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Samuel Jones Melvin*

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Sunday, January 1, 1871.

Took breakfast at father Haulin's.  
Attended church at Tucker's in  
the forenoon and heard Rev.  
Sheets preach from 1st Kings IV 6 Verse  
26. Took dinner at Uncle Frank  
Haulin's. Attended church again at  
night and heard Sheets from Mark  
II 14<sup>1/2</sup>. Spent the night at Uncle Geo.  
Haulin's very pleasantly, the first time  
we had been there since we were  
married. Sleighing pretty good.

Left for Haulin's Monday 2

Took breakfast and dinner at  
Uncle Geo. Haulin's and went to  
Uncle John Haulin's for supper.  
Spent the afternoon there and  
then went to church at Tucker's  
and heard Rev. Sheets preach  
from Mat. VIII 28. Spent the  
night very pleasantly at father  
Haulin's. Snow melted off some  
but turned cold in the evening.

2 Home Tuesday 3

Took breakfast at father Haulin's  
then went to Geo. Morrison's and  
took dinner. Geo. was away at Mill  
Went to Matt Riddle's and made  
a short visit in the afternoon and  
then came to Uncle John Haulin's  
where we took supper. Got home  
about nine o'clock having had  
seven visits since Saturday. Snow  
some in the evening. Charlie quite  
well at present.

Home  
Wednesday, January 4, 1871.

Arose about the usual hour and found that Charlie was quite unwell - troubled with worms. laid in his cradle nearly all day and I did but little out of doors. David and Ann Thorley and Aunt Ann Jones went to John Melorn's on the sled. Charlie slept very well during the night. Weather becoming quite moderate.

Home Thursday 5  
Charlie still very unwell with worms. I went to David Thorley's in the morning and took some paint for our new sled which he was making. Will went to town in the afternoon and got some rivets and bars for it. We put some straw in the barn in the evening. Charlie better in the evening. Alf Scott and Jimmie's names were marked.

Home Friday 6  
Father and Will went to Spentworth with the wagon and took Mrs. McFarland on her way home. I attended to the feeding, and made a shaving pose and set up some corn fodder and attended to other affairs. Mended a stirrup leather for Willis. Steen, Sammie, Thorley and Albert were in a short time in the evening. Feeding - some of snow in a little.

Home Saturday, January 7, 1871.

After attending to the feeding in the morning Will and I went to David Thorley's and ground two axes. Father and I spent the afternoon hunting rail timber and getting a tongue for our new sled. I spent the evening footing up last years dray cash account &c. Weather pretty cold and ground hard frozen.

Home Sunday 8  
Snowed hard all day. We attended church at Eldersville and heard Rev. Mr. Shunder preach from 1st Palm a clause 10 verses. Splendid sermon. On our return home S. P. Boles horse ran away with a sleigh and dragged him some rods cutting his knee and breaking shaft. Will Thorley's colt kicked over the tongue & caused trouble. Went to see Boles in the evening. Read in "The Broken Seal" in evening.

Home Monday 9  
Assisted Will in doing the feeding. Spent forenoon reading "The Broken Seal". Took one of our cows to Boyds in the afternoon and came home by S. Thorley's. Father and Mother came home from Will Bushfield's. Will went to see S. P. Boles and attended church at night. Good sleeping.

Andrew, G. Miller and my little sister passed

Tuesday, January 10, 1871.

Home  
Father, Mother and Aunt Sally went to Buzzetts town in the sled. I spent the forenoon reading. The Broken Seal Mended father goes in the afternoon and helped Will to do the feeding. Wrote a letter at night to E. S. Hamilton. Helen was very poorly during the day had a very bad cold. Took 24 bombs between 7 & 8. Clear

Home Wednesday 11

Spent the forenoon feeding stock and cutting out a place in the floor of the old house for caking wool. We caked our wool in the afternoon. Father and I went to David Thorley's in the afternoon and spent a short time there. Spent the evening at home reading. Snow melting off very fast mark all gone.

Home Thursday 12

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning, I spent a short time putting up poles for our chickens to roost on and helped Will to grind an axe and hatchet. We spent the remainder of the day chopping and making rails. Father was out in. Helen and I both suffering with bad cold. Snow all gone off. Roads muddy.

Assisted Will and father to do the feeding in the morning. Learned that a couple from Virginia had been married in Eldersville last night. We spent the day chopping wood and making rails. I spent the evening reading in the Pittsburg Chronicle. Weather as warm as spring. Mercury up to 62 degrees above zero. Had toothache and did not sleep well.

Home Saturday 14

Was very much troubled with bad cold and feeling in my jaw. Was not able to make a days work. We spent the day chopping and making rails. Helen, Charlie and Aunt Anna visited at Mrs. Cassidy's. Late dinner just my lone. Did not feel well enough to read any at night, but did myself before retiring and slept well.

Home Sunday 15

Morning was so very wet and unpleasant that Helen did not go to church. Attended church at Eldersville expecting to hear Plummer preach but he did not come and it had a prayer meeting. Read the last two chapters of Malachi. Not very warm out. Had four prayers. Will did not come home. But father and I did the feeding kind nearly all day.

Monday, January 16, 1871.

Arose between four and five  
O'clock, curried and harrowed  
three horses. Father and I took  
our wool to the river, but the  
ice was running so thick that we  
could not cross. Stowed our wool  
away in the barn house. Got  
home about half past three  
O'clock. William Stocks has  
with us. Weather very cold  
and roads getting rough.

Helped to catch and clean 24 ducks  
to me.

Tuesday 17

Arose between five and  
six O'clock and harrowed two  
horses before breakfast. Packed  
and I went to Sturtevantville  
with our wool and marketing.  
River very full of ice and  
very difficult crossing especially  
as we came home. Got home  
about half past seven O'clock.  
Day fine.

Wednesday 18

Arose doing the feeding in the  
morning father and I spent  
most of the forenoon making  
hooks to hang the meat in.  
Drew the meat in the afternoon  
myon and I mended Will's  
fork handle in the evening.  
Put two iron plates on top of Will  
helped An Sawyer to thresh and  
clean their grain during day.

After doing the feeding in the  
morning Will and I spent  
most of the forenoon peckoning  
up Cornelius Bole's ice count and  
preparing for settlements. We made  
some rails in the afternoon.  
Helen, Will and I went to town at  
night. Helen visited at Mrs.  
Willson's while we were settling with  
Boles. Got home about half  
past ten O'clock. Aunt Ann and Aunt  
Sally left Charlie.

Friday 20

Arose a little after six O'clock.  
After doing our feeding we repaired  
up our Black Smith's bill and  
found that my cast fell from  
1866 was 46,71 beside what  
work we had done. Spent the  
remainder of the day making  
rails. Father and I split 165  
during the day. Very cloudy during  
the day and <sup>drizzle</sup> rain in evening.

Home Saturday 21

Arose at half past six and helped  
to do the feeding. Spent the forenoon  
sawing new rails to make a fence  
next to Mr. Steen's. Hauled 144 rails.  
Spent the afternoon at D. Thorley's  
helping to kill a beef. Bought a  
hind Quarter of it weighing 89  
pounds. Sammie Thorley hauled it  
over for us. Father and mother  
went to Stephenson's and spent the night.

Father and Mother were both at  
Stephenson's over night. Will and  
I did the feeding. Helen and I went  
to Church on horseback. Heard  
Rev. Lucas preach from Romans  
VIII 35-39 inclusive. I did all  
the feeding in the evening.  
Father and Mother came  
home a little before night.  
Spent the evening reading  
in the Wesleyan and Chronicle.

Home Monday 23

Spent most of the forenoon  
feeding putting up our beef  
& preparing to go to the Smith  
Shop. Helped the Road Com-  
missioners to measure one  
mile of road from our house  
toward Bethel Church.  
Went to town and got some  
Smithing done. Wrote a letter  
to C. H. Hathorn in the evening.

Home Tuesday 24

Spent the forenoon mending  
Helen's shoes after he got the  
morning work done. After I got  
through with the shoes Helen  
Charlie and I got into the sleigh  
and went to Cassidy Scotts. Helen  
gave her measure for a pair of  
shoes and went to see Jane A.  
Scott who was very sick. Got home  
about eleven o'clock.

Cut up a quarter of beef in  
the forenoon and salted it away.  
Went to David Thorley's where we  
spent the afternoon making a  
box for the new sled and  
putting poles on it &c. Wrote  
two letters in the evening to  
Aunt S. Moore and Uncle James  
Melvin respectively. Weather cold  
snowing at night. Will at Lees  
& Choofhouse at a evening.

Home Thursday 26

Arose at six o'clock and helped  
father and Will to do the feeding.  
Father and I went to D. Thorley's and  
prepared our new sled box and brought  
the sled home. I spent part of  
the afternoon repairing a Coal chawl.  
Helen & Father called in the  
evening and got Helen to assist her  
some in Cardmaking. She spent  
the night at Aunt Sally's evening.

Home Friday 27

Will took Miss E. G. Sawyer back  
in the morning and then took  
Aunt Ann to Cooper's in the sleigh.  
Father and I cleaned some frozen  
corn in the forenoon. Father and  
Mother went to Pleasant Hill in the  
afternoon. I finished our new  
sled box. John Melvin and his  
family came to father and  
stayed until bedtime.

1871 Saturday, January 20, 1871.

Arose at five. Staved myself  
ached my teeth and did a  
churning before breakfast. Got  
ready to go to Wellsburg expecting  
John to go along to see Dr. Sidell  
but he did not come and  
Will Thorley went with me.  
We took dinner at Mr. Adoin's.  
Did not see the doctor. Got  
home about half past five.  
Stephenson's family at father's over night.

Home Sunday 29

Read a letter in the morning which  
I had received from C. H. Patterson  
and contained the photograph of his two  
boys Rubin and George. We went  
to church in the sled and  
heard Rev. Palmer preach from  
Heb. III and part of 3. Will took  
Mary Stephenson home in the morning.  
We attended church at night and  
heard Rev. Snows preach from Song of  
Solomon III 15. Sleady food.

Monday 30

Will took Rev. Mr. Palmer to  
Middletown in the sleigh in the morning  
and brought Aunt Thobe Barrett home  
with him. Polly Province and  
family and "Lip" Gander visited  
us. They went home in the evening  
and Helen, Charlie, and I went to  
Uncle Grant Dunlins in the sled  
and stayed until late bedtime.  
Snow going off.

Spent the morning feeding stock  
and preparing to go to Mill.  
Took ten bushels of corn and  
out to Ryland's Mill and got  
it home with me. Took a  
spinning wheel to David Thor-  
ley's in the evening for Aunt  
Seabel Province. Rained some  
during the day and snow melted  
so much that the mud began  
to show on the roads. Quite warm

Home Wednesday, February 1

Spent the day making rails in  
the wood shed to Steen's and  
repaired a breach in the fence  
in the evening. Will went to  
Collier Station and sold some  
wheat at \$1.20 pr bushel to P. R.  
Sturgeon and brought four sacks  
to put it in. Helen, Charlie and  
I visited at S. Thorley's until  
bedtime. Day fine.

Home Thursday 2

Spent most of the forenoon  
cleaning and measuring up  
wheat. Will and I took a  
fifty one bushel load to  
Harlan Station for P. R.  
Sturgeon at \$1.20 pr  
bushel. I got home with  
the team a little before sun-  
set. Will remained at the sta-  
tion to get our money.

My 32<sup>nd</sup> birth day. Spent the forenoon feeding stock, helping Helen to churn and mending the handle of a scoop shovel. Spent the afternoon hauling rails and doing the feeding. Will went to Burgettstown in the evening to attend a concert given by the Allegheny Quartette Club. Spent the evening reading in the Pittsburgh Chronicle Gazette.

Home Saturday 4  
Took our red cow to John Mills in the forenoon. Mattie Crip and Cynthia Hanlin took dinner with us and visited E. E. Lanthier's School. Cynthia spent the night with us. Father and I spent the afternoon making worm for a new fence between us and Mr. Steen's. Weather very fine. Ice forming on the roads.

Home Sunday 5  
Cynthia Hanlin was here and went to Church with us in the forenoon. We left Charlie with Aunt Gally. Steward Hanlin came home with us for dinner. Heard Lucas from Leigh. To 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. I attended Church again at night and heard him preach from Romans IX and 10 of 7<sup>th</sup>. Weather cold.

The morning was so cold that we were not in much hurry about getting out to work. Spent part of the forenoon cutting logs and ground poles. In the afternoon we finished building the new fence between our woods and Steen's. Jimmie Hanlin came in the evening and spent the night with us. Weather fine. Roads icy in places.

Home Tuesday 7  
Arose ten minutes before seven o'clock. After doing some feeding I went with Jimmie Hanlin over the ice on the hill on her way to Mr. Hanlin's. Spent the remainder of the day cutting Storwood. Spent the evening reading a pamphlet entitled "Alcohol as Medicine". Will pleased with it. Weather fine. Slept in

Home Wednesday 8  
After doing the feeding in the morning, Mills and I took Lill Cow to Mr. Welly. Father took Mother and Aunt Pholbe Board to Mrs. Piquis on the sled. I went to town in the afternoon and got Dolly's shoes sharpened. Snow that fell during the night all disappeared during day. We visited at Wm



After we had done the feeding in the morning Helen and I got ready and went to see Nan Morrison. Found her <sup>left Charlie with Aunt Sally</sup> some better. Called at ~~Mr~~ <sup>Miss</sup> Hiddle's but did not alight from our horses. Stopped at Stephensons as we came home and saw Aunt Ann. Stopped in town as we went away and received a letter from Aunt Philena (Melvin). Roads sloppy. Freezing at night.

Home Friday 10

Arose ten minutes before five o'clock. Went with father, mother and Aunt Phoebe Barrett to Steubenville. The women went to Freeman's on the cars and we did some shopping and came home. Helen and I attended church at night and heard Rev. Mr. Hastings preach or lecture from Daniel III 44-45. Many new ideas presented. Day cold.

Home Saturday 11

Spent the forenoon attending to feeding carrying horses and mixing corn and oats to take to Mill. Took a load of chopping to Gillespies mill in the afternoon and brought home some grinding. Will went to a singing at the Lent School House. Suffering some in the evening from a sore instep, hurt by kicking a cow in the morning.

The morning was overcast and snow on the ground and rained nearly all day. Attended church in Eldersville and heard Nolan preach from Col. V 14. Helen and Charlie remained at home. Will and Aunt Sally went to Stephensons for dinner and brought Aunt Ann home in Cyrus Spring wagon. She was so weak when she got home that we were obliged to carry her in.

Home Monday 13

After doing the feeding in the morning we spent most of the day clearing off a potato patch. Mrs. Bolle and Susannah C. Melvin came to see Aunt Ann who was very poorly. Susannah took supper with us and then I took her behind me on Sally to church. Heard Rev. Lucks preach from Mat 22 11-12-13.

Home Tuesday 14

After assisting with the feeding in the morning I went to work at repairing my old boots. Will, Edwin and Will Thorley went to town in the eliot and attended a donation party at the Methodist Protestant Church. Father took one bushel corn to John Cassidy to get it made into brooms. We remained at home in the evening. <sup>John</sup> ~~John~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~ Holt and Ed Cooper but they did not

count any still quite poorly.  
After we had done the feeding  
in the morning, we sowed  
and sowed our clover seed in  
the chuff on the snow. Got through  
about three o'clock. John  
Lanther borrowed our logs  
to haul some fozson. Snow going  
off fast. Helen, Charlie and  
I went to J. H. Scott's and  
stayed until bed time.

Home Thursday 16  
Aunt Ann Jones still quite  
poorly. Differens was in to  
see her. We cut wood during  
the day. Will went to town  
in the afternoon to get the  
mail. No letters. Wrote a  
short letter in the evening  
to the editors of the Pittsburgh  
Chronicle. Weather quite  
warm. Snow nearly gone.

Home Friday 17  
After the feeding was done, father  
and Will went to Co. Stephens  
for a pig which we had bought  
from him. I cut some wood  
in the forenoon, but it rained  
after dinner and I built Charlie  
a little sled. Expected some  
visitors in the evening but they  
did not come and I spent the  
evening reading in the Chronicle.

The day was wet and warm.  
Spent most of it in the house helping  
Helen to churn &c. Put a half sole  
on one of my boots in the afternoon  
and made shelter for the hogs.  
Father went to town for the mail.  
Will mended his boots. L. J. Lee  
Cooper was over to see Aunt Ann  
who was still quite poorly. Read  
some in the Wesleyan in the evening  
and played with Charlie while Helen mended  
my pants.

Home Sunday 19  
Helen and I went to church in  
Eldersville on horseback. Left  
Charlie with Aunt Sally and Ann.  
Heard Lucas preach from Gen.  
Ephraim James II 27. Helen and  
Charlie went over the hill with me  
when I went to feed the sheep. Spent  
the evening at home reading some  
in the Wesleyan. Weather cool  
and cloudy. No snow on the ground.

Home Monday 20  
Killed Aunt Sally's pig in the  
morning before doing the feeding  
and father and I took it to  
Steubenville and got nine cents  
per pound for the meat and  
ten cents per pound for the hide.  
Father got on the train and  
went to Freeman's. Will, Steen and  
his wife, Melissa Steen and Sarah  
Hamlin here at night. Lerb stayed all

Helped Will to do the feeding.  
Melissa Steen and Sadie Hanlin  
took breakfast and dinner with  
us. Will spent most of the  
day at Robt Coopers. I spent  
the day making a rack to  
feed hay to the beef cattle  
in. Helen, Charlie and I  
went to Uncle Geo. Crisp  
and stayed until bedtime.  
Day fine. Some snow in the morning.

Home Wednesday 22  
After doing the feeding in the  
morning Will and I spent the  
forenoon shelling corn and  
mixing it with oats for cow  
feed. Will went to mill in  
the afternoon and then went to  
the Station for father and mother  
coming from Freeman's. I cut  
stove-wood in the afternoon and  
did the feeding in the evening.

Home Thursday 23  
After doing the feeding Thompson  
Crisp came along with his wagon and  
said that John Gardner wanted us to  
bring some Smyth seed for him. We  
talked an hour or so. Spent portion  
of the day chopping stove-wood. Helen  
Charlie and I went to Robert  
Coopers and stayed until bedtime.  
Robert was at town. Weather  
very fine.

Helped to do the feeding in the  
morning then harnessed two horses  
and took the spring wagon to Middle  
town after Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Brought  
them home with me and they  
spent the evening with us.  
Father came down and spent  
the evening. Roads very muddy  
but the wind was blowing very  
strongly and mud drying very fast.  
Spelling at Oak Hill at night.

Home Saturday 25  
Assisted Will and father at  
feeding the stock in the morning,  
then Will went to Byron Saunders  
to make arrangements for fields  
to crop and father, Rev. Mr.  
Palmer and I went to the  
woods and chopped some until  
dinner time. Chopped some in the  
afternoon and repaired a fence  
some. Rained some in the evening.

Home Sunday 26  
Assisted father and Will about the  
feeding in the morning and then  
we attended church at Eldersville  
and heard Rev. Palmer preach from  
St. John 14:27. Rev. Mr. Lucas  
unable to fill his appointment and  
requested Palmer to preach for him  
at night which he agreed to do.  
Helen and I started to go at night but  
a heavy rain came on and we turned back.

Home Monday, February 27, 1871.

After we got through with the feeding in the morning, I went to the woods and grubbed out a root to make a haul of; took it to David Thorley's in the afternoon, had it turned and buried it in a swamp to keep it from chacking. Dying at our house at night. About thirty six of our neighbors here. Had a good time. E. S. Lawther stayed all night.

Home Tuesday 28

When we got through with the feeding in the morning we harnessed all the horses, and father and Will hauled some rails and some hay, and then helped me to haul stovewood.

I hauled home four large wagon loads with three horses and Will. Hauled two two horse loads. Weather fine. Ran Crisp here a little while in the evening.

Wednesday, March 1

Home

After doing the feeding we harnessed all the horses and spent the day clearing off a piece of new ground for a potato patch. Will dragged off logs and I hauled wood all day. Sent my watch to town with Albert Thorley for some little repairs. Weather very fine. Roads muddy.

Home Thursday, March 2, 1871.

Sold our fatted cattle in the morning at five cents per lb. and realized \$99.75 for them. Will helped to drive them to Ryland's mill to be weighed. We ploughed two furrows on the road in the morn-  
ing for a drain. I shoveled it out. Father and I went to Cooper's to put top on hay stack. Piled some stovewood and hauled stone in the evening.

Home Friday 3

Spent the forenoon preparing a meal for turning and helping Helen to churn. After dinner Mary Stephenson came to see Mother and Aunt Ann who were both poorly. Hauled some stones off our corn field. Loff and I killed a groundhog. Went to D. Thorley's in the evening and brought home some spearing shells for Dan's and Father Dan's.

Saturday 4

Assisted with the feeding in the morning, then Helen, Charlie and I got ready and went to Father Dan's. Got there about noon. I attended church in the afternoon at Tucker's and heard Rev. Potts preach from Ecclesiastes 1:10. Spent the night at Father Dan's. Will made some arrangements for an organ for the concert & commenced plowing in the afternoon.

Home Sunday, March 5, 1871.

Took breakfast at Father Hamfins. Attended Church at Pucker's. Heard Rev. Petty preach from Mat.  $\times 29^{\circ} 30^{\circ} 31^{\circ}$ .

Sacraments administered after preaching. We came home in the evening and Bell Arlin came with us to attend the approaching concert. Spent the evening at home. Weather quite chilly.

Home Monday 6

After assisting Will to do the feeding in the morning I went to Eldersville and assisted some at the erection of a stage for the concert in the Brick Church in the evening. Attended the concert and was much pleased with the performance of the Allegheny Lutes Club. Whitson and Sally left Charlie

Home Tuesday 7

Spent most of the forenoon feeding and doing chores. Father was very unwell and unable to be out. Will went to town to help to take down the stage erected for the concert. I spent the remainder of the day plowing and scattering manure. Weather fine. Father quite hoarse.

Home Wednesday, March 8, 1871.

After doing the feeding in the morning Will went to plowing and father and I went to town to attend the sale of the roads.

As our roads were not put up for sale we came home without purchasing work or rather engaging it.

Plowed some in the evening in the field next to Frank Scott's and read abright in W. Hittengers account of the Bridge burning expedition during the war.

Thursday 9

Home Will and I took the teams in the morning and went to Byron Saunders' place and spent most of the day plowing for corn. Burned off some of the long grass in the afternoon. Rained so that we were obliged to quit and come home before quitting time. Will Phosley came in the evening and stayed with us until bedtime.

Friday 10

Home Will and I spent the day plowing in Saunders' field for corn. Saunders was clearing out fence rows. We plowed until about four o'clock when we came home and found that Dr. Donan was here to see Palmer's child which was quite unwell. He preached at 8 o'clock at night from Gen. Ep. Cannon. The 27<sup>th</sup> Pretty good congregation.

Home Saturday, March 11, 1871.

Spent the forenoon cleaning up our yard and preparing chopping to take to mill. Will took Mr Palmer and family to Middletown. Father went to mill and I went to Cassidy Scotts in the evening and got Helen's new shoes. Father Hanlin and "Margaret" came about sunset and spent the night with us. Had a good time generally.

Home Sunday 12

Curried the horses in the morning and prepared them for going to church. Father Hanlin and Margaret attended church with us. Heard Plummer preach from Exodus ~~III~~ 8". Not a bad sermon on the observance of the Sabbath. He was requested to preach in the Protestant Church at night and complied.

Home Monday 13

I curried and harnessed the four horses in the morning before breakfast. Will and I spent the day plowing at Saunders'. Snowed and rained some during the day. Saunders busy clearing out a fence row which we were plowing up. Mended my boot-sole in the evening.

Home <sup>near church</sup> Tuesday, March 14, 1871.

Arose a few minutes after six o'clock, fed the horses and harnessed them. Father went to Steubenville with the marketing in the buggy. Will and I spent the day plowing in Saunders' field. Quit about five o'clock and came home to feed. Singing appointed for David Thores at night. Wrote a note to Mattie and Mary Meloria in the evening.

Home Wednesday 15

Took Blops to Eugene Smith's to the ball. Met Uncle Erans Hanlin coming for some money. I loaned him \$1.00. Among us he got \$3.30<sup>00</sup>. Spent the remainder of the day plowing. A number of young folks came in going to the camp at Oak Hall. Helen & I went with them. Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally left Charlie.

Home Thursday 16

Spent the day plowing over at Byron Saunders'. Father went to Steubenville after his pants. He rode Doll and I plowed in the forenoon with Sal and Charlie. Mr. Stein and Dr. Hartman were at Saunders'. Found Mrs. Lucretia Scott here when we came home. She took supper with us. Mrs. Thores helping to make father's pants.

Home near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, March 17, 1871.

Received Wedding Cards in  
the morning with invitation  
from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart  
to the wedding of G. V. Templeton  
and Miss Hart, March 16.

Day was wet. Spent forenoon  
doing chores. Went fully,  
Helen, Charlie and I went to  
Stephenson's in the afternoon  
on a visit. Got home about  
dark. Aunt Nancy Bushfield at father's.

Home Saturday 18  
Spent the forenoon doing chores and  
taking some potatoes out of the hole.  
Father took six bushels of them to  
Middletown. I took a basket full  
to David Shorley in the afternoon.  
Will and I repaired some bars  
by putting in new ones. Spent the  
evening at home making some prep-  
arations to attend Quarterly meeting  
in Middletown on Sunday.

Home Sunday 19  
Arose a few minutes before six  
o'clock. Helen and I, Will, Shorley  
and Alma went to Middletown in  
our Spring wagon to Quarterly meeting.  
Helen and I took dinner at Mr.  
Denny's. Did not stay for  
evening meeting. Alma took  
tea with us in the evening.  
Weather very fine and warm.

Home Monday, March 20, 1871.  
After doing the feeding in the  
morning, Will and I went to the  
Saunders' field and spent most of  
the forenoon knocking down corn  
stacks with two horses and a pole.  
I came home for my dinner.  
Father and Mother got home about  
half past eleven o'clock and we  
spent the afternoon plowing stock  
ground. Josiah Marquis commenced  
his singing school in Eldersville at  
night.

Home Tuesday 21  
Fed the horses in the morning  
and harnessed them before break-  
fast. Will and I spent the  
day plowing stock ground at  
Saunders'. Byron and I worked  
his cold in the afternoon. It  
worked very well. Father  
went to David Galls in the  
morning and got some seed  
potatoes. Gus Cassidy and the girls  
were here until bedtime.

Home Wednesday 22  
Fed the horses and  
harnessed two of them before break-  
fast. Spent most of the day  
plowing stock ground at Saunders'.  
Spent about an hour with the  
men who were surveying the Mc.  
Creedy land to settle difficulty between  
Robert Smith Esq. and Billy  
McCreedy concerning vacant

Near Eldersville, Pa.  
Home Thursday, March 23, 1871.

Arose about the usual time and we prepared to sow some oats. Helen and Charlie visited at Robert Coopers. I took dinner and supper there with them. Father and Will finished plowing stalk ground at Saunders' and I sowed fifteen bushels of oats borrowed Uncle Geo. Cress' harrow and they harrowed the ground over once. Did not get through sowing there. Getting Cold.

Home Friday 24

Some snow on the ground in the morning. We went to Saunders' field and I sowed about eight bushels more oats making twenty six in all on the field. Father came home before dinner and Will and I finished harrowing in the afternoon. Commenced plowing below the stable. Helen, Charlie and I went to David Shorley's until bedtime.

Home Saturday 25

Ground was frozen considerably in the morning but we finished plowing our stalk ground below the stable and sowed six and a half bushels of oats. Day fine and warm. Sammie Shorley had old Sal plowing with her while David was turning. Rev. Mr. Palmer spent a short time with us in the

Home Sunday, March 26, 1871.

After feeding in the morning at usual, Pharnesaid two horses and Mr. Palmer went to Sabbath School. I started to Eldersville to Sabbath School. Broke a bridlebit on the way and I was obliged to come back for another one. Very few at Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Palmer preach from Heb. 11:8 & 9 of 44. He took dinner with us. David Shorley called in a short time in the evening. Rained nearly all day.

Home Monday 27

Arose a few minutes after six o'clock and did most of the feeding. Father, Will and Sammie Shorley went to Steubenville in the spring wagon with marketing. I put a lid on our slop-barrel in the forenoon. Went to town in the afternoon and got a bridlebit mended. Wrote a letter at night for Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann to Miss Anna. Tuesday 28

Home. After we had done the feeding in the morning Will and I hauled two little loads of hay for the sheep and helped father to repair some fence about the barn. We spent the afternoon working on the road. We put in a culvert and drained about six rods of road & raised it well in the hills. Dr. Carl & Son.



Home near Eldersville Pa

Wednesday, March 29, 1871.

Arose 20 minutes before six o'clock with pain in my back which troubled me all day. We spent the day working on the road between the house and the foot of the hill as the fingerboard. Ground was frozen considerably in the morning. David Shortley turned us a maul during the day. Sammie brought it over in the evening and I buried it in the swamp.

Home Thursday 30

Arose about six o'clock and did the usual amount of feeding. We spent the day working on the hill between the house and fingerboards. Put in a culvert and made a side drain. Mashed my left thumb while putting down a covering of a culvert. Weather fine but threatening rain.

Home Friday 31

After we had done the feeding in the morning, I saddled a horse for Helen and she went to Geo. Morrisons. We spent the day working on the road. put in a new culvert and put two new logs in an old one.

Mary Stephenson came in the forenoon and visited at fathers. Lgt. Cooper was over a short time. Weather fine. Snow all

Home

Saturday, April 1, 1871.

Arose in the morning and found it raining. Rained nearly all day. Spent most of the day mending Helen's shoes and my boots. Hauled some stuff in the evening to make some barges. Helped Helen to churn. Will and father prepared the sheep house under the barn to receive another lot of sheep.

Home Sunday 2

Spent about an hour in the morning mending for the cows. Helen and I went to Sabbath School in the morning. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from the CXXXVII 6<sup>th</sup> psalm 6<sup>th</sup> verse. Spent the afternoon at home. Received a letter from Rev. C. E. Palmer in the morning. Day fine. Heard sheep in the morning.

Home Monday 3

Morning was cloudy and we did not go out to work early. Spent most of the day working on the road to Eldersville; but it rained in the evening so that we did not get quite through.

Wrote a letter in the evening to Aunt Ann Crip for Aunt Amy Jones. Evening getting cool

Near Eldersville Pa.  
7 Home Tuesday, April 4, 1871.

Arose about six o'clock. Spent most of the day working on the road. Finished our mile with the exception of putting in one culvert. Thompson Crib and family visited us in the afternoon. Thompson was riding Helen's Station colt and he knocked the stall down in the stable while he stayed. David Shorley Ann, Alma and Johnny were over and stayed until bedtime.

Home Wednesday 5

Spent the forenoon repairing a stall in the stable covering some early potatoes and taking the scraper to where Robert Cooper was working on the road. In the afternoon father and I sowed some clover seed and Will plowed the small potato patch of last year and sowed oats on it. Mrs. Mary Cassidy quite sick and neighbors visiting her.

Home Thursday 6

Arose about the usual hour and we spent most of the day planting out peach trees. Planted forty five in the old orchard on the hill and three near the house. Cleaned off our garden in the evening and prepared it for plowing. Mr. Steen and Mrs. Wm Cassidy both very sick. Folks visiting at

Home Friday, April 7, 1871.

Arose about half past five o'clock, helped father to get ready to go to Steubenville. Went to David Shorley's a short time in the forenoon. Plowed our garden, made up two beds and planted them with onions, beets, radishes &c. Put up poles to the hop vines. Mrs. Cassidy still very sick. Weather quite warm and pleasant. Some appearance of rain.

Home Saturday 8

Arose a little earlier than common and brought the cows before breakfast. We got ready and went to Will Haulin's where we took dinner & learned that Will had sold his farm for fifty dollars pr. acre. We went from thence to Geo. Morrison's and saw their young son which was only three days old. Got home about eight o'clock.

Home Sunday 9

Helen and I attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning. Nothing done but officers nominated for ensuing year. Comptroller reported money collected for library and had some discussion on the subject of changing the time of meeting to afternoon every two weeks. Mrs. Cassidy still very sick. Helen quite well.

Home near Andersonville, Pa.

Monday, April 10, 1871.

Did not sleep well in the forenoon part of the night on account of rheumatism in my left arm and consequently we did not rise until six o'clock. I took a horse over and took the measure of our wagon wheels as here before we got up.

Spent part of the day plowing. Had two foreign peddlers with us for dinner. Mrs. Cassidy still very poorly. Doctor visiting her twice per day.

Home Tuesday 11

Arose about half past five o'clock and brought the horses and cows and fed them before breakfast. Father and I spent the day plowing sod ground for corn and oats. Cornelius Bolis came in the evening to get us to haul a load of hay which John Bolis had up at night. Aunt Ann very poorly. Maria Cassidy called to see

Home Wednesday 12

Arose about half past five. We harnessed the team in the morning and Will went and hauled a four horse load of hay from Peline's for Cornelius Bolis. Father and I repaired some fence around our garden. I carried some oats from the barn to the stable. Father and I plowed some after supper time.

Home Thursday, April 13, 1871.

Arose about ten minutes after five o'clock. Curried the horses and harnessed four of them. Will and I plowed a while in the morning and then finished rowing oats. Father plowed nearly all day. I trimmed some apple trees in the afternoon and attended to the feeding and patted the stock. Aunt Ann and Mrs. Cassidy still very poorly. Murchland's planting corn.

Home Friday 14

Arose about half past five o'clock and attended to some of the feeding. Father and Mother went to John Pelone to attend a road view. Will and I finished plowing our corn ground at home and then harrowed the field over once against supper time. I harrowed after supper while Will did the feeding and went to the singing in town.

Home Saturday 15

Arose about the usual hour. Went to David Tholey's and borrowed an anvil and repaired the old barrow we had borrowed from Uncle Geo. Terry. Will and I spent the day harrowing corn ground. Helen, Charlie and I went to Mr. Cassidy's in the evening and sat until bed time. Mrs. Cassidy some better.

Home <sup>near Eldersville Pa.</sup>  
Sunday, April 16, 1871.  
Arose about five o'clock &  
attended to the feeding as usual.  
Helen and I attended Sabbath  
School in Eldersville and was  
elected Superintendent and  
she Treasurer. Sabbath School  
changed the time of meeting from  
nine until two o'clock every other  
sabbath. Heard Rev. Lucas preach  
from Heb. ~~IX~~ and lat. Clause  
22. Spent the afternoon at home.

Home <sup>Monday 17</sup>  
Arose a little after five o'clock  
and fed the horses and calves  
before breakfast. Was so  
cloudy in the morning that we  
did not hurry out to work for  
fear of rain. Will and I went  
to Saunders' and spent the day  
harrowing corn ground. Got  
home about dark. No rain of any  
account during the day.

Home <sup>Tuesday 18</sup>  
Arose about half past five and  
fed the horses and calves before  
breakfast. Will and I went  
to Saunders' and harrowed  
corn ground until dinnertime  
and then commenced plowing  
what ground was left unplowed  
in the field. Counted the fence corners  
and concluded there were about 15

Home <sup>Wednesday, April 19, 1871.</sup>  
Arose at six and a half o'clock  
attended to the usual amount of  
feeding and prepared some oats  
to cook for the horses. We were  
just harnessing up to go to the plow  
when the rain came on. Wet all fore  
noon. Mended some boots and shoes.  
Plowed at Saunders' in the after  
noon. Rained very hard in the  
evening and considerable of  
thunder and lightning.

Home <sup>Thursday 20</sup>  
Arose at five o'clock and kindled  
a fire in the stove then laid down  
and slept about half an hour. Spent  
the forenoon hauling stones off the  
meadow while father and Will were  
hauling rails and drawing stumps.  
I went to Saunders' in the afternoon  
and plowed corn ground. Spent  
the evening reading in the  
Pittsburgh Chronicle.

Home <sup>Friday 21</sup>  
Arose at half past five and spent  
the morning feeding stock helping  
father with the lands &c. After  
breakfast Will and I went to  
Saunders' and spent the day plowing.  
Finished plowing just before  
dinnertime. S. P. Boles & Frank Coates  
settled their quarrel at Esq. Steward's  
by acknowledging that they had done

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Home Near Aldersville, Pa.

Saturday, April 22, 1871.

Arose at five and a half  
o'clock. The morning was cloudy.  
Will and I went to the Saunders  
place to harrow but were soon  
driven in by the rain. We took  
dinner at Saunders' came home  
and I went to town and got  
a shoe driven on Goll at  
Robertson's. Bought some  
molasses and sugar. Wrote a  
letter to E. S. Hammitton in the evening.

Home Sunday 23  
Sabbath School having been appointed  
at two o'clock we did not have to  
hurry about to get ready to go as  
usual. Helen, Charlie, Aunt Sally &  
I went to church in the spring wagon.  
Heard Plumer preach from Ephesians  
VI 12 part of 11" Spent the after-  
noon at home as it was too  
late to go to Sabbath School after  
we got dinner. Heavy frost in the <sup>morning</sup>.

Home Monday 24  
Arose at five o'clock and moved  
some sheep so they could get  
water. Bought the cows and  
fed them before breakfast. Father  
went to Steubenville with marketing  
and Will and I spent the day  
harrowing corn ground on the  
Saunders' farm. I used Saunders  
new harrow. Some frost in the

Home Tuesday, April 25, 1871.

Arose at five o'clock and fed  
the cows and harnessed the team  
before breakfast. Will and I  
went to the Saunders farm and  
harrowed until half past two  
o'clock when it commenced raining.  
Will took Uncle Geo. Crisp's harrow  
home. Father and Holly's boys  
commenced planting our corn  
at home and Will and I helped  
them after supper. Did not rain much.

Home Wednesday 26  
Arose at five o'clock, fed the  
cows and brought in the horses and  
fed them before breakfast.  
We spent the forenoon and part  
of the afternoon planting corn.  
Got through with our corn at home  
about three o'clock. Sam and Holly  
and Albert helping us. We then  
spent the remainder of the evening  
clipping sheep. Commenced raining

Home Thursday 27  
Arose about the usual time and  
did the morning work. Spent the  
forenoon putting sills together for  
a privy. We spent the afternoon  
marking out corn ground at the  
Saunders' farm. Three of us marked  
about twelve acres in the afternoon.  
Rained some in the forenoon  
and rained some at night.

Home Near Oldersville Pa.

Friday, April 28, 1871.

Arose at half past five o'clock and fed the horses and cows. Will and I hauled two sled loads of stones for foundation of our pig.

We spent the remainder of the forenoon marking cornground at Saunders. Father and I spent the afternoon planting corn. Will was helping Will Thorley to plant. Father and I came home about five o'clock. Helen and Charlie walked over to Mrs. Boles in the afternoon.

Home Saturday 29

Arose about half past five o'clock, brought the horses in & fed them. Will and I went and helped Robert Cooper to plant his corn. We got through about half past three. I came home and prepared the foundation of our pig. Will cut my hair. Father and mother went to Middletown.

Home Sunday 30

Arose about fifteen minutes after five o'clock. attended to some of the stock and brought in the horses before breakfast. Helen and I went to Sabbath School on horseback. Teachers were chosen and classes formed. Heard Lucas preach from Rom. VII.

Home

Monday, May 1, 1871.

Fed the cows and brought in the horses as usual before breakfast. We then went to Saunders and marked out until dinnertime with three plows. Will helped John Sawtner to plant corn in the afternoon. Father and I finished marking about five o'clock and then planted some. I came some past Cooper's and Thorley's to get them to help us plant corn tomorrow.

Home

Tuesday 2

Arose at half past five o'clock and fed the cows before breakfast. As quickly as we could get ready we went to the Saunders place to plant corn. Aunt Sally went along to set our dinner for us. We planted about five o'clock when we got through. Rained in the evening a little before we got through. Drove up us at dark together.

Home

Wednesday 3

Arose about half past five and brought the cows before breakfast. Alex. Smith came soon after we had our breakfast and stated that they wished to put the sheep-washing box in position. We took our team and hauled the box to the place and helped to put it in. Rained nearly all afternoon. I spent

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Thursday, May 4, 1871.

Arose at six O'clock and found it raining hard. Helped Helen to milk the cows. We cleaned up 17½ bushels of wheat and Will took it to Gillespie's Mill. Father and I spent the day building a privy. Got it nearly finished. Seat board and door to be put on yet. Rained a considerable shower in the evening. Agents along trying to sell mowing machines.

Home Friday 5

Arose at five O'clock went out to see the horses and to see how high the run was after the rain. Then came in and kindled fire. Spent the forenoon at David's making seat boards for privy. Took dinner there. Spent the afternoon working about privy and helped father to plant some cane seed in the evening. Weather cloudy.

Home Saturday 6

Was awake about five O'clock and found it was raining. Slept until six. Salted some stock and went to look after the horses before breakfast. We cut some seed potatoes in the forenoon and I finished our privy in the afternoon and fixed the fence to close the yard in. Afternoon cloudy and

Home Sunday, May 7, 1871.

Arose at half past five O'clock and brought the horses and cows before breakfast. We attended Sabbath School in Eldersville. School generally present. Heard Wolen preach from Exodus XIV Lt. Clause 15 "Go forward". Large congregation out. Spent the afternoon at home reading the American Wesleyan. Rained a small shower in the evening. Quite cool.

Home Monday 8

Mother and I went to David's in the morning to mark out corn ground but found it was too wet. We then came home and planted our potatoes and finished planting our cane and beans. After we got through at home we went back to David's corn field and marked part of it out. Came home about dark. Charlie unwell.

Home Tuesday 9

Slept until a late hour on account of having been up with Charlie. Spent the forenoon planting corn and we spent the afternoon planting potatoes and broom corn. Heard in the evening that Mr. Thomas Philips was worse and went to see him. Found him very poorly and very  
over night.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Wednesday, May 10, 1871.

Arose at half past five and just after we got our breakfast we heard that Thomas Philips was dead. Spent the day going errands for the Philips family. Gave one of my under shirts to bury him in gave them two candles and banded them a load of wood and coal, and helped to dig the grave. Philips' body was in very bad condition. His leg bursted open mortification having taken place. Weather fine.

Home Thursday 11

Arose about half past five o'clock and brought in the horses. As soon as we could get ready, Helen, Charlie and I went in the spring wagon to Thomas Philips' funeral. Aunt Thorley went with us. from the house to town. We took Mrs Philips and Sarah home. Twenty four couples on horseback, seven wagons and three buggies attended the funeral. Day fine.

Home Friday 12

Arose a little after five o'clock. Father and Lydia went to Steubenville in the spring wagon. Will and I repaired some fence in the forenoon and took out a roof for barnens. Helped Helen to clean up some up stairs in the afternoon and we washed some on the road. Father, Mother, Uncle Matthew and

Home Saturday, May 13, 1871.

Spent the morning preparing sacks to take wheat to Steubenville in. Churned for Helen in the forenoon. We washed one lot of sheep before dinner and then Thorley's boys helped us in the afternoon to wash them and the remainder of ours. Uncle Matthew McKeever was with us. Procured up 50 bushels of wheat to take to Steubenville. Young folks Prayer meeting at father's in the evening.

Home Sunday 14

Arose about six o'clock. After some deliberation, Helen, Charlie and I went to Old Bethel in the spring wagon and heard Rev. Wallace preach from Acts ~~XXVII~~ part of 31<sup>st</sup>. Took dinner at Charles Scotts and returned to Sabbath School at Bethel at two o'clock. Heard Lucas preach in the evening from Prov ~~XXVIII~~ and rec'd verse of 23<sup>rd</sup> verse.

Home Monday 15

When we arose it was quite cloudy and rained a small shower. We borrowed D. Thorley's horses and father and I took fifty one bushels and twelve pounds of wheat to Steubenville. We got home about sunset. Uncle Matthew and Aunt Jane McKeever and Mother went to Burgestown in our spring wagon



A. Hanlin's Near Paris Pa.  
Tuesday, May 16, 1871.

We spent the forenoon measuring up wheat planting potatoes and pumpkins &c. After dinner Helen Charlie and I got ready and went to Grandpa Hanlin's and took supper, then went in their wagon to Paris to a concert given by the Allegheny Quartette Club. Performance very good. They took in \$88.74. Rained hard during the performance. Good order generally in the house. They performed fifteen pieces.

Home Wednesday 17

Arose about half past six o'clock. Took breakfast at father Hanlin's. We came home about eleven o'clock. Drove old Sal in the buggy. Will and John Murchland had our springwagon at the concert. When we came home we found that Doll had a colic. We whitewashed and cleaned up our meters in the afternoon. Whitewashed our privy.

Home Thursday 18

Father brought in the horses in the morning. Will and I harnessed them and father and Will took 30 bushels of wheat and, going marketing to Stenbenwille. I spent the day working in the garden, planting melon seeds preparing ground for sweet potatoes &c. &c. Weather fine.

Home Friday, May 19, 1871.

Arose about the usual hour and spent the morning attending to stock. Commenced cleaning house and whitewashing between nine and ten o'clock. Whitewashed nearly all day. Did not get milking done until after dusk. Feather and Will took a cow to Egg Smith's in the forenoon and spent the afternoon working corn in the field next to Frank Scott. Day fine.

Home Saturday 20

Arose about the usual hour and helped David Shorly to take the measure of our wagon wheels. Went to Johnathan Wright and got some old irons off some wheels. Found C. M. Stephenson and his father, Hugh Patterson and A. S. Elliott's fathers. Mr. Steward and Tommy and Rev. Andrew Hardie came just about a-poppertime. Had very favorable impressions of the little.

Scott's Reverend Mr. Sunday 21

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses. Rev. A. Hardie, Steward and I went to Sabbath school in Steward's buggy. Rev. A. D. A. heard him preach from the parable of the man who fell among thieves. Good sermon. Then Crisp took dinner with us. Attended church at Bethel in the evening and heard A. S. Elliott

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Monday, May 22, 1871.

After doing up the chores in the morning. Will went to help Robt Cooper to shear sheep and father and I spent the day working corn and replanting some. We made some arrangements during the day to go to Steubenville tomorrow. Father and I took Aunt Sally's cow to Esq Smith's in the evening. Loaned D. Thorley 20 dollars.

Home Tuesday 23

Arose about daylight and we prepared to go to Steubenville. Just when we were ready to start Jimmie had a colic and I was obliged to remain about an hour and a half and help it up. Father worked with it nearly all day. We took dinner at Robinson's Hotel. Dan Crisp was with us over night. Day fine.

Home Wednesday 24

Arose a little after five o'clock John Murchland Jr. came to help us to shear sheep and he and I brought in a lot before breakfast. John Ferguson and Robert Cooper were helping us also. I did not shear any but two during the day. I did chores. Set out 225 sweet potato plants. Took toll to Noble.

Home Thursday, May 25, 1871.

Spent the morning covering sweet potato plants and attending to the chores. Will father and Will were helping to shear sheep. John Murchland, John Ferguson, John Murchland and Robert Cooper were with us and helped us to finish. Will and John Murchland went in the Spring wagon to town intending to go to Lee's schoolhouse to a singing. They got home about one o'clock.

Friday 26

Father and I spent the forenoon working corn. Got through our field at home about half past two o'clock. Separated a ewe sheep and then a pain came up and we came to the house. Worked some in the garden in the evening. Will helped David Thorley's to finish shearing their sheep. Dan Crisp went out after bedding with our carpet.

Home Saturday 27

Slept until late. Mined some sheep and brought in the horses before breakfast. Will and I went to Saunders and spent the day working corn. I went to town in the evening and bought a pair of cotton pants and came home past noon. Geo. Crisp and got Charlie's dress which Dan had made on

Home Near Eldersville  
Sunday, May 28, 1871.

Arose about half past five  
and brought in the horses  
and cows before breakfast.  
Father went with us to  
Sabbath School in the spring-  
wagon. Heard Rev. A. S.  
Elliott preach from III Peter  
III 13. Good congregation was.  
Did not attend Church in  
the evening. Father and  
Aunt Sally went to Bethel.

Home Monday 29  
Arose about the usual  
time and brought in the  
horses before breakfast.  
Will and I spent the day  
working Corn on Saunders'  
farm. Father was with  
us until after dinner.  
He spent the afternoon at  
home doing chores.

Home Tuesday 30  
Father and I spent the day  
working Corn in Saunders'  
field. Will went to  
Stenbenville to attend the  
Decoration of Soldiers graves.  
I went to town in the  
evening to get a pair of  
"boots" for our colt which  
was neck in the pasture joints.

Home Wednesday, May 31, 1871.  
Looked very much like rain  
in the morning but did  
not rain any during the day.  
We spent the day working  
Corn in the Saunders' field.  
Ran two Cultivators and the  
shovel plow. Had an agent  
with us trying to sell the  
Aetna mowing machine. We  
did not engage one certainly.  
but thought probable we might.

Home Thursday, June 1  
Arose about the usual hour  
and brought in the horses.  
Spent about an hour putting  
boots on our colts weak joints.  
We spent the day working Corn  
in the Saunders' field. Ran three  
teams plowing rows about a  
quarter of a mile long up  
and down the hill. Very dry  
and warm. Wool selling through

Home Friday 2  
Arose about the proper hour.  
Will brought in the horses. He  
and I spent the day working  
Corn until four o'clock when  
we came home on account of  
the appearance of rain. Father  
went to Middletown after mother  
and got home a little after  
sunset. Evening cloudy.

the neighbor at 5 o'clock

C. G. Stephenson's  
near Aldersville Pa.

Home Saturday, June 3, 1871

We spent the forenoon working corn on Saunders' place. Run three flows. Got through the second time about one o'clock and came home. Father and I put away the sheepwashing box. Helen, Charlie and I went to C. G. Stephenson's in the evening on horseback and spent the night there. Did not retire until very late.

Home Sunday 4

Took breakfast at C. G. Stephenson's and we went to church in their spring wagon. Heard Nolan preach from *1st Tim 4* 8" 9" Looked over at Stephenson's intending to attend Sabbath School and church in the evening but the appearance of rain prevented us and we came home about half past six o'clock.

Home Monday 5

Brought in the horses in the morning before breakfast as usual. We spent most of the day working corn at home. Father and I went to David Thorley's at dinner time and brought home a sow and five pigs which we had bought from them. Mrs. Philip

Home Tuesday, June 6, 1871.

Arose about 20 minutes before four o'clock and helped father to start to Steubenville. Will, Charlie, Helen and I went to Burgettstown. Stopped at Lee Archer's to see his mowing-machine before we would purchase one. Examined the Russell machine thoroughly but did not buy. Will came down on the cars to Haulpin Station to see a game of Cro-Kay. We did not get home till after night.

Home Wednesday 7

Slept until quite late. Will and I hauled two loads of wood in the forenoon and then I took ~~the~~ to Mrs. Robinson's. Charlie's boys helped us in the afternoon to hoe our cane. Got wrong about sunset. Helen and I calculated the interest on a note for Ann Sally at night. Compound interest for nine years.

Home Thursday 8

Arose about five o'clock. We spent the forenoon working corn at home. At dinner time I made some calculations for Aunt Sally. Went to Bulger in the afternoon and examined the Acton mower and reaper. Did not make a bargain for one. Got home about dark. Mr. and Mrs. Kelis visited at father's during

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Friday, June 9, 1871.

Brought the horses in in the morning as usual but we did not use them. We spent the forenoon hoeing and thinning out corn at home. In the afternoon Will and I went to the Saunders field and dropped up a few rows. Father and Mother went to Stephenson's in the afternoon and brought Mammie Melvin home with them. Day fine.

Home Saturday 10

Brought in the horses as usual before breakfast. Father, Will and I spent the day at Saunders hoeing and thinning out corn. Took two horses over with us but did not plow any with them. Mary Jackson left father's on a visit and Mammie Melvin was helping mother until she would come back.

Home Sunday 11

Found it raining when we awoke in the morning. First rain we had had for a long time. Got the horses in and hurried ready to go to church but it continued so cloudy that we did not go. Spent the day about home and wrote a letter to (C. H. Patterson).

Home Monday, June 12, 1871.

Spent the forenoon pulling weeds in the garden, setting out-plants &c. In the afternoon we went to Saunders and commenced working our corn the third time, hoeing it as we went. When we came home we found Cyrus and Mary Stephenson here. They did not stay over night.

Home Tuesday 13

Slept until quite late in the morning. Hoed some in the garden and helped father to set out some tomato plants. We spent the remainder of the day at Saunders working corn &c. Calculated some interest for Aunt Ann in the evening. Weather quite cool.

Home Wednesday 14

Spent the morning before breakfast hoeing in our garden. Albert Sholey helped us to hoe corn during the day at Saunders. James J. Boles came in the evening and borrowed our log chain. He informed us that John Melvin's horse had fallen with him today and had injured his elbow badly. Weather

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Thursday, June 15, 1871.  
Arose at five o'clock and had  
some corn in the garden before  
breakfast. Sammie Proley and  
Albert helped Will. and me to  
hoe corn during the day. Father  
and mother went to see John and  
spent the day there. Helen and  
Charlie went with them as far  
as the station to Uncle John  
'Broome'. They got home about  
half past four o'clock. Weather cool.

Home  
Friday 16  
Arose about half past five o'clock  
and helped Will. to harness the  
horses. Albert Proley was over  
before we had our breakfast and  
helped us during the day to hoe corn  
at Saunders'. Saunders was  
plowing corn with his young mare,  
she got her foot out of the chain,  
commenced kicking and finally ran  
away but did not do much damage. But,  
the plow considerably.

Home  
Saturday 17  
We spent the forenoon hoeing  
corn in the Saunders field. Got  
through about one o'clock. John  
Melvin came in the evening and  
paid us some money for our old  
threshing machine. Will and I  
went to town in the evening and  
attended the primary election. I went  
to the station and found our new

A. Hanlin's  
Sunday, June 18, 1871.  
Attended church at Eldersville in  
the forenoon and heard Rev. Haslie  
preach from Mat. 25 and 22.  
Took dinner at father Hanlin's and  
attended church at Tucker's in the  
evening and heard Rev. S. F. Guine  
preach from Gen. 24. We spent  
the night at father Hanlin's, he having  
gone to Pittsburgh to sell his cattle.  
We drove Old Dea in the buggy  
let father have the wagon to bring  
Aunt Sally home from church.

Home  
Monday 19  
We took breakfast at Father  
Hanlin's and then we came home,  
father, Will. and I spent the day  
working among our potatoes. Got  
them all hoed and some corn  
plowed. Tommy Stephenson came  
in the evening and offered us  
fifty five (55) cents for pound of  
our wool with the want of re-  
duction on bucks fleeces, but we did  
not buy any.

Home  
Tuesday 20  
Arose a few minutes after five  
o'clock and pulled some weeds in  
the garden. We worked some among  
our sorghum and corn in the  
forenoon. Will. went to Jonathan  
Wright's for wagon tire, to Stephenson's  
for scantling and to the station for  
our new harvester. Father and I  
took thirty head of sheep to the station.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Wednesday, June 21, 1871.

Spent the forenoon setting up our new mower and reaper. David McCuen came to by sheep but he did not sell him any. Father Saulini came and bought 37 head at \$2.50 per head. Spent the afternoon hoeing sorghum. Went to Cassidy Scott's at night and got Helen's shoes <sup>triple</sup> mended. Did not get home until ten o'clock. Weather cloudy.

Home Thursday 22.  
Arose a little after five. Gathered cherries in the morning for pies. Spent the forenoon hoeing sorghum. Sold our wool to Mr. Stephenson at 50 cts per lb. and I spun the socks from town at night. Helped father Hanlin to take his sheep home which he had bought of me. When I came home, Helen was much out of humor and said, "He did not care where you go. I don't believe you care for me" words which caused me to shudder and fear that all her love for me had departed.

Home Friday 23.  
Arose a few minutes after five o'clock. Brought in the horses and Uncle Matthew McKeever and I went to Steubenville in the spring wagon. Took some marketing. Spent the evening doing chores. Bought a new suit of summer clothes. Weather quite warm and cloudy. Rained in the evening. Heavy clap of thunder. 4 Amib albiss cassimus a much more

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Saturday, June 24, 1871.

Spent most of the forenoon doing chores. We sacked our wool in the forenoon. I went to the Bethel run and got two pine poles off Frank Scott's land to make ladders of. We made one ladder in the afternoon. I went to the station in the evening. Stopped at Crisp John Melvin's, at the station and at Uncle John Province's and brought Helen's silk dress home. Rained nearly all day.

Home Sunday 25.  
Morning was very cloudy and seemed to threaten rain. Father, Mother, Helen, Charlie and I went to Middleton in the spring wagon to Quarterly meeting. Stayed for breakfast in the afternoon. Our horse Charlie got very lame and with much difficulty he got home. Could not find anything in his foot. We ate supper at father's.

Home Monday 26.  
Arose early expecting company. C. M. Stephenson and family, Mrs. M. Stephenson & dia, Cooper and John Melvin took dinner with me and picked cherries during the afternoon. We gathered Red-hearts and some of the others gathered blackhearts. Weather quite fine. Some appearance of

Home Near Edersville Pa.  
Tuesday, June 27, 1871.

Helped father and Will to get ready to go to Stentenville with the wool. Helped Ann Thorley and Albert to prepare for picking cherries. Cleaned out our spring and turned the water in to the springhouse. Crashed one of my fingers. Tried our new reaper in David Thorley's wheat. Did not get it to work very well. Grain somewhat tangled. Helen was busy putting up cherries.

Home Wednesday 28

Spent most of the day reaping and binding wheat for David Thorley. Our new reaper did pretty good work in tangled grain. Father and I came home at noon and put up a ladder for Fannie Meloni to gather some cherries.

Rained some in the evening and we did not get quite through reaping. Took the horse rake to Thorley's.

Home Thursday 29

Brought in the horses in the morning and we put our machine in the wagon and hauled it to David Wright's old farm and cut wheat for Fannie Meloni. Ground very rough and we did not get very much done.

Thompson Criss and Tolen helped us a little while after supper.

Home

Friday, June 30, 1871.

Arose about the usual hour, brought Jennie in and put the harness on her before breakfast, then father and I went to help John Meloni cut his wheat with the machine. Will was thereover with us and Thorley's boys were with us. We got through about supper time and cut some for Johnathan Wright in the field adjoining. C. M. Stephenson fell off one of our cherry trees and got hurt some.

Home Saturday, July 1

Repaired my cradle some in the morning. Will harnessed C. M. Stephenson's team for him, and they started home. Cyrus came better than he was last evening. We spent the day helping David Thorley to cut his wheat. Did not get quite done. Some two men came for cherries. Said to be Isaac Hamming and some other man. They left our Cornfield gate.

Home Sunday 2

Attended Sabbath School in Edersville in the morning and we talked some about the celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> but made no further arrangements. Learned that Fannie Meloni had died at five o'clock in the morning and will be buried tomorrow at ten. Spent the afternoon at home ate some cherries and got some



Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Monday, July 3, 1871.

Spent a little more than an hour cutting wheat for David Thorley, then he got ready and attended Sammie Marchlands funeral. Large procession. Sammie Thorley and Father remained in the wheat field until they were nearly given out. We finished cutting Thorley's wheat in the afternoon and commenced cutting our own with the machine. Worked well. John Melvin & Thorley's force with us.

Home

Tuesday 4

Brought the horses in and fed them before breakfast. Thorley's force and John Melvin helped us during the day and we cut wheat while it was dry enough. Rained considerably during forenoon. Covered the old big granary while it was raining. Dance in Billy McCree's grove. Debate & school celebration in Eldersville church. Detroit school invited.

Home

Wednesday 5

David Thorley was here before we had our breakfast. His force and John Melvin was here helping us to cut wheat. John brought his family and Maggie and Mattie Melvin up with him in the wagon and they spent the day here. Took supper with us. Weather quite warm.

Home

Thursday, July 6, 1871.

Arose about five o'clock and hord some vines and brought in the horses before breakfast. John Melvin and Thorley's force helped us during most of the day to cut wheat. Got through about three o'clock and then I prepared the machine for mowing. Father and Will Thorley to cut their rye. I spent the evening hoeing in the garden. Mattie Melvin and Maggie called on us in the evening. Had a very pleasant time.

Home Friday 7

Arose about the usual time and brought the cows. Will brought the horses. Will spent most of the day mowing with the new machine. I started it in the morning. Father and Mother went as far as Eldersville with Mattie and Maggie Melvin on their way home. Aunt Sally went with them to Stephens's. Father brought home our new low wagon wheels.

Home

Saturday 8

We cleared out the barn in the morning, repaired the bridge in front of the barn, rigged up our low wagon and hauled in hay during the day. Will finished mowing the meadow back of the barn at dinner time, and we had it all cocked up a little after sundown. Thorley's boys helping us. Quick hauling came just after

Home New Eldersville Pa  
Sunday, July 9, 1871.

Slept until half past six o'clock. Father brought in the horses and went to Middletown. Critch, Hamlin took breakfast and dinner with us. We attended church at Eldersville and heard Lucas preach from II John 10. We were too late for Sabbath School. Large congregation and weather quite warm. Rained some during the day and evening.

Home Monday 10

Arose about the usual hour and spent most of the day doing chores. We cleared up the barn to put wheat in, put up a ladder in the barn, dried out some timbers for the horsepower of our machine and hauled in hay after supper. Picked a small bucket of cherries. Will trimmed some shade trees and cleaned out their spouts.

Home Tuesday 11

Arose about the usual hour and helped Will to harness the team before breakfast. We hauled in two loads of hay before the rain came on. Went to D. Thorley's and got our saw set and sharpened. Spent the remainder of the day putting wood work under machine to loaden the power with a rack. Will was out

Home Wednesday, July 12, 1871.

Arose fifteen minutes before six and found it still cloudy. Picked a few cherries in the morning and spent the forenoon putting an axle to our threshing machine for Mr. Lather and Will fenced the peach orchard before dinner and we hauled in 108 dozens of wheat during the red and of the day cleared of and became fine about noon. Will went to town at night.

Home Thursday 13

Arose about five and brought in the horses. While harnessing them Billy Crall came to help us to harvest. We spent the day hauling in wheat. I hauled on the sled and the two Billy's hauled on the wagon. Had one wagon load of wheat and two loads of hay left out at night. Will and I carried some oats to the granary after night appearance of rain.

Home Friday 14

Arose about the usual hour and brought in the horses before breakfast. Billy Crall helped us to harvest during the day. I mowed with the machine until supper time, Lather, Will and Billy finished hauling in wheat & hay. Locked up some hay after supper and put one wagon

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Saturday, July 15, 1871.  
Brought in the horses in the morning as usual and harrowed them. Father spent the forenoon mowing; Billy Crall and Will and I put in some hay. Will Steen helped us to put up hay in the afternoon. Father and mother and Mr. Harlin went to Stephenson's & to Hamlin's station in the evening.  
Day fine.

Home Sunday 16  
Attended church at Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Rev. Harlin preach from Mat. 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 24<sup>th</sup> verse. We took dinner at Lucas and attended Sabbath School. Heard Lucas preach in the evening from Rev. 1<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup>. Rained & we remained in church until after the power.

Home Monday 17  
Father spent the forenoon mowing, he finished about dinner time. Billy Crall and Will hauled some rails and made stacks of them. Brought one wagon load into mow before dinner. Billy Crall built us a very large stack in the afternoon. Helen and Charlie visited at Mrs. Girtles in the evening and I

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Tuesday, July 18, 1871.  
Brought in the horses as usual. Found that John Steen's sheep had got in with ours and father and I separated some of them before breakfast. Spent the day putting up hay. We topped out one stack in the forenoon and coked up the last of our hay. Billy Crall built us a big stack in the afternoon & we put our last load in the mow. I helped D. Kosley with two loads after supper.

Home Wednesday 19  
Brought in the horses in the morning. Went to Steen's to see whether Will wanted help to put up his hay. Had help enough for a today but wanted help day after tomorrow. Father and I ground my scythe and spent the remainder of the forenoon reaping oats. Will was at the Saunders place chadling. I went over and helped him after dinner until it commenced raining and then we took shelter at Thompson's crib.

Home Thursday 20  
Arose about the usual hour and brought the cows. Helen, Charlie and Aunt Ann went to Aunt Geo. Crisp's. Took them up in Spring wagon. Will and I cut oats on the Saunders farm. Bell, Hamlin and Aunt Nancy Tracy came to see us and followed us to Crisp's. Bell borrowed some money from me to send to Geo. Hamlin in

Home <sup>at</sup> Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, July 21, 1871.  
Arose at five o'clock. Will  
Steen came just as I got out of  
bed and told me he did not want  
help until after dinner. Will went  
to Saunders to cut oats. Rained and  
we only cut one swath. Father  
and I spent part of the day reaping  
oats below the stable. Wrote a  
letter to G. T. Hamilton while it  
was raining. Went to Myrland's and  
took the measure of his horse's girth.

A. Hanlin's  
Saturday 22  
Spent most of the day cradling  
oats at Saunders'. Byron was  
helping us. Got through about  
four o'clock and we then  
got ready and went to father  
Hanlin's where we spent the  
night. Stopped at Uncle  
Sam Provinces as we went over  
and saw some Pittsburgh friends.  
Weather very cool.

Home  
Sunday 23  
Took breakfast at father Hanlin's  
and Steward and I rode over to  
Eldersville on horseback to Sabbath  
School and to Church. Heard Rev  
Lucas preach from Exodus.  
Psalm and part of 5th "Go forward".  
Took dinner at Father Hanlin's.  
Spent the evening at Uncle Sam  
Provinces. Got home about 8.  
Rained

Home Monday, July 24, 1871.  
Arose at five o'clock and cut  
some oats before breakfast.  
Went to Will Steen's and helped to  
put up a rick of hay. Cut Will  
Steen's hair. Spent the afternoon  
tying oats on the Saunders place.  
Got 124 dozen's tied. Got home  
about half past eight o'clock.  
Man Crip came to help Helen sew  
and was with us over night.  
Weather very fine.

Home Tuesday 25  
Arose at five o'clock. Father went to  
Saunders' to see oats. Will and I finished  
cutting our oats in the forenoon  
and then went and helped father  
and Byron to finish tying oats  
at Saunders'. Took the cradles home  
which we had borrowed. Came home  
and tied nineteen dozen's after  
hand down. Day fine.

Home Wednesday 26  
Arose 20 minutes before five o'clock  
and put a carriage on the sled to  
haul oats on. Will brought in the  
horses and harnessed them. We hauled  
in the oats at the Saunders place  
and stacked them. Byron Saunders  
helped us. We hauled on three sleds.  
Got through about four o'clock.  
Rained some in the evening and

Home Thursday, July 27, 1871.

Arose at three O'clock. Will, Helen and I went to Robert Piddle's and gathered blackberries nearly all day. Gathered a little more than a bushel, and got home about half past five O'clock. We left Charlie with Nan Crisp who was here sewing for us. Rained some during the day where we were. Rained hard here. Considerable of thunder and lightning.

Home Friday 28

Went to town in the morning with the Springwagon and got some blacksmithing done. Got bands put on the axle to carry the machine & got some bolts lengthened. Bought some paper and a can of oil. Spent the afternoon working at the machine. Was at D. Sherly's twice in the afternoon. Father and Will worked some on the road.

Home Saturday 29

Spent most of the forenoon putting pieces on our machine for hoisting with a jack. Spent the afternoon tining oats. Will helped David Loxley a while in the morning making Old Mrs. Ruxton's coffin and then he and Nan Crisp attended the funeral. We got through tining oats a little before sunset and then I salted the sheep.

Home Sunday, July 30, 1871.

Arose about six O'clock and brought in the horses and cows. Brought the boys down and fed them. We attended Church in Eldersville and heard Crolen preach from Luke ~~XVIII~~ & part of 18. We took dinner at father's. I attended Sabbath School and Church in the afternoon and heard Rev. Lucas preach from Mat. ~~XVIII~~ & part of 22. Weather very fine & pleasant.

Home Monday 31

Arose about the usual hour and brought in and harnessed the horses before breakfast. We put up a stack of oats during the day. We finished harvesting about two O'clock then we went and helped Mr. Cassidy to haul in his oats. Nancy Crisp came in the evening to help Helen to do some sewing. Weather fine and warm.

Home Tuesday, August 1

Spent the morning putting pieces on my boots and shoes. Worked a short time at the machine before dinner. Made a pack bundle and took it to town to get it ironed. Went to the station for some iron. Got some bolt made and did not get home until after sunset. Found Helen quite despondent. Nan Crisp went from our house to help to

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Wednesday, August 2, 1871.

Spent the day preparing to go to threshing. Got our horse power harnessed on the wagon and got out some stuff from a hoisting jack and took it to David Thorley in the evening. Will went to town for iron which were not made for him and he was obliged to go to J. Robertson's shop. Day very warm.

Home Thursday 3  
Arose about the usual hour and spent the day preparing to commence threshing. Thompson & Solen Crip came about ten o'clock and we put the machine on the wagon. Got things ready against 12 o'clock and moved the machine to Rick's stocks and set it up. Father and Will helped Frank Scott to thresh in the afternoon. Day warm.

Home Friday 4  
Arose at four o'clock and brought the horses and fed them. Will and I brought our hoisting jack from D. Thorley and carried it with us to Stock's to the machine. We threshed Stock's crop against half past three o'clock. Moved the machine to Uncle Geo. Crip to add some fixtures for convenience. Rain

Home Saturday, August 5, 1871.

Arose about half past five. Did some chores such as cleaning out the stable and boxen. Brought in two horses and took Pan Crip home. Spent most of the day repairing our wagon for reeling machine on. Came home through Eldersville. Got home about sunset. Father went to mill. Will went to town in the evening.

Home Sunday 6  
Arose about six o'clock. Brought the horses and cows. We got ready and attended church in Eldersville. Heard Rev. Bro. Cow. preach from Mat. ~~xviii~~ 33. Sacrament administered. Bell and Geo. Harlin and Pan Crip took dinner with us & we attended church in the evening and heard Col. from Mat. ~~xviii~~ 24.

Home Monday 7  
Arose a few minutes before four o'clock and Will and I harnessed the team and moved the machine to Jacob Wright's. Got there about eight o'clock. Threshed 181 bushels of oats and 55 bushels of wheat when the rain stopped us. Came home through town and got dollshoe shoes on. Robin Provenes' new

Home <sup>near Edinville Pa,</sup>  
Tuesday, August 8, 1871.

Arose about four o'clock and put on the fire. Went back to bed and slept a few minutes. Took a pair of harness to town to get them ironed. Went to Jacob Wright's to help thresh but found the boys starting home. Got home about dinner time and mended some harness. Put a new piece on the gate at our door. Rained in the afternoon. Mrs. Cassid visited us.

Home Wednesday 9

Left home about seven o'clock in the morning and went with Crisp's boys to Jacob Wright's to thresh. Got through at six o'clock about five o'clock and moved the machine to Andrew Halsted's and then I came home through Paris and got some medicine for Helen. Got home half past ten. Geo. Apple and Margaret here; B. Riddle.

Thursday 10

Went from home to Andrew Halsted's and found the boys threshing. I spent the day going from Halsted's to Robt. Riddle's, Nancy Haulin's and back to Halsted's to help move the machine to Riddle's. Got there about eight o'clock. Helen went home. Day fine.

Home Friday, August 11, 1871.

Arose at four o'clock and brought in our horses and fed and harnessed our teams before breakfast. We spent the day threshing for Robert Riddle. I got home a little before ten o'clock. Stopson came home also. Did not get through at Riddle's. Day very warm.

Home Saturday 12

Arose at five o'clock. Ate breakfast as soon as it could be got and then went to Robert Riddle's and helped to finish threshing. We ate dinner at Riddle's and moved the machine to father Haulin's and set. Ate supper there and got home about sunset. Found Helen rather poorly. Day very warm.

Home Sunday 13

Arose about half past five and prepared to go to church. Jimmie Haulin and Rev. Hardie went with us in the spring wagon. Rev. Hardie took up a Bible class in the morning. Quite a large number out. He preached from II Samuel ~~XXII~~ 8:1. Spent the afternoon at home. Slept part of the time and read some in

A. Hanlin's

Monday, August 14, 1871.

Arose about half past four o'clock. Helen, Charlie and I got into the Spring wagon and went to A. Hanlin's. Spent the day threshing 117 bushels of barley and 74 bushels of oats. Day very warm. Did not feel very well.

Spent the night at Father Hanlin's. Slept with Charlie and Thompson Cripp.

A. Hanlin's

Tuesday 15

Arose about half past four o'clock and brought in the horses and harnessed before breakfast. Finished threshing one set just after dinner and moved to another set.

Weather so warm that we could not come much ahead threshing. Tolen Cripp went home at night.

A. Hanlin's

Wednesday 16

Arose at half past four and brought in the horses. We spent the day threshing for A. Hanlin. Moved the machine at dinner time and commenced threshing oats. Rain came on at 11 o'clock and stopped work. Quite a grand storm.

A. Hanlin's

Thursday, August 17, 1871.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and brought in our horse and harnessed before breakfast. Thompson & Tolen Cripp did not wait for worship after breakfast but got their horses ready and went to the machine. We finished threshing Father Hanlin's crop 1101 bushels a little after sunset. Thompson went home after supper.

Elias Truax's

Friday 18

Arose at Father Hanlin's about five o'clock and we loaded our machine and moved to John Gardner's where we threshed in the afternoon. Heard that Saml P. Boles and John Wright's daughter were married on Thursday. Got some flecksmithing done as we came through town. Spent the night at Elias Truax's with Tolen Cripp.

At Home

Saturday 19

We threshed for Elias Truax during the day. Got through about half past three o'clock and moved the machine to William Mrtz. I took two horses and went back to Father Hanlin's for supper. We got home about ten o'clock. Weather quite pleasant and favorable for threshing.



Home

Sunday, August 20, 1871.

Arose about half past five o'clock. Charlie was quite poorly and Helen did not go to church. I walked. Sabbath School was held in the Wesleyan Church on account of painting the seats in the other Church. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Matthew IX 38. Spent the afternoon at home. We walked out in the evening after the cows. Charlie some better.

Home Monday 21

Arose about five o'clock and brought in the horses. We went to William Milt's and threshed his crop of grain, 5 bushels of wheat and 22 bushels of oats. Father was with us. Moved the machine to Uncle Geo. Crip's and threshed some oats in the evening. Weather fine.

Home Tuesday, 22

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and brought in two horses and harnessed them. Father and I went to Uncle Geo. Crip's, where we spent the day threshing. Finished threshing there about half past five o'clock and then we moved the horse power to Robert Cooper's and came home

Home Wednesday, August 23, 1871.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and brought in the horses. Father and I went to Robert Cooper's to thresh. Had to wait about half an hour for Crip's boys. Got through at Cooper's at eight o'clock and moved the machine to Jacob Boles' and set up nearly ready for threshing. I got home about half past eight. Some appearance of rain.

Home Thursday 24

Arose a little before five o'clock and brought the cows before breakfast. Went to Mr. Boles' and found the boys about ready to begin to thresh. Spent most of the day threshing at the barn, then moved the machine to the stacks and threshed 18 bushels of wheat. Day very warm.

Home Friday 25

Arose about four o'clock and went to Mr. Boles' for breakfast. Got right fairly commenced to thresh and had the wheat rick about half done when it commenced raining and rained the remainder of the day. Hands amused themselves after dinner picking horses' eyes under the barn. We came home about

Home Dear Eldersville D.  
Saturday, August 26, 1871.

Arose about five o'clock and pulled weeds in the yard until breakfast was ready. We harnessed our team and went to Mr. Pollock's where we finished threshing their crop just after dinner and moved the machine to David Shorley's and threshed 42 bushels of wheat. Weather somewhat cloudy but did not rain any during the day.

Home Sunday 27

Arose about six o'clock. Morning was wet and we did not attend Sabbath School. Mr. Polen was to have preached but he did not come and we had prayer meeting. Alma Shorley, Albert and Johnny took supper with us and ate some melons. Some appearance of rain in the evening and quite warm.

Home Monday 28  
Arose a little before five and brought in the horses and cows. Harnessed all the horses while Will and father were attending to some sheep, clearing them of worms. We finished David Shorley's threshing, moved the machine to the Widow Cunningham's and threshed 116 bushels of oats for Alex. Lawther. Came home, ate

Home Tuesday, August 29, 1871.

Arose at 4 o'clock, fed the hogs and turned out horses before breakfast. We went to Mrs. Cunningham's and threshed for A. Lawther. Rained hard during the day and hindered us so that we did not get through. Came home between sundown and dark. Geo. Hamlin called on us. He was preparing to start to Mo. on Thursday.

Home Wednesday 30

Arose at four o'clock and brought in the horses and cowpods the hogs &c. Will was very sick all day but went to town at night. Father & I cut a tree out of the road before breakfast. We went to Mrs. Cunningham's and finished threshing A. Lawther's crop of grain. Moved the machine home after dinner and threshed 159 bushels of oats.

Home Thursday 31

Arose about six o'clock and did some chores before breakfast. Went to Ryland's mill in the forenoon and took some wheat in the spring wagon. Took Charlie with me, the first time he was from home without his mother. He weighed 29 pounds and I weighed 147. Spent the afternoon cutting clover and

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, September 1, 1871.

Arose about half past five O'clock and spent the day doing chores helping Helen to prepare for conference. We took up our Carpet and dusted and put it down again. Cut some wood and threashed some straw to put under the Carpet. Took our rocking chair to David Thorley's in the evening for repairs. Father and mother came home from Middletown. Brought Mary & McKeever with them.

Home Saturday 2

Arose about half past five. Got the horses in and prepared for hauling manure. Hauled until suppertime and then went to Wyzland's Mill for our flour. Took Charlie with me. Did not get home until after night. Report says one case of small pox at Hanlin Station. Mrs. Annie & Bell. Not dangerous. By fire.

Home Sunday 3

Arose about six O'clock and attended to the feeding, brought in the cows and horses before breakfast. We attended Church and Sabbath School in Eldersville. Heard Lucas preach from John 14:26 & part of 17. Professor Schofield there and played on the Organ. Good turnout. Rebecca's

Home Monday, September 4, 1871.

Arose at five killed the fire fed the boys and brought in the horses before breakfast. Took Charlie with me to Billy Murchlands and got some peaches. Got home about two O'clock. Father and I plowed some in the evening. C. M. Stephenson came and got the peaches which I brought for him. Will was helping Will Steen to thresh in the afternoon.

Home Tuesday 5

Arose a little before five O'clock and went to D. Thorley's after some sugar which Albert brought from town. Helped Will Steen to thresh during the day. Went to town in the evening to conference and heard Rev. McCormick preach from John 14:26 & 17:26. Mr. Brown of Uniontown came home with me to stay over night. Seemingly a fine man.

Home Wednesday 6

Arose about six O'clock and spent the day plowing, sowing wheat and harrowing below the house. Got through just about sunset. Father attended the Conference at Eldersville and brought Michael McConnell with him. Our boarder (Brown) remained in town for dinner and Will went

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Thursday, September 7, 1871.

Arose about six o'clock Had  
the Messrs Brown from Con-  
ference with us for breakfast  
he having been with us over  
night. We attended Conference  
in the afternoon. Took the spring  
wagon to the chop and had it repaired.  
J. W. McKeever and wife came home  
with us to father's. Attended church  
at night and heard Rev. H. B. Knight  
from Luke ~~XVIII~~ 7-8 Day finished

Home Friday 8

The Messrs Brown from the  
Conference in Eldersville were  
with us for breakfast. We spent  
the day at home. We killed a  
small beef in the evening and  
father and I took half of it  
down at night and sold nearly  
all of it before we came home.  
I put some false spokes in the  
spring wagon during the day.

Home Saturday 9

Spent most of the forenoon cutting  
up beef. Went to S. Thorley's  
and brought over rocking chair  
home. Mended my old boots in  
the afternoon. We attended church  
at night and heard Rev. Westfall  
preach from ~~Psalm~~ Psalm 147  
8<sup>th</sup> verse. Very good sermon.  
Mr Brown our boarder did not

Home Sunday, September 10, 1871.

We attended conference at  
Eldersville and heard Rev.  
Dr. Swintzell preach from Gen.  
~~XVIII~~ 12. We took our dinner with  
us and ate in the Wesleyan Church.  
William John and Matchel Lanlin  
took dinner with us. Also Mr Brown.  
Attended Missionary meeting in the  
afternoon. Got home a little before  
sunset and found father quite  
poorly. Did not attend church at  
night. Home Monday 11

Arose about the usual time.

Spent most of the forenoon at  
home. Went to town and got a  
shoe put on I O. Attended conference  
a short time. Rather spirited.  
Father Lanlin came home with  
me for dinner. We attended confer-  
ence again at night the afternoon  
intending to stay for night but we  
understood that business would be the  
reason and we came home. Raining

Home Tuesday 12

Arose at six. Did some chores. Made  
a plowline and then we went to  
the Saunders place to plow. Spent most  
of the day there. J. W. McKeever  
left in the morning for Middletown  
Uncle Matthew McKeever, Aunt Jane  
Lora Wilkin and her son came to  
father's in the evening. Charlie  
was not very well. Weather quite warm

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Wednesday, September 13, 1871.

Brought in the horses and carried and harnessed before breakfast. Went to Saunders and father and Will. plowed during the day and I cut off some corn. Came home in the evening past Cooper's and David Thorley's. Felt somewhat wearied and rather unwell. Will went to town at night. Weather cloudy. Appearance of rain.

Home

Thursday 14

Arose 20 minutes after five, fed the hogs and brought in the horses and fed them. Father and Will plowed during the day and Will. Thorley and I cut off corn on the Saunders farm. Rained some in the evening. Quite cloudy all day.

Home

Friday 15

Arose about six o'clock, fed the hogs and brought in the horses. Helen, Charli and I went to John Melvin's in the Spring wagon and spent the remainder of the day there. We got home when it was getting dusk. Brought home some tomatoes with us. The forenoon was very wet.

Home Saturday, September 16, 1871.

Father brought in the horses in the morning and fed them while I fed the hogs. We called to Will. Thorley and he helped us during the day. We sowed wheat at Saunders. Got through harrowing about sunset. Will. Thorley and I cut off eleven shocks of corn. Was quite cloudy nearly all day but did not rain any to hinder us from work.

Home

Sunday 17

Had intended going to Church to Eldersville but heard that there was preaching at St. Johns. Went to D. Thorley's and learned that it was to be at three o'clock. We attended at St. Johns and heard Rev. Copeland preach from Ephesians III & 8<sup>th</sup> tolerably good turn out. Wrote a letter to Rev. C. G. Palmer in the forenoon.

Home

Monday 18

Arose a little before five o'clock and fed the hogs and brought in the horses. Went to town, got Charlie shod and the buggy shaft mended brought home some fruit jars and other things from the store. Will. Thorley was helping us to cut off corn, I was with him in the afternoon. Father and Will. were plowing stalk

Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Tuesday, September 19, 1871.

Arose at five o'clock greased my boots and cut some stovewood before breakfast. Father and I went to the widow Cunninghams and got six bushels of seed wheat which we sowed during the day at Saunders Mill. Shorley was helping us to cut off corn. Weather somewhat cloudy during the day and evening but did not rain.

Home Wednesday 20

Arose at five fed the boys and brought in the horses before breakfast. Went to Saunders where we spent the day cutting off corn, plowing and sowing wheat. We got through about five o'clock. Will Shorley helping us to cut corn. Worked until bedtime with the sewing machine and got it to work pretty well. Mary & McKeever & Will at S. Shorley's until bedtime.

Home Thursday 21

Spent the day cutting off corn at home. Will Shorley helping us. James & Boles brought his violin to father's in the evening, Miss Elin & Lanther and Mary & McKeever there. We went up and listened to them playing a short time. Weather fine. Evening quite cool.

Home Friday, September 22, 1871.

Arose about half past five o'clock. Brought in the horses. Father and I went to Steubenville with the wagon and buggy. Sold some pumpkins and pork.

I got myself a new suit of clothes new hat and flynets for two horses and some other articles. Had considerable of trouble selling our pumpkins. Got home about dark.

Home Saturday 23

Slept until late. Will and I topped out a steanstock. Separated our ewes and lambs. Will Shorley was helping us and we finished cutting off our corn about three o'clock. I hauled some stovewood and a load of pumpkins in the evening. Did not get to bed until late. Weather fine with some appearance of rain.

Home Sunday 24

Attended church in the forenoon and heard Wolen preach from 1 Cor. III 11. Came home and got our dinner and went back to Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from Philippians III 14. We got home about sunset. Heard that Rev. Lucas and wife propose to visit us on Thursday.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.  
Monday, September 25, 1871.

Spent the forenoon repairing some fence around the horsepasture. Father and Will hauled some pumpkins off a land which we plowed in the afternoon and sowed in rye. Aunt Thosley, Aunt-Evel, Bessy, Aunt Sally & Aunt-Arn ate supper with. I went to Saunders to see about threshing on Wednesday. Put pieces on the heels of my boots at night. Day fine.

Tuesday 26

Home. Father and threshed rye a while in the forenoon and prepared the barn to put oats in. Will took Mary & McKeever home, Alex McKeever & Jimmie at father's. Father and I took the threshing machine to Saunders in the afternoon for the purpose of threshing oats. Did not get through with our preparations until after ten o'clock P.M.

Wednesday 27

Home. Arose about five o'clock and we prepared for threshing. Took provision along and the women, Aunt Sally, Helen and Liz Saunders prepared our dinner there. We got through with the work after dinner 267 bushels of Oats. Spent the evening at home. Maria Cassidy called here as she went home from Lanthier's

Home Thursday, September 28, 1871.

Will and I hauled a load of pumpkins in the forenoon until Rev. Lucas and wife and C. M. Stephenson and his family came on a visit. We took dinner at father's and father and mother took supper with Rev. Lucas and wife with us. Stephensons went home before tea. Will hauled some pumpkins after dinner and then changed his clothes and started I knew not where. Very cool weather.

Friday 29

Home. Cut some stonewood before breakfast. We spent the day stripping our cane. Got through a little before sundown. Lemmie and Albert Thosley were helping us. I commenced making a whiplash for Albert at night. Did not get it quite finished. Weather quite cool and somewhat cloudy. Piddled at father's.

Saturday 30

Home. Spent most of the forenoon repairing the old buggy and harness and fixing up a fence to keep our cattle apart. Spent the afternoon repairing fence and husking corn for the boys and doing other chores. We expected father Hanlin and Margaret to spend the night with us but they did not come. I finished a whiplash for Albert

Home Near Eldersville Pa,  
Sunday, October 1, 1871.

Put some stray cattle out of our field in the morning, brought our cattle and horses and fed the hogs. Helen, Charlie and I attended church at St. Johns and heard Rev. Copeland from Bech. XIII 10<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered. Spent the afternoon at home. Father, Mother, Will, Will, Thorley and Ann at West Middletown at Quarterly meeting. Day very fine.

Home Monday 2  
Spent most of the forenoon putting a spring seat on our two horse wagon. Hauled down three loads of sorghum in the afternoon. Sammie Thorley here helping us to cut it off.

Helen, Charlie and I went to D. Thorley's at night and stayed until bed time. Got home about half past nine o'clock. Getting somewhat cloudy.

Home Tuesday 3  
Spent the day cutting off cane and hauling it to the mill. Sammie Thorley and I did the hauling with Champ and July, while father Will and Albert did the cutting. We had ten two horse wagon loads in all. Got through a little before sunset and hauled two loads

Home Wednesday, October 4, 1871.

Spent most of the day preparing to make molasses. We ground some cane in the afternoon and father and I hauled a load of wood and took a small load of sweet pumpkins to town and sold them. Will took Aunt Ann and Sally to James Cassidy's and brought Rev. Mr. Haddy's wife home with them. Fair commenced in Bergetstown. Smoky kind of weather.

Home Thursday 5  
Arose at five and repaired the fan and we put on some sorghum. I went to mill and brought home some grinding. Helped to grind some cane in the afternoon. Husked some corn for the hogs. Sammie Thorley & I hauled some wood. I mended some harness in the evening making some preparations to attend the Bergetstown fair. Weather very favorable.

Home Friday 6  
Arose at five and helped to put on a fan of sorghum and then prepared to go to the fair. We took Mrs. Herdie and Mary Jackson with us. Did not get there until near eleven o'clock. Day fine in the morning but the evening got quite cool. Father and Aunt Sally carried on the molasses making



Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Saturday, October 7, 1871.

Arose about five and helped to put on a pan of sorghum. Spent most of the forenoon repairing the two horse wagon. Sammie Thosley was helping Will to grind cane. Sammie and I cut a new sweep for the mill in the afternoon, father helped us some and we very nearly got it fitted on. I got my feet wet while cutting it. Rev. Mr. Hardy and wife visited at Thosley's.

John Melvin thrown from horse. Collar bone broken.

Home Sunday 8

Attended Church at Eldersville and heard Rev. Hardie preach from Luke XIX 8. Good congregation out. In the afternoon Mrs. Hardie, Helen, Charlie and I took Mr. Hardie as far as Bushfields in the spring wagon. Got home about dark. Father and mother went to see John Melvin who had got his collar bone broken.

Home Monday 9

Father and mother were at John Melvin's in the morning. Sammie Thosley, Will and I fitted the new sweep on the sawmill. Ground cane enough in the forenoon for a pan of molasses. Sammie Thosley ground in the afternoon and fettle boiled. I spent the afternoon emptying barrels & doing other chores.

Home Tuesday, October 10, 1871.

Helped to put on the molasses in the morning and then took mother and Mrs. Hardie to Stephenson's. Came back to town and visited. Took dinner at John Melvin's & brought him to the election. His collar ~~bone~~ <sup>bone</sup> broken. Spent the afternoon making molasses and doing chores in the evening. Rained in the evening after a long long dry spell of weather.

Home Wednesday 11

Will helped William Cassidy to thresh during the day and father and I made Saml Stephenson's molasses. Rained hard in the afternoon and was very unpleasant. Some snow. Gracie Crip and Minerva were here visiting & could not get home on account of the rain. Alma Thosley was here for supper.

Home Thursday 12

Geo. Morrisons

We got ready in the morning and started to Geo. Morrisons. Took dinner at John Melvin's. Went to Morrisons and spent the night there. Went for the purpose of helping Crip to thresh as John was not able to go having his collar bone broken. Weather in the evening very fine.

Nancy Hanlin's  
Friday, October 13, 1871.

Took breakfast at George Morrisons. After he had done his morning work he and I went to Lake Scott's property to help the Crip boys to thresh. Got through with the barley and moved the machine to Crip before we ate dinner. Set the machine and threshed 24 bushels of oats and 19 of wheat before we quit. In the night Aunt Nancy Hanlin with my family

Saturday 14

We took breakfast at Aunt Nancy Hanlin's. We then went to John Melvin's in Spring wagon. I took our team and helped Crip boys to finish their threshing. Ate dinner at Crip's and moved machine to John Melvin's and threshed his oats. Did not see his wheat threshed. We got home about eight o'clock at night. Received a letter from Rev. C. Palmer.

Sunday 15

Spent the forenoon at home. Father and mother took Mrs. Hardie to Middletown. I attended at St. John's Church in the evening and heard Geo. Batty preach from Mat. VII 33. Good sermon but it was all read from the manuscript which spoiled its effect of course. Rattled a

Home Monday, October 16, 1871.

Arose at five o'clock and fed the hogs, brought in the horses and fed them before breakfast. Will went to help John Melvin to thresh and I went to town and got a parcel driven on Jimmie. Father came home from Middletown and ground some cane for Mr. McElroy's dinner and made molasses afterwards. Helen, Charlie and I went to David Shorely's and visited with Geo. Batty and his wife until bed time. R. F. Cooper and family

Tuesday 17

Home. Slept until six. Helped father to put on a pair of carriages in the morning. Will and I spent most of the day gathering apples. Settled up some business in the evening concerning our old threshing machine. Will Shorely and Sammie called on us in the evening. Somewhat cloudy at night.

Home Wednesday 18

We spent most of the forenoon gathering apples and then we went to Boyd's Coal bank and put in a culvert before dinner. In the afternoon we mended the road some and put in another culvert at the forks of the road. At night I put poles and one hatch on my shelves. Weather fine

Home (near Eldersville Pa.  
Thursday, October 19, 1871.

We unloaded the power of the machine in the morning and took a team and the front wheels of our wagon and we went to Mrs. Philips and helped to put three new logs in her old house. We did not get through until five o'clock. Three of us at work from nine. Geo. Creffen, Robert Cooper and John S. Gillespie there. Evening quite warm.

A. Hanlin's Friday 20

Father and I spent the forenoon putting in a culvert in the road in front of Mrs. McCreedy's house. Spent most of the afternoon hauling pumpkins. Will attended a frolic cleaning out Gillespie's Mill pond. Helen Chaddie & I went to father Hanlin's & spent the night there. Mitch. Stewart & Maggie all away.

Home Saturday 21

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's and batched Province's boys grinding some apples. Got home about eleven o'clock and found father and Will hauling manure. Spent the afternoon hauling manure and went to Mrs. Cresidy's in the evening and brought home our brooms

Home Sunday, October 22, 1871.

We attended church in Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Puler preach from Isaiah ~~XXXIV~~ of 11". We took dinner at father's and attended church in the evening at Pine Grove church and heard Rev. Mr. Davis preach from Luke ~~XXIV~~ part of 13". He came to me after service and made himself known as Saml. Davis who had gone to school to me near Buffalo Billage. Was much surprised.

Home Monday 23

Spent the forenoon doing chores such as separating sheep, putting up an ash hopper, and cleaning up the barn for threshing. We hauled two loads of manure after dinner and hauled some rails and built a pen for our straw. Will went to town as night and got some beef. I husked some corn for the boys. Rained some during day.

Home Tuesday 24

Morning was cloudy and wet. We took the machine to Geo. Boyde and threshed for Alex. Shrother and John. Did not get quite done. Mrs. Philie and Mrs. Barber visited at father's. Father very unwell. I went to Mr. Bolis as night to invite held to thresh tomorrow

Near Eldersville Pa.

Home Wednesday, October 23, 1871.

Arose twenty minutes after four attended to some of the feeding & spotted a hole in the stable floor. We went to Boyds and finished threshing John Lawth's barley. Got home, set the machine and threshed eight bushels of wheat before dinner. Father was very poorly during the day. Not able to be out with us at all. Rained some at night.

Home Thursday 26

Arose a little after five and after doing the feeding we spent the forenoon finishing the threshing of our wheat. Had 200 bushels. I went to town in the evening and settled with the supervisors for our work on the roads.

Rec'd forty six carts for work over our tax. Rained in the evening very hard.

Home Friday 27

Arose about six. Mill and I spent most of the forenoon doing chores. Carried some old corn from the crib to the barn. Husked corn the remainder of the day. After doing the evening work we went to church. Aunt Sally, Helen and I in the spring wagon. Left Charlie at home. Heard Rev.

Home Saturday, October 28, 1871.

Spent the day doing chores. After doing the feeding in the morning, we repaired the corn crib some. Mill went out on search of our young dog which had strayed away. Father and I worked some on a new bolster for our wagon bed, mended our wheel barrow and buried about twenty heads of cabbage. The weather was somewhat cool and blustry. Father's health considerably improved.

Home Sunday 29

Arose about six o'clock and after doing the feeding I went to Eldersville on horseback and heard Rev. J. B. Lucas preach from I Kings 17: 1-6. Steward Hanlin & Maggie came home with me for dinner and we all went back at night. Helen & Charlie also and heard Rev. Geo. Stockton preach from John 4: 18, 1st part of 42. He preached a very good sermon to a very large audience.

Home Monday 30

Arose a few minutes after five. Mill, Helen, Charlie and I went to Steelville in the spring wagon and got some groceries and dry goods. Late night rode home with us as far as Robert McCreedy's. We got home about eleven. Mill went to town church at night. Father and Mother went to see Mrs. B. the house at

Wrote for up and down

Home Tuesday, October 31, 1871.  
Arose about six O'clock. Father  
and I spent the forenoon repairing  
our old wagonbed. John Ferguson  
was here helping to husk corn. We hauled  
in one load in the afternoon. John  
took supper with us. C. M. Steppener  
came for Aunt Sally in the evening  
and told us that they had another  
young daughter only a few hours old.  
Weather fine. Rained some in the evening.  
No Holloweers about that we know of.

Home Wednesday, November 1  
Rose between five and six O'clock.  
We spent the forenoon husking  
corn. Hauled in about fifty  
bushels of ears at dinner time.  
We spent the afternoon digging  
potatoes. We buried about  
twenty bushels. Mrs. Bole took  
dinner at father's and supper  
with us. Will went to town to  
church at night. Weather very cool.

Home Thursday 2  
We spent the day digging  
potatoes. We put about 25 bushels  
into a pole before dinner. After  
dinner we put about fifteen bushels  
in barrels and put them in the  
cellar. Father and Will cleaned  
some wheat to take to Mill yard,  
I shelled some corn. Helen, Charlie  
and I went to David Shock's

Home Friday, November 3, 1871.  
Arose ten minutes before four O'clock  
and brought in the horses and  
harnessed them before breakfast.  
We shelled some corn for mush  
and I went to the land mill in the  
forenoon. Got some of our grinding  
home with me. We finished  
digging our potatoes in the after-  
noon. Had about ninety bushels  
altogether. Father and mother  
went to John Melvin's in the evening.

Home Saturday 4  
We arose about half past five O'clock.  
Will and I husked fifty bushels  
of ears of sound corn before the  
middle of the day. After dinner  
we hauled in the corn and hauled  
up a load of coal. Took a small  
load of coal to town in the  
evening to the church and put up  
an upping block and swept the  
church. We did not retire until near

Home Sunday 5  
We attended church at Eldersville  
and heard Rev. Mr. Hardie preach  
from Roman's II 16. Will, Hanlin  
Sue and Jimmie Hanlin took dinner  
with us. Will and Sue came from  
Bethel from church. Weather rather  
peculiar. Very heavy frost and very  
heavy fog in the morning until  
almost noon when the sun came

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.  
Monday, November 6, 1871.

Arose 20 minutes before five O'clock  
We spent the day husking corn.  
Three of us husked and cribbed  
100 bushels of ears. Father and I  
killed a sheep in the evening.  
I went to town and got a shoe  
driven on Doll. Will went to  
mill and brought home our  
flour. Received a letter from  
J. M. Richmond. He was married  
recently. Weather fine & cool.

Home Tuesday 7  
Arose a few minutes before five  
and harnessed the horses before break-  
fast. Will had brought the horses  
in before I got up. We went to  
Saunders and husked and hauled  
in 100 bushels of corn and left  
about ten bushels husked in the  
field. Went to Murchland's ~~at~~  
night and secured Roberts' services  
for tomorrow husking corn.

Home Wednesday 8  
Arose a few minutes after four  
O'clock. Will brought in the horses  
and I helped him to harness them.  
We went to Saunders and with  
the help of Robt Murchland &  
Byron Saunders we husked and  
cribbed two hundred bushels of  
corn. Will went to Steens in  
the morning and Jacob Dunt

Home Thursday, November 9, 1871.

Arose a few minutes before  
five and brought in the horses.  
Father being somewhat unwell  
Will and I went to Saunders to  
hulk. Father came to us at noon.  
We husked and cribbed 100 bus.  
Byron helped us to gather it  
up. Rained some at night.  
Drew up some finger stalls.

Home Friday 10  
Arose a few minutes before  
six O'clock and harnessed the  
team before breakfast. We  
went to Saunders and John  
Ferguson helped us to hulk  
a load of corn before dinner.  
Rain drove us in. Came home at  
noon. John and Susannah here.  
Aren and Charlie at Cooper's. I went  
for them in the evening and ate <sup>there</sup> supper.

Home Saturday 11  
Arose at five and helped Will to harness  
the team. John Ferguson was  
with us and we cribbed about 130  
bushels of corn during the day. Father  
left us about three O'clock and  
went to Bushfield's. C. M. Stephenson  
brought Aunt Sally home. Weather  
very fine for corn husking.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Sunday, November 12, 1871.

Spent the forenoon at home. Will and I attended to the feeding in the morning. Will and Aunt Sally went to Church at Eldersville in the forenoon. Aunt Sally, Mary Jackson and Maggie, Ella Charlie and I went to Pinegrove in the evening and heard Rev. Davis preach from the Peter 11111 and 1st part of 18. Congregation small. Day fine.

Home Monday 13  
Arose a few minutes before five O'clock helped Will to harness the team. Helped father to rebuild some fence that had been blown down. We went to Saynders and husked Corn during the day. Jacob Dinit and John Ferguson helping us. Only cribbed 15 bushels during day. Made late beginning and the Corn was short.

Home Tuesday 14  
Arose between five and six O'clock and harnessed the team. Jacob Dinit, John Ferguson and Will husked a few sacks of Corn before the rain came on. Father and I killed and cleaned a pig in the forenoon. Rained nearly all day. I threw back some corn into the crib and mended my boots.

Home Wednesday, November 15, 1871.

When I arose in the morning I found the ground white with snow. Brought the old mare and colts to the stable first thing. Assisted father and Will about feeding, then Will and I went to the coal bank and worked most of the day deepening the drain. Will hauled up some coal in the evening which Will Thorley and Albert Jay. I helped them to make some pumpkin butter at night. Day cold and stormy.

Home Thursday 15  
Arose at six. Ground white with snow and freezing. Repaired the spring some before breakfast and turned the water into the spring house. Spent most of the day mending Aunt Arny's shoes and Helen's. Wrote a letter at night to P. M. Richmond. Father and mother came in and sat until bedtime.

Home Friday 17  
Arose at six and helped to do the feeding. Father and I separated some ewes and turned them out to raise lambs from. I took our sow to Stephenson's in the afternoon. Father and Will hauled in a load of corn & some coal. Wrote a letter at night to C. C. Lohmeyer.

Father Hanlin  
Home Saturday, November 18, 1871.

After we had done the feeding in the morning we husked about fifty bushels of ears of corn before dinner and hauled it in after dinner. Will and I hauled two loads of coal in the afternoon. Sam Stephenson came to see if he could get a buck. Cyrus Stephenson came and bought our fat hogs at four cents per pound. We went to Father Hanlin's and spent the night there.

Home Sunday 19  
Took breakfast and dinner at father Hanlin's. Attended church at Tucker's and heard Rev. Swery preach from Heb. VIII 182 Very good sermon. Rev. Mr. Campbell preached in Eldersville. We got home about sunset. Weather was somewhat cloudy during the day.

Home Monday 20  
Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and curried the horses before breakfast. Harneped three horses and went to Saunders to huck corn. Mr. Cassidy and John Ferguson helped us during the day. Father and Will took four hogs to the station which weighed 1445 lbs sold at four cents per lb. Wrote a letter

Home Tuesday, November 21, 1871

Arose about fifteen minutes before five o'clock and curried and harneped the horses. John Ferguson was helping us and we husked and cribbed 150 bushels of corn. Byron Saunders was not at home so we did all the hauling. My fingers getting very sore. Charlie was very unwell all day, supposed he was troubled with worms. Felt quite unwell myself. Headache.

Home Wednesday 22  
Arose a few minutes after five and fed and curried the horses. We went to the Saunders' field and husked 160 bushels of corn. Sammie Thorley and John Ferguson helping us. Albert Thorley helped in the forenoon but it was too cold for him in the afternoon, he having a bad cold. Snowed considerably during the day evening quite stormy.

Home Thursday 23  
Arose about five o'clock and found it very cold. Harneped the horses and we husked a load of corn at home in the forenoon and then went to Saunders in the afternoon and found Johnie Murchland and Jacob Smith there husking for us, they had been there all forenoon and took dinner with Byron who was husking



Home Near Eldersville Pa.  
Friday, November 24, 1871.

Arose at five and found snow on the ground. I harnessed the team before breakfast. We went to Sammers' and hauled in corn which was husked yesterday. Was very muddy in the field. Father and I husked until dark. The fodder was in good order after the rain. Will came home and did the feeding and went to town to a Elocutionary Entertainment.

N. Lees Saturday 25

We spent most of the day husking corn at Sammers. John Murchland and Jacob Smith were helped us to husk until we got through about one o'clock and then we had two loads to haul in. Helen, Charlie & I went to Nick Lee's and spent the night there. Uncle John Hanlin there also. Quarterly meeting at the Chapel. Weather fine.

Home Sunday 26

Took breakfast at Mr Lee's and then we went to Harmona Creek Chapel where we heard Rev. Griner preach from Heb. ~~XII~~ 24-26 inclusive. Took dinner at Mr. Sam's Standburg's. Attended Church again in the evening and heard Griner preach from Heb. ~~XIII~~ 1. Got home about nine o'clock. Rained some in the evening.

Home Monday, November 27, 1871.

We finished husking our corn about three o'clock and found that we had raised about 2000 bushels of ears altogether. We attended a Phrenological lecture in town delivered by J. Beamer. Got a Phrenological chart of Charlie's head. The chart made out for him a very good head. I had my head examined and thought he told the truth. Day very chilly and cold.

Home Tuesday 28

After doing the feeding in the morning we shelled some corn and took it to Rylands' Mill. We attended a Phrenology Lecture in town at night delivered by Prof. Beamer. Subject Phrenology. Very interesting. He met sixteen ladies and gentlemen and examined quite a number of heads. Weather somewhat cold.

Home Wednesday 29

Arose at six and, father and I went to Stemberville with market. Weather was very cold. David Thorley butchered his hog. Will was helping him. Helen there. I went over at night. Aunt Ann kept Charlie's. As father and I came home the wagon broke down at Robert McCreedy's and we had to leave it and the load.

Home Thursday, November 30, 1871.

Went to Robert McCready's in the morning and brought home our spring wagon which was broken down. Took it to D. Thorley's for repairs. Helped Game Phillips to butcher in the afternoon and commenced covering the wagonship in the evening and worked at it until ten o'clock before I retired. Day quite cold.

Home Friday, December 1

Attended to the feeding in the morning and father and I cut the ice so the water would run into the water trough. Went to Mrs. Pagnis and helped Robt Cooper to butcher. I came home about four o'clock and helped father to do the feeding. Will stayed and helped to cut the sausage. A fine day for butchering!

Home Saturday 2

Spent the forenoon covering our wagonship and doing chores. In the afternoon I went to Will Hamlin's to look over the farm which he had recently sold in view of renting it. Stopped at John Melvin's a short time and also at the station. Wrote a letter to J. B. Singer. Stopped in town as I came home.

Home Sunday, December 3, 1871.

Went to David Thorley's in the morning and brought home our spring wagon and we went in it to church. Heard Rev. Hardie preach from James II 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. Good congregation out. No preaching anywhere else in the neighborhood. Wrote a letter in the evening for Aunt Ann and Sally to A. B. Elliott. We took tea with Aunt Sally and Aunt Anne. Weather very fine.

Home Monday 4

After doing the feeding in the morning we took the bed off the wagon and put the grain carriage on with the low wheels and Will and I hauled two loads of corn fodder from the Saunders' cornfield. Gran Crisp came about noon and spent the afternoon with us. Weather became very cold in the afternoon.

Home Tuesday 5

Arose about six o'clock and found that Mercury was about one degree below zero. Fed the horses and cut the ice out of the water trough before breakfast. Went to the coalbank and spent most of the day wheeling out slack and draining the bank. Helped Helen to clean some chickens in the

Home Near Eldersville Pa  
Wednesday, December 6, 1871.

Bed the horses in the morning before breakfast and cut the ice out of the water trough. Went to the coal bank between eight and nine o'clock and dug forty two bushels of coal and father and I hauled it up in the evening. Gran Crisp here sewing. Will went to town in the evening with the spring wagon to get a molasses barrel but did not get one. Elen. & Sautter here over night.

Home Thursday 7  
E. Sautter took breakfast with us. Will and I spent the day hauling fodder from the Saunders place. We hauled three loads and Sammie Sholey hauled one with two horses. Champ got so lame that we had to take him out of the team. Supposed to be gravelled. Gran Crisp still here. Weather fine.

Home Friday 8  
Arose at five and kindled the fire in the stove, went back to bed and dozed until almost six. We finished hauling fodder from the Saunders place during the day. Sammie Sholey hauled one two horse load for us. We got through about sunset. Father went to Eldersville to the Station for the mail. Gran Crisp

Home Saturday, December 9, 1871.  
Spent nearly all forenoon trying to get all the water of the spring to run into the trough. After dinner Will and I hauled a load of corn fodder and father and I hauled some wood for butchering purposes. Will went to Independence in the evening and father and I attended to the feeding. I went to town at night and bought some things for house use. Day somewhat cold but clear.

Home Sunday 10  
Arose at six and helped father to do the feeding, Will being away. Father and Aunt Sally, Helen, Charlie and I went to Church in the Spring wagon and heard Rev. B. Lucas preach from Ephesians VI 13. Took dinner at father's. Weather somewhat cold and windy. Spent the afternoon and evening at home.

Home Monday 11  
We got some wood in the morning and killed our beef before dinner. Will went to town in the evening for salt. Father & I did the feeding. Got word in the evening that Aunt Jane McKeever was dead. Cut up our beef at night and did not get through until eleven o'clock. Weather

Home  
Tuesday, December 12, 1871.  
Father, Mother and Will.  
Started at six O'clock to Bethany  
to attend the funeral of Aunt Jane  
McKeever, and did not get home  
until eight at night. I spent  
the day preparing for butchering.  
Went to Cooper's and got a fat pig.  
Hauled some wood and stone  
and put up two posts to  
hang hogs on. Went to the Station  
in the evening for the mail.

Home Wednesday 13  
Arose at five O'clock and carried  
some water for butchering but it  
was snowing some and we have decided  
to postpone for fear of rain, but  
went ahead and got through & crept  
about 12 O'clock. Cut up the hogs in  
the afternoon and rendered our tallow  
and cut and mixed our sausage as  
usual. We salted our meat also  
and got to bed between eleven & twelve.

Home Thursday 14  
Arose about seven O'clock and  
spent the forenoon cleaning up  
after butchering and putting things  
to rights. In the afternoon I  
went to Will Paulin's and made  
arrangements with him to go to  
Pittsburgh tomorrow. Leonora Bra-  
shier sick there. Stopped at John Nelson's  
as I came home, he being away, I fed his

Home  
Friday, December 15, 1871.  
Arose a few minutes before five  
O'clock and got ready and went to  
Pittsburgh on the accommodation  
train with Major Hanlin to see Mr.  
Bingler concerning the renting of his farm.  
Took dinner at Bingler's and found  
him in Pittsburg attending a meeting.  
He took us into a drinking saloon to  
take the matter over. Would not drink with  
him. He and Will Hanlin drank Sassafras.  
We did not bargain. Got home about 7 1/2 P.M.

Home Saturday 16  
Arose about six O'clock and helped  
to do the feeding. Will and I  
hauled three loads of fodder in  
the forenoon. After dinner we  
shelled some corn and prepared some  
chopping to take to the mill. I took  
Robert Cooper's buck home in the  
evening. Spent the evening at  
home. Weather very fine for the  
time of year. Appearance of snow.

Home Sunday 17  
Arose at six and helped to do the  
feeding. We got ready and went  
to church at Eldersville where we  
heard W. W. preach from Isaiah  
38 and last part of 1. Not so good  
a sermon as he generally preaches.  
Aunt Sully not able to go to church.  
pain in her back and hand & called.

Dear Eldersville Pa.  
Home Monday, December 18, 1871.

Arose about six when Helen had breakfast ready. Helped to do the feeding. Will came home about half past seven. I repaired some fence at the end of the lane. Will and I took Thos's kettle home and I made Charlie a little cart while I was there. Ate dinner there. Ground our axes in the afternoon and I mended my boot home at night. Spelling at the schoolhouse at night.

Tuesday 19

Spent part of the forenoon helping father to cut a tree for stable flooring. Went to John's and got his crop cut sewed. Found it as Gornathan Wright, Susannah Melvin at father's sewing at a pair of pants. Snowed in the afternoon and was quite cold.

Home Wednesday 20  
Helped to do the feeding in the morning and then walked to Robert Riddle's to see how the sick folks were. Found Maggie sitting up and Liz doing the housework. Did not see Robert. Got home a little after dark. Weather quite cold. Mercury below zero in the

Home Thursday, December 21, 1871.

Arose at six and spent the forenoon feeding stock and watering them. Mercury stood fifteen degrees below zero at daylight. Very cold all day. Father and I dug out a trough to put in below the spring to water the horses from. We attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Cassidy's at night. Quite a good turnout.

Friday 22

Spent the forenoon feeding stock and putting in a watering trough. After dinner I went to the woods and got a tongue for the little sled. Snowed very fast in the afternoon and made pretty good sleighs but it rained some in the evening and got warm. James Wood's came along and paid his trucking bill. Will went to town <sup>in sleigh</sup> and got Champ and Jimmie shod.

Saturday 23

Home. Spent a few minutes after six and helped to do some of the feeding, then went to David Shole's and helped to scrape two pigs which they killed. Made a single tree and came home and found C. D. Stephenson and family here. Some men met at Mrs. McConnell's and had a little talk about the



Home Saturday, December 30, 1871.

Spent most of the forenoon doing chores. Will and I hauled a load of fodder. Father, mother, Mr. & Mrs. Hardee and my family took dinner at S. Thorley's. We had a good time. Spent the evening at father's with Mr. & Mrs. Hardee. We had some oysters for supper. Weighed Mr. & Mrs. Hardee, Helen and Mary Jackson with the Stegards. Weather somewhat cloudy.

Home Sunday 31  
Took Mr. & Mrs. Hardee to church in the spring wagon. Heard Mr. Hardee preach from James II & 2, he preached one of his most able sermons. Thundered and lightning during the day and evening. We took dinner at father's. Will took the Reverend and his wife some in the afternoon and the weather was very unfavorable. At the

Missionary collection taken up at the church twenty dollars were subscribed. Father, Will & I subscribed five dollars apiece. Helen felt quite unwell in the evening with a pain in her head. Aunt Sallie was quite poorly and not able to attend church. Father had some of his ribs broken.

Sept of Scripture heard <sup>from</sup> preached  
MEMORANDA.

- January
- 1<sup>st</sup> ~~III Kings~~ IV 5<sup>th</sup> clause 26<sup>th</sup> Sheets. Tucker's
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Mark II 14<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> " "
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~Mat.~~ VIII 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> " "
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Rom. VIII 35<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> incl. Lucas. Eldersville
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Heb. III 1<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Palmer "
  - Song's Solomon III 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Lucas "

- February
- 6<sup>th</sup> Luce Xta 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> " "
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Rom. XIII 1<sup>st</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> " "
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Daniel III 44<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> Hastings "
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Gal. V 14<sup>th</sup> Tolen "
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Mat XXIII 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Lucas "
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Ep. Paul of James I 27<sup>th</sup> " "
  - 26<sup>th</sup> St. John VII 49<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Palmer "

- March
- 4<sup>th</sup> Eccl. IX 10<sup>th</sup> Petty. Tucker's
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Mat. II 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> " "
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Ep. Paul of James I 27<sup>th</sup> Palmer Father's
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Exodus XX 8<sup>th</sup> Plummer Eldersville
  - 18<sup>th</sup> John I 14<sup>th</sup> Palmer Middletown
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Heb. IX 1<sup>st</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> " Eldersville

- April
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm CXXXVI 6<sup>th</sup> Lucas "
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Romans VIII 1<sup>st</sup> of 15<sup>th</sup> Plummer "
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Heb. IX ch. 1 23<sup>rd</sup> Lucas. "
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Eph. IV 1<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Plummer "
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Rom. VIII 1<sup>st</sup> of 17<sup>th</sup> Lucas "

- May
- 7<sup>th</sup> Exodus XIV ch. 1 15<sup>th</sup> Tolen "
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Acts XVII part 31<sup>st</sup> Wallace Old settled
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Ps. VIII 1<sup>st</sup> of 23<sup>rd</sup> Lucas Bethel