

*The Diaries of
Samuel Jones Melvin*

1873

Presidents of the United States.

NAMES.	When born.	Inaugurated.	Contin'ce in Office.	Died.	Native of
George Washington.....	Feb. 22, 1732.....	April 3, 1789.....	8 yrs.....	Dec. 14, 1799.....	Virginia.
John Adams.....	Oct. 30, 1735.....	March 4, 1797.....	4 ".....	July 4, 1826.....	Massachusetts.
Thomas Jefferson.....	April 2, 1743.....	" 4, 1801.....	8 ".....	July 4, 1826.....	Virginia.
James Madison.....	March, 16, 1751.....	" 4, 1809.....	8 ".....	June 28, 1836.....	"
James Monroe.....	April 2, 1759.....	" 4, 1817.....	8 ".....	July 4, 1831.....	"
John Quincy Adams.....	July 11, 1767.....	" 4, 1825.....	4 ".....	Feb. 23, 1848.....	Massachusetts.
Andrew Jackson.....	March 15, 1767.....	" 4, 1829.....	4 ".....	June 8, 1845.....	S. Carolina.
Martin Van Buren.....	Dec. 5, 1782.....	" 4, 1837.....	4 ".....	Dec. 27, 1862.....	New-York.
William H. Harrison.....	Feb. 9, 1773.....	" 4, 1841.....	1 month.....	April 4, 1841.....	Virginia.
John Tyler.....	March 20, 1790.....	{ Succeeded to } { Presidency. }	3 yrs. 11 months.	January 17, 1862	"
James K. Polk.....	Nov. 2, 1795.....	March 4, 1845.....	4 years.....	June 15, 1849.....	N. Carolina.
Zachary Taylor.....	Nov. 24, 1790.....	" 4, 1849.....	1 year 4 months.	July 9, 1850.....	Virginia.
Millard Fillmore.....	May 7, 1800.....	{ Succeeded to } { Presidency. }	2 yrs. 8 months.	New-York.
Franklin Pierce.....	Nov. 23, 1804.....	March 4, 1853.....	4 years.....	October 8, 1869.....	New Hamp.
James Buchanan.....	April 23, 1791.....	" 4, 1857.....	4 ".....	June 1st, 1868.....	Pennsylvania.
Abraham Lincoln.....	Feb. 12, 1809.....	" 4, 1861.....	4 years 40 days.	April 15, 1865.....	Kentucky.
Andrew Johnson.....	Dec. 29, 1808.....	April 15, 1865.....	3 yrs. 11 months.	North Carolina.
Ulysses S. Grant.....	April 27, 1822.....	March 4, 1869.....	Ohio.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 1. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

While father and Will were attending to the feeding in the morning they found Old Sal down in the stable unable to rise. Some of the neighbors were called and helped to get her up. I was unable to assist much on account of my sprained ankle. Spent the afternoon darning some horse-blankets and did some little shoe mending at night. Father Will and Tricella went to town at night to attend the election of officers of the Jefferson Township Penitence Society.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 2, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Slept until a late hour
as I was unable to help to
do the feeding with my
sprained ankle.

Will and Priscilla and
Aunt Ann Jones went
to James Cassidy's on
the sled and got back coming
home. Albert Thorley and
I went to the station in
the sleigh on an errand.

David Thorley killed a
small beef in the forenoon.
Sylvia Thorley helped
father to do over feeding
in the evening. John
Melvin and Susannah
called in a short time in
the evening on their way
home from Mr. Boles.
Snow nearly all gone.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 3, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The snow nearly all gone
and the ground getting soft.
Father spent part of the day
husking corn. Will was helping
David Thorley to hang his
cupboard doors. I mended
my boots and father's during
the day and wrote an essay
in the evening for Will
to read before the literary
society. My ankle was
too sore to follow me to
go.

Ann Thorley and John
were over with David
during the day and Albert
was digging coal for us.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 4.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Was unable to work out of doors with my sprained ankle and I spent the day in the house mending the buggy harness.

Abel Cunningham was at father's for dinner.

Father and Will. were busy getting straw for the Chattle and preparing to thresh with the machine next Tuesday.

Will. took a load of coal to town at night for the church and attended the amony.

Snow nearly all gone. Some ice in the road.

JANUARY,

SUNDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day at home having a sprained ankle and being unable to attend church. Father and F. D. Magill, Will. and Heley started to go to church in the spring wagon but broke a double tree and Will. came back and saddled the horses and they rode.

I fell down and hurt my foot while attempting to assist Will. and when I came in Charlie fell over my ankle and hurt it again. Read in the book of Exodus most of the time. Rained in the evening and was quite warm.

JANUARY,

MONDAY 6.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day mending my buckskin glove. Helped father to clean some ~~damrot~~ seed. Will and Sammie Thorley took our horses and went to help to finish threshing Mr. Boles' crop. They spent the whole day getting through and bringing the machine home. Broke a spindle on the wagon which carried the horsepower and had to lock the wheel and leave it locked all the way home. The Boles boys would not help to get the machine down the hill over the ice. John L. and Samuel P. were both there and were particularly engaged. Roads very icy, but weather pleasant for threshing. My ankle so badly sprained that I could not be about.

JANUARY,

TUESDAY 7.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Put my boot on my crippled foot for the first time in a week. And rode doll down to Frank Scotts to get help to thresh. Spent the day principally about the house. Walked about some. They threshed 203 bushels of oats and 47 bushels of wheat. Got through about four o'clock and then ate supper, and took the machine apart and prepared it to put away. While father and Will were putting a little load of hay on the sled for the colts father fell off and sprained his wrist some.

Day very fine. Ice thawed some in the sunshine.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 8. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After the morning work was done, Helen and I went on horseback to Grandmother Daniels to eat turkey with George and his new wife. Doll fell down with Helen on the way and threw her off, but did not hurt her. We had a very pleasant visit.

Man Morrison was sick and did not get there. We left Charlie at home. Roads very icy between here and the end of Mr. Cassells lane.

Got home safely.

Day fine. Evening cold.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 9. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Did not feel able to work during the day on account of my sprained ankle so I spent most of the day writing letters.

Wrote five sheets of note paper full. Spent the evening reading to Charlie and Helen. Read some in the Childrens Banner and the Pittsburg Gazette.

Wind very cold during the day and quite not pleasant to be out.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 10. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spends the day in the house.
Wrote a short letter to
Grubbs Hays and Co.
Mended a set of harness
in the afternoon.
Attended Literary society
as guest and filled the
office of President to
the best of my ability.
Considerable of business
transacted. Only three
performances performed.
Roads very icy. Dangerous
riding, but I was not
able to walk on account
of my sprained ankle.
Weather windy and
unpleasant.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 11. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Put a pair of holes
on Charlie's boots in
the forenoon and read
some in the afternoon
in Morgan's expose of
Masonry.

Albert Thorley was
digging coal for us and
boarded with us during
the day. On settlement
between him and Will
he seemed to be somewhat
dissatisfied although he
would not make out
his bill. Was quite cold
and windy during day
but commenced snowing
in the evening.

JANUARY,

SUNDAY 12.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Cross at seven and kindled the fire in the stove. Did some little of the feeding and then got ready and went to Eldersville to church and heard Wolen preach from Luke XVII 31 to a good sized congregation.

All women folks could not get there on account of the ice on the road. I assisted Will some about feeding in the evening. Mr. Stramm's ankle still somewhat painful.

Read a little Sabbath School book in the evening entitled "Sicknes Improved."

Weather becoming somewhat warmer.

JANUARY,

MONDAY 13.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After we had attended to the feeding in the morning we went to the cornfield and hooked eight shocks of corn. My ankle became so sore that I quit work at noon and father and Will hauled in the corn and hauled the fodder. Johnston the wool buyer came along in the afternoon and offered us sixty cents for our wool but he did not sell.

I spent part of the afternoon trying to prepare an essay for literary society but did not succeed very well.

Rained some during the day.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 14. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and I spent the forenoon preparing a load of grinding to take to the mill. Will hauled out some corn shocks on to the sod.

Will and father went to mill in the afternoon and I husked eight shocks of corn.

I spent the evening at home reading in the newspapers and writing an essay to read before the Jeffersonian Philomathesian Society. Retired about ten o'clock.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

L. G. Walker and Nellie came to Hills in the morning. Walker helped us to kill a small beef and then remained during the day and evening.

Helen, Charlie and I spent part of the evening in at Hills with their company.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at seven, and after attending to the feeding, I salted our quarter of beef and then got ready and went to Steubenville for Helen's sague which was there being colored.

Went packed Cooper's. He sent with me for some alcohol as medicine.

Roads very muddy.
Rained on me as I came home.

Priscilla and her sister Nellie were visiting at Cooper's in the afternoon.

Charlie was very anxious that I should bring him a wheel barrow but I had not money enough.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning, Will took Mr. Boles' dog chain home and father and I went to husking corn. When Will came home he joined us and together we husked thirteen shocks, and hauled in one small load. Attended Literary Society as night and we had a good time.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 18. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon feeding the stock and putting rolls on the sled. Will went to Mill in the afternoon and I helped father to do the feeding and milked and fed the cows. Put on a fire in the Wesleyan Church and attended Temperance meeting.

Good lecture by Rev. W. T. Willson, but the election of the officers was a drag as there were so very few there to take any part in the business. Mrs. Cassidy elected President and Rev. Willson Vice Pres. I was reelected secretary.

to leave for the 8th Bear.

Got home a little after nine o'clock. Weather very cold and snowy.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Leather being very unwell with the cold I attended to his part of the feeding in the morning. Will and Helen and I went to Church in the sled and heard Rev. W. T. Willson preach from John II and latter part of 29th verse.

Quadrant C. Melvin came home with me and ate dinner with us and spent the afternoon at Will's the evening at father's and the night with us.

Weather quite cold.

JANUARY, MONDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past six
and kindled the fires.
Susanah Meloni with us
for breakfast. Cut some
wood for father before
breakfast. Cleaned out
the cow stable under the
barn. John came along
about noon o'clock and
ate dinner with us he and
Frankie. Will went to
see Uncle George Crisp in
the evening and found
him very bad indeed.
Robert Cooper and family
were over at Will's until
bedtime. Snowed some
during the day.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 21. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past six
o'clock. Spent the day hauling
manure and wood and corn.
In the evening I went to
Uncle George Crisp who was
being very low with Catarrh
of the bladder. Found him some
better than he had been.
C. M. Stephenson and
his family came about one
o'clock and spent the
afternoon among us.
Snow going off rapidly.
Rained about during the
day but grew colder and
thinned to snow in the
evening.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 22. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past six and went through the usual routine of morning duties. Attended the funeral of Frank P. Cook at eleven o'clock.

Remains were carried to the church where services were held and leave taken.

Bought Charlie a new pair of boots. Spent the evening at home. John Lawther and Thorley boys thought they had a corn tree and yes cut two trees but there was no corn there. Father, mother and Aunt Ann went to see Uncle Geo. Crisp in the evening and found him some little better but very low.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 23. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and mother went to Burgettstown to see Jimmie McKeever and Thomas Pontcos married. Snowed hard nearly all day and we were obliged to carry down a number of buckets full of snow from our garret at night.

Wm Smith and Owen Cassidy came and sat with us until bed time. Will and I attended to the feeding during the day.

Sunday 26th Mistake

JANUARY,

~~FRIDAY~~ 24.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We took breakfast at the widow Hanlins and went from there to Tuckers Church in the forenoon and heard Rev. Swaney preach from Luke ^{XVII} 10.

We took dinner at Aunt Eliza Hanlins Belle M. Hanlin went with us.

As we went to church at air in the evening we stopped at Mrs. Robt. Tuttons to see J. S. P. Magill's sick child and found it very low and not expected to live. Disease, Lung fever.

Went to church, but there was no preaching, only prayer meeting. I left. Helen and Charlie at Grandmother Hanlins and I came home after meeting. Got to bed about half past seven o'clock.

JANUARY,

SATURDAY 25.

1873.

Grandma. Hanlins

Father and Will went to Steubenville in the sled in the morning and I did the feeding both morning and evening. I dug about fourteen bushels of coal during the afternoon.

About five o'clock Helen Charlie and I got into the sleigh and went to Grandmother Hanlins where we spent the night very pleasantly. George and his wife there.

Stewart was gone at home he sat up during the night with J in Magill's sick child.

Friday 26th

JANUARY,

26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon feeding stock and making some repairs in our cow-stable. In the afternoon W. B. and I hauled a load of hay and a load of bran fodder for the sheep and colts.

Attended Literary Society in the evening in Eldersville and we had a good time. Elected new officers. My performance for the evening was "The Hurricane" a poem. Got home about eleven o'clock.

JANUARY,

MONDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helen being away I took breakfast with Willard Priscilla and dinner also. We hauled some wood for father in the forenoon and then I did our churning and put a patch on one of my boots before feeding time. F. C. Magill rode toll over to Mrs. Suttons to see that sick nephew of his. I spent part of the evening at Aunt Sally's making arrangements to go to Pughtown tomorrow.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 28. 1873.

Uncle James Melvin, Pughtown

Arose at home about 5 1/2
O'clock and made up my
bed and prepared to go to
Pughtown. Ate breakfast
with Aunt Sallie and Aunt
Ann and they went with me
in the sled. Helen and
Charlie were at Paulus and
when we got there they joined.
We got to Pughtown about
two O'clock in the
afternoon and we had
a very pleasant time.

We found the folks all
quite well. Uncle James
had sawed the end off of one
of his fingers.

Snowed on us some but
we got along very well.
Night very cold

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 29. 1873.

Home near Edoro Ill.

Spent the forenoon in Pughtown
mostly at Uncle James
Melvin's. Hitched up the
sled and went out after John
Henry's wife and child.
After we had eaten dinner
we started home.

Found the weather exceedingly
cold. We ate supper at
Grandmother Paulus and
Charlie and Helen remained
there. Aunt Sallie, Aunt
Ann and I got home
about nine O'clock.

Mercury was seventeen
degrees below zero in the
morning and it was
very cold all day but we
did not suffer much.
Aunt Ann got along
very well.

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JANUARY, THURSDAY 30. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes
after six o'clock and
did my feeding.

Olivia Foster and I
attended the funeral of
Alexander Patterson at
St. John's Church. He was
buried in the honors of
Aid. Fellowship. I hauled
some fodder and some
coal after I came home.
John Cozgrove, Reeves
McLuen, Alice Robertson and
Emma Wilson were at Will's
in the evening. Helen and
Charlie being away from home
I spent part of the evening
with them, and Frank
Magill slept with me.
Sleighting good. Father and
mother at Middletown.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 31. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at seven o'clock,
Helen being away. I took
breakfast at Father's.
Father and mother were
at Middletown and did
not come home until
evening. Will and I attended
to the feeding and dug
about 49 bushels of coal
during the day.

I attended a literary
Society at night. Not
very many there on
account of preaching in
town. Sleighting very good.
Aunt Kelly not expected
to live over night.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 1. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa

After we had done our
feeding in the morning
Will and I hauled three
loads of coal and then
hauled in some cornshocks
from the field and hushed
them in the barn and hauled
the ladder back to the sleds.
I took the sled in the
evening and brought Helen
and Charlie home from
Grandmother Haglin's.
Brought home four
barrels of Apples.
Sleighing very good.
Auntie Kelly, died at
James Martens in the
evening.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 2. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa

We attended Church in
Eldersville in the forenoon
and heard Rev. Johnson
preach from ~~1st Peter 2:2~~
Helen, Charlie and I took
dinner at Gathamit Gillespie
and went back with them
to Church at night and
heard a young man named
Cress, a Presbyterian preacher
preach from Acts 17:30.
Good sermon.
Sleighing very good.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 3. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

My 34th Birthday. Aunts
Sully, Alma Thyler, Father
and I went to Eldersville
in the sled and attended
Auntie Kelly's funeral.

Rained all day and the
snow seemed to be melting.
Mended one of my boots
some in the afternoon.

Father and I attended
to the feeding in the
evening.

Two graves were open
in the graveyard at the
same time. Auntie Kelly's.
And one for a Miss Wright
Daughter of Samuel Wright.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 4. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding
in the morning Mill and
I hauled our some corn shocks
on to the sled and hauled a
little more than a sled load
during the day.

Robert Cooper and family
came to father's in the sled
in the evening although
the snow was nearly all
gone. I mended some
boots and shoes until bed-
time. Weather fine.
Creek very high.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 5. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent part of the day
husking corn.
Geo. Hamlin and his
wife came about one o'clock.
Geo. Wenz came in the
evening and left his wife
with us. Fannie Hamlin
was here a short time
also. Heard during the
day that Robert Murchland
Dr. had hung himself in
the morning at the lower
ferry op. Steubenville.
Hung himself in the garret
with a chain.
Weather very fine.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 6. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

While doing my feeding in the
morning Shorley's boys came for
the spring wagon to put the
hearse bed on to take Robert
Murchland's coffin away.

I went to assist them
some in preparing for the
funeral. Will Shorley and Alben
and Robert Cooper went with
the hearse.

We husked eighteen shocks
of corn during the day and
hauled off the corn and fodder.
E. E. Lawther and Maggie Casady
were here for supper. Laura
Hamlin also here.
Weather very fine.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 7. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to our feeding in the morning we took the sled and hauled off some Corn Shocks and thrashed them during the day. George Hanlin came in the evening with two horses to take his wife home and remained with us over night. Weather very fine. Thawed considerably during the day and roads became quite muddy.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 8. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

George A. Hanlin and his wife took breakfast with us and George helped us to husk Corn during the forenoon. He finished husking about noon and George and Laura went home in the afternoon. We hauled off our corn and fodder. March-lands got through about the same time we did. Cornfield very muddy in the evening but froze hard again. I sent to David Shoemaker in the evening and brought home some Corn meal. Weather fine.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 9. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After I had done our
feeling in the morning
I went to Eldersville and
opened the Wesleyan Church
and kindled a fire and
swept the floor expecting
Proley to preach, but when
he did not come he went
down to the other Church
and heard Rev. Sutton preach
from John 11:45. Day very
Cold and congregation not
very large. We went to the
School House at night and
heard young Rev. M^r Crea
preach from John 11:45 part
of 25. Good sermon
Congregation tolerably
large for the place.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 10. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Assisted father and Will
to do the feeding in the morning
and then went and saw Mrs
Smith about farming her place
and from thence to Eldersville
and settled with the Road Com-
missioners. Got home about
four O'clock and took
my new axe to David
Sharley to get a handle put
in it. Attended Church
in Eldersville at night and
heard Rev. Sutton preach
from Acts 26 and part of
28. Good Congregation
out but no particular ones
for good. Weather very fine.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 11. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a little before six o'clock intending to go with father to Stenbenville. Found it was raining and we had given up going but about nine o'clock rain seemed to cease and concluded to go.

While helping Will. to shell some corn I got my thumb into the sheller and tore one side of it badly and could not go to town.

Went to David Thorley's and took dinner. Sammie fixed some boxes for me and David was making me an axe handle.

Father and Will. went to Stenbenville and Sammie Thorley and I attended to the feeding. They got home just before dark.

Did not rain much.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 12. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After assisting father and Will. with the feeding I took the wagon and took some chopping to Gillespie's mill. Helen and Charlie went to Mr. Cassidy's on a visit. Charlie took his new wheelbarrow with him.

Snowed all afternoon.

Father and I hauled about forty two bushels of coal out the sled in the evening and then I went to Mr. Cassidy's for supper and sat until bed time.

Drow getting somewhat deep and still snowing at nine o'clock.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 13. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I took some corn and oats to Gillespie's mill in the forenoon to get ground.

In the afternoon we hauled some manure out of our sheep house and put it on the wheat field. In the evening C. M. Stephenson and his family came to father's and stayed over night.

Cyrus went with us to Temperance meeting. Delegates were elected to the County Convention.

Sledding pretty good.
Day fine

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 14. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen, Charlie and I went to Burgelstown in the sleigh after we had done up our morning work.

Found Mathe Melvin some better than she had been and I took her out sleigh riding the first time she had been outside of their own gate since that first of last September. We came to Literary Society at night but few of the members prepared and I gave a performance "The Eulogy on Gen. Fayette". Quite a number of persons out and I felt sorry that there were not more performers.
Day very fine.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we got through with our feeding in the morning I took some corn and oats to Gillespies mill on the sled and brought home some that was there. Mrs Phillips came over and got a basket of chop as I came home. I put a sole on the little sled in the afternoon and we hauled manure on two sleds.

Samson Thorley came in in the evening and sat until bedtime.

Will and Priscilla went to Stephenson's in the sleigh. Snow melting off.

Mary rode at bedtime.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

This morning was wet and we did not attend church anywhere. Will and Priscilla were at Stephenson's and did not come home until evening and I had Will's part of the feeding to attend to. Spent the day in the house except while feeding.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After I had done my feeding in the morning I took Mr. Coarse boots to Cassidy Scott and got them half soled and a heel put on one of them. Carried a side of hole leather from Robert Scott for Cassidy. Took dinner at Cassidy Scott. Got home about half past four and helped to do the feeding and hauled a load of hay to the colts. We saw print bedtime at father's.
Snows nearly all melted.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 18. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will Meloin and Albert P. Harley spent the day digging coal. They put out 100 bushels. Albert took supper with us. Father and I hung our meat in the morning and cut some wood in the afternoon to smoke it with. Old Sal got down in the stable and could not get up until we pulled her out at the door. Father, tapped one Sugar tree during the day and I tapped three. The frost coming out of the ground very fast. Snow nearly all melted off.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before four o'clock and carried in some sugar water. Ate breakfast as father's and took father to the station on his way to Washington a witness on the trial of Henry Brickland for the murder of John Alingham.

When I came home I harnessed the team and hauled four loads of coal. Albert Shorley and Will Melvin were digging. They dug 105 bushels during the day.

James T. Holts and Judy Irvin were married at ten o'clock, or were to be at least.

Frost nearly all out of the ground in some places. Day very fine for out door work.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at half past six and attended to the feeding. Will and Albert Shorley were digging coal. They put out 105 bushels. I hauled a load of wood in the morning to smoke the meat with. Old Charlie fell down with me and I had to unhitch him and roll him over before I could get him up.

Hauled coal until feeding time and then attended to the feeding. Albert Shorley was with us for supper. Father away at Washington attending Court.

Weather very fine. Frost nearly all out of the ground in most of places.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 21. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Found it was raining when I arose in the morning and feeling somewhat unwell I went to bed again. After breakfast I felt better and shoveled some dirt away from the Cowhouse to turn the water and then did some of the feeding.

Hauled coal part of the day, went to mill, and attended to the feeding in the evening.

Commenced writing an essay on "Bugs" at night. Father away at Washington at court.

Day cold and stormy. Snowed home in the forenoon.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 22. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I attended to the feeding in the morning.

Albert Sholey helped us to dig coal during the day and between us we put out 123 bushels. I did not do much but wheel. Father came home in the afternoon from Washington and he and I did the feeding in the evening.

Mrs Sholey was here with us until bedtime. Weather cold and stormy.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 23, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helped to do the feeding in the morning and then went to Eldersville and opened the Wesleyan Church and kindled a fire.

Heard Nolan preach from Luke ~~XVIII~~ 32. Hammer was with him and made some remarks.

I came home past John Steens to see how he was and found him some better but still confined to bed. Spent the afternoon at home.

Weather very cold and stormy. Mercury 2 deg. above zero.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 24, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and took breakfast at father's and then took Father to the station on his way to Washington. Mercury was six degrees below zero when we started. Came home past Stephenson's and found Aunt Ann very poorly and desiring to come home.

I harnessed the horses after dinner and had just hauled one load of coal when Abt Hawley came for some of us to go for Aunt Ann. I hitched to the sled and Aunt Sally and I went and brought her home. She did not seem to be any the worse of it. Went to see William Cassidy at night and found him some better.

Roads very rough and weather very cold. Thompson Crisp got a small sled load of coal in the evening for Mrs. Tutue.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 25. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before seven o'clock and finished up the feeding. Will had done most of it. He harnessed the team and hauled up one load of coal. I hauled coal during the day and filled father's coal house. Will and Albert Thorley dug 105 bushels.

Ann Thorley was over in the afternoon to see Aunt Ann. She was very poorly. Quite a number of folks sick in the neighborhood: Jimmie Sawtter, John Steen, Mrs. Cassidy, and Aunt Ann all poorly.

Weather moderating some. Father came home from Washington a little after nine o'clock.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 26. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past six o'clock and father and I attended to the feeding.

Albert and Will digging coal. Hauled coal during the day, and hauled one load of wood for father. Cut Will's hair at night and wrote part of an essay to be read before the Literary Society on Friday night.

Day fine. Roads rough.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 27. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at seven and assisted in doing the feeding. Uncle James Adelin came along and I spent most of the day in the house talking to him.

Wrote an essay at night to be read before the Literary Society. Subject "Bugs".

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 28. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon feeding the stock and hunting a sledsole. Father and I put the sole on the sled in the afternoon and he went to Lawther's in the evening with the sled for Mother's gunne very foggy.

I went to town in the evening to attend Literary Society but as so many of the members were away at Court and it was thought best to postpone.

Got home about 10 1/2 o'clock. Some snow on the ground.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 1. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After we had done our feeding in the morning we went to the cornfield and cut down a large dead tree to make some rails of and cut some posts. I borrowed David Thorley's saw, at noon. Attended singing at Eldersville as usual. Quite a number of young ladies disposed to whisper. Did not get home until after ten o'clock.

Snow on the ground.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 2.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We went to church in the morning on the sled and heard Rev. Hillson preach from Psalm 148/17 verses including John Melvin and Susannah. Came down here for dinner. John ate at Hill's and Sue ate with us.

Spent the evening at home. Aunt Thorley came over in the evening to see Aunt Ann. She was mending some and able to get up most of the day.

MARCH,

MONDAY 3.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to part of the feeding in the morning and then helped father to put a sole on the sled. After dinner, I put a patch on Helen's shoe. Will went to town and got Champ Shod.

John Boles brought Mary Backen home from Bully Boles' and took F. A. Magill to Cornelius Boles' dance.

We sat our hour or so in at Will's.

Mercury down to zero at nine o'clock P.M.

Snow on the ground enough for a sled to run

MARCH,

TUESDAY 4.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Assisted father and Will to do the feeding in the morning. Went to see Mr John Steen and found him a little better.

Attended a spelling contest of five of the schools of Jefferson Township. Twenty scholars spelling. 1000 words pronounced and fifty five of them misspelled. Schools not all equally represented.

No. 2. 4 scholars misspelled 14 words.

" 3. 5 " " 18 "

" 4. 4 " " 15 "

" 5. 5 " " 10 "

" 6. 2 " " 8 "

No. 5 got first premium No. 2 2 premiums and No. 3 3 premiums. We attended ~~beneficiary~~ Society at night and had a good time. House crowded and performances very good. Snow on the ground and we went in the sled. Mercury in the morning was forty deg. below zero.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning we hitched up the team and hauled a lot of wood and also some posts.

Mrs. and Mrs. Casgrove visited at Mills in the afternoon. Father and Mother went to Stephens and Robert Cooper and Ed came over to see Aunt Mary who was getting better.

Snow melting some in the afternoon.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 6.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent most of the day hauling wood and making troughs to feed cows in and also to gather sugarwater in.

I notched a large tree in the forenoon but it was too cold for it to drop much. Helen, Charlie

and I went to Cooper's all night and stayed until bedtime. Robert's eyes very sore.

Weather very fine.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 7.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took a trough over the hill in the morning and put it to a sap tree to catch water. Will and I hauled two loads of corn fodder for the sheep and cut some poles for the sled. In the afternoon we sawed some chignle stuff and father hauled it home. In the evening I went to town for the mail. H. A. Magill had a spelling school but I did not attend it. Weather very fine. Roads muddy.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 8.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Aunt Sally called me up about one o'clock in the morning and I took two horses and went for Ann Thayer and Mrs. Sawyer. At two o'clock I brought Mrs. Cassidy from home to Mills and then I went to bed about three o'clock. Will was gone to Cross Creek village for the Doctor Stockton. About five o'clock Trisilla gave birth to a fine boy. I spent the forenoon doing chores and went to town in the afternoon, got Doll Rhod, called in at Loggroves and at Rev. Willsons. Got home in time to carry in some sugar water and help to do the feeding.
Weather very fine

MARCH,

SUNDAY 9.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped to do the feeding in the morning and then went to Eldersville to open the Church for services.

Kindled a fire and found a paper of Chalk and a book addressed "I. O. O. F. Lynmore Lodge No 805 Eldersville, Washington, Co. Pa." lying on the front bench in the church. Had the announced as being there at the close of service and left them there. Heard broken preach from Ezekiel ~~xxxxxx~~ part of 11" the took dinner with us.

Spent the afternoon and evening at home.

Day very fine.
Evening quite Windy and rained some.

MARCH,

MONDAY 10.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After I had done part of the feeding in the morning I helped to grind three axes.

Carried in some Sugar water during the day and chopped some wood.

Attended to the feeding in the evening. Wrote out the minutes of the last Temperance meeting at night and sold Will a picture frame for two dollars and helped him to put a picture in it.

Day very fine and spring like.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 11.

1873.

Grandma. Hamlin's

Spent most of the forenoon
shelling corn and preparing
chop to take to the mill.

Went to the mill in
the afternoon and learned
that James & Boles had
got his thumb hurt in
their corn-sheller.

We went to Grandmother
Hamlin's at night and
found that George and
Laura had just started
to Missouri this morning.
Roads very muddy and
froze up at night.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 12.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We took breakfast at Hamlin's
and left there about nine
o'clock and got home about
fifteen minutes after eleven.

Spent the afternoon setting
posts for a fence around
our yard. We attended
a lecture at night in
Eldersville given by Rev.
Marquitt Hermond.

His subject was, Feathers
for arrows or Facts.
Illustrated. Lecture was
very good, but the
audience was very small.
Road very bad and ground
very hard frozen.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 13.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day setting posts for our yard fence. Tho's Walker and Wife were at Wills in the afternoon.

Father and I attended Temperance Meeting at night very few there.

Roads bad. Rev. Wilson spoke for a short time advocating the Local Option Law.

Day fine.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 14.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We spent most of the day making a paling fence around our yard.

Thomas Walker and his sister, Mrs. Campbell espoused came in the afternoon to Wills. F. A. Magill and I went to Eldersville to Literary Society at night. Society not very good for want of performers.

We stopped at Mr. John Steens as we went away and found him very low, indeed they thought he was dying. I came home that way and found him a little revived.

Day very fine.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Father attended to the feeding in the morning.

We spent the day making a fence about our dooryard.

Father and I went to the lumber-pile and cut a run for some boards and I went to mill.

We got the fence put around as far as the gate between our house and the stable.

Day fine. Rained some in the evening.

John M. Steen died about 9 P. M.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 16.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen and I went to church in the forenoon and knew James Stephenson's twin boys baptized, also Miss Emma Gardner. Heard Rev. Wilson preach from I Cor. XV & part of 57. Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered after sermon.

The death of John M. Steen was announced.

We went over to David Spozfer's in the evening and I helped Amr some little at lining the coffin.

Abund came over home with us to see her new cousin (Wall's boy).

Day fine.

MARCH,

MONDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Hurried around in the morning and did the feeding and then got ready and we attended the funeral of Mr. John M. Steen.

We went in the spring-wagon to the graveyard at Cross Creek College.

Alm Thorley and Maggie Cassidy went with us.

I carried in some Sugarwater after we came home.

Attended a meeting in Eldersville at night to prepare for an exhibition of the Literary Society.

Day very fine.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon feeding the stock and cleaning up some wheat and filling it up to take it to mill. but it rained all day and we could not go. I built a frame for a gate in the afternoon.

Our cow had a calf in the morning and made us some more milking to attend to.

Mr. Thomas Robertson moved his family and goods past here in the morning going to Mrs. Boyde's farm in West Virginia.

MARCH, WEDNESDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six o'clock, attended to a portion of the feeding and got ready and went with father to Stephensville in the wagon. We got home about seven o'clock and learned that Rich. Wright had been killed by the falling of a tree in the afternoon. Man Crip was here when we came home and spent the night with us. Day fine.

MARCH, THURSDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and helped to do the feeding. Got ready to go to Hanbury to a cornhusking but it rained so that I did not go farther than Eldersville. Took Mary Jackson and Maggie to attend Rich. Wright's funeral. Came home and went to Mrs. Cassidy's and fixed their sewing machine which had got some out of order. Attended Rich. Wright's funeral at three o'clock and took his family in the spring wagon to the graveyard and home again. Repaired one of Helen's shoes some at night. Man Crip with us most of the day. Rained nearly all day and then turned to a shower and got cold in the evening.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 21.

1873.

Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six O'clock and fed and milked the cows then got ready and went to Eldersville to attend a Township Election.

We had a very pleasant time during the day although it was very stormy. Election Board L. Cunningham, Judge John H. Sutherland and J. J. Ineloin, Inspectors. G. L. Archer and W. W. Knight Clerks. Got a very large vote polled but the counting off has very tedious. We elected a Republican Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Inspector and perhaps a School Director.

I did not get home until after midnight. Roads very bad. G. H. Churchland circulated a paper and procured a large sum of money for the Widow Briggs and family.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 22.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Walked from Eldersville and got home about 20 minutes before four O'clock. A. M. and returned and slept until near eight O'clock. Man. Trip here over night.

Leather, Gill and I took a large tree out of the road which had fallen across it and I took the Certificate of Wm. Cassidy Election to Justice of the Peace to him. We spent the afternoon repairing sheep racks, hauling horse hay from the stable to the barn and preparing to house off ewes.

Day somewhat more pleasant. Snow melting some.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 23.

1873.

Home Near Elversville Pa.

Crossed about six o'clock
and helped father and
Will to do the feeding.

Went to Elversville and
opened the Wesleyan Church
and kindled a fire and
knept the floor. Proleg did
not come but we had a
prayer meeting. I read a
chapter and announced
a hymn. Pretty good
congregation.

Although the roads were
very muddy. Having under-
stood that Fannie Melon
had something like a felon
on her finger, I went down
there from church and found
her finger almost well.

Carried in some sugar-
water after I came home
Day very fine.

MARCH,

MONDAY 24.

1873.

Home Near Elversville

Spent the forenoon doing
the feeding and getting out
some fence posts. After
dinner we set some posts
between the house and
the stable and I carried
in some sugar water.

Went to town at
night to a rehearsal
preparing for an
exhibition of the
Literary Society.

Rehearsal did not amount
to much as there was
not much preparation
made. Got home about
half past ten.

Plowed on us all
the way home.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 25.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon after feeding in getting posts between the stable and the house for a new fence.

After dinner Will and I attended a logrolling at Ferris on a clearing which Rich^d. Wright had engaged to clear off before he was killed, and the neighbors turned in and finished the rolling so that his family might receive the pay.

Quite a number of persons there. Got through about four o'clock and came home and worked at our yard fence.

Rained a hard shower in the evening.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 26.

1873.

At Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six o'clock kindled a fire and fed the horses and calf then went to the station for my overcoat which I expected to have been sent from Steubenville but it did not come.

Went to Mrs. Cassidy's on an errand. Spent the afternoon making and hanging the gate on our yard.

Spent the evening at home.

Day was very stormy. Was snowing in the morning when I got up and showed snow or sleet nearly all day.

Roads very muddy and it got very cold in the afternoon and froze very hard.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helped to attend to the feeding in the morning and then went to S. Derines clearing to see if it was to let out for chopping.

Got home about twelve and found John Melvin here. He said that Frank's was quite poorly.

We nailed some boards on the fence between the house and the stable in the afternoon and father and I cut a locust tree and commenced to make a gate post, but found that the tree was unsound and we left it.

Snow melted off some, but the air was very cold.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about six O'clock and after we had done our feeding Will and I hauled away the old fence in front of our house. A little

before dinner time I went to David Thorley's and got some holes punched for an old piece of wagon tire, and brought it home and bent it for a hinge for one of our gates.

I spent the evening helping father to finish a new gate which he was making. We got it hung and the latch put on just as it was getting dusk.

Day very fair.

Planned some in the evening.

Took dinner at Thorley's. Back Cartner was there cutting stones for the new house.

MARCH, SATURDAY 29. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose about the usual
and found that it was
raining very hard.

Did my portion of the feedin
and helped father and
Will to finish threshing the
rye and cleaned up the
barn in the forenoon
and father and I shelled
some corn and hauled
some hay in the afternoon.

I went to David Thorley's
at night and brought
home my overcoat which
the boy had brought home
from the station. Had it
at Steubenville for repairs,
and had it sent out on
the train. Day quite stormy
rained in the forenoon
and spit snow in the
afternoon.

MARCH, SUNDAY 30. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at the usual hour and
attended to the feeding as usual.

Got ready and went to
church in the spring wagon
and heard Rev. Willson preach
from Isaiah III 10 "11".

Will Thorley came home
with us for dinner and he
and I went together out
to Bethel in the evening
and heard Willson preach
from Jeremiah ~~XXXX~~ 12.

Roads very muddy.
Was somewhat cloudy in
the evening and threatened
rain some.

MARCH,

MONDAY 31.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Attended John Qualls Sale
in Eldersville. Said did our
Commence until afternoon
as there was but little to
be sold. Helped father
and Will to get some
fence posts in the evening
and then went to town
at night and attended
a rehearsal for the
exhibition.

Did not get home
until near midnight.
Roads very muddy.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 1.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at six and
spent about two hours
trying to put some new
pieces into our stove
and failed. After doing
the feeding I carried some
piggy-bank, helped father
and Will to repair some
fence and then went to the
barn made a couple of
trusses and framed a
gate for our yard.
Butler made oil for
the front and hung it.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 2.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After feeding was done in the morning, Charlie and I went to Gillespie's mill with some chipping to get done. Spent the afternoon repairing and hanging a gate, and putting up some palings below our house.

Spent the evening preparing a speech for our exhibition.

Weather somewhat cool and cloudy.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 3.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We sowed our Clover-seed in the forenoon. After dinner father helped me to put shokes on our great.

We then got a large cherry tree and planted it in front of our door next to the stable and then he set out some peach-trees. He hauled a load of hay to the barn for the sheep and I went to mill after supper.

Will and Triscilla went to town in the afternoon to see Campbell Cosgrove's wife who seemed to be at the point of death. Day fine.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 4.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After doing the feeding in the morning, we castrated three hogs and three calves.

I spent the day digging a hole and putting in a barrel for a cistern.

L. M. Steer came along about sundown and told us that Saml Jackson's wife Sadie, was dead.

I went to Frank Scott's to let them know about it.

Day very warm

APRIL,

SATURDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helped to do part of the feeding in the morning and then Frank Scott and I went over to King's Creek and attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jackson daughter of Frank Hanlin.

Funeral very large. We took dinner at Grand ma Hanlin's. I spent the afternoon there and attended to some business with Mitch settling up the estate of A. Hanlin deceased. I did not get

home until after midnight. Came by the way of Lee's School house with Josiah Marple on account of the muddy roads.
Day very warm.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 6.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding in the morning we went to Eldersville and heard Wm. preach from James II Chapter and last verse.

Helen and I took dinner at Mr. Fees, and then attended the funeral of Campbell Cosgrove's wife.

Robert Aspin, Robert Cooper, Licuzys Robertson and I were pallbearers.

Heard Rev. Willson preach from Kings of Solomon.

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Rained in the evening after we got home.

APRIL,

MONDAY 7.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning I went to Rhine Kline's and bought a sheep harrow which belonged to Ed. for which we paid \$23.00.

Spent the afternoon plowing. Laffer and Will. commenced while I was gone to Kline's.

In the evening Will. and I went to town to practice for the exhibition and did not get home until midnight.

Weather very warm!

APRIL,

TUESDAY 8.

1873.

Home near Eldersville

Father and I took two teams, with the plow and harrow in the p.m. and went to Mrs. Pague's field near Thompsons Creek and commenced plowing for oats. Mother went with us to Mrs. Pague's and remained overnight. Weather very warm.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 9.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Assisted father and Will. in feeding the stock in the morning, then Will. and I went to Billy Mc Connells and helped to raise his stable.

Quite a number of the men there got drunk on hard cider and were quite funny when the building was up. After we got our dinner Will. came home for the team and John Lattin and I got some pines and some material to make a stage for the exhibition had in contemplation.

It rained all afternoon and I thought that my health was very much exposed as my feet were wet all the time.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 10.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon clearing off our back field for plowing. We hauled some rails and some stumps.

In the afternoon I went to town and helped to build a stage for our exhibition.

Got the platform erected just before dark and then we spent the evening performing on it.

I did not get home until after twelve o'clock.

Weather very fine.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 11.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose fifteen minutes before six o'clock and helped to do the feeding. Harnessed a span of horses for father and Will and they went to Steubenville with marketing. I took the other team and went to Mrs Pague's field and finished plowing it about five o'clock and brought the plow home with me.

I rained some in the evening. Will Thorley was in with us until bedtime.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 12.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Fed and harnessed the horses before breakfast and then we went to Nott's Coopers and got his harrow and sowed seed out and sowed the field across the road near Criss.

Attended a rehearsal for our exhibition at night and got home about half past eleven o'clock.

Tableaux not well arranged.

Weather fine Miss Thompson from Maryland, came to Hills in the morning.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 13.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We hurried about and did our morning work and then started to go to Tucker's Church but as the roads were bad and we were late getting started we only went as far as Grandma Faulkner's.

My found her getting over her sick spell. We met Man Morrison and Etta there.

Weather cool and the roads very bad.

APRIL,

MONDAY 14.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day putting
in oats in Mrs Fogel's
field near our own.

Attended a rehearsal
for an exhibition in
Eldersville at night
and was very much
discouraged with the
way the performances were
conducted and, thought
that the exhibition would
be a failure. Was elected
as stage manager for the
occasion. Did not get
home until after twelve
o'clock. Weather fine.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon
plowing our oats in Mrs.
Fogel's field. Sowed some
in our own field in the
afternoon. Went at three
and a half o'clock and
we got ready and went to
Eldersville to the exhibition.

House very much crowded
\$46.00 taken in. Performance
went of very well and we
were all very agreeably disappointed
some of our performers were
intoxicated but not enough
to prevent them from
performing. We did not
get home until after
midnight. Rained on us
as we came home.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 16.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until seven o'clock, then he got our horses ready and father and I plowed Rod until dinner time and then plowed stak ground and sowed oats in the afternoon.

Will went to town and helped to take down the steeple and clean out the church. He got home about four o'clock. Rained some in the evening.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day plowing stak ground and sowing oats.

We put Robert Cooper's large bay horse in the lead for the first time under a single line in the plow and I drove him all day. He worked very well. The ground was somewhat wet and it rained some during the day. Helen was quite poorly all day.

Will Thorley came over in the evening to get some medicine for Albert who had a pain in his stomach all day.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Was raining some in the morning when we arose. About nine o'clock we went to work and finished plowing for oats by 11 o'clock through snow in the evening at supper time.

Mr Johnston came along and offered us fifty cents per pound for our wool but we did not sell. Willie Steward was at father's over night.

Father went to Geo Boyds in the evening and got some Early rose potatoes for seed.

Day showery.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 19.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

After we had done our feeding in the morning I got a team ready and took some choppers to Gillespie's Mill. The mill was broken and Crathaniel Gillespie thought that he could grind one sack of grain for me in the evening so I went back but the mill was not repaired and Jimmie would not promise my grinding until Thursday. We filled some logs and burned them in the afternoon.

John Cosgrove and his Cousin Ship Green, Cosgrove came to Mills and spent the night. Weather quite cool.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 20.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended to our feeding as usual, then
 Will went to town and
 opened the Wesleyan Church.
 Aunt Sally, Gary Jackson
 Charlie and I went in the
 spring wagon to Church
 and heard Noyes preach
 from James II. Chap. and
 Casperse a continuation
 of his last disc course.
 I went out to Bethel
 in the evening and
 attended the funeral of
 George Cunningham son
 of Francis Cunningham
 who died of Diabetes.
 Rained all evening.

APRIL,

MONDAY 21.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did not feel very well in
 the morning but after we
 got our feeding done, we
 went to clipping sheep and
 during the day we trimmed
 over 100 and turned
 them out to pasture.

Will took Priscilla
 and Aunt Ann to Thorley's
 in the afternoon and did
 not go for them until
 very late in the evening.

Snowed in the morning
 until the ground was quite
 white. Air was very cool
 all day and snowed
 occasionally.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 22.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Felt quite unwell in the morning but got better after breakfast and repaired my team and plowed the remainder of the day.

Susannah C. Melvin was at father's for dinner and Aunt Sally started with her intending to go to Cadiz tomorrow.

Snowed some during the day and the air quite cold all day.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 23.

1873.

Grandma Hanlin's

The forenoon was so very snowy and bad that I did not work much. Went to Cassidy Scott's just before dinner time and paid him three dollars and a half for a pair of shoes for Helen and ordered another pair of the same kind for her and gave my measure for another pair of coars boots for myself. In the afternoon we went to Grandpa Hanlin's and spent the night there. John S. Johnson Anelimer, was there over night. He gave us a history of the manner in which Henry Briceland and others manufactured false keys out of lead pipe and got out of Washington Dist. Keys were moulded in a pattern whittled in the bottom of an old chair. Impressions taken in soap.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 24.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day attending the sale of the property belonging to Alexander Hankin, deceased, my father-in-law. Day was fine, large crowd of men there, and goods sold well.

Boys bought quite an amount of stock and farming implements.

Got home a little after eight o'clock. Roads very bad.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 25.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose fifteen minutes before six o'clock and found it snowing considerably, and it snowed several times during the day until the ground was white. Mill and I plowed in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I went to mill and brought home some chopping, and then father and I cleared off some rubbish off the corn ground, and split a few rails after supper.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon making rails to repair the fence between our oats field and corn field. Spent the afternoon making a ditch near where the fence was to be put.

Went to town at night and learned that Henry Prickett (who has been condemned for the murder of John Alving) and had got out of jail was again taken prisoner and taken back to Washington by the Caldwell boys.

Got home near ten o'clock. Snowed and rained some during the day.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding of the horses and cows in the morning and helped Helen to do the milking. Will and Fricella, Helen, Charlie and I went to church in the Springsawon and heard Rev. W. J. Millson preach from Hebrews II 2 & 3.

Spent the afternoon at home.

Day fine and springlike

APRIL,

MONDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon making a ditch in our field and stoning it. When we came in & dinner, it commenced raining and rained all the afternoon.

We cleaned out our cutting room and put the Sumnothy seed into the barn for cleaning.

I went to town in the evening and got a paper containing the history of Henry Brice's travels while out of jail; and was very much interested in it.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 29.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the day stoning a ditch on the back part of our farm. Helped father to build some fence.

William Henry Endoin came to father's at supper time and we spent the evening there until bed time.

He was canvassing for picture frames. Day was fine but cool.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 30.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

William Henry Melvin was with us in the forenoon and we did not work much. He took dinner with us and went to Eldersville in the afternoon. He came back to Mills in the evening.

We spent the day making a ditch in our back field to conduct the water from a weak spring to the hollow to water block.

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

Several persons took their wool to Steubenville in the forenoon for which they received fifty cents.

per pound after having been offered fifty cents earlier in the season.

MAY,

THURSDAY 1.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We marked 112 sheep in the morning and took them to Mrs Smith's farm to pasture. Father took mother to Billy Gillespie's and left her there during the day and night. We spent the afternoon cutting Timothy and I spent the evening pegging an old pair of boots of fathers to wear while plowing.

Rained all afternoon
Will Melvin here.

MAY,

FRIDAY 2.

1873.

Home near Eldersville

Father and I took
the four horse team in
the morning and hauled
a load of fencing boards
from the lumberpile.
I spent the afternoon
ditching. Will hauled
some coal and father
went to Gillespies
and brought mother
home. Will and
Priscilla, Alma Thorley
and father went to
Prof. Biggers Concert
in Eldersville at night.
Priscilla left her babe
with Aunt Sally.
Rained hard while
they were gone.

MAY,

SATURDAY 3.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Helped to do the feeding
in the morning and
then took a pair of boots
to Cassidy & Cotts and got
them repaired for which
I paid him \$1.05. Got home
about four o'clock and
attended to the feeding.
Will went to town for
the mail.
Rained nearly all
day.

MAY,

SUNDAY 4.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Got ready in the morning
and went to Eldersville
and opened the Wesleyan
Church and kindled a fire.
Heard Wolen preach from
Heb. 10: 22. Took dinner
at Stephenson's and
returned to Sabbath School
and was elected to the
Superintendency.

Helen and Charlie attended
Church in the evening also.
Heard Willson preach
from Ex. 11: 1-9.

John Cosgrove brought
his Cousin to Will's in
the evening.

MAY,

MONDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before
five o'clock and we got
ready and went to Steubenville
with the marketing. Helen
Will and I went with
the two horse wagon.

John took dinner at
Uncle Rob. Gracy's. He
was lying very sick but
getting some better. I called
in just a few minutes.
We got home about
dark. Roads very muddy
and bad.

MAY,

TUESDAY 6.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at half past five
and got the horses
fed before breakfast.

Spent the forenoon
plowing and spent the
afternoon helping
David Thorley's boys
to put the roof off their
old shop out of their
new one. It was a very
unpleasant job, as there
were quite a number of
mistakes in the framing
and the building was not
quite level. Weather
fine and warm during the
day. Some appearance of
rain in the evening.
Ginse Haulin' with us
over night.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 7.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five and kindled
the fire as usual. Got the
horses harnessed before
breakfast and Will and
I plowed until about
half past ten o'clock
when it rained so hard
that we were obliged to
quit. I went to David
Thorley's and got the
measure of their harrow
and father and I
framed a harrow in
the afternoon.
Rained nearly all
day. Ginse Haulin'
still with us.

MAY,

THURSDAY 8.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the forenoon trying to lay off a harrow so that the teeth should not follow another.

Spent most of the afternoon putting a crop piece on the harrow and forming holes for the teeth. In the evening I finished putting the stones into the head of the spring and covered the ditch which we had been making in our corn field. We slept a short time at father's in the evening.

MAY,

FRIDAY 9.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After feeding in the morning I commenced putting up an ash hopper. Robert Cooper came to see about washing sheep and Thompson Crisp came along hunting a yearling calf. After talking to them a while I put up a barrel of ashes before dinner and with the assistance of Porter's boys and Robt Cooper we put in the washing box and prepared for washing sheep in the afternoon. Rained hard in the evening.

MAY,

SATURDAY 10.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Horned two horses in
the morning and started
to make Geo. Cress' for
ashes and found that
Robt Cooper was washing
sheep and turned about
and went and helped.

They washed all of sheep,
all of our and all of.

Daved Porter's during
the day about 440 sheep,
and got through about
five o'clock.

Mitchel Hanlin and
Chas H. Stokely spent the
night with us.

Weather fine

MAY,

SUNDAY 11.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Carried five horses in
the morning before break.
fast. Mitchel Hanlin
and C. H. Stokely with us
for bread fast and went
to Church with us.

Sabbath School was pretty
well attended but it was
very late when we got
there and did not get
the classes all arranged
and supplied with
teachers before
prayer time.

Heard Rev. Willson
preach from Heb. 12"
27" 28" 29"

Wrote a letter in the
evening for father and
mother, to Uncle M. C. C.

MAY,

MONDAY 12.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about the usual time in the morning and fed and harrowed the horses and we spent the day plowing with two teams and setting some posts to make a piece of post and board fence. Will and I went to town at night and took our new harrow up to get the teeth burned into it and also to get our old teeth sharpened. We got home between nine and ten o'clock.

Rained some in the night

MAY,

TUESDAY 13.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Fed and carried the horses before breakfast. Finished plowing the back field about ten o'clock and hauled off two loads of elder roots before dinner. Will and I hauled off stones between dinner and supper and father went to town and brought the harrow home and we harrowed the field nearly once over. Father took Mother to Mrs. Pogue in the evening.

Weather fine

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 14.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and fed and carried the horses before breakfast. Father and I harrowed in the forenoon and Will made some garden then father and Will harrowed in the afternoon and I made some garden until late in the evening and then I harrowed a few rounds to relieve father.

John A. Marchland came along in the evening and invited us to help them to haul stone on Friday next.

Was raining some in the evening.

MAY,

THURSDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and fed and carried the horses before breakfast. Father and I went out and harrowed until Robert Cooper got through marking his corn ground and then father and Will went and helped him to plant. They got through at supper time. I harrowed with the two teams and got through at noon. Then commenced marking up. When father and Will came home, we run three plows and got through marking a little after sundown.

Felt quite well in the afternoon.

Weather fine.

MAY,

FRIDAY 16.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and fed and covered and harnessed the horses before breakfast. Father and Will and I marked out corn ground until near eight o'clock. Robert Cooper, Albert Shorley helped us in the forenoon and they with Robt Cassidy and John Melvin part of the afternoon. We got done planting one field just about sundown. Weather very fine.

MAY,

SATURDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon helping David Sharley's boys to plant corn, shiled father and Will went to Mrs Smith's place and marked and moved a lot of sheep and father went to town and got Doll shod.

In the afternoon father and I went out to Bethel and assisted in straightening up the tombstones and filling up some graves. New officers were elected to take care of the graveyard and the cleaning of it out was given to Jefferson Scott for which he gets to receive five dollars for one year.

MAY,

SUNDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended Sabbath School in Eldersville in the morning, then heard Mr. Nolan preach from Acts ~~XVIII~~ 8, part of 31"

Hannie Melvin came home with us in the spring wagon and she and I went back to church in the evening and heard Rev. Wallson preach from ~~2 Cor. VII~~ 2, part of 31". Congregation large. Day fine and warm.

MAY,

MONDAY 19.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day plowing sod in the little field at the end of the lane and we rooted out a number of stumps. Wm. Melvin of Millsburg came along in the evening and brought us our enlarged picture and frame. Weather fine.

MAY,

TUESDAY 20.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and Will harnessed the team in the morning. We finished plowing and during the day.

Will took Driscolls to town in the forenoon. I went to Uncle Geo.

Ore in the evening for road ashes but they were all gone. They went to Peggy McCarrel but she had none. Had Charlie with me in the wagon.

Will & Melvin made us a call at night.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 21.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five and kniddled the fere and milked the cows before breakfast. They reproved about half an hour until the pain came on and then I took Helen's shoes over to Cassidi Scott's and got them repaired.

Took dinner there and set myself a new pair of hip boots. Came home about two o'clock and we spent the afternoon planting corn near the end of the lane.

Afternoon quite warm and fine.

Hattie Casady borrowed Helen's saddle in the morning for the girls to ride to Mr. Baustons.

MAY,

THURSDAY 22.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Went to Mr. Cassidy's
before breakfast with
the wheelbarrow and got
ashes to make some soap.

Went to Mr. Lauther's
and got half a bushel
of seed potatoes.

Put a pole on the
sled in the afternoon
and put a trough up
for the calves at the
spring for them to
drink water from.

Plowed part of our
potato patch in the
evening.

Lather and Will
spent most of the day
planting in the truck
patch.

Day very warm.

MAY,

FRIDAY 23.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes before
five o'clock and fed the
horses and harnessed
two of them. Spent most
of the forenoon plowing,
harrowing and marking
out our potato ground.

We finished planting
our potatoes in the afternoon.
Castrated our lambs and
put up a pen for our
sheep in shearing.

Put rubber blocks
on the spring wagon,
preparing to go to
Stuebenville.

Weather fine and
warm.

MAY,

SATURDAY 24.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock and took some marketing to Steubenville in the Spring-wagon. Butyr very full sale and I was obliged to travel over a great portion of the town before got it sold. Got 20 cts per pound.

Bought myself 2 suits of clothes and a suit for Charlie.

Spent something like 23 dollars during the day. Got home about four O'clock and helped Will to prepare for sheep shearing. Weather warm.

MAY,

SUNDAY 25.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about five and we got ready and went to Sabbath School in the Springwagon Hefen Charlie and I. We heard Rev Rutless preach from the 121st Psalm part of 12th verse. We went to C. G. Stephenson's for dinner and spent the afternoon there.

We got home about sundown.

Day very warm.

MAY,

MONDAY 26,

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock and brought a lot of sheep home from Mrs. Smith's place before breakfast.

Spurred Thorley and Matt Stocks here here and got seed corn to replant with. Will.

Thorley got the log wagon and hauled two loads of force and came over in the evening and got his hair cut.

We commenced shearing about ten o'clock and sheared thirty-one sheep during the day. Helen got Hannah Cassidy to come and sew some for her on the machine preparing to go to Ohio on a visit. She was with us over night.

Appearance in the evening.

MAY,

TUESDAY 27,

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about half past four in the morning and turned out a lot of sheep that were skinned for shearing, and went to the coal-bank for some tools before breakfast.

Went to David Thorley's and got some coal picks.

Spent most of the day shearing sheep.

Took some tools to town in the evening to get them sharpened and went to John Melon's with the buggy and brought Mattie Melon home with me. She was very unwell and I was very fearful that she would get yet, but we got home before it commenced to rain. Rained very hard.

Mary Cassidy here evening.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose at five, got a team ready and took our spring wagon ~~to~~ Eldersville for repairs and got some Coal digging tools sharpened. Spent the remainder of the day speeling out Coal which Geo. Elliott dug for us. We only got out 49 bushels during the day. The bank rather wet.

Mattie Meloni and Nannie Cassidy here during the day. Father and Will sheared 33 sheep during the day and built some fence that had been blown down by the storm last night. Day very fine.

MAY,

THURSDAY 29.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose about five O'clock. We spent the day shearing sheep.

Robert Murchland came along in the evening and proposed to come and help us to shear sheep tomorrow.

Mattie Meloni visiting among us.

Weather very fine

MAY,

FRIDAY 30.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at half past four. Clock kindled a fire in the stove and moved some sheep into different fields and got ready for shearing. Robert, Amos and and J. S. Walker came and helped us until after two o'clock when we finished, and Gill and I attended the raising of Mr. Chas & Co's Stable in the afternoon.

When we came home we marked two lots of sheep and took them to pasture at Mrs Smith's.

Sunday,

MAY,

~~SUNDAY~~ H.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We went to church in the two horse wagon in the morning, the spring wagon being in town for repairs. Helen did not attend church as she felt somewhat unwell.

Did not hear a sermon as there were but few out and Helen preferred to hold her private prayers.

Warble and I went to David Horley's in the evening to see how he was and found him a little better. Mattie Melvin visiting among us. Weather very fine. Quarterly meeting held at Bethel.

Saturday

JUNE,

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent part of the forenoon doing chores. And spent the remainder of the day replanting corn. We marked it out again and planted between the old rows. Salted the sheep in the evening. Weather very fine.

JUNE,

MONDAY 2.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day replanting corn. We took dinner at Aunt Sallys with Aunt Betty, Miss and Mrs. Sally Perkins. Will cut my hair and Charlies at noon. Weather very warm. Will and I greased the wagon in the evening preparatory to going to Steubenville tomorrow on our way to Wayne Co. Ohio. Mattie Midon still at Aunt Sallys. Borrowed fifteen dollars from Will in the evening.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 3.

1873.

Theodore Crisp, Salineville O.

We arose at 2 1/2 o'clock and started out to Steubenville to take train to Wayne Co. With two cars in each. Left Steubenville about 7 1/2. Got to Salineville about 9:40. Walked out to Theodore Crisp's and they were away. We went to a private boarding house for a night and a night. Theodore and family came home at 10:30. I had such a severe attack of Delirium Tremens that the Doctor was called in in the afternoon of the night. I was very ill. I got better about 10:00 and fell asleep and left quite recovered. Charlie was much frightened when we were about to get onto the ferry boat and cried but was well pleased on the cars and wanted to be riding all the time.

West Salem Wayne Co. Ohio

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 4.

1873.

We took breakfast at Theodore Crisp's near Salineville. His wife just able to sit up. Theodore took us to Station in wagon and we took train at 9:40 for Ravenna. Fair \$1.75 each. Reached Ravenna 12-20. Got dinner at a private boarding house for 50 ct. for three of us. Left Ravenna at 2-20 and reached West-Salem at 4:40. Fair 1.85 each. Found Uncle Geo. Thorley's without any difficulty and found them well. Was very much pleased with the appearance of things about West Salem. Our train killed a section hand on the road near Ackron. He was dropping the ends of ties on the road. Was put on to our train and taken to Ackron. An old lady was on the train who had the delirium tremens.

Uncle James Crip's Place W. Salem.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 5.

1873.

Took breakfast at Uncle
Geo. Thorley's and Charlie
and I went with him for
butter in the forenoon and
saw some farmers washing
sheep in very muddy water.

In the afternoon I walked
out to Uncle James Crip's
about three miles and took
copper and helped him to
plant some potatoes.

In the evening he had
his carriage and team rigged
up and he and I went to
W. Salem and brought
out Helen and Charlie
with us to his house.

Enjoying our visit very
much. Was glad to hear
uncle George Thorley
talk on religious subjects
and to hear Uncle James
ask a blessing at the
table before commencing
to eat, but was very sorry
that he was a free mason
This, to some extent destroyed
my confidence in him.

James Crip's Place W. Salem.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 6.

1873.

Spent the day at Uncle
James Crip's.

Harbin and the hired
hand spent the day
working on the roads.

Uncle James Crip, Aunt
Ann and Helen went
to Congress in the evening
and came home fast.

William Thorley's wife
Charlie and I were
visiting and we did
not get home until
near eleven o'clock.

Billy Thorley's folks
had just commenced
shearing sheep.

Had a new large
barn in course of
construction 40x70
feet. Weather fine
and corn just coming
up.

Uncle Geo. Shorley W. Salem.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 7.

1873.

Took breakfast at Uncle James Crisp and helped them to take out their old pump to replace it with a new one.

I took dinner at Billy Shorley's and supper at Uncle Crisp. After supper Uncle James brought Helen, Charlie and myself to town and we spent the night with Uncle Geo. and Aunt Mary.

Aunt Ann making some preparations to go home with us.

Enjoying our visit exceedingly well with Uncle Geo. and Aunt Mary and the weather very fine.

Uncle Geo. Shorley W. Salem.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 8.

1873.

Arose about seven o'clock. I attended Sabbath School in the Albright's Methodist Church and was very much pleased.

We attended the new M. E. Church in the forenoon and heard Rev. Webster preach from Acts 16th & Lt. part 17.

Was not very favorably impressed with the Masonic preacher.

We attended at the Albright's Church at night and heard Rev. Rosenberg preach from Rom I 16.

A very good sermon and the singing was very good but too slow.

Weather very fine. Uncle Geo. and Aunt Mary very devoted.

West Salem O.

JUNE,

MONDAY 9.

1873.

Arose at six.
Spent the day about
the train and in
company with Uncle
and Aunt Thorley
making some prepara-
tion to go home.

Got our valise
repacked some.

Saw Addie Crip
and Van Hutson in
the evening and they
told us that Aunt

Ann Crip was quite
unwell and thought
that she could not
go with us. Weather
very fine.

T. Crip's Salmsville O.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 10.

1873.

Arose about four o'clock
at Uncle Geo. Thorley's in
West Salem. At six
o'clock we took train for
Ravenna, and at 9-10
left Ravenna for
Salmsville where we
arrived at 12-30 and
walked out to Theodore
Crip's Theodore was shearing
sheep but came home in
the evening. Spent the
night with them.

Rained in the
evening and was somewhat
unpleasant.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 11.

1873.

"Grand Ma" Harlin's

Arose at four O'clock
at Theodore Cresp's &
took breakfast and
Theodore took us
Helen Charlie and myself
to Salineville where we got
on a freight train about
seven O'clock and run
to the mouth of Yellow
Creek where we got on
the river road at nine
O'clock and landed at
Stenterville about ten.
We took dinner at
Uncle Rob's Gracys. Got
on train for Harlin's at
three O'clock. Conductor
charged us 1.50 because
we did not have tickets
the regular fare being .80
or 40 per single ticket and
claimed that he was acting
under orders. Helen took supper
at Carol John Provinces while I
came home, got the wagon
and went back and took
them to Grand Ma Harlin's

JUNE,

THURSDAY 12.

1873.

Home near Eldersville
Took breakfast at Grand-
Ma Harlin's. And came
home by Uncle Sam's
Provinces where we stopped
a few minutes.

Got home between
ten and eleven O'clock.
I spent most of the
afternoon working corn.
Helen Charlie and I
went to David Proasley's
in the evening and
got home after nine
O'clock. David quite
poorly. Weather fine

JUNE,

FRIDAY 13.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day working
corn. Got through
about sundown.

Will took the spring
wagon in the evening
and took Priscilla
and Mattie Melvin over
to see David Shorley,
and found that he
was no better.

Father and mother
came from Middletown
in the afternoon.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 14.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in the horses
before breakfast
and harnessed them.

Father and I
hauled two loads of
lumber in the
forenoon and then
went to Mrs. Smith's
and marked and moved
a lot of sheep.
Found Saml Carter's
sheep in with ours and
separated them.

I went to town and
got Jimmie shod.

Attended the primary
meeting of the Republican
party in the evening
and acted as secre-
tary. Weather cool.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helen & Charlie, Will & Priscilla and I attended went to Eldersville in the Spring wagon. We went to Sabbath School but Will's did not.

Heard Wolen preach from Luk 11:28. Good congregation out. I called in to see David Storley in the evening and found him quite poorly. Wrote a letter to Uncle Geo. and Aunt Mary after I came home. Weather fine.

JUNE,

MONDAY 16.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in the horses in the morning and harrowed them before breakfast. Father and Will hunted timber some during the day while I was helping Helen to clean house.

We took up the carpet in the forenoon and I went to town and got some lime. About two o'clock we commenced and whitewashed both upstairs and down. We got through about sundown. Rain storm in the evening.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five O'clock. We spent the forenoon cleaning house, and while we were getting our dinner Aunt Jane Province Robert Riddle and Liz. came and we did not get our carpet put down until evening and then did not get through.

Father and Will were working some on the road and we put a large stump out of the way in the afternoon while Robert Riddle and Robert Cooper were here to help us. Robert had brought my stool home. Weather very fine.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six O'clock and spent the forenoon helping to clean house and set out some tomato plants. Finished tucking down our carpet.

In the afternoon we worked some on the road and helped Mrs. Cassidy to put the under frame of his perches on the posts and hauled three loads of stones on the road above the spring. Weather fine.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 19.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon
working on the road
between the house and
the spring house.

Took a load of
cheats to Ryland's
Mill in the after-
noon, but the boiler
had a hole in it and
they had not enough
water to drive so
I brought the load
home again, intending
to take it either to
Patterson's or Burgett's
Worked some on
the road after supper.
Weather warm.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 20.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose ten minutes before
five and brought in the
horses and harneped them
before breakfast.

Started to Burgett's town
about nine o'clock with
a load of cheats to get it
ground. Took dinner
at Cousin John's.

Went to the store
and bought fifteen
yards of light Calico
at eleven cents per yd.

Stopped at Cyrus A. Hinson's as I came
home and got an old
pair of harness to fix
up for our spring wagon
harness. Got home
about five o'clock
and worked a while on
the road.

Rained some in the
morning. Day warm.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 21.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in two horses and harnessed them before breakfast. Called the sheep at Mrs. Smith's in the morning and spent the forenoon working on the roads.

Got through at dinnertime, having put about \$14.50 worth of work on this year at old rates. Helped Jim Cassidy to raise the upper part of his postico after dinner. Had some in.

the garden in the evening and then took the gun and hunted a short time but found nothing. George Cassidy spent the afternoon among us and Will took her and Priscilla over.

To see David Thorley in the evening. Mr. Cassidy rode my mare, Doll, to town in the evening.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 22.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Went on horseback to Sabbath School in the morning and Will took the spring wagon and took my family. Heard Rev. Willson preach from Gal. IV 26. Heard that Mtcf. R. Hamlin was sick and we went over there for dinner and there attended church at Inoken in the evening and heard Rev. Weaver preach from John III 17. Good sermon. Got home about nine o'clock.

Maggie Province went with us from Eldersville. C. M. Stephenson and family came to father's for dinner and brought Aunt Sally and Mattie Melvin home to let us go to Hamlin's.

JUNE,

MONDAY 23.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the most of the forenoon hoing the corn and corn in the afternoon we hoed some cane and potatoes and corn. Mattie Melom still at father's and among us.

Rained a small shower in the evening.

Went to see David Thorley before breakfast and found him still mending

JUNE,

TUESDAY 24.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father went to Burgettstown to mill in the morning and Aunt Ann and Maggie Cassidy went with him to Eldersville. Wulf and I worked corn until the rain came on in the forenoon.

and spent part of the afternoon in the cornfield. Father and I hauled a load of wood in the evening and I went to David Thorley and got a few Red plants and set them out. A heavy rain came on just before I got through milking, which washed the cornfields considerably.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 25.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day doing Chores
As it was too wet to work
Corn. Put some rods
by our peas. Will and
John and helped Robt
Cooper to put the sheep
washing box away in the
old house. I cut some
wood in the afternoon
for soap making.

We cut a locust
tree out of our corn-
field which was blown
down with the storm,
and cut it into posts.
Evening quite cool.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before
five, and spent most
of the forenoon doing
chores. Helped father
to get the team ready
and he and mother went
to Stemberville. J. D.
Cooper went with them.
Repaired Charlie's wagon and
wheelbarrow and put
some weights to our gates
to draw them too.
Spent the afternoon
working corn.

Put some cement on
the milk trough in
the springhouse in the
forenoon and hurt my
hand, cleaning out
the horse trough.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 27

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the day hoeing
potatoes and corn.At 3 o'clock a
very heavy rain came
up and we had
considerable of thunder
and lightning.I helped w/ with
the cows in the
evening. Milked our
own and one of father's
Mary Jackson being
away at Billy Boles'.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon doing
chores, and in the after-
noon I repaired a set
of harness to use on the
spring wagon. Took
Mattie (Melvin's wife) Aunt
Jenny over to David
L. Horley in the spring
wagon. James' Mother
Dr. died in the morning
and they were preparing
a coffin for him.We had a very heavy
thunder and rain storm
in the evening. Thu.
A. Reed stopped in
night it was over.Will and father
repaired the porch as
the spring wagon
too wet to work corn.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 29.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helen, Will and I
attended Sabbath School
in the morning.

Heard Nolan preach
from Acts III part of
21. Came home and
got dinner and then
returned and attended
the funeral of James
Martin Sr. Quite a
large funeral. Albert
Thorley acted as under-
taker. Aunt Nancy
and Samuel Bushfield
at Father's.

Cloudy and rainlike
in the evening.

JUNE,

MONDAY 30.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Emptied some soap for Helen
in the morning. We spent
part of the day working
corn. Rained in the latter
noon and we were obliged
to quit. Heard in the
morning that John
Barber was dead.

Went to David Thorley's
when he quit work and
found them preparing
the coffin. Samuel
and Albert took the
coffin away in the evening
and I sewed some harness
and endeavored to make
some improvement on
these letting down straps.

Thought considerably
during the day concerning
the change through which
we must all pass and
the necessity of being ready
not knowing how soon
we may be called away.
My health not very good.

JULY,

TUESDAY 1.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Attended the funeral
of John Barber in the
forenoon and went
to Cross Creek village.

Got home a little
before three o'clock
and spent the remain-
der of the day working
corn. Reverends Willson
and Stockton officiated
at the funeral.

Albert W. Wells drove
the hearse his father
not being able to be
out.

Weather very warm
with some appearance
of rain.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 2.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day working
corn. Will took dinner
with us Priscilla being
in Eldersville. He took the
Spring wagon and went
for her in the evening.
A couple in the neighbor-
hood commenced harvesting
Some of our wheat and
our clover ready to
cut. Weather unfavor-
able. Appearance of
rain at night.

JULY,

THURSDAY 3.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Was out in the morning
too wet to work corn
and I went to Mrs. Smith's
and procured a lot of beef
and salted them.

Went to Eldersville and
had Supt. M. Cuen \$4.00
for repairing our spring
wagon. Went to Gardner's
to see about getting a
hay rake but found
that it was disposed of.
Took dinner at
Uncle Geo. Crip's and
then came home and spent
the afternoon in the
cornfield. Father
and mother were at
Robt Cooper's at night.

JULY,

FRIDAY 4.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was very cloudy
and the ground wet.

Helen, Charlie and I went
in the spring wagon to
John Melvin's where we
spent the day. I bought
some rake irons from
Joseph Crip for which
I paid him one dollar.

Father and Mill
helped David Fowler's
boys to put the timbers
of the first floor on
the foundation of
their new house and
cut a tree out of
the road, made a drain
at the side of the road
to carry the water off
the cornfield and
worked corn a short
time in the afternoon.
Rained a shower in the
evening.

JULY,

SATURDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day until
supper time working corn
when we got through and
went through our
broomcorn and potatoes
after supper.

Had a shower of
rain in the evening
which detained us and
we did not get quite
done hoeing our potatoes.

Day quite warm until
evening when it became
quite cool after the
storm.

JULY,

SUNDAY 6.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and Priscilla Helen
and I went to Eldersville to
Sabbath School in the spring
waggon. Time of Sabbath-
School spent in singing
electing choristers and
arranging the matter of
recording reading matter
for the Sabbath School.

Rev. Willson and W. W.
Knights were appointed a
Committee to procure papers
with the funds subscribed
which was something over
seventeen dollars.

Heard Rev. James
Robinson preach from
Judges ~~14~~ 14. Spent the
afternoon at home.
Day very cool.

JULY,

MONDAY 7.

1873.

Farm Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon putting the reaping machine together and cutting wheat. Thomas Walker was with us and we put up 97 dozens during the day. Was very wet in the morning and we had to open around the field which took up considerable of time. I went to David Shorley's in the evening and arranged with them for help. Got home about half past nine o'clock. David not much better.

JULY,

TUESDAY 8.

1873.

Farm Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before six, and found it raining. Spent the forenoon making an axle for a horse rake. Thomas Walker was with me. Father plowed some in the forenoon and Will went to town. We spent the afternoon cutting wheat with the reaper. Albert Shorley and Thomas Walker helping us to bind. Did not count all, but supposed that we had put up an hundred dozens in the afternoon. Rained a shower about three o'clock.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 9.

1873.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

We finished cutting
our field of wheat
next to Mr Cassidy's
about ten o'clock.

Thomas Walker and
Albert Thorley helping
us. We then took
our machine and
went to Mrs Poague's
field and cut for
David Thorley.

Did not get quite
through there.

Will Thorley sent to
mow for Robert Cooper
instead of helping his own
brothers with their
harvest while they were
hindered.

Weather fine.

JULY,

THURSDAY 10.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day cutting
out for David Thorley
with our reaper. Cut
in the forenoon in Mrs
Fogel's field until near
ten o'clock and then
moved to Thorley's field
and got through with
it a little after supper
time and brought the
machine home.

Brought one set of
knives for the mower
in the evening.

Thomas Walker
with us during the day
but John Cozgrove came
and brought a horse
which he rode home at
night. Rained a shower
in the evening.

JULY,

FRIDAY 11.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

While I was attending to the horses in the morning Aunt Sally told me that father had been sick during the latter part of the night and he continued sick during the day. I stayed in with him after supper. Will mowed in the three cornered field during the day and Sammie Thorley and I turned some hay and spent part of the day reaping rye. Will went to town in the evening.

We slept at father's at night so that if he should get worse he would be handy there. But he got better and slept all night.

JULY,

SATURDAY 12.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon hauling a load of wood, getting the horse rake from David Thorley's and repairing it. Spent the afternoon hauling in hay until supper time and then spent the evening collecting in hay.

John & Cosgrove helping us all day and Mr Cassidy, and Robert helping us in the afternoon. Sent Robert to town in the evening to get the mail and to get Jimmie shod. Day fine. Father out at work in the evening.

JULY,

SUNDAY 13.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended Sabbath
School in Eldersville
in the morning and
heard Mr. Widen preach
from I Kings XVIII
part of 2^d verse.

Steward Hamilton came
home with us for
dinner. Wrote a
letter to Willie Hamilton
in the evening.
Feather barn, with
appearance of rain.

JULY,

MONDAY 14.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Thomas Walker and
John S. Cosgrove came
in the morning and
helped Father and me
to haul hay until
supper time and just
as we got through
and sat down to
supper a heavy rain
came on and put a
stop to work for the day.
Will spend the day
mowing for Mr. Owsby.
Esq. John Ravenscraft
was there for a
barrel for the arrest
of David Martin Sr.
for striking said
Ravenscraft with a
rake but the squize
put him off until
tomorrow morning.

JULY,

TUESDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

The morning was very wet and we slept until late. Spent part of the day working with a horse rake but did not get it completed. Father and I finished cutting our corn in the afternoon and I went to town in the evening and bought some groceries. William Cassidy Esq. issued a warrant in the morning for the arrest of David Martin and the parties were to appear before him at five o'clock P.M. but we did not see any of them go past on their way to the Esquire's office.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 16.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day cutting wheat on Byron Saunders' farm. Put up 9 doz. Thomas Walker and Sammie Horley helping us. We run our reaper after dinner.
Day finds

JULY,

THURSDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Rained in the morning
just as we were about
to start to work. Just
about eight o'clock and
then we spent the
remainder of the day
cutting wheat on the
Saunders place. Thomas
Walker, Gymmie and
Albert Shorley helping
us. Run the reaper with
four horses during
the day as the ground
was so soft that
two could not run
it.

Day very warm.

JULY,

FRIDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We went to the Saunders
field in the morning
and finished cutting wheat
against dinner time.
Worked four horses to the
reaper. Thomas Walker,
Gymmie Shorley and Albert
helping us. I spent the
afternoon helping helping
Robert Cooper's land boy.
Walker and Shorley boys
were there also and
we put in all they had
mowed. I got home
about nine o'clock.

Father and Will built
a stack bottom for our
wheat and mowed
some in the afternoon

JULY,

SATURDAY 19.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

We hauled and stocked
our wheat during the
day, and hauled in
our hay. Father and
mother went to John's
by the evening. Mills and
Priscilla took Mattie
Melom to Burgessstown
and I attended to
salting the sheep and
went to town at night.

Rained a shower before
we got our wheat guide
all up.

JULY,

SUNDAY 20.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen and I went to
church on horseback as
Will had the spring wagon
away. Attended Sabbath
School in the morning.

Heard Rev. Wallson
preach from Tit. Cor. 14.
Spent the afternoon at
home reading.

Will Thorley stopped
with us as he came from
church. Rained in the
evening. Father and
Will not home at night.

JULY,

MONDAY 21.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon
mowing our meadow
back of the barn. Got
through about noon.

Sammie Shorley came
along in the morning
and told us that Mrs
Sarah Wright, Widow of
Rich. Wright had
died very suddenly
about sunrise.

Father and brother
came home from John's
and Will. and J. Scully
came home from Burgett's
town in the forenoon.

Spent the afternoon
mowing for Mr. Cassidy
and Helen and
Charlie there for supper.
Robt Cassidy sick and
Mr. went for the doctor
in the evening. Day fine.

JULY,

TUESDAY 22.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father, Aunt Sally and
Priscilla went to Mrs
Wright's funeral.

I mowed until about
half past two o'clock
then father took the
mowing machine to
the shop for repairs
and I helped Will.
and John Cosgrove to
haul in some hay
from the meadow
back of the barn
which we finished
about sundown and
then threw off a load
of hay. Helen visited
Mrs John Robinson
who was sick at
Jefferson Scott's.

We ate supper
at Will's. Day fine.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 23.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon
hauling in hay from
the three cornered field.
Father went to town
and brought the mowing
machine home and
I mowed about half
an hour before supper
and took sick. Could
not eat much supper.
John & Cosgrove
dined with us.
Charlie was quite sick
during the night
and he did not sleep
well. He was troubled
with worms.
Day fine.

JULY,

THURSDAY 24.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Slept until a late hour
and still feeling unwell
I took two of the horses
to the shop and got
them shod. Got home
at noon. Spent the
afternoon until supper
time cooking up hay.
We made a stack
bottom after supper
and hauled in one
wagon load of hay to
the stable.
John & Cosgrove with
me in the afternoon
Day very fine.

JULY,

FRIDAY 25.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five, kindled
fires, brought in the
horses, fed and
harnessed three of them.
Spent the day mowing
for Mr. Cassidy, Esq.
Went to Dampers
in the evening to see
about stacking our
wheat. He was not
at home.
Father and Will
finished putting up
our hay with the
exception of the
orchard if we cut
it. Day fine.

JULY,

SATURDAY 26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day stacking
wheat at Byron Saunders'
and got through about
four o'clock. Looked
very much like rain
all day but did not
rain until after we
got through stacking.
I went to Cassidy
& Scotts in the evening
and got some shoe
mending done.
Rained a nice shower
in the evening.

JULY,

SUNDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

I attended Sabbath School in the morning. Helen and Charlie did not go until church time when Will took them in the wagon.

Heard Helen preach from Luke II, Ch. of 37.

Helen and I visited Mrs. Lizzie Robinson at Jeffersby Scotts and found her quite low.

Friends did not think she would live over night, but she was resigned to die, and asked me to pray with her which I did. We got home about dark.

JULY,

MONDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day until supper time cutting oats in Mrs. Fogue's field near Crisp's. Cut all down and we mowed them up with our cradles. At supper time it rained and I went to see David Thorley. He thought himself better.

Cut some oats in our own field and went to Jeff. Scotts to see how Mrs. Robinson was and found her still sinking but resigned to die.

JULY,

TUESDAY 29.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville,

The morning was wet. Father and I went to John Mulroy's for a cow which he had bought there. John came home with us and helped us to cradle oats in the afternoon.

Robert Cooper was with us also.

When father went for the cows in the evening, his new cow was gone and I went to Mr Steen's to see if she were there, but did not find her.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 30.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Robert Cooper came in the morning and he and I ground two scythes and spent the forenoon trying to cut some oats but as neither of us was very well we cut but little. Robert got stung by a wasp and his hand swelled and bothered him.

Father and Will went to Steubenville with marketing and got 20ct for butter. They got home at dinner time and we cut oats in the afternoon.

Father went to physician and found that his cow had gone back home. Day fine.

JULY,

THURSDAY 31.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent part of the day cutting oats and part of the afternoon tying oats.

I went in the evening to see Mrs Robinson at Jefferson Scotts and then thought she was dying but she revived again. Robert Cooper was with us during the day.

AUGUST,

FRIDAY 1.

1873.

Jeff. Scotts
~~Home near Eldersville Pa~~

We went to Mrs Pogue's field and cut oats until dinner time then came home and went back and cut and tied some.

A heavy rain came on about three o'clock and stopped. I sat on my sheep at Mrs Smiths. Mrs Robinson died at Jeff. Scotts in the afternoon.

Mr Cassidy came for me and I took the spring wagon to town for Nan Donagan to make the shroud but she was not at home.

Helen and I went to Scotts and then W. B. Cassidy and I went with the spring wagon for Mrs Lawther and she helped to make the shroud.

We remained there until daylight. Not many there.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 2.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Came home from Jefferson & Co's a little after daylight and slept about an hour then ate breakfast and went to town and with the assistance of John Lawther and J. M. McCuen dug a grave for Mrs. John Robinson. Came home and slept about two hours in the evening attended the funeral and salted the sheep.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 3.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet and we slept until late and did not go to church or Sabbath School in the forenoon. We went out to Bethel in the afternoon and heard Rev. Wallson preach from Acts VIII & part of 30. We stopped at Mr. Cassidi's and found Maggie somewhat unwell and William had a very sore eye. I came home and got eye tweezers and tried to take out what seemed to be a willow hair but his eye was too much swollen to allow it to be taken out. Afternoon very fine.

AUGUST,

MONDAY 4.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and brought
in a team of horses and
fed and harnessed them
and greased the spring-
wagon before breakfast.

We went to Mrs.
Pogue's field and finished
cutting oats there a little
before suppertime and
tied up thirty dozens
after supper. Rode to
bed from our meals
in the springwagon.

While turning the
horses out at night
I was riding old Charlie
when Doll, kicked and
just touched my left
arm which I thought
was rather a close call
for me. Felt thankful
that it did not come
closer. Day fine and cool.

AUGUST,

TUESDAY 5.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon tying
oats in Mrs. Pogue's field
and finished cutting
in our own field at
suppertime. Father told
what was in Mrs. Pogue's
field nearest home.

and in the evening
we all went to the
field next to Creps and
tied what was left
there. Robert Hooper
was with us during
the day. In the evening
when we came home
I took the springwagon
to Mrs. Cassel's for
mother and Helen
who had gone there to
see Margaret who was
sick. She was not
much better.

Day very cool.

AUGUST,

Thursday

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon
 trying oats in Mrs
 Fogues fields, and
 we finished cutting
 oats at home between
 dinner and supper time
 and then finished
 trying at Mrs Fogues
 field after supper.
 Robert Cooper with us
 during the day.

Hauled two loads of
 oats to Mrs Fogues barn
 in the forenoon and
 Thorley's boys and Robt
 Cooper helped us to
 finish harvesting in
 the afternoon and
 we went to Wm Cassidy
 late in the evening and
 we hauled two loads of oats
 and Thorley's boys one for
 him and finished his field
 near ten at night.
 Nick Lee and family here
 on a visit.

AUGUST,

Wednesday

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day
 hauling oats from
 Mrs Fogues fields to their barn.
 Robert was helping
 us but we did not
 get quite done.
 We ate dinner
 at Robt Coopers.
 Weather fine

Robt Riddle's

AUGUST,

FRIDAY 8.

1873.

~~Home near Eldersville~~

~~We hauled two
loads of oats as
per Ague's in
the forenoon~~

Spent the day doing
chores such as preparing
for threshing, gassing
and mending harness
&c. Father and Will
brought a cow home
from John and we put
a yoke on her.

Helen, Charlie, and
I went to Robert
Riddle's at night and
spent the night there.
Day fine.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 9.

1873.

Grandma Haulin's

We took breakfast at
Robert Riddle's in the
morning, then went
to Grandma Haulin's
and she got ready and
went with us to Uncle
George Haulin's, but they
were not at home
and we went to Uncle
Frank Haulin's and took
dinner and supper, and
stopped a few minutes
at Uncle George's as
we came home. Found
him improving in
health. We spent
the night at Grand-
ma Haulin's. Met Will
Haulin there.
Weather fine.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 10.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We took breakfast at
Grandma Haslip's
I attended Sabbath
School and prayer meeting
in company with Bell
and "Peggy" Hanlin.
Took dinner at
Grandma Hanlin's
and came to Eldersville
and heard Rev. Willson
preach from Eph. V.
19 " Mrs. Edw. Metcalfe
was buried at Bethel.
David Thorley was
quite poorly. Much
worse than he had
been. Was better in
the evening.

AUGUST,

MONDAY 11.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I spent the forenoon
mending and greasing
father's buggy harness.
After dinner Will Hanlin
came and I spent an
hour or so talking with
him. Will and I
hailed some coal.

I went to town and
got Jimmie's shoes. Came
home past Criss' to
learn what was the
arrangement for
threshing and found
that we could not
thresh any before
Thursday.
Weather very fine.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 12. 1873.

Home near Eldersville

Before we ate our breakfast, Etta Steep came and told us that old Sal was down in a hole in the field and could not get up.

After we got her up, Father and I spent the day putting an axle on the power of our machine.

Will went to Johns to help him to cut oats but he was not at home and it rained so that he did not get much cut.

Mary Crisp was with us for supper.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 13. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Father, Mother and Mary Jackson went to Burgess town. Will went with Wally Wells and showed him some sheep which we had for sale at Mrs. Smith's. And then went to town and got dinner and a horse.

I spent the day doing chores. Got a pole for a lever for the machine; went to David Hooper's on a errand and Will and I hauled a load of wood for father in the evening.

I wrote a letter to Joseph Brobson in the evening.

And helped Helen to milk all the cows.

Weather fine.

AUGUST,

THURSDAY 14.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We harnessed the team in the morning, unloaded the machine and prepared our wagon for hauling lumber, and started to Harmon's Creek for a load of lumber for David Thorley, but it rained so that we turned back, repaired our wagon, and did some chores in the evening.

Thompson Creek has here to make arrangements for threshing on Saturday.

AUGUST,

FRIDAY 15.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses in the morning and harnessed the whole team. Will and I went with Thorley's boys and hauled a load of lumber from Harmon's Creek for them. They took their team, also and brought a load.

We moved the machine to Gardner's in the evening to thresh some grain which Thompson Creek had there. Had two calls for help to thresh tomorrow get Frank Scotts and J. P. Boles beside Crip.

Weather fine. Evening cloudy.

AUGUST, SATURDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father went to Frank Scotts
and Will. to James S.
Boles' to help to thresh.

I took our horses and
waggon and helped Thompson
Crisp to thresh at Saml
Lindners. Sr. We got
through there about
eleven o'clock and
moved the machine
and set it at Uncle
Geo. Crisp's stacks
in the afternoon.

I salted some sheep
and went to town
for the mail.

Day somewhat damp

AUGUST, SUNDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

I attended Sabbath School
in Eldersville in the morning
heard Rev. William Cowl
preach from Romans
~~IX~~ part of 9. Sacrament
Administered. M. R.
Hambin came home with
me for dinner.

We went back in
the evening and heard
the same young man
preach from Romans
XX and 5. Good
Congregations out and
sermons of first
quality, although the
speaker was just
a beginner in the
ministry.
Weather cloudy.

AUGUST,

MONDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I went to David's Hooley
in the morning and
borrowed the Crosscut
Saw and we cut off
two stumps before
dinner. In the after-
noon I went to Jeff
Scott's to see a Mangle
machine running with
a short Middleton power.
We spent the evening
building the line
fence between Mr. E.
Ctary and us.

Did not get through.
Heard in the evening
that Henry Crisp had
died yesterday and
was buried today;
Some of Stephenson's
folks were down at
Eggs Cassidy's stopping
a load of coal lands
and stopped here on
their way home.

AUGUST,

TUESDAY 19.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We went to Uncle Geo.
Crisp in the morning
to thresh but the
stacks were so wet that
we did not thresh any
until near dinner time.
and then we did not
get through. Threshed
about 225 bushels of
oats and 45 bushels
of wheat.
Weather fair.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We killed a sheep
in the morning
before breakfast.
We went to Uncle
Geo. Crisp and
threshed 45 bushels
of wheat and then
moved the machine
to Byron Saunders
and threshed his
Oats and commenced
on our wheat in the
afternoon. Byron
had 257 bushels of
Oats. Mary Jackson
and Helen went over
and helped Ella Stein
to Cook. Mrs. Saunders
was there also.
We did not get quite
through with our
wheat. Weather fine.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 21. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon
threshing grain at
Byron Saunders and
moved the machine to
Robt Cooper's before
dinner and set it
in the afternoon to
thresh our oats and
David Thorley's wheat.
~~in~~ Could not thresh
any in the afternoon
because Robert had
not his strawpen
built. Came home
past David Thorley's
in the evening and
found that he was
not so well as he had
been. Father went over
there at night.
Some appearance
of rain.

AUGUST,

FRIDAY 22.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day
threshing at Mrs
Fogel's barn. Threshed
our oats first and
then threshed the
wheat which Thorley's
boys had raised there.
We got through
about sundown and
moved the machine
down into the run
bottom.

Day very warm.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 23.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We threshed David
Thorley's grain in the
forenoon, then moved
the machine to Alex.
Lawther's and threshed
what he had cut,
brought the machine
home in the evening,
having made three
moves and two sets
during the day and
only threshed 233 bushels
of grain.

I went to David
Thorley's in the evening
for some sacks which
we had left there.
David Thorley looking
very fast and not
much hope entertained
of his recovery.
The family in great
trouble of mind.

AUGUST, SUNDAY 24. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

We got ready to go to Sabbath School in the morning, but it was so late that we concluded to go and see David Forley before going to church. Found him in better

Heard Nolan preach from James 1:17 of 16th Subject. Preyer. Good sermon.

Nolan took dinner with us. C. M. Stephenson and family at father's for dinner. Wrote a letter in the evening to Uncle Geo. Forley.

AUGUST, MONDAY 25. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen, Charlie and I went to C. M. Stephenson's to help to thresh.

John Boles was there with the machine and spent the entire forenoon hanging the pit wheel.

Spent part of the afternoon threshing oats and a rain in the evening stopped us.

I attended to the milking after we came home.

AUGUST,

TUESDAY 26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Milked three cows before breakfast.
 Fixed the spring some and went to C. M. Stephenson's to help him to finish threshing but hands were scarce on account of D. C. McQueen's sale and they only finished threshing the oats.
 I went to the station to get Aunt Jane's provisions to send for some meat for us. Wrote a letter to Uncle James Melvin in the afternoon.

AUGUST,

WEDNESDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Milked the cows in the morning before breakfast and brought in the horses. Father went to see David Thorley and found him about as he had been.
 I went to C. M. Stephenson to help him to finish his threshing but found that the machine had been taken away without threshing the wheat.
 I came home and plowed a few furrows, but found it too wet. Father and Will were at Sturdevantville and put the wagon together and got a coupling pole to haul manure with.
 Attended to the milking in the evening on account of a heavy rain.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 28. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was very hot and I attended to the milking before breakfast. Went to Hankins Station and brought home 20 pounds of fresh beef for which I had sent to Stentewill and paid \$2.50.

Spent the afternoon doing chores. Put a hoop on a tub and prepared the wagon for hauling manure.

Father spent the day attending to business for David Poorley as he was about making his will. His health not improving any.

Afternoon fine.

AUGUST, FRIDAY 29. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father sold a horse for Robert Cooper in the morning and ~~we~~ went to Mrs. Smith's place and separated some sheep for sale.

Went to Mill. Stung in the evening and helped to thresh 94 bushels of wheat after three o'clock.

Old Mr. Stess very poorly. He was so weak that I lifted and then sent for the Doctor but he did not come.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 30.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Helped Will Steen
to finish threshing.
We got through
about four o'clock.
Sold Alex. Walker
42 sheep at \$3.50 per
head. Charlie and
I went to mill in
the afternoon and
brought our grinding
stone. I took old
Charlie to town in
the evening to find
out what was the
cause of his lameness
but did not find
anything wrong.
Weather very fine.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 31.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We attended Sabbath
School in Eldersville in
the morning and heard
Rev. W. H. Wilson preach
using the rules laid
down in the Discipline
as his text.

We went to Uncle
Geo. Crisp's and took
dinner. Nancy
Mumma and I
started to go to the
First Church but
learned before we
got there that
there would be
no preaching and
we turned back.
Weather fine.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 1. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the day plowing. Father plowed a short time while I went to see Mr. Steen whom I found some better, but still very poor. Father and mother went to Stephensons after supper and I plowed with G. L. Sal and Doll. Sal fell down about the time I was going to unpitch and was scarcely able to get up. Too old to be at work.

Weather fine in the afternoon. Forenoon cloudy and rained some.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 2. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at 5 1/2 o'clock and milked the cows before breakfast then Mill and I went to Mrs. An. Creays to help Geo. Boyd and "Cy" Ferguson to thresh. They broke a whole set of levers during the day and had to put in a new set all at once, which they got from the woods.

John Churchill, Albert Miller, G. L. Cassid and "Cy" Ferguson were the threshers. Churchill and Cassid were in such a hurry that they would not give the second table time to eat their meals until they had the machine running. Weather fine.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 3. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five o'clock and brought in the horses and harneped two of them before breakfast. Will and I went to Geo. Boyd's to help him to finish threshing but when he got there at seven o'clock they were done. Will went to town and got the horses shod. I gathered some elder berries, and plowed night, during time. Went to David Storley's and saw him sign his will after hearing it read. Spent the evening plowing. Will went to see Mr. Stan in the evening and went back at night to sit up with him.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 4. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was somewhat gloomy after the rain of last night and I did not be in much hurry about getting to work. Milked the cows, brought in the horses and harneped them and we plowed from nine o'clock. We finished our field at home about four o'clock and then commenced plowing Mrs. Faguel's field after supper. Day very fine and ground in good order for plowing.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 5. 1873.

Wm. E. Steen's

Father and I spent the day plowing Mrs. Joze's field. We got through about sundown having plowed the whole field except clover prongs. Will went with Robt Cooper to Stebensville with marketing and did not get home until after night.

I went to Mr. Steen's in the evening and sat up with him until after midnight. Then waked Berge Samners and I came home and went to bed. Helen and Charlie slept at Grandpas.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 6. 1873.

Home near Eldersville

Slept from half past one O'clock until half past six then arose and brought in the horses. Took Doll to the shop and got a shoe driven. And did some Grand. We sowed Mrs. Joze's field next to us in wheat during the day and harrowed it up. Robert Cooper and Father sowed the Timothy seed. Spent the evening cutting hair and doing chores.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 7. 1873.

After Mr. Steen's

There was no preaching anywhere in the neighborhood in the forenoon except at Independence Campground and we spent the day mostly at home. I went to Mr. Steen's in the morning and found him very low. We got ready to go to the Tent to Church in the afternoon but a shower of rain stopped us. I went to Mr. Steen's at night to sit up with him. Moore Barber and I slept until midnight when they awoke, us thinking Mr. Steen was dying, but he revived and we sat up until morning Moore and I. The others went to bed. Weather cool.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 8. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Got up with Mr. Steen from twelve o'clock until after daylight. Mr. Steen appeared better. Came home and helped to repair some fence in the forenoon. Andy, Will and I went to Mrs. Dague's field and plowed in the afternoon.

Helen made some preparations for going to Camp meeting tomorrow. Weather very favorable. David Tholley still getting weaker.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 9. 1873.

Home near Eldersville

We did up our morning work as usual and then off ready and went to the Camp Meeting at Independence.

Helen, Charlie and I went in the Spring wagon. Heard Rev. Mesbitt preach from the Cor.

XXV 8 55 56 57.

Sabbath School scholars were addressed in afternoon by Steward, Rogers and Mesbitt, and we heard

a sermon in the evening at 2 1/2 o'clock from Mat. XXV 8 part of 10.

Did not get home until after sun down.

Weather very fine. Camp ground nicely arranged and nearly all the tents made of wood and permanently erected.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 10. 1873.

Mr. E. Steen's

I went to David Hooley's in the morning before breakfast and got a bucketful and a hatful of wild plums. When I had gone to Mrs. Fognes field to plow we learned that Mr. Wm. Steen was dead. Will and I plowed until dinner time, then went to Mr. Steen's and from thence to Bethel with Geo. Boyd and Alex. Smith and dug a grave for Mr. Steen. Did not have the box there and could not complete the grave. Helen and I were invited to the wake and went about nine o'clock and stayed all night. Robert Cooper, L. G. Steen and I sat up all night. Women all went to bed. Picked company to stay according to Mr. Steen's request.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 11. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Came home from Mr. Steen's about five o'clock brought in the horses, milked the cows and fed the calf, then went to Bethel graveyard where Geo. Bold and I put in the rough box in Mr. Steen's grave.

I then attended the funeral but was very sleepy. Helped to fill the grave. Large funeral.

We finished plowing between Ann Uron and dark over at Mrs. Pogue's field. Day very fine.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 12. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day until supper time sowing wheat at Mrs. Pogue's place and harrowing with two teams.

After supper we hauled two loads of manure on to the wheat ground and hauled off one load of stone. V. Will. and Priscilla went to David Shorley's in the evening. Weather fine.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 13. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and we spent the forenoon hauling out manure. Rained after dinner and Will and I picked some hops. In the evening we hauled a load of manure and hauled a load of stones off the wheatfield.

I went to town at night and got the mail and some articles for house use. Evening very cool.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 14. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the morning work, Helen, Charlie and I went in the spring wagon to Bush meeting on Tucker charge (Stone Church). Heard Rev. Jos Hudson preach from II Tim. II 15. Very good sermon. Sabbath Schools attended by different persons. I heard some Rev. Wright in the afternoon from Jer. III and II. II 5.

We took supper at Grandma Hamilton's as we came home. Some other folks there. Weather very cool and rather disagreeable.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

He spends the forenoon
looking out manure
from the stable.

In the afternoon I
sowed nine and one
half bushels of wheat
and went to Mrs. Pogue's
and got Robt. Cooper
to help to sow Timothy
after supper. We did
not get quite done.

Robert and I went
to town at night
and brought home
some fresh beef from
Cooper's store selling at
ten and fourteen cents
per pound.

Weather fine with
some appearance of rain.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father, Will and Eden went
to Steubenville in the morning
and Aunt Nancy Bushfield,
Priscilla Freeman and
her two children came home
with them.

I spend the forenoon
finishing harrowing our
wheat ground and
putting away our farming
implements. In the
afternoon I sowed some
Timothy seed and took
Robert Cooper's horse and
seed sower home.

Called to see David
Shorley as I came home
and found him some
better. Salted some
sheep at Mrs. Smyth's.
Will got his false
teeth. Day very fine.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Harnessed two horses
in the morning and
father mowed clover
until dinnertime.

I spent part of the
forenoon haying for
our hogs which I
thought were in the
corn. Spent most
of the afternoon mowing
and got through about
sunset. Will and
I gathered some plums
just after dinner.
Weather very fine.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 18. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Hauled a load of rails
in the morning and
made a stack bottom.
I spent the rest of
the day putting up hay.

Put up 165 cocks
during the day.
Weather very fine.
Thompson Crip came
in the evening to make
some arrangements about
steepling and we
concluded to thresh on
Saturday. John Melom
came at night and
got some. Another sept
we cleaned some for him
while he was here.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon stacking hay and did not get quite through when the rain came on.

Cleaned up some smooth seed in the afternoon and took three pecks of it to Eldersville for Mrs. Martin.

Got two shoes driven and some crons put on a saw tree.

Went to Will Steens at night for help to thresh tomorrow.

Day cloudy and cool for the most part.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We took the machine to the wheat stack in the morning and set it and threshed 187½ bushels of wheat. Moved the machine to the barn after dinner and threshed 255 bushels of oats.

We got through about sundown and then we had some ridding up to do after night.

Saw rather unfavorable for threshing out of doors. Wind blowing into the machine.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 21. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Aden did not attend church during the day. I went to town in the morning and opened the Wesleyan Church and kindled a fire. Went to the other church for Sabbath School and found but few there. Saw some and came away. Heard Wobens preach from Heb. #3. Attended church at Tucker's at night and heard a man named Baker preach from Rom. #16. Good sermon. Six persons forward for prayers among whom were Robert Kiddle and his wife, and daughter. Meeting held until late and I did not get home until after twelve o'clock. Day fine.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 22. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We finished a haystack in the forenoon. Sold Mrs. Gillespie a bushel of Timothy seed and then cleaned about a peck more to make out what Geo. Boyd wanted. Will and I repaired some fence in the afternoon. Crisp's boys came and took the separator of the machine to Thompson Crisp. Mrs. M. Cunningham, Reeves, were at Will's for dinner. Appearance of rain in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 23. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I went to Cassidy Scott in the forenoon and got my boot mended and ordered a pair of shoes for Helen. In the afternoon we took the power of the machine to Thompson Crib and at it and would have threshed the stack of wheat but Thompson thought there were not hands enough there and he did not wish to call in those who were hardly so we came home and left the job until some other time.

We led our colt about some in the evening preparing her to go to the fair. Day cloudy and rained some.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 24. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We went to Thompson Crib in the morning and threshed 68 bushels of wheat in the forenoon then moved the machine to W. G. Knight's and threshed 25 1/2 bushels of wheat and 31 of oats. We left the power there to have new rolls put in it and Will and I brought the separator home with us.

Champ got his foot over the coupling strap and threw himself down and had to be unhitched before he could get up.

Day fine

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 25. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Was raining in the forenoon and I spent most of the day repairing and greasing our lead harness. Helped to tie some corn shocks in the evening and went to Crisp's to see if I could get any help to cut off corn. Got home between eight and nine o'clock. Evening fair.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 26. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Day about three pecks of potatoes in the morning before breakfast and helped Helen to milk the cows. John Crisp and Randolph came to cut off corn before we had our breakfast. We spent the day cutting off corn and I went to town in the evening for the mail and got some sundries for General use. Day very fine. Evening warm.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 27. 1873.

Grandma Hanlin's

We spent the day until supper time cutting off corn. Then Helen, Charlie and I went to Grandma Hanlin's where we spent the night very pleasantly with the family. A stranger being present and the family all at home. Weather very warm.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 28. 1873.

Grandma Hanlin's

We took breakfast at Grandma Hanlin's and then attended prayer meeting and class meeting in the forenoon and also Sabbath School. Prayer and class meeting very interesting on account of the presence of a number of young converts who took part in the exercise. We took dinner at Grandma's and went back to church at night and heard Rev. Swain preach from Mat. VIII 24, 25 inclusive. Good sermon. We spent the night with the family at Grandma Hanlin's. Appearance of rain in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 29. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We took breakfast
at Grandma Harbin's and
came home about ten
o'clock. We stripped two
sled loads of sorghum
and ground it and
made some preparation
for making molasses.

I went to town at
night and bought
some fresh beef.

Weather Cloud and
wet.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 30. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Ground some sorghum
in the forenoon and loaded
it in the afternoon.

Father and Miss
Sally, attended to the
boiling and scroached
the pan some.

Will and I hauled
two loads of wood in the
afternoon. Uncle

James and Aunt Philenia
Melvin came in the
evening and spent
the night at Father's.

Uncle James seems
in better spirits
than usual.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 1. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon cutting and hauling and stripping cane. Uncle James and Aunt Philina Melvin and father Aunt Sally and Aunt Anne went to David Thorley's in the forenoon and all took dinner with us.

Father and Uncle James went to Geo. Amaker's in the afternoon and I went to town at night and got Uncle James' horse shoes. Will and I spent the afternoon grinding cane and preparing the pan to boil some on tomorrow. Weather fine.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 2. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Boiled two pairs of my lasses during the day. Mycels Agnes and Abby Philina Melvin went home in the forenoon. Father and Will went to David Stephenson's in the afternoon and brought home some pigs. Girnie Steen came down to father's in the forenoon with a felon on her finger and stayed over night getting it poulticed & pared the skin off it for her in the evening. Day very fine.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 3. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and I went to
Steuersville in the morning
with the two horse wagon
and took some marketing
and brought home
some shingles.

We attended Church at
Eldersville at night
and heard Rev. Spear
preach from Prov II
28. Congregation very
small.

John Wolen with us
over night.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 4. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon
doing work. Attended
church in Eldersville at
two o'clock and heard
Rev. Spear preach from
Mt. Sep. III 1. At church
again at night.

Congregation small and
we did not have preaching.
Had a speaking meeting.

Rev. Wilson there.
Congregation small.

Weather unfavorable.
Selen did not go to
church on account
of her work.
John Wolen with us
over night.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

I did not go to Sabbath School in the morning but sent Mr. Nolan in my place. Very few there. Heard Rev. Spear preach from Isaiah IX part of 6 "Wonderful Counsellor". We took dinner at Father's. No persons from Middletown except Mr. Nolan and John although it was a sacramental occasion. I called in to see David Thorley in the afternoon. No particular change.

OCTOBER, MONDAY 6. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day doing chores. Erupted a kettle of molasses into the barrel and we put off some cane and fixed it up without blading to keep it from freezing. We attended church in Eldersville at night. Did not have a sermon as the number of persons was very small. Sammie and Albert Thorley, Almy, Thorley and Randolph Crisp were all forward for prayers. We did not get home until quite late. My spiritual strength much renewed.

OCTOBER, TUESDAY 7. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the ^{morning} ~~day~~ talking with Rev. Spear and Prosen.

Got off some corn in the afternoon and we attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Spear preach from Luke XIV pt of 28th.

Sammie and Albert Thorsly were forward - were baptized and united with the Church. Meeting closed.

Weather fair.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 8. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Spent most of the day cutting off corn. Will took Rev. Spear to the station in the morning and Mr. Prosen and his son John started home about eleven o'clock. Weather very fine.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 9, 1873.

Mr. Cassidy's

~~Home~~ Near Eldersville

Mary Jackson and Maggie, Helen and Charlie and I went to the Burgesstown fair in the Spring-wagon. We did not get there until near noon. Will and Piscilla went in the buggy.

We met Albert Sharley near the gate as we went and he took the women in on their family ticket and Will and I bought day tickets. Very large crowd of people but the fair was not much to brag of.

Spent the night sitting up with Robert Cassidy who was very sick with Typhoid fever.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 10, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon cutting off corn. Got through about three o'clock and then headed some cane. I went to town at night and got some sheet iron to make a bottom for a cooking pan for molasses. Got home about nine o'clock.

I came home from Mr. Cassidy's about four o'clock in the morning and slept until eight. Had been sitting up with Robert who was sick with Typhoid fever.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 11. 1873.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

I spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon putting together a cooling pan for cooling molasses use. Went to David Thorley's and made a block to put the Gate in. John Melvin was here helping us to blade cane. Father was at David Thorley's setting some posts to set their hitches on.

Father and mother were at Cassidy's at night a short time with Robert who was very sick.

Rained in the evening and at night.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 12. 1873.

Wm. Cassidy's

I milked the cows in the morning and brought in the horses before breakfast.

Went to Eldersville for Sabbath School but the attendance was so small that we spent the time singing. Heard Rev. Wilson preach from Mat. 30. Congregation not large.

C. M. Stephenson came home with our fodder and went to see D. S. Torley. Helen and I went over there in the afternoon.

Prayer meeting at father's in the evening. No persons present except our own family and Thorley's young folks. Sammie Thorley and Albert both led in prayer. I sat up during the night with Robert Cassidy.

He rested tolerably well.

Weather very fine.

OCTOBER,

MONDAY 13.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

I had been sitting up,
with Robert Cassidy during
the night. Came home
about seven o'clock and
slept until nine, then
got ready to buy some
corn, melloe
mashie and bladed
corn, Mill ground and
boiled it in.

We got the pap off
a little after sundown.

OCTOBER,

TUESDAY 14.

1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about five o'clock
and helped to put on a
pan of corn and
brought in the horses
before breakfast. Then
attended the election in
Eldersville and clerked for
David Stephenson. We got
through counting off
and I got home against
twelve o'clock.

Priscilla and the
baby slept in our house,
as Will was away sitting
up with Robt Cassidy.
Weather fine.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville,

Took breakfast at home and did some chores, then went to David Shorley and helped to raise their new house which went up very well. We got through there before three o'clock and we came home and ground some hog manure and other things. Shorley came and dropped some cane. We ground one pan full for Sam Stephenson. At night I went to David Shorley and wrote a letter for him. Mitch. Haulin brought his sister Bell over and left her. She was with us over night 'Day five'.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We spent the day making molasses for Samuel Stephenson. Made him 22 gallons of of very nice molasses and put it into the barrel at bedtime. Will went to Mrs. Cassady at night and sat up with Robert from one o'clock until morning and left him something better. Day five

OCTOBER,

FRIDAY 17.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose at half past five and helped father to put the pan of molasses on before breakfast.

Will came home from Cassidy's a little after daylight.

We got through making molasses about dark. I go a load of coal from John Sawther hauled ten bushels in the forenoon and about twenty after night.

Went to see Robt Cassidy at night and found him better. Rained a shower in the morning.

OCTOBER,

SATURDAY 18.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and I went to Steubenville with the wagon, took down some marketing and brought home 9000 shingles. Rained on us before we left town.

and rained on us part of the way home and we had hard scratching to get our load home.

Bell Hamlin here with us.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

The day was very wet
and we did not attend
Church. Father and mother
went but there was no
preaching. I went to see
Robert Cassidy in the
forenoon and remained
at home in the afternoon.

Prayer meeting at father's
at night. Saml Thorley
and Albert and Bell
Hartlin were the only
persons present except
our own families.

OCTOBER, MONDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon fixing
troughs to feed the cows.

Went to Cassidy Scotts in
the afternoon and got
Edwin's shoes mended.

Put on put on a boot
for Pierce M. Clelland
to help along with my
work. Did not get home
until near nine o'clock.

Rained all day and
sprayed at night.
Bell Hartlin still here
with us.

OCTOBER, TUESDAY 21. 1873

Mr. Cassidy's

After doing the feeding
and milking in the morning
I went to Eldersville and
got a pair of boots for
Charlie which were good ones.
Got some oil for Jim
Cassidy and some for
our selves. Took William's
oil to him in the after-
noon. Slept at Cassidy's
until near one o'clock and
then got up with Robt
until morning.

Robert getting better
and slept most of the
time. Snowed nearly
all day and the snow
remained on the ground
over night about two inches
deep. Bell Harbor here
with us.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 22. 1873

Home near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon
unloading shingles and
getting some poles for
rafters for our Coalhouse.
We put in fr. Culbert
near Bonds Coalbank in
the afternoon. Did not
get through until after
dark and then thought
the job not entirely
complete.

Samuel Stephenson
came in the evening and
got his molasses.
Day pleasant but
the hands were somewhat
muddy.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 23. 1873.

Home near Eldersville

Arose as soon as I
could see to bring in the
horses and got ready
and Will Thorley and
I went to Steubenville
and brought home 10,50
feet of weatherboarding
for David Thorley's new
house. We got to David's
a little before dark.
Ate supper there and
got home and the horses
put away against eight
o'clock. Rained some
after night.

Bell Hamlin here with
us.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 24. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa

The morning was wet and
after some changing of plans
and a clearing off of the
weather Will Thorley and
I went to Steubenville for a
load of lumber and were
obliged to wait until the
most of it was plained.
Did not get started from
Steubenville until four
o'clock and did not get
home until eight.

Got a shoe driven
on Ginnies' Crooked foot.
Gady became very fine
and he brought home
1436 feet of lumber.
Bell Hamlin here with
us.

OCTOBER,

Sunday
~~Sunday~~ 27

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended church at
Old Bethel in the forenoon,
Bell Hardly with us
and heard Rev. Steward
preach from Mat. IV
1st 11th inclusive.

Spent some time
after preaching looking
through the graveyard.

We spent the after-
noon at home reading;
Day cloudy and rained
at night.

OCTOBER,

Monday 28th
~~Sunday~~ 28

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After feeding and milking
the cows in the morning,
I harnessed two horses,
hitched them to the
spring wagon and took
Bell, Hardly, Helen and
Charlie to Saml Stephenson's
and I came home and
worked some about
coal house and lumber shed.
Went back to C. M.
Stephenson's at night,
and stayed until
bedtime.

Took Aunt Amie with
me in the morning.
Rained some during
the day and grew cold
in the evening.

OCTOBER,

Saturday 25th

MONDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent part of the forenoon clearing up our molasses making apparatus and putting away the molasses. Spent the remainder of the day digging potatoes. Sadie & Abby was helping us. We got through about half past four o'clock.

I went to town on an errand at night and did not get home until nine o'clock.

Day very fine. Bell Hamlin with us. I got a letter from Geo. Hamlin wife for her.

Day very fine.

OCTOBER,

TUESDAY 28.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the most of the day building a shed, to keep the sheep in. Day was very blustry & snowed hard several times and commenced freezing heavily in the evening. Will gather in some apples and we hauled in three loads of pumpkins late in the evening. We harrowed the two plots in the morning and allowed them to stand in the stable during the day. Prepared the mares very well. Led them out to water in the evening and unharnessed them after night.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 29. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the forenoon digging out the bottom of our lumber room to put a floor in it. Hauled some sleepers and boards in the afternoon and put a pole on the sled. C. M. Stephenson brought his family over just before dinner and left them to visit among us. Bell, M. Hamlin still with us. Snow on the ground in the morning and soft snow come during the day.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 30. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day putting the floor in our trunk room. Father set Aunt Sally's grate during the day.

Will took Mary Stephenson and her family over to Robt Coopers in the morning and brought them back in the evening and also hauled a load of coal from Geo. Bonds bank.

Bell, Hamlin with us. Weather fine. Ground frozen. Appearance of hail in the evening.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 31. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I hauled a load of coal from Boyd's bank and scraped some coalblack on the road at the culvert there.

Hauled pumpkins the remainder of the day.

Mary Stephenson and her family took dinner with us.

Bell, Hamlin here with us. Weather fine.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 1. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Took an old sack to David Shorley's in the morning and had a musson put in it.

We separated some wheat in the forenoon and turned the back in with 20 ewes. We turned two holes of potatoes in the afternoon.

Rec'd a letter from Hamiltons at night. Bell, Hamlin, Helen, Charlie and I went to David Shorley's at night and stayed until bedtime. Weather very cool. Ground frozen.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 2. 1873.

Home near Eldersville.

We attended church in Eldersville and heard W. M. Stephenson preach from Colossians III 3. Nan Cup and

Mary J. Virtue ate dinner with us. Came from Bethel from Quarterly meeting.

We had to help old Deel up in the afternoon.

Bell, Hanlin, Helen, Charlie and I went out to the tent to church but there was no preaching and we came home again. Day fine.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 3. 1873.

Home near Eldersville.

Father and Will went to C. M. Stephenson for some beef. I spent the forenoon doing chores and husked two shocks of corn.

We put two colds in the wagon. They worked very well. We went out to Bethel at night and heard Rev. Willson preach from Luke XVI 30.

Weather fine. Bell, Hanlin, with us.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 4. 1873.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

Arose at five and brought in the horses and harnessed them before breakfast.

Sammie Thorley and I went to Stenterville with the wagon and brought home 372 feet of weatherboarding and six thousand shingles for David's saw house. I got home a little after dark ate supper at David's and did not get home until nine. Weather very fine. Bell Hanlin here.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 5. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will and Sammie Thorley went to Stenterville with the team for lumber. Father and I moved some sheep in the forenoon and I shelled some corn. After dinner I went to Mr. Wirt's and he promised to come and drive shingles for us tomorrow.

I came home through town and bought a new hatchet.

I attended church at Bethel at night and heard Rev. Wilson preach from IInd Psalm and first verse. Good feeling seeming to exist in the congregation. No person forward for prayers. Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 6, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Mr. West came in the morning and we spent the day taking off the old roof and putting on new on father's house.

Mrs. Ann Magee from Ohio took dinner with us. We attended church at Bethel at night and heard Rev. Willson preach from Mat. XVII 26. Congregation very attentive.

Weather very fine. Mr. K. Haulin brought us a barrel of cider and some apples in the evening to make some apple butter.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 7, 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day roofing father's house. About four o'clock it commenced raining and we were obliged to close up the opening which we had made with boards and shingles.

Rev. B. A. Sheets took dinner with us. He visited the Wesleyan church of Eldersville to hold a lecture and exhibition in Monday evening next. He went back to Eldersville having got the key of the church. Raining at night.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 8. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet
and we did not arise
early. We spent most
of the day spooling father's
horse, William's first
helping us. We spent
the evening at home
Bell & Harry here
with us. Made some
preparations for going
to Church at Tuckers
tomorrow

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 9. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and we
got our morning work
done as soon as possible
and went to Grandma
Quint's. We took Bell
home. Helen and Charlie
did not go to church on
account of the cold and
rain. Bell and Susan
& went to prayer meeting
and Sabbath School.
services quite lengthy.
Points of discussion in
Sabbath School. Was it
necessary for the Jews to
crucify our Saviour?

Was Judas lost, or was
he saved through repentance?
Did Judas commit the
unpardonable sin? &c.

We got home about
dark. Broke a bolt through
the knagtree as we came
home. Day very cool and
cloudy.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 10. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day roofing
father's house, Mr. Wirt
with us. We went to
town at night to a
panorama given by Rev.
C. A. Sheets. It was
tolerably good. We got
a lot of crocks and
brought them home with
us. Weather quite cool
and cloudy with appearance
of rain or snow at night.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 11. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Rose at five and fed
the cows before going
away, brought in the horses
and Will and I went to
Grandma Hanlin's and with
the assistance of Stewart
and Mitch, we gathered a
good load of apples and
took them to Provinces
and ground them and
made two barrels of cider.
Provinces ground the
apples with their team.
We got home about
half past seven o'clock.
Rained a little in the
evening. Mr. Wirt and
father, driving shingles on
father's kitchen.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 12.

1873

Home Near Eldersville

After doing the feeding and milking in the morning I helped father and Mr. Wirt to drive some shingles on the kitchen roof. Went to Cassidy Scotts in the afternoon and got my boots mended. Father and Will, boiled in some cider during the day.

Day was very stormy snowed considerably.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 13.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at six. Spent the forenoon getting some grinding ready to go to mill. Will and father were putting a marble piece in Will's fireplace.

John and Susannah Indom, Miss Ann Amanda Brown and Uncle George Hosley came to father's about noon and we did not do much more work during the day.

Weather quite cold and ground frozen.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 14, 1873

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Six years ago today we were married Helen M. Harkin and I.

Spent the morning getting some grinding read. to take to mill.

Will went to mill in the afternoon and I went to town and got a full shod. Went to John Melon's and engaged some beef.

Stopped at Mrs. Smith's as I came home and settled for sheep pasture and brought our sheep home. Pasture for the summer cost us \$5.95.

Weather very cold and some snow on the ground.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 15, 1873

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did some chores in the morning and talked a short time to Uncle Geo. Thorley when we concluded to go to Burgettstown together which we did after dinner. We went in the spring wagon and called on Judge Bradley for some information concerning the appointing of a guardian for John H. Thorley. We called at John Melon's and found Mattie confined to her bed. We came to C. M. Stephenson's and ate supper. I left Uncle Geo. at David Thorley's and got home about ten o'clock.

Day cool. Road frozen and rough.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Went to town in the morning and opened the Wesleyan church for service there. Heard Wolen preach from Numbers ~~XXVIII~~ 8 & 9. Wolen and "Uncle Billy" Shorley took dinner with us.

Prayer meeting at David Shorley's at night. But few there. Billy Shorley there and took part. Exercises seemingly profitable.

Wills cow choked in the evening and caused us some work and she was not unchoked when we went to prayer meeting.

Weather pleasant. David Shorley's health some better but his limbs were swollen.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon shelling corn and the afternoon repairing our Corn-crib. I husked about three shocks of corn in the evening. Will went to Eldersville in the hay as night.

Weather cloudy and atmosphere very chilly. Ground thawed some and muddy.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 18. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and after breakfasting, feeding the cows and emptying some sacks of cow feed I went and helped Mr. Cassidy to thresh wheat about three o'clock. Came home and helped to clean off the roof of father's kitchen and buried our cabbage. Mended my gloves some at night.

Felt very unhappy on account of my wife's jealousy, and her seeming desire to drive me from our present home to some other place of residence by ourselves. Word came from Robt Cooper's that he wanted help to butcher tomorrow and we were making preparations to make our apple butter. Father and Will were also making preparations to go to Dinterville tomorrow.

Weather cool. Snowed some during the day and evening.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and got our breakfast over and feeding done as soon as possible, and we went and helped Robert P. Cooper to butcher his pigs of which he killed five and had them cut up and the sausage cut against four o'clock. When I came home,

It snowed all day moderately and was rather unpleasant under foot. Felt rather unhappy in the evening on account of Helen's indisposition to talk, seemingly being displeased about something I knew not what. Spent the evening reading in newspapers.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father, Mother and
Will. went to Steubenville
with the spring wagon.

I spent most of the
day trying to drain the
coalbank and dug out
one cart load of coal.

I spent the evening
paring apples and
preparing to make some
applebutter.

Mr. Cassidy, Esq. called
in in the evening a
short time. He did not
return until after ten
o'clock.

Weather cold snow on
the ground.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 21. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day
making a kettle of
applebutter. I went
to town and brought
home two dollars worth
of sugar which we put
with. Will dug some
coal during the day and
father cleared the old
shingle off their yard.

Affairs in my own
family assuming a
more pleasant aspect
and everything passed
off agreeably during the
day.

Cool and cloudy but
the snow melted some
and ran off the rooves.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 22. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day hauling
coal and preparing for
butchery. We husked
three shocks of corn in
the evening, to feed the
hogs over Sunday.

Will and Priscilla
went to C. M. Stephenson's
and remained over night.

Weather getting
warmer and frost coming
out of the ground.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 23. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to feeding and
milking the cows in the
morning and Helen and
Charter and I attended
Church in Eldersville and
heard Rev. Willson preach
from Luke ~~XXIII~~ 14 of
49. Rained nearly all
day. Spent part of the
evening in "Sparkling Jewels"
Kingside in "Sparkling Jewels"
Did not feel very well
in the evening. Pain in
my bowels.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 24. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Went to David Proszko's
in the forenoon and
did some chores.

Wrote a letter to Geo.
C. Jones in the afternoon
and started to town
and found a dead
tree fallen in the way.
Came home and father
and Will and I cut
the tree out of the road
and I went on to
town and got some
shoeing done but forgot
to leave the letter in the
office. Settled our
school tax, which was
\$20.94. Cut Will's hair
at night.

Rained nearly all
day and snowed at night.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 25. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five O'clock
intending to butcher our
hogs but it was stormy
and snowing so much
that we did not kindle
a fire until after daylight
when Robt. Cooper came
and we concluded to go ahead
killed nine hogs and
cut them up and had
the sausage seasoned
a little after ten O'clock
Did not render any
lard on account of
the snow falling.
Very unpleasant day.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 26.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until after seven
in the morning.

Spent the day finishing
up our butchering, rendering
our lard, salting meat &c.
but did not get altogether
through.

Stewart Hamlin came
about dinnertime and
borrowed some money
from Aunt Ann and
Aunt Sally.

I husked a basket
of corn for the pigs
in the evening.

Snow on the ground
freezing at night.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 27.

1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to our
feeding in the morning I
took a notion to go to Burgett
town; Helen could not well
go with me but Aunt Sally
went to see Mattie Melvin
who was lying sick. We
found her very poorly and
confined to her bed.

Young John was at home
and Cousin John was at
church. We got home
at dark. Roads very
bad. We went out the
spring wagon.

Father and Will
attended church in
Eldersville.

National Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 28. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose at five o'clock
and fed and curried
the horses before day's
had and milked the cows
then went to David Horley's
and helped to butcher their
hogs. Had the hogs killed
and cut up and the
sausage and lard put
away against four
o'clock. Killed five
small hogs.

Day fine, snowing
a little. Thomas Horley
there to see David.
David's health very poor.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 29. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding
in the morning I took a
basket of fresh pork to Robt
Coopers. Came home past
David Horley's. Helped
Mr. Wirt to finish
putting the roof on father's
house. Went to town
at night for the mail.
Stopped at Mrs. Smith's
to see about renting her
farm. Did not get much
encouragement.

Got home about a
quarter before ten
o'clock. Ground hard
frozen.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 30. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We attended Church
at Eldersville and
heard Golen preach from
Micah III and part of
10th. Good congregation
out. John Meloy's
Came home with Will
for dinner and went
back to Church at
night.

I spent the evening
at home reading.

Day very fine.
Ground rough and
hard frozen.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 1. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Fri.

After attending to the
feeding in the morning
we went to the cornfield
and husked twenty shocks
of corn and had about
fifty bushels of ears
which we hauled in in
the afternoon. The afternoon
was wet and I took
Jimmie to the shop and
had her shod, and
got some irons for
the hind end of our
wagon bed. Was about
dark when I got home
afternoon and
evening very wet.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 2. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day hauling manure on to father's garden and cleaning out our sheep house.

Ground very muddy and we could not husk corn.

Spent the evening at home. Willard's family in with us until bedtime.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 3. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day husking corn and hauling it on to the crib. We put in about seventy bushels.

Came to the conclusion that we would have a husking tomorrow afternoon if it should be favorable.

Chan. Crib came in the evening and spent the night with us. Will. went to town in the evening.

Very Windy all night.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 4. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon attending to the feeding and mending hands to our Cornhusking.

I spent the afternoon hauling in corn which our neighbors husked for us. We got in about two hundred bushels of ears, but it was so very windy that we were obliged to leave the fodder without setting up.

Had about fifteen hands beside our selves. Three of the hands ate supper with us also. Alma, Tholey and Man Cuff. Aunt Sally was in a short time in the evening and appeared very cheerful and lively. Evening cold and freezing.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 5. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Just as we sat down to breakfast Will announced to us that Aunt Sally had died or dyed. We ran up and tried rubbing her but life was gone, and although she was still warm it was not known just at what time she died. She had been up at two o'clock. Aunt Ann was in bed with her and got up about seven o'clock and sent out. After she returned and stirred the fire and put on some of her clothes she noticed that Aunt Sally had not moved and then went to her and found she was not breathing. News was soon spread over the neighborhood. John Lanther went to Tipton, Sammie Tholey to Burgeltstown and Robt Cooper to Eldersville. Not a great many persons at the wake. A. M. Campbell sat up all night. Will went to Middletown for Welen, and Mary E. McCreer came home with him at midnight. I slept about 2 1/2 hours during the night. Mitch Herkin and Ed here.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 6. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Took Will Thorley's buggy home early in the morning and spent the forenoon preparing to attend the funeral of Aunt Sally.

Folks gathered early. Uncle James and James T. Melvin came about the middle of the day. Also John Melvin and William from Burgettstown. Funeral took place at two o'clock.

Goodly number of persons in attendance. Rev. Willson sick and could not attend. E. J. Nolan conducted the services.

Did not have any singing. Synod read a Chapter and prayed. Aunt Ann was not able to go to the graveyard.

I took my old James Melvin's horse to town at night and got a shoe put on him. James T. Melvin went with me. Got reared taken out of Doll's foot also and shoe driven. Evening cold.

David Thorley's

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 7. 1873.

D. Thorley's
Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Willson preach from Gen. ~~XXIV~~ pt of 55.

Nolan there but Willson was able to fill his own appointment. David Thorley growing worse very rapidly. John Melvin and Robert Cooper sat up with him until three o'clock and then Will Thorley and I sat up until morning.

He did not seem to know any person and refused to take nourishment.

Helen and Charlie were also at David's during the night but they went to bed. Weather damp and cloudy.

David Thorley's

DECEMBER,

MONDAY 8.

1873.

Cruise at David Thorley's
about three o'clock and
sat up with him until
morning. The second night
any person sat up with
him; He was evidently
sinking fast. We came
home about eight o'clock
and I went to getting up
cornfodder but was soon
called to his bedside again
and watched him until
he died a few minutes
before seven o'clock. He seemed
to be dying all day. Dr Hill
came in the forenoon and
pronounced his disease
dropsy of the heart.

Spent the night until
after midnight at
Thorley's and then came
home with Mary Jackson
and found Helen quite poorly
together with like palpitation.

We slept in Aunt Ann's
room. Rained hard at
night.

Home near Eldersville

DECEMBER,

TUESDAY 9.

1873.

Helen was very poorly in
the morning with pain
in her head and breast,
and also sick at her
stomach. I did a charm
in the forenoon and went
to Will. Stein's to get him
to help to dig a grave for
David Thorley.

Got very unpleasantly
in the afternoon when I
learned that the friends
of David Thorley Dec.
were offended because word
had been sent to S. J. Nolan
to attend the funeral tomorrow
although I had sent the word
with Ann Thorley's consent.

The objection offered to
Nolan being that he had
departed from usual custom
in conducting Aunt Sally's
funeral, exclaims and did
not say or make any
remarks whatever, leaving
the whole matter for a fune-
ral discourse in three weeks.
Did not attend the wake at
night.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 10. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended the funeral of David
Thorley at 10 AM. Wagon and
Wilson conducted the religious
services. John Dove, drove
the horse team which was
furnished by John Hunschland.
Roads in bad condition.
Steward S. Hamlin here
for dinner. I went to
Thorley's and stayed
in a very bad temper.

John Melvin, of
Burrellstown there over
night. Family in as
good spirits as might
reasonably be expected
under the circumstances.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 11. 1873.

Home near Eldersville

We prepared some grain
in the forenoon and took
it to Gallesper's Mill.

We brought some of
load of coal from F. S.
Poles' bank. We got
up some corn fodder in
the evening which has
left down some of our
rushing a week ago.

I went to town at
night and returned by
way of Thorley's and met
John Melvin there to make
some arrangements about
settling up David's affairs.
I concluded to go to Washington
tomorrow. Had some
talk about the settling of
Agent Sally's affairs.

John was favorable to
administering the estate,
while father and Ann Thorley
opposed it. Weather very
wet and unpleasant.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 12. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.
My father, John
Shorley, John Chelving,
father, and I went to
Washington on business
connected with David Shorley's
estate. David's will was
probated, and John was
appointed John A. Shorley's
guardian for his uncle John's
bequest. Will. Shorley,
John and I took dinner
at the Fulton Agency.

Father ate at J. S. Miller's.
We got home that night
about nine o'clock.

I lost my diary some-
where on the way home
and was very much
waxed about it and
did not much expect to
see it again.

Traveling expenses 3.10
Boarding 1.50 cents 50
Total 3.60
Evening very wet.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 13. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose before day light and
went to Harris Station in
search of my diary, lost the
preceding day on my return
from Washington. Did not
find it but spoke to the
guards on the accommoda-
tion train who said they would
look for it. Got some
Oysters with Chas. Smith at
the station. Spent the
afternoon husking corn.

Wrote a letter to the
First National Bank,
Washington Pa. Concerning
a debt of Shorley's estate.

We housed our lambs
at night. The weather
getting cold and stormy.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 14. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.
Went to Eldersville in
the morning expecting
to hear Nolan preach, but
he did not come on
account of the condition of
the roads, we supposed and
we had prayer meeting which
I led. Congregation larger
than usual. Singing good
& John P. Lawther took
dinner with us and
went back to church at
night. Father and
Mother went to Louis
Bushfields in the evening
to see Aunt Nancy and
took Mary E. McFiever
with them.
Roads very bad.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 15. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville
Took some letters & thore
in the morning to send
to the Post Office.
Spent part of the
day building a bridge
across the hollow at the
creek bank.
Spent part of the
evening working on
example in arithmetic
Weather cloudy

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 16. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Started to Eldersville about seven o'clock and spent the day clerking at an election held for the adoption or rejection of the new constitution of the state of Pennsylvania.

146 votes polled, all in favor of the constitution. W. O. Steen and David Stephenson Inspectors and neither of them could administer an oath well.

My sisters met according to Aunt Sally's request and divided her effects giving me her beanie and some other articles. Weather fine.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 17. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Took a four horse team and went with Sammie Shorley to Steubenville for some lumber for their new house. We got to Shorley's a little after dark and found Will, and Fricilla and Clyde, Ella, Gillespie Helen and Charlie there. We took supper there and remained until bedtime.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 18. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped father to set up
Ambly's Cupboard, in his
cellar in the morning and
then Willard & I took our
Whitefaced Cow to John
Murchland's.

We hauled 70 bushels
of coal to town in the
evening for James P.
Robertson. Roads very
muddy. Esquire Cassidy's
young folks were here
at night and stayed
until bedtime. Cracked
walnuts for amusement.
Was raining when they
went home.

Learned that Charles
Smith had secured my
lost diary.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 19. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet and
he slept pretty late. Albert
Shorley was here digging coal
and he spent most of
the forenoon repairing our
coal cart. Spent the after-
noon repairing the road
to the coal bank. Willard
& Priscilla went to town
at night and Will got
my diary which I had lost
on my way home from
Washington and Charlie
Smith got it from

It was returned just as it
was lost without the scratch
of a pen or pencil and
with all in it that was lost.
Day quite unpleasant.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 20. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I went to Gillespie's mill in the forenoon with the four horse team. Took down some chopping and brought home some that was there.

Helped father to cut some sleepers for the cowhouse.

Will hauled two loads of coal. Father and Mother went to Lon. Bushfield's in the evening. Will and I hauled two loads of corn fodder and attended to the feeding.

Had my hair cut after night. This is the first evening that I wrote in my diary after it was returned to me after an absence of one week.

Weather getting cold and snowing.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 21. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day at home, reading and writing a few pages in my diary which were blank on account of losing my diary on my return from

Washington. Father and Mother, returned from Lon. Bushfield's in the evening.

We spent the evening at father's. Read some in the Washington Reporter.

Day cold. Ground frozen. Roads very rough.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 22. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the forenoon helping
neighbor Willson to fill up
of his pigs. Will and
I were the only help he had.
I went back at night
and helped him to cut
up his pork and cut
his spines. Did not
get home until near
eleven o'clock.

John Melton and Susan-
nah were at father's
until bed time. John brought
my a notice stating that
I was summoned as
a juror for next term
of court.

Weather fine.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 23. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville

Rob's Copper brought
our buck home and took
his own home from here.

We spent the day
fitting up a cow stable
to put father's milk cows
in. I spent the
evening reading in the
Gazette.

Weather very fine.
Ground some frozen.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 24. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day fitting up
father's constable and we
got the cows into it
at feeding time.

I went to town at night
and attended prayer meeting.

Bought Helen and Charlie
a waterproof suit.

Got home about nine
o'clock.

Weather fine. Roads
improving. Thawed some
during the day.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 25. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Wrote a letter for Albert
Thorley in the morning to
Hamilton, Lyonson, Beckwith
and Co. to have them send
in some more coffins.

Father and I spent
the day weatherboarding
under the barn for sheep
shelter. Helen was
washing and we ate dinner
at father's. Father, Mother
and Aunt Ann ate supper
with us. Will and
Miss Miller were at Eldersville
and intended to go to
John Melvin's at night.

Weather very fine.
Thawed some during the
day and made the ground
muddy. Roads improving.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 26. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past six
o'clock. Will away from
home. Father and I attended
to the feeding. I mended
a coal shovel and spent
the day preparing our
sheep shed to shelter our
sheep. Ann Thorley came
over in the afternoon a
short time. Father took
mother to Long Bush-
field's and found them
worse very poorly.

Mother stayed with
her. Weather some-
what cloudy and threaten-
ing snow.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 27. 1873.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We prepared 24 bushels of corn
and oats for cow feed in the
morning and Will took it
to mill and brought home
some that was there.

Father and I made a
door for our sheep house
and also a door for our
lumber room.

Snowed nearly all day.
Will Thorley called in
and sat while in the
evening and told us of
several who were drunk
in Eldersville on Christmas
day. Said to have seen more
drunk men in Eldersville
on that day than ever were
seen there before. Christmas
used to be the annual meeting
of the Jefferson Township Temper-
ance Society, but the society
has failed to perform its duty
lately and the result is seen
in the amount of drunken-
ness in our midst.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 28. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Hurried and did the feeding
in the morning and then
walked to town and opened
the Wesleyan church and
kindled the fire. Polen was
expected to have been there
to have preached Aunt
Sally's funeral sermon but
from some cause or other
he did not come and we
had prayer meeting which
John Melvin led.

Congregation was large for
that house and the
singing was good.

Spent the afternoon
and evening at home.
Read several chapters
in Genesis.

Weather getting quite cold.
Tolerably good sledding.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 29. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock and
did my portion of the feeding.

Took Helen and Charlie
to C. M. Stephenson's in the
sled and left them there,
came home and helped to cut
a saw-log and took it to
the mill to get it cut
into lath.

Took the sled back
to Stephenson's at night
and brought Helen and
Charlie home about
eleven o'clock.

Roads rather rough.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 30. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Hauled a load of coal in the morning before breakfast and Will. and I hauled two loads of Cornfodder in the forenoon. Wm. Wilson borrowed our sled and Cornsheller. Father and I cut two sawlogs in the afternoon.

I went to Cassidy's death at night and got Charlie's boots half sold and a sole put on one of mine.

Got home about eleven o'clock.

Weather cold snow on the ground. Sledding not very good.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 31. 1873.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day hauling logs to Charles's sawmill. Hauled three logs. Hauled in three shocks of corn which father had husked, hauled the fodder and hauled two sled loads of coal which Will. dug during the day.

We went up to Grandpas and sat until bedtime.

Some snow on the ground but the roads rather too rough for good sledding.