

*The Diaries of
Samuel Jones Melvin*

1874

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 years.....	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.....	8 ".....	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, THURSDAY 1. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

After doing my feeding in the morning I went to neighbor Willson's and got him to come and help us to kill a beef. Will. Thorley has also here. We got the beef hung up against half past one o'clock. We carried the beef into the smoke house but did not cut it up.

John Melvin came at night and brought \$500 which he had received for John A. Thorley, as guardian. We took the money over and gave John a note, Ann Thorley, Will and I signed it.

I got home about eleven by our time. Snow melting rapidly. Robt Cooper and Lydia at father's at night. Will and Priscilla went to town at night in the sled.

JANUARY,

FRIDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to feeding in the morning as usual. Went to Mr. Cassidays on business connected with David Thorle's estate.

Spent most of the day cutting up a beef and dividing it.

Father went to Louis Washfield's in the afternoon and brought mother home.

Samuel Thorley brought his mother and Alma and Johni over in the springwagon at night and took their beef parred home which father had been repairing.

Snow nearly all gone. Ground getting quite muddy.

JANUARY,

SATURDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding in the morning as usual and then father and I went to Thorleys where we met Robt Cooper and Mr. Cassidy Esq. Cooper and father were sworn and appraised the property of David Thorle deceased to the amount of \$1685.25.

Came home after dark and read some letter for father and salted our beef. Weather very fine but roads muddy.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spends the entire day at home reading.
Read some in my diary of 1864 at night.

Some of the folks attended church in Eldersville but I did not go. Helen and Charlie were also at home.

We kept Will's boy while they were gone. Day very fine.

JANUARY, MONDAY 5. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I took father's red cow to Murchland's in the forenoon and I put a Culbert at the door of our cow shade to carry the water away.

We husked a few shocks of corn in the afternoon. Mr. Jonahoy and Mr. Jansostrand were at father's to see about putting up tombstones.

I made out the appraisal list of David Thorley's goods at night and prepared it to send away. Robt Cooper and Syd. were over at night and also Ann Thorley and Albert and we made arrangements to go to Gettysburg tomorrow and settle a Coffin bill. Day fine.

JANUARY,

TUESDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five and took breakfast. Went to Shorters and Alberts and I walked to the Station.

We went to Pittsburgh and paid off a bill for Coffins. Weather was so wet that we did not run about any in the city but spent our time in the excessive Coffinworks holding boards in the way of coffins and trimmings and shrouds.

Rained all day.

Leather and Will had trouble getting old Sal up in the stable and finally had to draw her away from the door with two other horses before she got up.

JANUARY,

WEDNESDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen kindled the fire and got breakfast before I got up. M^r. Cooper came over and we put our wagon ladders on and prepared to take his wool to Stenbenoville. Will and I hauled a load of hay over the hill for old Sal and hauled a load of straw to make a shelter for her.

Hauled a load of Cornfodder for the sheep and then went to Cooper's and loaded his wool on to our wagon and put it in the wagon shade for an early start to Stenbenoville tomorrow morning. I went to town at night and got a shoe driven on Doll's. Night very dark and I carried a lantern.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 8. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at three o'clock and fed and curried and harnessed four good horses and went to Robert Cooper's and ate breakfast. Took his horse to Steubenville. It weighed about 2200 pounds. Roads very bad and river very high.

Had to pay \$6.00 to get Albert Wheeler to take us across. Took Thorley's and Lawther's wool on our wagon at the ferry and we all croaked on the boat together. Brought about 17.50 lbs of groceries home for John Cooper, Thorley's boys and John Lawther. Had a team at the river. They took four horses to haul two racks. Will Cooper came home with them very drunk. J. J. Lawther was also somewhat affected with spirits. John Cooper left me at ~~Wheeler's~~ ^{Wheeler's} land to come home alone. Robt put me with a slight and came with me from his lane.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about seven. Helped to harness the team and Will took Cooper's load of store goods to town. I took Thorley's wool money to them and settled a little account.

Father and I husked corn in the afternoon and we hauled it in in the evening.

Mr Cassidy, Eng. and father, called in in the evening and sat with us a short time and talked about holding another Temperance meeting two weeks from tomorrow night. Rained some during the day. Evening clear and getting colder.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five expecting father and Will. to go to Steubenville with marketing but found that it was too stormy and snow on the ground. Talked of hiding down for Woodstock but concluded that we would wait for better roads.

Went to Billy McConnell and got a half bushel of apples for which I paid 25-c^t and engaged a barrel at the same price per bushel.

Father and I spent the afternoon husking corn.

We finished husking the lot at the end of the lane but did not hand in the corn.

Day was very fine after the sun got up.

Mr. Nolen came to father's at night.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding in the morning I walked to Eldersville and kindled a fire in the Wesleyan Church. Heard Nolen preach from Prov. 10 and 18 about Sally's funeral sermon.

He took dinner with us and I took him part of the way home in the evening on horseback. Father and Will attended to the feeding in the evening while I was gone.

Roads very bad. A royn some but not enough to bear a horse. Snowing some at night.

JANUARY, MONDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and Will attended to the feeding and I went to the Coal bank and cleaned out a pile of dirt at the mouth, tried making a bearing in against the buty bar. found it very tough and went to a room where Will had been dying where the water bothered some, and put out 21 bushels. Went back after supper and made a bearing in.

Got to the house about half past eight o'clock. Albert Shorley with me in the bank as night. Day very fine. Father and Will hauled in some corn and hauled some fodder for the sheep.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and Will attended to most of the feeding and spent the day hauling coal, corn fodder and locust posts. I spent the day in the coalbank.

Put out 63 bushels of coal and 14 bushels of slack.

A. Party at Alex Smith's at night. Day fine but cloudy. Snowing at bedtime. Father and Will preparing to go to Eubenville tomorrow.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 14. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day in the coal bank. Put out 49 bushels of coal during the day and made a screen of laths for separating the black from the coal, but it did not operate well. Albert Thorsley spent the afternoon with me in the bank. He put out 35 bushels. We dug some after night.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day in the coal bank. Spent the forenoon making a drain. Put out 21 bushels of good coal in the afternoon.

Albert Thorsley put out 49 bushels for us and 14 bushels for themselves.

I wrote a letter to Rev. A. Crooks at night renewing subscriptions for the Wesleyan and Children's Banner.

Weather very cold. Will haul coal on the sled during the day.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the forenoon draining a room in the coalbank for Albert Thorley to dig coal in. Put out 35 bushels of coal and fourteen bushels of dirt during the day.

Spent the evening at home cleaning up some of my clothes to send to Washington.

Did a churning for Helen in the evening.

Father and Will hauled what coal we dug during the day.

Weather cold. Some snow on the ground.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 17. 1874.

Grandma Haulin's.

Father and Will went to Steubenville with some marketing. They went in sled to Collier and thence on the cars to Steubenville.

I attended to the feeding. Took Helen and Charlie to Grandma Haulin's and then I brought the team home and did the feeding in the evening again before father and Will got home.

Walked back to Grandma Haulin's and spent the night there.

Weather cold.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 18. 1874.

Grandma Hanlin's
attended Sabbath
School at Tucker's in
the morning. Had not
much time to read.
Rev. Swaney our instruc-
tor. Heard Rev. Swaney
preach from III Cor. 3: 18
Fiddle and family and
Nan Morrison at Grand-
ma's for dinner.

Spent afternoon and
night there.

Weather rather fine
and ground thawing.

JANUARY, MONDAY 19. 1874.

Willcox's Washington Pa.

Left, Grandma
Hanlin's about seven
o'clock and rode there
horse to the station and
turned him loose and
let him go home.

Went to Washington
on morning train.

Took boarding and
lodging with the County
Recorder, S. Nolan, John Melvin
and G. S. Hanlin with me.

Was chosen on a jury
in the afternoon. Case
of Holbecht, against Little
Brothers for balance claimed
on judgments note after
price of building fence
was deducted.

Weather damp and
gloomy. Well pleased
with our boarding place.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 20. 1874.

Willson's Washington Pa.

Spent the day in the Court house on jury listening to evidence in the case of Little's and Holbert and heard the Judges charge just before Court adjourned. Made our verdict just after dark allowing Little's \$100 with which to build their fence and giving the remaining 123.65 to Mrs. Holbert as her claim on judgment note.

At noon, S. J. Nolan, J. S. Hamlin, and I in company with the County Commissioners and Sheriff went into the jail to see Henry Brice land (colored) Convict of the murder of John Blusham. He appeared in low spirits but seemed glad to see us, and gave me hand a very hearty squeeze when bidding me good by. Weather warm and roads muddy. Henry's cell decorated with pictures of his own painting.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 21. 1874.

Willson's, Washington Pa.

Took breakfast at Willson's. When Court called, we handed in our verdict in the case of Holberts against Little's and were discharged.

Spent the day in the Court room listening to the case of John Dilly against Andrews Dilly and Co. for money claimed for the purchase of wool. Took tea at J. P. Miller's in the evening and stayed there until near bed time.

His children quite unwell. Day fine and warm as Spring.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 22. 1874.

Willson's Washington Pa.

Got shaved by a barber
in the morning for which
I paid 15 cts.

Spent most of the fore-
noon in Court House but
was not on jury until
afternoon. The case
which came before us in
the afternoon was for a
small amount of money
claimed by an Assignee on
books of a firm which he
did not consider collectable
and so rendered our verdict
just before court adjourned.

Attended a lecture in
Town Hall at night made
by General Kipputic.

Subject. "The American
Stump" Admittance 50 cts.

Spent the night at
Willson's after collecting
fees as jurymen.

Rained some in the evening

JANUARY, FRIDAY 23. 1874.

Will. Haulin's Ohio.

Took breakfast at
Willson's in Washington
and left Washington about
12 o'clock on train for
Steubenville. Arrived there
about ten o'clock and went
to Sagan's Station and
walked out to Will Haulin's
about 3 miles and found
Helen and Charlie, Liz Kiddle
and Nan Morrison there.

Spent the night there
very pleasantly although
I was quite unwell about
midnight. Weather turned
cold in the evening.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

We took breakfast at Will Hamlin's and he brought us to Brown's Station in wagon. We got to Slenterville about ten o'clock and took dinner at Uncle Robt. Graces. Left there on the three o'clock train and I came to Eldersville to Temperance meeting. Helen and Charlie went to Geo Morrison's Temperance meeting right good. Good turnouts and Wilson and Nolen spoke. Also Mr. Knapp and Dr. J. Anselvin made some incidental remarks.

Spent the night at father's. Slept with Mr. Nolen.

Day cold and roads very bad.

JANUARY, SUNDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Took breakfast at father's and then went to Eldersville and attended a service in the Wesleyan Church. Heard Nolen preach from Luke XIV pt of 17. Took dinner at Robert Coopers and walked out to town with him at night and heard Rev. Willson preach from Zec. III 13. Congregation large. Slept at father's. Father and mother both at Bushfields. Weather cold and roads rough.

JANUARY, MONDAY 26. 1874.

Grandma Hanlin's,
Spent the forenoon
attending to the feeding
and hosting my dear.
Took dinner at Will's
and when father and
mother came home from
Bushfield's I greased the
springwagon and went
to Grandma Hanlin's to
bring Helen and Charlie
home. Intended to
have come home at
night but found that
Charlie was not very
well and concluded to
stay until morning.
John Melvin called
at Hanlin's and paid
his bill which he owed
for goods bought at their
sale. Weather fine.

JANUARY, TUESDAY 27. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.
We came home from
Grandma Hanlin's in
the forenoon through a
snow storm and over
very rough roads. We got
home about eleven o'clock.
Father and I hauled three
loads of corn fodder in
the afternoon.
Will and I attended
church in Eldersville at night
and heard Rev. Willson
preach from I. Psalm 1st
verse. Kennedy sang
forward for prayers and
professed faith in
Christ. Roads very
slippery and splashy.
Will rode our black
colt, the first time it
had ever been saddled,
and it rubbed one flap
from the saddle.

JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 28. 1874.

Home near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon at home feeding stock. Went to Cassid, Scotts and got my boots mended.

Went to Nathaniel Gillespie's to ascertain whether he wished to sell his small farm.

Prospect not very good for purchasing. Took dinner there and came back past Scotts and got my boots.

Father and Will had most of the feeding done when I got home.

Did not attend church at night as I did not feel very well.

Day somewhat cloudy. Freezing at night.

JANUARY, THURSDAY 29. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the morning assisting father and Will to do the feeding.

Went to the coalbank and put out 28 bushels of coal. Attended church in Eldersville at night and heard Rev Willson preach from III Kings and part of "Behold I thought."

Good sermon and good attention paid. Nothing especial transpired. Weather very fine.

JANUARY, FRIDAY 30. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day husking
corn and hauling fodder.
Got through about four
o'clock and went on
hunt of the cows, but
did not find them.
Was too late to go to
church when we got
our supper.

Weather fine.

Mary Jackson being
away, we slept at father's
in the room with Aunt
Ann.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 31. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took breakfast at father's
and milked their cows for
them, Mary Jackson being
away. Went to Eldersville
to church and heard Rev.
Wilson preach from
III IV 16. Attended a
Teachers Institute in
the afternoon and got
home about four o'clock.

Got some blacksmithing
done. Spent the evening at
Grandpa's counting interest
on Aunt Sally's notes, and
and found that the principal
and interest together
exceeded \$800.

We slept in the room
with Aunt Ann, Mary
Jackson being away.
Weather fine.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 1. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

Attended to milking
our cow and father's in the
morning as Mary Jackson
has away on a visit.

We attended church in
Eldersville and heard
Rev. Willson preach from
John III 9/11.

Sacrament administered.

I attended to milking
all the cows in the
evening, Mary Jackson
and Will. both being
away. Attended church
at night again and heard
Rev. Willson preach
from Luke III 28.

House nearly full.
Mrs. Wm. Willson rode
home with us in our
sled girl she being stone
I walked with her across
the fields to her home.

But little snow on the
ground. We slept in the
room with Aunt Ann.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 2. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

After doing the feeding
in the morning I made
two waxed ends for Albert
Thorley and did some other
work. We finished

scraping our bottomcorn
during the afternoon and
put a sled on the sled.

Mary Jackson still away
and we boarded at father's
Helen helping mother to do
the work. We did not attend
church at night. Will. took

his family in the sled
although the snow was light
and weather unfavorable.

I spent the evening studying
for a debate. Mary Jackson
did not get home as expected
and we spent the night at
father's. Slept in the room
with Aunt Ann.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 3. 1874

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

My 35th birthday.

Spent the forenoon attending to the feeding and taking the cows to Fern's.

After dinner I helped father to grind the broadaxe and Mill, and I hauled out two loads of manure. I put a new standard on the sled-box. We attended Church at night and heard Rev. Willson preach from Revelation ~~11~~ 20th.

James Scott forward for prayers.

Chapel very cold and very few persons seemingly taking any interest in the meeting. Snow increasing here and sledding becoming better.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 4. 1874

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon doing Chores. After dinner I took our broom corn to Mrs. Cassidy's to get John to make us some brooms.

Helped to do the feeding in the evening and we went to Eldersville in the sled. Heard Rev. Willson preach from Gen. ~~17~~ 1st of 30. No person forward for prayers. John Sawyer took Martha Murchland to Church on horseback and both their horses got loose by some means and came home. Martha came home with us in sled.

Sledding not very good. Thomas Boyd took Ella Gillespie from Mills to Church and home. Membership of Church very cold and inactive.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 5. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon
upon our feeding and
bringing a sow home
from Perines. Cut seven
pairs of sled soles, in the
afternoon and did the
feeding. Father and
mother went to Bush-
fields in the evening.

Will and Priscilla
went to the station in the
morning and spent
the day at Thomas Cosgrove's.

We attended Church at
night and heard Rev.
Willson preach from
the Kings 18th and pt of 21st

No more interest
manifested than heretofore.

No person forward for prayers.
Mizzie Cassidy and Ella

Lillepie went with us in
sled. Heard that Wm. Williams

of Paris had died at two
o'clock today, from effects of
a fall from the hay snow.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 6. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding in
the morning, I went to Thoburns
and brought home our Wolf
ring. Talked there about an hour.

Spent the afternoon preparing
to make a machine for sucking
wool. Went to Willson's and
brought home our tools.

Attended to the feeding
in the evening. Will and
Priscilla visited at Mrs
McClueys.

Father and Mother came
home from Bushfield's in
the evening.

Snowed all afternoon,
and a greater part of the
night. We attended Church
at night and heard Rev.
W. Willson preach from
Luke XVII 8th.

Very stormy night.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 7. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding in the morning I took the sled and brought Robert Coopers Sackens machine and we packed our wool during the day and put it into the barn ready to take away on Wednesday next.

C. M. Stephenson and his family and Robert Cooper and his family were at father's at night. Coopers only stayed until bedtime.

Sledding pretty good.
Snow about six inches deep.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 8. 1874.

I went to church in the morning and kindled the fire. Heard Nolen preach from Numbers XVIII 8 vs of 30. Nolen came in sleigh with Perry Liggitt.

We attended church at night again and heard Bro. Willson preach a sermon on dancing from Mat. XIV 6-7.

Sledding good. House crowded and sermon well timed and to the point. Many dancers there. Three sled loads came over from the Lucker neighborhood.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to the feeding in the morning, Helen and Charlie and I went in the sleigh to Buzgetstown and found Mattie Melvin some better. She had not yet heard of Aunt Sallie's death. The family had kept it from her on account of her health. Took her out sleigh riding a short time. We came home through Florence and past Grandma Hanlin's, and took supper.

We got home about half past eight o'clock.
flocks pretty good.
weather fair.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning I went to Holt Cooper's to see if his sled soles would last us to haul a load of wool to Steubenville and then went from thence to Lawthers and borrowed a beam to weigh our wool.

Washed the wool and loaded it on to two sleds and prepared to take it to Steubenville tomorrow.

A company of young folks came to Wills' in sleighs at night and had a good time.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four O'clock and we attended to our feeding and had breakfast over against it was light and had our team harnesed and took our wool to Steubenville on two sleds.

Sledding not very good. Had two clips of wool which weighed 2149 1/2 lb. Sold at 50¢ per lb.

We got home from town about half past four O'clock.

Very little snow on the road. Patterson has not at home and we did not think that Johnson gave us very good weight. Lost eleven pounds from our weighing.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done our feeding in the morning we put a sole on Robt Coopers sled and hauled out manure on the wheat ground. Heard in the evening that Francis Patterson had died in the morning about eight O'clock.

We put another sole on Coopers sled in the evening and Will took it home.

I took Charlie's boots to Cassidy Scotts and got heels put on them. Went to Charles Scotts and told them of the death of Francis Patterson. Got home a little after nine O'clock.

Spelling at Oak Hall at night but we could not attend. Snow nearly all melted off. Roads getting muddy.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose, about 20 minutes after six. After we had done our feedings, Father and Aunt Thosley, Helen and I went out the spring wagon to Frank Patterson's funeral. Roads bad and raining nearly all day.

Quite a large funeral considering the weather. We did not get there until service was nearly over. We left and hung our pork in the afternoon. Sammie Thosley here at night. Rained hard at night.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 14. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding father and I spent the forenoon preparing some grindings to take to the mill. Will and I went to the mill in the afternoon. We drove one of the colts in the off side before. She worked very well. We brought home a load of laths.

Mitch H. Hanlin came in the evening and I loaned him two hundred dollars.

I went to town at night and attended a primary election. But very few out but still we nominated a ticket.

I was nominated for Road Commissioner. Roads very muddy. Freezing at night.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped to do the feeding and
father, Helen and Charlie and
I went to Eldersville in the
spring wagon and heard Rev.

Willson preach from
Philippians III part of 8"

Spent the afternoon at
home. Night was not
very well during the day.

Spent the evening reading
in the bible.

Roads very bad. Weather
very fine.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we had done the feeding
in the morning I took out
our beef rounds and helped
Helen to hang them up to dry.

Will and I went to H. Fosley's
and brought Wm. McComell's
ladder and helped father to
put up his spouting.

After dinner we harnessed
the team and went to mill
driving five horses, one of
the colts being in the team.

David Stephenson came
in the evening for me
to clerk for him tomorrow
at the election but Wm
Stephenson had just been
here to get me to go to
Pittsburg as a witness
for him in a lawsuit
and I could not consent
to attend election.

Weather very fine.
Wrote quite a number of
tickets at night to be used
tomorrow.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 17. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and carried
some straw to our cows.
Then, got ready and walked
to Hanlin Station in 45-
minutes. Wm. Hanlin, Jos.
Crisp, John Melvin and I went
to Pittsburg on train to attend
Law suit between Singer and
Hanlin. Court not in session
and we spent the day looking
about the city. There in the
Market house, the Catholic
Church, Methodist Book room,
Ransom brokers auction room
&c. Bought a watch at auction
for ten dollars, got a crystal
put in it and sold it
at home with me.

Stopped in Eldersville
and attended the election.
Took supper at McPee's,
and staid in town until
I heard part of the vote
counted. Considerable
scratching of tickets.
Day fine.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 18. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father borrowed Thorley's saw
in the morning and we cut
a few posts. Saw in four
order and Will, and I set it
and sharpened it at noon
and cut some posts in the
evening. Mr and Mrs.
Charles Scott took dinner
with us and visited at
the other houses on the
farm in the afternoon.
Catherine Giffen and
and Sarah Philips visited
us at night and we went
in to Wills and met Mrs.
Wilson there and sand
until after eleven o'clock.
Had a good time.
Weather very pleasant.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When we were about through feeding in the morning John Sawyer came for Corey's saw and we went out and finished cutting the posts that were in a tree over the hill and then gave him the saw. After dinner I went out and grabbed up two dogwoods and made mauls of them. Father and mother went to Stephenson's at night. Weather very fine.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 20. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until late, after doing the feeding. I went to Mr. Matchitt to see a young lady who was there quite sick and found her some better. Went with Mr. Matchitt and examined Mrs. Marchant's new house. Got home about noon. Spent the afternoon getting posts for a halving fence around father's yard. Steward Hardin came along just as we were done setting shingles, one has legs to see his girl, and I prepared a stall in the stable to receive his horse if he should return in the night. Day cloudy, evening wet.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 21. 1874.

Home near Eldersville, Pa.

Was rained in the morning
and we slept until quite late.

After attending to the feeding
I took up part of the floor
in the cow stable and put
a drain under it. Steward
Haulin came along about
noon and took dinner with
us. I dug seven bushels
of coal in the afternoon
and took it to the Wesleyan
Church in Eldersville.

Got very wet while on
the way. Louis Bush-
field and his wife were
at father's at night.

Still raining in the evening.

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 22. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

After doing part of the
feeding in the morning I got
ready and went to Eldersville
and opened the Wesleyan Church and
kindled a fire. Morning was
very wet and roads very muddy
and consequently Holen did
not come. Only about six
persons present and we had
two prayers and came home.

Louis Bushfield and his
wife called in to see us a
few minutes in the afternoon
before they started home.

Heleen and I seemed to live
over about a year of our
life again as we referred
to scenes which transpired
while we were courtin.

Examined two or three of
my diaries for information.
Weather very cloudy and wet.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Assisted in doing the feeding in the morning and cut a hole in the side of the stable to throw out manure. Worked on the road about two hours opening drains. Spent the afternoon setting posts to make a fence around father's house.

Helen and Charlie and I went to Thorley's and stayed until bedtime.

Fay fine. Getting quite cold at night and freezing some.

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding in the morning I split some posts and repaired a small handle. In the afternoon we set some posts and put some railing on to make fence around father's yard.

Helen and Charlie and I went to James P. Boles' at night and stayed until bedtime and had a very nice visit.

We got home about ten o'clock.

Weather fine with some appearance of snow.

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When I arose in the morning I found the ground covered with snow, and still snowing. Just after I had got done feeding, Will Thorley came along, and I copied some receipts into a blank receipt book.

Mr. Willson came and gave us a bid to his manure pile.

J. H. Murchland and James Neil, Road Commissioners were with us for dinner and when we settled our bill he owed the township \$5.43. After dinner I walked to John Gillespie's to ascertain whether his farm was for sale or not. Got for sale. Came home and attended to feeding. Helen and Charlie at Mr. Cassidy's and I took the sled for them and stayed until bedtime. Father and Mother at Co's. Scott's in sled. Snowed nearly all day.

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning we put a pole on our sled and I took Mother and Aunt Nancy Bushfield to Mr. Cassidy's in the sled and Will and I went to neighbor Willson's and helped him to haul manure. Six teams and twelve hands hauling. We got home about six o'clock and attended to our feeding.

Wrote a letter to Rev. A. L. Sampson at night asking for a lecture to come and deliver a lecture in opposition to secret societies.

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 27. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and Mother and
Aunt Nancy Bushfield went
to Coopers on the sled.

Will went to Eldersville.
Wrote a letter to Rev. Crooks
in the morning and sent
\$2.35 to Syracuse for books.

Framed a harrow during
the day. Quite a number
of us went to Cuyler
Mallorys and stayed until
bedtime. Had a procession
and a good time generally.

We left Charlye at
Grandpa's and he remained
there over night, the first
night he was ever away
from home without
us. We got home about
eleven o'clock.

Day fine. Evening quite
cool and freezing some.
Snow nearly all gone.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 28. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day
putting up paling fence
around father's yard.
Aunt Nancy Bushfield and
Aunt Amy Jones took Lea
with. John Meloni came
along in the evening having
been at Patterson's Mill's
buying feed for his
stock. Priscilla was
at Eldersville during the
day and brought the
news home at night.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We attended church at Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Acts 17:17. Roads very bad. Arrangements made for Rev. Campbell to preach in the same house at night but we did not attend.

I had intended going but was under the necessity of hunting up a good heifer and her calf which did not come home with the other cattle.

Will and Priscilla went in the buggy.

Weather fine and warm.

MARCH,

MONDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose 20 minutes before seven and attended to the feeding. Just as we were about done eating breakfast Robert Cassidy came for help to get their old horse up in the stable. Father, Will and I went down and rendered what assistance we could and got the horse up.

Wm. Cassida came at night and borrowed one hundred and thirty dollars from me for a few days. Mended my gloves some at night and did not retire until after ten o'clock. Helen got a letter from Mitch stating that they had an offer of \$100 per acre for their farm and wished to know if she was agreed that it should be sold. We set posts during the day for yard fence.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I took a letter to the station in the morning for Helen and got back about eleven o'clock. Father took Aunt Nancy Bushfield and Aunt Ann Jones over to Shorley's in the forenoon. We finished setting posts for a board fence at the upper side of the road. We took tea at father's in the evening with Aunt Nancy Bushfield.

We attended an Oddfellows lecture at night delivered by Rev. J. G. McEllis.

Subject, "Origin, Object and Opposition of Oddfellows and!" and it was a regular "milk and water" mixed with soft soap kind of an address. He refused to come back and discuss the question with a man on the opposite side, stating that they did not think worth while to enter into a debate on the subject.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 4.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock and fed the team and curried and Will helped me to harness. Mr. Willson came along with his team and we put six horses to our wagon and went to the other side of Cross Creek village and hauled fifty bushels of ears of corn about eleven or twelve bushels of wheat and a harrow to Willson's for hire. Roads awful bad. Got to Willson's just at sundown. Had very good luck. Only lost a standard of the wagon and it cost me 20 cents to get one put in. Morning wet and stormy but evening came off fine.

MARCH,

THURSDAY 5.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the forenoon feeding and carrying horses. Will and I raised the springwagon and helped father to get the team lead to take Aunt Nancy Bushfield home. Will and I hauled some hay down off the hill. I went to Shoberg's with S. D. Weaver at noon to get him some money on Rich Stock's Cader and got his receipt. Father took mother with him as far as Gillespie's and took Charlie with him to Bushfield's. They got home about sunset.

John Lawther came along in the evening with an agency to sell Tombstones for Swords of Sterbenville.

Weather fine.

After I had gone to bed and got aleep G. C. Crip and George Scott and Albert Shortle, brought me notice to go to Pittsburg tomorrow.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past four o'clock and got ready and walked to the station.

Went with John Melvin and G. C. Crip to Pittsburg as witnesses for Will Hamlin on his suit with J. R. Bunker.

Lybil did not come off. Postponed until the 25th inst. We took dinner at the Rowley House and left our bill to be settled by Will Hamlin on our return to finish the case.

I got home about half past seven o'clock.

Rained nearly all day.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about ^{the} usual hour
and after doing our feeding
I took my boots to Cassidy
Scott and got him to
repair them some. I took
luncheon there.

Will went to mill in
the afternoon and brought
home some lumber and
some brooms from Mrs
Cassidy's. I walked to
town at night and got
our mail. Got home
about seven o'clock
and read in a new
book which I had got
until near eleven o'clock.
Weather somewhat stormy

MARCH,

SUNDAY 8.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I walked to church in the
morning and heard Proven
preach from Luke XIV 35.

He took dinner at
father's and remained over
night. Helen and Charlie
did not attend church
during the day. Was quite
stormy during the day and
cold!

We spent the evening
in at Wills singing
some new music written
by Philip Phillips

MARCH,

MONDAY 9.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After we got through with our feeding in the morning, Will and I went to the coal basin and put out fifteen baskets of coal. We went to town at night and settled our blacksmith's bills.

We paid \$45.00

We engaged some pasture from Mrs. Smith at the rate of ten cents per head per month for sheep.

Weather cold.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 10.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

We settled our Blacksmith's accounts in the morning.

We moved our meat in the smokehouse so that it might smoke better. I hauled some hay for the sheep. I got Mr. McConnell's ladder home.

Ella Gillespie's school closed at Oak Hall.

Some visitors in and they had a good time. Charlie went with Mary Jackson. We prepared some chopping in the evening to take to mill. Father and Mother went to Stephenson's to stay over night.

Samuel Hindman's wife died. Weather fair.

MARCH, WEDNESDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After Will and I had done our feeding I took some choppers to Gillespie's mill. Stopped at neighbor Willson's and told them that it would suit us to go to Robert Cooper's on a visit at night. We had thought some of attending the wedding of Bell Hamlin and James Crothers but thought perhaps we had better not go under the circumstances not having received a regular invitation. We went to Cooper's at night. Mr. and Mrs. Willson there. We had a good time and got home near twelve o'clock. Weather cold. Bell, M. Hamlin and James Crothers were married.

MARCH, THURSDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning Sammie Thorer and I went to Eldersville. I got two coal picks sharpened at C. Boles. and spent some time in town talking over the propriety of having a lecture against secret societies. Wrote a letter to Rev. J. B. Baird. Got home about three o'clock. Will dug coal in the afternoon and father chopped some. Read some in a revolution of Oddfellowship at night. Weather cold and stormy.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 13.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

After doing our feeding in the morning Will and I went to the Coalbank and he put out 70 bushels during the day and I put out 40 bushels and helped William Willson to grind his axe.

Spent the evening at home mending my shoe. William Cassedy Esq. called in and paid me \$75 of borrowed money. The weather were cold and snow on the ground.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 14.

1874.

Grandma Hardin's.

We spent the day at home hauling coal and hay and in the evening Helen, Charlie and I got ready and went to Grandma Hardin's expecting to see Bell and her new husband but we were disappointed for they were not there, but here at Florence.

We spent the night very pleasantly hearing about the wedding and other affairs.

Day fine.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 15.

1874.

Robert Riddle's

We took breakfast at Grandma Hanlin's and attended Church at Tickers and heard Rev. Sweeney preach his farewell sermon from Acts ~~xx~~ 31st 32^o.

Bill Carother's and her new husband made their appearance. They came from Florence in a covered spring wagon and returned.

We took dinner at Grandma Hanlin's and then went to Robert Riddle's and spent the night.

We called a few minutes on George and Ann Morrison as we went. Liz Riddle was with us.

My thoughts that Henry Province acted rather strangely during the day, seemed as though his mind might be somewhat deranged under the idea that he ought to preach. He started to Florence without his dinner to see Rev. Sweeney,

MARCH,

MONDAY 16.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We took breakfast at Robert Riddle's and then came home for dinner. Brought home five young Amelitta Cherry trees to set out. I spent the afternoon setting posts and barbed fence below the stable.

In the evening Robert S. Cooper and Lydia came over and we calculated the interest on Aunt Sally's notes and father gave Lydia Will. and me notes for \$100. each the dividend being \$108.81 but we threw off the eight dollars and 81^{cts} to leave him a margin in settling for funeral expenses and tombstones. Weather fine night dark.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 17.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

Father and Will went to
Stubenville with marketing.
and I sent my watch along
for repairs.

I spent the day doing
fences. Set out some
cherry trees and Blackberries.

Bought a pen for the
calves, and went to mill
and brought home some
cornfeed. Attended to the
feeding in the evening.

Mrs. Boles and Susannah
Melvin took supper with
us. Mr. Brent & Thorley's
at night and had a
very pleasant visit.

We got home about
half past tatarian.

Mr. Boles and
Susannah & father
over night.

Weather very fine.

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 18.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After we got through feeding
in the morning we sowed our
Clover seed on the wheat in
the middle field back of
the barn. At dinner time
a very heavy rain came up
and I went to Wm Cassidy's
in the afternoon to read
some law on certain points
concerning the settlement
of Thorley's estate.

Will became somewhat
angry in the evening
because I did not attend
to more of the feeding
while father was gone
for Mother and Susannah
Melvin at Willson's.

Our calf would not drink
well and detained me.

Susannah C. Melvin at
Thorley's over night.

Evening cloudy.

MARCH, THURSDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

After doing the usual amount of feeding in the morning I went to the barn and spent most of the day boring and mortising posts for post and bar fences. Will went to town in the afternoon to ascertain whether there were gravel in Champ's foot. (Father and I took our cows to Charles Scotts on Reddies account) Rained some during the day. Roads were muddy.

MARCH, FRIDAY 20. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I spent the forenoon boring and mortising fence posts. Father and Will hauled some posts and some rails. In the afternoon we put up a few panels of fence and set a gate post. At night I went to town and got some nail to put boards on the fence. Weather rather cloudy, and warm.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 21.

1874.

Home near Eldersville

Spent about the usual
time feeding and spent
the remainder of the day
setting posts and making
a board fence across the
field below the stable.

In the afternoon father
fell into a post hole
and sprained his
left knee. He worked
away with us until
four o'clock when we quit
He ought to have been
in the house.

Thorley's boys were ripping
boards with their circular
saw with horsepower.
They had considerable
trouble to get their
machine to work right.
They had Champ and
Jennie in the afternoon
and worked four horses.
Day fine.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 22.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I attended
to the feeding in the morning,
Father being unable to help
us on account of his sprained
knee. We attended church
in Eldersville and heard
Plummer preach from Rev.
111 20" He preached a better
sermon than he usually did.
L. A. Majill came home
with us for dinner, and I
walked to town with him
at night, and heard
Rev. Willson preach
from Rev. 111 21 part
of 4".

Weather quite cool
and roads very bad.

MARCH,

MONDAY 23.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

Arose about six o'clock and did my portion of the feeding and then went to John Meloy's, thence to Hanlin station and received a letter from Rev. J. R. Baird stating that he could come and lecture for us on the secret societies on the 30th & 31st and first of April. Sent him a letter and a telegram requesting him to come on.

John Meloy went with me to see Charles Hanlin and Wittenhouse Crip concerning the church for the lecture. Called to see C. M. Stephenson and Hugh Patterson and W. O. Knight. Knight and Stephenson not at home. Got out bills for the lecture. Got home a little before sundown.

We got dinner at Wittenhouse Crip. Left to Steubenville with D. C. Meloy for his watch (went from Hanlin's to Paris Cropper's on cars to see her).

MARCH,

TUESDAY 24.

1874.

Mrs. Eben McKee's Allegheny.

Spent the forenoon hauling hay for the sheep and cows. After dinner we cleared up 29 bushels of wheat and Will took it to Hanlin's Mill for J. and H. C. Cooper. We sold it to them at \$1.50 per bushel.

I went to Pittsburgh as a witness for Will Hanlin on a suit with J. R. Binger. At Hanlin Station I learned that Geo. A. Hanlin's wife, Laura was dead and that Margaret Hanlin was just starting to Missouri. I went with her to Pittsburgh and then as she could not start until morning, I went with her to Mrs. McKee's her niece's and spent the night there very pleasantly after settling a bill at the coffin works. Day fine.

MARCH, WEDNESDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Took breakfast at Ellen McKees in Alleghen and then Margaret Hanlin and I got into the street cars and went over into Pittsburg where I got her a ticket to Kansas City Missouri, and got her trunk checked then went to the courthouse and learned that Buller and Wm Hanlin had made us their difficulty and we were not needed as witnesses. Spent most of the day running through the city and purchasing articles for myself and other people. Got some flower seed for Mr Hanlin a grate front for Mrs Fagan and some things for Ann Thorley. Thought then Will Hanlin did not treat us very well as his witnesses, wishing to put us off with price of Paul's trunk which he had made three for him.

MARCH, THURSDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the usual amount of feeding in the morning and then harnessed my horses and hauled some board rails for father and he changed a load of wheat which I took to Hanlin's Mill for John and Harry Cooper and brought a load of flour and bread back to town for them, for the hauling of which I charged them one dollar. Sold them fifty bushels of wheat at \$1.50 per bushel. Will and father built some fence along the orchard in the afternoon while I was gone. Weather fine.

MARCH,

FRIDAY 27.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent part of the forenoon repairing a stall in the stable when we hauled rails away from where we had built some new fence and took them to repair other fences.

Father and I set up a post and two handfuls of post and rail fence.

Steward J. Hanlin came along in the evening on his way to see his girl Mrs. Boles and Nancy. Dr. Cronin came to father and spent the forenoon. I spaded up a bed in the garden and Alex sowed some salad seed. Appearance of rain in the evening.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 28.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Steward J. Hanlin came in the morning about four o'clock from visiting his girl and took breakfast with us. Father went to the station in the morning for Rev. J. R. Baird, but he was not on the train. He returned again in the evening and brought him home with him. Will and I shelled some corn and I took some choppings to Ellis's Mill and also some wheat.

Attended to father's feeding in the evening while he was away. Cut Will's hair as usual and talked a short time with Rev. Baird.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 29.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We attended church in the forenoon in Eldersville and heard Rev. Willson preach from Rev. XXX 3rd 4th. Rev. Baird was here and attended church with us but was not introduced to Willson.

Heard Baird preach in the Wesleyan Church at night from Mat.

III 13th Solerably good congregation out.

Sermon on Herods Hypocrisy preparatory to his lectures on Secret Societies; Weather fine.

MARCH,

MONDAY 30.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Attended to the feeding in the morning of Grand and father and Will.

Commenced plowing and sowed some oats during the day.

Rev. J. R. Baird took dinner with us and we heard him lecture on the Secret Society question at night. Quite a good turnout and the Oddfellows tolerably well behaved. William Johnson attempted to gain admission to refer fifteen minutes to Baird but he refused. William Cassidy's girls went with us in the wagon. Weather fine. Jimmie Hanlin with us over night.

MARCH,

TUESDAY 31.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to the
feeding in the morning
I talked a short time
to Elder J. R. Baird
and then went to Elders-
ville and helped Hugh
Patterson to repair fire
in the brick Church
and put up two other
lamps for light. Got
dinner and came home
for supper. We went to
town at night and
heard Baird deliver a
powerful lecture against
Secret Societies and heard
him reveal the proceed-
ings of the lodge from
experience he had
taken seventeen degrees.
Freemasons and Odd-
fellows put in force
and behaved well.
Weather rather unfa-
vorable but house
nearly filled.
Julius Hamlin here

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the fore-
noon talking with Rev.
J. R. Baird. Went to
Mr. Boles for some
news and took dinner
there. Did not do much
work during the day.
Attended Baird's lecture
at night. House nearly
full. He spoke well
of the Masons
but they made no
disturbance although
there were quite a
number of them there.
Weather was rather
unpleasant during
the day but the
evening proved better
and the house was
very nearly full.
Julius Hamlin with
us

APRIL,

THURSDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Attended to the feeding
 as usual in the morning.
 And then we harnessed
 the teams and father
 and Will hauled
 some hay before
 dinner. I plowed most
 of the day. Will went to
 town for a bolt for
 his plow. Father
 and I finished a
 new harrow at
 dinner time. We sowed
 some oats in the
 evening. Weather
 quite cool.
 Anne Hardin with
 us.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen and I went to
 Stemberville with the
 wagon and took marketing
 for the three families.
 We saw the ladies of
 Stemberville engaged in the
 crusade against whiskey,
 stop at two or three
 saloons and kneeling in
 front of them on the
 pavement, engaged in
 prayer. A number
 of little girls connected
 with the Sabbath School
 were also in the procession
 and sang temperance
 songs. I forgot some
 plowpoints which I
 had bought at Sharp's and
 had to go back after
 we had crossed the river
 and came a mile down
 this side. We did not
 get home until after
 night. Weather cold
 and windy.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 4.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent most of the forenoon doing the feeding and latching with John Nelson.

Will and I dug some coal for father and hauled it up. Neighbor Willson called on us in the evening and did not leave until after nine o'clock and in consequence, we did not get to bed until quite late.

Weather cold. Some snow on the ground.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 5.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

I went to town after seeing my pastor of the feeding and kindled a fire in the Wesleyan Church. Heard a sermon preach from Romans 11. He elected father as class leader and Will Thorley as Steward. Nolan and his wife invited with the Eldersville class by letter. There were none of Stephenson's at church and I went there for dinner and found Mary quite poorly. Came home in time to attend to the feeding. Wrote a letter at night for Nolan to carry to Conference asking for a preacher to be sent to this charge. Rained a short shower at night.

APRIL,

MONDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Father took Mr. Nolen to the station in the morning on his way to Conference. I took a trip to Charlie Scotts and got a new pair of shoes from Cassidy Scott for which I paid 3.75. Will and I spent the afternoon plowing. Helen went over to Willav's in the afternoon and dropped some eggs. Weather fine and pleasant.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five o'clock and after doing the usual amount of feeding Will and I plowed until dinner time when we finished the field, and finished sowing it in the afternoon. Father harrowed some while we were sowing. Will harrowed in the evening with one of the colts! it worked very well. Helen and Amy, Phoebe went to see Old Mrs Wells who was lying at the point of death. Spent the evening reading the printed letters of Mrs Lucia C. Cook of Elkhart, Indiana, on the subject of Free Masonry. She uses some very forcible arguments. Weather very fine.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 8.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I finished harrowing our field of oats in the forenoon and plowed a small piece of sod for early potatoes and father planted some in the afternoon. Will and I went to Steens in the afternoon and plowed battle ground until the rain came on. I intended to have come to town in the evening, but was constrained to remain at home on account of Helen's rather unreasonable demand that I should be home against five o'clock. Felt very unhappy on account of being placed in position as though I were incompetent to judge when I should leave home and when I should come home. Spent the evening doing chores. Mr. Bashfield and his son Will at father's. Robert Cooper was over. Raining at Bed time.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 9.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five and fed and harnessed the horses. Will and I went to Steen's place and plowed until near four o'clock when we were stopped by a snow storm. Will, I, Steen plowed with us while we plowed. Considerable of snow fell in the evening and there was considerable lightning and heavy thunder.

Family affairs in rather an unpleasant state but not characterized by harsh words or anything of the sort, but rather a lack of conversation and uncommon quietude.

Lightning struck a tree near Saml Carter's stable

APRIL,

FRIDAY 10.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Snow on the ground in the morning and still snowing. Spent the forenoon feeding and doing chores. Spent the afternoon fitting up some harness to use on our colts. Heard during the day that old Mrs. Wells was dead. Died in her 97th year.

We received a letter from Margaret Hamlin from Leithrop Mo. She arrived there without any trouble. Family affairs assuming a more agreeable character and usual conversation resumed.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 11.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

After doing the feeding in the morning, Willard & I put some harness together and hitched up four horses, two of them being colts, and went to Gillespie's mill for some cow feed. Colts worked well.

We attended the funeral of Old Mrs. Wells in the afternoon. Father brought the spring wagon home and Will and I went to the graveyard. Weather got very cold in the afternoon and snowed some.

Tommy Stewart and Gammie Washfield at father's over night.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 12.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding as usual. Helen and I attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Willson preach from Mat. VII 8 6" Good sermon. Congregation rather small and house very cold. Spent the afternoon at home.

Helen went to see Ettie Steen whom she found very sick.

Will and Priscilla spent the evening and night at Robt. P. Cooper's

APRIL,

MONDAY 13.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at half past five and attended to the feeding as usual. Helped father to get some fence posts in the morning and went to the mill and brought home a sack of Cornmeal in the forenoon.

We spent the afternoon plowing on Will Steen's farm. Plowed our two colts time about Jimmie being away with the hearse. Colts worked well.

Ann Thorley and Johnnie over in the evening. I cut Johnnie's hair for him. Sarah Williamson was buried. Weather fine.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 14.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will. and I spent the
day plowing in Will.
Steen's field for oats.

Putt Jimmie's Colt,
in the lead after dinner
and she worked, as
well as could be expected
Drove the other colts
home with the single line
and she did well.

Father attended the
Public sale of Roads of
Jefferson Township.

Reported bidders plenty
and roads bid down
somewhere near the real
cost of working them.

Weather fine,
Ella Steen very sick.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 15.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will. and I spent the
forenoon plowing in Will.
Steen's stalk field. In the
afternoon father helped
us and we plowed with
three teams. Will. drove the
two three-year-old colts
together. They worked well.

John and Charlie Melvin
Came to us in the evening.
Charlie remained at father's
over night.

Weather fine.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 16,

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I spent the forenoon plowing in Will Steen's stalk field; he plowed with us a short time and helped us to finish. We then marked it out ready for sowing. Helen and Priscilla being away we ate dinner at Father's. Helen over at Grandma Hamlin's. We spent the afternoon sowing oats and harrowing.

Father harrowed until four o'clock and then he attended to the feeding. Weather cool and cloudy.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 17,

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon doing chores. Went with Mr. Cassidy to catch one of his hogs which had got wounded by some means. Put our meat up in pokes in the forenoon. Attended the funeral of a child of Ben Pobb. Drove the hearse and acted as clergyman. Read a chapter, sang a hymn and prayed at the house at the request of the family there being no preacher present. Wrote a letter to Margaret Hamlin at night. Rained considerably during the day.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 18.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the morning feeding
stock and attending to
young lambs which their
mothers would not own;

About half past nine
Will and I went to Will
Steen's and plowed for
him until half past
five in the evening.
When we finished his
little orchard field
and then he harrowed
on our oats ground
about an hour before
we came home.

Will Steen and Ettie
both sick and they
could not get any
house help.

Weather fine but
quite cool.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 19.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding in
the morning as usual and
lumped three horses and
we went to Eldersville to
church and heard Golen preach
from John ~~XIII~~ part of 30.

"It is finished" Congrega-
tion about as large as
usual. We remained at
home in the evening.

Will and Priscilla took
Miss Rene Cosgrove and
Francis M. Meloni to
Church in the evening.

Miss Cosgrove about to
start to her home in
the East. Spent the
evening principally among
the sheep and young lambs.
Was not very well during
the day. Weather fine
until evening when it
commenced raining.

APRIL,

MONDAY 20.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The weather being un-
favorable for plowing
we spent the forenoon
building fence. After
dinner we harnessed
our horse to commence
plowing sod but it
rained and I spent the
afternoon mending harness
and covering our wagon-
ship.

Heavy rain and
wind storm in the after-
noon.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 21.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day clearing
off ground and commenced
plowing sod ground.

Ran Cuff brought
our back home and
remained with us until
after dinner.

Carried in the
evening that Thorley's
wanted a load of lumber
hauled from Steubenville.
Attended to the feeding
in the evening as usual.
Weather fine.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 22.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Helped father and Will in the morning to get ready to go to Eldersville with Marketing and for a load of flooring boards for Thorley's house. They got started about nine o'clock.

Then I attended to watering the sheep and some other horses and plowed some during the day with Champ and Thorley's Doll.

Attended to the feeding in the evening and then took the mare home and helped to unload the lumber.

Did not get home until after nine o'clock. Appearance of rain in the morning but day proved to be fine.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 23.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When I awoke in the morning I found thrawing. Spent the forenoon feeding and preparing chopping to take to the mill. Went out to Bethel graveyard in the afternoon and planted an Irish pumpkin, and filled up Aunt Sally's and David Thorley's spots. Found Harp and John Provings here when I came home. They were about to paint the school house. Will took the grinding to mill and I went to town at night with the spray wagon and brought the paint and oil down for painting the school house. Harp went with me. Boys with us over night. Weather cloudy.

APRIL,

FRIDAY 24.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will. went to mill in the morning for some chipping. I hauled a load of rails from an old fence row to repair some other fence and plowed until dinnertime, then brought a load of old rails home for firewood.

In the afternoon we finished crop harrowing four oats at Steen's which were sowed a week ago and got wet.

Harper and John Province with us painting the schoolhouse.

Steward J. Hanly came about in the evening going to see his girl.

Weather cloudy.

APRIL,

SATURDAY 25.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took father and mother to the station in the morning on their way to Sloan's Station to see Jessie Freeman who was lying sick. Took Harp. and John Province part of the way with us.

I brought the mail to Eldersville. Spent the afternoon putting handles on one of our harrows and attending to the feeding. Steward Hanly came along in the afternoon on his way home from visiting his girl, and spent the night with us. Rained all day and was cold and disagreeable. Waters high.

APRIL,

SUNDAY 26.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Steward Haulin took breakfast with us and went to Eldersville to Church, with Will. and Priscilla. We remained at home and I attended to the lambs in the forenoon. Went to Bethel in the afternoon and heard Rev. Willson preach from Acts ~~XXVII~~ 31.

Congregation not large
Father and mother away
at Greensmans.

Weather cool cool and
cloudy.

APRIL,

MONDAY 27.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father being away Will. and I attended to the sheep in the morning and the other feeding. I harnessed a team in the forenoon and plowed two rounds but found the ground too wet.

Spent part of the afternoon repairing spruce fence near the house.

I took the boys to the station for father and mother and helped Will. to attend to the feed in the evening. Father and mother went to Johns at night. The Province boys finished painting the schoolhouse in the evening and went home.

Saw fine appearance of rain in the afternoon. Raining at nine o'clock at night.

APRIL,

TUESDAY 28.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock and went out and found the sheep all right in the shelter and held a ewe for her lamb to suck. Was raining at that time.

Did not rise until seven when I found the ground white with snow and still raining or sleeting. Spent the forenoon attending to stock. Mended some harness in the afternoon. Father and Mother came home from John's in the evening. Snowed all afternoon and was very disagreeable. Baz. Patterson came to Will's in search of two teams belonging to Martin Sharp of Steubenville which were out after loads of hay. He brought two horses to help them to return but he did not find them.

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 29.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the usual amount of feeding in the morning and then we set four pannels of post and bar fence at the end of the lane and righted up some fence along the road. We spent the afternoon by pulling fence back of the garden.

Father helped Thosley's boys to kill a calf after supper, and Sammy came over at night and got some tar and some strings for sewing the felt which run their circular saw.

Weather fine but cold. Snow on the ground all forenoon. Remained frozen all day on the North side of the houses.

APRIL,

THURSDAY 30.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon feeding and attending the sheep and lambs and preparing a chicken coop. We cleaned up ten bushels of sheeps and Will took it to Gillespie's mill to get it ground. I took some boots and shoes to Cassidy & Scott's in the afternoon and got them mended.

Wrote a letter at night to Robert and Warner Hamilton.

Sam & Ann and Priscilla went to Eldersville on a visit. They went in the buggy. Rained and snowed in the afternoon. Very disagreeable weather.

MAY,

FRIDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

Repaired a piece of line fence between us and Frank Scott in the forenoon. In turning a log over I got struck on the foot and bursted the heel from my shoe but my foot was not hurt in the least. Commenced rebuilding the fence at the head of the orchard in the afternoon and set a pair of barposts.

I started to go to Cassidy & Scott's at night for my boots but found when I got to the room that Doll was too sick for me to go any further and I brought her back to the stable. Did not know what was wrong with her. She got better sometime during the night and ate her feed and hay. Rained some in the evening.

MAY,

SATURDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

The morning was wet,
and cloudy and we did
not get to work early.
Finished building a string
of fence along to top of
the hill to the peach
orchard in the forenoon.
Set a pair of bars
after dinner and I
went to Cassidy Scott's
and got my boots home
which he had repaired.
Will and Priscilla
went to Thorley's in
the evening.
Cloudy all day and
rained some.

MAY,

SUNDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended church in Eldersville
in the forenoon and heard
Proven preach from John ~~11~~
31" Will and Priscilla
attended Quarterly Meeting
at Bethel. We went
out to Bethel in the
afternoon and heard
Rev. C. K. Stillwagon preach
from Romans V 1" 2".
Congregation tolerably large.
Weather fine but cool.
We took dinner at
Grand pa Melvins with
Wm. Charlie remained
at home all day.

MAY,

MONDAY 4.

1874.

MAY,

TUESDAY 5.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the usual amount of feeding in the morning, then went to Uncle Geo. Crisp, Johnathan Wright's Widow Crisp, Sargil Gardner's and Robert J. Cooper's where I took supper. Took dinner at Wright's. Was on business connected with the estate of David Lowley deceased. Got some Arborvitae sprouts from Gardner's and took one of them and some myrtle out to Bethel and planted them in the graveyard. Took the measure of the stile to put a gate on it. Went to Cassidy Scott's and got my shoes.

Rained nearly all day. Learned that Henry Province was crazy and had left home. No trace to be found of him.

After doing our feeding in the morning, father and I hung two gates on his yard fence. Robert Cooper came and we made a rotary gate for the graveyard fence. We worked at it from ten o'clock until feeding time. Will went to Mill. Mitch Hardin and Elliott Steward stopped here about three o'clock and fed their horses. They were in search of Henry Province who was crazy and away from home. Had not been heard from since Sabbath night. Morning cloudy and wet. Afternoon fine with good appearance of clear weather.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day plowing
rod ground, the first day
that the ground had been
dry enough for nearly two
weeks. We run two teams
plowing and one hauling
manure in the afternoon.

Will and I went to
town at night.

Heard that Henry Province
had been found at McKeel
Rocks near Pittsburg and
being deranged was taken to
the lockup.

We got home a little
before eleven o'clock.
Weather fine.

MAY,

THURSDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day plowing
rod ground with two teams
and harrowing with the
colts. Got our rod plowed
at home.

Wrote a letter at night
to A. O. Day Register.

Weather very fine but
quite cool. Ground frozen
in the morning.

MAY,

FRIDAY 8.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five O'clock and fed and harnessed the horses. Father and I went to Steubenville for a load of lumber for Thorless new house. Spent most of the day in town. Took in some marketing. We had 24 lbs of butter at 70cts @ \$6.30.

Spent \$12.86 during the day.

We did not get home until ten O'clock. Had our bad luck. Roads very rough. Mud very stiff in the bottom.

Weather fine and warm.

MAY,

SATURDAY 9.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until late and then helped Will to Milk father's cows, Mary Jackson being away. Milked our own cows after breakfast. Father and Will trimmed some of our sheep during the day and took 105 of them to Mrs Emitts to pasture.

I harrowed corn ground until supper time. Willie Cosgrove harrowed with our team until dinner time but he was rather too young to ride all day and harrow.

We took our potatoes from the hole and put them in the barn in the evening. And hauled a small sled load of hay down from the hill being the last of our hay.

MAY,

SUNDAY 10.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen and Charlie remained at home during the day.

I attended the organization of the Sabbath School in Eldersville. Rev W. S. Wilson elected Superintendent.

Old Constitution abolished and Doctor Hart's plan adopted making the Superintendent accountable to the church and all other officers of the school appointed by him and amenable to him.

Heard Wilson preach from Luke 10th and part of 29th. "Who is my neighbor". Spent the afternoon at home.

Father and mother went to Middletown in the afternoon. Weather warm and springlike.

MAY,

MONDAY 11.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After feeding the horses in the morning I spaded a bed in the garden before breakfast then Will and I spent the day harrowing corn ground. We did not get through both our fields. Father and mother came home from Middletown in the afternoon and father marked some corn ground as Will Steen's field.

Weather very warm and buds putting out very fast.

MAY,

TUESDAY 12.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five
and Will and I spent the
forenoon harrowing. I spaded
a bed in the garden.

When we came in to
dinner we learned that
Mrs Thorley was very sick
taken suddenly ill.

Father and Mother went over
before they ate dinner, and
Will and I went immedi-
ately after. She became some-
what better soon after we went and
as they could not conveniently
get dinner while she was so
bad, Father brought Mr Baxton
home with him for dinner.

Will and I commenced
planting corn in Will Steen's
field after early supper.

Some appearance of rain
in the evening. Father and
Mother spent the night at
Thorley's

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 13.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose a few minutes before
five o'clock, kindled the fire
and went to Thorley's to see
Mrs before breakfast and
found her much better.

Father had sat up all
night with William
Wilson helped us during
the day to plant corn.

We planted in Will Steen's
field until late dinner.

In the afternoon we
we marked out our
field and Wilson,
Robert Cooper and
Albert Thorley helped
us to plant after supper.

Weather warmer and
threatening rain.

MAY,

THURSDAY 14.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose fifteen minutes before five and spaded a bed in the garden before breakfast. We finished plowing our field of corn at home. Neighbor Wilton, Robert Cooper and Wm. Thorley helping us. Tho's. Wilton was here and spent the forenoon with Charlie.

We got through at dinner time. Agents along selling corn planters. Cut Tom Wilson's hair. We helped Sammie Thorley to plant their corn in the afternoon. And Will and I helped Robert Cooper to mark part of his field.

Albert Thorley and Will helping Jacob Dimes to plant at Geo. Boyds.
Weather very favorable.

MAY,

FRIDAY 15.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 4 1/2 o'clock and Will and I were at Robert Cooper's corn field about six. We spent the day marking out ground and planting corn until supper time when we got through.

We marked with three teams and finished at dinner. Then turned in and helped to finish planting against supper time. Then Will and I came home and went to plowing in Will Steens field. Took our Caspids' plow home.

Father helped Thorley's to finish planting after supper. Appearance of rain in the evening.
Ground very dry.

MAY,

SATURDAY 16.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 4 1/2 clock and helped Will, to harness the horses. Charlie and I went to neighbor Wilson's to help him to plant corn. Albert Shorley was there also, and James L. Boles and James Philips. Five of us planted nearly all of a field supposed to contain thirteen acres.

Robert Copper and Sammie Shorley brought their teams and helped Father and Will to plow Will Steen's field for corn. Will Steen was in a bad humor because they asked him to clear off some locusts and cornstubs which he did not do. but he helped them to plow from dinner time until supper time. when they got through. Received a letter from A. D. Day Register, and one from C. F. Hamilton. Rained a shower in the forenoon but we did not quit work.

MAY,

SUNDAY 17.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after ten o'clock and milked the cows, then brought in the horses and we attended church in Eldersville. Heard Woten preach from Luke ~~XXIV~~ 26. He also distributed some tracts.

We took dinner at C. M. Stephenson's and attended Sabbath School and church in the evening. Heard Rev. Wilson preach from 10th Psalm, 14th and 17th verses inclusive.

Sermon seemed to be an effort more to be eloquent than to win souls to Christ.

Rained during the afternoon and evening and was somewhat cool.

MAY,

MONDAY 18.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five O'clock and put up a pole of the hops and brought in the horses and cows before breakfast and then went to Billy Wilson's and helped him to finish planting corn. We got through there about nine O'clock and then came home and we plowed Will Steen's field. Robert Cooper, W. Wilson and Samuel Shorley with us and Albert Shorley came to us about three O'clock and we soon got through with the field. We plowed after supper with three teams in the lot at the end of the lane.

Will plowed with two three year old colts. They did finely. We got quite wet at dinner-time coming in, and the day was quite cool and most of the time cloudy and showery.

MAY,

TUESDAY 19.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We ran three teams plowing in the morning and finished about nine O'clock, then hauled manure until about two O'clock when we commenced planting corn. Albert and Sammie Shorley were helping us.

I had been putting in some potatoes on the chares in our ground and we finished planting them after dark. Weather very favorable during the day but had some appearance of rain in the evening. Rained in the night.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 20.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock
and found the spinning.
Milked the cows before
breakfast, then Will and
I went and helped to
put the sheep washing box
in its place before dinner.
In the afternoon we
washed our sheep 210 in
number. Pa got Jimmie
has working for Geo Boyd
and he helped us some
and we helped him to
wash about 100 sheep.
Weather rather favor-
able. Rained two or
three showers during the
day.

MAY,

THURSDAY 21.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I went in the morning
and helped Robert Cooper to clip
some of his sheep and wash
them. We got through about
two o'clock, and came home and
planted some potatoes and
father planted some broomcorn.
Robert Cooper and I went
out to Bethel in the evening
and put a lock on the
Graveyard gate and put up
a gate on the stile to
keep the sheep out of the
graveyard. Got home
after dark.

Weather cool and
somewhat cloudy, frost
in the morning.

Father and mother went
to Stephenson's as night.

MAY,

FRIDAY 22.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen and I went to
Stumerville with marketing.
Only got sixteen cents for
butter and had trouble
selling it at that.

We looked through the
Courthouse some and got
home about six o'clock.
Courthouse a magnificent
structure.

Weather

MAY,

SATURDAY 23.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

~~Brought in the horses and~~
~~milked the cows before breakfast~~
Did rope chores in the
morning and then went and
helped Mr. Boles folks
to tear down their old house
and move their old smoke-
house of which they propose
to make a coal-house, Boles.
Called to see James Thomas
who had cut his foot with
an axe. Got home
about half past four
o'clock and did some
more chors. Washed

the spring wagon.
Dad, Jim, Father
and Mother went to
Middletown with the
wagon and took a stove
for preacher Sturtevant.

MAY,

SUNDAY 24.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Brought in the horses
 2 and milked the cows before
 breakfast. We attended
 Church at the Tent and
 heard Rev. Campbell
 preach from Prov. VIII 74
 Congregation large.
 Mrs Margaret Sharkey
 came with us in the wagon
 and we took her to
 Ann Shorley's where we took
 dinner. Weather warm
 Rained a small
 shower in the evening.
 Father and Mother
 at Middletown.

MAY,

MONDAY 25.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon spading
 in the garden. Father and mother
 came from Middletown about
 dinner time. A man came along
 with an advertisement and
 a peep show regarding the use
 of the Wesleyan Church to show in.
 Father and I cleaned up the
 barn some in the afternoon
 and threshed some rice.
 Charlie and I went to town in
 the evening in the spring wagon
 and got the horses shod.
 Took a buggy wheel up to get
 two spokes in it. Took the
 cultivator to get it remodeled.
 Moved the panks which
 belonged to the Wesleyan
 Church back to their their places
 they having been used in the
 brick Church during the
 lectures against Se Creek Societies.
 Weather very windy during
 the day.

MAY,

TUESDAY 26.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Father and Will went to
Stevensville with 53 bushels of
potatoes and sold it at 140 pr.
bushel. They brought out
a load of lumber and tomb-
stones for David Thorley and
Sarah Melvin. I dug some
of the routes down on the
road to Eldersville in the
forenoon and spent the
afternoon doing chores.
Spaded some in the garden
and latted the sheep.

Fanny Scott and Lizzie,
and Maggie Cassidy were
here visiting. I attended
a show in town as my
given by Oliver McConnell
with the Scioption. Many of
his pictures were very nice.

Did not get home until
after eleven o'clock.

Weather fine but very dry.

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 27.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Helped Helen and Mary
Jackson to take up our carpet
in the morning and carry out
our furniture. They spent the
day whitewashing and cleaning
house. We went out to
Bethel and helped John
P. Leather and a man from
Stevensville to put up Aunt
Sally's and David Thorley's
tombstones. We took Thorley's
lumber to them in the evening
and worked a short time
on the road and helped
Helen some with her evening's
work. Father went to town
for the buggy wheel and the
cultivator but found they
were not done. He went
to Mr. Boles' and brought
mother home.

Weather very dry and
everything needing rain.

MAY,

THURSDAY 28.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Did some chores in the morning and then we spent the day working on the roads. Got over about half a mile of our road. Put up supports and Will and Prescott, Mary and Maggie Jackson went to town to an exhibition. John Cooper and David Gardner fought in the church but were parted before there was much damage done. Helen and Mary spent the day cleaning house and putting down a carpet. Day very warm and dry.

MAY,

FRIDAY 29. ✓

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at 26 minutes before five o'clock and harnessed two horses and hauled the machine out of the barn to allow father to clean up for sheep shearing.

Will and Aunt and helped neighbor Wilson to shear during the day.

Sheep very hard to shear and four of us only put out 60 heads.

Rained in the evening. Steward Hamlin called on us in the evening.

Helen finished cleaning up house.

MAY, SATURDAY 30. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before
four o'clock and let Stewart
Hankin in. He went and
helped William Williams
finish shearing his sheep
during the day. Father
rolled the wool, Will sheared
30 sheep during the day.

We got through about
sun down.

Mary Stephenson and
family at fathers over
night.

MAY, SUNDAY 31. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Helen did not go to church
at all as she did not feel
very well. I took the spring
wagon and took Charlie
and two of Mary Stephenson's
children to church.

Heard Guleen preach
from Luke ~~XVI~~ part of
15th and 16th verses.

Mother took dinner with
us. Cyrus Stephenson
came after his family in
the evening. Helen not
feeling well.

Weather very warm.
Rained a small shower
in the evening.

JUNE,

MONDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We prepared our barn in the morning, made a pen and a scaffold and commenced shearing sheep about 11 o'clock. Neighbor Wilson helping us and he got about 62 sheared, Sammie Thorley had two of our horses in the evening sawing lath.

David Lillton came along in the afternoon trying to sell mowing machines.
Weather quite cool.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When I went out to shop the boys in the morning and found a young pig in the pen with the old boys.

We prepared a place for the cow under the barn.

We spent the day shearing sheep. Wilson, Jaque Phelps, and Sammie Thorley helping us. Together we sheared 99 sheep. Will. Thorley went to Steubenville for lumber and I sent with him for some fresh beef.

Weather fine but very dry and vegetation needing rain.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock kindled the fire and brought a lot of sheep from Mrs. Smith's before breakfast.

Spent most of the day shearing sheep. We got through shearing about half past one o'clock and then father and I took our sheep back to Mrs. Smith's and moved some sheep at home. William Wilson, James Philips and Will came to Mr. Cassidy's just after we finished and I went after we moved the sheep and we helped Cassidy to finish his shearing. I clipped five after supper.

Rained a little during the day. Cloudy in the evening.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 4.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We took down the pen which we had for sheep shearing and hid the barn and put the machine in in the morning and then went to Will Steen's field and worked corn during the remainder of the day.

Considerable appearance of sun in the afternoon but it passed off without any of any account falling where we were.

Heber's health not good. She was scarcely able to get about and spent part of the day in bed. Was some better in the afternoon. Her appetite somewhat improved.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day working corn. We finished Steens field near Mc Connells about ten o'clock and commenced the other field before dinner. We finished cultivating it at supper time and then Will and Priscilla went to town in the buggy.

I cultivated corn in our own field and father finished replanting in Steens.

Good appearance of rain at bedtime.

Everything suffering for want of rain.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon working corn. While we were eating dinner John Scott and Maggie Hanlin came to visit us.

I spent the afternoon about the house. Cut Will's hair and he cut mine.

John Scott and I went out with the gun and he shot two young crows.

Father went to Eldersville in the evening and Will and Priscilla went to James Cassidy's where they remained overnight.

Weather very warm and dry. Some appearance of rain but all blew away.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the forenoon at home. Will and Priscilla being away we attended to the milking of their cows.

I attended Sabbath School and Church at Bethel in the evening and heard Rev. W. P. Miller preach from Acts ~~18~~ 28th and 30th inclusive.

Weather very warm. Appearance of rain in the evening.

JUNE,

MONDAY 8.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spended some in the garden in the morning. Shelled two bushels of Corn which, Will & Shorty took to mill for us. We sprinkled Paris green on our potatoes to rid them of the bugs. Had it mixed in flour about one pound of Paris green to fifteen pounds of flour.

Cleaned out our Cistern and carried water for Helen to wash with.

Spent the afternoon working corn.

Appearance of rain during day but it was quite windy and all clouds blew away.

Evening very warm.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 9.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five O'clock and brought in the horses. We spent the forenoon finishing working our corn over the first time and then spent the afternoon working on the roads.

We run one team plowing and one scraping.

Thompson Crisp and Loten came in the evening and borrowed our low wagon to haul stones on.

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

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 10.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and brought in the horses before breakfast. We put in a culvert on the road to Eldersville and finished working our roads during the day.

Loaned Mr. Wilson a colt in the morning to ride to Crook Creek Village.

Weather very warm during the day, and ground very dry. Threatening rain in the evening.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 11.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Pulled some weeds in the garden before breakfast. Harnessed the horse and set the buggy wheels for Helen and Priscilla to go to the station on a visit. Will went to town.

Father and I rebuilt some fence along side the cornfield.

Samuel Gardner and his wife visited at father's in the afternoon. I ate dinner and supper there. Went to Cassidy Scott's in the evening to see Jimmie Hamlin. Who was somewhat sick. Came home and thought it was likely to be a thunder shower and went and met Helen and Priscilla in Eldersville and came home with them. Did not rain much. Heavy rains went round North.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 12.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about four o'clock and father and I went to Steubenville with marketing. We got 18¢ pr lb for Butter. 8½¢ pr lb. for Shoulders and 9¢ pr lb. for side meat.

We got home a few minutes after twelve o'clock.

Charlie and I went to Stephenson's for some ashes with the spring wagon and Aunt Ann went with us to town and gave her measure for a pair of shoes. Will found out during the day that there were some worms in the meat and he pained it in the evening and sent to Cassidy's and got two barrels of ashes to make some soap. Weather very cool.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 13.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five, Spent the forenoon putting up some ashes in the hopper to make soap. Sammie Shorley brought Aunt Susie Bosley and Mattie Melvin over in the morning just after we had eaten our breakfast. They took dinner with us and supper at Mills. Mattie staid at father's over night.

We rebuilt a piece of line fence between us and Will. Sticks in the afternoon. Weather cool and ground very dry.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 14.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended Church in Eldersville and heard Golen preach from Luke III 40 "Be ye therefore ready alway for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man Cometh." - the quotation on Aunt Sally's Tombstone.

Spent the afternoon at home. When I went for the cows in the evening Robert Cassidy told me that our young cattle were in the meadow and we found Old Gal down and not able to rise. We worked with her about three quarters of an hour and could not get her up. Weather quite cool.

JUNE,

MONDAY 15.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Went to Mrs. Smith's place before breakfast and salted some sheep.

Spent the day working corn in Steer's field.

Father and Mattie Melvin went to Eldersville at noon. Mattie ate supper with us.

Albert Shorley came in the evening and got my revolver in prospect of selling it to Byron Brine. Weather pleasant. Threatening rain in the evening everything drying up.

Found in the morning that Old Sal had got up without assistance.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 16.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and brought in two horses and harneped them before breakfast.

Spent the day until supper time working Cozy on Steer's place. Threatened rain all day and about four o'clock it came on but did not rain much.

I spent the evening working on a horse-rake but did not get much done to it. Shorley's boys got our wagon and camp at Steubenville for a load of latp.

Evening cool. Mattie Melvin at father's.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 17.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Spent the day working
corn in Lantz's field near
McCormell's. Will, took
Priscilla, Helen and Mattie
Mehin to Lawther's in the
spring wagon after dinner
and I went after them
in the evening after we
quit work!

Had a lightning rod
peddler with us in the
evening. His name was
Harding. A good talker.
Weather fine.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 18.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about five o'clock
and spent the day working
corn. We got through with
Stein's field about ten o'clock
and commenced on our own.

Broke a bolt of the cultiva-
tor after dinner and spent
some time repairing it.

The lightning-rod men
Cage and Hutch rods on
Thorley's new house. Their
consent had been obtained
by misrepresentation, the
agent having come to father
representing Thorley's as wanting
the rod when they did not and
then went back representing
that father was willing that
they should put them up.

He also represented that
the rods would not cost
more than \$36 when it cost
\$57.20. Was over at Thorley's
in the evening and talked with
the man who put them up,
but did not see "Harding" the
man who secured the job.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 19.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa

Steward Hanlin came in about four o'clock in the morning having been on a visit to his lady. Spent an hour or so with him after breakfast.

Spent the day working corn. Learned about sunset that Henry Province had died at Dixmont Hospital and was to be buried at night. I learned before he would be buried. Got home about ten o'clock without learning the hour that the funeral should take place.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 20.

1874.

Geo. Morrison's

Spent the morning repairing the spring wagon.

We went to Grandma Hanlin's and took dinner. Attended the funeral of Henry Province at one o'clock. Services conducted by Rev. Campbell. Buried at Burgettstown. We took supper at Uncle Grant Hanlin's and transacted some business, renewing some notes &c. We then drove to Geo. Morrison's and renewed some notes and spent the night there. Weather very warm.

JUNE,

SUNDAY 21.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Took breakfast at George
Crossings. Attended church
at Tucker's and heard
Rev. Miner preach from
Matthew 28th and 29th.

Sacrament administered.
House crowded and a great
many outside.

We went to Uncle Gus
Hantins for dinner and
found him unable to sit
up and under the doctor's
care. Came home before
evening preaching.

Weather very warm
and dry.

JUNE,

MONDAY 22.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day working
corn, finished hoeing it just
about dark.

William Nelson came
along in the evening to borrow
a horse to haul hay with
tomorrow but we could
not loan one without
interfering with our own
work as Esq. Cassidy
wanted us to mow tomorrow.

Weather very warm
and dry.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 23.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day until two
O'clock working potatoes.
Called to see Frank Scott
in the morning and made
apologies for the school
for Miss Maggie Riddle.
Will mow some
for Mrs. Cassidy and
we helped him to
haul in seven sledloads
of hay after supper.
I moved a lot of sheep
on Mrs. Smith's place
and took Champ to
town and got a shoe
driven on him.
Weather warm and
dry. Threatening rain
in the evening.

JUNE,

WEDNESDAY 24.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I cleaned
up some wheat in the
morning and Charlie and I
went to Haulin's mill.
Brought home a barrel of
salt from Eldersville.
Sold some 52 head of
sheep to John McCabe in
the afternoon for \$123.80
We plowed through a
field of corn at Stein's
in the evening.
I wrote a letter to Liz.
Riddle and one to Rev.
Thomas W. Stephens as
night.
Weather warm and
dry.

JUNE,

THURSDAY 25.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the morning getting some sheep started to the station. Talked a short time with the road commissioners. Commenced mowing about ten o'clock and mowed until twelve o'clock. Rained a nice shower in the afternoon and I worked some on our hay rake.

Milked the cows in the evening and went to town of an errand.

JUNE,

FRIDAY 26.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took some meat to Eldersville in the morning and sold it for \$6.30. Brought home our wagon wheels from the smithshop.

We hauled in two wagonloads of hay in the afternoon and worked some on my new rake.

Helen went to see James Hamlin. We ate supper at father's. Five, four horse wagonloads of pine lumber hauled out for the new church at Bethel.

Moze's Metcalf was driving the last team and will and I saw that he was intoxicated and we went with him to the turn of the road on Bethel hill and heard him up the hill.

Weather warm. Rained a small shower in the evening.

JUNE,

SATURDAY 27.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon plowing corn in our own field. Father was with me and Will. was plowing in Steen's field.

We all plowed in Steen's fields in the afternoon and finished it at supper time.

Whitewashed our mear in the evening to keep the worms from it.

Will. cut hair for Albert and Sammie Sholey in the evening.

the usual
peace
and quiet
prev. of our
family
relations

JUNE,

SUNDAY 28.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I milked the cows and brought in the horses in the morning before breakfast. Attended church in Eldersville and heard Golen preach from Daniel III 17. Golen ate dinner with us. Helen, Pricilla and Aunt Ann remained at home during the day and from a remark which Helen made in the evening I had reason to fear that Helen was offended because I had taken Mary and Maggie Jackson with Charlie and me in the spring wagon to church.

The keeping of a faithful record requires me to write such things, although charity towards my erring wife forbids that I should write all that might be truthfully written in such unpleasant pages and all the comfort I have is that which arises from a dear conscience. Offense has been given to who done innocently. Weather very warm. We talked matters over after night.

And a fair understanding removed all difficulty and restored

JUNE,

MONDAY 29.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We plowed a few rows of corn in the forenoon. Father and Will went to Storley's for some lime and I worked some on the new rake before dinner.

In the afternoon we hauled some water and scrubbed the church. While we were away and no person at home but Helen, Charlie and Aunt Ann, Helen took sick with flooding, and sent Charlie for Mrs Cassidy. We did not get home until dark and found her some better. Took Mrs Cassidy home between ten and eleven o'clock. Did not sleep much during the night. Helen quite small.

JUNE,

TUESDAY 30.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Assisted the women some about getting wash water &c.

About ten o'clock I went to Stephenson's to get Nan Cuff to come and do housework. She was not there, but I found her at home and she came with me.

Helen seemed some better.

Helped to put in two wagon loads of hay in the evening.

Slept tolerably well at night.

Let Dr. Doonan to call and see Helen. He took dinner at father's.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Father and Will spent the forenoon mowing and raking hay. We hauled in one load in the forenoon and two in the afternoon. Alex. Smith came in the afternoon to get us to reap some for him but we could not fully consent. Weather fine and dry. Helen did not seem so well in the forenoon but seemed lively in the evening.

JULY,

THURSDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose 20 minutes before four o'clock and prepared the reaper for operations.

Spent the day cutting wheat for William Wilson or Frank Cunningham's place. Got home after dark and found Helen still quite poorly. Ann Crisp there doing housework.

Weather fine, but dry.

JULY,

FRIDAY 3.

1874.

Home near Eldersville

Ground a scythe in the morning and spent the forenoon cutting around our wheat field and setting up the reaper.

We cut 64 dozens of wheat. I went to town in the evening and brought the spring wagon home. Had it there getting tires cut. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Stephens preach from Colossian's I 27.

Good sermon and congregation larger than I expected.

Helen's health improving. Weather fine and dry.

JULY,

SATURDAY 4.

1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Went to Cooper's in the morning and got some mulberries for Helen, and secured Roberts services to assist us in binding wheat. Spent most of the day cutting wheat. Robert Cooper and William Wilson helping us.

Attended church in the evening and heard Rev. Carroll preach from Mt Cor. IV 1. Good sermon, very small congregation.

Heavy rain while we were there. Had some.

Wrote a number of papers at father's over night. Five preachers of the Gospel, come to ordain J. F. Polen.

Helen sitting up most of the day.

JULY,

SUNDAY 5.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We attended Church at Eldersville and heard Rev. Stephens preach. Did not take any particular verse for a text, but Ordination of Elders was his subject. Good congregation out. Sacrament administered. Nolan Ordained an Elder. Quite a number of folks as fathers and some here. Weather very pleasant. Bro preaching in the evening.

JULY,

MONDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at three O'clock and brought in the horses.

Took Reverends, Stephens, Carroll, Keimery, and Sturtevant to Stenbenville on their way home.

Sold some marketing, and got some medicine for Helen and was home a little after the middle of the day. Spent the afternoon cutting wheat in Cooper's field. Finished it about dark, and Will and I shocked until after ten O'clock at night. Sid Hemlin was here all night. Weather fine. Man Crispell with us.

JULY,

TUESDAY 7.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose a few minutes after four and Will and I prepared the mowing machine and I went to Eldersville and mowed during the day for Geo. McFee. Days very light and no work cutting.

Broke seat spring and got it mended. Got home a little after dark. Nancy Crisp still with us. Weather very warm.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 8.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and brought in the horses and harneped two of them. Went to town and finished mowing a meadow for Geo. McFee. Got some blacksmithing done. Came home for dinner. We took the machine to Mrs. Pogue's field and finished cutting wheat. My son Cassidy and Robert helped us in the afternoon. Robert Cooper, Pasloon and Geo. Swab helped us after supper and we got through after dark.

Weather fine but threaten-
ing rain. Rained in the
night. Helen getting better
than Crisp still with us.

JULY,

THURSDAY 9.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day building
a hayrake and did not
get it quite done.

Got the seat put on,
and the teeth all put on.
Father took some of the
women to town in the
afternoon and paid the
State and county tax \$28.27
altogether. Will went to
town in the evening and
brought the women home.
Sarah Philips and Satch
Fell were married in
Eldersville in the evening.
Rained at night.
Nan Cresswell with us.

JULY,

FRIDAY 10.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until a late hour.
then spent most of the
day finishing our hayrake.
Went to town in the evening
and got a rod spoked.

Hitched the horses to
the rake and drove about
some to determine how it
would run. Thought it a
success. Weather quite
cloudy. Went to Wallson's
in the forenoon and got
some plants for the
garden.

Raining some at
night.

JULY,

SATURDAY 11.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet and we spent the day doing chores. I made a neckyoke for the spring wagon and cleaned up the barn to receive the wheat. I spent the afternoon putting leathers on the neckyoke.

Will took Nan Crip home in the evening. She rode Fanny the first time ever a boyman was on her. Father and Mother were at Stephen's house in the evening and got home about dark. Raining at bedtime.

JULY,

SUNDAY 12.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet and I attended to the milking. Helen did not go to church, Charlie went with father and mother in the buggy and Will and I went on horseback. Heard Colen preach from Matthew ~~XXIV~~ 14".

L. M. Steen came to our house in the morning to see if Colen could take a Miss Black from Steen's to Middlebury but Colen came on horseback and had no way for her to go. Steward Hamlin came to see Helen just as I was starting to church and remained until evening. Helen's health improving somewhat.

Cloudy all day and rained some.

JULY,

MONDAY 13.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the morning grinding the knives of the snowing machine carrying water for the ash-chopper &c. We hauled in two loads of wheat before dinner and Robert Cooper and Thorley's boys came in the afternoon and with three teams we finished hauling in our own field and hauled two loads out of Cooper's field that being our share of the straw.

Mrs. Jimmie Steen, and Ettie took supper with us. Weather fine.

Some little appearance of rain in the afternoon & Mill and Priscilla went to town at night to see Nellie Walker who was taken violently ill. They remained over night.

JULY,

TUESDAY 14.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five. Brought in the horses and harrowed them. Helped father to put the logs in the aheadstables. Will got home from town about seven o'clock and we took two teams and finished hauling our ahead on Mrs. Pogue's place. Thorley's boys helping us with their team.

We hauled in three loads of hay for Robert Cooper in the evening.

We got home about dark. Will went to town again at night.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 15.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Prepared a place in the morning for Helen to make soap. While getting some wood Dr. Loran came to see if he could get some money of the Thorley bill. Father gave him fifty dollars and I took a receipt for it. We cut the meadow back of the barn and only got three sled loads of hay off it. Cut one load on the meadow next to Frank Scott's, and a few rounds on another land of the same field. Robert Cassidy was with us in the afternoon. Raked with our new rake and the two colts. Rake worked well. Will went down at night for Priscilla. Some appearance of rain

JULY,

THURSDAY 16.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Felt rather unwell in the morning and slept until late. Brought in the horses and harnessed them before breakfast. Father finished mowing our meadow next to Scott's in the morning and then Will went and mowed the remainder of the day for Mr. Cassidy Esq. Father and I hauled in three loads of hay in the afternoon with Champ and Figue and the two colts. They worked well.

Had considerable appearance of rain during the day and got quite cool in the evening. Put up a swing for Charlie and got some wood for Helen to boil soap with.

JULY,

FRIDAY 17.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Steward Hanlin came in about daylight had been visiting his lady. Brought in the horses and fed and harnessed them before breakfast and helped Will. to grind a set of knives for the mowing machine.

Will. mowed a short time in the morning for Mr. Cassidy and I took our rake and raked his hay for him and father and I helped to put some of it in.

Will. mowed at home during the remainder of the day and father and I put part of it up in the evening and brought one wagon load down.

Maggie Cassidy called in a short time in the evening. Weather fine.

JULY,

SATURDAY 18.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five and brought in the horses and got some wood for Helen. To make soap with. Egg Cassidy fed us during the day and Robert Cassidy helped us in the afternoon to put in hay and we put in what was in the "three cornered field" Cassidy settled for his mowing in the evening.

Will. went to town in the evening intending to go to John Melvin's to bring his Cradle home to cut oats with.

Weather fine.

JULY,

SUNDAY 19.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the milking
in the morning.

I attended Church in
Eldersville and heard Rev
Wilson preach from Ecclesiastes
#II 17 & 6. Missionary
Collection taken up.

We attended Church at
Bethel in the afternoon
and heard Rev. Wilson
preach from Acts ~~XIII~~
12 & 3. Mattie Melon
with us. Her health
improving.
Weather very warm.

JULY,

MONDAY 20.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helped Helen to empty a
kettle of soap in the morning
and then went to Thorley's and
borrowed their kettle to make
some more in. Cut a few
swards of oats in the
forenoon. Went to Thorley's
after dinner to help them to
put in some hay before the
rain but we did not get it
done. Rained a nice shower.
Spent the afternoon in
the garden. Will and I
went to town in the evening
and brought home a sow
and pigs which we had
bought from Campbell
Cosgrove. Was late when
he got home. Heard that
Jane Berryhill had been
run over and killed by the
cars on Sunday morning.
Mattie Melon still here.

JULY,

TUESDAY 21.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and Mother went to Middletown in the Spring wagon in the morning and brought Aunt Nancy Bushfield home with them in the evening. Forenoon cloudy and hot. Mill and I spent the afternoon cradling oats. Cuts exceedingly short and hard to cut.

James P. Boles called in the evening to get us to mow a field for him which Saml. C. Boles had commenced and lost a blank section and could not finish it.

Could not go on account of the machine being in use at Sholey's.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 22.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Prepared some wood for Helen to wash with in the morning. Went out to cut oats and broke my cradling wheel and took it to town and got a plait put on it. Got home a little before one o'clock and we finished cutting our oats at home. Some of it so short that we did not go over the ground at all. Day very fine for harvesting.

Aunt Nancy Bushfield at father's, also Mattie Mueloin.

JULY,

THURSDAY 23.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We cleared up the barn in the morning, and prepared to haul in oats. Will.

and I cut oats at Steen's until supper time. Father raked oats in our own field until supper time and then we hauled them in without time.

Oats very short and hard to cut.

Frank Scott's children were here after supper and got some hatters.

Day fine with some appearance of rain in the evening.

JULY,

FRIDAY 24.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day getting in our oats at home. Got through a little before supper time.

Had early supper and went to Steen's field and hauled in a load of oats that was cut there. ~~Heard in~~

Was after night when we got home.

Weather fine with some appearance of rain.

JULY,

SATURDAY 25.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Morning was wet.

Went to Thorley's and brought home our mowing machine. Heard that James Stephenson's little boy ^(about) two years old had got badly hurt by the upsetting of a cornsheller.

Spent most of the day preparing the reaper to try to cut our oats with it, but the effort failed and we heard in the evening that little Willie McConnell Stephenson was dead.

Went to town in the evening and heard that he was to be buried tomorrow.

Called in to see Martha Biscal and found her some better. Saldad the sheep and all the stock. Rained a night.

JULY,

SUNDAY 26.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Rained hard in the morning. We went to church to hear Nolan preach, but on account of the funeral he only explained a chapter.

John Melvin, of Burgettstown at church and went with us to Pa. M. Stephenson's and took dinner. We attended the funeral of James Stephenson's little boy. He attended Sabbath School and heard Rev. Wilson preach from I Cor. XV 8: 51".

Rained hard about nine o'clock at night.

JULY,

MONDAY 27.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Heavy rain in the morning.
 Mended a hoop on a tub.
 Shelled some corn in the
 forenoon. Brought in the
 horses and prepared to go
 to Mill. John Melvin
 and Mattie of Burgettstown
 took dinner with us.
 Charlie and I went to
 Ryland's Mill in the
 afternoon and from
 thence to Eldersville and
 got a can of tar.

Went out handy to
 Bethel in the evening
 to see if I could find
 some ripe blackberries
 but they had been gathered.
 Went to Shorley's in the
 evening and got some
 yeast. Weather very
 cloudy. Water high
 on Charter's Creek. Report
 of one house washed away
 and eight persons drowned.
 Cars stopped from running.

JULY,

TUESDAY 28.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Went to Ryland's Mill in
 the morning and brought
 home a sack of meal.
 Will and I spent the
 afternoon cutting oats in
 Steen's field.

Father took John Melvin
 to the Station and he and
 Matie and mother went
 to Johns and staid over
 night. Weather very cloudy.

JULY,

WEDNESDAY 29.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Will and I spent the day cutting oats in Steen's field. Got through a little before sunset and threw a load of oats off the wagon.

Father and Mother came home from John's in the forenoon. News of a terrible flood in Allegheny City, 175 dead bodies found and more missing.

Saw Will Steen's new carriage for which he paid about 320 dollars. Thorley's oxen ran away from Sammie but did no particular harm but broke the sled a little. Weather fine.

JULY,

THURSDAY 30.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Awoke 20 minutes before four o'clock, took a piece and went to Bethel in search of black berries. Did not have very good success but got a small bucket nearly full. Picked until near eleven o'clock. Spent the afternoon raking up and hauling in oats. Will took some butter to Steubenville, and got us some groceries. Weather fine.

JULY,

FRIDAY 31.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the forenoon at Will Steens putting in our oats there. We got through about one O'clock and came home and got our dinner and Will and I went to Johnathon Wrights farm and gathered blackberries until dark.

We got our buckets nearly full. Took supper at John Melon's. Came home and found Robert Kiddle and Lips and her Cousin Annie here. They remained over night. Weather fine.

AUGUST,

SATURDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Robert Kiddle, Lips and her Cousin Annie were here all day and I did not do anything all day but go with Annie to J. F. Scotts to see if she could get our school. Went to town in the evening and got the papers and went to Mr. Wrights and found that the power of our machine was not quite ready for use. Got home between eight and nine O'clock. Father and Mother went to Middletown. Rained some during the day and evening.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Milked the cows in the morning and brought in the horses. I attended church in West Middletown and heard Rev. Sturtevant preach from John III 48. Congregation not very large. Attended loafeat at three O'clock. Ate dinner at Helen's and called in a few minutes at Denny's.

Helen was not well and did not so, but seemed to be in rather an unpleasant mood about something when I came home which I did not understand and it gave me very unpleasant feelings. No explanation given.

AUGUST,

MONDAY 3.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before four O'clock and Will and I went to John Nepvis against sunrise and spent most of the day gathering black-berry. We helped John and John Gardner and Dr. Crisp to set their threshing-machine. We got home at sundown with our buckets all full of berries pressed down.

Helen in a much better humor apparently than on last evening.

Weather very fine. Man came along in the evening wanting the use of the Wesleyan Church for a blind man to sing in on Wednesday evening next. Church granted.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon getting ready to move the machine to Will Steen's to thresh our oats there and took father's red cow to Scott's. Will dug a few bushels of coal and hauled it up.

In the afternoon he took the separator to Steen's and then went to town and brought the power from P. W. Knight's where it had been repaired.

He charged us five dollars over what his last fall's threshing amounted to.

Thought the bill very reasonable. Mrs. Steen sent us a blackberry pie when we came to the barn at night she knowing that we had not had our supper.
Weather fine.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 5. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and brought in the horses. We went to Will Steen's and threshed our oats there. Only threshed 108 bush off a large field 9 or 10 acres.

We brought the oats home and Crisp's boys brought the separator to our barn and left it there. Will and I went to James J. Polos' and helped to thresh wheat until supper time when we got through.

Geo. Cunningham, John Mc Cleary, Jacob Guston and Geo. Cunningham Jr. with the old machine. They moved from Polos' to Har. Wilson's. Blundman's concert in town at night. Weather fine with some appearance of rain.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 6. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Was somewhat cloudy, when I arose in the morning and sprinkling rain.

Was not in much hurry about getting breakfast.

Went to Nelson's, and helped to thresh in the forenoon. Will and I went to Steen's and brought the power of our machine home. He unloaded the machine and prepared our wagon for hauling manure. E. C. Lawther and Mattie E. Melvin took supper with us. Steward Hanlin came along. Supposed he was going to see his girl.

Day cloudy, but did not rain much.

AUGUST, FRIDAY 7. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Mr. Cassidy came in the morning, before he here up for help to raise Bethel church in the afternoon. Steward Hanlin took breakfast with us.

We hauled out two loads of manure in the forenoon and I went to Mrs. Pogue's after dinner and gave Robert Cooper a bid to the raising.

Helped to raise the church. We got through about four o'clock. Maggie Cassidy ^{and her sister} visited us and took supper with us.

Crafton Nailor and his wife and two children, and Helena Laver and two of her children came in the evening to father. Rained some all night. Day warm.

AUGUST, SATURDAY 8. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The forenoon has been very
and I did chores such as
helping to churn getting apples
and so forth. Edw. Warler
and others visiting at
father's and our house. They
went to Thorley's in the
afternoon. Thompson
Crisp came in the afternoon
and we made some
changes on the horsepower
of our threshing machine.
Will. went to town in
the evening and brought
home a buggy which he
had bought from
John Cooper.

AUGUST, SUNDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Brought in the horses in
the morning and attended to
the milking. Graf, Warler
and family here. Graf and
his little girl and Mattie
Meloni and I went to
Eldersville to church and
heard Plummer preach from
Acts VIII & part of 19th

Congregation late
gathering. Class meeting after
preaching. We had John
Meloni, Edw. Warler and
wife and two children, Plidena
Gaver and her two children
and Aunt Ann Jones
with us for dinner.

The Wheeling and Millstown
friends went to Robert
Cooper's in the evening and
Mattie went to Thorley's.
Weather very fine.

AUGUST, MONDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Grass Trailer and family started home in the morning and father and mother took Mattie Melin home. I went to Robert Cooper's Byron Sanders and Uncle Geo. Crip to see if it would suit to thresh on Tuesday. Came home and Will and I hauled out a load of manure and put the horsepower of the machine on the wagon and took it to Cooper's.

Will took Aunt Ann to C. M. Stephenson's to see their new daughter which came to this country yesterday evening.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day threshing at Robert J. Cooper's. Threshed $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of oats for Noles's boys and $11\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat which we had raised there on the shares.

Weather very hot and straw very tough so that we could not come much speed.

Geo. Hooker was buried, he having died very suddenly on Sabbath evening.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 12. 1874.

Grand Ma. Hankin's
Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Will and I hauled out
some manure in the
forenoon and father
went to town and got
Charlie shod. Father took
Mrs. McKeever and Andy
to the station in the
afternoon and Will took
some grinding to the mill.

I attended the raising
of Hugh Patterson's stable
and got a pair of shoes
put on our bay colt.

We went to Grand-
ma Hankin's at night.
Day very warm.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We took breakfast at Grand-
ma Hankin's and went from
there to Uncle Sam's Provisions
and got about a bushel
and a half of nice peaches.

Came home through town
and got some groceries,
cans and shirts. We got
home a little after the

middle of the day and
spent the afternoon hauling
manure. Were working

Fanny at the tongue and
she threw herself down and
old Charlie fell across her and
we had a good time getting
them up but neither of
them were hurt.

Mr. Waddell and Aunt
Betsey came to father's in
the evening. Will drove
jumper to town in the
evening and
took Triscilla and Clyde and
Willie Cozgrove with him

AUGUST, FRIDAY 14. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes after five O'clock and kindled the fire as usual. Will brought in the horses before breakfast and we prepared for threshing. We went to Mrs. Payne's and loaded the the horsepower and took it to Gardner's barn where we threshed 1 1/2 bushels of wheat for Thompson Cup and moved the power to Uncle George's stacks. Ate dinner and supper at Uncle George's. Day very pleasant. Grain cutting commenced in Eldersville. Said to have been only about twenty persons present and services were held in the church.

AUGUST, SATURDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Loaned I off to Bill Wilson in the morning to ride to Croft Creek Village. Attended to the milking and churning and then went to the coal bank and dug 43 bushels of coal which we hauled up in the evening.

Albert Hodley and Sammie came along in the evening with Robert Cooper's crooked legged Sorrel colt and we put it in the wagon with old Charlie the first time ever it had harnessed on. It worked very well. Father and Mother, Will and Priscilla attended church in Eldersville.

Services held in the church. Congregation not large. Weather fine. John J. Cosgrove and his cousin Ernie were at Will's until bedtime.

AUGUST, SUNDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about five in the morning
and attended to the milking.

We got ready and attended
"Bush Meeting" in the grove in
Eldersville and heard Rev. Hill
preach twice from Heb. VII
8" 9" 10" 17" 18" 19" and
from Numbers. XVII 17".

Congregation large.

We took our dinner with us
and ate on the hill between
Coxgroves and Patterson's.

Steward Hanlin and
David Gordon ate with us.

Got home about six
o'clock. Services in the
church at night but we
did not attend.

Weather fine

AUGUST, MONDAY 17. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before
five and brought in the
horses. Will and I went
to Crip and helped to thresh
105 bushels of Oats and 189
bushels of Wheat and moved
the power to B. J. Saunders'
stacks in the evening.

Father went to Middletown
and brought Rev. Mr. Stewart
his wife and Granddaughter
home with him. I went
to Thorley at night and
got four sacks to take
to Cross Creek Village to get
Wilson's wheat in when
it threshed. Concluded with
Will that he should go there
tomorrow and I would go
to church at Eldersville.

Day quite warm.
We worked the two colts
in the machine. They
worked very well.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 18. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before five o'clock and went to see if Mill. was up and found him getting ready to go to the machine at Col. Brazill's where Mr. Wilson had his wheat.

We attended church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Hull preach from John II & part of 42. Came home for dinner and some of his went back in the afternoon and heard Hull again from John II & part of 6.

Congregation not very large. Did not attend church at night. It rather very warm. Rev. Switons and wife at father's.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about five o'clock and brought in the horses. and harrowed them before breakfast. We went to Byron Saunders' and threshed 44 bushels of Oats and 8 1/2 of wheat. Got through a little after dinner and moved the machine to Sholley's and set it before supper. Threshed until almost dark and did not get quite done. Mill. Sholley was at home at work on the new house but did not lend a hand to help to thresh although hands were scarce.

The weather was very warm and oppressive.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 20. 1874.

C. M. Stephenson's

We went to Shorley's in the morning to help finish threshing their crop and found that Crisp and Shorley's boys had the job nearly done. Moved the machine to Lauther's and threshed his crop 93 Bu of oats and 32 of wheat before dinner.

Moved the machine to C. M. Stephenson's and threshed his oats 95 bushels in the evening and moved the machine again to his wheat stacks. We spent the night north there.

Day very warm.

AUGUST, FRIDAY 21. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four o'clock at C. M. Stephenson's and got our horses in and partly set our machine before breakfast. Threshed 95 bushels of wheat in the forenoon, ate dinner and moved the machine to Mrs. Kidd's barn where we threshed 119 Bu of Oats and 22 Bushels of wheat. Will and I ate supper at Thompson Crisp's and got home after night and found all well.

Weather exceedingly warm.

AUGUST, SATURDAY 22. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I churned for Helen in the morning. Father took Rev Mr. Sturtevant and his wife and Granddaughter to Middletown in the springwain. I spent most of the day getting the water to pass through the Springhouse. It had become scattered. Will and Priscilla went to Burgettstown in the evening. Helen and I attended to all the milking. I milked four cows and she milked one and strained the milk. Mary Jackson being away from Father's at Bill's holes on a visit. Weather cloudy.

AUGUST, SUNDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was cloudy. Will's family and Mary Jackson being away, Helen and I attended to the milking of all the cows both morning and evening. Father and I went to Eldersville to church but it was so wet that there was no congregation except Mary and Will. Husley, Father, Mr. Wolen and I. I did not have a sermon. Had four prayers and came home. Father, Mother and Wolen took dinner with us. Father and Mother went to church in the evening and brought Mary and Maggie Jackson home with them.

AUGUST, MONDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon getting
our plow and harrows to
the field and plowed some.
Father and Will plowed
in the afternoon and I
went and helped to thresh
at Jacob Boles barn.

Gillespie's boys running
the machine threshed 45
bushels of oats and 113 of
wheat. Commenced at 10 o'clock
after one and finished 10 min.
before five o'clock.

I went to Cassidy Scott's in
the evening and got some
waxing honey Anacardium
to 36 cents.

Weather fine.

AUGUST, TUESDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Aelen and father went
to Steubenville with marketing
Will, and I spent the day
plowing in Steen's field.
Ground very dry and
hard. Will broke another
point. Father bought a
half dozen points in
town for \$2.25.

Weather very fine.
Aelen brought me a new
bat hand kerchief and
necktie.

AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We spent the day plowing in Will Steen's field with three teams; I borrowed Billy McCombs plow after dinner and found it much better than any one we had in the field. I went to Cassidy Scotts at night and brought Helen's shoes home. Got home about nine o'clock.
Weather fine and cool.

AUGUST, THURSDAY 27. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the forenoon plowing with three teams in Will Steen's field.
We sold Mr. Perrin a lot of 94 sheep for \$185.00. I went with him to get them out of the field; We got some seed wheat home from Saunders' and some from Robert Coopers and commenced sowing in Steen's field.
Weather very cool and pleasant. Charlie spent the evening with Ettie Steen and took supper there. Seemed to enjoy his visit very much although he was ragged and dirty he having gone with me to the field and visited at the solicitation of Will and Minnie Steen.

AUGUST, FRIDAY 28. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

We spent most of the day sowing and harrowing in wheat in Will Stein's field. We got through about four o'clock and I went to town and got Sall shod. Went to Stephenson's to see if Bran Cuff would go with us to Camp Meeting. Got home about nine o'clock.
Weather dry.

AUGUST, SATURDAY 29. 1874.

Wm. Ferrin's, Independence.

We took breakfast at home about six o'clock and spent the forenoon getting ready to go to Camp Meeting. I repaired the wheels of the spring wagon. After dinner Maggie, Melvin, Ben, Crip, Helen, Charlie and I went in the spring wagon to Independence to the Camp meeting and heard Rev. Chapman preach from Rev. II. St. Cl. 6-88 verses. Very good sermon. Ate our dinner on the ground. Heard Rev. Jones preach from III Kings V. 14. Clause of 1st verse. We went out to Mr. Ferrin's and spent the night very pleasantly. Was exceedingly favorably impressed with the kind treatment received from the Ferrin family. Weather fine and roads very dusty.

AUGUST,

SUNDAY 30.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Took breakfast at William Ferrin's about six o'clock and went from there to the Camp meeting and heard a sermon from Acts ~~XXIV~~ 25; at 8 1/2 o'clock. Did not know the preacher. Heard Rev. Chapman preach at 10 1/2 from Eccl. ~~III~~ 1. Ch. 5. I ate dinner with Ferrin's and Helen and with Mrs and Mrs Robert Cunningham. Heard another sermon in the afternoon by Rev. Tho's Mc Cleary from Mat. ~~XXVIII~~ 22.

Crowd on Camp ground very large, a great deal of talking, promingading and confusion on the ground all day during service not excepted. We got home a little after sunset. Very dry and dusty.

AUGUST,

MONDAY 31.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Slept until seven o'clock. Spent part of the forenoon plowing. Went to town in the afternoon and got James Shod. Mill and Priscilla and Maggie Melvin went to Camp meeting at Independence and left Clyde with Aunt Ann. They did not come home until after night. Father and mother went to John and Johnathan Wrights for peaches but did not get any home with them.

Weather dry and ground very hard.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 1.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and mother went to
Camp meeting in the morning.
Will and I hauled stone
off our wheat field to repair
the bridge at the coalbank.
Hauled six four horse
wagonloads. Helped Greink
Scott to cut down a
tree which leaned over
the school house. James
L. Boles climbed to the
top and put a rope to
it and several of us
pulled the tree away
from the house.

Weather very dry and
roads very dusty.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 2.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

About 11 o'clock Old
Charlie came home from
Middletown leaving father
and mother there without
a horse. I got up and
let him into the field.

Started about eight
o'clock to take him to Middle-
town and met Lawrence
Bushfield coming for him.
Came back and Will and
I spent the afternoon
hauling stone to the
bridge by the coalbank.
Will took Triscilla
and Maggie Melon
to Robert Coffey's in the
forenoon and brought
home some more
melons. John Melon
was here a short time
in the forenoon and
I gave him some spavin
medicine.

Weather fine and dry.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 3. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When I was bringing in the horses in the morning I learned that Leander Steen had shot himself and as soon as we could get breakfast, Helen and I went over and found them keeping him. Co.ours inquest in session.

Trouble in settling up his business as Township Auditor. the seeming trouble or cause.

I went to Mr. Campbell's at Fairport to Uncle Frank Harding on Kings Creek. Got home about five o'clock and took Priscilla, Maggie, Melvin and Valma Thorley to Steen's, where we remained until after nine o'clock and came home. Rained some while we were away.

Helen and Charlie slept at Grandpa's and I slept at home.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Steward Austin came in about four o'clock and went to bed. (We attended the funeral of L. M. Steen. Rev. Campbell officiated and made a very nice address.

I was one of six pallbearers. Rode with Stephen McCricle to the funeral and Linnace Thorley drove our spring-wagon. We came back and took dinner at Steen's.

Seemed very strange without Leander there. Heard W. E. Steen say that if he had had his senses about him he would have hid the revolver which killed Leander and hid the stigma of suicide and said also that he would have destroyed the will if he had thoughts of it in time when he had it in his power. Neighborhood all very much excited.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 5. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the forenoon
picking hops. In the after-
noon I took Maggie, Helen
to Burgettstown and
took Helen and Charlie
with us as far as
C. M. Stephenson's. As I
was coming home from
Burgettstown there was
a nice shower of rain
but I was well protected
with umbrella and
blankets. Found Cousin
John rather poorly with
a cold.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 6. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended church in
Eldersville in the forenoon
and heard Proven preach from
Mat. XIV and father Clausd
of 30 "verse. Lord save me";
Soluble good congregation
Mrs. McCuen and Keves
took dinner at father's
and Proven took dinner
with us. James McCuen
very joyful in his mind
and Mrs. McCuen and
Keves fearful to go home
lest he should do them
harm.

Weather very fine.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 7. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to feeding the horses in the morning after father brought them in. Spent part of the forenoon cleaning out the cutting ground.

Spent the remainder of the day plowing.

Sold our wool in the afternoon to C. M. Stephens son for \$50 cents per pound. Alex. Patterson and some other man named Nailor came in the forenoon and saw the plot and promised to be back in the evening but did not come.

Small shower of rain in the morning and some appearance of rain in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 8. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Before I had my shoes tied in the morning John H. Buxton came to see if it would suit us to saw a shingle tree which had blown down between us and Mill Steen. I went to Lewthers and got Sholly saw and we spent the forenoon cutting shingle timber. We spent the afternoon plowing in our own field.

At night I wrote a letter to Capt. J. H. Armstrong stating that he could not attend reunion at New Wilmington on the 17th inst.

Appearance of rain in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day plowing.
Ground very hard and
dry and we came very
poor speed. Broke one point.
Neighbor Wilson
had Champ borrowed
to ride to his father's
and got home about
dark. Weather very
warm. Some appearance
of rain.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We plowed most of the day
with two teams with three
horses each plow.

Ground very hard and
dry. I broke a point in
the evening and was
fearful of breaking a
new one and took one
horse out of my team.

Will went to Johnathan
Whisletts for peaches and
I got half a bushel at
Mill Steen's at \$1.00 pr
bushel. Folks named
Robinson came to father's
in the forenoon, a man
and his wife.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day plowing
and gathering stones.
Did not get quite through
plowing our field at home.
We plowed with three
horses to each plow and
I broke a point.

Mrs and Mrs Robinson
left father's in the
morning.

I wrote a letter to
Capt. J. H. Armstrong
at night.

Weather warm and
dry. Ground very
hard.

Matie Criff and
Minerva to dinner
with us. Father attend-
ed a lecture in town
at night.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Salted the stock in the morning
and moved some cattle to
another field. We hauled out
two loads of manure and
hauled two loads of stone
off the wheatfield.

I attended a lecture in
Eldersville, at night delivered
by Prof. Hertig. Subject
Phrenology. Pretty good.
About fifty persons
in attendance.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 13. 1874.

Grandma Hanlin's.

We did not attend church any where during the day. Were just getting ready to go to Bethel in the afternoon when father came home from Eldersville and told us that Uncle George Hanlin was dead and we just got ready and went to Grandma Hanlin's to be ready to attend the funeral at ten o'clock tomorrow.

Weather very warm and dry. Will Hanlin with his wife and one child were with us over night.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 14. 1874.

Home near Eldersville

We took breakfast at Grandma Hanlin's and attended the funeral of Uncle George Hanlin at ten o'clock. Took dinner at Grandma Hanlin's and supper at Robert Riddell's where we got some tomatoes and some peaches to bring home with us.

Came home past John Melvin's and up the new road through Eldersville. Got home about eight o'clock and found the folks all well.

Will had gone to Eldersville to attend Prof. Aertig's lecture on Matrimony.

Weather very hot with some appearance of rain

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day sowing wheat and harrowing. I got through sowing about three o'clock then harrowed until dark when we got through.

Sowed ten bushels of wheat and about three pecks of rye.

Father went to town in the evening to stop Prof. Hertig from delivering a private lecture at the Wesleyan Church. Weather very warm. Small shower of rain in the forenoon and appearance of rain at night.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I filled up some syc in the morning and Charlie and I took it to Rylands Mill to get it ground for horsefeed.

We took our sorghum pan to Thorley's in the afternoon to get a new end put in it. We cleaned up some Timothy seed by the evening.

Clyde was sick and Will went to Cross Creek Village and brought Dr. Stockton to see him. Thought he was not dangerously ill. Rained a little during the day and evening.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 17. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Pulled some weeds from the garden in the morning and prepared a place and planted 295 grains of Oregon wheat weighing a little over half an ounce. I went to Will Steens and brought home a half bushel of peaches.

We finished cleaning up our timothy seed and sowed our field. Father and Mother went to John's in the evening and Will went to Eldersville.

Steward J. Hanlin came along in the evening and ate some supper on his way to visit his lady.

Rained a little during the day but did not dampen the ground much.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 18. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Steward Hanlin came in early and took breakfast with us.

Will went to Steens in the morning and brought home some peaches. He plowed a small piece and sowed it in rye. Mrs. Amelia Boles took supper with us. Charlie and I took Mr. McCounell's plow home in the evening.

James Cassidy and Maria and Robert, came along in the morning before we had our breakfast on their way to Spenterville and came back about sunset and took supper at Will's.

Weather warm and dry.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Father went to Thorley's and spent the day riving shingles. Gammie Thorley came and helped us to cut off corn.

We cut 50 shocks during the day and Will and I hauled two loads of coal in the evening.

Weather warm all day and raining in the evening. Good rain at night.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 20. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

We slept until late. I attended to the milking and brought in the loaves before breakfast.

Helen remained at home. Charlie and I attended church and heard Nolan preach from Rev. XVI and latter clause of 25". Aunt Thorley rode home behind me.

Will, Thorley and Alma went to Tucker's to Bush-meeting. Weather very pleasant. Evening cool.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 21. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I spent the day cutting off corn in Steen's field. Will was away until near four o'clock when he came to us. We cut about 79 shocks of 84 hills each.

Heard in the morning that the farm formerly owned by John M. Steen and now owned by his heirs is now for sale and we talked some of buying it if terms were set to strong. Father thought we could not reach \$80 per acre for it.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 22. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father went to Stemberville in the morning with marketing Will. And I went to Robert Cooper's and to Mrs Mc Cready's and got the hocksacking machine and sheared our wool. We attended a concert given by the Blind Family in the Wesleyan Church in Eldersville. Was pretty good. Congregation tolerably large. Perhaps one hundred people in attendance.

We got home before it was late.

Weather fine.
John Cooper and
Caroline Murchland were
married.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Groze a few minutes before six and brought in two horses and father and I took our wool to Burgettstown. We had 1007 lbs. Did not get home until late in the evening. I called at Mrs. Smith's and at Steen's as I came home.

Weather fine and warm.

SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I took some wheat to Ryland's mill in the forenoon and intended, to have settled some of David Thorley's business but John Ryland was not at home. Spent the afternoon stripping and cutting cane. Father and Will.

prepared the furnace and ground a pan full of flour. I went to Mrs. Smith's in the evening and lifted a fifty dollar note of David Thorley's hand paid her for our rented pasture. Then went to Mrs. Steen's and brought home \$1.14 worth of beef.

Met John Melvin as I came home and talked a while with him.

Got home about nine o'clock. Weather fine. Emmie Thorley with us in the afternoon.

John Murckland and Emmie Gillespie were married.

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day working
with the cane. We boiled
in two barrels of molasses.

Samuel Shortley was
with us all day.

Father, Ann Shortley
and Mary Jackson
attended Miss Pettibone's
funeral. They went in
the spring wagon.

Eden and Charlie,
Mannie Cassidy and
Maggie went to Uncle,
Geo. Crisp's on a visit.
Weather fine.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the forenoon
preparing cane to grind.
We finished making
molasses in the afternoon.

Margaret Hamilton and
George and Willie Tracy
came just before dinner
and stayed with us until
evening. John Melvin

came and made
arrangements to kill a
beef on Monday next.

I went to Mrs
Smith's at night to
left David Shortley's
note but she was not
at home and I went on
to town and got the
mail. Weather fine.

SEPTEMBER, SUNDAY 27. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The day was wet and we did not attend church anywhere. Spent the entire day at home. Read some and slept some. Day seemed long and dreary.

Read an account of Tom Whitaker's confession of the Sproul murder.

Day not spent perhaps as profitably as it might have been spent studying the scriptures &c.

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 28. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

The morning was wet, and I attended to the milking. Helped father and Will to repair a spoke of the old buggy. Got Pork one meat saw to Shorley's and got it sharpened.

We sold two young cattle to Mrs. Fife and Stephen M^c Corkle for \$30.

We killed a beef in the evening that weighed about 360 lbs. John Melvin and Bill Wilson helped to kill it. John got one fore quarter weighing 83 lbs. William Cassidy got 48 lbs. and Wilson took 42 lbs.

Will & Steen bought one dollar's worth of kind quarter. Father and mother went to Middlestown in the evening.

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 29. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Got in two horses in the morning and went to Ryland's Mill and settled a bill of the Thorley Estate and brought home some grinding. We cut up and divided some beef in the afternoon and then cut corn until evening. Father came home from Middletown in the morning, and told us that Uncle Peter's cow was dead.

John and I went to town in the evening. Stopped at Mrs. Smith's and lifted a note belonging to the Thorley estate. Gave Henry Cooper some money to pay Dr. J. W. Donan for services rendered to David Thorley. Got home about ten o'clock and took a yoke to the field and put it on one of the young horses. Day fine and cool.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 30. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until late. Father went to Thorley's in the morning and got the boys to come and help us to cut corn during the day. We got through with all but a little near the house. Gave the boys some beef at night.

Father and Mother came home from Middletown about dark.

(Helen quite unwell during the day. Supposed to have suffered a miscarriage. Was feeling better at night.)
Weather very cool and cloudy.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 1. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose about the usual time and Will and Priscilla and I went to Steubenville. They went in the buggy and I took the two horse wagon. I got some teeth taken out and bought an overcoat, coat and vest for \$35. Spent about \$47 during the day. Got home about dark and learned that John Scott and Maggie, Stewart and George Haulin had been here on a visit.

Father and Mother went to Reightown in the morning.

Weather very cool. Getting warmer at night.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 2. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

We finished cutting off corn, and brought in our broom corn and husked a few bushels of corn for the hogs.

Dad acted very badly two or three times and refused to pull. Will suppose it was because she had a bit on which was too severe. Elizabeth Cress served a summons on Will and me to appear before an arbitration between J. C. Wright and Stephen Perine in Eldersville on the 17th inst and tell what we know concerning a clearing on Perine's place which Richard Wright had not completed before his death. Weather very fine.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 3. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in two horses in the morning. Will and I put a large barrel to soak and then spent the remainder of the day digging potatoes.

Father and Mother came home from Pughtown about half past four o'clock.

I went to John Metcalfe's at night to ascertain whether there had been any arrangements made for the payment of Old Mrs Metcalfe's debts and to try and get the price of her coffin for the Thosley estate. Learned that the settling of her business would be done by the Court. Got home about nine o'clock and found Helen still sewing though quite unwell. Will and Priscilla went to C. M. Stephenson's and spent the night.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Helen was not able to attend Church during the day and I went on horseback.

Heard Wolen preach from II Corinthians III 15. Congregation as large as common. Weather quite cool and we had fire in the Church.

Will and Priscilla did not come home until evening.

OCTOBER,

MONDAY 5.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Found some of the swedes
in the cornfield in the
morning. Brought them in
and spent the forenoon
doing chores such as gathering
peaches, churning &c.

Repaired our wagon tongue
some just after dinner
and father and Will brought
some shingle stuff from Thorley's
Will and I hauled two
loads of pumpkins in
the evening and I cleaned
out the vault of our
privy. Diced peach
butter for Helen in
the evening.

Weather cool and cloudy
in the evening.

OCTOBER,

TUESDAY 6.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day roofing
our barn. Father and I
drove shingles, Will punched
and carried shingles.

Neighbor Wilson came
along in the evening and
paid me for some hauling
and some pork.

Helen did some washing
during the day although she
was not in reality able to
bear such work.

Weather cloudy and wet
in the morning. Evening cool.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 7. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five O'clock in the morning and kindled a fire and drove some shingles on our barn roof before breakfast.

I spent the day until evening with Cpl. Horner putting on shingles.

Will. Melvin and Sammie Shorley went to the fair in the afternoon in Millsburg.

We got through with the roof between three and four O'clock and Geo. A. Hamlin and Stewart came along just as we were done eating supper. George remained with us over night and Stewart went on and stayed with his girl.

Weather Cool and Cloudy

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 8. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Felt about as well as usual when I arose at five O'clock, kindled the fire, brought in the horses and fed them and went out to milk when I felt rather a spinning in my head. After I had milked the cows, fed the calf and was hurrying the horses to go to the fair I got sick and fainted at the stable door. Did not lie but an instant until I came to and got into the house with some of the folks badly scared. Got better in the course of an hour or so and went to the fair according to arrangement. Had the headache all day but got along very well. Rained on us in the evening as we came home.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 9. T 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in the horses in the morning and helped to feed them and fed the calf before starting to town for shingles. We took the horse wagon and the two horse wagon to Steubenville and brought thirteen thousand shingles to Eldersville to cover the Wesleyan church with. We got home about eight o'clock.

Men gathered today for the purpose of taking James G. Chen to Dix. Court but he had come to Steubenville and they were obliged to go home without accomplishing their errand. James very insane and unreasonable at times and threatened to kill his brother Peaves.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We marked 53 sheep in the morning and took them to Mrs. Smith's pasture. Will and I hauled two loads of coal and a load of pumpkins in the forenoon and gathered some apples in the afternoon to make some cider of. I came to town at night and bought two dollars worth of sugar to put up Quinces with. Weather cool and cloudy.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 11. 2 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We did not attend church
any where in the forenoon,
I wrote a letter to Uncle Geo.
and Aunt Mary Ashley,
We went to Bethel in the
evening and heard Rev. Wilson
preach from ~~the~~ Psalm
4th verse. Last service
in the old stone church.
Purpose tearing it down tomorrow
Congregation large.
Weather cool and cloudy.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting]

OCTOBER, MONDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Closed at five o'clock and
Will and I took a small
wagon load of apples to David
Gardner's and made about
two barrels of cider.
Atkinson Marsh got there
just before we did and
we did not get home
until three o'clock. Commence
passing before we got through
and we were quite hot
when we got home.
Cut Jimmie Philips'
hair at night. Stirred
some gelice butter for
Helen at night.
Weather very cool.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting]

OCTOBER, TUESDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Dressed some off our carpet strip under our doors in the morning to make it clean better. Will and I picked some winter apples during the day. Put a hinge on the gate in the wall.

Reeves McCuen came in the morning to get father and William Cassidy to go and talk with James McCuen who was supposed to be somewhat deranged. They went and had a long talk with him but did not suppose that they accomplished anything.

Weather very cool, and we put fire in our grate for the first during the season.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 14. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at four o'clock and brought in the horses and fed and harnessed two of them and we went to Eldersville and commenced putting the roof on the Wesleyan Church. Mr. Hirs and Albert Shorley helping.

We got very nearly half of one side on.

Albert ate supper with us and Mr Hart remained over night with father. Day fine.

Evening getting very cool.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock
and we spent the day
roofing the Wesleyan
Church. We got one side
all one but one course
and a piece and so the
other side commenced.

Albert Shorley and
William Wert helping us.

We got home about
seven o'clock.

Walt and I went to
Mr. Cassidy and brought
home 45 pounds of
beef at night.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose a few minutes before
four o'clock and we got
ready and went and spent
the day putting the roof on the
Wesleyan church in
Eldersville. Mr. Shorley and
Albert Shorley helping us.

I took Helen and Charlie
to the Station in the morning
and they went to Midway to
see Bebe Carothers and family.
They came back in the
evening and I met them
at the station.

We got home about
seven o'clock. Very tired.
The weather fine.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 17. 1874.

Home. Eldersville

Arose a few minutes
after four O'clock, knitted
the fire and fed my lambs
two horses before breakfast

We went to Eldersville
and finished roofing the
Methodan Church. John
Melona helped us a while,
during the day. Mr. Stark
and Albert Sholly with us.

We got home after night.
I solicited some subscriptions
for the Church and succeeded
pretty well. Will and I
were subpoenaed to attend
an arbitration in Eldersville
as witnesses in a case
between Stephen Kerne
and J. C. Wright. Will did
not attend. I went over
and case was postponed four
weeks. Weather fine.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 18. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about eight O'clock,
and attended to the milking.
Will brought in the horses
and rode to church on horse
back. Helen, Charlie and
I went in the spring wagon
and heard Molen preach
from II Samuel XIII 24

We went to C. M. Stephens
and took dinner and came
back to town and heard
Robt. M. Smith preach from
VIII Psalm 34 part of 4
verses. Mrs. Sholly
came home with us and
stayed until nearly nine
O'clock. Weather fine

OCTOBER,

MONDAY 19.

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at a late hour and we got ready and went to Aunt Grancy's haulers and took dinner. John Hanlin and

I went to James McConnell's sale. His farm, 155 acres was sold for 85 dollars per acre to a Mr. McAlmont.

We ate supper with Will Hanlin and Lizzie and came home at night.

We got some sweet apples to thicken apple-butter with.

Weather very fine.

Wednesday 21st

OCTOBER,

~~THURSDAY~~ 21st

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and attended to a horse which Robt. M. Smith had here over night. Talked a short time with Smith's folks and Gull and I went to the raising of Stephen Perine's stable.

While we were putting on a pill, a sleeper which had been propped up fell and sprained both of my knees so that I worked very un-comfortably during the day. Settled some business with Stephen in the evening and went to assist Scott's and got my boots and Helen's shoes. Paid him \$10.15 for the boots & shoes and some mending. Helped Helen to pare some apples to thicken apple-butter with. Father took Aunt Mary, McCleber and Fircilla Lircuman to C. M. Stephenson's in the afternoon. Weather fine.

OCTOBER,

~~WEDNESDAY~~ Tuesday,

" WEDNESDAY 20."

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Picked some wild grapes for Helen in the forenoon and, father and I finished digging our potatoes.

Father sent to the station for Aunt Mary McCleaver and J. Breuninger, Train beyond time and bedded us up home until after night.

Robert M. Smith and wife came to father's and we sat up until twelve o'clock and talked and enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

Heard a great deal of pleasing news from Iowa. Weather exceedingly pleasant.

OCTOBER,

~~WEDNESDAY~~ Thursday,

1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father went to Steubenville and bought paint to put on the Wesleyan Church of Eldersville and I took it to town at night. Will and I went to Mrs. Philips' and helped to raise the old log house and put some new logs under it and some new sleepers in it. We spent the whole day but got a pretty good job done. Just hands enough there to do the work easy.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spends the forenoon helping
Afen to make apple butter.
Mary Miller was here and
helped to stir. Aunt Mary
McKeever, Pris. Fryman and
Mary Miller took supper
with us. I went to Sholey's
after night and borrowed
some flour.

Will brought us some
sugar from town in the
evening. James Philips
got about 150 feet of
Oak lumber to repair
their old house with.
Weather very fine

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Will and Priscilla went to
Bryantown in the morning.
Father and I spent the
day building a body for
our large wagon.

We sold some cattle in
the afternoon to Thomas
Cole and a Mr. Ferguson.
Sold three head for \$75⁰⁰₀₀.
Spent the evening at home.
Weather very fine and
warm.

OCTOBER, SUNDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Helen was quite unwell in the morning and unable to attend church. Father and Aunt Mary McKeever and I went in the spring wagon and heard Rev. Switzer preach from Hebrews IV 15. Very good sermon. Will. Thompson ate dinner with us. We went back to church at night and heard the same man preach from Hebrews XVII 5. Well pleased with his discourse. Congregation large. Weather fine. Matthew Williamson and his wife made their appearance in the forenoon.

OCTOBER, MONDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Father and I spent most of the day making a body for our wagon. Will. away at Pnettstown. Father took some ladies to Robert Conyers in the afternoon. I went to town at night and brought home a few pounds of fresh beef. Bargained with John Robertson for the painting of the Wesleyan church for which he agreed to pay him \$25.00. Weather very fine and warm.

OCTOBER, TUESDAY 27. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father took Aunt Mary M. Keen, Mary Miller, Pissilla and Grace Freeman to Middletown.

I took some grinding to Ryland's Mill in the forenoon.

Attended Stens cornmaking in the afternoon. Helped to husk and haul in about 280 bushels of ears.

Went to town and brought home some irons which we had not made for our wagon.

Father and Mother were in a short time after I came home at night.

Weather very fine.

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 28. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father and I husked three shocks of corn before breakfast.

We spent most of the day making a bed for our large wagon. Father went to Stephenson's in the afternoon for some apples to thicken apple butter with. Will and I thrested some rye in the evening and I took two bundles to William McConnell's. We spent a short time in at Will's in the evening. Albert Sholey there also.

Weather very fine.

OCTOBER, THURSDAY 29. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We husked some corn in the forenoon and hauled it in in the afternoon. We hauled out some timothe chaff from the barn and I hauled up a small load of coal in the evening. I went to town after night to ascertain what amount of Ockre was wanting in painting the Wesleyan Church. Got home about nine O'clock.

Weather warm but very windy.

OCTOBER, FRIDAY 30. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six O'clock and brought in the horses and harneked two of them and put them to the springwagon and sent to Steubenville for some Ockre for the Church.

Took some butter to town and had some trouble finding sale for it.

Came home through Eldersville. Met Uncle George and Aunt Mary Shorley at Uncle George Culp.

Weather quite cold. Father and Will attended Steens sale. Farm formerly owned by John Steen sold for \$8000 pr acre. Stewart Hamlin ate dinner and supper here. Louis Bushfield and wife at father's.

OCTOBER, SATURDAY 31. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Brought in two horses in the morning and harnessed them before breakfast.

Went to Rylands' Mill and brought home grinding for Robt Cooper, Sholey's and ourselves. Carried a half bushel of Graham flour up to Coopers and ate dinner there. Took Sholey's grist home and hauled a load of coal to father's coalhouse. Then got ready and went to Midway and loaned James Harrothers one hundred dollars. Got home about eight o'clock at night.

Stopped in Eldersville and got the mail.

Charles Hanlin and Jim McLaughlin went to Pittsburg in search of Maj. Hanlin who had remained there longer than he anticipated.
Very Cold and windy

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 1. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended church in Eldersville in the forenoon and heard Mr. W. preach from Hebrews ~~XVII~~ and middle clause of 1st verse. Attended church again in the afternoon and heard Mr. Wilson preach from John ~~XXII~~ part of 20.

Heard that Maj. Hanlin had got home yesterday.
Weather cold and windy.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 2. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Will. and I engaged a Mr. Hodgson to dig some coal for us and went with him and examined our bank. We hauled two wagon loads of pumpkins from Steen's field. Uncle Geo. Thosby and Aunt Mary, Uncle Geo. Grip and Aunt Betser visited us and took supper with us, and we had a very pleasant time. Uncle George and Aunt Mary spent the night at father's. Mr. Celsside and Amy Thosby were there also. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Weather fine but smoky.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 3. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Took Uncle George and Aunt Mary Thosby and Aunt Ann Conesort to Bethel graveyard and to Charles Scott's where we saw Mrs. Smith.

Came home against dinner time. Geo. A. Hamlin here. I went to town in the evening and voted.

Got a pair of shes on Dolls hind feet and went to Stephenson's and got a pattern. Our coal digger came on in the evening and was with us over night. Was favorably impressed with his manner and conduct.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent most of the day preparing tools for coal digging. Went to James A. Boles' and got a grate for Mr. Hodgson & sharpen his picks on.

Helped to husk some corn in the afternoon. He finished husking the small field at the end of the lane.

Weather very smoky and dry.

Mr. Hodgson withers over night.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 5. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father went to Shorley's in the forenoon and split some clapboards. Will, and I husked some corn in the forenoon and hauled in some corn and two loads of coal in the evening.

Will went to town at night.

Weather dry and smoky. Rained a few drops in the evening. Mr. Hodgson withers over night.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 6. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at five. Spent the forenoon husking corn. Repaired the slider of the wagon at noon and we hauled in a load of corn and a load of coal in the afternoon.

Mr. John Hodzson pits us over night.

Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 7. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock and we went to the cornfield to husk corn but found the fodder too dry. We only husked eight shocks and hauled in one load in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon repairing our coal scaffold and hauled up a load of coal. I went to town in the evening and got some oat. Spent the night at home reading.

Mr. Hodzson with us. Weather very fine and dry.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 8. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended church in Eldersville
and heard Rev. Wilson
preach from Exodus ~~XXVII~~
15th. Uncle George and
Aunt Mary Shorley there.
Helen and Charlie did not
attend church during
the day. Old Mr. Hodson
here boarding with us
while digging our coal.
Day very fine. Raining
some at bedtime.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six and found it
raining much. Repaired
wheeling track at coalbank
and wheeled out some slack
for Old Mr. Hodson.
We husked 39 shocks of corn
after it quit raining.
Weather was becoming some-
what dry when we quit in
the evening.
Weather very fine in
the afternoon. Wrote a
letter to Jo. A. Templeton at
night.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 10. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five. Morning fine
Father and Aspens the
day husking corn. Will haul
corn and coal. Cribbed about
150 bushels of corn during the day
and hauled nearly 100 bushels
of coal. Shoveled out one load
after night. Old Mr. Hodgson
still with us digging coal.
- Weather very favorable for
combustion.

George A. Harlin took
dinner with us. He was
out trying to sell organs.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 11. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Father commenced husking corn
early and then sent Uncle George
Crisp on a visit with Uncle Geo
and Aunt Mary Thorley.

Bill and I hauled a load
of coal in the morning and
spent most of the day husk-
ing corn and hauling coal.

Mr. Hodgson, had fore
at night and he did not sleep
well. Weather fine.

Learned in the evening that
Miss Annetta Patterson has
died.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

As soon as we could get the morning work done, Helen and I got ready and went to Miss Lucretia Patterson's funeral. Went from the church to Steubenville and bought \$10.81 of dry goods and got home just as it got dark.

I went to Lorry's at night to see Uncle George and Aunt Mary. Got home about eleven o'clock.

Weather very cool.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five o'clock and greased some boots and shoes. Attended to the milking and helped Helen to do a churning. Hushed four shocks of corn in the forenoon. Mill and I husked in the afternoon and hauled in a full load in the evening. Father went to Steubenville for some paints for the church and got home about sundown.
Weather quite cool.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 14. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at half past five and
bundled a few. Did not feel
very well and did not hurry out
to work. Got up a team and
father and I took the large
wagon to Eldersville to get some
blacksmithing done and took some
paints to the church. Will and
Miscilla went to town in the
buggy. We attended the Arbitration
between Israel C. Wright and
Stephen Penn. Did not get
through until near four o'clock.
Did not hear arbitrators
decision. Helped father
at noon to put some glass
in the church.

Weather very fine, but dry
cool and freezing. Waters low.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 15. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Morning was cloudy and kind of
Helen was unwell and did not
attend church. Charlie and
I went in the spring wagon
to Uncle George Crisp and
took Uncle George and Aunt
Mary Tholey to Eldersville
to church. Heard Nolen
preach from Mat. VII and
1st clause of 24. Good
 sized Co. decoration out.
Good class meeting.
Took Uncle George and
Aunt Mary down to Johns-
where we took dinner.
John Gardner and his wife
George Gardner and his wife
came to see Uncle George and
Aunt Mary before starting home.
When we laid our horses hitched
up to start home I went in for
my overcoat and they broke loose
and ran up the hill some
distance where the lines caught
in the wheel and pulled them into
a fence corner. Very little breaking
done. only the end of the lines the hitching
strap and the umbrella stick. Day fine.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 16. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock. Will
and I hauled two loads of
Coal in the morning and
then husked and hauled
corn the remainder of the
day. Father husked all
day and we got through
husking at home. Still
have some to husk at
Steep's. We hauled up
a load of coal after
night. Weather very
favorable for husking.
Will went to town at
night.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 17. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

The morning was wet and
I attended to the milking.
We spent the day in the
farm threshing, ree and
cleaning off broom brush
I put a new wheel on
Charlies wagon. Still raining
in the evening and I did
the milking. Wrote a
letter to A. C. Day in the
evening concerning the
settling of David Shorley's
estate.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 18. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

I went to the coal bank in the morning and shoveled up some coal on the scaffold to make room for more.

We husked fifty shocks of corn during the day in Steen's field. Husked up six horses in the evening and hauled up three loads of coal after sundown. Hauled about 130 bushels.

Put on about 50 bushels the first load and struck with it, but finally got it back onto good ground and hauled it to the coalhouse. Sazmie and Albert Chyler came over and helped us out. Weather very favorable for husking.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Arose at five o'clock.

Went and helped Robert Cooper & butcher five large hogs in the forenoon and attended Jacob Smith's cornhusking in the afternoon at Mrs McCreadie's. Ate supper there and then went to Robert Cooper's again and helped to cut sausage until near ten o'clock and they were not quite through when I left. Received a letter from Wm Smith of Midway containing a five-dollar bill for the Sholey estate.

Helen and Charlie were in at Mills when I came home, with some young folks who were there. We did not retire until after eleven o'clock.

Weather fine.
Bill, Melvin & father's over night

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 20. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Slept until late. Found it had been raining when I arose. Will. Melvin of Wellsburg was here during the day. Will. and I husked corn during the day. Father quit husking before dinnertime because it was cold and stormy. He took Old Mr. Hodgson on his way home in the evening.

Will. Melvin ate supper with us and sat until bedtime and we had quite a talk on the subject of Freemasonry and Oddfellowship. Snowed in the afternoon and evening and the night was quite wintry.

Paid Mr. Hodgson \$4.55 for digging coal.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 21. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose about six o'clock and kindled the fire, but being unwell I went back to bed where I laid until near eight o'clock when I got better and went to work. Brought our ears from Mrs Smiths and turned the buck in with them. We hauled in about two hundred bushels of ears of corn which we had husked at Speens. Will. Melvin of Wellsburg borrowed Jimmie and rode her horse.

Got my hair cut in the evening. Albert Shorley rode Nora to town at night and brought our mail to us. Weather cold with some snow on the ground.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 22. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

We did not arise until a late hour. I did the milking before breakfast.

Helen and Charlie remained at home during the day.

I attended Church in Eldersville and heard Rev. Wilson preach from John XIV part of 5. "I am the way."

Came home for dinner and we did not go to church in the evening. Father and Will. went in their buggies to Church and did not come home until evening.

Rained some during the day and evening.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

We husked and hauled in two loads of corn during the day and hauled up three loads of coal in the evening. George at Haulin came in the afternoon and remained with us over night and Charlie ~~went~~ ^{stayed} with him up stairs ~~to sleep~~ ^{to sleep} ~~but~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~very~~ ^{very} home with showers of rain and snow.

NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When we arose in the morning we found that the door of our sheep house was blown down and our lambs were gone. Father found them at the Laurel-hill.

Spent the day doing chores and getting ready to butcher. I went to town in the evening and got Doll shod and sent to the station with some letters. When I came home I found Will and father doctoring lambs which had eaten laurel. Nearly the whole flock sick. Gave them sweet milk. Retired about ten o'clock. Weather very cold and windy.

NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 25. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day doctoring lambs that had eaten laurel. Hauled up some coal and hauled some water for butchering with. Borrowed Mrs. Fogel's kettle and went to Wilson's in the evening to get him to help us to butcher tomorrow.

Weather quite cool but nice for butchering. Will. went to town at night.

NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 26. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

National Thanksgiving:

We butchered ten hogs during the day. Robert Cooper, William Wilson and Sammie Shorley helping us. Ann Shorley was here until after dinner when a manure came for a coffin for Andrew. ~~Hendman's~~ wife, and she had to go home to turn it.

Weather most beautiful.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 27. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

Sammie Shorley got two horses from us in the morning to take the hearse and the rough box to Mrs. Andrew Hindman's funeral.

We spent the day clearing up after butchering. Did not get through until after night.

Albert Shorley rode to town and brought our mail home. Father got a letter from M. B. McKeever in Iowa.
Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 28. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the morning doing chores. Attended Arbitration in Eldersville between William Cozgrove and the Supervisors of Jefferson Township. Arbitrators, Leland Patterson, Robt. P. Cooper and Benjamin Simi, Lawyers, Judson and Jones. Case was not decided when I left town, although they were through with the testimony and the argument.

I rode Robt Cooper's mare to the station for the mail.

Got home about half past six o'clock. Presented to father a bill of goods which I thought I had a right to sell preparatory to going to Iowa and was surprised to find him become nervous because I claimed a right to sell a share of the corn, cornfodder and hay raised during the past summer! Felt quite unpleasantly during the evening although he had no harsh words. Rained nearly all day. Will and Priscilla remained in town at night.

NOVEMBER, SUNDAY 29. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

When I awoke in the morning I found there was snow on the ground and I hastened to feed the stock.

Charlie and I attended church. Helen not feeling very well remained at home. Heard Nhlen preach from Luke. VIII & part of 9. Remained at home in the evening. Will and Priscilla came home from town in the evening. Clyde was very unwell and inclined to sleep a great deal. Weather quite cold and stormy in the evening.

NOVEMBER, MONDAY 30. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding in the morning and thrashed a dozen of wheat for the straw for the cows. Loaned Neighbor Wilson our sled and some other articles. Hauled a load of corn fodder for our young cattle. Went to Cassidy Scotts in the afternoon and got some Rhoemending done.

Was at Bethel a short time and saw the new Church which was not quite finished.

Weather very cold
With snow on the ground.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 1. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing up the feeding in the morning I prepared the wagon to haul the machine on and harnessed the horses. Will went to neighbor Wilson's and helped to kill a beef. Will and I went to Mrs. Addis in the afternoon and brought our machine home. Snow on the ground and the wagoning was hard. Was rather uncomfortable keeping the wagon on the road. I took Mrs. Pogue's iron kettle home in the evening and Robert Cooper and Lidian came and stayed until bedtime with us. Snow melting in the evening. Mr. Cassidy's eggs was in and set until bedtime.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 2. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing our feeding in the morning we set the machine and mowed some wheat before dinner. In the afternoon we threshed our oats amounting to 78 bushels. Albert Sharley and Robert Cooper helped us to thresh and Albert helped us to put the oats straw on the stable loft for the horses. Will Melvin of Wellsburg, was with us and helped us some in the afternoon; he and Albert sat with us until bedtime. Weather very fine. Snow melted off and the ground somewhat mucky.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 3. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at six O'clock and fed and helped to harness the horses. Will went and employed James Philips to help us to thresh during the day. We get through about half past three O'clock.

Made a settlement with John Lawther in the evening.

We put some of our straw back in the barn. Did not get through.

Will and I made up some accounts in the evening.

Weather fine.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 4. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent nearly the entire day
fixing up after threshing,
putting our straw away
in the barn and moving
some seed oats from the
granary in the stable to
the barn. Helen, Charlie
and I went to Shorley's
in the evening and
sat until bedtime.

Mr. and Mrs. Tally, Mrs
Wilson, James Phillips and
Wittie were there also.

Weather very fine.
Evening quite cool.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 5. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

We spent the day husking
and hauling in corn.

We finished one field at
Stur's. Husked 43 shocks.

Worked until after dark.
Drove our load into the
barn. Weather fine,
Raining some in the
evening.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 6. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Rained nearly all day and we
did not attend church anywhere.
Spent most of the day
reading in the American
Messenger. Albert Shortley
ate dinner with us.

We spent the evening
at father's.

Evening cleared up
and getting cool.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 7. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in
the morning we went to Steen's
field and husked corn during
the day. James Philips and
Wm. Wilson came about ten
o'clock and helped us the
remainder of the day.

Snowed considerably and
we only got two loads cribbed.

George A. Hanlin was
with us over night.

Wrote a letter at night
to John Elliott concerning
our removal to Iowa.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 8. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Father and Will went to the cornfield tolerable early and commenced husking while I got the team ready and took it to the field We cribbed about 100 bushels of corn.

Did not get done husking by about eleven o'clock.

Party of young folks at as Will's at night, who spent their time playing foolish plays. Felt considerably mortified that Will should allow such conduct in his house.

Had intended to have gone to Shorley's to attend to some business concerning the settling of David Shorley's affairs, but found that it was contrary to my wife's wishes and therefore remained at home contrary to my own convictions of duty.

Felt very unhappy under the circumstances. Weather cold with snow on the ground.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 9. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa

Arose at six. Attended to the usual amount of feeding and harnessed the team. We finished husking corn about half past eleven o'clock and divided the last load with W. J. Steen upon whose land we were husking.

We prepared some grinding in the afternoon and Will took it to Ryland's Mill.

I put a nail on a fish kit for a slop bucket and attended to some feeding in the evening.

We spent the evening at home Helen not feeling very well. Day fine.

Snow nearly all melted off.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 12. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

Arose twenty minutes after four and we fed and harnessed the team and loaded the power of the machine and went to Mrs Kidd's and threshed her wheat. Got through about three o'clock and took the paper to Thompson Crip's and put it in shelter. Left the separator at Mrs Kidd's barn.

Got home a little after dark and found Steward Hanlin here. He remained with us over night. Weather fine.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 13. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville, Pa.

Steward Hanlin took breakfast with us and he and I went out to Bethel to the dedication of the new church. Heard Rev. Dr. Murry preach from I Tim. III 16. Attended church again at night and heard the same man preach from John XIV 13-33. Two good sermons. \$450. raised after forenoon sermon.

Weather rather cloudy. Congregation large. House full. Rev. James Robinson present at the services. Helen remained at home during day and evening. Mary A. Weaver and Will, folks at dinner with us. Night very dark and wet. George A. Hanlin with us over night.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 14. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Attended to the feeding in the morning and then attended church at Bethel and heard Rev. Wilson preach from II Cor. ~~III~~ part of 24th Sacraments of the Lord's Supper administered. Rev. Wilson had no assistance.

Went to Cassidy Scott's and got my boots and came home. Stewart Hamlin here and wished to know if I could be persuaded to rent their farm in company with him or Mitchel.

Stewart came home in the evening. Attended church at Bethel in the evening and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Romans ~~VII~~ and former part of 23. Congregation tolerably large and attentive.

Helen remained at home.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 15. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day doing chores. Put a bail on a fish kit for a stop bucket, and did some other tussling about.

Weather fine, snow melting off. Attended church at Bethel in the evening and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Luke ~~X~~ 42.

Good congregation out. Night clear and frosty. Road not very rough. We went to church in the two horse wagon. Helen remained at home.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 16. 1874.

Home near Eldersville

Will. and I went to Stambaughville with some marketing and I bought some clothing and gave me impressions for a set of teeth.

Rained on us some when we were about leaving town. We got home about six o'clock and found Nancy Crip here. Father and mother went to Middletown in the evening. Roads getting a little muddy.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 17. 1874.

Home near Eldersville Pa

After attending to the feeding in the morning I prepared a porridge for Helen and she packed some lard and some butter in it and I took it to the station for Bell Carothers.

Helped to do the feeding in the evening and attended church at night and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Eph. III part of 12". Congregation tolerably large and attentive. Some of the Eldersville folks reproved for sitting time of prayer. Roads muddy, but freezing at night.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 18. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Spent the day doing chores.
Under father's instruction
I put three shooks over
a kiln for a feed tub - my
first coopering.

Will took some coal to
town for the church and
remained there during
the day, Triscilla being
with him.

I attended church
at Bethel at night
and heard Rev.
Wilson preach from
John ~~XVI~~ part of 22.
Congregation large and
attentive but no persons
forward for prayers.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 19. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to our
feeding we prepared the
blinds for the church windows
and took them to town
and put them up in the
afternoon.

Spent the evening at
home looking over my
diaries and hunting up
the number of loads
which he had hauled for
Thorley's new house.
Weather very fine.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 20. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville

Spent the day at home.
Some snow on the ground
and snowing some in the
forenoon but not very
cold. Will and Triscilla
attended church in Eldersville.
I attended church at
Bethel at night and
heard Rev. Wilson preach
from XVII Psalm 14
verse. No person forward
for prayers.

Will and Triscilla and
Mary Jackson went out
to Bethel in the sled.
Sledding not good.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 21. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding
in the morning I went to
Bethel to prayer and
class meeting. Only few
persons there. All took
part in the exercise except
one. George A. Hamlin
came in the afternoon
and did not do any-
thing until feeding time
again. Attended church
at Bethel at night and
heard Rev. Wilson preach
from Isaiah III 10 "11".
Congregation tolerably
large. No person forward
for prayers.

Meeting announced for
tomorrow night.
We caught some chickens
after we came home, to
take to market.
Weather fine

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 22. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

As soon as we got our feeding attended to in the morning, we helped to clean two dozen of chickens for market. Took some chopping to Gillespies mill in the afternoon. Will help Wilson to butcher his pigs.

I went on board of the cows in the evening. Went to J. S. Scott's and got a tea kettle which Charles Scott wanted taken to the town and exchanged. Albers Thorer brought me a letter from John Elliott stating that he would like to have me for a partner in his business. Heard during the day that George Crip, son of Henry Crip, was dead, and to be buried tomorrow at Eldersville. Weather cloudy and wet.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 23. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

Arose at five o'clock and father and I went to Steubenville with some marketing. Received fifty cents per pair for chickens, 25 cts per lb. for butter and 27¹/₂ cents per dozen for eggs.

Got my teeth repaired. Had eight teeth filled and twelve new ones put in. My whole bill was \$33⁰⁰. We got home about three o'clock. I attended church at Bethel at eight and heard Rev. Wilson preach from Heb. 11th part of 3rd. My teeth making my under jaw sore. Weather fine.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 24. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After attending to the feeding in the morning I spent most of the day doing but little.

Went in the house most of the day and repaired an old coal scuttle. Steward Hanlin came along in the evening and took supper then went out to Bethel to church and from thence went home with his girl.

I spent the evening at home with my family. Put a lash and cracks on the buggy whip.

DECEMBER, FRIDAY 25. 1874.

Grandma Hanlin's

Attended Church at Bethel in the forenoon and heard Rev. W. S. Wilson preach a Christmas sermon from Luke III 10. Congregation not over large.

We got ready in the afternoon and went to Grandma Hanlin's where we spent the night.

The young folks were playing "Authors Cards" but I took no part in the game thinking it had the "appearance of evil" and did not wish to set a bad example. Willie Gray was not at home.

The weather very fine and we took Aunt Ann with us as far as Thomas Cosgrove where she remained over night.

DECEMBER, SATURDAY 26. 1874.

Home near Eldersville.

Spent the most of the day at Grandmama Haulin's. Watched Stewart and Dave Gordon playing a game of Croquet. Spent part of the forenoon with Stewart feeding the sheep. We brought Aunt Amy home with us from Thomas Cicerone's.

Received the Wesleyan in the evening containing the news of the death of Rev. Adam Crooks D.D. Editor and Agent of the American Wesleyan. We got home a little before dark.

Day fine. Evening cloudy and roads getting muddy.

DECEMBER, SUNDAY 27. 1874.

~~Home near Eldersville Pa.~~

S. J. Nolan's West Middletown

After attending to the feeding as usual, Will went to town and opened the Wesleyan church and kindled the fire. I took the spring wagon and took father and mother to church. Helen remained at home. I walked home and allowed Mary and Maggie Jackson and Rev. S. J. Nolan to ride home. Nolan ate dinner with us and I took him home in the evening and spent the night there. Slept with a Mr. Thistlethwaite who was waiting on Miss Mass Deputy. Steward J. Hinckley brought my hat to church, which I had traded with William Scott in mistake. Weather warm and damp and roads muddy, raining at night.

DECEMBER, MONDAY 28. 1874.

C. M. Stephenson's near Eldersville.

Took breakfast at Mr. Nelson's in West Middletown, then went to Charlie Kelley's and got his note for \$13⁰⁰ for one coffin made for his father.

Bought quite a bill of dry goods from Will. Bushfield and among other things a gym overcoat.

Got home about the middle of the day through the rain.

He went to C. M. Stephenson's in the evening and ate duck and oysters. Spent the night there. Rained nearly all day. Father's cellar was flooded in the morning with several barrels of water in it. Came down off the road above the house.

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 29. 1874.

Home near Eldersville.

We took breakfast at C. M. Stephenson's and spent the forenoon there.

We came home past mycle George Crip's.

Brought Nan Crip home with us from Stephenson's. He bought \$38⁰⁰ worth of goods in town as we came through.

We got home just before dark. Roads very bad. Growing quite cold in the evening and wind freezing up fast.

Aunt Ann very poorly when we came home and Will and I spent the night in her room. Will sat up the former part of the night and I sat up until morning.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 30. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville.

After attending to some feeding in the morning, I chopped some with father in the forenoon until Stewart's Hauler came and I spent the afternoon talking with him and writing out an article for the renting of the Hauler farm in which he and I agreed to pay six hundred dollars for the first year and seven hundred the second. William Cassidy ate supper with us. Nancy Crisp here sewing for us.

DECEMBER, THURSDAY 31. 1874.

Home Near Eldersville Pa.

After doing the feeding in the morning I went to Thosley's for some chairs which were there getting repaired.

Spent part of the day cutting rail timber.

Spent the evening at father's clearing some grass for a wash. Father was at home in the afternoon and Will was there in the evening. Lydia Cooper was at father's helping to bake some for the party. Aunt Ann quite poorly. Unable to sit up more than a few minutes at a time. Weather fine. Nancy Crisp with us sewing.