ~~100~~ 107. We came home just as it was getting dusk. News of an <sup>earth</sup>quake in Pennsylvania on the 20



Home near Eldersville Pa  
Sunday, November 6, 1870.

After doing the usual amounts of feeding, bringing the cows, horses &c. We went to Bethel in the morning and attended Quarterly meeting. Heard Rev. Mr. Moore D.D. preach from Hosea 16<sup>th</sup> Was back at night and heard R. M. Smith from Mat. v 14<sup>th</sup>. Took Charlie with us at night and he was very restless and I was obliged to take him out and put him back.

Home Monday 7

Spent the morning and forenoon preparing to butcher some hogs to take to market. Heated water in the molasses pan, killed and cleaned five small hogs. We went in the evening and helped David Thorley to move his smokehouse. Sold seven hogs to Maj. Haulen at 5 1/2 cts per pound. Took Sal to the shop and got a shoe driven.

Home Tuesday 8  
Arose at four o'clock. father went to Steubenville with pork. Will took some live pork to the station and had about 12 1/2 lbs.

Helen and I went to Milledgeville and saw Dr. Tidell and got some medicine. Called on some of our friends. Got home between seven and eight o'clock.

Home Wednesday, November 9, 1870.

Arose about five o'clock. Forenoon met. Made a frame and put our molasses barrel on it. Will Steen brought his harnep to get them mended. Spent the afternoon shucking corn in Saunders' field. We cribbed 100 bushels of ears after dinner. Thorley's boys helping us. Maggie and Mattie Philbin and Miss Matie. Father you visited us in the evening. Weather getting very cold. Spitting snow.

Home Thursday 10

Arose at four o'clock. started the fire, went back to the bull ~~clap~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>up</sup>. John Lawter and Thorley's boys were helping us to shuck corn in Saunders' field. B. Saunders was helping to haul and we cribbed about 250 bushels during the day. Our fingers all were sore. Got home about dark and ~~cleaned up Will Steen's barn~~ <sup>cleaned up Will Steen's barn</sup> until 1 o'clock ~~and then~~ <sup>and then</sup>

Home Friday 11

Arose at six o'clock. We husked corn in Saunders' field during the day. Husked and cribbed 250 bushels. J. Lawter and Thorley's boys helping us to husk and Byron Samuels helping to pick up corn. Got home about dark and I went to David Thorley and borrowed some flour. Weather very fine. Ground

Home Saturday, November 12, 1870.

Slept until nearly seven o'clock. Will, Steen came and got his harness. Father and Mother went to Middletown to Quarterly meeting. Will and I gathered in some apples. I went to mill in the afternoon and to town at night. Helen was at R. P. Cooper's a short time in the afternoon. We hauled a small load of coal in the afternoon. Weather

Home Sunday 13

Arose a little after five o'clock and attended to the feeding and ready and David Harley and Ann, Aunt Sally, Helen and I went to Middletown to Quarterly meeting and heard Mr. Hummer preach from II Cor. V & 1st pt. 7. Helen and I took dinner at Jas. Dennis'. Will, Melvin and Will Shorley went on horseback. Weather very fine.

A. Hanlin's Monday 14

We got the horses ready in the morning to go to the Cornfield, but before we got our breakfast it was raining. Cleaned some wheat to take to mill. Spent the forenoon about the house reading &c. Helen, Charlie and I went to Father Hanlin's in the evening just three years from the time of our marriage. Father Hanlin was at Pettibone's buying cattle. Day very wet.

Home Tuesday, November 15, 1870.

Arose a little before seven o'clock at father Hanlin's. Called at Geo. Morrison's a short time. Took dinner at Robt. Kiddle's and got home about half past two o'clock. Father and Will digging potato trees. Took D. Shorley's Spring Wagon home. Went to R. P. Cooper's in the evening and exchanged a truck with him. Father spent the evening with us. Mother away.

Home Wednesday 16

Very frosty all forenoon. Will went to Ryland's Mill. Father and I repaired our ewes and turned the trucks in with them. Turned in 75 ewes. After dinner we went to the Sanders's field and finished husking a load of corn and brought it home. Pulled our turneps in the evening. Albert Shorley rode Dolly to Church in the evening.

Home Thursday 17

Arose a little after five o'clock. After doing the feeding we took the team and went to Sanders's field and father, Will and I husked one wagon load of corn before dinner. Then Shorley's boys helped us in the afternoon and we put in two loads more. Measured out five gallons of molasses for J. P. Miller in the evening and chatted a short time at Aunt Sally's.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville, Pa.</sup>  
Friday, November 18, 1870.  
Arose a little after five o'clock  
and found it snowing. Father  
took a barrel of molasses to Middle-  
town for sale. I spent the day doing  
chores. Repaired the hayrack  
doors, nailed the sole of one of my  
boots and put a handle in the  
shoe hammer. Attended to the  
feeding in the evening. Will dug  
3 1/2 bushels of coal in the afternoon.  
Quite equally during the day & cold.

Home Saturday 19  
Spent the day doing chores. Made a  
little box for Charlie for a pig. Will  
and I hauled two loads of coal in  
the afternoon. James T. Roles came  
over in the evening and brought his  
pishon and stayed until after eleven  
o'clock. He told us about the bad  
conduct of John Fagne, a married  
man and Miss Martha A. Gillespie,  
which was causing excitement in the neighbor-

Home Sunday 20  
Attended the Wesleyan Church in  
Eldersville and Lard Plummer  
preach from Rev. 11th. 20. Both good  
congregation out. Lizzie Wright and  
Alvina Beany there. Plummer spoke  
in class meeting about them laughing when  
they came into church, Kate Mifflin spoke. Ladies  
affiliated & considered the charge a success. I  
spoke to Mr. P. on the subject and he talked about  
them. Helen spoke in class meeting, the first

Home Monday, November 21, 1870.  
Spent the forenoon digging the  
last of our potatoes. After dinner  
we went to Saunders' field and hauled  
a wagonload of corn. Byron Saunders  
helped us part of the time. Great  
came along in the evening and  
delivered Hitchlocks Analysis of  
the bible. It cost me \$ 8.75. Father  
and Will came in in the evening  
and we settled up our accounts  
as far as we could. Rained down  
in the morning.

Home Tuesday 22  
Arose a little after five o'clock &  
fed the pigs before breakfast Will  
and I helped Holt Cooper to butcher  
in the forenoon. He killed five  
large pigs. Father went to C. M. Stephen-  
son's and split stones for his stable.  
John Linther helped us in the  
afternoon and we finished husking  
our corn. Rained on us nearly all  
afternoon and turned to snow at night.

Home Wednesday 23  
Arose in the morning and found  
the ground covered with snow. Spent  
most of the forenoon attending  
to the stock, moving sheep and cattle  
&c. Went to S. Hoxley's to see Saml  
about our flour which he had bought  
from the mill. Spent the afternoon  
getting water into the water trough  
feeding the stock &c. Will took our  
wagon up to Stephenson's on the sled.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Thursday, November 24, 1870.

Arose about six o'clock and helped to do the feeding. Filled a bedtick with straw. Robt Cooper brought some fresh meat over and I talked with him some. Went with Saml Tolley to Mr Cassidys for our hoghead to hold logs in. Half soled my boots in the afternoon and put a patch on one of them. Aunt Sally, father and Will attended Thanksgiving sermon at Bethel. Snow on the ground.

Home Friday 25

Helen arose between four and five o'clock and kindled the fire before I was up. We went and helped David Thorley to butcher during the day. They killed three large hogs. Were pretty nearly through with their work at dark. Singing at the school house in the evening. Will went to town to a meeting appointed to organize a bible class. And went to singing afterward.

Home Saturday 26

Arose about six o'clock. Helen, Sammie, Thorley and I went to Steubenville in the spring wagon. Bought over \$17 worth of goods. Put Jesse Freeman on the train to go home and we did not get home until after dark. When we came home we found Miss Marla Speker and Miss Maggie Harsh here. They spent the night with us.

Home Sunday, November 27, 1870.

Attended church at Old Bethel. Sacrament administered. Mr John Fugue and Miss Martha E. Gillespie, about a foot there has so much letter partook with the rest. Rev. Geo. Hudson preached in the forenoon from Rev. ~~XXXX~~ 1st of 2. Attended there at night again and heard the same man preach from II Kings V 13. Good congregation out at both services and the weather was fine.

Home Monday 28

Father spent the day at C. M. Stephenson's putting up a foundation of a stable. Will and I hauled a load of wood in the forenoon, fixed the benches under the wagon shade etc. He helped John Leavitt to break his colt in the afternoon while I hauled some water for butchering and commenced putting a door on our book case to keep the cats out of mischief. Day very fine.

Home Tuesday 29

Arose a little after six o'clock. Father and I went to Stephenson's and finished the foundation of their stable. Will and I hauled the fodder off the lot below the stable and hauled two loads from Sanders field home. Hauled it on a wagon with four horses. Robert Cooper brought his aunt Sarah, Lydia and Mary over here in the morning and came after the night with us.

Robt Cooper

Home Wednesday, November 30, 1870.

Had breakfast over before it was clear daylight. Kindled a fire under the pan and heated water for butchering, father went to Coopers & followed to L. Shely's for help. We killed 10 hogs and were done a little after twelve o'clock. We cut up the hogs in the evening. Cooper helped us to render our lard and cut our sausage before he went home. Shely's all remained until bed time. Day five.

Home Thursday, December 1

Hook our young red cow to Geo. Boyd in the morning. Went to town and got some nails and hinges for our back case door. Helped father to salt our meat in the afternoon. Crep's girls & Randolph, Cynthia Hanlin, John Lanther and Allen and Will Shely were here until bedtime. Seemed to enjoy their visit. O. Lanther spent the night with Aunt Sally.

Home Friday 2

Willard skimmed up some cow feed in the morning and I took a load to Ryland's Mill and brought L. Shely's grinding home. Spent the afternoon hauling coal and putting a door on our back case. Will went to Stephensville. Father and mother went to Johns in the evening and spent the evening there. Christmas eve five

Home Saturday, December 3, 1870.

Charlie P. Melvin 2 years old.

Will took some coal to the church in Eldersville and went to Ryland's Mill for some grinding. I spent the forenoon churning and daubing some about the hearth and stove pipe. Assisted Will stem in the afternoon to put a log in the end of his barn. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Palmer preach from Ecclesiastes 10 and part of 8<sup>th</sup>. Series of meetings first commenced.

Home Sunday 4

Jinnie Hanlin, Aunt Sally, Helen, Charlie and I went to church in the Spring wagon. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Luke 11<sup>th</sup> vs 5. Sacrament administered after service. Number of young folks there from Middletown. Some of them here for dinner. We went back again at night and heard Palmer preach from Jer. 17 & 16. Congregations large and matters and roads good.

Home Monday 5

Father helped David Shorter to split stones during the day and Willard finished hauling fodder from Salander's field. Shely's hogs had tug of our horses in the afternoon hauling stones. Heavy thunderstorm while we were eating supper. Women did not go to church. Father, Will and I were there. But few persons out. The evening only.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Tuesday, December 6, 1870.

Spent the most of the forenoon feeding <sup>the</sup> and attending to Charlie. Spent part of the forenoon and most of the afternoon mending shoes. Jimmie Hanlin here with us. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Mr. Plummer preach from Acts VIII & later part of 5<sup>th</sup> verse. Good congregation out. Palmer and Plummer both at fathers over night. Darning fine

Home Wednesday 7  
Will and I put the top on a hay-stack in the morning, then caddled our horses and took Lilly (cow) to Boyds as we went to C. P. Stephen was passing of a stable. Got through raining about one o'clock. 55 men there counting themselves. Building job together well. W. W. Knight the undertaker. Day fine until we got through when it commenced raining. Heard Mr. Plummer preach from Isaiah 57<sup>th</sup> pt of 15<sup>th</sup>

Home Thursday 8  
Spent the forenoon feeding stock and regulating them. Will and I put up a shelter in the afternoon for our poultry. Jimmie Hanlin here with us. Mr. Palmer took supper with us and went with us to church in a spring wagon. Heard Plummer preach from II Timothy II and 5<sup>th</sup> spoke some in exposition to women us

Home Friday, December 9, 1870.

After attending to the feeding in the morning Will and I hauled our corn fodder from Stein's field. Did not eat dinner until three o'clock. Put the top on a straw stack in the evening and attended church at night. Heard Palmer preach from Heb. XXII & pt of 18<sup>th</sup>. Good congregatory out evening spite cold & frosty.

Home Saturday 10  
Will, Thorley and others dug some coal for us. Father took Mr. Palmer to Middletown in the wagon. Took some potatoes with him for sale. I made a bench to raise bred on in the forenoon, hauled a small load of coal on the sled and helped Will to fence some fodder in the afternoon. Heard Plummer preach in the evening from Acts VIII pt of 19<sup>th</sup> Helen and Charlie remained at home.

Home Sunday 11

Spent the entire day at home. Got the horses ready in the morning to go to church but it was raining and sleeting so that we gave it up. Aunt Sally took a spell of heart disease at our house in the evening a kick lasted but for a few minutes. Will was at church in forenoon and Bible clasp

Near Eldersville Pa.

Monday, December 12, 1870.

Father went to D. Shorley's in the morning and helped to level off the wall of their new coal house. Will, and I hauled coal and wood during the day and then went to Thompson Crisp's in the evening and settled up our threshing account as far as collected and appointed Helen to go to Martinsville to settle. Helen & Charlie were with us.

Home Tuesday 13

Just after I got up in the morning, father came in and told me that C. Boles wanted some hay hauled. I took the team and hauled part of a load which John Boles undertook to haul and broke his wagon tongue; he hauled the remainder of it. I hauled two loads of coal in the evening after I came home and put pieces on the heels of my boots. Singing at Oak Hall at night.

Home Wednesday 14

Will and I harnessed the horses in the morning and I took Mrs. Pagnon's iron kettle home and they hauled coal the remainder of the day. Will, Shorley and Albert finished digging coal for us and Will took my violin as pay for digging 233 bushels. C. M. Stephenson and family came at noon and brought Aunt Ann home. Very stormy

Home Thursday, December 15, 1870.

Spent the day in the coal bank. Dug a drain and took out one cart load of coal in the forenoon. Dug 35 bushels during the day. Broke a strap and could not get the last load out of the bank. Will, took Doll and Champ to Uncle Geo. Crisp's and got them adod behind. Father, mother and Mrs. Geo. Farland went to R. P. Cooper's and spent the afternoon. Weather quite stormy & cold.

Home Friday 16

Did some of the stock in the morning repaired the coal cart some, repaired the track some in the bank and dug 32 bushels of coal. Helen and Charlie spent an hour in the bank with me. Will went to mill in the afternoon and hauled home what coal I had dug. Weather quite fresh with some snow on the ground. Cut Will's hair in the evening and he cut mine and Charles'.

Home Saturday 17

Woke at six o'clock. Did not do any of the feeding. Spent the day in the coal bank. Put out 56 bushels of coal and 14 bushels of slack. Will got a shoe put on Jimmie, hauled 42 bushels of coal and went to mill in the evening. Father, mother and Mrs. Geo. Farland were visiting at C. M. Stephenson's. Snowing in the evening.

Home <sup>Near Eldersville Pa</sup>  
Sunday, December 18, 1870.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Will and I went to church on horseback. Father, Mother, Helen and Amy Sally went in the sled and broke one side down as they came home and the women had to ride home behind. Heard Wools preach from Matthew 11 and later part of 25<sup>th</sup>. Was late commencing and consequently we were late getting home. Road rough.

Home Monday 19

Helped father to do the feeding in the morning and then we went and brought home the wreck of the sled which broke down on Sabbath. Will dug 49 bushels of coal during the day and we hauled it up to their coal house. Weather was very stormy in the afternoon. I patched my boots in the evening. Amy and I with us all day.

Home Tuesday 20

Arose a little after six o'clock. Father, Sammie Thorley, Albert and I went to Stumsville in the wagon. Did not get started until late and consequently it was after dark when we got home. Met with John Caldwell, formerly of Co. A. 110<sup>th</sup> Reg. Pa. Vols. and talked with him a short time about

Home Wednesday, December 21, 1870.

Father and I did the feeding in the morning. Will spent the day sizing coal. He helped David Thorley to raise his coal and wood house. Father went to town in the evening. Spent the night at home reading in Wesleyan. Charlie was in a very good humor all evening. Weather quite cold and stormy.

Home Thursday 22

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning. Will was digging coal. We hauled up during the day what he had dug two days back.

I spent part of the afternoon mending Will's harness. He came at night and got a strap made to string his bells upon preparing for sleigh riding. Weather quite cold above zero in the

Home Friday 23

Father and I attended to the feeding as Will was digging coal. Charlie was so hoarse in the forenoon that I did not do anything but attend to him after feeding. Mended my Buckskin gloves in the afternoon and evening. Will's steers brought his sleigh bells to get them strung. Mercury stood at zero at bedtime.

Home Saturday, December 24, 1870.

Round mercury three degrees below zero when we arose. While doing the morning's feeding I went to see David Horley start with the care to bury Mrs John Hedington. Spent part of the day mending Will & Steen's harness. Weather kept very cold all day, mercury only rising three degrees above zero. Will dug coal until four o'clock. Father got Sal and Charlie shod.

Home Sunday 25

Father and I attended to the feeding, Will being away. We went to church in the spring wagon and heard Lucas preach from Ecclesiastes 10. Were too late to hear the text. While feeding in the evening I noticed that dogs had been among some of our sheep and wounded some of them slightly. Spent the evening at home.

Home Monday 26

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Father put poles on the sled. Will and I hauled three wagon loads of coal in the forenoon and father and Will hauled three in the afternoon while I was mending Will Steen's harness. Worked at the harness until bedtime. Weather becoming somewhat warmer.

Home Tuesday, December 27, 1870.

Spent most of the forenoon feeding stock and preparing some grinding to take to Mill. Will and Sammie Horley went to Ryland's Mill. Spent the afternoon mending Will Steen's harness. Took a pair of shoes to D. Horley in the morning to get them changed in Steubenville. Wrote a letter in the evening renewing our subscription for the Wesleyan.

Home Wednesday 28

Snowing in the morning when I arose. Father and Mother went to town on sled. Will and I shelled some corn and prepared some chopping to take to Mill. Father and I put hinges on a little door in the afternoon. Sent the money for the American Wesleyan and a book entitled Broken Seal. Spent the evening at home reading.

Home Thursday 29

Assisted in doing the feeding in the morning. Father went to Sully, Steley and I went to Mrs James Gillespie's funeral on the big sled. I assisted some in putting the boards in the coffin and helped to carry her out. Went to Ryland's Mill after we came home and took 20 bushels of corn and oats. Sledding hot wood.

Home Friday, December 30, 1870.

Helped to do the feeding  
in the evening. Then Willard  
I took two sleds and went to  
Hyland's Mill for chopping.  
Snowed nearly all day. I got  
home about three o'clock. One  
of Mr. Brides boys rode with me  
from Mr. Cready's shop. Men had  
come home in the evening.  
Did not retire until after  
ten o'clock. Day very stormy  
Father Haulins

Saturday 31

The strawstacks having fallen  
over in the night, we released  
one of the cows from it in the  
morning and then spent the fore-  
noon putting straw into the barn.  
After dinner Helen, Charlie and  
I got into the sleigh and  
went to Father Haulins where  
we spent the night very pleasantly.  
All the family at home and  
no stranger there except Willie  
Cree from Pittsburg.

Found the folks all well  
and clearing up after their  
butchering. Day was quite  
stormy but not very cold.

Texts of Scripture  
MEMORANDA.

- Jan. 2 John XIV pt of 9" Shuts Luckers  
" 9" Mat. VII 33 Lucas Eldersville  
" 16" Luke VIII pt of 18 Palmer "  
" 16" Gen. III pt of 9" " Bethel  
" 17" Mat. VIII 24, 27 incl. Lucas "  
" 18" Mark VIII 36 " "  
" 19" Acts III pt of 6 " "  
" 20" Luke XVIII 33 " "  
" 25" Rom. VIII 35, 39 incl. " "  
" 26" Ps. LXXXI v. c. 170 " "  
" 30" Mat. I pt of 21" John Eldersville
- Feb.  
6" III Cor. VIII 9" Lucas "  
9" II Cor. V 11 " "  
10" Mark VIII 36 " "  
11" CXIV Psalm 15 " "  
13" Jechariah IV 10" Palmer "  
13" III Cor. XVI 22 " Father's  
20" Gen. Ex. James I 16, 17" Lucas Eldersville  
22" CXII Psalm 11 pt 4 " "  
26" John XIV pt of 15 " "  
27" Luke XXIII pt of 43 Plummer "
- March  
6" Heb. XIII 8" Lucas "  
8" Job XIV 10" Palmer "  
9" Prov. XIII 15 " "  
10" Ex. XIV pt of 15 " "  
11" II Cor. V 10" Plummer "  
12" III Cor. VII pt of 2 Palmer "  
13" Jer. VIII pt of 6 " "  
15" Psalm LXXXVI 5 " Father's  
29" I Tim VI 6 Lucas Mrs. Cunningham