

*The Diaries of
Samuel Jones Melvin*

1872

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1872.



MOON'S PHASES.

	d.	h.	m.	
FIRST QUARTER,	7	6	33	Morning.
FULL MOON,	14	4	46	Evening.
LAST QUARTER,	22	9	14	Evening.
NEW MOON,	30	1	38	Morning.

D. M.	Day of Week.	MISCELLANEOUS.	Sun Rises.	Sun. Sets	Moon Rises & Sets.	High Water.
1	S.	1st Sunday in Advent.	7 19	4 41	5 35	3 11
2	M.	John Brown hung, 1859.	7 19	4 41	6 39	4 10
3	Tu.	Siege of Knoxville, 1863.	7 20	4 40	7 49	5 8
4	W.	Winchester surrendered.	7 20	4 40	9 1	5 54
5	Th.	Bat. Coffeeville, Miss., 1862.	7 21	4 39	10 12	6 42
6	Fr.	Rhode Island taken, 1776.	7 21	4 39	11 24	6 30
7	Sa.	Ney shot, 1815.	7 22	4 38	morn	7 18
8	S.	2d Sunday in Advent.	7 22	4 38	12 32	7 58
9	M.	Sumter bombarded, 1863.	7 23	4 37	1 40	8 44
10	Tu.	Battle of Pt. Royal, Va., '62.	7 23	4 37	2 51	9 31
11	W.	Fredericksburg bombarded.	7 23	4 37	3 59	10 35
12	Th.	Charles XII. killed, 1718.	7 24	4 36	5 10	11 39
13	Fr.	Battle of Fredericksburg, '62.	7 24	4 36	6 24	12 42
14	Sa.	Ember Day.	7 24	4 36	rises.	1 44
15	S.	3d Sunday in Advent.	7 25	4 35	5 40	2 41
16	M.	Boston Tea Party, 1773.	7 25	4 35	6 24	3 34
17	Tu.	Bat. of Mumfordsville, 1861.	7 25	4 35	7 28	4 28
18	W.	Bat. of Lexington, Ky., 1862.	7 25	4 35	8 29	5 10
19	Th.	Rome burned, 69.	7 25	4 35	9 30	5 50
20	Fr.	South Carolina seceded, 1860.	7 25	4 35	10 21	6 42
21	Sa.	Savannah taken, 1864.	7 26	4 34	11 19	7 32
22	S.	4th Sunday in Advent.	7 25	4 35	11 54	8 20
23	M.	Xerxes enthroned, 486 B. C.	7 25	4 35	morn	9 11
24	Tu.	Edwin M. Stanton died, 1869.	7 25	4 35	12 40	9 56
25	W.	CHRISTMAS.	7 25	4 35	1 48	11 40
26	Th.	38 Indians hung, 1862.	7 25	4 35	2 59	11 30
27	Fr.	St. John died, 100 A. D.	7 25	4 35	4 1	12 20
28	Sa.	Ghent Treaty ratified, 1814.	7 25	4 35	5 18	12 59
29	S.	Sunday after Christmas.	7 24	4 36	6 34	1 40
30	M.	The Jesuits founded, 1535.	7 24	4 36	sets.	2 18
31	Tu.	Battle of Stone River, 1862.	7 24	4 36	6 18	2 58

Home near Eldersville Pa.
 Arose a few minutes before six. Did most of the feeding as Will. was absent from home and father was not well. Made out a proposition for the renting of Mr. Binyler's farm on Harmon's Creek. Wrote a letter to Binyler and took it to the station in the afternoon. Stopped at Stephenson on my return. Number of boys playing ball in Eldersville. Robert Murchland let a paddle fly and struck Robert Smith Esq. on the forehead and came near killing him. Got home about four o'clock. Weather becoming somewhat cooler and the ground freezing.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
Spent the forenoon doing
the feeding and getting Will
started to Mill with some
wheat. Robert Riddle came
in the afternoon and paid
his threshing bill which I
set in last years account.
Mammie Cassid and Maggie
came in the evening and
went with us in the
Springwagon to Eldersville
to the singing. Good
turnout and good singing.
Roads very muddy and
weather warm. Got home
near eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
Arose at six o'clock and
did the feeding as usual.
Spent part of the day
preparing a shelter for a
young calf. Rained
nearly all day and I spent
part of the afternoon in
the house reading in the
American Wesleyan.
Spent the evening at
home with my family.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

While we were preparing
some chopping to take to the
Mill Mr. Sturgeon came
along and bought our beef
for \$45. Mill and I helped
to drive him and one of
David Thorley's and one
of Robt Cooper's to Ryland's
Mill. Had to run consid-
erably. I took the team
and a load of grinding
to the mill. Got home
a little before sunset.

Mill and Mary E.
McKeever went to John
Melvin's to stay all night.
Roads very muddy.
Weather somewhat warm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

After doing up my por-
tion of the feeding in the
morning I cut down some
straw off the stack for
the cows. Lydia Cooper
and Mary Lizzie came
and took dinner with
us. I went to Ryland's
Mill in the afternoon
and brought home a
load of chop for feed.
Mill and Mary E. Mc-
Keever went to Cooper's
in the evening. Mill
Thorley was with us
until bedtime.

Weather somewhat cold.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersport.
Spent the forenoon feeding
and doing chores.

Finished a new trough
to feed our cow in.

Father and Mother went
to Middletown to Quarterly
Meeting. Will and I
washed up our two horse
wagon and I took it
to town for repairs.

Went to John Melon's
and to Danlin Station.
Got home a little after
dark. Weather quite
cold. Roads very bad.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1872.

James Denny's Mt. Middletown.
We arose at half past four o'clock
and did up our morning work &
got ready and went to Middletown
to Quarterly Meeting. Alma
Shoely went with us in the
spring wagon. Heard Rev.
Hardie preach a good sermon from
Mat. ~~21~~ 21. Took dinner at
Denny's attended breakfast at
three o'clock. Heard Hardie at
night from Matthew ~~23~~ 23. 55.
Splendid sermon. We went
to James Denny's where we
spent the night very pleasant-
ly. Good and attentive
audiences out to hear
Hardie and people generally
well pleased with him.
Weather tolerably fair but
road exceedingly rough.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1872.

Home near Ellersville
Took breakfast at Mrs
Denny's. Spent nearly all
the forenoon running about
town shopping and did not
buy much either. Started
home about eleven o'clock
and got home about two.

Rained most of the forenoon
and froze as it fell but
did not rain while we were
on our way home.

I went to town at night
for the news mail not being
up I went to the station
for it and did not get
anything but the Wesleyan's.
Snowed some in the evening.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1872.

Home near Ellersville Pa
Arose at seven o'clock.
Spent the forenoon feeding
the stock, and hunting over
the woods for a stick to make
a log sled of. Found one on
Mrs. Cassidy's place and cut it
in the afternoon after asking
him for it. Helped Helen to
churn. Father and mother
spent the day at C. G. Stephen
son's. They got home after
dark. John Melvin called
in the evening to see us
while on his way home.

Will and Mary E. McKee
went to David Shorley's
to stay until bedtime.
Snowed some during
the day. Roads very rough.
Spent the evening reading
in the American Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville
Arose at five and put
fire in stove. After doing
the feeding we spent
most of the day making
a log sled. We hewed out
a set of runners and
worked them. I went
to the woods and got
some poles for poles and
tongue.

Thorpe's boys hauling
logs to sawmill.

Wrote a letter at night
to Rev. C. F. Palmer.

Snow melting off. But
little on the ground.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa
After doing the feeding
father and I got out some
timber for our log sled and
we all spent the day making
it. Got it put together
against feeding time.

Helen and I attended
prayer meeting at Mrs
Cirtner's. E. O. Lawther,
Mary J. McKeever and
Will Melvin attended.
a singing in Eldersville.
Weather very fine and
the snow all melted off.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1872.

A. Hamlin's Paris Pa.
Borrowed William
Cassidy's Wagon in the
morning and father and
Will went to Steubenville.
I did some chores
about the house. Mended
the saddle straps of our
spring wagon and greased
them. Rachel came over
and Susan Virtue visited
us. About four o'clock
we started to father
Hamlin's where we spent
the night. Father and
Margaret both away.
Day very fine.
Roads muddy.
Had a good time generally.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa
Arose about seven o'clock and
took breakfast at father
Hamlin's. Helped the boys
to haul some corn.
Ate dinner about one
o'clock and came home
in the afternoon.
Will, Thosly and Sammie
came in the evening and
sat until bedtime.
Father and Aunt Ann
were also in a short
time. Day quite
cloudy and snowed some
in the evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.
Arose at six and attended
to the feeding, Will being
away from home.

We attended Church in
Eldersville expecting to hear
Mr. Nolan preach but he
did not come and we just
had pray meeting. I lead the
exercises. David sang.

Ann Thorley and Annie
Came home with father for
dinner and we ate up there.

I did the feeding in the
evening and did not attend
Church anywhere at night.

Presidential meeting at
Bethel. Charlie was left
at home with Aunt Ann in
the forenoon and he cried at
night because he could not go
to church with Will Thorley.
Weather quite cold.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock
and after we had done our
feeding we finished our
new log sled and then
after dinner we hitched
up our team and went
and hauled two logs
for David Thorley.

Found that the draught
was a little too high on
our sled and when
we came home I took
the wagon double trees off it
and put the other double
trees under the tongue.

Will Thorley and father
put two rings in our
old log sled and fixed it
up to haul on.

I put a piece on the
toe of my boot at night.
Snowing some.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and swept
the snow off the paths.

Fed the horses and carried
before breakfast. We hauled
logs during the day for
David Thorley. Hauled
with four horses and
they hauled with two.

Quite a number hauling
in logs, all neighboring
in rolling up except J. L.
and J. T. Bales who prepared
to go it on their own hook.

Will went out with the
sleigh at night with G.
& M. Keever to Eldersville to
Church. Geo. Gardner
was with us over night.

Came to give us some
instruction about working
our sewing machine.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose 20 minutes before six.
Geo. Gardner took break-
fast with us.

We spent the day hauling
logs for David Thorley.

Father and I were with them
while Will was hauling
fodder and doing chores.

At night I mended
my old gloves some and
put some gauntlets to them
just snatched enough on
the road to make sled
run easy.

Will took Aunt
Sally and Mary & M. Keever
to church to Eldersville
in the sled at night.
Evening quite cold.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about five O'clock and fed and harnessed the horses. Father and I helped David Thorley's folks to haul sawlogs, and together we put in twelve logs. While hauling the one before the last log a crooked rail turned up under the sled and caught my ankle and sprained my foot so badly that I could hardly walk.

Will took Mary E. McKeever home on horseback, and was home in time to do the feeding in the evening.

Father and Mother were in our house until bedtime. Helen and Mother did a churning. My foot quite sore.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen arose and put on the fires, my foot being too sore for me to get about well.

Father and Will took our four horse team and helped Thorley's to haul logs until after dinner when the rain stopped them. I hobbled about and helped to put poles on the two sleds. There made a lever for a carb hook and took it to town and got James Robertson to iron it.

I got home a little before dark. Rained nearly all afternoon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped to do some of the feeding in the morning. Thorley's boys came over and helped us to cut some sawlogs. We had three cross cut saws. Run but two of them. Cut about nineteen logs and most of them were quite large. I borrowed Billy McConnell's saw and when I took it home again Mrs McConnell filled my pockets with apples. My foot was so sore that I rode out to and in from work.

We went to David Thorley's at night and stayed until bedtime.

Snowed some in the evening. Was snowing at bedtime.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning, Father, Will, Helen, Charlie and I went to Eldersville by the spring wagon and heard Lucas preach from Ephesians VII 15 & 16. Will did not come home and father and I did the feeding.

We went to the school-house at night and heard Rev. Mr Davis preach from Mark VII 12. Got very many out.

Snowed nearly all day but did not make much snow on the ground.

My sore foot getting well fast.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six o'clock and fed and curried the horses before breakfast.

We lowered the roller in our logsled and Will

Thorley brought his young mare over and we put her in Champ's place and hauled logs to the saw-mills.

The mare kicked some and broke a ring-tree.

Champ was wounded with a splinter broken off the side of the stall by old Sal getting fast in the stall on Saturday night. Father and mother came in and sat until bedtime.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and fed the horses and cleaned out the stable before breakfast. Will Thorley was with us and we had David's team hauling logs on the two sleds.

Double teamed and hauled two very large logs with five horses. Ground bare and frozen. David Thorley and his two boys were cutting logs on Perin's place.

Sewed up my gloves at night and wrote out the minutes of the last temperance meeting. Day cold.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
Arose about four o'clock
and put on the fire, then
lay down and dozed
until five, when I got
up and cleaned out the
stable and curried and
fed and harnessed the
horses before breakfast.

We hauled four of our
sawlogs and then helped
David Thorley to cut and
haul logs from Ferris.

We only put in
ten logs altogether during
the day. Not much
snow on the road, but
it was icy and ground
hard frozen. Had quite
a time cleaning the ice
from the horses legs.

Mercury 12 deg above
zero in the morning and 14 at
night.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes
after six o'clock and helped
father to do the feeding.

Gathered up some mending
and took three horses to the
Smith Shop to get them shod.
Helen went with me and
did some shopping. Took old
Charlie to Robertson's and
got three shoes sharpened and
got a singtree ironed and
the spreader chain mended.

Took Doll and Fannie to
Boles to get them shod and
did not get home until
midnoon. Heard in town
that John McCarrell had
died at Concord Ohio
and his remains were
on their way home.

Weather very fine but
cold and windy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After feeding the horses in the morning I went to David Sholey's and learned the particulars concerning John M. Carrell's death. He was killed by jumping from the cars near New Concord Ohio. Came home and ate breakfast, and father Aunt Sally, Helen and I went to the funeral in the spring wagon. Did not go to the graveyard. Came with the funeral as far as Eldersville and then came home.

We attended Temperance meeting in the Brick Church in the evening and heard Rev. J. B. Lucas speak.

Pretty good turnout.

Weather very cold and no snow on the ground.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1872.

Home. Near Eldersville Pa.

After helping to do the feeding in the morning, I spent the forenoon hauling up some coal on the sled. Very slow business as there was no snow on the ground.

Father and mother went to Eldersville in the afternoon. Will and I ground the axes. A merchant came along wanting cattle but we did not sell any.

Rev. Mr. Hardie's came in the evening and chatted a short time with us and they went up to the other house for supper. Weather still quite cool but somewhat moderated.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa
Arose about six O'clock
And helped to do the feeding
We attended Church in
Eldersville and heard Rev.
Hardie preach from Gen.
XXVII 1st 2nd. Good congre-
gation out. Came home and
ate dinner in haste and
then took Mr. Hardie to
Middletown in the Spring-
wagon. Got home about
half past seven O'clock.
The weather was very
cold and when I came
home I was very much
chilled: Met with Mr.
Proten as I came home
and talked with him
a short time, He and
Mr. Hardie both seemed very
anxious that I should prepare
myself to take work in the church
as a preacher of the Gospel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1872.

Home near Eldersville.
Arose a few minutes
after six O'clock and found
Mercury at zero. Helped to
do the feeding as usual and
Will: went to the coal bank
to dig coal. Father and I
spent most of the day threshing
rye. We got through about
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock and then attended
to the feeding.
Weather very cold all day
and frost flying in the air.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning Will and I hauled a load of fodder for the sheep.

We ate some dinner at home about eleven o'clock and then Helen, Charlie and I got into the spring wagon and went to G. M. Stephenson's where we met Rev. Mr. Lucas and wife.

I put a card on Stephen-son's clock while we stayed.

Gave Mary Etta Stephenson a little drop which cost a dollar and a half.

We got home about five o'clock.

Weather very cold.
Mercury 2 below zero in the morning.

Received a letter from C. C. Labingier

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning we went to the woods and cut two sawlogs and then cut some stowwood with the crosscut saw.

In the evening, Father, Aunt Sally, Helen ^{Charlie} and I went to Eldersville in the spring wagon to church expecting to hear Rev. Mr. Sweeney preach but he did not come and we heard Lucas preach from Daniel ~~11~~ 18³.

Charlie got very sleepy and was troublesome before coming home time.

Mr. Casady and his two girls came to see us at night and we were away.

Weather quite cold.
Snowed about 4 1/2 inches during the night.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

John Melvin's Eldersville Pa.

After doing up our feeding in the morning I took Helen's shoe and went to Cassidy Scott's and got it mended. After I came home I helped father and Will to saw some shinglestuf.

Late in the evening Helen, Charlie and I went to John Melvin's in the spring-wagon and spent the night there. John and Mennie were at church when we went.

Weather quite cold in the morning but moderated during the day.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1872.

Home in Eldersville Pa.

Took breakfast at John Melvin's and then went to Stubenville on the cars. Bought some

apples for Will, Thorley's buggy and some metal sprinkles for our own wagon.

Spent several hours running about through Stubenville.

Bought a quart of Fort wine for C. M. Stephenson for the use of the church for sacramental purposes.

We got home about half past seven o'clock.

Day very fine with some appearance of snow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning, David Thorley, father and I went to the woods and hauled three sawlogs before dinner.

David took dinner with us. Thorley's boys hauled with us in the afternoon and we put in eleven logs during the day.

There were between four and five inches of snow on the ground and the road was somewhat heavy in the forenoon.

Will. Stayed at home, during the day and did chores, mowing the sheep, shelling corn &c &c.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning. Did not attend Church anywhere during the day although there was sacrament at the brick Church in Eldersville. Will. and Aunt Sally went to Church in the sleigh in the forenoon and father went with them at night.

I spent most of the day reading. Read some in the Bible and read three of Henry Ward Beecher's sermons. Read one up at father's at night.

Snow on the ground about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep and some appearance of moss. Roads as smooth as summer time.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Fed the horses in the morning and cleaned out the stable before breakfast. I helped to haul three logs in the forenoon with four horses.

Came home between eleven and twelve o'clock and found Father Hanlin and Margaret here. Father and mother took dinner with us and went to Bushfield's in the evening in the sleigh.

I spent the afternoon visiting with the old folks and then attended to the feeding.

Wrote a note in the evening to J. R. Binger concerning the renting of his farm.

Snow got very soft during the day and melted off considerably. Mercury 40 above zero.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five and kindled the fire. Cleaned out the stable and curried the horses before breakfast. Was about to harness the horses when it commenced to rain and was not at all favorable for hauling logs. Went to David Shorley's and got some putty mixed and then put some glass in a cask.

Put a sole on the sled in the afternoon. Got cold in the afternoon and snowed some.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and fed & harnessed four horses before breakfast and then we went to hauling logs. Took a log from home with us in the morning. David Shorley and two of his boys with their team were hauling with us and we put in ten logs during the day.

Last night was very cold and the run was very bad to cross. Skush ice in the fordings and the hard ice broken in. Eight teams hauling logs.

Aunt Ann came home, quite poorly from David Shorley's. Will bring her home in the sleigh.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five o'clock, put on the fires, cleaned out the stable, fed, carried and harnessed four horses before breakfast. We hauled logs during the day from Perines.

Shorley's team and ours hauled six logs apiece.

Several teams hauling during the day. In the afternoon, Bolles' force rolled two large logs square across the road and left them there while we were putting more over the bank and we hitched our two leaders to them and turned them around.

Weather very favorable for logging.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four o'clock and grease some boots and shoes and then went to the stable and curried, fed and harnessed four horses and cleaned out the stable before daylight.

We spent the day hauling saw logs from Ferine's place. We put in eight logs during the day.

Samuel Thorley hauled two of them.

Snow melting off pretty fast.

I had come in the Pittsburgh Weekly Chronicle at night. Felt very tired.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after six o'clock. After doing the feeding we hauled some corn fodder for the sheep, and put a sole on the sled. I hauled up what coal was on the scaffold on the sled.

Put a half sole on my boot and put a piece on another one.

Went to town at night and heard Rev Phipps preach from Hosea $\text{X} \text{X} 12$ " Pretty good sermon but the speaker kept his voice entirely too high for pleasant speaking.

Bought some soap and candlewick and a half gallon of Carbon Oil. Lay fire

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until after six O'clock
Then arose and attended to
the feeding, Will being away.

We attended church in the
forenoon expecting to hear
Phips preach but Rev.

Phips was there and
preached in his stead
from John VIII 35

A right good sermon.

He came home with us for
dinner and went with
us again to church at

night. Heard him preach
again from II Cor. III 18

Good congregation out.

Evening quite dark and
raining some. Phips came
home with us at night &
stayed at father's.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six O'clock
and after doing my share
of the feeding I helped
to shell some corn for cow
feed and Will took it
to the mill.

Mr. Solomon of Steubenville
took dinner with us and
bought our red cow for \$42
Will and I helped to drive
her away as far as the
"Steubenville road" She was
quite hard to drive.

Father and Will went
to Eldersville to church at
night and I wrote a
letter to Robert and Samer
Hamilton.

Day very fine and warm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Slept until a late hour. After we had done the feeding, Will and I took a water-trough over the hill and put it in position so that the colts might drink from it.

Father and mother went to Stephenson's in the afternoon and spent the night there.

Thunderstorm in the afternoon and then it turned cold.

I borrowed a plow from S. Thorley and commenced digging out stuff for a wagon body. Helen and I went to church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Mr. Lacey preach from Luke XVIII. 28-29. Enoch Haze fell dead from his horse.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1872.

Home near Eldersville P.

Arose at a late hour and helped Will to do the feeding. Went to David Thorley's to learn the particulars of the death of Enoch Haze who was taken from his horse near Ryland's mill by his son and only drew a few bullets afterward. Went to Gillispie's mill in the afternoon and brought home some chopping. Run somewhat ugly to crops on account of the water freezing on the horses.

Dressed some boards and helped to do the feeding in the evening.

Weather very cold and stormy.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

As soon as we got feeding done, Will and I got ready and went to Enoch Hays' funeral. The day was very cold, Mercury being down to ten above zero and the wind blowing frost through the air. Got a very large turn out, about 18 couples on horseback.

Rev. Graham officiated.

Father and I put a pole on the sled after we came home.

Father and Mother were in and sat until bedtime with us. Will went to church in Eldersville at night.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning and some chores I took two horses and the sled and went to Eldersville and brought the wagon bed home.

Helped father and Will to saw some with the Cross cut saw. Helen and I went to Mr. Boles at night and stayed until bedtime.

James T. was at Eldersville to church. Aunt Ann and Aunt Sally kept Charlie for us. He was quite poorly with the cold and was somewhat fretful.

Weather very pleasant.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon hauling some hay from the stable for the ewes. Hauled some wood for the cellar.

After dinner we hauled two sled loads of hay from Mrs. Piques.

Charlie was very poorly with the cold. Father and Mother were in untill bedtime. Albert Thorley was also here.

Snow enough on the roads for hauling on.

Weather quite pleasant.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We did not attend church anywhere in the forenoon and I read two of Anne Ward Beecher's sermons.

Will was not at home and father and I did the feeding.

Helen and I went to church at Eldersville at night in the sleigh and Rev. Lucas preached from Daniel V 30.

Saw Lizzy Wright at church. She had come out from Steubenville on a visit.

Snowed nearly all day and thawed as it fell.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1872.

Robert Riddle's

Father and Hill
hauled two loads of hay
from Mrs Paine's and I
helped them to unload.

I got some sled soles
and prepared the little
sled for running by putting
an old tire on it and
put the bed of the spring
wagon on it. In the
afternoon Helen, Charlie
and I went to Robert
Riddle's where we spent
the night very pleasantly.
Did not retire until
near twelve o'clock.
Snow melting?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1872.

Home Over Eldersville Pa

Slept at Robert Riddle's
until a late hour.

Helen went to Geo
Morrison's a short time
in the forenoon and
we started home about
eleven o'clock. Snow
on the road somewhat
thin. Spent the after-
noon making a new wagon
bed.

Mrs Cassidy, Maggie
and Nannie came and
stayed until bedtime
with us.

Snow nearly all gone.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning, we spent the day making a bed for our two horse wagon; I took it to town in the evening to get it ironed.

Took the pieces up in the spring wagon.

Attended Church and heard Rev. Mr. Lucas make some remarks concerning the Philizian Jailor.

Called at Mr. Lucas' as I came home and got some patterns for Helen to make dresses by. Got home a little after nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and assisted Will and father to do the feeding. We hauled a small sled load of hay from the stable to feed to the ewes. We hauled a load of wood also.

In the afternoon we cut five canlogs, and father and mother went to Bushfields.

I went to Byron Saunders to see about putting in some oats on his farm in the Spring and got the grant of the place.

Weather very fine but cool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After we had done the feeding in the morning I went to David Thorley's and borrowed a cross cut saw and Will and I hauled home clovenood.

Father and Mother brought Mr and Mrs Hardie from Middletown and we attended a Temperance meeting in town at night.

Hardie lectured. Lucas was not there. Hardie spent the night at Lucas' by special request.
Weather very fine and roads muddy.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We lifted and hung our meat in the morning and then spent the remainder of the day doing chores. Thorley's boys had our wagon hauling corn fodder. David cut his foot with the broad

ax while hewing in Steen woods. Will run all the way home for help and the boys happened to be here and his mother had to come all the way over to tell them to go for their father.

Took our spring wagon and brought him home.

Rev. Mr. Hardie lectured in Eldersville on Fables and Proverbs. We took a four horse load. Sincents admittance \$4.75 taken in. Night quite unfavorable.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning we attend church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Mrs. Hardie preach from Mat. ~~XV~~ 26

Good congregation out. Road very heavy. Will took Mr & Mrs. Hardie to Middletown in the evening, and Mother to Bushfields.

Weather becoming somewhat cold and the ground freezing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and helped father to do the feeding. Will being at Middletown. Father put the pickle on the meat. Spent to town and got a shoe put on Charlie and bought some articles at the store. Paid John Cooper for the Pittsburgh Gazette. Spent the evening at home. Lydia Cooper came over to get me to bring a pint of Whisky from Steubenville for Robert for medicine.

Day quite fine but somewhat cool. Roads somewhat rough.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five and did my usual amount of feeding and then Albert, Thorry and I went to Steubenville in the Springwagon with some marketing. The roads were very rough and we did not get into town until eleven o'clock.

Took Aunt Min with us in the morning. She went to Uncle George Cripe's and we came home that way and brought her with us.

Were quite cold when we came to Uncle Georges and ate supper there.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about six o'clock and fed the horses. Curried and saddled Dolly before breakfast, and then went out on bank of a Portable saw-mill. Went to see Jackson's and also to see Russell Parks and Willson's.

And neither of them proposed to come before the middle of May. Took dinner at father Haulin's.

Got home about eight o'clock. Weather quite cold and chilly but roads drying up considerably.

Recd. a paper from Bell Haulin stating that Uncle James Tracy was dead.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about half past six and did some feeding before breakfast.

Helped Helen to do some of her morning work such as churning and milking. After dinner

I hatched Champ and Jimmie to the sleigh and went to Pick Lee's to see if they would allow

Calkson's saw mill to come and saw for us before they would go down there.

We called at Mr. Applegate and Mr. Morton's and they concluded that they could not allow the mill to come here first. John Melvin and Susan and Frankie and Irene Anspoker were here until bedtime.

Snowed much all forenoon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before seven o'clock and attended to the horses before breakfast. Will took some shopping to Ryland's Mill on the sled and I attended to his feeding.

I went to Dr. Sholey's in the morning and made arrangements to help them to haul stones.

We hauled with two teams in the afternoon and put in nine stones some of them quite large.

Snow disappearing quite rapidly.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six, fed curried and harnesed the team before breakfast, went to David Thorley's and got our canthook and borrowed their saw. We hauled five logs to the pile where the mill was to set. After dinner we cut down a tree and cut off two logs to get sawed into palings for garden fence. Albert Thorley dug 63 bushels of coal for me and we hauled it up after supper.

Was quite late when we got through. Felt very tired at night.

Day very fine with some snow on the ground.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We arose about seven o'clock. Will being away I did the feeding for the hill. Helen and I went out to Old Bethel and heard Rev. Mr. Wallace preach from psalm 116. We slept Charlie with Aunt Sally and Ann. Rode up to see the log-pile where the saw-mill was to be set.

Spent the afternoon at home. Read in "The Christian Armor" at night.

Day quite fair and cool, ground frozen.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and fed the horses and curried them and cleaned out the stable before breakfast.

Will and I hauled a load of hay before dinner. After dinner we cut some posts for fencing in our garden and hauled them in.

Fannie Melvin and Frankie came in the afternoon and they had a taffer pulling at fathers and we had some fun. I put a piece on the sole of one of my boots at night. Evening quite cold with probably two inches of snow on the ground.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Bed the horses and curried them and put the harness on two of them before breakfast but as mercury was two degrees below zero we thought it too cold to go to the sawmill with a log. Father and I rebuilt the pen around the straw stack in the forenoon and I mended and greased some lines. In the afternoon I went to the mill and brought home some cow-feed which was there.

Will Melvin and Will Thorly were digging coal. Fannie and Frankie Melvin and Alma Thorly ate dinner with us. E. S. Lawther's School closed at Oak Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past six and attended to the horses before breakfast. Will went to the Coal bank to dig coal and I attended to the feeding over the hill. Father took Mother to Bushfield's on the sled. I shaved out a mush stick for Helen and went to Frank & Cotts after dinner to see about the sawmill coming and then went to Mr. Boles to tell them of the meeting appointed for Friday at two o'clock. After doing the feeding in the evening I cut a tree to make some sheep troughs of.

Weather quite cold.
Chalmers Miller and Lydia Murchland were married.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning to let Will get to the coal bank to dig coal. Will Tholey was helping him.

Father and I hauled coal nearly all day, only while we were attending to the feeding. The road was in good order and the weather fine.

We hauled fifty bushels at one load and the rest averaged about forty five bushels.

Heard in the morning that Chalmers Miller and Lydia Murchland were married yesterday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning to allow Will to work in the coal-bank. When I went over the hill to feed I took a worthless dog called Top with me and killed him to prevent him from spoiling our young dog.

Handled up 49 bushels of coal to father's Coalhouse in the forenoon. Snowed so that we quit at dinner time. We had intended going to Father Hanlin's in the afternoon. Alma Thorley came over to go with us and we got ready but it rained so that we did not go.

Father went to town and brought home our wagon the repairing of which cost \$59.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about 15 minutes after five and helped the colt up in the stable. Hopped to do the feeding and then we got ready and went to father Hanlin's. Alma Thorley went with us. We spent the day there very pleasantly and Bell Hanlin came home with us. I attended the Republican Caucus in Eldersville at night and was nominated as Inspector of Election in our Township. Got home a little before ten o'clock.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose between six and seven
o'clock and attended to the
horses before breakfast.

Bell Hanlin and Aunt
Sally went with us to church
in the spring wagon.

Heard Colen preach from
John VIII 20. Pretty good
congregation out.

Father went from church
with Colen to see Will
Bushfield who seemed to
be dangerously ill with
inflammation of the lungs.

Will was not home
and I attended to the
feeding in the evening.
Weather fine but getting
colder.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock.
We spent the forenoon
cutting poplar logs and
getting them ready for the
sawmill. Will and I
hailed two loads of coal
in the afternoon and put
the log carriage on the low
wagon to haul logs on.

Bell Hanlin, father,
Helen, Charlie and I
attended the singing in
Eldersville at night
and were much pleased
with the music.

Snowed on us all the
way home. Was about
half past ten when we
got home.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a little before six.
Spent the forenoon
hauling some poplar
logs on the logsled.

Cpt Mills and Charlie
hair at dinner time.

After dinner we took
the wagon and hauled
a log from this side of
the place to the mill.

Made some waped
ends in the evening
for Will & Steen.

Bell. M. Hanlin here
with us sewing some
and visiting.

Snow on the ground
and melting in the after-
noon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past five
O'clock and fed and harnessed
the team. Will and I took
a large log to Jackson's
sawmill and got it sawed
into lath to pale in our
garden. They cut 920 feet
of lath out of one log 2 1/2 by 3/4.

We got home about five
O'clock. Father and I went
to David Storley's to make
some settlement and
got home about half
past nine O'clock.

Bell. M. Hanlin here
with us. Roads getting
quite muddy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six O'clock
and fed and carried the
horses before breakfast.
Will and I took a log
to Jackson's sawmill and
had it sawed into stumps
for putting on palings.
Got 288 feet.

Got home about four
O'clock. Roads getting
very muddy.

Put a patch on Will's
boot at night and
pegged the sole on again.

Day was cloudy and
snowed some at night.

Bell Hanlin here with
us over night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six, and spent
the forenoon preparing some
chopping to take to mill and
repairing the sheep shelter.
Will went to mill. Hauled
some boards down off the
mill. Made a door for
the sheep shelter in the
afternoon and then helped
father to do the seeding.

Went to town in the
evening and voted for
Township officers.

Miss Hermine Wright
closed her school in Eldersville
with a "Permon".

Weather quite cold.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about the usual hour and attended to the feeding of the horses &c. Mill and I hauled manure in the forenoon. Lydia came over to get the recipe for some medicine for their sick cow but it was of no avail the cow died.

In the afternoon I went to town and got some delain for Helen and got the mail. Stopped a short time at Cratty Gillespie's parmanting. David Shorley and Ryn were here until bedtime. Bell Hanlin still with us. Weather fine. Roads very muddy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at six and helped Will to do the feeding.

Bell Hanlin went with us to church and we heard Rev J. B. Lucas preach from Eph. VII 4. A part of 19th. Pretty good congregation out. Roads very muddy.

Father was at Middletown and brought Brother home in the evening.

Mrs. M. Bushfield getting some better.

Father and I did the feeding in the evening.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose a few minutes after five o'clock and did the usual amount of feeding before breakfast.

Father and I put a handle on a dungfork in the forenoon and helped Mr. to haul some manure on the gardens.

In the afternoon we finished hauling manure and cut a sawlog and hauled it to the sawmill.

We went up to father's and sat until bedtime. Bell Hanlin was here with us. Roads somewhat muddy.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and fed and curried the horses before breakfast. Took

Bell Hanlin home in the springwagon and brought our box of bees home in the evening. I expected some visitors from the Hanlin neighborhood at night but they could not come on account of neighbors visiting them.

Will. Thorley and Alma were here until bedtime.

William Cassidy brought our sacks home and sat with us an hour or so.

Weather quite cool and roads somewhat muddy but drying quite fast.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa

Arose about the usual hour and attended to the horses before breakfast.

Attended the sale of the property of Enoch Hays deceased. The weather was very cold and it was very uncomfortable to stand out of doors.

Learned in the morning that Mrs. Jane Stein was dead. Stopped at Murchland's as I went to the sale and told them of her death.

Got home in time to help to do the feeding!

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1872.

Arose at six and fed and curried the horses and cleaned out the stable.

Father and Aunt Leely went with Selen and me to John Steer's. Aron Sholey and Maggie Cassidy went with us to Crookcreek with the funeral. As we came home near Esq. Smith's one of the tires broke on the hind wheel of the spring wagon and the women had to walk home and I left the wagon.

(Weather very cold), but rather a large number went to the funeral.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and did the usual amount of feeding. Will and I hauled two sled loads of hay for the sheep. We prepared some corn and took it in the wagon to Gillespie's Mill. Did not get any grinding home with me.

Took the spring wagon to town in the evening to get it repaired.

We went to Temperance meeting at night in the two horse wagon. Sam Crip and Minerva went with us. Mr. Campbell did not come and the Temperance meeting was almost a failure. Weather cold.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and spent the forenoon feeding stock faking meat and doing chores.

After dinner father went to meet Rev. Mr. Hardie and Will and I took a small load of hay to town for Billy Crall.

The day was very stormy and when we came home we had considerable of work to do to get the cows and sheep comfortably housed.

Mr. Hardie and father and Aunt Sally sat with us until bed time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose 25 minutes after five o'clock and assisted father and Will. to do the feeding. Carried some water to the sheep. And then we got ready and went to church in the two horse wagon our spring wagon being broken and at the shop for repairs. Rev. Hardie, Aunt Sallie Helen Charlie and I went together.

Bushfield's young folks were at church and took Hardie with them in the carriage home. Weather somewhat old but moderating and becoming pleasant.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and did the usual amount of feeding before breakfast. We shelled some corn in the forenoon and cleaned some wheat and Will. took it to Ryland's Mill. in the afternoon.

After dinner I cut some stonewood, and when it commenced to rain I helped father to attend to the sheep. I carried water for them in their shelter. Lydia Cooper ^{and Mary} ~~and Mary~~ ^{over} and spent the afternoon at father's. Father took them home in the buggy in the evening.

Raining still at bed-time. Halficed my foot at night.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about the usual time and attended to the feeding as usual. Father and Will spent the day chopping in the orchard. I put pieces on the toes of Edw's shoes and patched and halfooled my fine boots.

We killed Aunt Sally's calf in the evening and prepared to go to Steubenville tomorrow. I did a churning for Helen between dark and bedtime.

Rained some in the forenoon but the afternoon was fair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five o'clock and curried and harnesed two horses before breakfast. Father, Helen and I went to Steubenville in the wagon with marketing.

Found the roads very muddy and it was a very hard trip on the team.

We had considerable of marketing in. Got home a little after sundown.

Lemmie Thorley and Albert were over and sat until bedtime with us. Evening very pleasant.

Refused to sell our marketing to one Collins because he was a dealer in liquors and he became very angry. Last day that a man could be comfortable without a coat or

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about the usual time
and went to David Thorley's
before breakfast to get him
to change some things which
we had bought in Steubenville.
Spent the forenoon getting
the team ready to go to mill
and then greased some
harnes while Will went to
Phillips mill after some
chopping. He went to Ryland's
mill in the afternoon and
brought some some grinding
which we had there. I spent
the afternoon choveling up
manure in front of the
stable. We attended meeting
at Mrs. Fagues at night
and heard Lucas preach from
Mat. V 8. Quite a number
there. Day nice and warm.
Second day that a man could be comfortable

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding we
commenced fencing in our
garden. We tore down part
of the old fence and
set fourteen posts to put
pickets on. I went to
Mrs. McCready's and
borrowed a post digger.

Will, Thorley and Sammie
were here until bedtime.

Will, Melvin cut
my hair for me in the
evening.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1872

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning, Will and I hauled two sled loads of hay for the sheep before dinner and prepared the shed to accommodate a few more sheep. Father and mother went to Middletown in the afternoon to attend Quarterly meeting. I went to town and got Jimmie shod. Went to Stephenson's and got some irons for an ox yoke. Wrote a letter at night to Rev. A. Crooks.

Turned some water off the road in the evening. Weather quite fine in the forenoon. Rained in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa

Spent the day at home, as it was quite showery and unfavorable for going to Church.

Read the Wesleyan through and read some in the bible.

Was very stormy in the evening and getting quite cold. Snowing when we went to bed.

Father and mother at Middletown attending Quarterly meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon feeding stock attending to the lambs and putting up racks for the sheep to eat hay from.

Father and I spent the afternoon setting posts for our garden fence.

In the evening I wrote out the minutes of the last Temperance Meeting and read over some of the minutes of previous meetings of the Society.

Weather quite cold during the day.

Father and Mother got home from Cridlington a little after noon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five o'clock and after doing the feeding we spent the day setting posts for the garden fence. Sawn off some of the posts in the evening and prepared to nail railing on.

A little before sundown Susannah Melvin, Mattie Melvin and Maggie Melvin and Miss Maggie Steward from Missouri came on horseback. The girls were here an hour or so at night.

I took our cows over the hill to shut them in the field until we could get our garden closed in.

Weather during the day was fine. Ground frozen in the morning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes after five and after we had done the feeding we spent the day making garden fence. Susannah Melvin and Mattie Melvin went home in the morning.

Will took Maggie Melvin and Maggie Steward over to Cooper's in the afternoon, and went to town at night to bring the Springwagon home after getting it repaired.

I spent the evening until bedtime sewing up my gloves.

Day very fine. Roads drying nicely.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a little after five o'clock and father and I spent the day making garden fence.

Will helped us some in the forenoon and then took Miss Maggie Melvin and Miss Maggie Steward to the station in the afternoon. I went to town at night and paid Henry Cooper sixty five dollars on a note which Geo. Gardner held for our sewing machine. Came home with Robt Cooper. Mary Stephenson was here a short time in the afternoon.

Day very fine.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until near six o'clock.

Nothing of especial interest occurred during the day.

We finished putting the railing around the garden and nailed on all the laths we had and then commenced clearing up the rubbish and scattered some manure.

The day was exceedingly fine. Some frost in the morning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I hauled two small sled loads of hay in the morning for the sheep and then hauled manure into the garden until evening. Hauled one load of stones off the road and plowed a little lot for early potatoes. David Hall was here to look at a heifer. Robert Cooper bought a heifer and calf from us. I went to town in the morning and brought our spring wagon home. Got some lath from Alex McConall to finish our garden fence. Did not get home until dusk. Rained some in the evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the usual routine of feeding in the morning and then we got ready and went to Eldersville to Church expecting to hear Poler preach but, he did not come and we had prayer meeting, John Maltby lead.

J. P. Scott was there.

We spent the afternoon at home.

Rained a nice shower in the afternoon and was quite warm after it.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had attended to our feeding as usual in the morning we went to Perine's Woods with D. Thorley's force and cut twenty eight saw logs supposed to be enough to cut over two thousand feet of lumber.

After we came home and got supper and attended to the feeding I drove a panel of painting on the back end of the garden fence.

Day quite warm.
Rained a shower at noon and rained again at night.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon clearing
cornstubs off the lot beyond
the spring. Father and
Will finished the palings.

After dinner we hauled
a wagonload of hay down
off the hill and
brought our potatoes
in out of the holes.

Quite a number of
them were frozen.

I went - to Gillespie's
mill in the evening
and brought home some
corn meal. Weather
somewhat showery.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done up our
feeding in the morning
we harnessed up the
team and tried our
oats ground and found
it too wet and too windy
to sow oats. Father
harrowed down some stubble
in the forenoon and
Will and I hauled some
rails and manure off
the meadow. In the
afternoon we went to
David Thorley's yard
helped to move their
shop down below the
house to make room
for their new house.
Wind very high all day.
Blew our straw stacks
over.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1872

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding
Eammie Shorley and Albert
Came to haul some oats straw
and I went and secured
two or three bundles for
filling beds with.

We spent the day
putting in oats with
two shovelplows and
the harrow. Weather
very fine. Charlie was
playing about the bees
in the garden and they
got on him and stung
him some.

Mrs. E. J. Lawther
stopped here on her
way home from Scotts.

R. M. Smith sick at
Scotts. Somewhat better.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five.
Mended some harness before
we went to work in the morning.

We spent the ~~day~~ sowing
oats and plowing them
in with the double shovels.
Quit about four o'clock.

Father, Mother, Will, Helen
and I went to town at
night and heard a good
lecture from Rev. J. S.
Herr. Subject "The Hobbies
we ride." Day was very
favorable and the congrega-
tion was not large.

We met with Mrs.
Mary Hicks at the lecture.
A! Cousin of Helen's from
Michigan. We got home
before ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon
putting out oats with
the shovelflow, in the
afternoon Will and I
finished plowing but
it was so windy that
we could not finish trowing
the field at home and
we plowed a ditch
to carry some water
off a piece of bottom
land. Mother went
to Hamlin Station and
to John Melvin's in the
afternoon.

Day fine except the
wind. Cooler in the
evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and mother went
to Middletown to church
and learned that S. J. Nolan
had left his certificate
from the Wesleyan Church
in Middletown.

We attended church in
Eldersville and heard Rev.
P. B. Lucas preach from
Philippians II latter part
of 19". Large congregation
out. Will did
not come home and
I had all the feeding to
do in the evening.
Weather very pleasant.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1872

Home near Eldersville Pa.

When I got up in the morning I found it was snowing slightly, it grew colder and snowed until the ground was very white, then rained some and snowed again in the evening. Will and I hauled a load of hay for the sheep and I made a gate for the garden fence, and put up a bench to set the bells on.

Father and Mother were at Mr. Boles in the afternoon. Read an hour or so at night.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After we got through with the feeding, I harnessed two horses and plowed our garden.

Mrs. Boles came and took dinner with us. Helen did some sewing for her on the machine. After Mrs. Boles left we got ready and went to Uncle John Provins. Got there about four o'clock. Saw Mrs. Mary Hicks and took supper with her.

Heard that quite a number of the young folks along the creek had the measles. Took Charlie into the station.

He was very much scared at the cars.

Day fine. Snow on the ground in the morning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon making garden and getting out Strawberries. I took the plow and harrow to Saunders in the afternoon and plowed some stalk ground.

Will. went to Croft Creek Village to a festival and exhibition. He took the Springwagon.

The weather was fine but some appearance of rain in the evening.

Alma Thorley was here for dinner.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did some of the feeding in the morning and helped to harness the team.

Will. and I went to the Saunders place and plowed some and sowed some oats. Thought that

Doll. was about to have her colt and I arose twice in the night to attend to her. Put her into the little stable at eleven o'clock when I found it was raining. Was up again at two o'clock.

Night quite cool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five O'clock and helped to do the feeding. Will and I went to Saunders place and plowed some and rowed some oats.

Came home a little after four O'clock and we got ready and went to Eldersville expecting to hear Rev. Campbell lecture on Temperance but he did not come. Supposed to have been detained on account of his father-in-law's disaffection being thrown from the cars and had his leg broken. Evening fine and a good audience out. Animal show in Stubenville.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and Will went to Stubenville with marketing. I spent the forenoon feeding and shelling corn. Took some corn to Gellespie's mill to get ground. When we were about to sit down to dinner Asa Owens came along with a load of the sawmill and he took dinner with us. After dinner I went to Billy Mills' and met the other teams to tell the men how to come.

Helped them to unload in the evening and then went to Humlin's Station for the mail. Rev. J. Kagin came home with father and Will to preach at Pine Grove church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the morning feeding and getting ready to go to church. Took Rev. E. Reagan to the Grove in the buggy.

Helen seemed to be somewhat displeased and did not go to Eldersville in the forenoon.

Heard Reagan preach from III Cor. III 7 & 11 inclusive.

We went to church in Eldersville in the evening and heard Reagan again from Rev. III 51. Rev. Hardie did not come to Eldersville and consequently the Wesleyans were disappointed in their service.

Officers of the Sabbath School were elected after service. Election very harmonious. Raining at night.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past five and helped to do the feeding. Will and I went to the Spunders place to row oats. John Melvin came and helped us to plow. We did not row any during the day. John went home at night and we kept his horses.

Mrs. Freeman and Miss Fannie Stewart were at father's at night. Weather was very cool during the day. Snowed some in the morning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five O'clock and found the ground frozen.

Harnessed four horses before breakfast. We spent the day plowing and sowing oats at Saunders'. John Maloin helping us with his team. We borrowed Robert Coopers young horse and worked him in place of Old Sal. Father started at the Station for some Appletrees, but Wm. Cassidy who told him that they had not come and he turned back again.

Spent an hour or so at fathers in the evening with Mrs. P. J. Freeman.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Attended to feeding the horse in the morning and harnessed some of them. Spent the forenoon harrowing in oats at Saunders' with our Charlie and Robt Coopers Charlie. Finished plowing over there in the evening and sowed until a late hour to see how much more seed we would need.

Bill stayed over night with Byron Saunders and family. Sawyers commenced sawing the roof for their mill in the evening on Billy Mc Connells farm. Weather fine.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning father and I went and helped Thorley's force to put some saw logs over the hill to the sawmill.

We got through about dinner time. I took Robert Cooper's horse home after dinner.

Made some garden in the afternoon.

Will finished hewing out in the forenoon and went to mill in the afternoon. Father went to Eldersville for some apple trees but they did not come with the rest of the fruit trees.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and helped to do the feeding. Spent the forenoon doing chores. Put a slider on the wagon and spaded some in the garden then helped father and Will to repair some fence. After dinner we went to the sawmill and cleared out a road to haul out our lumber. And then spent the afternoon taking away lumber from the mill. They hewed 4,600 feet during the afternoon. Thorley's were helping to take care of the lumber as most of it was theirs.

Day quite warm

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four O'clock and Will and I harneped the two horses before breakfast to go to the sawmill. They commenced sawing at six O'clock. We spent the day caring for the lumber which they were sawing for us Shorleys and Ferris.

They cut something over seven thousand feet during the day. There was a small Army. The hands and the sawyer left on the forenoon. Weather very fine. Rained some at night. Will was very poorly all day supposed to be taking the Measles.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about six O'clock. And helped father to do the feeding as Will was not able to be out. Very strong symptoms of Measles.

Father and Aunt Sally went to Church with us in the Spring wagon. We heard Rev. Lucas preach from ~~CXXXIX~~ Psalm 8 part of the 14th verse.

Will was not any better in the evening and father and I did the feeding.

Finnie was sick in the evening and would not eat her feed.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 4 1/2 O'clock
and spent a portion of
the forenoon attending to
a young Colt and young
Calf and then commenced
plowing sod ground for
corn. Plowed in the
afternoon until near
sundown and then attended
to feeding the horses,
unloading some lumber &c.
preparing to attend the
Sawmill tomorrow.

Will and Will Shorley
both down with the
measles. Father went
to the station after some
apple trees but they were
not there. Weather very
fine.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose ten minutes before
four O'clock intending to
go to the sawmill and
haul away lumber for
Will Steen, but while I
was eating my breakfast
Samuel Shorley came in
my place, then after I
had helped father to shell
some corn, I plowed until
ten O'clock, then ate
dinner and took the
train to the sawmill
and hauled away lumber
all afternoon.

Boys boys putting logs over
the hill into the pond
and hauling some to the
mill with a yoke of oxen
and two horses. Shower in
the afternoon and one
in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about four o'clock
and fed and harnessed
two horses before breakfast.
Went down with the measles
and not able to help to
attend to anything. We
went to the sawmill with
D. Thorley's force and
attended to our lumber
during the day. I took
to spitting blood in the
morning while rolling logs.
Knew no cause for it.
Took another spell in
the evening. Was not sick
or in pain. John Nelson
came in the morning and
piled some for us during
the day. But did not
get much done on account
of the rain.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about four o'clock
and helped father to attend
to the feeding before going
to the sawmill. After we
had gone we concluded to
haul in some logs to keep
the mill going all day and
I came home and got another
team. When John came he told
me that Francis Moore was
poorly and he could not help us
much. We hauled in some
logs and spent the day
attending to lumber.
I spit some blood in the
morning but did not
spit any in the after-
noon. Found one of
D. Thorley's young lambs in
our lot and I took it home
after night. Will Thorley
down with measles.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose a few minutes after five and after helping father with the feeding I harnessed two horses and spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon plowing but when the rain came on, I came in and put soles on my boots and put a patch on one of Charlies boots. Rev. Lucas came to see Will and went to see Will. Shorley in the evening both of whom were getting better of the measles.

Day quite cool.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the day plowing until four o'clock. Cut Mills hair at noon.

Father went to see Shorley's children and John Melvins children sick with measles. Shorley's boys Albert and Sammie went with me in the evening to the sawmill to clear off a place for Permes's lumber.

There was a heavy frost in the morning. Father and Mother went to Middletown in the evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Arose at six and attended to the feeding. Heavy frost. Ice frozen on the water.

He attended Church at Bethel and heard Rev. Sweng. preach from Romans VIII 13. Heard hymn again in the evening from Mark XXVIII & last. Clause of 8th verse. Good congregations out. Weather very fair. S. J. Cohen was at Bethel no appointment having been made for him at Eldersville.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Father brought in the horses and I harnesed them before breakfast. David Thorley's force and father and I took the two teams and went to the sawmill and hauled in seventeen logs.

Got through about three o'clock and watched the sawyers cutting a large log for Boles' boys which cut 460 feet and they had another log to put on the mill which was larger because taken from the butt of the same tree.

We brought a load of lumber home with us and attended to the chores in the evening. Will was able to ride about some after the measles. Day fine.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and fed the horses and spaded some in the garden before breakfast.

Father and I spent the day plowing seed ground for corn.

Will still unable to work getting over the measles. David Thorley's children all down with them. Will went to town in the afternoon to get Champ shod.

And was not home at night. Shower of rain in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose ten minutes before four o'clock and harnessed the horses before breakfast.

We went to the sawmill to attend to the remainder of our lumber. They had eight logs to saw for Robt Smith Esq. before they sawed ours. We got through about three o'clock and brought a load of lumber home with us.

D. Thorley's children all sick with the measles except Will and he was just getting over them. Day quite warm. I went to Gillespie's mill in the evening for some meal, and repaired some fence.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father fed the horses in the morning before I got out. He and I spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon plowing. We got through about three o'clock, I went to Thorley's and borrowed a harrow and we harrowed until sundown. Will spent the day helping John Lanther to plant corn. John was quite unwell with the measles.

Thorley's children getting somewhat worse.

Weather fine.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon harrowing cornground and getting ready to plant. After dinner Geo. Boyd came and helped us to plant corn. John Lanther taking the measles and could not come. Thorley's boys down with the measles and could not help us. Aunt Sally was out and dropped for us and we got along very well. Got always half done.

Weather quite fine.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon planting corn. Geo. Beard helping us. We got through about one o'clock and then castrated our lambs. Had one to die after the operation.

Father and I planted some early potatoes in the evening and I went to Hanlin Station at night for the papers. Got home a little after ten o'clock. Day very fine. Threatening rain.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had concluded not to attend church in the morning, Helen concluded to go and see the sick folks and I saddled Jimmie for her and she went to Kiddles, Father Hanlin's Uncle

Grant Hanlin's and called at uncle John Twine's. Several sick with measles upon whom she called.

I spent the day at home with Charlie and the day seemed very long.

Weather was quite cool. The cows did not come home at night except the heifer that came to her calf.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After I had done the usual amount of feeding in the morning, I harnessed Jimmie and helped Alex McConnell to prepare our wagon for him to haul logs on, and then we went and marked out a cornground for David Thorley in Mrs. Pogue's field with three teams until dinnertime and then we planted it between dinner and supper. After supper we went and prepared some ground at Thorley's and planted some corn but we did not get quite through. Thorley's children still down with the measles. Day fine.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped David Thorley to finish planting his corn in the forenoon and took dinner there. The young folks getting better of the measles.

In the afternoon I dug some about the spring and turned the stream into the springhouse. We gathered some stones off the meadow until suppertime, then measured up some potatoes to take to town and then I went to the sawmill and brought home a load of sawdust to put in the garden. Got a bid to the stonehauling at Mr. Boles' on Thursday. Weather fine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped father and Will to get ready to go to Steubenville in the morning and then went to the run where Murchland's and Boles' were making a dam to wash sheep in and learned that we could have privilege of washing there. Spent most of the afternoon making a set of bars and hauling some rails. An agent for the Geneva N. Y. Nursery came along and detained me an hour or so.

Rained some in the evening. Helen and I set out some Tomato plants in the evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We planted some corn in the morning and then clipped some of our sheep. In the afternoon we washed our sheep in a pool which Boles' and Murchland's had prepared.

We just swam them through. I kept most of the time in the water helping the sheep out and turning them in the proper course. I set a pair of barposts after we got through in the evening.

Weather very fine.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon hauling stones of the meadow and the afternoon until suppertime. We then went to building fence and separated the meadow from the pasturefield.

Mary Stephenson was at father's visiting in the afternoon.

Mary Jackson down with the measles.

Weather very fine but dry and pasture looking badly.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will brought in the horses in the morning and fed and harnessed them.

Father and I prepared the wagon for hauling a log and then we took the team and hauled a walnut log to the mill for J. S. Bales for which he gave us a dollar. We brought home a load of lumber with us. Father settled his sawing bill which was \$61.49.

After dinner we piled some lumber and did some chores. I got some brush to stick peas with in the evening and hoed the early potatoes. Will went to John Paulin's as night. Rained some during day.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Found it raining in the morning when I first arose. Kindled the fire and took another nap. We attended Church at Eldersville and heard Rev. Hardie preach from Genesis ~~10~~ 9. Not a very large congregation out.

We did not attend Church in the afternoon. Doll broke a sapling of the spring wagon while standing at the church and we had to tie it up with a hitching strap to bring it home.

Did not rain any after nine o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses from the pasture before breakfast and fed them. Will was out at home until after breakfast.

We spent the day hauling stone off and plowing our potato patch. Did not get through. Will took Aunt Ann to Cyrus, Stephens in the evening intending to leave the wagon at the shop for repairs. Cyrus gone to Washington on the ferry. Uncle McKeever at father's.

Rained a shower in the evening. Was quite cool and windy all day.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five and brought in the horses before breakfast. As usual. Spent part of the forenoon preparing some wheat to take to mill.

Will. went to mill and I finished plowing our potato patch. We commenced planting potatoes in the afternoon but did not get quite through. Uncle Matthew (Mr. Keever's horse) got out of the field and left him. Father followed it as far as Nathaniel Gillespie's on its way to Bethany where it came from. Day very fine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father took Uncle Mck. to Bethany on hunt of the borrowed horse (which left him but did not find him). They got home about sundown. Will. and I finished planting our potatoes in the forenoon, and then I went to D. Thorley and let our handsaw and with Will. Thorley's assistance made a bolter for the wagon. Took dinner at Thorley's. Spent most of the afternoon righting up our wagon to haul lumber on.

Rained some during the day. Will. cleaned up the barn and went to town in the evening for the spring wagon.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon hauling a load of lumber from the sawmill and talking with different individuals about the sawmill.

After dinner we hauled two more loads from the mill and father and Will killed our veal. We attended a lecture in Eldersville at night given by Rev.

Mr. Hastings. Subject.

The last great conflict. We got home between ten and eleven o'clock.

Weather not very warm.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and Alma Thorley, Will, Melvin, Helen and I went to Steubenville in the wagon with some marketing and Will got his wedding suit. His coat was too small and his tailor allowed him to use it on the occasion and then return it and get another one. We got home a little before sundown.

Had some trouble getting our young cow milked.

Rained some on us as we went to town. Saw two monkeys in town with two organ grinders, the monkeys doing the begging. Got some potato plants at Robt. Cooper's as we came home.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Set out some tomato
plants in the morning.
Wm Bushfield, Geo.
Kelly, Billy Brown and
Billy McCreary came
and helped us to shear
nearly all our sheep.
Only 35 sheep left.

Thorley's boys had
Jinnie and our wagon
hauling lumber home
from the sawmill.
Weather very fine.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes
after six O'clock.

Helped Helen to milk
the heifer. We attended
church at Eldersville and
heard Rev. Joshua Rutledge
preach from Luke ~~xx~~
35-36. Stewart Haslin
and Susannah Melvin
came home with us for
dinner. Father took
Susannah part of of the
way home in the buggy
in the evening.
Weather very fine.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five O'clock and prepared some ground for Cabbage plants before breakfast and Helen set out the plants. We spent the day shearing our sheep. We got through a little before sundown. Sammie Thorley came in the evening and sheared four for us. Will. went to the Station in the evening for the mail.

Rained considerably during the day.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses before breakfast. We ~~strated~~ ^{strated} two calves in the morning and then Charlie and I went to Hyland's mill and brought home some grinding. After dinner I brought home a load of lumber from the saw-mill and then went to the station for Maggie Melvin. Took supper at Uncle Charlie Hamlin's. Father and Will spent the day cleaning house. C. M. Stephenson and family visited at father's. Will making preparations to get married. Maggie Melvin with us over night.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon doing chores and taking paper off of Aunt Sally's wall. After dinner Will went to Eldersville to marry Miss Priscilla Cosgrove and Maggie Melvin went with him. I went to Stuebenville and brought back the team which took Will and his wife to Stuebenville. Got home about 10 1/2 P.M. David and Ann Shorley here helping father to paper their rooms.

I engaged to supply the miller in Stuebenville with about 60 bushels of wheat at \$1.95 per bushel.

Weather very fine.

Aunt Sally suffering with Rheumatism. Tolen Crisp lost his black mare. she broke her leg and bed to death.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and spent the day helping Helen to clean house and to whitewash. Aunt Sally was so very poorly with Rheumatism that she got Will Shorley to bring Aunt Ann home from Stuebenville. He took our spring wagon and team.

David Shorley and Ann still helping father to put the paper on the house and did not get through.

Weather very fine but somewhat cool.

Decorations of Soldiers graves in Stuebenville with imposing ceremony and military display.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five. Spent the forenoon whitewashing for father and putting down our carpet. In the afternoon Will Thorley and I hauled two loads of stowewood for father while he was busy papering the kitchen and then we cleared up a load of wheat to take to Steubenville. I went to Dr. Thorley's and borrowed some sacks. Went to Robt Cooper's at night and got his young horse to put in the team. Did not get home until near ten o'clock.

Weather very fine. Aunt Sally's back very painful.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1872

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and brought in the horses before breakfast. Leather and Will Thorley and I took about sixty bushels of wheat to Steubenville. We drove Robert Cooper's young horse at the tongue. Got into a mudhole and stalled and had to unload part of our load. Got home about seven o'clock in the evening. Father bought some micines for Will's return with his wife.

After we came home I took Robt Cooper's horse and rode him to Crip' and made the young folks to Will's infare, then took Cooper's horse home. Turned our horses out. Did not retire until after eleven o'clock.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended Church in Eldersville in the morning and heard S. J. Colen preach from Exodus ~~xxviii~~ part of 2. We took dinner at C. M. Stephenson's and attended church again in the evening and heard Rev. Bassett preach from Heb. xiii 1 and 4 inclusive. Will. Shorley rode home with us in the wagon and took supper with us. Ann Shorley was over at Aunt Sally's in the evening.
Weather very fine.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon digging up our garden. Ann Shorley, Mary Stephenson and Lydia Cooper were all here taking for Will's infare.

Repaired up a gait in the afternoon and did a number of chores.

Leather and I piled a load of lumber and I set out some tomato plants in the evening and watered what plants we had out. Some appearance of rain.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville P.

Arose a few minutes before five and brought in ~~show~~ before breakfast and Sammie and Albert Shorley and Robert Cooper and I went to Stuebenville in the spring wagon and saw P. H. Barnum's great show.

The first animal show and circus which I ever saw. Was much pleased with the sight of the wild animals. Mary E. Portner came home with us in the spring wagon.

Rained a good shower in the forenoon. Saw the Elephants, Tigers, Lions, Giraffe, Sealion Arctic Seals Ostrich and various other things.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses in the morning and took ~~them~~ Shorley in the spring wagon to Uncle Geo. Crip's where ~~Ray~~ Crip took possession and drove to the river to meet Crip and his wife. With Shorley took Minerva in Cooper's buggy and went with them. They returned about one o'clock and a company of twenty were seated to a good dinner. About 40 persons old and young here all told, eight from Middletown, John Melvin and Martha Allen did not get here until the second table was eating. Everything passed off very pleasantly. Six buggies out on a drive in the evening, three for over ~~the~~

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Took breakfast at Father's with the folks who remained after the infare. After ten o'clock the all started and I changed my clothes and did some chores before dinner. Father and I commenced working our corn. Will out buggy riding. I got some crock covers in the evening. Heard that Will Hartin's old house now owned by Binger was burned down last night. Weather very fine.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

The morning was wet and I helped Helen to milk the cows. Spent part of the forenoon cutting weeds about the house. After dinner we went to the lumber pile and assorted and filed part of our lumber which we cut on Perine's place. Came home about five o'clock. I brought the cows helped Helen to milk and spaded a bed in the garden for cucumbers. Alma Thorley here sewing and spent the night with us. Maggie Melvin here for supper and went with Will. to the singing in town.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

Spent the forenoon measuring and piling lumber. Got through about two o'clock, came home and took dinner and we spent the remainder of the evening working on our road.

After we quit Will and I went to town and I paid Sayl McAnen and James Robertson for repairing our Springwagon.

Learned while in town that James Love Sr. had died at John Loves in town this evening. Weather here has cloudy and damp.

Maggie Melvin with us over night.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1872.

Father Haulin's

Maggie Melvin and Aunt Sally went to church with us in the Springwagon in the morning. We heard Rev. J. B. Lucas preach from Luke ~~11~~ part of 20. Will Melvin and his new wife Priscilla made their appearance.

While at church we learned that Maggie Haulin had come home sick and after we had our dinner we went over to bed her and found her much better.

We remained there over night. Charlie complaining some of a sore knee, something like Rheumatism.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

We took breakfast
at father Hanlin's.
Came as far as the
Station and stopped to
do some errands. Galled
at Uncle John Trovines
and got some plants.

Spent the afternoon
fencing apple trees and
finished working our
road. Father and
mother went to Bushfields
in the evening. I set out
some cabbage plants and
spaded up some ground
for melons. Day fine
with some appearance
of rain in the evening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon planting
some seeds in the garden
and gathering some cherries.
We worked corn about an
hour before dinner and
spent the afternoon in
the cornfield. Father
came from Bushfields in
the morning. Mother came
as far as Mrs. Metcalfe
and father went for
her in the evening.

Weather very fine.
Alma Thorley here helping
Helen to do some work
while she was washing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Felt somewhat unwell in the morning and slept until breakfast was nearly ready. My spent the day until supper time working corn when we got through I went to Wesley Robinson's and paid him a small debt which we owed him. Will took the spring wagon to town at night intending to get one tire cut and bring Priscilla home with him. Got all he went for. Some appearance of rain in the evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon cleaning out father's cistern and preparing it for plastering and cementing.

We spent the afternoon repairing the fence around the lot beyond the spring to keep our bull in.

We took supper at father's with Will and Priscilla. They went to David Sholaj at night to make a visit.

Rained a small shower in the evening and threatened rain at bed time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The forenoon was wet and we spent it doing chores. Father and I ground two axes and cut down some beach trees in the forenoon to make some brush fence.

After dinner we went and helped Mr. Poles to raise his new house.

Got home about half past four o'clock and Will and Priscilla took supper with us before they went to town to the singing. Father and I chopped some more in the evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped father and Will to get ready to go to Burgeltstown in the morning for a load of bricks to arch the cistern.

I calted all the stock on the farm and the made some brush fence before dinner. Mrs. Lawther and Mrs. Scott made us a short call in the afternoon.

I put up a board at the milkhouse to run crocks on and then went to town to attend the primary Election but was too late to vote.

Went to the station and got our mail. Did not get home until eleven o'clock. Helen slept on the floor to keep Charlie from pulling the bed clothes off her.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will brought in the horses in the morning and I helped to harness them to go to Church.

Uncle Ann went with us in the Springwagon.

Heard Rev. Hardie preach from Luke ~~11:14~~ 9:43 incl. Good sermon. Mrs. Lucas talking about Helen and Mae ~~not~~ attending Sabbath School. Mrs. Thorley was also scolding us somewhat as we came home. Spent the

afternoon at home reading. Weather fine. Small shower just when church was out.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and Will went to Steubenville for a load of materials to repair their cistern. I took some potatoes to S. Thorley's in the morning and hewed our garden in the forenoon. After dinner

I put some soles on my shoes. After supper I went to John Melvin's and from thence to the station where the jury had met to decide the case of the two men who had been killed on the railroad on Sunday morning by lying on the track and allowing an engine to pass over them. Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day repairing fence and putting a trough in position for the cattle and horses to drink from. Separated our cattle and horses so that we could bring the milk cows and work horses to the house without the others. Repaired the fence beyond the spring and put the bull in that lot.

Weather very fine and fair.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day working corn. In the evening Will went to Geo: Hays, Robt Cooper's and Crisp's to tell them about our singing. I went to Mr. Boles on the same errand.

Weather very warm. Christopher Kline came on to build fathers cistern.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

We spent the day working about the cistern, carrying brick and mortar &c.

In the evening we had quite a nice singing party, Lentie a number here and they sang well.

Some of our friends here from the other side of Harmony Creek. Maggie Hardin came at dinner time and remained with us over night.

Weather fine. Did not retire until near one o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day attending Christopher ~~Alaise~~ while he was furnishing father's cistern and topping out one of his chimneys.

Cleaned out our cistern in the evening and had it partly plastered to stop the leakage.

Some appearance of rain in the evening. Maggie Hardin went home after supper.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent a short time in the morning working about father's cistern and plastering some holes in our house.

We worked among the corn until supper time. Father and mother went to John Melvins.

Will and Priscilla went to Mrs. McCuen's and I took Charlie to the shop and got a shoe driven and the shouls of our cultivator sharpened. Got home at nine o'clock. Day fine.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about half past five and then we got ready and went to Sabbath School. Mary and Maggie Jackson went with us.

I was elected assistant teacher of the Bible Class. Time of meeting for next Sabbath two o'clock. Rev. J. B. Lucas supposed to be dictating the hour against the works of many of the school. Father and mother were at John Melvins until evening. Father was at church. Heard Lucas preach from Gal. IV 18. Congregation not very large.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We worked corn until ten o'clock when it became too wet. I put another shovel to the cultivator for an experiment. Made a spout to carry rain-water and built a chicken coop. After supper we worked in the corn again.

Did not rain enough to wet the ground much.

Uncle Matthew McKeever and S. William Bushfield were here. Willie got some potatoes for Lon. Bushfield's infare.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

The morning was somewhat wet and we did not get out to work until nearly noon. Billy McCann, Connell and John Crippen brought a cow over in the morning. We plowed and hoed our potatoes and spent the evening after supper working corn. Will went to the singing at night.

Uncle McK. still at father's. Weather cloudy.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day working corn.
We got through in the evening.

Heard that Ephraim Johnson was dead and Will. went to town at night to make arrangements about going to the funeral.

Day fine but cloudy. Moore Barber came in the morning to see if we wanted him to build fence but we could not haul rails for him. Uncle McK. still at father's. We ate supper there.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Will. went to E. Johnson's funeral. I repaired our springwagon some in the morning. Father and I hauled a load of sand with Dobl and a horse of J. Pos. Waddie's. Dobl refused to pull and we had quite a time. Sifted some sand and put some shelves in a box for a cupboard to keep fruit in. Wrote a letter at night to The Averill Chemical Paint Co. at Rained a shower in the evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I brought in the horses in the morning. Will took Alex. McConnell's buggy home and I took the team and went to Baretts town after a load of bricks and shingles. Took dinner at John Melvin's. Father, mother, and uncle M.C.R. went to Cronfords in the spring wagon.

I got home about six o'clock about the time a shower of rain came on. Helen and Charlie went to Mrs. Cassiday's and they were not at home, they then started to F. Scott's but Charlie gave out and they came home.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Carried Charlie's bedded home in the morning. Spent the forenoon doing chores. Made a cupboard out of a storbox to keep bed clothes in. Helped father and Will in the afternoon to lay bricks in their cellar floor.

After supper I went to Johnathan Wright's to try to sell him a mowing machine from thence to the station, then to Eldersville and home about nine o'clock.

Appearance of rain in the evening and very warm but it did not rain much.

Uncle M.C.R. still at father's. I rode his horse. Charlie slept for the first time in his trunk alone.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Helen did not feel very well and did not attend church. Aunt Sally, Uncle McK. Charley and I went in the spring-wagon and heard Wolen preach a good sermon from Philipians # and latter clause 12".

Wolen and Robert Cooper and his family took dinner with us.

Weather very warm with appearance of rain in the evening.

Uncle McK. went to Bushfields

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses in the morning and we took our old mowing machine apart and I took it to Burgettstown for Patterson and Young. Took dinner at John Melvin's.

Aunt Sally went with me and took her carpet filling. I got 250 bricks from Thomas Hays for father's cellar floor. Weather very warm. Some folks harvesting between here and Burgettstown

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Will and I spent the day working corn.

Father and mother went to Pleasant Hill for a cupboard and learned that James Gillespie had a pair of horses with harness and wagon and six hundred pounds of wool stolen. Jimmie followed the wagon in his bare feet through Middletown.

Did not learn the result of the chase. I went to Hanlin's Station at night and got a pulley for our reaping machine. Got home a little after ten o'clock. Weather very hot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Went to W. Gillespie in the morning and learned that the thief had taken 600 lbs of wool from the wagon and taken it to Washington, upsetting the wagon once on the way.

Sold the wool for sixty cents per pound, knocked off 20 cents on the pound to get the cash, put the horses in the stable and started on foot to Pittsburgh but was overtaken by Gillespie, gave up the money, came back to

Washington and was lodged in jail. Jimmie sold his wool for sixty cents and then came home. We worked corn until dinner time, put down some cellar floor until supper, and then I spent the evening in the cornfield.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

David Thorley and Will. put a roof on Aunt Sally's kitchen during the day. Will and I worked some in the corn. Father was helping with the roof. John Melvin of Burgettstown came at supper time. John Melvin of Harmons creek brought him up on a horse. There was a dance on Billy McCready's place. Rained had two or three times in the afternoon. I put a door on a cupboard in the old house. Set up the reaping machine in the evening and prepared some for cutting our wheat. The two John Melvins took supper with us.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I finished working corn about three o'clock and set up the reaping machine and cut nine dozens and five sheaves of wheat. Cousin John Melvin of Burgettstown here. He gathered some cherries. We hauled a load of stovewood in the evening.

David Thorley and Will. repairing father's floor and putting a new pump in his cistern. Weather fine.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Will took Cousin John Melvin Sr. to the station in the morning.

Father and I sowed some turneps in the cornfield. He and mother went to Middletown to Quarterly meeting. I put some poles about some cucumber vines to keep the sheep from tramping them and then made a ditch at a spring in the back field. Had some in the garden in the evening.

Weather very fine.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and we got ready and went to West Middletown to Quarterly meeting. D. Thobley and Ann went with us. Heard Rev. Hardie preach from ~~Mat~~ ~~XXIV~~ 55-58.

Bettie Wallace fainted just as service closed.

We took dinner at Mr. Stewart's. David and Ann went to Mrs. Rebecca McKewen's.

We got home about sunset. Day very fine.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept unusually late in the morning. Brought in the horses before breakfast.

Spent the day until supper time cutting wheat below the house with the machine. We shocked up some after supper and then did some chores.

Will and Priscilla went to town. Father went to the Saunders farm to see if the wheat were ripe and I went to David Thorley's to put some forks in their bundles. Weather fine.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought the horses in before breakfast. Will and I ground a set of knives for the mowing machine. Will mowed nearly all day. I mowed some with the scythe, went to D. Thorley's and got the horse rake. Father and I put up hay until suppertime. After supper we hauled in three sled loads of hay and put it on the stable loft. Felt somewhat unwell in the afternoon. Some appearance of rain in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Cut a feed for the horses in the morning while Will brought them in.

Frank Scott and I went to Stuebenville in the spring wagon. I took some butter and eggs down. Was raining hard when we started but was clear as we came home.

We put up some hay in the evening.

Solen Crisp came down to get us to reap some for them. Helen went to see Liz. Saunders.

Suzanna Scott was there but Liz. only just spoke to her. Rained a nice shower after night.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will Steen called at our door before we were up in the morning, and borrowed our spring wagon to go for Cherie. I took our reaper and went and cut wheat for them until supper time when a pain came on and stopped us.

Our bull got out of the field an night and while I was putting up the fence, a rail fell and knocked the skin off my nose. Church was raised at the Tent in the afternoon.

Fine shower in the evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Was raining when I awoke
in the morning.

We cleaned up five
bushels of wheat and
I took it to mill.

Went by uncle Geo. Crip-
to see if they were ready
to cut wheat but did
not cut any until
after dinner. Ran the reaper
until quitting time
before we ate supper.

When I got home
it was after nine
o'clock.

Afternoon fine.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Will was so sick in the
morning that I could not
work at Crip's but went
up and told them to
run our reaper themselves.
When I got back, Will,
was much better and
helped to clean up the
barn and haul in some
hay and some wheat
during the day.

Father took the buggy
and met Mr. Hardie.

I went to town as
night and got a shoe
driven on Ginnie.

Got home about ten
o'clock. Weather very
warm.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses
in the morning and
harnessed them to go
to Church. Aunts Ann,
Mr. Hardie, Charlie, Helen
and I went in the
spring wagon. Heard
Hardie preach from
Mark ~~III~~ 34.

Felt somewhat unwell
and consequently rather
sleepy during service.

Spent the afternoon
at home. Slept about
an hour. Mr. Hardie went
home with Busfield's
children in their carriage.

Day very warm.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We went to the Saunders
field in the morning and
spent most of the day
cutting wheat. Ran.

Crisp helped us in the
afternoon. Rained.

Rained in the morning
and we were late going
to work. Rained in
the evening and we
quit at supper time.

I put a sole on one
of my shoes; after
supper.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day cutting wheat on the Saunders farm with the machine. Randolph Crisp helping us. Wheat very thin. Hardly worth cutting. Rained at dinnertime and in the evening. Saunders plowed on his half mile of road. Helen did her washing. Was raining at bedtime.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We finished cutting our wheat during the day. Randolph Crisp helped us all day. Sammie Thosley and Albert and Robert Cooper helped us until we got through in the afternoon.

Will and I commenced cutting out until it rained in the evening.

Had quite a hard rain. Had trouble with the cattle breaking into the orchard; and the bull got out of his field.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1872.

Father Hanlin's

After we got our morning work done up we went to father Hanlin's on a visit. When we got there we learned that Harry McConnell was dead and we attended his funeral. Learned that he had exhibited the Christian Character for many years and died a very triumphant death. Made father, mother and brother promise to try to meet him in Heaven. Afternoon was very wet but there was a good turnout to the funeral. We spent the night at father Hanlin's.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's, then came home by the way of Ryland's Mill and got some grinding there.

Got home with Mrs. Wright with his part of the way to Mr. Boles. Got home about ten o'clock.

Robert Cooper helped me to cut staves in the afternoon and we run four cradles. I went to town after we quit work and bought a new cradle for which I agreed to pay six dollars. Got home about 25 minutes before ten o'clock. Helen and Charlie in bed asleep.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Will and I ground my new scythe in the morning and father helped us to cradle oats until suppertime when we got through with the field on the hill.

We tied some after supper until sundown when Will and I went in search of our bull which we found at Billy Steen's land brought him home after night.

Weather very fine

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Aunt Sally and Maggie Jackson went with us in the spring-wagon to church in the morning. Were there for part of Sabbath School.

Heard B. B. Lucas preach from ~~CXXX~~ Psalm 18th verse. Spent the afternoon at home.

Had a very heavy rain in the evening.

I helped to do the milking. Mary Jackson away and we milked Father's cows.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I ground a set of mowing machine knives in the morning. I mowed until supper time when I lost two bolts from the outer edge of the machine and was obliged to go to town for repairs.

Was very unwell during the afternoon with something like Cholera morbis.

Father and Will cocked up some hay after supper. Some appearance of rain in the evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The forenoon was exceedingly wet and I did some chores. After dinner I put the tongue in the bag and drove Champ and Jimmie to Florence and paid our taxes. Saw J. P. Miller and had a talk with him.

Took supper at Father Danlin's and met John Scott and Saml McConnell there. Aunt Jane Provins came home with me. Rained hard on us before we got home. Found Helen in bed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Aunt Jane Provines
here with us all day.
I took her home after
supper. Mowed some
in the forenoon and
tied some oats in the
afternoon. Charles Bush-
field and Will Steward
here. Got some Black-
smithing done in town.

Got home a little
before nine o'clock,
looking like rain.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did some chores in the morning,
such as putting the spring on
the mowing machine. Went to
D. Thorley's and got a quarter
of veal and divided it
with Aunt Sally, Prill, and
I tied oats until dinner-
time, and then we put some
hay into the barn, and
cleared one meadow.

After supper we tied a
few dozens more oats.

Rained a little shower
in the afternoon.

Prisilla came in the
evening and remained over
night at father's.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Satted the sheep in the morning. Will and I went to the Saunders' farm and cut oats until dinnertime and then tied oats in the afternoon until near nine o'clock at night.

Mary Stephenson took dinner with us. Dr. Scott was at father's for dinner. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses before breakfast and fed them. Father went to Eldersville and to the station in the morning. Will and I went to Saunders' and cut oats during the day. Will took dinner at Cooper's with Priscilla. He came home between six and seven o'clock.

Lizzie Saunders, quite poorly. Not getting any better.

Weather very fine.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Will brought in the horses in the morning. I did our milking. Helen and Aunt Sally were both poorly and did not go to church.

Charlie went with Grandpa in the buggy and I rode on horseback.

Heard Nolen preach from Matthew VIII 24-26 inclusive. He took dinner with us. I spent the afternoon at home reading. Helen's throat very sore. Weather very fine and pleasant.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five. Helen being very unwell, I milked the cows for her and carried the Cream from the milk house. We went to Saunders' and Will, Thorley, Will, Melvin, and I cradled until dinner time. Will, Thorley was not with us in the afternoon.

Will and I cradled until suppertime and then a shower of rain drove us home. Feather tied oats during the day.

After we came home I shooed some on the road and we took the bed off the wagon and got it ready to put the grain carriage on.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day at
Saunders' cutting and
tying oats.

Will and I went
to Cooper's in the morning
and ground our
scythes.

Lizzie Saunders very
sick and getting very
weak.

Weather fine

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Hunted for our bull an hour
or so in the morning. Went
to Billy Stuns and met
Cyrus Ferguson there.

He came with me to
Saunders' and helped us
to finish cutting our oats.

We tied oats after supper.
Day fine. Appearance
of rain in the evening.
Found out that the
bull was at Robt Cooper's.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1872

Home.

Brought the horses in in the morning as usual and fed them before breakfast. Will and father hauled a load of wood. I mowed until dinner time, Will mowed while I ate my dinner and went to Cooper's for our bull. Father and Will tied some oats at Saunders' and then put up some hay after supper. Will went to town after supper for Priscilla. Mary Jackson went to Billy Bales' to see her mother who was sick. Weather fine.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past four, and fed the horses.

L. J. Walker, Campbell Cosgrove, Licurgus Robertson and Will Thorley were helping us to harvest during the day. We put in hay until supper time and then we went to Saunders' and tied fifty five dozens of Rats. I called in to see Mrs. Saunders in the evening. She was no better. Getting very weak. Unable to help herself out and out of bed. Day fine.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and cut
a feed and brought in the
horses and fed them.

L. Robertson, T. J. Galkers
and Campbell Cosgrove
were helping us to harvest.
We tied some oats at
the Saunders' place and
finished putting in our
hay during the day.

Mary Jackson was
away and Helen and Fuscillo
did the cooking at father's
with Alma Thorley's
assistance.

Day over fine.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I attended to the milking in
the morning and brought in
the horses before breakfast.

Father and Helen and I
went to church in the spring
wagon. Heard Dr. Moore
preach from 182 Psalm 18th
verse 'The stone which the
builders rejected &c'. John
Province, Maggie and Beekie
came home with us for
dinner and we went back
to church in the evening
and heard Rev. Hood ^{of} preach
in the Wesleyan church
at five o'clock.

Quarterly meeting at the
brick church.

Helen and I attended to
milking all the cows in the
evening. Day fine.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and milked the cows for Helen while she was mending my shirt.

Father brought in the horses. L. Robertson & Campbell Cosgrove were helping us during the day. We hauled and stacked four hundred and fifty dozens of oats.

Father did the stacking. We hauled with three teams.

Mrs. Sanders becoming very weak with Consumption. Day very fine.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day at Sanders' hauling in wheat. We got through about sunset. Coming home we lost a singletree and I went part of the way back to hunt it but did not find it.

Weather very fine.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose at four o'clock
and took Doll to the
shop and got her shod.

Got home about
eight o'clock and
we hauled in oats the
remainder of the day.

Had 57 dozens of
oats and 22 dozens
of rye left over at
night. We hauled
from 39 to 57 dozens
of oats at a load.

Thompson Crip borrowed
our spring wagon in the
evening. He ate supper
with us.

Weather fine & warm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1872

Home Near Eldersville

We hauled in fifty seven
dozens of oats ~~and~~ one
load in the morning
and then brought in
22½ dozens of rye the last
of our harvesting.

Did chores in the
afternoon such as
mending shoes, pulling
weeds in the garden
&c. Wrote a letter at
night to Robert and
Thamer Hamilton.

Weather very fine.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

A little after one o'clock
John Lawther aroused us and
told us that Robert Smith Esq.
had died very suddenly about
twelve o'clock. Will and
I went to the scene. I came
to Cassidy's at daylight then
went to Chorley's and Lawther's.
Spent the day doing chores.
Oxended some harness
in the forenoon. Put
some springs in some
snaps in the afternoon
and pulled some weeds in
the garden. Sussannah C.
Melvin took supper with us.
I went to town in the
evening and got Jimmie shod.
Will, Melvin and Will, Chorley
went four miles below Millsburg
for some of Smith's friends.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Rose about the usual
hour and spent the morning
getting ready to attend the
funeral of Robert Smith
Esq. We went to the house
but did not go on to
the graveyard. Quite a
number of persons out. Old
Mrs. Jackson was buried at
the same hour.

After dinner I went to
Kylard's Mill for some
knap. Came home past Uncle
Geo. Crisp's and borrowed
this cutting box.

Rained for me as I came
home. Jimmie Haukin here
over night.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses before breakfast. Rev. Mr. Hardie and Jimmie Hardin went with us to church in the Springwagon. Heard Hardie preach from Mat. 24th a 36th inclusive. Spent the afternoon at home.

Father and mother went to Bushfield's in the evening and took Mr. Hardie on his way home.

Weather very warm.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1872

Home.

Mill and I spent the day hauling out straw and manure. Father and mother came from Bushfield's about noon.

Aunt Sally and Helen went to see Mrs. Saunders and found her very low.

Charlie had a thorn in his foot and I tried to get it out at night but failed;

threatening rain.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Fed and harneped the team before breakfast. Spent most of the day sewing the leather on Will Thorley's splash-board. Helped Helen some with her washing after supper and did the milking for her in the evening.

Will Thorley helped with the hauling while I was sewing for him.

Threatening rain.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1872.

Father Hanlin's.

After feeding and harneping the team and eating breakfast we spent the day hauling out manure until suppertime when Helen Charlie and I got ready and went to Father Hanlin's to attend the Sabbath School Picnic at Fulton's grove. Spent the night at father Hanlin's. Weather very warm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Took breakfast at father Hamilton's. Attended the Dobbatt School Picnic at Fulton's grove and heard Reverends Hays, Quinin, Miller, Campbell and Emery speak. Took supper at Father Hamilton's with a number of folks among whom was Mr. Anderson, Belle, bean.

Got home about eight o'clock.

Day Cloudy.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Repaired my shoes some before breakfast and helped father and Will to put the bull into the field. Helped Frank Scott to thresh during the day with Gillespie's old machine. Threshed 261 bushels of oats and 34 bushels of wheat and they got through at five o'clock.

Father and Will commenced repairing the old house.

Day fine.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon putting away some things which we had in the old house and selling some onions.

After dinner we had some of our neighbors helping us to raise the old house and putting some new logs under it preparing it for Will to move into. The day was very fine. John Sawther was driving his Colt some in the wagon to train him for threshing.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in the horses as usual and fed them. Milked the cows before breakfast.

We went to church and was there for part of Sabbath School. Heard Rev. Lucas preach from III Cor. V 17

We spent the afternoon at home. Willie, Grace here. Charlie somewhat sick and unbridable while he was here.

Father and Mother went to Mrs. Pague's in the afternoon. Some appearance of rain.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose between three and four O'clock and took Doll and Jinnie to the shop, and got them shod beside getting some other work done. Got some repairs for threshing.

Got home about ten O'clock and we spent the remainder of the day loading the threshing machine and preparing to go out to thresh.

John P. Lawther did not come according to agreement and it took us all afternoon. Mill, Thorley and Thompson Crisp here. Quite warm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1872.

Wm. Graham's

Arose about ten minutes before five and got the horses ready to move the machine. We got things ready about eight O'clock and went to Mr. Graham and threshed enough oats for feed before dinner.

Threshed until dark. John P. Lawther, Mill, Thorley and Thompson Crisp and I together.

Spent the night at Graham's.

Very hot everything went off well.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Took breakfast at
Graham's. Finished
threshing there about
eight o'clock and then
moved to John Freshwater's.
Finished his job about
four o'clock and moved
to Archibald Freshwater's,
set the machine and
threshed some barley
and some wheat.

I got home a few
minutes after eight
o'clock. Walked home.
Very hot.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1872.

Wm. Bell's Near Paris Pa.

^{15 min after 3}
Arose at 20 minutes before
four o'clock I started to
Mr. Freshwater's to thresh.
Tried to catch T. Crip's young
horse and failed. Got to
Freshwater's in time to
curry and harness my own team.

Moved our machine to
Wm. Bell's and threshed some
before dinner. Very heavy
storm in the afternoon
which blew down a great
many apples and stopped
us from threshing.

Spent the night at
Mr. Bell's. Had a nice
chat with Mrs. Bell with
whom I used to attend
Sabbath School. She was formerly
Margaret Ann O'Creedy.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1872.

Aunt Nancy Hanlin's

Took breakfast at Bells and we finished threshing there against dinnertime and after dinner we moved to Mrs. Gibson's to thresh Robert McCready's Oats. Did not get through there and I went home with Will Hanlin and spent the night there.

Did not find a man on the whole ridge who asked a blessing at the table or had family prayer. Heard early in the morning that Lizzie Saunders had died about nine O'clock last night. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at Aunt Nancy Hanlin's a little after four O'clock and took breakfast there and then went to Gibson's where we finished threshing about nine O'clock and moved the machine to Budas' and threshed some before dinner. Got through there between four and five O'clock and moved the machine to James McConnell's barn. I got home about nine O'clock and found the folks all well.

Weather quite pleasant.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about seven O'clock
and helped Helen to milk
the Cows before breakfast.

We went to the Wesleyan
Church and heard Proven
preach from Luke ~~11:14~~
part of 22. Congregation
very small.

Spent the afternoon
at home feeling very hoarse
and somewhat weak with
the cold.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1872.

Father Hanlin's

Arose at four O'clock and
got our team ready
and went to James
McConnell's to thresh.
Got the machine and
spent the day threshing
there. Took two of our
horses to Father Hanlin's
and turned them out.

Spent the night there.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1872.

Home near Eldersville

Took breakfast at father Hanlin's and then went to James McConnells and threshed there until the middle of the afternoon then we moved the machine to Aunt Nancy Hanlin's and threshed 22½ bushels of wheat and 25 of oats. I brought three bushels of seed wheat home with me. Got home about ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1872.

Geo. Morrison's

Arose at half past four and took breakfast at home. Took Helen and Charlie with me in the spring wagon. They stopped at Geo. Morrison's and I went to Aunt Nancy Hanlin's where we finished threshing at supper time and moved the machine to Alex. Hanlin's and threshed 58 bushels of oats before night. I spent the night at Morrison's with Helen and Charlie who were both quite poorly. Day fine.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1872.

Father Hanlin's.

Revised in the morning
and hindered, as some
from threshing at Alex.
Hanlin's. We got through
there about twelve
o'clock and moved
the machine to father
Hanlin's in the afternoon.
Did not get it set
until a heavy rain
sent us to the house.
We cut a pole for a
lever in the evening
and spent the night at
father Hanlin's.
Day fine and cool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1872.

Father Hanlin's

Arose about half past
four o'clock and after
we got our breakfast
Thompson Crisp made the
new lever and put it in
while the rest of us
were getting the rest of
the machine ready.
Threshed the wheat 170
bushels and nearly all
the barley during the day.
Weather cool and
somewhat windy.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at four o'clock
Well. Thorley and I
brought in the horses.

Robert Riddle put his
team in the machine
and I took Charly to the
shop. Riddle hauled grain
with Doll and Hanlin's
Billy. I took dinner
Uncle John Provinces.

We did not get quite
through. One Cats' stack
mishreshed. Brought
Helen and Charlie home
with me at night.

Weather fine.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a little before seven
and spent the day at
home. Mr Potts, Aunt
Chance Bushfield and
Mrs. Martha McKeever
at father's. I did not read
a great deal during the day.
Ann Thorley came over in the
afternoon to see Aunt Sally
who was very poorly with
the rheumatism.

Weather very fine.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1872.

Grant S. Hamlin's

Went to father in the morning and finished threshing his crop before dinner. Took dinner there and then moved the machine to David Fulton's and threshed part of his crop. And moved the separator to the barn after night.

I went to Uncle Grant Hamlin's and spent the night there. The dogs breed a cat and we thought we had a coon and were disappointed.
Day fine.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1872.

Jacob Wright's

Set up the machine at Fulton's barn and finished threshing there between two and three o'clock. And moved the machine to Jacob Wright's. Got there about sundown and set the machine.

Spent the night at Wright's. Heard some music on the piano.
Night quite cool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four o'clock
and brought in our
team and harnessed
before breakfast.

Threshed for Jacob
Wrights during the day
and did not get quite
through. I came home
after I had unharnessed
my team. Rode Thompson
Coff's horse home. One of
Wrights Colts had been
working in his place.

Weather fine. Some
appearance of rain in
the evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at home a few minutes
after three o'clock and ate
a check. Got the horse in
which I had rode home and
started Jacob Wrights to
thresh. Rained on me
nearly all the way there.
Rained nearly all day. We
threshed $14\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of
wheat and moved the
machine to Mr. Wiests
and came home late in
the evening. Will was
helping Will Steen to
thresh in the afternoon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about six o'clock and found it still cloudy.

Got our team ready and went to Wirts to thresh.

Threshed 179 bushels of oats and 75½ bushels of wheat during the day and moved the machine to

Byron Saunders to thresh our grain there. Got it partly set.

Stopped at Robt Cooper's to get him to haul for us tomorrow.

Weather fine in the afternoon.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four o'clock and fed the horses. John daughter had two horses here over night. We spent the day threshing at Byron Saunders. We got through about sundown and then ate supper in the woods where we had put up a table. Was after dark when we got home.

Had 71 bushels of wheat and 395 of oats all together. Weather was very warm. John daughter went to the Pic Nic near Eldersville in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about seven
O'clock. Will brought
in the horses. Charlie &
I went to Church. Helen
did not go.

Heard Proten preach
from II Cor. V 14-18

Spent the afternoon
at home. Recd a
note from Miss Mary
Armstrong asking if
the schools in this
Township were all
enjoyed.

Answered the note
and sent with Proten.
Weather very warm.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose at half past four.
We harnessed the horses
and went to Robert Cooper's
and threshed his wheat and
David Shortly's oats during
the day. Got done at dusk
and moved the machine
to Geo. Boyd's barn.

We spent the night
at home. We worked a
colt for Byron Samuels
nearly all day.

Rained a shower in the
evening.

Had a very sore hand
Something like catarrh.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at half past four
and brought in the horse.
Will fed and harnesed
them, my hand being too
sore to do much.

We threshed at Geo.
Boyd's during the day
574 bushels of oats and
6 bushels of wheat.

My hand somewhat
painful and I was not
able to do much but
drive. Threatened rain
in the evening; called at
Robt Coopers to see
how Liza was and
found her mending.
She was suffering
from rheumatism.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville P.O.

My hand being very sore I
slept until a late hour.
Will and Albert Sholey
harnesed the team and took
them to Geo. Boyd's to thresh
for John Lawther. I did
not go until after eight
o'clock. We got through
at dinnertime and moved
the machine to David
Sholey's and threshed 32
bushels of wheat and 70
bushels of oats.

Heard in the evening
that the widow Metcalf
had died last night at
midnight.

Rained some in the evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four O'clock
and Will and I got the
team ready and went to
David Thorley and threshed
40 bushels of Oats before
John Lawther and some
of the other hands got there.

We were loading the machine
when Robert Cooper came.

We attended Mrs. Mitchell's
funeral at ten O'clock.

Rained nearly all afternoon.

Robert Cooper and I intended
to go to Middletown for a
sawmill but did not go.
I went to Robert McCreedy
and got my boots.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Will Cooper Robert and
I went to Steubenville in
the wagon. We took down
meat and butter and
I forgot to left our bill
and did not know how
to settle when I came
home. Took the wagon
to Cooper's and ate my
supper there.

Was bed time when
I got home.

Bought myself and
Charlie a pair of boots,
and got myself a pair
of pants.
Wained some.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1872

Home Near Eldersville

After I had breakfasted in the morning, Robert Cooper came and I went with him to Middletown after a cidermill. We made about 13 gallons of cider for an old Mr. Patterson in Middletown. Took dinner at Mr. Bushfields. Got home about sundown and found Mrs. Fague and Miss Peter Chip here.

Robert Cooper here for supper. We made about two gallons of cider after we came home.

Day fine

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until it was quite late. Brought in the horses. Aunt Sally and father went to church in the buggy.

Mary Jackson and Maggie went with me in the spring wagon. We heard Rev. Lawson preach from Heb. VIII 25th 26th 27th. Spent the afternoon at home. Read some in the Bible, some in the Gazette and some in the Wesleyan. Felt somewhat stupefied and sleepy.

Weather fine and cool.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and brought in the horses before breakfast. Took Fannie to town and got a shoe put on her. Spent the afternoon plowing. Ground somewhat wet and very weedy.

Hard to plow. Will work at his porch after supper and they glazed some glass in the window after night. Weather quite cool.

I engaged one of Thorley's boys to plow for one while I would attend the Soldier's Convention in Pittsburgh.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1872.

Temperance Hall, Pittsburgh

Arose about five o'clock, walked to the station, bought an excursion ticket and went to Pittsburgh to Soldier's and Sailor's Convention.

Attended reunion of 100th Regt. P. I. G. and had a splendid time. Met a great number of my old comrades and among them Chaplain Brown. Heard an address from Boyd Crumrine Esq.

Supper at Hubley's Restaurant was a grand affair and cost us two dollars apiece. Great many good and grand things but no strong drinks.

Soils given and responded to by different individuals.

Generals Burnside and Hartman, our distinguished guests. Slept with C. C. Solinger at Stephenson's from two o'clock until daylight. Day fine.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
Attended Soldier's and Sailor's
Convention in Pittsburgh.
Greeting of Ninth Army
Corps at nine O'clock. Genls
Burnside and Hartranft
there. Shook hands with Burn-
side. Did not hear any of
the speeches. Watched the
procession which was a
very lengthy one. After
it passed I went to the
train and found that I
was on time to come home
and concluded not to remain
over night. Got home about
half past eight and found
aunt Sally very poorly with
heart disease. Had the
Doctor with her before
morning but they did not
waken us. Rained some
in the evening as I came
home.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
Spent the forenoon plowing.
Will. Thorley hepping.
At dinner time I became
somewhat unwell and was
not able to plow in the
afternoon. Felt chilly and
head aching. Was most
of the time in bed.
Slept well at night.
Mr Cassidy called in to
see me.
Weather fine but
rained a small shower in
the evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Felt quite unwell in the morning but went out with father and Will. and harrowed all day. Felt better in the evening.

Was the day of Esq. Smith's sale but we did not attend. Got through sowing the field of wheat next to Cassidy's.

Weather very fine.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I spent most of the day plowing at Saunders' alone. Will. was doing chores and helped father to finish sowing Timothy seed at home.

I came home by Mrs. McCreedy's aid got some pears.

John Ryland died about ten o'clock at night. Weather fine.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Will brought in the horses in the morning.
We attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Hardie preach a splendid sermon. ~~John XVI~~
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Spent the afternoon at home.
Day fine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose 25 minutes before four o'clock and took Doll and Charlie to the shop and got some shoes put on them and got a singletree mended.
Will and I went to the Saunders farm and plowed some during the day.
Byron away attending the funeral of Hugh Ryland.
I got a basket of tomatoes there and brought them home on the sled in the evening.
Father spent the day repairing Will's house.
Weather very fine and warm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I brought in the horses and fed them. We took some wheat in the spring wagon with us to Saunders' field. Sowed some in the afternoon. Plowed with two teams all day and with three teams in the evening.

Had D. Thorley's old horse to work with old Sal. Father drove one team in the afternoon.

Weather fine, with some appearance of rain in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day plowing at Saunders'. We run three teams in the forenoon.

Will. was suffering with toothache and went to town in the afternoon and had his tooth taken out.

Father and I run the two teams still.

Father hauled rough us a barrel of cider in the afternoon.

Day fine.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

We plowed all day with
three teams at Saunders
and got through a
little before sundown.

Helen spent the day
boiling down Cider.
She got through about
nine o'clock.

I got some sacks
from Thorley's in the
evening. Learned that
Miss Caroline Stocke
was dead.

Day fine.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before
six o'clock and cut and mixed
a feed for the horses. We spent
the day sowing wheat and
harrowing at Saunders.

Dammie Thorley helping us.
We run three harrows during
the day. Byron was at home
he was away at Smithfield
at the fair. He did not
get through harrowing
but got the field part
harrowed over the second
time. Weather very fine.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We harnessed up three teams in the morning and went to Saunders' and finished harrowing our wheat there. Got through before eleven o'clock and took all our borrowed tools home. Brought the cider mill from Coopers in the afternoon and gathered some apples in the evening. Will and I repaired some fence to turn the horses on good pasture.

Thompson Crisp came to see if it would suit us to thresh for them next Tuesday. He ate supper with us. Weather fine and cool.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did not attend church anywhere during the day as Charlie was quite unwell and some of our horses had shoes off. A measure came to David Thorley's for a coffin for a child of Jacob Crisp which was found dead in bed in the morning.

David and I took the coffin in the spring wagon and attended the funeral about four o'clock.

Not very many persons at the funeral. Quite a number at the graveyard. Very windy all day long. No preacher at the funeral and consequently no religious services.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in a basket of apples in the morning after I had fed the horses.

We spent the day cutting off corn. Three of us cut off 79 shocks.

I went to Cassidy's store at night and got a pair of shoes half-soled for Helen. Did not get home until eleven o'clock.

Day fine

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose 20 minutes before six o'clock, kindled a fire and brought in the horses before breakfast. Went to Tom Cassidy's and brought off a bull home. Spent the day threshing at Uncle Geo. Crisp's. Threshed 219 bushels of oats and 100 bushels of rye. Got through a little after four o'clock. Rained a shower in the evening and was very cold and unpleasant. Will. went to mill after some grinding after we got through.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about the usual hour
and put a fire on in the
grate and put two pieces
of panes of glass in the window
to keep the cold out.

Thompson and Tolen Cuf
Came to help us to cut off
corn. Was to get to do anything
at until ten o'clock. We
made some cider to drink.

Rained in the afternoon
and we had to quit about
three o'clock. I went

to Crosby Weaver's and
bought a bushel of
Linnecs for 50 cents.

Stewart Widdle and
Mr. Worthington came
by fathers on their way to the
Piquette town fair with a crop
fed horse.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses in
the morning and loaned Doll to
Albert Shedy to ride to the fair.
Will went in the buggy with
Camp and Jimmie. I rode Charlie
to town and got some sugar
and some jars to put up butters
in. Father and I cut
off corn during the remainder
of the day. Helen and Aunt
Ann spent the day making
Quince butter. They got through
about nine o'clock at night.

Had about four gallons of
butter.

Weather fine.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1872.

Father Haulin's

We finished cutting off our
Corn in the forenoon and
father and I gathered in
some apples for Cider in
the afternoon while Will
and Priscilla were scrubbing
and whitewashing their
house. About sundown
Selen, Charlie and I
started in the spring wagon
and went to father
Haulin's where we spent
the night very pleasantly.
Steward and the two
girls at prayer meeting
when we went.
Day fine.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Took breakfast at
father Haulin's and he and
I went to James Caldwell's
to look at his farm.
Spent the forenoon there
and learned that he
asked eighty dollars per
acre for his land.
Took dinner at Father
Haulin's with Geo. and
Man Morrison. Got three
bushels of apples for
thickening butter. Brought
Mary McKee with us to
the station on her way to
Pittsburg. We got home
before sundown.
Frank Mc Gill came to
father's to commence school
in our district on Monday
next. Day very warm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon at home as there was no preaching at our church on account of appointments for Quarterly meeting in Middletown which however was postponed on account of the members of the church learning through reliable authority that Rev. Hardie had been drunk in Pittsburg. We attended church in the evening at Eldersville and heard Rev. Willson preach his first sermon in Eldersville from Acts 29. Preached a good sermon. Frank Mc Gill went with us. He was boarding at father's about to Commence school on Monday.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day making cider in the barn.

Got through grinding but did not get all preped off. Worked at it awhile after night. Mayill shot some Squirrels in the evening. He went to Commence his school in the morning but it was so very wet there were no children there.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1872.

Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day and nearly all the night in the election room as Inspector. Election passed off quietly.

In the absence of the justice of the Peace the rest of the board put it on me to administer the oaths to several who were sworn. I did not get home until five o'clock in the morning. Election passed off very quietly. Some votes challenged and no one prevented from voting except Thomas Walker who had moved from the state and returned

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Got home from the election about five o'clock and slept about three hours. Father and Mother, Will and Priscilla went to Steubenville with the wagon and bags. Will got some furniture, to go to housekeeping.

They did not get home until after eight o'clock at night. He made a kettle of apple butter during the day. Got it off before they came home. I took the blades off one row of cane. Weather very fine.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about six o'clock.
Helped to put Will's stove
and bedsted into the
house. Will and I
gathered a few winter
apples while the rest
were making apple butter.

We gathered a load of
apples in the evening to
send. Prepared some
crated cider for vinegar
in the afternoon and
ground about ten bushels
of apples at night.

Will and Priscilla
went to town at night
in the buggy.

Day rather cold
and windy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did some chores in the
morning while the rest were
making apple butter, and gather-
ed a few winter apples
before dinner. Thorley had
brought the cidermill home
and we spent the forenoon
making cider for vinegar.
I made a few gallons of
sweet cider which Helen
made into jelly. I did
a churning in the afternoon.
And did some chores.
Father took Bushfield's
cider mill home in the
evening. I took the
cover off of our wagonship
at night and repaired it
some. Weather cool
and cloudy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We spent most of the day gathering our winter apples. I went to David Thorley's at noon to see if he had got his new hearse body home and found that he had, and wanted our spring wagon to use under it tomorrow to carry the remains of Robert Stephenson to the tomb. Boys got the wagon in the afternoon and washed it and got a lock-levor.

I was at Thorley's until bedtime. David and Sammie took the coffin to Stephenson's and did not get home until near ten o'clock.

Day fine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose before six and brought in the horses. I attended the funeral of Robt Stephenson. Did not get to the house in time for service. Helped D. Thorley's boys some to get the new hearse ready to go. Helped to saw the boards at the house to cover the vault with. Attended Church in Crosscreek Village and heard Rev. Stockton preach from Judges 21. Got home after three o'clock.

Rained some during the day and Helen did not go to the funeral. Will and Priscilla went in Will Thorley's buggy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1872

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before six O'clock. Gathered some walnuts from among the hulls before breakfast. Father and I hauled wood in the forenoon. And Will helped us to cut off and haul sorghum in the afternoon.

Snowed and rained alternately during the day.

We got through about half past four O'clock.

Will and I made a settlement of our threshing business in the evening.

Charlie has somewhat improved during the night and we were up with him some.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1872

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before six O'clock and brought in two horses and harnessed them before breakfast. Prepared the cane mill, and commenced making our molasses.

Took off one batch in the evening of very thick molasses. The ground nearly all one cane.

Sam. Stephenson hauled some of his cane in the afternoon and took home some rye straw.

Will Steen borrowed our square in the evening. Day very fine.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1872.

Father Haulins

Ground a small amount of Cain in the morning, hauled a load of pumpkins and a load of wood to make molasses with.

Helen, Charlie and I went to Father Haulins in the wagon to pick some winter apples. Took Aunt Ann with us as far as town.

Helped Mr. Sullton to tie up a broken axle of a spring wagon.

Day very fine. Was at Uncle Sam's Provinces a short time in the evening to see the sick folks. Quite a number of the family sick with Dysentery.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

With some assistance at Father Haulins I gathered six barrels of apples and put them in their cellar. Helped the boys to put up a box to put apples in. Rained in the afternoon so that we could not pick apples.

Caldwell's boys were making cider. We came home in the evening by C. G. Stephenson's and brought Aunt Ann home with us.

Mrs. Stephenson very sick and not expected to live long.

Day Cloudy and Cool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at six and
kindled the fire in stove.
Helped father to put
on a pan of molasses.
And then harnessed the
team and hauled
seven loads of pumpkins
without any assistance.
Will was busy fixing
up his house.

Father and mother
went to John's in the
evening. I cut some
strings at night to
make a whiplash of
Day very fine.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1872

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon
making a whiplash and
moving some stock.

Helped father Hardin to
drive two steers which he
had bought from us.
We had considerable of
trouble with them at
the Hail Road. Spent the
evening at father's listening
to Will and Priscilla and
Frank Mayill singing.
Day very fine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six o'clock and brought in the horses and milked the cows for Helen.

We went to church in the big wagon as David Shorley had the horsebed on our springwagon. Heard Golen preach from III Tim. 4:12

Jimmie Hanlin, Hannie Melvin and Albert Shorley came home with us for dinner.

We went to church in the evening and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Phil III part of 12 & 13 verses.

Crugill the school teacher took supper with us.

Weather very fine.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six and brought in the horses. Went to J. T. Bales' Coal bank and found him putting out coal. Made arrangements with him to haul coal to town for James Robertson. Gathered in some apples in the forenoon. Went to Shorley's and borrowed a coal shovel. Went to Lerip' and got the wheels from under the machine, put our wagon together and hauled a load of coal part of the way to town to have it ready for an early start in the morning. Father and mother went to see Mrs Stephenson in the evening. She has not expected to live. Day fine.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past four O'clock and brought in the horses and harnesed them before breakfast. Hauled two hundred bushels of coal for James Robertson.

Hauled 100 bushels of it from James S. Boles' bank, the other fifty bushels I had in the wagon on the road.

Got home about seven O'clock at night.

Heard that Mrs. Stephenson was still living but very low. Will and father were working at repairing the houses. Father daubed over house some.

Weather fine. Raining some at night.

Mrs. Isabel Stephenson died about nine O'clock at night.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose late and found it still raining. I attended to the milking before breakfast.

Went to David Sholly's and learned that "Aunt Abby" Stephenson was dead. Came home and got a basket of potatoes and helped father to daub our house some.

Went to David Sholly's in the afternoon and tightened up some of the loose prons in our spring wagon as David was using it for the horse. Took Charlie with me. Spent the evening at home. Father and mother went to Stephenson's in the afternoon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at six and brought
in the horses. We attended
Mrs Stephenson's funeral.
Helen and I went in Will
Thorley's buggy. David had
our springwagon under the
hearse. We stopped at
John Anderson's and took
dinner. Did not get home
until about four o'clock.
Had a very pleasant time at
Anderson's. Will, Frank
Magill and I went to
town at night to attend
Literary Society but there
was none. We got home
before nine o'clock.
Rained some in the
evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock
and found it raining.
Did the milking for Helen
both morning and evening.
Father and I laid the
boards over our room
upstairs again to keep the
coal soot from coming
down. Rained all day
and we could not work
out of doors. Will went
to town at night to
attend the singing.
Frank Magill borrowed
my mare Junnie and went
home to Crop Creek billage

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I put some new boards in our stable floor in the forenoon then fixed up a pen to keep some pigs in. We went to Uncle Geo. Crip's in the afternoon and got a half dozen young pigs at ~~one~~ ^{one} dollar apiece.

Samuel Stephenson came in the evening and took away his swine.

Albert Tholey was here until bedtime.

Rained all forenoon and rained again at night.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon at home as the weather seemed too forbidding to go to Church and Helen was quite poorly with the cold.

Father and I went out to Bethel in the afternoon and heard Rev. Willson preach from the Kings & Chapter and part of 15th verse "Is thy heart right". Good sermon. But few out on account of the rain. Suffered some during the day with my jaw which I supposed was healing.

Rained nearly all day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1872.

On the road to A. Harding's, Lizard.

Went to town in the morning and got a tooth drawn, then to Cassidy Scott's and got my shoes. Jaw ache and did not do much in the afternoon. About eight at night Frank Coon came and told us that Father Harding had been killed under the beam of the cider press about four o'clock in the afternoon. We got ready as soon as we could and with two horses and buggy we drove to the scene as soon as possible. Were detained by trains on Rail Road. Got to Harding's about one o'clock. Family very sorely stricken. Found that Elder James Fulton and his son David had been making cider and father undertook to help them to raise the beam and put on the press, and it was supposed that while he was in the act of putting in the pin, the chain came

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1872.

At Widow Margaret Harding's.

unhooked and the beam fell, about seven or eight feet taking him under it and crushing him instantly, as the end of the beam was on his shoulders and his breast on the bark side of a slab. By main strength the two Fulton men raised the beam and David held it up whilst his father drew the unfortunate man out. They being the only ones present Smith and Stewart were in the cornfield with the team hauling some corn which father had husked in the forenoon, but were soon at the scene. Maggie was at Paris and was met on her way home with David Fulton and the buggy. The accident caused great excitement and threw the community into commotion. Quite a number were in in the evening but were scattering away when we got there. Family were bearing the stroke as well as could be expected.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1872.

Widow ~~Handlin~~

Spent the morning feeding calves which father Handlin had been accustomed to feed and which would not come for my calling until I tried to imitate his voice, carrying and harnessing horses, carrying boards and putting seats in the house for people to sit upon during service. Large concourse of people gathered, and a very large circle of friends there. Services conducted by Rev. Swamy assisted by Reverends Campbell and Grinnon. Spent the evening and night at the house of Mourning. Children all got together with uncle John Handlin and talked over business matters at night and made an amicable agreement concerning the settlement of the estate. Children all present but George who was in Missouri. Spent the night at the house of Mourning with quite a number of the relatives. Weather fine.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took breakfast at the house of Mourning. Much John Handlin read a chapter at family worship and called on me to lead in prayer which I did. David Gordon and I put the prep on David Fulton's side for him as he said he never could do it after the accident (which had just happened and cost one man his life). Geo. Poque brought some apples and was grinding them when we came home. Talked some with Patch and Bell concerning the keeping up of family worship.

We got home about one o'clock and I went to Bethel in the evening and set out an ornamental tree in the graveyard and straightened up some tombstones. Will move during the day into the old house which he had been a long time repairing. Weather fine.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1872.

Home

Attended to some feeding
in the morning and milked
the cows. Helen and I
went to Steubenville in the
buggy and bought about
thirty dollars worth
principally of warming
goods. Did not get
home until after night.
We took dinner Robinson's
hotel. Weather quite
cool. Will. taken sick
during the day with
something like dysentery.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1872.

Handlin's

We prepared some
grain in the forenoon
and took it to mill.
Did not get home until
after two o'clock.
Father went to town
in the afternoon to
see something about getting
the plastering of the church
patched. I borrowed
Will. Thorley's buggy and
Helen and Charlie and I
went to Handlin's. Was
after night when we got
there, and quite dark, and
raining. Family all at
home and very homesome.
Emma Gracey there also.
Seemed as though there was
a great vacancy, the head of
the family being gone to the grave.
"Not lost, but gone before"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1872.

Hankins

Took breakfast with the family of Alex. Hankins Decd. We attended Church at Tuckers, and heard Father Hankins's funeral sermon preached by Rev. G. M. Duane, from Psalm. XVIII 8/5.

Tolerably large congregation out. The day was wet and doubtless hindered some.

We took dinner at Hankins with the whole family except George who was in Missouri. Spent the evening and night with the family. David Gordon also there. All the married members of the family went to their homes at night except our selves.

Very lonely about the house without father.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1872.

Home near Eldersville.

Arose at Hankins about four o'clock and put on the fires, fed and harnessed my horses before daylight and we got home about nine o'clock. Took Will Shorley's buggy home and went to see about getting some coal. before dinner brought a load of coal from James. & Boles' bank in the afternoon and got a load of wood for father. Went to Mrs. Boles' in the evening and bought 30 lbs of beef at 9 cents per lb.

Spent the evening at home
Weather fine.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past four O'clock and we got our breakfast over and I was in Eldersville again at seven O'clock. Went out to W. W. Knight and got him to clerk for me at the election.

We had a very pleasant day. No disputing concerning any ones right to vote.

Francis Cunningham, Judge, John W. Sutherland and myself Inspectors, W. W. Knight and J. A. Archer clerks. We got through counting off about eleven O'clock and I got home about twelve. Republican vote 81 Liberal and Democratic 103. Rained some in the evening. W. Grant & Horace Greeley the candidates for President

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Slept until after seven O'clock. Father and I gathered in some apples in the forenoon and we dug some potatoes in the afternoon. Will was with us digging potatoes.

Potatoes turning out very poorly. Will and Priscilla went to town at night. Robert Murckland invited us to his corn husking.

Heard considerable of cannonading during the afternoon and supposed that the news was very favorable for W. D. Grants election. Spent the evening at home.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Helped Robert Cooper to
thrust some eye in the
morning and then dug
potatoes until two o'clock
when Will and I went to
help Robert Murchland
to husk corn. Twentyeight
hands there husking and
finished the field at dusk.
Lydia Cooper was here
during the day helping
Helen to fit her dress.
She went home about
three o'clock.

Weather fine, but
somewhat windy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Went to D. Sholey's in the
morning before breakfast
for some patterns. Father
and I husked and shelled
some corn and I took it
to mill and got it ground.
Did not get home until
near three o'clock. Hauled
two loads of hampkins in the
evening. Will, Priscilla
and Frank Magill went
to the singing at night.
Day very fine but cool.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon digging out our cellar to put apples in. After dinner father and mother went to Middletown and I helped Aunt Sally to put down her carpet.

A little before three o'clock I started to Steubenville and got some of Dr. R. D. Peices Golden Medical Discovery for Helen. Got home a little after seven o'clock and found John Melvin here, he had brought Rev James Spear this far on his way to Middletown.

Day fine

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about half past five o'clock and brought in the horses. Went to David Shorley's after I got my breakfast and helped Will Shorley to get ready to take Rev. Mr. Spear to Middletown in his buggy. Spent the day at home. C. M. Stephenson and family, Will Melvin and Rev. Mr. Willson took dinner with us. I attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev. Spear preach from Colossians II 25' & 29' inclusive. Good congregation out and nine dollars and seventy cents collection subscribed and partly paid in.

Weather fine.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about the usual time.
Buried a few heads of
Cabbage in the morning.
We hauled down some
stones in the forenoon to
put in the cellar wall.

After dinner Will. and
I went to Geo. Boyd's to
help John Lanther to
shuck corn. We did not
stay for supper.

I went to town and
opened the Wesleyan Church
and lit the lamps. Heard
Rev. James Spear preach
from Job. XXXIII 21"

congregation not very
large. Heard that
Boston was on fire.
Weather fine.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took Helen and Charlie
to Mrs. Pogue's in the
buggy. Spent the day putting
up bins in the cellar to put
apples in. Ate dinner at
father's. Went to Cooper's
in the evening took supper
and stayed there until
bedtime. Learned that
the people of Pittsburgh
were very much disturbed
in their business by a
disease among the horses
called Epizootic.

Rained and snowed
most of the day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day making holes
in the cellar and filling
them with winter apples.
Buried some of our cabbage
in the evening.

Will and Priscilla
went to James Cassidy's in
the evening in Will's
Thorley's buggy.

The day was fine but
clouded up in the evening
and rained some at
night.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in the horses in
the morning and harvested
two of them to haul pumpkins
with but found out that
father was working at the
cellar and I went and
helped him to put up some
shelves to put air tight
fruit on. I hauled
two loads of pumpkins in
the evening, and father
and I dug out some
clay in the cellar until
bed-time.

Will and Priscilla
got home from James
Cassidy's about four
o'clock. Will and
Frank Magill went to town
to the singing at night.
The fifth anniversary of our
wedding day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses before breakfast as it was very cold and stormy.

Father and I spent most of the day putting up shelves in the cellar to put canned fruit on. Got through about four o'clock and then carried some apples from the barn to keep them from freezing.

While we were eating dinner, Filmore Hamlin and Tho's Willson brought Ginnie Hamlin in the wagon to our house.

They would not come in but returned home immediately.

The weather quite cold and freezing.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five. Spent the forenoon feeding the stock and making a covering of leather for the back of our coal-digger to keep from hurting the back against the roof. John Melvin and Susan took dinner with us about three o'clock on their way home from Quarterly Meeting at Bethel. I took Ginnie Hamlin to Cassidy Scotts in the wagon in the evening when I hitched up to haul a load of coal. Got Helen's new shoes. Went to Cooper's at noon and brought Helen's new dress home. Weather very cold and blowing some. Will dug and I hauled a load of coal in the evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to some feeding in the morning and then got ready and went to Eldersville and opened the Wesleyan Church, expecting to hear Wolen preach, but we had prayer meeting only. Wolen and Cyrus Stephenson took dinner with us.

Cyrus came from Bethel from Quarterly Meeting.

Some of Wills' friends home with him for dinner.

Weather cold. Did not attend church at night.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon attending to feeding the stock and repairing the gate at the smokehouse. After dinner father and I hauled four shocks of corn but it was so very dry that we quit and threshed some more.

Frank Mayall, Will Melvin and I went out to Bethel at night and heard Rev. Willson preach from Isaiah XLII 11-12. Good sermon and very attentive audience. Was very favorably impressed with Willson's manner of preaching Gospel truths. Evening quite cold.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

While we were eating breakfast Parkinson Boles came to get us to thresh for them. He and I went to Saml Creswell's to see Thompson Crip. I went to Eldersville and got Champ and Charlie shod. Ate dinner at Hugh Patton's. Hauled two loads of wood and one load of coal in the afternoon. Frank Magill and I walked up to Bethel at night and heard Rev. Wilton preach from Rev. ~~III~~ 20. Not very many out but Miss Matthe Gardner came forward for prayers. Dance at Will. O. Stein's and one at Volentine Smiths. Commenced snowing in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past three o'clock and fed and harnessed the horses before breakfast and swept the snow off the paths about the house. Took the team and went to Saml Creswell's and threshed during the day for Thompson Crip and J. Am. Dinsler. We got through about sundown and I brought the power of the machine to the foot of our hill, before I got my supper as I did not feel like waiting for supper at Thompson's and then hitching up again. Robert Cooper butchered his hogs during the day and father helped him. Day quite cold and windy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about four o'clock
and fed and harnessed
the team before breakfast.
Helped father and Will
to do the feeding and then
took the team and hauled the
horsepower of the machine to
Mr. Boles and we commenced
threshing about eleven o'clock.
Champ took sick before we
commenced and Will brought
him home and got old Sal.
Boles would not let us have
a horse to put in the
machine on account of
the "Epirotic". We did
not get quite through threshing
as so many of the horses
were sick that we were
obliged to quit. Very cold
and snow on the ground.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Three of our horses sick with
the Epirotic and coughing very
hard. After we had done our
feeding we went to Mr. Boles
to finish threshing but so
many of the horses were cough-
ing that we did not like
to take them out in the
snow and we gathered up
our blankets and came
home. Separated some sheep
and turned the buck in with
them. I husked some corn
in the afternoon. Went to
church at night. Was late
getting there and did not hear
the beginning of the sermon.
Said, "Come unto me, ye that
are heavy and heavily laden
and I will give you rest."
Good congregation.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning and attended to our sick horses I went and got David Thorley to help us and we killed a young beef. David took dinner with us. I went to town to try to sell some beef but could not succeed. Walked to town for want of a well horse to ride. Spent the evening at home attending to the stock.

Day fine and warmer than for some days past.

~~SATURDAY~~ NOVEMBER 24, 1872.

Monday.

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Sunday ~~was~~

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding and attending to the sick horses, we cut up our beef and fattened it away. After dinner I took about thirty pounds of beef which I had borrowed, to Mrs. Boles. Mrs. Boles was here for dinner on her way to John's. She had expected to have met Cornelius Barber at the fingerboards but he did not come according to agreement but went some another way.

Spent the evening at home. Mary Stephenson and family took supper at Wills' and spent the night at Patters.

~~NOV 25~~ NOVEMBER 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After attending to the feeding in the morning I got ready and walked to Eldersville and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Gen. III 24th. Very few horses at Church on account of the horse disease. Attended Church at Bethel at night and heard the same man preach from [XVII] Psalm and 14th verse.

Good Congregation out and nearly every person walking.
Day very fine

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at six o'clock and fed the horses intending to drive three of them to Mill but after I got my breakfast it commenced snowing and I did not like to take sick horses out so I went to David Thorley's and got Albert and the oxen and we went to Ryland's Mill. Did not get home until after four o'clock.

Allen and Charlie went to David Thorley's with Mary Stephenson and her family. Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann and Priscilla were there also. Snowed considerably during the forenoon and the sled run pretty well.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until a late hour. Spent the entire forenoon attending to sick horses. After dinner I went to Eldersville and took a few pounds of butter and bought some oil and some other things.

Mary Stephenson and her family were here in the evening and the children had a good time romping.

Will dug some coal in the afternoon.

Some snow on the ground but roads not in very good condition for plowing.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning Will and I went to the Coal bank and cleaned out the drain at the mouth before dinner. In the afternoon he dug some coal and Frank Craig wheeled it out for him. I dug a new drain partly in the afternoon and we finished it at night. Albert Thorly and I hauled two small loads of coal with their oxen. We worked in the bank until ten o'clock at night and then came up and worked with the sick colts some and came to the conclusion that its leg was broken, Mary Stephenson and her family, and Will and Priscilla ate dinner with us. Day quite cold.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Grose at three O'clock and went out to see the sick horses; found that the Colt had got out of its shed and was battering its head against the side of the shade. Called father and Will. up and after several fruitless attempts to raise it we concluded to kill it and it fell to my lot to hit it in the head which I did. Spent the day at David Thorley's helping to butcher and to mix their sawage.

I got home about seven O'clock and helped Will. to get the water to run into the water trough.

Day very cold. Mercury 12° above zero at bedtime.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning, I put a tongue in our sled and hauled it to the coal-bank where Will. met me with Thorley's axes and we hauled two little loads of coal before dinner. In the afternoon we made a shelter for the Yearling Colts and hauled a small load of hay for them in the evening. Hauled in a small load of corn and hauled away our spring Colt which we had killed on account of its broken leg. Cyrus Stephenson. Got Martin Boles to come with his team and wagon to take Mary and the children home. Horses sick. Mary walked home in the forenoon and back in the afternoon. Quite cold all day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six O'clock and found Old Sal down in the stable and scuffling to get up. Moved Charlie and let her rise. Went to Eldersville, kindled a fire in the church, Golen did not come and we had prayer meeting. I went to Hamlin's for dinner and found them all well. Steward away with Major Hamlin with cattle. Came back to Eldersville to church and heard Rev. Willison preach from Heb. ~~11:13~~ 13th Congregation not large. Snowed considerably during the day and rained in the evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After we had done the feeding, we husked a few shocks of corn until the rain came on and then we went to the barn and threshed some oats until dinnertime. In the afternoon I dug out and leveled a place under the saddle room to shelter our cows. At night I platted a whiplash for Albert Thorley. Rained considerably during the day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

After we got through with the feeding in the morning I went to Thorley's and got the oxen and went to mill with some chopping. Did not get home until about four o'clock. Well; spent the day digging coal. Robert Cooper and Edward and Mary came over to father's at night. I went to David Thorley's at night and got Hellen's medicine which Thorley's boys brought from Stuebenville.

Our sick horses getting better. Day fine with snow on the ground.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

After we had done our feeding in the morning we hauled in two loads of corn with Thorley's Oxen before dinner and hauled two loads of coal for father.

Spent the remainder of the day getting wood water and stork ready for butchering. I went to Thorley's and Cooper's and borrowed two kettles to render lard in. Weather fine.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1872

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day butchering. Got through cleaning the hogs about noon and had the sausage cut and mixed again at nine o'clock.

Heard during the day that John Alingham had been murdered in his bed. Was shot by a piece of cast iron pipe, perhaps 1 1/2 inches in diameter, loaded with slugs and put off with fuse, the whole mounted upon a narrow strip of board and placed upon the banister of the porch and on the window-sill. Alingham's head was blown open and his brains scattered upon the ceiling and feathers scattered all over the floor. The bed was upon fire by the discharge.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning, we salted our meat and then father, Will and I went to Eldersville to learn the particulars of the Alingham murder. Found the town almost full of people.

Henry Brice (Hank) and Andy Leister arrested on suspicion. Pieces of pins and other cuttings exactly fitting the frame used, having been found in Henry's shop. The pipe used for a gun was stolen from Sam Gardner's springhouse. Brice and Leister were taken to Washington in the evening. I helped to put Alingham in the coffin and helped some with the drying of the grave. Spent the evening at home. Weather fine. Snow on the ground

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning I went to Eldersville and attended the funeral of John Alingham who had been fatally murdered. Quite a number of persons in attendance.

I helped to carry the corpse to the graveyard and helped to fill the grave. After I came home and helped to do the feeding, I went to Cassidy Scotts and got my boots mended. Did not get home until near ten o'clock.

Went from Eldersville to the Station and got the mail. Day fine. Snow melting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville.

Did not attend church anywhere during the day or evening. Robert Cooper and Lydia came along on their way to Bethel in the evening, but it commenced raining just as they got here and they did not go on to church. Father, Mother and Will. were in until bed time.

Cleared off before bed time and commenced to freeze.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon feeding and threshing straw for the cattle. After dinner I worked on a cow shed preparing to put our cows in to feed them.

In the evening I wrote a letter to C. H. Patterson.

Weather cold and stormy. Put our cow in the new shed at night.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent part of the day finishing up our cowstable and then helped Will to clean out the cuttingroom, and cut and hauled several sled loads of wood for father in the evening. Attended literary society in Eldersville at night.

No one performed a regular performance but we had considerable of discussion on or the question of the continuation of the society and concluded to have another meeting. Day fine & cold.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

After we got through with our feeding, Will and I went to the coal-bank. I spent the day deepening the drain to try and get the water out.

Will dug some during the day and we hauled it up in the evening.

I worked in the bank until nine o'clock at night. Day fine. Father poorly with pain in his back.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

Shortly after I got my breakfast I took Doll and Charlie to the shop and got their shoes sharpened.

Did not get home until four o'clock. Cornelius Boles away hunting and Robertson's had more work than they could.

We went to David Thorley's until bedtime.

I cleaned out the Wesleyan Church while in town and prepared the lamps for the lecture on Monday night.

Day and evening very fine.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at five, put on some coal and went to bed until six. Harneped two horses and went to Patterson's Mill with 28 bushels of corn and oats and got it ground for cow feed. Spent part of the time in Hygnans Store.

Weather was quite cold. I did not get home until after sundown.

Classid's young folks and Alma Sholey and Albert were here until bedtime and seemed to enjoy themselves well. Will worked some in the coal bank during the day and got out 14 bushels of coal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Father and I attended to the feeding in the morning and Will went to the coal bank to dig coal. I took Jennie to town to get her shod and left her there all day.

Father and I husked some corn in the afternoon and hauled it in. I hauled up a load of coal to our coal-house. And went to David Thorley's in the evening and brought home our spring wagon. Will and Priscilla went to town in the buggy at night with Old Charlie.

Felt somewhat unwell - Heavy cold in my breast - Day very fine! John came in the evening and paid me five dollars.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in the morning Will went to Eldersville and opened the Wesleyan Church and put on a fire. We went to church in the spring wagon and heard "Mollen" preach from Luke ~~11~~ 8/10". Helen and Charlie went over the hill with me to feed in the evening. I read several chapters in the bible at night and wrote a letter to Rev. D. S. Kinney. The weather somewhat stormy.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon attending to feeding the stock and threshing some oats straw for the cows. After dinner father and I husked five stocks of corn and when Will came home with the sled we hauled it in. We attended the lecture of Charles A. Holmes in Eldersville at night. His subject "The family and the home" was well handled and was indeed very interesting. The audience was just about large enough to pay the expenses of the lecture by the admittance fee. Snowed in the evening and the sledging was quite good.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose 20 minutes before five O'clock. Spent the forenoon feeding and hauling hay and fodder. In the afternoon Will and I husked five shocks of corn and hauled it in.

We ate supper in at Will's with Miss Alice Robertson. Father and Mother went to Stephenson's in the evening. Will and Priscilla, H. Magill, and Alice Robertson went to Cassidy's until bedtime. Weather fine.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six O'clock and harneped two horses before daylight. After Will and I had done our feeding we went to Eldersville to help to repair the Wesleyan Church. Found that the sleepers on one side were all rotten and had to be taken out and new ones put in. John Love and Nathaniel Gillespie undertook the job of repair. Will Thorley helped us some.

Were late getting our feeding done at night. Father was at C. M. Stephenson's over night. Day fine. Snow on the ground.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

We went to town in the morning to repair the Church. Will took Priscilla and Alice Robertson up in the sleigh and I took the log sled. We hauled in the sleepers before dinner. Got Mollie Curbourn to make us some coffee.

Put in some of the new sleepers in the afternoon. Robert Cooper came over in the evening and bought our bull for Major Hanbin. Snowed and rained in the evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped father to thresh some straw for the cows in the morning and then we did our feeding and I helped to take our bull to the station with R. P. Cooper, Murchlands, Scotts and Cassey's cattle. Helped some with the church when I came back. Came home about four o'clock and did all our feeding.

Will and father did not get home until after dark. F. Mazill and I went to town at night to Literary Society. Had a right good performance from several of the members of the society. We did not get home until after ten o'clock. Roads very icy. I spoke "The Battle of Waterloo" for my performance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After we had done our feeding in the morning I went to David Thorley's and borrowed his plow and grove plains and took them to town for N. Gillespie and John Love to repair the church.

Spent part of the day in town but as I had nothing particular to there we came home.

Spent the evening at home. Roads very icy. Stormy and snowing at night.

Helen washed during the day.

Steward Haulin came home with Will from the singing at night and stayed with them.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Did most of the feeding about the barn and stable in the morning before breakfast.

Steward Haulin was here during the day and the weather was so very cold that we did not go to church any place during the day.

Spent the evening at home reading in the book of Psalms. Weather becoming somewhat moderated. Mercury stood nine below zero in the morning and eight above in the evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five, replaced a brick in our backwall stilled up the fire and and returned to bed until the house became warm.

Father was quite well during the day and Will and I attended to the feeding. I threshed four dozens of oats in the forenoon. Wheeled out 42 bushels of coal which Will dug in the afternoon and we hauled it up on the sled after night.

Snowed all forenoon and the snow blew about into drifts. Spent the evening at home.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning we cleaned up some oats before dinner. Father and mother went to Eldersville in the sled. Will and I threshed some straw in the afternoon and did some chores.

Spent the evening at home mending Helen's shoes.

Weather very cold.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning I went to Mr. Cassidy's and saw the sick folks. We prepared our sled and David and Ann Torley, Will and Priscilla Ades and I went in the sled to John Nelson's to a Turkey roast. Quite a number there. Nearly all the brothers and sisters of John and Susannah and their brothers and sisters in law. We had a very pleasant time.

Robert Cooper and I walked home. Father attends to the feeding. Charlie was very much delighted in the morning to find presents in his stockings.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville

After we had done our feeding in the morning, Will went to the coal bank and dug 28 bushels of coal which I hauled up to father's coal house in the evening.

Father and I hauled some wood some corn fodder and some hay. We also cracked two shocks of corn to get the fodder for our sheep. Was snowing hard all day. Snow quite deep.

We killed and cleaned 14 chickens at night to take to market.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I started about eight o'clock to Steubenville. We took ten bushels of corn and oats to Ryland's mill and put our horses in their stable went to Collier and got on the train which was an hour behind time. Attended to our marketing in town and had to wait at the depot about three hours on the train which about that much behind time. We got home safely a little after night.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did not do much in the forenoon but feed stock. Thompson Crisp came and gave us some money which he had collected for threshing.

In the afternoon Will and I husked three shocks of corn and hauled the fodder to the sheep and the corn for the horses.

I repaired a wagon slip some in the evening. Snow quite deep and weather cold.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding we went to Eldersville to Church and heard Tolen preach from John III & 7. Reasonably good congregation out. We ate dinner at Feathers and Tolen ate at Will's.

At night we went to Church in the sled and heard Rev. Willson preach a good sermon from Colossians III & 7.

Congregation tolerably large. Sleighing good and still snowing.

Mrs. W. C. Cuen came home with Will for dinner and returned to Church at night.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1872.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We arose at five o'clock and I did a churning and milked the cows while Helen was doing up her morning work. We then got ready and went in the sled to Hanlin's.

Took Mary Jackson with us as far as Billy Boles Spens the day very pleasantly. Bell was not at home.

We brought home two barrels of apples with us and while Will and I were carrying them into the cellar I fell and the barrel fell on my ankle and sprained it badly. Although the bone was broken or else off joint. Will sent for the Doctor but could not find him. Slept pretty well but did not retire until after midnight. Weather fine. Snowed in the evening.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1872.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until a late hour on account of having retired late. Father went for the Doctor in the morning to see my foot. When he came he pronounced the ankle sprained. I spent the day in the house reading in the newspapers. Rained considerably during the day and the snow melted very fast until evening when it commenced freezing again.

Slept well during the night. Will Kellogg and Samuel Thorley husked some of our corn during the day.

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