

**Diary
of
Frank E. Witmer
1879**

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West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1879

In 1879, Franklin E. Witmer (1855-1931) at 23 was the oldest son of Aaron L. Witmer, farmer of West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and his wife Mary Ann (Herr) Witmer. The household also included his younger brothers Abraham (Abram), 21, and Jacob Elam (Elem), 19; two school-age girls Sarah Dunlap, 13, an apprentice servant, and Hettie Fritz, 8, a ward of Mr and Mrs Witmer; and for part of the year a teen-age boarder-farm hand, Thaddeus (Thad) Brackbill. In Frank's diary, each person's activity was recorded daily, almost as if he had set himself a deliberate project to do so.

Mr. Witmer's farm embraced fields of grain (wheat, oats and rye), several acres of tobacco, a varied fruit orchard, a large truck garden, and a greenhouse for vegetables and flowering plants, a small herd of dairy cattle, some hogs and chickens; enough variety to make year-round weekly visits to market in Lancaster. During the year the family moved into a new house, raised a new barn, stables, hog-pen and chicken-house, and rented the old house and barn to a tenant farmer, Jacob Dieter.

The Witmers were Mennonites, regularly attending church in Lampeter Twp. and Strasburg, and occasionally in New-Providence and Lancaster. Sarah and Hettie and briefly Elam, attended the Lampeter School. Their chief source of entertainment seems to have been visiting among their extended Witmer and Herr families and neighbors, although Abram and Elam sometimes attended "singing school" and the Lampeter Lyceum and did some "driving about" of an evening. Only Abram seems to have had a special girl friend.

Although all the men of the family did everything in the way of farm chores, each of the boys also had a specialty. Frank, the oldest, had his own corn and tobacco patches to tend and market, Abram tended to concentrate on the greenhouse and truck-garden, and Elam helped his father provide veterinary services to other farmers in the area.

Frank Witmer married Mary Ann Herr on November 30, 1881; he continued general farming in West Lampeter Township, died there on December 10, 1931, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery in nearby Willow Street, Pennsylvania.

JANUARY 1879

1 Wednesday Cloudy with snow in the afternoon. I was at market. Butter sold 22 to 28 cts, eggs 28 to 30 cts, potatoes 90 cts, apples \$1.00 a bus. Papa and Abram were stripping tobacco. Mother done the housework and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. This afternoon Abram and I were to see the school. They had an entertainment, had resertations and dialogues, they recited them verry well. Teacher Miss Mary F Williams. She has seventy-seven schollars on the roll. Received for apples 52 cts.

2 Thursday Cloudy with a bout an inch of snow. Cleared off at noon, cold and stormy, the snow is drifting. Papa, Abram and I were stripping tobacco, stripped four hundred pounds. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

3 Friday Clear very cold and stormy. The thermometer 8 degrees below zero. Papa, Abram and I were stripping tobacco, finished stripping Papas tobacco, two acres, at noon. This afternoon Abram and I shelled 15 bushels of corn. Abram took 10 bushels to Neffs mill for chop. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

4 Saturday Clear cold and stormy. The thermometer at zero. Abram, Elem and I cleaned the stables this afternoon. Elem and I shelled some corn. Elem took 10 bus to the mill and brought 10 bus chop. Abram made tow bouquets of collered grass. Papa sorted out his agricultural papers and bound them together

5 Sunday Cold. Thermometer at zero. Papa, Mother, Abram and I were at church at the brick. Services by Rev. Ben and Amos Herr. Text from St Luke 2 chapter 25th to 32d verse. Papa and Abram were up at Uncle Jacobs. John and David Dunlop were here this even.

[from Frank's separate Sunday diary sheets:]

5 Sunday Cloudy cold, the thermometer at zero, snowed in the afternoon. Papa, Mother, Abram and I were at church at the brick. Services by Ben. Herr and Amos Herr; text from St. Luke second chapter 25 70 32 verses. P.M. Papa and Abram were at Uncle Jacob Witmers. Mother presented A, E and I with a menonite hymn book.

6 Monday Cloudy cold Papa, Abram and Abram Shaub killed a little steer, it dressed 392 pounds. We bought another quarter of beef from HebreM Herr 155 lbs at 07 cts a pound 10.85 cts. Mother done the house-work. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day. Elem and Hettie were in school. This evening Papa cut up the quarter of beef we got of H. Herr. This evening Abram and Elem were at church at the brick. There was a strange preacher there, Rev John Krider from Ohio. I am unwell, have a cold

7 Tuesday Clear pleasant cold. We were butchering to day, killed three hogs that dressed about 1000 pounds. Abram Shaub and Samuel Heidlebauche were helping. Mary Weaver and Maggie Birk were helping Mother. Mother and Sarah done the cooking and the house-work. Elem was at Neffs mill for 15 bushels of chop. Hettie was in school. I being unwell could not help much at the butchering. Elem brought the women and took them home.

8 Wednesday A shift of snow last night, cloudy, moderate with rain in the evening. Abram was at market I was at John Lantzes for his tobacco-box. Papa put pickle on the beef, salted the pork and hung up the sausage to smoke. This afternoon Papa, Abram and I were bailing tobacco, bailed 1081 pounds. Mother was frying up meat and sausage and done the house-work Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

9 Thursday Cloudy, rained all day, cleared of in the evening, col. Papa, Abram and I were bailing tobacco, bailed 2703 pounds, finished. Mother done the house-work, ironed the wash and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school, Elem took the girls to school this morning. We received word of the death of our neighbor Christin Miller. He died this morning of inflammation of the heart.

10 Friday Clear, cold. I took John Lantzes tobacco box home and had my horse rough-shod This afternoon I took two horses more to the shop and had them rough-shod. Papa cleaned out the cob houses. Abram was working in the green-house. This afternoon Papa and Abram shelled some corn, Abram took 10 bushel to the mill. Mother baked and done the house-work. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

11 Saturday Cloudy, moderate. Elem and I took the tobacco to Lancaster. Uncle Jacob Witmer was a long, Elem had his wagon, took his tobacco a long 500 pounds. We had 2792 lbs wrappers at 23 cts \$642 16 cts, seconds 556 lbs at 18 cts \$44.48 cts, fillers 436 lbs at .04 cts \$17.44 cts, whole a mount \$704.08 cts Papa, Mother and Abram were at Christin Millers funeral. His age was 66 years, 11 months and 3 days. Christin Brackbills were here this afternoon. Hettie and Sarah kept house

12 Sunday Cloudy, cold Abram and Elem were at Samuel Kendigs funeral. He was an Elder of the Old Menonite Church. His age was 76 years 3 days. Services by Bishop Ben. Herr and Rev. Amos Herr. From there, they went to Uncle George Witmers. This afternoon U. Jacob Witmer, Cousin Elem Hesses and C. Vazetta Herr were here

13 Monday Cloudy, moderate, cleared up pleasant Abram and I cleaned the cattle stables, did not get it done on Saturday Papa was reding up a bout the house and cleaned out the hog-stables. This afternoon I hauled two loads of corn-cobs to the cob-house. Abram was trimming grape vines and was at the mill for 10 bushels of chop. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

14 Tuesday Clear, pleasant I was stripping tobacco all day. Abram hauled eight cart loads of corn up in the barn floor, in the afternoon he prepared for market. Papa was up at the new house, the carpenters were there putting on window fasteners. Mother done the house-work and prepared 18 pounds of butter for market. Uncle Jacob Fritzes were here a while this afternoon. Jacob Deiter to see a bout the house.

15 Wednesday Cloudy, cold Abram was at market. Papa and I were stripping tobacco. Mother done the house-work. This afternoon Abram and Mother were out at Grandmother Herr's. Abram was at Annie Brackbills and payed the remainder of Thaddeus wages \$8.00 cts, and was at Amos Herrs and payed him \$14.87 cts for brick. Papa was at John B Herrs. Elem,

Hettie and Sarah were in school. Abram bought a young shepperd-dog in Lancaster, payed \$1.00. Commenced to snow at dark.

16 Thursday Cloudy, snowing, there fell 4 inches of snow. I was stripping tobacco. Papa and Abram shelled some corn. Papa was at Alphius Carpenters to see him a bout building a new barn. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school. Abram took them this morning in the sleigh. This evening Abram and Elem were printing theire names on pocket hankercheives.

17 Friday Cloudy, cold Abram and I shelled 15 bushels of corn. This afternoon I took it to the mill and brought 500 pounds of wheat-bran. And was at Lime-vallie and brought fifteen hundred pounds of coal, payed \$3.28 cts. Mother baked, done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school, I took them this morning. Elem and the William Carpenter were out at Cousin David Meyers this eve.

18 Saturday Cleared off pleasant, the snow melted some. Abram , Elem and I cleaned the stables. Abram and Elem drove Abrams coalt in the sleigh, it drove nice. Elem was at Neffs mill for 15 bushels of corn-chp. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This afternoon Uncle George, Aunt Mattie and Cousin Emma Witmer were here on a visit. This evening Abram and I were in Lancaster in the sleigh. The roads are bare in places.

19 Sunday Clear, cold. Thermometer at zero Cousin Emma Witmer and I were at church at New-Providence, services by Bis. Ben. Herr and Rev. Jacob Brubaker of Mt. Joy. Text 65th Psalms, 3 first verses. From church we were at Uncle George Witmers. Abram and Elem were at church at Mellingers. Uncle Reuben Nolts were here P.M.

20 Monday Clear, cold. Abram and I were shelling corn, shelled 25 bushels. Papa cleaned the hog-stables. This afternoon Abram and I were in Lancaster. They had a horse sale. They sold high, from \$100 to \$230 dollars. Mrs Bignark washed the wash for Mother. Mother done the house-work. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were out at Grandmother Herrs this evening in the sleigh.

21 Tuesday Cloudy with cold south-wind. Abram and I were stripping tobacco This afternoon I took 175 pounds of stripped tobacco from the arch to the barn-cellar and packed it down there Abram prepared for market. Papa painte a table, a rocking chair and an other chair. Mother done the house-work and prepared twelve pounds of butter for market. Elem and the girls were in school.

22 Wednesday Cloudy, moderate. I was was at market. Abram curried all the cattle. This afternoon Abram and I were stripping tobacco. Papa put the dry-beef and bologna to smoke. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school. Christin Herr was here this evening. He and Abram were over at Christin Lefevres to see their son Jacob. He is poorly with consumption.

23 Thursday Clear, pleasant. I was stripping tobacco. Papa and Abram were making straw-mattresses. Papa painted a table and a couple chairs. Mother done the house-work and was

sewing. Elem and the girls were in school. Frank Pinkerton was here for some flower plants. Eli Cramer was here to pay a bill. Elem Hess was here to see a horse. This evening Papa and Mother were over at Alphus Carpenters to see him a bout putting up a new-barn.

24 Friday Cloudy with a cold south-wind I was stripping tobacco to day. Abram was at the mill with 15 bushels of corn and was making straw-mattresses. Papa was painting some old furniture. Mother done the house-work and ironed the wash. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school.

25 Saturday Clear, verry pleasant, the snow nearly all melted. Papa and Elem cleaned the stables. Elem was at the mill. I was stripping tobacco. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This afternoon Papa and Mother were up at Grand Mother Witmers. Cousin L.B. Herr and his wife came there this evening, formerly Miss Anna Clark. Elem was at the post-office. We heard of the death of Jacob Lefevre, he died of consumption.

26 Sunday Clear, cold Papa, Mother, Elem and I were at church at Strasburg, services by Bis. Ben. Herr and Rev. Abr. Brubaker. Text St. Matthew 8 chapter 13 first verses. Uncle Martin Witmer, Uncle Jacob Herr, Cousin Lurison Herr, his wife formerly Miss Anna Clark, and Cousin Vazetta Herr were here. This afternoon Vazeta, Elem and I were at Strasburg church. They are trying to organize a singing-school.

27 Monday Cloudy, moderate, with rain in the evening. Elem and I were stripping tobacco, finnished, we weighed it, 490 pounds. Papa was painting some old furniture. Mother done the house-work. This afternoon Papa, Mother, Elem and I were at Jacob H Lefevres funeral. Sermon by Bis. Benjamin and Rev. Amos Herr. Text from St . James, 8th chapter 14th verse. His age was 20 years 11 months and 8 days. Hettie and Sarah were in school. Abram kept house. He is unwell, has rheumatism.

28 Tuesday Clear, verry pleasant, the snow most all melted, the frost comeing out. I was in Lancaster for a load of lumber for a cob-house and work-house. Papa tended the stock and prepared for market. Mother done the house-work and prepared the butter and eggs for market. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. Abram is a little better to day.

29 Wednesday Clear, verry pleasant. Hettie and I were at market. We sold butter 15 to 18 cts, eggs 28 cts, apples 14 cts ½ peck, turnips 10 cts ½ peck. Papa was working a bout the house. This afternoon Papa and I were [at] Jacob Herrs sale, things sold cheap. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. Mrs Mary Weaver was here this afternoon.

30 Thursday Clear, pleasant I was in Lancaster for a load of lumber, eleven hundred feet of boards and eighteen hundred shingles. Papa was trimming trees. This afternoon Papa and Elem were at George Deitrichs sale. Papa bought a flat harrow and some flower-pots. Mrs Birk boiled soap for Mother to day. Mother done the house-work. Elem took a table to Alphius Carpenters and a churn to John Wikards to get mended. Cousin Emma Witmer and Christian Herr were here this eve.

31 Friday Clear, pleasant. I took 12 ½ bushels of corn to Neffs mill to get chopped. Papa and I unloaded the lumber I brought yesterday. This afternoon Elem and I cleaned the stables. Elem took a beurea over to Alphius Carpenters to get it done up and brought the churn from J. Wikards. Mother baked and done the house-work. Hettie was in school. Peeter Herr was here for medison for a horse.

FEBRUARY 1879

1 Saturday Cloudy, Cold and stormy Elem and I were shelling corn. Elem was at the mill with 10 bushels of corn and brought 12 ½ bu of chop. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This afternoon I had a pair of horses at the smith-shop getting them shod. Elem had Mother and Hettie over at Joseph Herrs. Mother took some sewing over to Miss Mary Herr and brought some that she done. Elem was at the post-office.

2 Sunday Clear, cold and stormy. Elem and I were at church at the brick. Services by Bis. Benjiman Herr and Rev. Elias Groff. Text from St. Matthew 8th chapter 23 to 38 verses.

3 Monday Cloudy, cold Elem and I were in Lancaster. I bought a coat for \$3.50 cts and a pair of boots \$4.00. In the afternoon we were at a horse sale, they brought from \$80 to \$170 dollars. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day. Mother done the house-work. The girls were in school. Samuel Mchugh and John Sheaffers were here this afternoon Elem was at George Shells this evening

4 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. I tended the stock and prepaired apples turnips for market. Mother done the house-work and prepaired butter, eggs and apple butter for market. Elem and the girls were in school. Abram is getting better slowly. This evening Elem was over at George Deitrichs for a flat-harrow, some bottles and 25 flower-pots that Papa bought at the sale last Thursday. Uncle Jacob Witmer was here a while this evening.

5 Wednesday Cloudy, Cold, with snow, there fell four inches of snow. Sarah and I were at market. Butter 15 cts, eggs 18 cts, apples 14 cts ½ peck, turnips 10 cts and onions 08 cts a ½ peck. Mother ironed the wash and done the house-work. Elem and Hettie were in school. Abram was reading and writeing. Alphius Carpenter was here. Papa payed him \$400.00 on the new house. Elem was at the post-office and the store this evening.

6 Thursday Cloudy, moderate, with snow in the afternoon I took 15 chickens over to Levi Herrs, they weighed 88 lbs, 63 lbs at 08 cts \$5.04 cts, and 25 lbs old ones at 07 cts \$1.75 cts. This afternoon I cleaned the cattle stables and the hog stables. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Abram was reading and working in the green-house. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. Eby Hershey was here a while this afternoon.

7 Friday Cleared off pleasant. Abram and I were shelling corn. This afternoon I took 10 bushel of corn to the mill and brought 10 bus of chop, and hauled eight cart loads of corn up in to the barn-floor. Abram was working in the green-house. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. There was twelve men here to day. They were all here on business.

8 Saturday Clear, pleasant Elem and I cleaned the stables and were shelling corn. I made a stall in the horse stable and one in the young cattles stable. Elem took 10 bushel of corn to the mill and brought 10 bus of chop. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were sewing. Abram was not so good to day. Cousin Sallie Root and Cousin Emma Witmer were here this founnoon a while. Elem was at the post-office this eve

9 Sunday Clear, pleasant Mother, Elem and I were to church at Strasburg. Services by Rev. Ben. and Amos Herr. Text from St. Mathew 20th chapter 16 first verses. From church Mother and I were at Grand Mother Herrs. There were more folks there. Aunt Mary, Cousin Lizzie, John and David Mayers, and Uncle Abram Herr. This afternoon Abram and Elem were at singing at Strasburg. Cousin Emma and Leah Witmer were here a while this afternoon.

10 Monday Clear, cold I sieved some coal and curried the cattle. Abram was working in the green-house, sowing vegetable seeds. This afternoon I was up at Daniel Kreiders and payed the road tax \$22.71 and was at Henry Hiltons horse sale in Strasburg. They brought \$100 to \$150 Abram and Christin Herr were to see the Lampeter School this afternoon, they were well pleased. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school. William Carpenter was here this eve.

11 Tuesday Cloud, raining all day George Shell was here this morning and bought a pair of shoats for \$12. I took them out. George and Jonas Meck were here to see a bout quarrying stone This afternoon I prepaired for market . Mother done the house-work, prepared butter and eggs for market and was sewing. Elem came home from school at noon sick. Hettie and Sarah were in school. I brought them this eve. We sold Jim-Horse to a jockey for \$40. dollars.

12 Wednesday Cleared off, cold and stormy I was at market Butter 16 cts, eggs 16 cts, apples 15 cts ½ peck, turnips 10 cts ½ peck. This afternoon PapaAnnie, 9 and I were down in Uncle Jacob Witmers woods to see about opening a stone-quarry. George, Jonas and David Meck have taken the job of quarrying them, George Shaub, Charles Velder and Elmer Meck are helping to red off the quarry. Mother done the house-work and were sewing. The girls were in school. Abram and Elem are unwell, Abram is worse to day.

13 Thursday Cloudy, cold and stormy. The Mecks, four of them, were quarrying to day. George Shaub, Charlie Velder and I were redding off. I was at Neffs mill with 10 bushel of corn and brought 10 bu of corn-chop and was at the store for coal-oil, machine-oil and turpentine. Elem painted a bed-sted and a chest. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. The girls were in school. Abram is worse to day, has more pain, can hardly walk on his leg, has the rheumatism.

14 Friday Clear, cold, clouded at noon with skifts of snow. The four Mecks, Charlie Velder, George Shaub and I were working in the stone-quarry until noon. We had to quit, we could not red off on account of the frost, it is 18 inches deep. Papa and Elem killed a horse, he belonged to Amos Book, he had ulcerated legs. I cleaned the cattle stables. Mother baked and done the house-work and was sewing. The girls were in school. Mrs Fox was here a while this afternoon.

15 Saturday Clear, pleasant Elem and I cleaned the stables. This afternoon Elem and I were at Emanuel Cassels sale, things sold right good. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Aunt Emma Herr and Cousin Emma Witmer were here to day. They were helping Mother to quilt. I took Aunt Emma home this evening and brought the male. Grand Mother Witmer was eighty years old to day.

16 Sunday Cloudy, cold Uncle Jacob Witmer and Addam Frick were here a while this afternoon. Papa, Elem, Hettie and Sarah were up at Grand Mother Witmers Mother, Abram and I were at home all day.

17 Monday Cloudy, cold , with snow, commenced to snow at 10 o'clock a.m., snowed the remainder of the day. I was at Lime-vallie for coal, I brought 1 ¼ ton, price \$4.75 cts per ton \$6.05 cts. Elem was cutting wood until noon. This afternoon Elem and I were shelling corn. Elem was up at Uncle Jacob Witmers to see a sick heifer. Mrs Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were sewing. There was no school to day, the teacher is sick.

18 Tuesday Cloudy, snowing. There fell yesterday and this fournoon 5 inches of snow. I was at Neffs mill in the two horse sled, took fifteen bushels of corn, and brought 10 bus corn-chop and four bags of bran. I put a couple of cross pieces in the hay-ladder gallis and prepared apples and turnips for market. Papa put some medison on the cattle to kill the lice. Mother and the girls done the house-work, Mother prepared 14 lbs of butter and 5 doz eggs for mar. Papa, Abram and I were at the Township election.

19 Wednesday Cloudy with snow in the afternoon I was at market. Butter 16 cts, eggs 15 cts, apples 16 ½ This afternoon I cleaned the cattle-stables and carried a lot of straw from the stack into the stalls. Mother done the house-work. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. Uncle Amos and Aunt Sarah Herr were here this afternoon. Elem was over at Peter Herrs to see a horse with an absess on the knee. He opened it.

20 Thursday Cloudy, snowing. There fell last night and this fournoon four inches of snow. I cleaned the hog-stables and curried the cattle. Abram was working in the green-house and reading. Papa picked out the apples. Mother done the house-work, pared some specked apples and prepared for baking. Papa and Mother were up at Uncle Jacob Witmers, he is unwell. Elem and the girls were in school. John Wikard and Addam Landis were here for meds. I was at the saddlers. Elem was at P. Herrs to see a horse.

21 Friday Clear, cold I was at Neffs mill with 10 bushels of corn and brought 15 bushels of corn-chop. Abram watered the green-house. Mother and Sarah baked and ironed the washed and done the house-work. Elem and Hettie were in school. This afternoon Abram and I were reading and writeing. Aaron Cassel was here with a horse that had a hole knocked in his jaw by a steeple. Elem dressed the wound.

22 Saturday Washingtons birthday Cloudy, cold, snowing nearly all day. Elem and I cleaned the stables. I curried the cattle. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This

afternoon Elem had his teacher Miss Mary Williams at an entertainment at Elem Bachmans school. Abram was there too. Miss Mary Williams, Miss Lizzie Bachman, Miss Lizzie Herr, Miss Lizzie Shenk, Mr Elem Bachman, Mr C. Herr and Mr A. Shenk were here from the entertainment this evening. We had a nice time.

23 Sunday Clear, pleasant, the snow melting fast. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem and I were at church at Strasburg There was a strange preacher there, D. Buckwalter. Text Luke 6 chapter 36 verse. From church Papa, Mother and Hettie were at Henry Shaubs. This afternoon Abram, Elem and I were at Singing School. From singing Christin Herr and I were at Samuel Ballys. Sarah kept house to day.

24 Monday Cloudy, moderate Papa, Abram and I were cleaning up wheat. I took a load of wheat over to John Musselmans mill 85 20/60 bushels, sold at \$1.00 Abram had his mare at the shop getting her shod for the first time. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem, Hettie and Sarah were in school. Mrs Mary Weaver and Mrs Annie Eberman were here on a visit this afternoon. This evening I took the market-wagon to S Cassels to get a arpel] boxes hastened.

25 Tuesday Cloudy with hail and rain. I took a load of wheat over to John Musselmans mill 85 40/60 bushels. Papa, Abram and I cleaned up and filled up 80 bushels of wheat. Papa and Abram were working in the g. house and prepared for market. This afternoon I was at William Stacys sale of livestock and farm-implements. Mother prepared the butter 14 lbs and the eggs 5 ½ doz for market and done the house-work. Elem and the girls were in school.

26 Wednesday Cloudy, moderate I was at market, butter 16 cts, eggs 16 cts, apples 16 ½ peck This afternoon I took a load of wheat over to John Musselmans mills 85 bushels. Papa and Abram were working in the g. house and cleaned the cattle stables. This evening we cleaned and filled up 80 bushel of wheat. Mother done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school.

27 Thursday Clear, cold I was at Neffs mill, took 10 bushels of corn and brought 10 bus corn-chop. This afternoon I took 40 bushel of wheat to John Musselmans mills, stored it for our own use. Mother and Abram were out at Strasburg. Mother was at Mrs Fullers and Abram was at the rail-road to sell some wheat. Elem and the girls were in school. This evening we cleaned up a bout 80 bushels of wheat.

28 Friday Clear, cold I was hauling wheat out to Strasburg to the rail-road, sold to Mr Teniger at \$1.00 per bushel. I took out two loads 136 bushels. Papa and Abram cleaned and filled up the wheat. Mother baked and done the house-work. Elem and the girls were in school untill noon, there was no school P.M. Elem cleaned the horse-stables. John Musselman was here with a pair of horses that have contracted hooves.

MARCH 1879

1 Saturday Clear, cold I took the last of the wheat a way this morning, 60 bushels, to Isaach Thenigers at Strasburg and brought 13 hundred pounds of coal. Elem cleaned the cattle-stables

and took one dozen chairs up to Alphius Carpenters for to get painted and grained, and brought a table and a beaura that we had over getting painted. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Samuel Heidelbauchs and Cousin Emma Witmer were here this afternoon. Abram is worse with the rheumatism a gain.

2 Sunday Papa, Mother, Elem and I were at church at the brick. From church Papa and Mother were at Bis. Benjiman Herrs. Christin Herr and I were at Christin Hubers this afternoon. Elem was at John B Herrs. John Sheaffers were here this evening.

3 Monday Cleared off pleasant and the snow melting fast. Elem brought Maggie Birk this morn to wash for us. I took Elem and Hettie to school in the sleigh and took 15 bushels of corn to Neffs mill and brought 10 bus of corn-chop on the two-horse sled. This afternoon G Shaub and I were cutting straw. Papa was working in the green-house. Mother done the house-work. Abram is still unwell. Elem took Mrs Birk home this eve and was at Alphius Carpenters.

4 Tuesday Cloudy, cold. I and George Shaub were cutting straw, we cut straw for four beds This afternoon I was cutting hay for horse feed and prepaired apples, potatoes and turnips for market. Papa was replanting plants in the green-house. Abram made a cupple of bouquets for market. Mother done the house-work and prepaired butter and eggs for market. Henry Ressler was here a while. Elem was over at H. Resselers for some plants.

5 Wednesday Clear, verry pleasant I was at market, but. 17 cts, eggs 16 cts, ap. 17 ½ peck, po. 12 ½ p, ternipps 10 ½ peck. This afternoon I cleaned the cattle stables and was cutting hay. Papa mended some broken furniture and was painting. Abram was replanting flower and vegetable plants in g. house. Mother done the house-work. Elem and the girls were in school. Alphius Carpenter and J. Weaver were here on business. Papa was up at Grand Mother Witmers this eve.

6 Thursday Cloudy with rain in the afternoon, moderate I was at John Shultzes smith shop with a pair of horses getting them shod. Papa was up at Jacob Weavers to see him a bout quarrying-stone. This afternoon G. Shaub, William Carpenter, Elem and I were to George Harnishes sale. I bought a six year old horse, payed one hundred and fifty dollars. Cousin Emma Witmer was here sewing for Mother to day. Mother done the house-work and was sewing.

7 Friday Clear, pleasant I was down at George Harnishes this fournoon for the horse I bought yesterday. He is cream collered. This afternoon I was cutting wood, and Abram and I were cutting hay. Mother baked, done the house-work and was sewing. Elem and the girls were in school. This evening Elem was over at Joseph Herrs for some sewing their daughter done for Mother.

8 Saturday Cloudy, moderate Elem and I were in the woods cutting wood, we cut down a large white oak tree. This afternoon Elem and I cleaned the stables. Abram was working in the green-house. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were sewing. Christin Herr was here with a sick horse. Elem was at the post-office and at John Sheaffers this evening. I rode my new-horse this eve, he traveled nicely.

9 Sunday Elem and I were at church at Strasburg. Jacob Deeter and wife were here this afternoon. I was at Uncle Amos Herrs this eve. Abram is getting better of the rheumatism.

10 Monday Clear, warm The frost is coming out. I hauled eight cart loads of corn from the crib up into the barn-floor. Elem was at the smith shop and at Herrs lime kilns for 1 ½ bus of lime. This afternoon Elem and I white-washed the cellar of the new-house. Papa made a potatoe herth in the new-house cellar. Abram was out collecting doctor bills, collected \$40.00. Mother done the house-work. Elem and I were over at John Musselmans this evening.

11 Tuesday Clear, warm Frost coming out fast. Elem and I opened the brakes up the lane and were cutting wood. Papa was working in the green-house and was trimming grape vines. Abram, Mother and Aunt Sarah Herr were in Lancaster to buy some new carpets, oil-cloths and window-blinds. Maggie Birk scoured the tin-ware and white-washed the summer-house. Sarah done the house-work. Elmer Brackbill was here to sell fruit trees, Papa engaged some.

12 Wednesday Clear, pleasant I was at market, butter and eggs 16 cts, and aples 18 cts ½ peck. Elem was at Lime-vallie for some lumber. This afternoon Elem and I were hauling stone from Uncle Jacob Witmers quarries. This morning Papa, Abram, Cousin Emma Witmer and Maggie Birk commenced to clean the new-house. This morning Alphius Carpenter and 4 of his hands came to put up a work shop and wood-shed. Mother and the girls done house-work. Elem and I drove my new horse, first time hitched single, he drove nise.

13 Thursday Clear, pleasant Eli Cramer, Elem and I were chopping wood and sawing saw-logs. Papa was working in the truck garden. Abram, Cousin Emma Witmer and Maggie Birk was white-washing and cleaning the new-house, they finished. Elem was at Samuel Cassels with the buggie getting it fixed, and getting the cross-cut saw filled. Four of the carpenters were working at the shed. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This evening Elem was at the school to practice dialogues.

14 Friday Cloudy with showers. Elem and I shelled 10 bushels of corn, Elem took it to the mill. I was cutting wood. Papa and Abram were working about the house. This afternoon Abram and I were shelling corn. Mother and the girls baked and done the house-work. There was two carpenters here till noon. Jacob Weaver and A. Herr were quarrying stone. Aunt S. Herr and Cousin Emma Witmer were here binding carpets for Mother. A., E. and I were at the entertainment at Lampeter school.

15 Saturday Clear, pleasant Elem and I were in the woods making saw-logs. Papa and Abram cleaned the stables and were working in the truck-garden. Elem had his horse at the smith-shop. Four carpenters were here, working at the wood-shed. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were sewing. This afternoon Mrs Susan and Mrs Salinda and Miss Anna Brackbill were here on a visit. Elem was at the postoffice this evening.

16 Sunday Papa and Mother were at Strasburg, and took Grand Mother Herr along up to Uncle Christin Herrs. In the afternoon they were at Abram Shaubs. Elem, Benjiman and Elmer

Brackbill and Chris Herr were over at Soudersburg at a Mr Brackbills. I was at John Fouts, and took a drive in the eve.

17 Monday Cloudy, raining. Papa and Abram were picking out potatoes and filling them up. Elem and I cleaned out the horse power shed and put up the horse-mower. This afternoon we were shelling corn, shelled eighty bus. Mrs Birk washed to day for Mother. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Mother is getting ready for moveing. Henry Miller was here for medison for a sick cow.

18 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Elem and I were hauling some things out of the cellar up to the new-house, and hauled some wood up to the barn to saw. This afternoon Papa, Elem and I were sawing wood with the circhlar-saw, sawed three cords. Elem was at the mill. Abram was varnishing bed-steds, chairs and lookingpglasses, and was at A. Carpenters for shingles. Mrs Birk was here cleaning house. Mother and the girls ironed the wash and done the house-work.

19 Wednesday Clear, cool. I was at market, but. 17 cts, eggs 14 cts, pota. \$1.00 per bus, ap. \$1.30 cts per bushel. Papa and Elem made the wall of the well higher at the new-house. Abram was working in the g. house. This afternoon I was hauling out tobacco stalks and hauled two loads of wood up to the new-house. Mother and Sarah done the h. work. Hettie was in school, today was the last day for this term. There was 4 carpenters here, they fininished the wood-shed except putting in the window-lights.

20 Thursday Cloudy, moderate. Abram and I took two loads of wood up to the new-house and four loads of corn-cobs. Elem was digging sand. This afternoon Papa and Elem blackened two stoves and took them up to the new-house and put them up. Abram was working in the truck-garden. I dug a bed and sowed it with tobacco seed. There was two carpenters here, they fininished putting in the window-lights and put up blind-fasteners in the new-house. Mother and the girls done h. work.

21 Friday Cloudy, moderate, cleared of in the afternoon. Papa, Elem and I cleaned out the well at the new-house. This afternoon Papa and I were making plank walks up at the new-house. Abram was working in the g. house, and he and Elem were trimming grape vines. Elem cleaned the hog-stables. Mother and Cousin Emma baked bread, pies and cakes for the moveing. Elem was at the store and post-office.

22 Saturday Cloudy, cold, with rain in the afternoon. I was rolling down corn-stalks. Elem commenced plowing for oats. Abram cleaned the stables. This afternoon Papa and I made a frame in the smoke-house to hang the meat and sausage on. Abram was packing dishes this afternoon for the moveing. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were preparing for the moveing. John Witmer brought the mail this eve.

23 Sunday Abram and I were up at Grand Mother Witmers this afternoon. The rest were at home all day. The weather cold and stormy.

24 Monday Cloudy with showers. Elem was at Lime-vallie for a half load of coal. Abram and I were preparing for our moveing, in the afternoon we were hauling some things up. I ters,

Abram, 13Myers finished making the plank walk in front of the house. Elem was at the mill. Mother and the girls were preparing for the moveing, Mrs Birk and Cousin Emma Witmer were helping. Thadius Brackbill came to day to live with us this summer.

25 Tuesday Clear, pleasant We moved in to our new-house to day. The list of those that helped, Uncle Martin Witmer and wife, Uncle J. Witmer and Cousin Emma, Lizzie, Leah, Jacob and John Witmer, Uncle Abram and Christin Herr and Fannie, Lizzie and Christin Herr, John Sheaffer and wife, Adam Landis and wife, Jacob Birk and wife. We got all moved and the things pretty much all to their places.

26 Wednesday Clear, cold, clouded with rain and snow in the eve. Elem and I were plowing for oats. Maggie Birk and Abram cleaned the old-house, Abram white-washed five rooms. Thaddius was picking stone off the grass-field. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were fixing up things in the house.

27 Thursday Cloudy, damp all day. Thaddius and I hauled a load of moveing for Abram Peters. He moved from Lime-vallie up neighbors to us. Papa and Elem were reding up and fixing up a bout the house. Abram was to see Abram Rhorers and Henry Ressler's green-houses. He came home by Grand Mother Herrs. Aunt Emma is unwell. This afternoon Elem, Thaddius and I were picking stones off the grass-field. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

28 Friday Cloudy, cool, in the afternoon cleared off pleasant. Elem and I were plowing for oats, finished at noon. This afternoon Elem was flat-harrowing. Thad and I was drilling in oats, put in 4 ¼ acres. Papa was working in the truck-garden and sowing clover-seed. Abram was trimming grape vines. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

29 Saturday Cloudy, cold, with rain in the afternoon. Abram was at market. Elem and Thad were sorting out potatoes and were at the mill and the shop with a wagon. I cleaned the stables. Mother and the girls done the h.work. This afternoon Mother and Abram were out at Grand Mother Herrs, Aunt Emma is unwell, and were at Aunt Mary Myers.

30 Sunday Abram and Mother were at church at the Brick. Sermon by Benjiman Herr. Text by Abram Brubaker from St Luke 6th chapter 14 first verses. This afternoon Papa, Mother and Hettie were up at Grand Mother Witmers. C. Herr and Abram were to see John and Christin Brackbill. I took a drive this evening.

31 Monday Clear, cold and stormy. Jacob Dither moved in to our old house to day. I hauled two loads. Elem and Thaddius were redding up the wood-pile. Abram was working in the green-house. This afternoon Elem, Thad and I cleaned up and filled up 40 bushels of corn, Elem took 10 bushels to the mill and we shelled two bushels of seed-corn. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day.

APRIL 1879

1 Tuesday Clear, cold and stormy. Elem and Thad were hauling wood and bake-wood up to the new-house, they cleaned up the chip-dirt off the wood-pile and hauled it to the field. Abram

was working in the house and prepared for market. I made two gates, one on each side of the green-house. This afternoon I rolled down two acres of c. stalks and 4 acres of oats. Papa was in Lancaster on Aprile business. Mother and the girls done the house-work and ironed the wash.

2 Wednesday Clear, cold and stormy. Elem and Thad were picking stone and hauling them off the grass-field. I was harrowing down corn stalks, rolled the corn-stalk wheat and was rolling in the grass-field. Abram was at market, the stands were sold, Abram bought one, payed thirty dollars. Jacob Deither was digging sand for the barn. Samuel Shaub was pulling corn-stalks for me to day. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This eve Elem was at Henry Neffs and John Shulses.

3 Thursday Cloudy, cold with snow-skifts, verry stormy. Elem and Thaddius were hauling stone off the grass-field. I finnished rolling the grass-field. Abram was working in the g. house. Jacob Deither was digging sand till noon. Alphius Carpenter was here and staked off where the barn is to go. This afternoon Elem, Thaddius, Jacob Deither and I commenced digging out the tobacco-cellar, it is 40 feet by 20 feet. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

4 Friday Cloudy, cold and stormy with skifts of snow. The ground frozen all day. Elem, Thaddius and I finnished shelling the seed-corn and were cutting hay. Elem had a pair of horses at the shop getting them shod. I made a towl-rack for Mother. Mother baked and done the house-work. Abram was working in the g. house and made a soap-box for Mother. Uncle George Witmer was here for medison for a sick-cow. Thad was at the store and post-office.

5 Saturday Cloudy, cold with snow. We were hauling out manure with two wagons. Jacob Deither and Elem loaded, I hauled, hauled twenty-five loads. Abram and Thaddius cleaned the stables. This afternoon Abram was rolling down corn-stalks, Thaddius was spreading manure, Elem was at the shop for the buggie. Mother and the girls done the house-work. C. John Witmer brought the mail this evening.

6 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Abram, Elem and I were at church at Strgs, services by B. Herr , E. Groff and A. Brubaker, text by Groff from St. John sixth chapter 27 verse. Benjiman and Elmer Brackbill were here from church. This afternoon we were at singing at Strasburg. This eve Papa and Mother were out at Grand Mother Herrs.

7 Monday Cloudy with shouers of rain. We were hauling out manure, Jacob Diether and Elem loaded, I hauled, hauled sixteen loads. Papa and Abram harrowed a piece, marked it out and planted it in cabbage. Thaddius was pulling corn-stalks. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Uncle Jacob Fritzes were here on a visit this afternoon. Abram traded his mare Susie to John Brackbill for a seven-year old mare, a strawberry-rone, Abram payed \$15.00 dollars difference.

8 Tuesday Clear, verry pleasant. We were hauling manure, Jacob Diether and Elem loaded, I hauled, finnished at noon, hauled 10 loads. There was in all fifty-five loads. This afternoon Elem and I loaded a saw-log, I took it over to John Musselmans saw-mill. Abram was working in the truck-garden, sowed peas, planted potatoes and cabbage and stuck some onions and

prepared for market. Levi Huber was here and surveyed 27 acres off to the new-home, it leaves 47 acres to the old place.

9 Wednesday Clear, very pleasant. Elem was at market. J. Diether, Thad and I loaded a saw-log, I took it over to John Musselmans saw-mill. This afternoon we were digging out for the tobacco-cellar. Abram was over at John B. Herrs and trimmed his grape-vines. This afternoon he was working in the truck-garden. Uncle George and Grand Mother Witmer and Mary Good were here this afternoon. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

10 Thursday Cloudy with rain in the afternoon. Elem, Jacob Diether and I were digging out at the tobacco-cellar. Papa, Thad and Mrs Birk moved the things in Papas office up to day. Mrs Birk washed off all the bottles &c. This afternoon we were cutting potatoes for planting. Abram was planting vegetable plants and working in the g. house. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

11 Friday Cloudy with rain, cleared off at noon, stormy. Elem, Thaddius and I were cutting potatoes for planting. This afternoon J. Diether, J. Birk, Elem and I were spreading manure, we spread fifty-four horse loads. Papa was fixing up his office. Abram and Thad were working in the g. house and truck garden. Mother and the girls baked and done the house-work.

12 Saturday Clear, pleasant. I was plowing for potatoes. Elem, J. Deither and J. Birk were digging out at the tobacco-cellar. Papa was working in the truck-garden. Abram and Thad cleaned the stables. This afternoon Abram, Mother and Sarah were in Lancaster, Abram was at the northern market with flower and vegetable plants, they sold well, it was the first time he attended there.

13 Sunday Cloudy, cool. Elem and I were down at John Krantzes. Abram, Christin Herr, Abram Book and Henry Lehman were up at Christin Sendigs.

14 Monday Clear, pleasant. Papa was plowing for potatoes. Elem, J. Diether, J. Birk were digging out at the tobacco-cellar. Abram was working in the truck-garden. Thad and I were pulling and burning corn-stalks. This afternoon I was plowing. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making post-fence. Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Levi Herrs and Mary Rohrer were here on a visit.

15 Tuesday Cloudy with showers. This morning I and Jacob Diether commenced hauling stone for the barn, hauled five loads. Elem was rolling and harrowing. Abram and Thad were working in the truck-garden. This afternoon Elem and I hauled five cart loads of corn up in to the barn-floor and shelled ten bushels, Elem took it to the mill. This evening I started plowing sod for corn. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

16 Wednesday Cloudy with rain in the evening. J. Diether and I were hauling stone for the barn, hauled twelve loads. Abram was at market. Elem was flat-harrowing. This afternoon Abram, Thad, Hettie and Sarah were planting potatoes, planted 1 ½ acre. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making post-fence. Mother done the house-work and was ironing. Joseph Herr and Martin Shaub were here for plants &c. &c.

17 Thursday Cloudy, raining all day. Elem and Thaddius took six fat-hogs in to Lancaster to Daniel Trout & Sons, they did not stay to see them weighed. I and J. Diether were cutting potatoes for planting. This afternoon J. Diether, Elem and Thad shelled 40 bushels of corn, cleaned and filled it in-to bags. Abram was at J. Witmers for 2 bus seed-potatoes & at Grand Mother Herrs for 3 shade-trees. I had my horse at the shop getting him shod. Mother & the girls done the h. work.

18 Friday Cloudy with shouers, cleared of in the evening, cold. I washed and greased my harness. Elem and Thad cleaned the hog-stables and were digging out raspberry-plants. Abram was working in the green-house and was at A. Carpenters for a new pump-trough. Mother and the girls baked and done the house-work.

19 Saturday Cloudy, cold, with shouers. Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone for the barn, hauled 12 loads. Abram was working in the truck-garden. Thad cleaned the stables. I was plowing sod for corn. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making new poast-fence. Mother and the girls done the house-work. John B. Herrs were here this eve a while. Elem and I were out at Strasburg this eve.

20 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Mother, Abram and I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Rev. Amos Herr over [*other side blank, rest of entry missing*]

21 Monday Clear, pleasant Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone for the barn, hauled eleven loads. I was plowing sod for corn. Papa, Abram and Thaddius were working in the truck-garden. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Grand Mother and Aunt Emma Herr were here on a visit, Abram took them home this evening. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making new poast-fence.

22 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem, Thad and J. Diether were planting potatoes, finnished , planted two acres. I was plowing sod for corn. Abram was working in the truck-garden and prepared for market. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making poast-fence, they finnished at noon, they put up 107 pannels. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

23 Wednesday Clear, warm Abram was at market. Elem and Thad took six fat hogs to Lancaster, sold to Daniel Drand & Sons at .05 cts per pound. Papa and J. Diether were working in the truck-garden, were plowing, harrowing and planting. This afternoon Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone for the barn. Papa, Abram and Thad were planting fruit and vegitable plants. I was at John B. Herrs helping to dig out where there barn is to go. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

24 Thursday Clear, warm Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone for the barn, hauled six loads, in the afternoon they were digging and hauling sand. Abram was over at Elmer Brackbills for fruit-trees. Papa, Abram and Thad were planting trees and berries. I was plowing sod for corn, Mother and Hettie done the house-work, Sarah was white-washing fence. Cousin Emma Witmer, Miss Lettie and Miss Sue Peoples were here on a visit this afternoon.

25 Friday Clear, warm. Elem and Jacob Diether were plowing and harrowing in the truck-garden till noon, then were hauling stone, hauled six loads. Papa, Abram and Thad were working in the truck-garden, they planted eight-hundred raspberry plants. I was plowing sod for corn. Mother and the girls baked and done the house-work. C. Lefever and S. Herr were here for flower and vegetable plants.

26 Saturday Cloudy, warm with rain in the evening. Elem took a saw-log over to John Musselmans saw-mill and brought two loads of sawed lumber. Papa, Abram and Thaddius were working in the truck-garden, J. Diether helped Elem to load the log and cleaned the stables. I was plowing sod for corn. Abram and I washed our buggies this eve. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

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28 Monday Cloudy, moderate, with rain in the afternoon. Elem and Thaddius were hauling chips off the grass-field, where we had been making post-fence. J. Diether was plowing in the truck-garden. Abram was salting the asparagrass, put four sacks of salt on. I was plowing sod for corn. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day.

29 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Elem and Thaddius were hauling poasts and rails off the grass-field and sand for the barn. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden. Abram prepared for market. I was plowing sod for corn. Jacob Diether was over at Jr. Christin Herrs helping to dig out a tobacco-cellar. Mother and the girls done the house-work and ironed the wash.

30 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone, hauled twelve loads. Abram and Thad were at market. Papa was working in the truck-garden. I was plowing sod for corn. This fournoon the masons came to put up the barn-walls, there is six of them. Mother and the girls done the h.work. Abram bought Hettie a little wagon, payed \$2.50. Jacob Diether is boarding the masons at .15 cts a meal.

MAY 1879

1 Thursday Elem was at Ben. Herrs lime-kylns for 30 bushels of lime; and was hauling sand. J. Diether was digging sand. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden. I finished plowing sod, I plowed the corn-strips in the wheat-field and Thad and I planted them with potatoes, we planted ten rows. Thad took Mother out to Uncle Abram Herrs. He is unwell, has typhoid-fever. This eve Abram took a cow to Strasburg, sold for \$35.00, and brought Mother.

2 Friday Clear, cool. Elem and Jacob Diether were hauling stone, hauled 10 loads. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden and prepared for market. Thad was pulling corn-stalks, he finished. I was flat-harrowing and sleding off stumps. There was six masons working at the barn-walls. There was seven loads of lumber brought here to day for the barn. Mother and the girls baked and done the h.work.

3 Saturday Clear, cool. Papa and Abram were at market, they bought some ever-green trees and a lot of peach-trees. Elem and J. Diether were hauling stone and sand, hauled 6 loads stone and 5 of sand. I finished sledding stumps together and set them on fire. This afternoon Thad and I were flat-harrowing. The masons were working at the barn. Four carpenters came this morning to make the door and window-frames. Christin Sendigs and Witmer Rhorers were here on a visit.

4 Sunday Cloudy with showers. Abram and I were at church at Strasburg, services by Rev. A. Herr, Rev. Elias Groff and Rev. A. Brubaker. Christin Herr was here this afternoon, he and Abram went a way together this eve.

5 Monday Clear, pleasant. Elem and J. Dieter were hauling sand and stone. Thad and I were flat-harrowing. Abram was working in the t.garden. Mother and the girls done the house-work. There was four masons working at the barn-walls to day. This evening Elem and I were at Strasburg to see a bout getting some brick. We stopped to see Uncle Abram Herr, he is unwell, is a little better.

6 Tuesday Clear, pleasant Elem was hauling brick from Strasburg for the front of the barn, he brought three thousand. Jacob Dieter and Thad were picking stone off the corn-field. I was flat-harrowing & helping to pick stone.& was at J. Musselmans mills for a grist of flour. Abram cut the asparagrass and prepaired for market. Mother and the girls done the house-work.
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7 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram and Thad were at market. Elem was at Herrs lime-kylns for 25 bus of lime. He and J. Deiter were hauling stone. I was picking stone off the corn-field. This afternoon I was rooling and Thad was flat-harrowing. Abram was working in the truck-garden. This eve Elem was at Wengers lime-kylns and brought 25 bus lime. There were five masons working at the barn. Mother and the girls done the h.work.

8 Thursday Clear, pleasant Elem and J. Deiter were digging and hauling sand, I was rooling and Thad flat-harrowing. This afternoon Elem was down at A.K. Herr & Cos brick-kylns and brought 15 hundred bricks. J. Deiter was marking out for corn. I was planting corn with the planter. Abram and Thad were working in the t.garden. There was five masons working at the barn. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

9 Friday Clear, pleasant Elem was down at A.K. Herr & Cos brick-kylns and brought 15 hundred brick for the sistern in the barn, and was at Wengers lime-kylns and brought 40 bus of lime. J. Deiter was marking out for corn. I was planting with the planter, planted eight acres, finnished. Abram and Thaddius were working in the truck-garden, cut the asparagrass and bunched it for market. Mother & the girls baked and done the house-work.

10 Saturday Clear, warm. Abram and Thad were at market. They had two-hundred and seventy-six bunches of asparagrass, sold it all at .10 cts a bunch and three for .25 cents. J. Deiter and Elem were hauling stone, hauled five loads. I watered the green-house tobacco plants and the sweet-potatoes and helped Alphius Carpenter to make four arch-frames. Mother and the girls done the house-work. This afternoon Elem and I were in Lancaster. Uncle Martin Witmers were here on a visit.

11 Sunday Clear, pleasant. I was at church at New-providence. There was twelve persons baptized there, 8 wimmen & 4 men. From church I was at Henry Lehmans. This afternoon Abram, Elem, Thad & the girls were at Sunday-school. Papa & Mother were up at G.mother Witmers this eve.

12 Monday Cloudy, cleared off, warm. Elem was down at A.K. Herr & Cos brick-kylns & brought 15 hundred brick for the cistern, price \$7.50 cts a thousand. I & J. Deiter brought two loads of stone, one of sand, & I was up to Alphius Carpenters for some boards. Abram and Thad cut the asparagrass and were planting vegetables. This after J. Deiter was plowing & harrowing in the t.garden. I was gathering up the scatterd stone for the masons. The masons finnishd this eve. Mother & the girls done the h.work.

13 Tuesday Cloudy, cleared off, warm. Elem, Jacob Deiter & I plowed up the sweet-potato rows & made them seven rows that will hold a bout 3000 plants. Papa, Abram & Thad were working in the truck-garden. This afternoon Abram was at the northern market with 100 bunches asparagrass, sold it .08 cts a bunch. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

14 Wednesday Clear, warm. Abram and Thad were at market, had three hundred bunches aparagrass, sold it at .08 & .10 cts a bunch. Elem and I dug out two large locust trees & planted them at the new-house & four evergreen trees. This afternoon Elem & Thad cleaned the stables. I wed my tobacco-plants. Mother and the girls done the h.work. . Johnny Krantzes & Cousin Vazetta Herr were here on a visit.

15 Thursday Cloudy, cleared off, warm. Papa, Elem, J. Deiter, Thad & I were planting sweet-potatoe plants, planted 25 hundred. Abram cut the asparagrass. Elem & Jacob were fixing up the grape-frames. I flat-harrowed the potatoes. Papa & Mother were at Daniel Houfs daughters funeral, she died of consumption, age 7 years. The girls done the house-work. Cousin Witmer Herr was here a while this evening.

16 Friday Cloudy with shouers in the afternoon. Elem & J. Deiter were fixing up grape-frames & I was at Neffs mill & was burning corn-stalks off the tobacco-patch. Papa, Abram and Thad cut the asparagrass and bunched it for market., 460 bunches. This afternoon we were planting sweet-potatoes and tomatoes. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Miss Ella & Miss Kate Miller were here for flower-plants.

17 Saturday Cloudy with shouers. Abram, Elem & Thad were at market. They were in with two wagons, had 460 bunches of asparagrass & a large lot of flowers & plants. Papa & Mother were at church at Strasburg. J. Deiter & I finnishd fixing up the grape frames, planted a lot of tomatoe and pepper plants, & put away the scaffolds the masons had at the barn. I was at Neffs mill. The girls done the house-work. Aunt Sarah Herr & C. Vazetta Herr were here.

18 Sunday Cloudy with shouers. Papa, Mother, Elem and I were at church at Strasburg, they took sacrament there to day. From church Papa & Mother were at Aunt Mary Mayers & Uncle Abram Herrs. He is unwell, is a little better. Abram & Elem were at Sunday-school.

19 Monday Cloudy with shouers, warm. Elem, J. Deiter & I cleaned out the stables and the entries and white-washed them. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden. Thad and Hettie cut the asparagrass. Mother and Sarah done the house-work. Mother was sewing. It was going all day for plants, flowers & vegitables, we are almost sold out.

20 Tuesday Clear, verry warm. Elem and J. Deiter were filling up at the barn-bridge. I was plowing for tobacco. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden & prepared for market. Thad & Hettie cut the asparagrass. Mother & Sarah done the h.-work. Alphius Carpenter and five of his men came this morning & commenced to frame the barn.

21 Wednesday Clear, verry warm, with a thunder-gust in the afternoon, there was a little hail fell. The lightening struck in H. Shaubs wagon-house. Abram & Thaddius were at market. Elem & J. Deiter were filling up at the barn-bridge. I was plowing corn-stalks for tobacco. Papa and Hettie were working in the truck-garden. This afternoon Papa & Elem were down at Henry Millers too see his cattle, they are all sick. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Mrs Birk washed for Mother.

22 Thursday Clear, pleasant, there was frost this morning. Elem & J. Deiter were filling up at the barn-bridge. I finnished plowing the tobacco-patch & was flat-harrowing corn. This afternoon Elem was flat-harrowing the tobacco-patch. J. Deiter shoveled harrowed the potatoes. Papa, Abram and Thad were working in the t.garden. There were six carpenters frameing at the barn. Mother & the girls done the house-work. Uncle George Witmer & wife were here this afternoon.

23 Friday Clear, cool. Elem was flat-harrowing. J. Deiter was plowing and harrowing in the truck-garden. I was flat-harrowing corn. Papa, Abram & Thad were working in the truck-garden. This afternoon Abram prepared for market. Papa was laying brick on the stable-walls. There was six carpenters working at the barn to day. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

24 Saturday Clear, pleasant. Abram and Thaddius were at market. J. Deiter rooled the tobacco-patch. Papa and Elem were filling up the stables at the new-barn. Elem and Thad cleaned the stables and cut the asparagrass. Mother, Hettie & I were in Lancaster, Mother bought things for the barn-raising. I bought a pair of pantaloons, payed \$5.00. This eve I was out at Isaack Tenigars & bought 85 bus of corn & stopped to see Uncle Abram Herr. He has typhoid fever, is getting better.

25 Sunday Papa, Mother & Abram were at church at the brick. From church Papa and Mother were at Grand Mother Witmers. Elem & Henry Herr were warning Miller John Herrs funeral on Tuesday at two oclock. P.M. Abram, Elem, H. Herr & the girls were at Sunday school. This evening Papa and Mother were over at John Sheaffers.

26 Monday Cleared off pleasant. Elem and I harrowed the tobacco-patch over twice & marked it out the rows & ridged them, three acres. J. Deither was harrowing in the truck-garden. Papa, Abram & Thad were hoeing in the t.garden and cut the asparagrass. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Grand Mother and Aunt Emma Herr were here to day, Abram took them home this eve. There was five carpenter frameing at the barn.

27 Tuesday Cloudy with shourers. I was at Strasburg at Isaack Tenigers for 85 bus of corn, at .48 cts a bushel., \$40.80. Abram, Thad & J. Deiter were working in the t.garden & prepared for market. Elem was a way to see for men to raise our barn, he got forty some. This afternoon Elem and I were planting tobacco. Papa & Mother were at Miller John Herrs funeral. His age was 68 years. Elias Herrs were here from the funeral on a visit.

28 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram and Thad were at market. Elem was at Harry Shertses on Abram Eshelmans farm, helping to raise a piece to the barn & a tobacco-house 40 by 60 feet. J. Deiter was making pail-fence round the chicken-house. I shovel-harrowed the potatoes & was harrowing corn. Mother and the girls done the house-work, baked & prepared for the raising. Cousin Emma Witmer & Mary Weaver were here helping.

29 Thursday Clear, pleasant. To day we raised our barn, tobacco-shed & corn-house. It is 40 by 60 feet, all in under one roof. There was six carpenters, fifty-one hands & five of us & nineteen wimmen. We were done untill noon. This afternoon Elem commenced white-washing the old barn. Abram cut the asparagrass. I was shovel-harrowing corn and Thaddius setting it up.

30 Friday Cloudy, verry warm. Papa, Elem, Thad & I were planting tobacco & sweet-potatoes. J. Deiter was white-washing at the barn. Abram & Thad cut the asparagrass and prepared for market. Mother and the girls baked and done the house-work. Two of the carpenters were working at the barn.

31 Saturday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem and J. Deiter were white-washing at the barn. I was shovel-harrowing corn. Elem cleaned the stables. Thad cut the asparagrass. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Six carpenters were working at the barn. Cousin Ida & C. Katie Witmer were here this eve. Papa & Abram were at the primary-election.

JUNE 1879

1 Sunday Clear, very warm, the thermometer at 98 in the shade. Mother, Abram and I were at church at Strasburg. Frank Rohrer was here this afternoon. Elem & Thaddius was out at Thad's mothers. Abram & I were up at Grand Mother Witmers this eve.

2 Monday Whitsontide. Abram, Elem, Christin and Henry Herr were up at the river to day at Safe-harbor; they went fishing and boating. Dr John Shaub, wife & one child were here. The doctor & Papa were to see a steer of Elias Brackbill that has the gravel The steer died, they took the gravel from him, there was but one, it was not larger than a cherry-seed, it caused his death. Aaron Krantz was here, he & Thad were to Uncle Martin Witmers at noon. Cloudy, verry warm.

3 Tuesday Cloudy with shourers. Elem, Thaddius, J. Deiter and I were planting tobacco all day. Abram cut the asparagrass & prepared for market. Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Mother & the girls done the house-work.

4 Wednesday Cleared off warm. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem, J. Deiter & I were planting tobacco & Abram & Thad in the afternoon. Eli Cramer & Jacob Herr were making a poast-fence a long the lane. There was five carpenters working at the barn. Mother and the girls done the house-work & ironed the wash.

5 Thursday Cloudy, verry warm, with a gust in the eve with heavy rain & a little hail, some large ones. Elem was planting tobacco & hauling rails & poasts for the fence makers. Abram cut the asparagrass and was working in the t.garden. Thaddius & I were planting tobacco and shovel-harrowing corn & potatoes. There was five carpenters working at the barn. Mother & the girls done the h.work.

6 Friday Cloudy, warm, with rain in the evening. Papa & Elem were replanting tobacco. Elem was harrowing in the t.garden. Abram and Thad cut the asparagrass, bunched it & picked the strawberries for market. I was planting tobacco, finnished. Eli Cramer and John Dunlap were making poast-fence, they finnished. Five carpenters were roofing at the barn. Mother & the girls done the h.work & baked.

7 Saturday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Elem were at market, market right good. Sparagrass .10 cts a bunch, strawberries .15 & .20 cts a box, peas .20 cts a half peck. I was in Lancaster for a load of lumber. J. Deiter finnished white-washing the barn and white-washed the carriage house. This afternoon Elem & Thad cleaned the stables. Abram cut the asparagrass. I was hoeing sweet-potatoes. Papa and Mother were over at Uncle Amos Herrs, he is unwell. Elmer Brackbill & a Mr Lehman were here this eve.

8 Sunday Abram, Miss M. B. and Harry Lehman & Miss Sue Lehman were over at Bearville at David Lefeveres. Elem & I were to see Uncle Abram Herr, he is unwell, is getting better. Uncle Jacob Witmer, Cousin Elem Hesses & Cousin Vavetta Herr were here.

9 Monday Clear, pleasant. Elem shovel-harrowed the potatoes and sweet-corn. I was shovel-harrowing corn. Papa, Abram and J. Deiter were working in the t.garden, plowing, harrowing & hoeing. Thaddius cut the asparagrass. There was five carpenters working at the barn, they finnished roofing to day. Mother & the girls done the house-work.

10 Tuesday Clear, verry warm, a gust in the evening. Papa, Abram & Elem were at John B Herrs helping to raise their barn. They raised it all safely till noon, it is 45 by 60 feet. Mother was there helping the wimmen. J. Deiter was hoeing sweet-potatoes. I was shovel-harrowing corn. This afternoon Papa, Abram, Elem and Thad prepaired for market. The girls done the h.work. The tinkers were here putting spouting on the barn, J Hulls man.

11 Wednesday Clear, verry warm. Abram & Thaddius were at market. Elem ridged some tobacco rows in the truck-garden. I was shovel-harrowing grapes & asparagrass. J. Deiter commenced making a board-rail fence around the new barn. I was hoeing sweet-potatoes & corn. This afternoon we were planting tobacco. Mother and the girls done the h.work. There was five carpenters working at the barn. The tinker was putting up spouting.

12 Thursday Cloudy, very warm. Abram, Elem and Thaddius were working in the truck-garden, harrowing & hoeing. J. Deiter was making the barn-yard fence at the new barn. I took the mowing-mashine to the smith-shop to get the shifter & driving rod fixed. P.M. we were planting tobacco. The carpenters were working at the barn. The tinker finished putting up the spouting. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Abram had Mother & Sarah over at J. Herrs, took some sewing. Harry Bausmans were here this eve for 12 quarts strawberries.

13 Friday Clear, cool. Elem was harrowing in the t.garden. Abram and Thad cut & bunched the asparagrass. P.M. they picked the strawberries & peas for market. J. Deiter made two big gates for at the barn-yard, & hung two little ones. I was shovel harrowing corn. Mother & the girls baked & done the h.work. The girls were picking currents for market. There was three carpenters working at the barn. Nuton Rhorer was here this eve for 5 quarts strawberries.

14 Saturday Clear, pleasant. Elem and Thad were at market.. strawberries .15to .20 cts, asparagrass .08 & .10 cts, peas .20 cts ½ peck, butter .13 cts. Abram was hoeing in the t.garden & he & Thad cleaned the stables. J. Deiter made three gates for at the fence around the new barn. I was shovel-harrowing corn. P.M. Elem was in Lancaster at Mill Sprechers for 72 feet of 1 inch iron-pipe. Mother and the girls done the h.work. P.M. Mrs Sheaffer, Mother & Hettie were at Maggie Birks on a visit.

15 Sunday Papa, Mother, Hettie, Abram and I were at church at Strasburg. From church Papa, Mother and Hettie went to Jacob Rhorers. P.M. Abram and Elem were at Sunday-school.

16 Monday Cloudy with shourers. Papa, Abram, Elem and Thad were replanting tobacco. J. Deiter was making fence & hung three gates. I was hoeing tobacco & replanting. Thad was at J. Musselmans mill & at Jacob Rhorers for 2000 plants. Abram cut the asparagrass. Mother and the girls done the h.work. Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Four of the carpenters were working at the barn.

17 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Papa & Elem were planting tobacco. Thad cut & bunched the asparagrass and they and the girls picked the strawberries 70 quarts. J. Deiter hung three gates and was making fence. I was hoeing tobacco. & was at J. Shultzes shop for the mower. Thad was at J. Musselmans mill for a grist of flour. Mother and the girls done the h. work. Reuben Bears were P.M. from Lancaster.

18 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem was shovel-harrowing potatoes. Papa & S. Shaub were hoeing. I was hoeing tobacco, P.M. was scrapeing corn. S. Shaub was harrowing the middles out. J. Deiter was making fence. Elem was over at Martin Wikards to see a sick horse. Four carpenters were working at the barn. C. Herr was here, his horse is unwell. Mother & the girls done the house-work.

19 Thursday Clear, pleasant. Abram, Elem & Thaddius were hoeing potatoes & putting on paris-green to kill the bugs. S. Shaub was harrowing potatoes & corn. I was scrapeing corn. Five carpenters were working at the barn, they put the chimnies on top of the barn. Mother and the girls done the house-work & was sewing.

20 Friday Clear, verry warm. Elem was putting paris-green on the potatoes to kil the bugs and harrowing & hoeing in the t.garden. Abram & Thad prepaired for market, asparagrass, strawberries, beets & cabbage. S. Shaub finnished shovel-harrowing the corn. He and I were hoeing potatoes & tobacco. Two carpenters were working at the barn. Mother and the girls baked & done the h,work.

21 Saturday Longest day. Clear, warm & dry. Elem & Thad were at market. Abram was harrowing in the truck-garden & planted three hundred hills of pickels. S. Shaub and I were hoeing tobacco. P.M. Elem cleaned the stables. Mother & the girls done the house-work & were sewing. Two carpenters were working at the barn, finnished all they intend doing till after harvest. John Brackbill was here for Thad to take him to see his Grand Papa. He had a stroke of appalexxy.

22 Sunday Clear, verry warm. Elem and I were at church at the brick. Services by Rev. Ben.& Amos Herr. P.M. Mother and I were out at Grand Mother Herrs. Abram and several other yong folks were at Benjiman Groffs at Birdin-hand.

23 Monday Clear, warm & dry. George Shelle came this morning to sement the barn-cistern, Elem helped him, finnished at noon. Abram was harrowing in the t.garden. J. Deiter hung two gates. I ground the mower knives. P.M. Elem & J. Deiter finnished filling up the barn-bridge & brought a load of straw & hay up from the other barn. Abram, Thad & I cleaned out the barn & stables. We brought two horses up to the new-barn. This eve I cut two acres of grass. The painters came to paint the barn.

24 Tuesday Clear, verry warm, with a shouer of rain P.M. Abram & J. Deiter dug a ditch from the cistern out in front of the barn and layed pipes in. Elem and I was mowing, I with the machine cut six acres. P.M. we were replanting tobacco. This eve we took a load of old hay up to the new-barn & brought in a load of hay. Two painters were painting at the barn. Mother & the girls done the house-work.

25 Wednesday Cloudy with a shouer of rain. Abram & Thad were at market. I was mowing with the machines, cut 4 acres of grass. Elem, J. Deither & John Dunlap were hauling in hay, took in four loads. This afternoon we were mowing in the clearing, cut two acres. This evening we were planting tobacco. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

26 Thursday Cloudy, warm, cleared off at noon. I was mowing with the machine in the clearing, Elem & J Deiter were mowing with sythes. P,M, We were working at the hay, hauled in four loads. In the fournoon Abram & Thad were replanting tobacco. The two painters were painting at the barn. Mother & the girls done the house-work.

27 Friday Clear, verry warm. Elem and I were mowing with the machine in the clearing. J. Deiter mowed a round the stumps, finnished at 9 oclock. Then were working at the hay, hauled in seven loads, finnished all but one load of rakeings. Abram prepaired for market. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Abram and Mother were at John Brackbills funeral, his age was 76 years 6 mo.

28 Saturday Clear, verry warm, with a shouer of rain eve. Elem was at market. Abram finnishd horse-rakeing the hay. Thad and I were making fence. After dinner Abram, Elem, Thad & I brought in the rakeings and finnishd making fence. The girls done the house-work, Papa and Moher were at Levi Lefevers funeral, he was in his seventy-fourth year. From the funeral Papa & Mother were at Cousin Christin Rhorers on a visit.

29 Sunday Cloudy, warm. Papa & Mother were at Uncle Reuben Nults to day. Elem and I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Rev Abram Brubaker & Rev Elias Groff, A. Bru text St. John 15th chapter 10 first verses. Christin Herr, Abram and their ladies were at a Mr Landises at the Birdin-hand.

30 Monday Clear, pleasant. Elem harrowed the tobacco. Papa, Abram, Thad and J. Deiter were hoeing tobacco. I harrowed my tobacco and was hoeing. Abram took two cradles to the shop to get fingers put in. Thad was at the mill with 10 bus of corn. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Maggie Birk was here for Mother to day. The two painters were painting at the barn and gave the truck-house one coat.

JULY 1879

1 Tuesday Clear, warm. Elem cleaned the horse stables and readed out the barn. I finnishd hoeing my tobacco & put the reaper together. Papa, Abram and Thad were hoeing tobacco & picking cherries and prepaired for market. At noon we commenced harvest, cut the rye, bound it and shocked it up. After supper we were cutting wheat with the machine. Mother & the girls done the h.work & ironed the wash.

2 Wednesday Clear, verry warm. Abram and Hettie were at market. I was cutting wheat in the clearing with the machine. Papa cradled a-round the stumps, we cut 5 acres. Elem & J Deiter were binding, Thad was picking cherries. P.M. We were all binding and hauled in four loads. Mother & the girls done the h.work and caned eight cans of cherries. The two painters were painting at the barn.

3 Thursday Clear, warm We were all working at harvesting. I was cutting with the machine, cut six acres. Papa, Abram, Elem & J. Deiter bound after the machine. P.M. We hauled in six loads and opened around the other field. Mother and the girls done the house-work. The painters finnishd painting the barn at noon. P.M. they gave the wash-house the second coat

4 Friday Clear, verry warm with rain in the eve. I cut six acres of wheat with the machine. Papa, Elem, Thad and J. Deiter were binding. P.M. we took in two loads of wheat. Elem was horse-rakeing. Abram prepaired for market. He picked 28 quarts of raspberries. Mother & the girls done the house-work. The painters finnishd painting the wash-house at 2 oclock P.M.

5 Saturday Cleared off pleasant. Elem was at market. I finnishd cutting the wheat at noon, four acres. Papa, Elem, Thad and J. Deiter were binding. P.M. We finnishd binding wheat and shocked it. Abram finnishd horse-rakeing. Elem, J. Deiter and I hauled in the rakeings, three loads. Mother and the girls done the h.work. E. Fritz brought the mail. Abram and Elem took a drive this evening. Abram bought a pair of fine boots, payed \$5.50 cts.

6 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Mother & Elem were up at Grand Mother Witmers A.M. P.M. Abram, Elem & the girls were at Sunday-school. Cousin Ida & Katie Witmer were here P.M.

7 Monday Cloudy, warm George Shelle & a hand came this morning to finish the barn walls, plaster them & stripe. Elem and I dug and brought in two loads of sand. Thad was at Wengers lime kilns for 10 bus lime. Papa & Abram were working in the truck-garden. P.M. Abram, Elem, Thad & I finished the harvest, brought in two loads of wheat and one of rye. Mother & the girls done the h.work. This eve A, E, T & I were to see Powerses the giant man & woman.

8 Tuesday There was a shower of rain last night, cleared off, very warm. Papa, Elem & I were working in the tobacco harrowing, hoeing and replanting. Abram, Thad & the girls prepared for market, picked 56 quarts of rasp-berries & 44 of currents. Mother done the house-work. There was one mason plastering at the barn walls. Uncle Jacob Fritz and Cousin Kirk were here this afternoon awhile..

9 Wednesday Cloudy, very warm. Abram and I were at market. Market good, rasp-berries .15 to .18 cts, currents .05 50 .08 cts, cabbage 3 to 6 cts a head. Elem harrowed the tobacco, Papa and Thad were hoeing tobacco. P.M. I harrowed my tobacco. Mother and the girls done the house-work. The masons were plastering and pencling at the barn.

10 Thursday Clear, very warm. We were hoeing tobacco. This afternoon Abram and Elem dug and hauled in a load of sand and hauled some water for the masons. Thad was at Wengers lime kilns for 10 bus of lime. Thad white-washed the horse stable. To day the masons were plastering at the tobacco-cellar. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Enos Fritz brought us some reddishs this eve.

11 Friday Clear, very warm, a gust in the eve with heavy storm and rain. Elem, Thad and I were hoeing tobacco. Abram & Papa were working in the t. garden. P.M. Abram, Elem & Hettie were picking rasp-berries & currents for market. Papa & Thad white-washed the stables and the tobacco-cellar. The masons finished plastering the tobacco-cellar at noon. Mother and the girls baked and done the h.work.

12 Saturday Cleared off warm. Elem and Thad were at market. Papa and Abram were working in the truck-garden. I was working in my tobacco. P.M. Elem & Thad were harrowing and hoeing tobacco. Papa red washed the brick-wall at the barn. I had a pair of horses at the smith-shop. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

13 Sunday Clear, very warm. Papa, Mother, Abram & I were at Elizebeth Mowers funeral at the Prespeterian church in Strasburg. Her age was 66 years 8 mo. & 27 days. From the funeral Abram & I were at Uncle Abram Herrs. Elem was at church at Strasburg. P.M. Elem & the girls were at Strasburg Sunday school.

14 Monday Clear, verry warm, thermometer 98 in the shade. Papa, Abram, Elem and Thad hoed the sweet-potatoes. P.M. Elem was harrowing tobacco. I harrowed my tobacco. At noon I commenced cutting the oats, cradled a round the field and then was cutting with the machine, cut 1 ½ acres. Mother and the girls done the house-work. Mrs Birk washed the clothes for Mother to day. Papa & Elem were at Uncle Mar. Witmers to see a horse that cut him self at a stone.

15 Tuesday Clear, verry warm, thermometer 100 in the shade. Abram, Elem and Thad were picking berries for market. I finnished cutting the oats. P.M. Abram, Elem, Thad & I were binding oats and took in two loads. Papa was hoeing in the t.garden. Mother was ironing & done the h.work. Hettie & Sarah were picking berries.

16 Wednesday Clear, verry warm, thermometer 102 in the shade. Abram, & Hettie were at market, r.berries .16 to .18 cts, currents .07 cts, apples .15 ½ peck, vegitables good price. Elem, Thad & I were binding oats. P.M. we finnished binding and took in two loads of sheavs. Abram raked the field, we took the rakeings in. Papa was hoeing in the t.garden and picking apples. Mother and the girls finnished ironing the wash & done the h.work.

17 Thursday Clear, war,. Papa & Elem were working a bout the barn, striped the brick-wall in front of the barn, put up the watering-trough and a couple of panels of fence. Aabram & Thad were hoeing in the t.garden. This afternoon Thad & Sarah were white-washing fence a round the new barn. I was hoeing tobacco and was up at Dr. Mussers getting a tooth drawd. Mother and the girls done the house-work.

18 Friday Clear, warm. Papa and Elem were fixing up a bout the new-house and barn, put large flat stones in front of the yard-gates & put up a swinging frame over the watering-trough to water on either side. Abram was picking r.berries for market. P.M. Elem, Thad & the girls finnished white-washing fence. I was hoeing in my tobacco. Mother done the house-work.

19 Saturday Clear, verry warm. The pasture fields are all getting bare & the crops are beginning to suffer for rain. Elem was at market. Papa, Abram & Thad were hoeing tobacco. I was hoeing sweet-potatoes. This afternoon I cleaned the horse-stables. Thad was at the mill. Mother & the girls done the h.work. This afternoon Hettie and Sarah were out at Grand Mother Herts, Abram brought them this eve.

20 Sunday Clear, pleasant. This morning Papa, Mother, Uncle Jacob Witmer & Cousin Vazetta Herr went up to Cousin Elem Hesses at Neffsville. Abram, Elem And I were at church at the brick. Services by Rev. Ben. & Amos Herr, text by Ben. St. Luke 15th chap, 10th to 26th verse, P.M. we were at Sunday-school. The girls kept house.

21 Monday Clear, verry warm, dry. We were all working in the tobacco. P.M. Papa was fixing up at the grape vines. Mother and the girls done the house-work. P.M. the girls were picking currents. Cousin Sarah Root. two of the children and Cous. Emma Witmer were here a while this evening.

22 Tuesday Clear, warm. Elem harrowed the tobacco in the t.garden and was mowing briers

a long the fences. Papa was trimming apple trees. Thad was hoeing tobacco. P.M. Papa, Thad & the girls prepared for market. I was hoeing in my tobacco. This morning Abram, Mother & Cousin Emma Witmer to Mothers Aunt Susan Peoples. In the afternoon they were at Uncle John Hilderbrands.

23 Wednesday Cloudy, very warm. Abram was at market. Elem and I hauled the trimmings of the hedge fence a way to burn. Then we commenced to haul manure, Elem & Thad loaded, I hauled it, hauled 4 loads. Papa & Abram was working in the t.garden. Mother and the girls done the h.work & were sewing.

24 Thursday Cloudy, verry warm. Elem, Thad and I were hauling manure, Elem & Thad loaded, I hauled, hauled 19 loads. Abram carted some manure in to the truck-garden & was working in the t.garden. Mother and the girls done the h.work. Six carpenters came this morning to finnish the barn.

25 Friday Cloudy, warm, with rain in the evening. Elem, Thad and I finnished hauling manure and were spreading, hauled six loads. There was in all thirty-nine loads. Abram layed a brick-wall in the tobacco-cellar where there is a partishion to be made, and prepared for market. Mother & the girls baked and done the h.work. Six carpenters were working at the barn.

26 Saturday Cloudy with heavy rain in the afternoon. Thad and I were takeing out potatoes. Elem was at market & at Jeramia Herrs & Amos Weavers to see sick horses, and at John Musselmans mills. Abram was working in the truck-garden. Mother and the girls done the h.work and were sewing. Alphius Carpenter and his five men were working at the barn.

27 Sunday Clear, warm. Papa and Mother and John Sheaffers were at John Krantzes on a visit. Abram and Elem were at church at Strasburg. P.M. Abram, Elem, Hettie and I were at Sunday-school. Aldis Brackbill and Jacob Harnish were here this eve. To day was my birthday, age 24 years.

28 Monday Cloudy, verry warm. Elem took two saw-logs over to John Musselmans saw-mill and brought a load of sawed lumber. Abram and Thad were spreading manure. Papa helped Elem to load the logs & was trimming apple trees. I shoveled open the water-breaks up the lane & was spreading manure. P.M. I started plowing for wheat. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Four carpenters were working at the barn.

29 Tuesday Cloudy, verry warm. Papa & Elem were hoeing tobacco. Abram & Thad finnished spreading manure & prepared for market. I plowed one acre of ground and sowed it in turnips. S. Shaub harrowed the piece three times & rolled it. P.M. I was spreading manure. Mother & the girls done the h.work. P.M. Joseph Herr & wife were here on a visit. The carpenters were working at the barn.

30 Wednesday Cloudy, verry warm. Abram was at market. Elem was harrowing tobacco, Papa & Thad were hoeing. I and Samuel Shaub were working in my tobacco, harrowed it & were hoeing. Mother & the girls done the house-work. Three carpenters were working at the barn. Abram was at the saddlers this eve.

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31 Thursday Clear, verry warm, thermometer at 95 in the shade. Papa, Mother & I were at the harvest-meeting at Strasburg. Services by Revs Ben. & Amos Herr, Elias Groff & Abr. Brubake, text By Ben. Herr 104th Psalm, 13 & 14 verses. From church Uncle Amos Herr And David Mayers were here on a visit. Cousin Nuton Fritz & Jacob Fritz were here with a sick horse. Abram, Elem & Thad were hoeing tobacco. P.M. S.Shaub & I were working in my tobacco. The carpenters finnished the barn at noon to day.

AUGUST 1879

1 Friday Clear, verry warm. Papa, Abram & Thad were hoeing tobacco, Elem was harrowing. P.M. Papa & Abram prepared for market, Elem & Thad took two loads of straw from the old barn up to the new. S.Shaub & I were spreading manure & finnished harrowing & hoeing my tobacco. Mother and the girls baked & done the h.work. P.M. Maggie Birk white-washed the summer house for Mother.

2 Saturday Clear, verry warm. I was at market, Elem was plowing for wheat. Papa and Mother went down to Uncle George Witmers this morning on a visit and were at Abner Peoples a while. Abram & Christin Herr were up at Cousin John Mayers at Landisville, they got there dinners there. In the afternoon they were at the Landisville camp-meeting. This afternoon Elem went up to Cousin Abram Roots at Petersburg.

3 Sunday Clear, warm. Papa, Mother and John Sheaffer were over at Sheaffers at New Holland. It is 16 miles from here. They say the crops look much better over that way than here. Abram & I were at Sunday-school. Thaddieus was home. Hettie & Sarah kept house.

4 Monday Cloudy, verry warm, with a shourer in the eve. Papa, Abram & Thad were working in the tobacco & the truck-garden, Elem was plowing, I was plowing & spread manure. George Shelle was here and cemented the cistern over again, it leaked. Mother & the girls done the house-work, Grand Mother & Aunt Emma Herr were here to day, Abram took them home this evening.

5 Tuesday Clear, verry warm. Elem was plowing for wheat, Papa & Abram were working in the tobacco & in the t.garden & prepared for market. Thad was mowing weeds & briers. I finnished spreading manure and was hoeing pickels. Mother & the girls done the h.work. I was at the saddlers this eve. Elem took his buggie to the shop, he broke the coupling pole on Sunday.

6 Wednesday Clear, verry warm. Abram & Hettie were at market. Elem was plowing for wheat, Papa & Thad were harrowing and hoeing tobacco. I was topping and worming tobacco, it is the first I topped this season. Mother and the girls done the house-work and were sewing.

Uncle Jacob Fritz stopped here a few minutes this eve. Abram Peters was here to see about building a hog-stable, Papa promised him the job.

7 Thursday Cloudy, warm, with rain in the evening. Papa & Thaddeus were hoeing tobacco, Elem was plowing for wheat, Abram & I were thrashing rye, thrashed thirty bundles of straw. Mother and the girls done the h.work and were sewing. Papa & Mother were at Abram Peeterses this evening.

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8 Friday Cloudy, warm. We had a nise rain last night. Papa & Elem were takeing out stumps & trimmed some chest-nut & popalar trees. Thaddeus was plowing, Abram and I finnished thrashing the rye, thrashed 18 bundles of straw, in all 48 bundles. We cleaned up the rye, it made eleven bushels. Mother and the girls baked and done the h.work & were sewing. Papa & Mother were up at Grand Mother Witmers this eve.

9 Saturday Cloudy, cool. Thad was plowing & he and Elem were takeing out stumps & trimming trees. Abram was cutting wood & hoeing in the t.garden. I was topping & worming tobacco and was at Strasburg & brought twelve-hundred pounds of coal, payed \$3.00, and 24 bus of corn, payed .52 cts a bus, \$12.48 cts. Papa, Mother & Hettie were down at Quarryville at Uncle Jacob and Cousin Ezra Fritzes on a visit. Sarah kept house. Jacob Rhorers brought the enjine & the thresher here this fournoon.

10 Sunday Papa, Mother, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg, services by Elias Groff & A. Brubaker, text by Groff from St. Luke 16th chapter 8 first verses. P.M. Papa, Mother & Hettie were at John B. Herrs. Abram & Elem were at the Strasburg Sunday-schoool. This evening Benjamin & Elmer Brackbill were here. We all took a drive this eve.

11 Monday Clear, pleasant. Jacob Deiter & David Meck were threshing for us to day, Jacob Birk, Aaron Cassel & Samuel Shaub were helping. We thrashed 148 bushel of wheat at the new-barn till noon, after dinner we moved the machine to the other barn and thrashed 183 bushels of oats & the wheat-rakeings 18 bushels. Mother, the girls & Maggie Birk done the house-work. Hettie commenced school, Miss Mary F Williams is teacher this seshion again, it is the fifth seshion.

3112 Tuesday Clear, pleasant We were thrashing, the same hands were helping. We finnished at noon, thrashed 166 bushels of wheat & 183 bushels of oats. I hauled the machine up to Uncle Jacob Witmers. We red up the barn-floors and were working in the tobacco. I took the grain-drill to the shop to get the spindle straightened & got a horse shod. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day.

13 Wednesday Clear, warm. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem with three horses hauled the enjine from U. J. Witmers to Andy Williams. Papa was topping and worming tobacco. I was plowing for wheat, P.M. was working in my tobacco. P.M. Papa & Elem opened the barn-

cistern and cemented it over a gain, it leaked, this is the second time. They cleaned the house - cistern out. Abram was harrowing & hoeing in the t.garden. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were ironing.

14 Thursday Clear, verry warm, clouded at noon with a nise shourer of rain. Papa & Elem were takeing out stumps, Thad was trimming brush, Abram was working in the tobacco, I was plowing for wheat. P.M. Papa and Elem were down in Uncle J. Witmers woods quarrying stone for a hog-pen. Mother & Sarah baked and done the house-work. Hettie was in school.

15 Friday Cloudy with a nice shourer of rain.P.M. Papa, Abram and Elem dug a ditch from the summer-house down past the watering trough into the field to carry off the offal water. P.M. Papa and Thad were working in the t.garden, Abram prepaired for market, Elem was carting ground, filling up in the carriage-house, I was plowing for wheat. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Mrs Birk cleaned out the dineing room for Mother P.M.

16 Saturday Cloudy, verry warm, with rain in the evening. It rained all night.last night. Elem & Thad were at market. Abram cleaned the stables. Papa was over at Daniel Lehmans and Elem Harnishes to see sick horses. I was plowing for wheat, finished plowing w-stubble & commenced plowing oats-stubbles. P.M. We layed four inch pipe in the ditch we dug yesterday, then we were all working in the tobacco. Mother & the girls done the h.work & were sewing.

17 Sunday Cloudy, raining pretty much all day. Abram & Elem were to see Elias Deitrich, he has hemmerage of the bowels, the doctors Miller & Attle have poor hopes of his recovery. Abram & I were up at Grand Mother Witmers this evening.

18 Monday Cloudy, raining all day, cleared off cool this evening. Elem & Abram were over at Elem Harnishes & Daniel Lehmans to see sick horses. Thad and I were working at the barn. P.M. I was mending some of the harness, Elem and Thad cleaned out the tobacco-cellar, Abram washed and greased his harness. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. & were sewing, Hettie was in school. The three days rain we had soaked the ground better than it was soaked for a year.

19 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. We were all working in the tobacco, topping, suckering & worming. P.M. we were all over at John Sheaffers helping to move his carriage-house, we moved it from the hind side of the barn to the givel-end of the barn. He intends building a tobacco-shed where the carriage-house stood. Elem & Thad picked two bus of crab-apples, Abram prepaired for market. Papa & Mother were at G,Deitrichs to stay up with son Elias, has hemerage of the bowls, is verry low.

20 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram was at market, Papa and Thad were working in the tobacco, Elem was over at Daniel Lehmans to see a sick horse, I was topping & suckering tobacco. P.M. Papa & Elem were quarrying stone for the hog-pen, Abram was at John Sheaffers helping to dig out a tobacco-cellar, Thad was flat-harrowing, I brought the grain-drill from the smith-shop, Mother & Sarah done the house-work, Hettie was in school.

21 Thursday Clear, warm. Papa & Abram were working in the truck-garden, Elem was at E. Harnishes and D. Lehmans to see sick horses and was at the railroad at Strasburg and sold some

wheat at \$1.00 a bushel. P.M. Elem took a load of wheat out, 63 bushels. Thad and I were flat-harrowing. P.M, we sowed three acres with rye, we sowed it to plow down next spring. After supper I was plowing. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Last night I was at G. Deitrichs, stayed up with Elias, he is poorly.

22 Friday Clear, verry warm. Elem was hauling wheat to Strasburg to the rail-road, took two loads out 128 bushel and brought two loads of lumber for the hog-pen. Papa, Abram & Thad cleaned up & filled up the wheat. I was plowing for wheat. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Our neighbor George Deitrichs son Elias died of hemerage of the bowels. Abram was warning for his funeral on Sunday at 1 & 2 oclock P.M.

23 Saturday Cloudy, verry warm, with a heavy thundergust with heavy rain & storm. Abram, Elem and Thad were hauling stone & ground filling up in the horse-entry and the carriage-house at the n.barn. Papa & Mother were over at George Deitrichs helping to prepair for the funeral. I was working in my tobacco. P.M. I was in Lancaster, was at the doctors for medison for my sore leg. Hettie & Sarah done the house-work. Cousin John Witmer brought the mail this eve.

24 Sunday Cloudy with shourers, cleared off in the afternoon. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem & I were at Elias Deitrichs funeral; his age was 28 years.

25 Monday Cloudy, with rain P.M. We were all working in the tobacco, hunting the worms, topping & suckering. P.M. We were making tobacco scafoling in the new-barn. I cleaned the stables. Mother & Sarah done the house-work, Mother was canning pears. Hettie was in school. Addam Landis was here & bought a cow for \$40.00 cts.

26 Tuesday Cloudy, raining, cleared off in the evening. Papa and Abram were making tobacco scaffolding in the new-barn. Elem & Thad picked up the apples & made a barrel of cider. Mother and I peeled & snitzed a bushel & a half of apple and pear snits. P.M. We boiled butter of the cider & snitz, it made ten crocks of butter. P.M. Abram & Thad prepared for market. B.F. Byers butcher was here for a calf, payed \$7.00 for it, it weighed 178 lbs.

27 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market. Papa, Elem and I were suckering, topping & worming tobacco. Mother & Sarah done the house-work, Mother was canning pears & peaches. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day.

28 Thursday Clear, warm. Elem and Abram were hauling stone for the hog-stables from Uncle Jacob Witmers quarries, hauled six loads. Papa & Thad were working in the tobacco. I was working in my tobacco, topping & suckering. Mother & Sarah ironed the wash & done the h.work. Papa and Mother were at Uncle Amos Herrs this evening. Hettie was in school.

29 Friday Clear, pleasant. Elem and Abram finnished hauling stone for the hog-stable, two loads, & brought one load of sand. P.M. Elem was at Strasburg for a load of lumber. Abram prepared for market. Papa and Thad were working in the tobacco. I was working in my tobacco. P.M. I cut three hundred stalks, tis the first I cut. Mother, Mrs Birk & Sarah baked & were at drying corn. Mother canned six cans of peaches & done the h.work.

30 Saturday Clear, verry warm. Elem & Thad were at market. Abram was cutting tobacco, cut 250 stalks. P.M. He was picking pears, picked 4 bushels. I was suckering tobacco. P.M. Elem & I made a frame on the wagon to haul tobacco & took in one load of tobacco. Mother & the girls done the h.work. P.M. Witmer Barges, Miss Mathiut & Miss Lizzie Herr were here on a visit. Abram and Christin Herr went up to Rude Shenks at Rockvill, they are staying over-night.

31 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Uncle Christin Herr, wife & four children, and Lizzie & Annie Krantz were here. Elem was at Sunday-school. From Sunday-school Cousin Jacob, Emma & Lizzie Witmer, Cousin Vazetta Herr & Christin Herr were here.

SEPTEMBER 1879

1 Monday Clear, verry warm. Elem & I brought in two loads of tobacco & hung it up, then I was plowing for wheat until noon. P.M. I was cutting tobacco, cut 500 stalks. Papa, Abram, Elem & Thad were working in the tobacco, topping, suckering, worming & cut a bout 500 hun stalks. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Mother canned some pears & peaches. Hettie was in school.

2 Tuesday Cloudy, with rain in the afternoon. Abram & Elem were working at the tobacco, Thad & I were working in my tobacco, suckering & cut 180 stalks. P.M. Abram, Elem & Thad prepaired grapes, pears, tomatoes, potatoes, corn, pickles & peppers for market. Mother canned 4 cans of peaches & prepaired butter & eggs for market & done the house-work. Hettie was in school.

3 Wednesday Cloudy, raining pretty much all day. Abram & I were at market, right good, grapes.30 cts ½ peck, pears .10 cts, potatoes .10 cts, tomatoes .12, corn per doz .10 cts, pickels ..35 cts per 100, pepers .10 cts per doz, butter & eggs .14 cents. Elem & Thad were putting up tobacco scaffolding in the new-barn. P.M. Abram made a stand sour-kroust for Mother. I helped Mother boil some apple-butter. Mrs Birk washed for Mother. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Hettie was in school.

4 Thursday There was a thunder-gust last night with heavy rain & storm, cleared off pleasant. Elem, Thad & I were working in my tobacco, we were suckering, worming & cut 11 hundred stalks. Abram was working in Papas tobacco. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & ironed the clothes. Hettie was in school. This evening we pared 1 ½ bushels of pears to dry

5 Friday Clear, verry warm. Abram, Elem & Thad were working in the tobacco, they were suckering & cut 12 hundred stalks. I was working in my tobacco, suckering & cut 5 hundred stalks. Abram prepaired for market. Mother & Sarah baked & done the house-work. Mrs Birk was here & cleaned out the cellar for Mother. Hettie was in school.

6 Saturday Clear, verry warm. Elem and Thad were at market this morning. Abram cleaned the stables & was working in the tobacco. I was suckering tobacco & cut 3 hundred stalks. P.M. Abram, Elem & Thad cut 2 hundred stalks & hauled in three loads and hung it up. Elem was over at Christin Herrs.

7 Sunday Clear, verry warm, with heavy gust in the eve. Abram, Elem & Mother were at church at Strasburg. Cousin Francis, Elem & Albert Herr were here to day. Elem Huber was here from church. P.M. Elem & Elmer Brackbill were at Jacob Rhorers. Abram & E. Huber were at Sunday-school.

8 Monday Clear, pleasant, there was a heavy gust last night with heavy rain. Up at Mt. Joy & Silver-spring they had hail that cut up the corn, tobacco & fruit, the tobacco is not worth putting a-way. Papa, Abram, Elem & Thad were working in the tobacco, suckering & cutting, cut 1000 stalks. I was working in my tobacco, suckering and cut 600 stalks. Abram took Mother out to Grand Mother Herra & brought her this eve. Sarah done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

9 Tuesday Clear, cool, pleasant. Elem, Thad & I hauled in three loads of tobacco, cut about 1800 stalks. Abram prepared apples, grapes, tomatoes & pickles for market. Mother & Sarah done the house-work, made some catch-up & prepared butter & eggs for market. Hettie was in school. This evening Abram was in at Abram Rohrer to see a bout going to Philadelphia.

10 Wednesday Clear, pleasant, cool. Elem was at market, Abram went a long in. He, Abram Rohrer, Amos Herr & Aldis Herr took the 6 20/60 oclock train for Philadelphia, they went to tend the state fair, they are staying until tommorrow evening. Papa & Thad were making tobacco scaffolding in the tobacco shed. P.M. Papa, Elem & Thad cut 1100 stalks of tobacco. I was suckering tobacco & cut 700 stalks. Mother & Sarah done the h.work, Hettie was in school.

11 Thursday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem & Thad were suckering & cutting tobacco, cut 1400 stalks, hauled in five loads. I and Aaron Cassel were working in my tobacco, we took in four loads & hung it up, were suckering & P.M. cut & spud 900 stalks. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. P.M. Mrs Birk was here, boiled soap for Mother & white-washed the kitchen. Elem was in Lancaster this eve for Abram. He was well pleased at the state fair & he & A, Rhorer visited over 100 green-houses in New-Jersey, was well pleased with the trip.

12 Friday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem & Thad were making tobacco scaffolds in the shed & took in three loads of tobacco. P.M. they were suckering & cut 1200 stalks. Aaron Cassel & I took in five loads & were suckering, P.M. we cut 1100 stalks. Abram prepared grapes, apples, tomatoes, corn & pickles for market. Mother & Sarah baked & done the house-work. Hettie was in school. David Mayers here warning for Mothers Aunt Susan Hubers funeral.

13 Saturday Cloudy, cool, with showers of rain in the afternoon. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem & I were suckering tobacco. Papa and Mother were at Mothers Aunt Susanah Hubers funeral. She was buried at the brick-church at Willow-street. Her age was 86 years 4 mo 5 days. P.M. Elem, Thad and I hauled in three loads of tobacco & cleaned the stables. Abram mowed the house-yard. I was at the rail-road at Strasburg for 10 bus corn, payed .52 cts.a bus. Elem was at C. Herra to see a sick horse.

14 Sunday Cloudy, with rain, cleared off pleasant P.M. Papa, Mother & Hettie were up at Grand Mother Witmer's, P.M. they were at S.School, Abram & Elem were there too. From S.

School, Abram & Elem were at Christin Herrs, Jr. They had a grape party, there was ten couples there, they had a pleasant time.

15 Monday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Abram, Elem & Thad were were at the tobacco, suckering & cut 2000 stalks. Jacob Deiter & I were at my tobacco, suckering & cut 1800 stalks & took in five loads, I finished. Mother and Sarah done the h.work. Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Hettie was in school. Annie Clack and Lillie Parvin came this eve on a visit, they are staying over night.

16 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Elem was at John Musselmans saw-mill for a load of lumber. Thad was at Strasburg for six hundred tobacco-laths. Papa & Sam Shaub were making tobacco-scaffolds in the barn. P.M. Papa, Elem, S. Shaub & Thad were suckering & cutting tobacco, cut 800. Abram prepared for market. I was plowing oats stubble for wheat, was at the mill & cut 638 pickels. Christin Rhorners & Ruben Bears were here on a visit. Thad took Mrs Clack & Miss Parvin home.

17 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem, ~~Thad~~, Samuel Shaub were hauling in tobacco, hauled in five loads. Abram and Thad were at market. P.M. Papa, Abram, Elem & Thad were suckering & cutting tobacco, cut 1600 stalks. I was plowing for wheat, finished plowing oats-stubble. P.M. was rooling, S. Shaub was harrowing. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Hettie was in school. I sold $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 78 crop of tobacco at .10 cts for wrappers, .06 for seconds, .03 cts for fillers.

18 Thursday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Abram, Elem & Thad were suckering & cutting tobacco, cut 1500 stalks, hauled it in & hung it up, they finished. This eve they took out 20 bus potatoes. I took my 78 tobacco to Lancaster to Lewis Sulvester & Co, 342 lb at .10 cts, \$34.20 cts, 75 lb at .06 cts \$4.50 & 53 lb at .03 cts \$1.57 cts. P.M. I was flat-harrowing & was at Abram Shaubs & engaged 15 bus seed wheat. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Hettie was in school.

19 Friday Cloudy, cool. Papa, Elem, Thad, Jacob Deiter & Samuel Shaub were takeing out potatoes, they took out one hundred & twenty bushels. Abram prepared for market. I was at Abram Shaubs & brought 15 bus of fultz-wheat., payed !.20 cts a bus \$18.00. I sowed 4 acres of wheat, sowed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus to the acre. P.M. I was cultivateing for wheat. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Cousin Frank & Salome Lefevere were here P.M.

20 Saturday Cloudy, cool. Abram & Thad were at market. Papa, Elem, Aaron Cassel, Vessely Ulmer & Harry Carpenter were takeing out potatoes, they took out one hundred & eighty bushels. I cultivated the tobacco pach, three acres. P.M. Abram & I were seeding, sowed 2 acres wheat-stub in white-wheat & three acres tobacco-ground with Fultz-wheat, sowed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus to the acre. Samuel Shaub was flat-harrowing. Mother & the girls done the h.work.

21 Sunday Cloudy, cool. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Elias Groff & Abram Brubaker. From church I was at John B. Herrs. P.M. Papa & Mother were at Cousin Amos Brenemans & Martin Lefevers. P.M. we were at S. School

22 Monday Cloudy, cool, cleared off in the evening. Elem harrowed the potatoe pach, S. Shaub picked up the potatoes 8 bus. P.M. Elem & Samuel hauled some weeds off & some stumps & roots. Papa & Abram & Thad were pulling grapes, they pulled 25 bushels. I was plowing for wheat. Jacob Deiter commenced cutting corn at \$1.15 cts an acre, he bords him self. Mother canned 11 quart cans of peaches. Uncle George Witmer brought 10 bus grapes.

23 Tuesday Clear, pleasant Abram & Thad were in Lancaster with 35 bus grapes, 25 bus at \$1.00 a bus, & 10 bus at \$1.50 a bus. They brought home a load of lumber for a new green-house. Elem was cultivateing wheat-stubbles. Papa & S Shaub were hauling off stumps & stones, P.M. they were cutting off sweet-corn-fodder & hauling it off. I was plowing & cut 370 pickels. P.M. Abram prepared for market. J. Deiter was cutting corn. Mother & Sarah done the h.work.

24 Wednesday Cloudy, with a shourer of rain P.M. cleared off cool in the eve. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem & Samuel Shaub were flat-harrowing. Papa was cutting off sweet-potatoes vines. P.M. Papa & Abram staked off where the green-house is to go, the size is 21 by 30 feet, they commenced digging out. I was plowing corn-ground for wheat, finnished. Jacob Deiter was cutting corn. Thad was at Abram Shaubs for eleven bushel seed-wheat. Mother & Sarah done the house-work.

25 Thursday Clear, cold. Elem was rooling, Sam Shaub was flat-harrowing, Thad & I sowed 7 ¼ acres of wheat for Papa, & sowed 3 ½ acres for my self, sowed the same to the acre. Papa, Abram & John Lehman were digging out at the green-house, & Abram was potting flower plants. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Hettie was in school. Jacob Weaver & Abram Herr were here a while. There was heavy frost, it scorched vegetation.

26 Friday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem, S Shaub & Thad took out the sweet-potatoes, about 30 bushel nice large ones & 12 bus small ones. I took out my sweet-potatoes, 10 bus large ones & four small ones. Abram & John Lehman were digging out for the green-house. P.M. Abram prepared for market, pulled 10 bus of grapes. Jacob Deiter was cutting corn. I had Charlie-horse at the smith-shop. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

27 Saturday Clear, verry pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market, the market good. Papa, Elem & John Lehman were digging out at the green-house. Samuel Shaub cleaned the stables at both places. P.M. Papa was at Martin Carpenters properties sale, 10 acres of land with good buildings. It was up to \$4,900 dol, did not sell. Elem & S Shaub were picking winter-apples. Abr & Thad were working in t.garden. I husked some corn for hogs & was cutting corn. This eve Papa & Mother were at Aunt Mary Mayers for some honey, bought 16 lb at .18 cts, \$2.88 cts.

28 Sunday Abram Rhorer & Mr Goodall were here this fournoon. P.M. Abram, Elem & the girls were at Sunday-school. Thaddeus was home to day. Papa & Mother were up at Grand Mother Witmers this eve. Benjamin Brackbill & Christin Herr were here a while this eve. C. Herr & Elem took a drive.

29 Monday Cloudy, pleasant. Papa, Abram, Elem, S. Shaub & Abram Peeters, carpenter, tore down the green-house at the old home & hauled it up to the new home & commenced rebuilding it. P.M. Abram, Elem, S, Shaub & Thad pulled 10 bus of grapes, Abram took them to Lancaster, sold 6 bus at \$1.15 cts, the rest at \$1.50. Papa, E., S. & I were picking winter-apples & putting them in the cellar. Jacob Deiter & I were cutting corn. Mrs Birk washed for Mother, Mother & Sar. done the h.work.

30 Tuesday Papa, Elem & Thad were hauling up lumber & sash of the green-house & were digging out at the g.house furnace pit & filling up in the horse & cow stable with the ground. Abram & Abram Peeters were at rebuilding the g.house. P.M. Abram pulled 10 bus of grapes for market. Jacob Deiter & I were cutting corn. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Hettie was in school. Henry Musser brought Grand Mother Herr here this eve, she is staying over night.

OCTOBER 1879

1 Wednesday Clear, verry warm. Abram Peeters was working at the green-house. Papa & Elem were digging out at the furnace-pit and filling up a-round the buildings with the ground. Abram & Thad were at market, had 10 bus grapes, sold them from .20 to .30 cts ½ peck. They came home & pulled 15 bus more; Abram took them to Lancaster this eve, 3 bus to Soloman Sprecher at 1.00 & 12 bus to William Sprecher at 1.00 a bushel. Jacob Deiter & I were cutting corn. Mother & Sarah done the h.work.

2 Thursday Clear, pleasant. Elem & Thad were picking winter-apples. P.M. they finished digging out the furnace-pit. Abram was painting sash for the g.house. P.M. Abram Peeters was working at the g.house Jacob Deiter & I were cutting corn, finished. J. Deiter cut 10 ½ acres corn at \$1.15 an acre. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. Hettie was in school. Cousin David & Aunt Mary Mayers were here to day on a visit.

3 Friday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Elem & Thad were picking winter-apples, picked 40 bushel & put them in the cellar. Abram Peeters & Abram were working at the green-house. P.M. Abram pulled 9 bus of grapes for market. Jacob Deiter dug the green-house pit ½ foot deeper & was filling up in the yard between the house & barn. I commenced husking corn this morning. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work.

4 Saturday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market, had 9 bus grapes, sold them at 1.80 cts a bus. Papa & Elem were picking winter-apples, picked 25 bus & put them in the cellar. I was husking corn. P.M. I brought in a load of corn & cleaned the horse-stables. Abram Peeters was working at the g.house. Jacob Deiter was digging out for the foundation of the h.stables. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Aunt Emma Herr & Edie Monie were here.

5 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Rev. B. & A. Herr, Elias Groff & Abr. Brubaker. Text by A.Herr, St. Luke 5th chapter 12 first verses. From church Harry Shaub, wife and his mother were here. In the afternoon Papa, Mother, Shaubs and I were at Grand Mother Witmers. Abram & Elem were at S. School.

6 Monday Clear, verry warm. Abram & Elem were over Christin B Herrs cider-mill making cider, they made three barrel of cider. P.M. Elem & Thad finnished picked the winter-apples. Abram was painting green-house sash. I was husking corn. Abram Peeters was working at the green-house. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Hettie was in school. Cousin Abram Root, wife & three children were here on a visit.

7 Tuesday Clear, verry warm. Elem & Thad were over at C.B. Herrs & made abarrel of water-cider & were hauling sand & stone for the horse-stable. Abram was painting at the green-house. & helping Abram Peeters the carpenter at the g.house. Jacob Deiter finnished digging out the hog-stable foundation. I was husking corn. P.M. Jacob deiter commenced husking corn at .02 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts a shock. This eve we were all snitzing apples for butter.

8 Wednesday Clear, verry warm. Abram, Elem & Thad filled up & loaded 82 bushels of wheat. P.M. Elem took it to Groffs mill, sold it at \$1.25 cts a bushel. He came home around by Mellingers lumber-yard & brought 600 feet of boards. P.M. Abram was helping Abram Peeters at the g.house. Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn. this eve Elem, Thad & I brought in one load of corn. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

9 Thursday Clear, verry warm, the thermometer 90 in the shade. Papa, Elem & Thad finnished picking & putting a-way the winter-apples & made 1 barrel of cider. P.M. Elem & Thad hauled 4 loads of stone in to the hog-stables. I made a partishion in the corn-crib, , cut the pickles 400 hun, had Harry-horse at the shop getting him shod & Elem, Thad & I brought in two loads of corn. Abram & Mother were in Lancaster buying clothing &c. Sarah done the h.work, Hettie was in school.

10 Friday Clear, warm. Papa, Elem & Thad were working about the house & barn, cleaned out the cistern &c. Elem & Thad cut off some sweet-corn. Abram put the furnace in the g.house to day & prepaired for market. Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn. Mother, Mrs Birk & Sarah baked & boiled one barrel of cider to butter, it made 10 crocks of butter. Hettie was in school.

11 Saturday Cloudy, warm. Abram & ~~Hettie~~ Thad were at market, market brisk. Elem was helping Abram Peters at the g.house & hauling brick up from the other place for the g.house. Abram made the flues in the g.house, P.M. Jacob Dieter & I were husking corn; P.M. Thad & I brought in two loads of corn, one of nubbins. Mother & the girls done the house-work. Uncle Jacob Fritzes were here on a visit.

12 Sunday Cloudy, cleared off pleasant. Papa & Mother were at Jacob Weavers. Abram, Elem & I were at church at the brick. Services by Rev. Ben & Amos Herr. Text by the latter, St. Matthew 25th chapter 41 to 31th verse. P.M. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem & the girls were at Sunday-school. It was the last time this season. Each scholar received a book as a present.

13 Monday Clear, verry warm, thermometer at 90 in the shade. Papa & Elem commenced making the hog-stable walls, Thad was hauling water & sand. Abram finnished making the flue in the green-house. Abram Peeters, carpenter, was working at the green-house. Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn. Thad & I filled up 16 bus sweet-potatoes & delivered them to G.Mother

Herr, Annie Brackbill, Dr Miller, J. Bowman, A. Rhoads, J. Birk & J. Deiter, sold them from .50 cts to \$1.00, \$11.60 cts. Mrs Birk washed for Mother.

14 Tuesday Clear, verry warm. Papa & Elem finnishd putting up the hog-stable wall & plastered the horse-entry floor. Abram and Abram Peeters were working at the green-house. Abram prepaired for market. Thad & I brought in two loads of corn. I cut four-hundred pickles. Jacob Deiter was husking corn. Mother & Sarah ironed the wash & done the house-work. Hettie was in school. This eve Papa & Mother were up at G.Mother Witmers.

15 Wednesday Clear, verry warm, thermometer at 84 in the shade. Abram & Mother were at market. Mother bought a stove with heater attached for \$42.00cts. Abram brought seventeen boxes of glass for g.house. Elem & Thad were hauling stone into the hog-stable P.M., I was helping them, we were hauling them off the wheat & corn-field. In the fournoon I was husking corn. Abram Peeters was working at the g.house. P.M. Papa & Abram were laying pipes from cistern to g.house.

16 Thursday Clear, verry warm and getting verry dry. Our cisterns are dry & the wells scarcely enough for house-work. We have to take all our stock a way to water. Thermometer at 90 in the shade. Abram & Abram Peeters were working at the g.house, Abram was putting in glass, Thad was helping & hauling ground in the g.house. Jacob Deiter, Elem & I were husking corn. P.M. E. & I brought in two loads of corn. Mrs Birk scoured the tin ware for Mother. Mother & Sarah done the h.work.

17 Friday Clear, verry warm, thermometer at 90 in shade. Abram Peters finnishd the carpenter work at the g.house. Abram & Thad were putting glass in the g.house. Jacob Deiter, Elem & I were husking corn. This afternoon Elem was helping Abram to lay glass, they finnishd & prepaired for market. I was hauling compost in to the g.house & Thad & I brought in one load of corn. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

18 Saturday Cloudy, damp, with rain in the evening. Abram & Hettie were at market, the market brisk. Hettie got her hair cut & got a pair of new shoes. J. Deiter, Elem & I were husking corn. Thad cleaned the stables. P.M. Thad & I brought in two loads of corn & one of nubbins. Abram & Elem layed pipes from the watering-trough into the g.house. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. P.M. our teacher Miss Mary Williams & Miss Lizzie Herr were here on a visit.

19 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Mother, John B. Herrs & Andrew Herrs were at church at New-Danville. From church they went to Rude Shenks. Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. There was a strange preacher there, Christin Stauffer. When Elem & I were comeing home from church one spindle broke off our buggy. P.M. Elem & Abram were at Sunday-school. From S.S. they were at Grand Mother Herrs.

20 Monday Clear, cool, there was a heavy frost. Elem & Thad were hauling stone into the hog-stable. Abram was working in the g.house. & white-washed two rooms for Mother. Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn. P.M. Elem & I were at Strasburg & brought 850 bricks & 1400 shingles & took Elems buggy to the coach factory. Abram Peters was frameing at the hog-

stable. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were cleaning house, cleaned two rooms. Hettie was in school.

21 Tuesday Cloudy, cool, with rain in the evening. I was at Strasburg for a load of lumber for the hog-stable. P.M. Thad & I took in two loads of corn. Elem & Jacob Deiter were husking corn. Abram was working in the g. house & prepared for market. Abram Peters & Henry Monteith were frameing at the hog-stable. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Hettie was in school.

22 Wednesday Cloudy with shouers. Abram & Thad were at market, the market brisk., apples .10 to .12 cts ½ peck, potatoes .10 ½ peck, peppers .08 cts doz. Elem was sawing & splitting wood. I made a lot of straw-bands & cleaned the horse-stable & cut 280 pickles. P.M. Abram & Thad were working in the g.house. Abram Peters & Henry Monteith were frameing at the hog-stable. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

23 Thursday Cloudy, pleasant. Abram layed two layers of brick on top of the stone-wall at the hog-stable. Elem dug & brought in two loads of sand & mixed the mortar for Abram. Thad was at Herra lime kylns & brought 10 bus lime. Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn, this eve Thad & I brought in one load of corn. Abram Peters & Henry Monteith were frameing at the hog-stable, they finnished. Mother & Sarah done the house-work & were cleaning house, Mrs Birk was helping.

24 Friday Clear, cold, stormy. This morning the carpenters Abram Peters & Henry Monteith, Elem, Thad & I raised the hog-stable. It is 16 by 22 feet. Elem, Thad & I sorted out the sweet-potatoes 30 bus & put them in the house & brought in a load of pumpkins & two loads of corn. Abram was working in the g.house & prepared for market. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Hettie was in school.

25 Saturday Clear, cold, with verry heavy frost, the ground frozen all day in the shade. Abram & Thad were at market, the market good. Elem, Jacob Deiter & I were husking corn, we finnished at noon. P.M. Thad & I brought in the corn, two loads, & 1 load of nubbins. P.M. Abram was working in the g.house. Elem was at Strasburg for his buggie. Abram Peters & Henry Monteith were working at the hog-stable. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Papa is unwell, has severe pain in his head & limbs.

26 Sunday Clear, cool, pleasant. Papa is unwell, he has severe pain in his head & all through his limbs. The docter was to see him this morn, he thinks he is on the mend. John B. Herr was to see Papa. P.M. John Dunlaps & J. Dieter were here. P.M. Christin Herr & Abram were at the New-Providence S.School & at Uncle George Witmers.

27 Monday Cloudy, cool. Thad & I were up at Mellingers for lumber & coal, brought 2 ¼ tons of coal, payed \$1.25 cts a ton. P.M. Jacob Deiter & I were in Lancaster for a load of for J. Deiter, brought two tons, he payed \$3.50 cts a ton. Abram was working in the g.house. Abram Peters was working at the hog-stables, Elem was helping him. Thad was at John Musselmans. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day, Mother & Sarah done the house-work.

28 Tuesday Cloudy with showers. Jacob Deiter & I were hauling corn-fodder, hauled three loads. Elem was laying brick in the hog-stables, Thad was hauling sand. Abram was working in the g.house & prepared for market. P.M. John Dunlap, Thad & I killed a hog that dressed 180 pounds, we made sausage & puddings. Abram Peters put the roof on the hog-stable to day. Mrs Birk cleaned the summer-house & helped to butcher. Mother & Sarah done the h.work.

29 Wednesday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Thad were at market. Elem was laying brick in the hog-stable, he finished. P.M. Abram, Elem & Thad were sorting potatoes in the barn-floor & put them in the cellar. I cleaned the horse-stables & was pulling turnips. Abram Peters was working at the hog-stable. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Cousin Sarah Lefevere came here at noon, she intends staying a few days. Joseph Herr was here a while P.M. Papa is able to be a bout a gain.

30 Thursday Clear, pleasant, blew up cold at noon. Elem, Jacob Deiter, Thad & I were hauling corn-fodder until noon, hauled 4 loads. P.M. Elem & Thad were sorting potatoes in the barn-floor & carrying them into the cellar. I was sawing & splitting wood. Abram was working in the g.house & putting vegetables & flower-plants a way for winter. Abram Peters was working at the hog-stable. Shertzler & Co of Lancaster brought Mother a stove & heater, the name of it is Splendid. This eve Abram & Sarah Lefevere were at Joseph Herrs.

31 Friday Cloudy, cold & stormy. I brought in a load of wood & brought two barrel of water to water the g.house with. P.M. I was pulling & topping turnips, pulled 16 bushels. Abram was planting lettuce in the g.house & prepared for market. Elem took Cousin Sarah Lefevere to Elias Herrs & was at Harry Shaubs to see a sick-horse. P.M. Elem & Thad were sorting potatoes & carrying them into the cellar. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. W.G. Witmer was here P.M.

NOVEMBER 1879

1 Saturday Clear, cold, high wind. Elem & Thad were at market, the prices, s. potatoes .12 cts ½ peck, pota .10 cts ½ p, apples .14 cts to .18 cts ½ p, turnips .15 cts ½ p, peppers 10 to 12 cts a doz. Abram cleaned the stables. I cut the tops off 20 bus turnips & was sawing & splitting wood. Mother & the girls done the h.wprk. P.M. Papa & Mother were at church at Strasburg, there was six persons baptized. Abram & I were visiting green-houses, were at Henry Ressler, George Hensels & Mr Getzes. Mr. Humpherville was out & put the heat registers on Mothers stove.

2 Sunday Cloudy, cool, with rain in the eve. Papa, Mother, Abram, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. From church Papa & Mother were at Grand Mother Herrs. Christin Herr, Benjamin & Elmer Brackbill were here to spend the afternoon. Thaddeus Brackbill went home P.M. to stay at home.

3 Monday Clear, cold, stormy. Elem & Abram brought in two loads of corn-fodder. It got to windy to haul. Then they brought some boards up from the other place to use in the chicken-house. P.M. Elem was up at Mellingers for 500 feet of boards & some shingles for the chicken-house. Papa was sorting out potatoes & carried them into the cellar. Abram was working in the

g.house. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. P.M. Mother was with Jacob Weavers over to Jacob Millers.

4 Tuesday Clear, cold & stormy, the ground frozen all day. Papa & Elem were sorting potatoes & carrying them into the cellar. Abram was working in the green-house & prepared for market. Abram Peters was working at the chicken-house. Mother & Sarah done the h.work, prepared butter & eggs for market & were sewing. Papa, Abram & I were at the state & county election. Thaddeus Brackbill was here for his chest & clothes. There was a dry-goods agent, W.J. Kennaday, here, each of us bought a suit of clothes.

5 Wednesday Cloudy, cold, drizzeling rain in the afternoon, there fell two inches of snow last night. Abram was at market. Elem was sorting potatoes & carrying them in to the cellar, he finished. We put a-way two hundred bushels of nice ones. I cleaned the hog-stables at the other place we have no hogs in now., we have taken them all up in to the new-stables. Abram Peters finished the chicken-house this eve. P.M. I took Mother to Uncle Martin Witmers, they have a yong son; & I was at the mill.

6 Thursday Clear, cool, pleasant. The state of the weather that I have written on the 5th should be here & the above to the 5th. Abram was working in the g.house. Elem was out tracking rabbits in the snow, he shot one & shot a chicken for Mother. We had them cooked together for supper, they were splendid. P.M. Abram, Elem & I hauled in three loads of corn-fodder, put it in the barn. Abram Peters put locks on the kitchen-shutters & made a towel-rack &c. We are done with him now, he has been working here 5 weeks, he put up 2 g.houses, 1 hog-pen & chicken-house. Mother & Sarah done the h.work.

7 Friday Cleared off pleasant. Elem & I cleaned out the cellar at the barn and one of the stables for to pack tobacco in, we took down 500 stalks of tobacco. P.M. Abram, Elem & I hauled in the last of the corn-fodder., three loads, we put it in the barn. Abram was working in the g.house. I was at Neffs mill for corn-meal. Mother & Sarah baked & done the h.work. Hettie was in school. Elem was at the Lampeter Lyceum this eve, it was largely attended.

8 Saturday Cloudy, cool, with rain in the evening. Abram & Elem were working in the truck-garden & g.house; and Elem cleaned the stables. Samuel Shaub & I were pulling turnips & topping them, we put a-way fifty bushel. Mother & the girls done the house work & were sewing. P.M. Elem was down the country seeing some horses. Uncle Jacob Fritz was here a while.

9 Sunday Cloudy with shouers. Papa, Mother, Abram & I were at church at the brick church; services by Rev. Abram Brubaker & Rev. Joseph Eversole from Mt. Joy. From church Papa, Mother & John B. Herrs were at Andrew Herrs. Abram & I were at J.B. Herrs; David Krider, John Eby, Amos Herr & Elmer Brackbill were there too. Cousin John & Martin Witmer were here P.M. Elem & the girls were at home all day.

10 Monday Cleared off nice & warm. Papa, Abram & Elem hung the tobacco-cellar full of tobacco & were working in the truck-garden, planting raspberries & fruit-trees. I & Hettie were pulling & topping turnips, we put a-way 45 bushels. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Mrs

Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Cousin Samuel & Mary Root were here to day. This eve, Papa & Mother were up at Grand Mother Witmers. This week there is no school, it's the teachers institute.

11 Tuesday Cloudy with shourers, cleared off at noon, pleasant. Papa, Mother , Abram & I were at church at Strasburg. There was a strange preacher there, Revern Samuel Kaufman, from Virginia. He took his text from St. Matthew 5th Chapter the first 12 verses. There was four other strange preachers there from near home. From church Papa, Mother & Kate Mathew were at Grand Mother Herrs. Elem & I were pulling & topping turnips, 25 bus. Abram prepared for market. The girls done the h.work.

12 Wednesday Cloudy, pleasant. Elem was at market. Papa was working in the truck-garden. Abram white-washed two rooms for Mother. Mother & Mrs Birk were cleaning house. Mother & the girls done the house-work. I was pulling & topping turnips. P.M. Elem was helping, we pulled 45 bus, finnished. Elem brought in a load of wood.& was at the mill. I cleaned the horse stables. Cousin Sue & Bina Fritz were here to day to see Hettie. Elem was at A. Carpenters this eve.

13 Thursday Clear, verry pleaant. Elem & William Carpenter went to Lancaster this morning to go on an excurshion to Philadelphia, they intend staying until Saturday. Abram & I greased the cart & the two farm-wagons & put the planks on for to haul manure. I put a tongue in the one wagon. Abram brought a bar. of water. Papa was working in the t.garden. P.M. I was plowing out corn-stalks. Abram went with C. Herr to Lan. to the Teachers Institute. Abram brought Elem horse & buggie.

14 Friday Cloudy, very damp, cleared off in the evening. Papa & Abram were hauling out manure in the truck-garden & hauling off offal vegetables. I was harrowing out corn-stalks & put fifty bushels of turnips in to the cellar & stripped a little tobacco. Mother & the girls baked, done the house-work & were sewing. Hettie was at the store & shoe-makers. This eve Abram & Miss M.B. were in Lan. at the Teachers-institute.

15 Saturday Cloudy with shouers. Abram was carting manure into the t.garden. Papa was spreading manure. P.M. Abram cleaned the stables. I was pulling corn-stalks & putting a-way turnips. Mother & the girls done the h.work. Joseph Hulls man was here & put spouting on the hog-stable. Uncle George Witmer & wife were here on a visit. This afternoon Elem & William Carpenter came home from Philadelphia, they were well pleased with their trip.

16 Sunday Clear, verry pleasant. This morning Papa, Mother & Hettie went up to Henry Staman on a visit. Abram, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Elias Groff, text from St. Luke 1st chapter 36th verse to the end of chapter. P.M. We were there at Sunday [school]; it was the last time this season, was largely attended. Cousin Elem Hesses came here this eve, they are staying until tomarrow

17 Monday Clear, verry pleasant. Abram was carting manure into the t.garden, he finnished. Elem was spreading manure & he & Abram brought in two barrels of water & some hot & cold frames up from the other place. Papa was trimming trees & g.vines. I was pulling corn-stalks.

Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Hettie was in school. Elem Hesses started home this fournoon. The big rone cow got a calf yesterday.

18 Tuesday Cloudy, raining & misting. Papa & Elem made tables in the stripping-room to strip tobacco on; P.M. they were stripping tobacco. Abram was working in the g.house & prepaired for market. I was stripping tobacco. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & prepaired butter & eggs for market & were sewing. Hettie was in school.

19 Wednesday Clear, cold. Abram was at market, the prices but. & egg .22 cts, apples .15 cts, potatoes .09 cts ½ peck. P.M. Abram was working in the g.house & t.garden. Papa & Elem were stripping tobacco. Jacob Deiter was loading manure, I hauled it out on the tobacco ground, hauled 13 loads on two acres, finnished. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Hettie was in school. Papa sold strawberrie cow to Aaron Sill for \$47.50 cts.

20 Thursday Cloudy, cold & stormy. Papa & Abram took a cow & calf up to Willow-street, sold to Aaron Sill for 47.50. Abram cleaned the cow-stable & was working in the g.house. Elem was at John B. Herrs helping to thresh. I was hauling corn-stalks off the tobacco-pach & put up a stove in the summer-house for stripping tobacco, & was up at Uncle Jacob Witmers for his fodder-cutter. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Hettie was in school.

21 Friday Clear, verry cold, with high north-west wind. Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco all day. Mother & Sarah baked 8 pies & 5 cakes, done the house-work & were sewing. Hettie was in school; they had pieces by hart & compositions. This eve Abram & Elem were at the Lampeter Lyceum.

22 Saturday Clear, verry cold, with high north-west wind. Elem was hauling coal from Mellingers coal-yard, he brought two loads, first load 4275 lbs Enterprise stove at \$5.00 = \$10.68 cts, second 5360 lbs Lehigh nut at \$4.50 = \$12.00. Abram cleaned the stables & was working in the g.house. I was stripping tobacco & cleaned the cattle stables. Mother & the girls done the h.work & were sewing. Uncle Reuben Nolts & Aunt Emma Herr were here on a visit P.M.

23 Sunday Abram & I were at church at New-Providence. Services by A. Herr, Abram Brubaker & E. Groff; text by A. Herr from St. Luke 10th chapter 35th verse to the end of chapter. From church we went to Uncle George Witmers. John Sheaffers were [*here*] this eve. Hettie & Sarah were up at G.Mother Witmers.

24 Monday Clear, cool, pleasant. Elem brought a load of coal from W.G. Mellingers, 4965 lbs Lehigh-nut at \$4.50 a ton, \$11.17 cts. Papa & Abram were stripping tobacco. This afternoon Elem & Abram were hauling wood from the woods, hauled three loads. I was stripping tobacco all day. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing this evening. Maggie Birk washed for Mother to day. Hettie was in school.

25 Tuesday Clear, verry pleasant. Elem & Abram were hauling wood from the woods, hauled three loads. P.M. they were stripping tobacco & Abram prepaired for market. I was stripping tobacco. Mother & Sarah done the h.work, prepaired the butter & eggs for market & were

ironing wash. Mother & Mariah Sheaffer were to see Fannie Shaub this afternoon, she is unwell, is a little better.

26 Wednesday Clear, verry pleasant. Abram was at market. Elem was at Addam Lefeveres to see a sick horse. I was stripping tobacco. This afternoon Papa, Elem & I were sawing wood with the sircular-saw. Abram Peters was working at the green-house takeing off some of the sash & putting in stationery laths for the glass. Mother & Sarah done the house-work. P.M. Aunt Sarah Herr, C. Vazetta Herr & Anna & John Barr were here on a visit, Ben. Barrs son & daughter from Misouri.

27 Thursday Thanks-giving day, appointed by the Government of the state. Clear, pleasant. Papa, Mother & I were at church at New-Providence. Services by Ben and Amos Herr, Elias Groff & Abr. Brubaker. Text by A. Herr from the 115th Psalm. From church Papa & Mother were at Abner Peopleses. Abram & Abram Peters finnished putting laths on the green-house and put the glass in. Elem tended the stock. Hettie & Sarah done the h.work. Mrs Reuben Bear was here this eve.

28 Friday Cloudy, moderate, with shouers of rain. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were sawing wood with the circular-saw, sawed four cords, finnished at 2 oclock. Abram & Elem hauled the wood up to the house. I was gatherind corn-stalks off where I intend putting tobacco. This eve I took down 40 laths of tobacco. Jacob Deiter was spreading manure on the tobacco-ground. Mother & Sarah baked 9 loaves of bread & 16 pies, done the h.work & were sewing.

29 Saturday Cloudy, with little shourers of rain. In the afternoon blew up cold with skifts of snow. Abram was working in the g.house. Elem was fixing the water-pipes & was stripping tobacco. P.M. Elem cleaned the stables. I took down 800 stalks of tobacco & stripped 50. P.M. I cleaned the stables &c. Mother & the girls done the house-work & were sewing. Abram took a drive this eve. Last night there fell 1 ¼ inches of rain.

30 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Abram, Elem & I were at church at Strasburg. Services by Elias Groff & Abram Brubaker. Text by Bru. from St. Mark 10 Chapter 17 to 23 verses. From church Abram & Elem were at Cousin Christin Rhorers, there was six buggies of young folks went there. I was at Uncle Christin Herrs, found them all well. This evening Papa & Mother were up at Grand Mother Witmers. Hettie & Sarah were over at John Sheaffers.

DECEMBER 1879

1 Monday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Mother were in Lancaster, Mother was buying clothing &c and payed for her new stove, Abram ~~payed~~ bought a new bufallow-robe. Papa & Elem were stripping tobacco, Elem was at Neffs mill. I was stripping at my tobacco. This eve after supper I packed down what I stripped and Abram & Elem were shelling corn & Papa was stripping tobacco. Sarah done the h.work, Hettie was in school.

2 Tuesday Clear, pleasant. Abram & Elem were stripping tobacco. This afternoon Elem & Mother were out at Strasburg at Joseph Hulls for some new stove-pipe & had some old mended & had a key put in. Abram prepaired for market. I was stripping tobacco all day; this eve I

packed it down. Mother & Sarah done the house-work & were sewing. Hettie was in school. This eve Abram was at a singing school at Lampeter.

3 Wednesday Clear, verry pleasant. Abram was at market; prices, but. 25 cts, apples .15 & .20 cts, pota. .10 cts ½ peck, turp. .06 ½ peck. Elem & I were stripping tobacco. P.M. Elem & I were at Martin B, Lefevers sale of cattle & hogs; there was 16 cows & one bull & five breeding sows & 22 shoats sold. Elem bought 7 shoats, payed \$2.30 cts a piece, \$16.10 cts. The stock sold right good. Mother & Sarah done the h.work. Mrs Birk boiled soap & white-washed the kitchen for Mother. Jacob Rhorers were here P.M.

4 Thursday Clear, verry pleasant. Papa & Elem were stripping tobacco. Abram was painting his green-house & the house attached to it; this morning Abram brought Grand Mother Herr & this eve took her home. I was stripping tobacco; P.M. I was hauling an old fence away from the upper side of the corn-field. Mother & Sarah done the h.work & were sewing. Hettie was in school. This eve Cousin Lizzie Witmer came to stay with us until Sunday.

5 Friday Cloudy with damp, cold east-wind. Abram & I were in Lancaster with 14 bus potatoes, sold them at .65 to .75 a bus. We bought 10 barrel of apples, payed \$2.75 cts a barrel; we intend selling them again, we sold 2 barrel this eve at \$3.25 cts a barrel. Elem was stripping tobacco & tended the stock. Mother & Sarah baked & done the house-work. This eve Abram, Elem & Cousin Lizzie were at the Lampeter Liceumn, it was largely attended.

6 Saturday Cloudy, verry damp with east-wind, in the evening verry heavy rain. Abram & Elem cleaned the stables & were takeing down tobacco, took down a bout ½ an acre. I cleaned the stables at the other place & I & Jacob Deiter took down one acre of tobacco. Mother & Hettie done the h.work & were sewing. Elem took Sarah Dunlap home, her time is up; we had taken her until she was fourteen; she lived with us seven years.

7 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Cousin Lizzie Witmer, Abram, Elem & I were at church at the Brick...P.M. Cous. Sue & Emma & Jacob Witmer & Cousin Vazetta Herr & & two Miss Lizzie Herrs & Miss Shenk & Chris, Henry & Amos Herr & Henry Lefevere & Benajmin Landis were here.

8 Monday Clear, verry pleasant. We were butchering to day, Abram Shaub was the butcher. We killed two hogs that dressed 250 pounds each. Mrs Birk was helping Mother. Mother done the h.work. Elem was at the mill & took the scalding trough home. This eve we were stripping tobacco. Hettie was in school. Papa was over at Peter Daushammers to see a horse that broke his leg, Papa put him in the sling.

9 Tuesday Cloudy, cold, damp with rain in the evening. Elem hung up the sausage to smoke & helping Mother to put a way the meat & was stripping tobacco. Abram took Grand Mother & Aunt Emma Herr to Lancaster for to buy in there dry-goods & groceries for the winter. This eve we prepared for market. Mother done the house-work & was frying up sausages & meat.

10 Wednesday Cloudy, moderate, verry damp with a little rain. Abram was at market; prices, butter .25, apples .16 ½ peck, pota .10 ½ peck, s.pota .12 ½ peck. Elem was stripping tobacco all

day. I was stripping tobacco & cleaned out the water-breaks in the lane & the ditch in the meadow. Abram was over at Levi Herrs & bought four barrel of apples, payed \$2.85 a barrel. Mrs Birk washed for Mother to day. Mother done the h.work, Hettie was in school.

11 Thursday Cloudy, moderate, raining nearly all day. Abram & Elem were stripping tobacco & took down 1000 stalks. I was stripping tobacco. P.M. I & Jacob Deiter took all off my tobacco down, three thousand stalks, we took it off the laths, tyed it in rye-straw bands & packed it in one of the stables. Mother done the h.work & was sewing. Hettie was in school. Aunt Emma Herr and Cousin Annie Hildebrand were here on a visit.

12 Friday Clear, cooler. Elem was in Lancaster with the dineing-room stove & had a new grate put in & had 8 bus of potatoes a long, sold them at .65 a bus. Abram was stripping tobacco & split some wood. I was at the mill. Mother done the house-work & ironed the wash. Hettie was in school. This evening Abram & Elem were at the Lampeter Lyceum, the house was crowded full.

13 Saturday Clear, cool. Elem hauled a load of lumber from West-Willow-Street for our neighbor Peeter Herr, he is putting up a new barn in the Spring. Abram cleaned the stables & was stripping tobacco. I cleaned the stables, was at the mill & was fixing up some of the gates & doors at the barn. P.M. Elem was at Strasburg at the taylors (Mr Weidlers) for some clothes he made. Mother & Hettie done the h.work & were sewing.

14 Sunday Cloudy, damp, cold, raining nearly all day. We were reading & writeing. Mother wrote a letter to her brother Elem Herr in Missourie. Hettie wrote a letter to her Grand Mother Fritz at Quarry-ville.

15 Monday Cleared off pleasant, blew up cold in the evening. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. Elem took 10 bushel of corn to the mill this morning & brought it this evening. Mother done the h.work & was sewing. Hettie was in school. After supper I was packing down tobacco.

16 Tuesday Clear, cold. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. This afternoon Abram prepared for market. Mother done the h.work, prepared the butter for market & baked some cakes for Christmas. Hettie was in school.

17 Wednesday Cloudy, moderate. Abram was at market. Prices, butter .28 to .30, eggs .25 cts, apples .15 to .18, potatoes , .08 to .10 cts. Elem was at J. Musselmans mill & had a horse at the smith-shop. P.M. Abram & Elem were stripping tobacco. I was stripping tobacco & this evening I packed down what I stripped & cut some corn-fodder. Mother done the house-work & baked her peper-nut cakes for Christmas. Hettie was in school.

18 Thursday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco all day. This evening after supper we were shelling corn. Mother done the house-work & baked her ginger-cakes for Christmas. Hettie was in school. Uncle Jacob Fritz was here this afternoon a while.

19 Friday Cloudy, missing rain a little; there fell one inch of snow last night. Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. Elem was at John Musselmand mill for a grist of flour and was at the saddlers & smith-shop. Mother & Hettie baked bread & pies & done the house-work. This eve Abram & Elem were at the Lampeter Lyceum.

20 Saturday Cloudy, very damp, with rain in the evening. Abram & Elem were stripping tobacco. I cleaned the stables. P.M. Abram cleaned the stable at the new-home. Mother and Hettie done the h.work. P.M. Mother & I were in Lancaster, I was at the doctors for some medison, Mother was buying some things for Christmas. Cousin Jacob Witmer was here, he came after two grape-boxes that they brought up at grape time.

21 Sunday Cloudy, cold, with snow in the evening. Abram & Elem were up at Grand Mother Witmers until noon. P.M. Abram & Christin Herr were to see Benjamin & Elmer Brackbill, Eby Hershies & Mrs Eckman & daughter were here on a visit.

22 Monday Cloudy, cold. It was snowing & hailing all last night, there fell three inches, To day cloudy, verry damp, with rain. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. Elem was at Neffs mill with 12 bus of corn; this eve he brought it chopped. Mother done the house-work & was sewing. This eve she weighed out 13 pounds of butter for market. Hettie was in school. Elem was over at John Sheaffers this evening.

23 Tuesday Cloudy, verry damp, with a little rain. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. P.M. Papa and the boys took down some tobacco & hung it in the cellar. Abram prepaired for market. Maggie Birk washed the clothing for Mother & cleaned out the kitchen & the dineing-room. Mother done the house-work. Hettie was in school. Elem was at John Sheaffers & brought 2 ducks for Christmas.

24 Wednesday Cloudy with rain. Abram & Elem were market; the prices apples .16.to .18cts, potatoes.10 ½ peck, butter .30 cts & eggs .20 cts. I was stripping tobacco & packed down what I stripped P.M. Abram & Elem were stripping tobacco. Mother done the house-work & were sewing. Hettie was at home to day, she did not feel well. Elem was at the post-office.

25 Thursday Christmas Day. Cloudy with rain until noon. P.M. blew up cold with snow in the evening. Papa & Elem were at church at Strasburg. Services by Rev. Benjamin & Amos Herr, text Romans 6th chapter 23 verse, for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. For dinner we had two roasted ducks, sweet-potatoes, pears, cram-berries, pruinis & corn-starch. P.M. Mother & I were at G. Mother Herrs.

26 Friday Clear cold, last night there fell 3 inches of snow. Papa, Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco all day. Mother & Hettie done the h.work & were sewing. This evening Abram & Elem were at the Lampeter Lyceum.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things shall be added on too you.

27 Saturday Clear, cold. I cleaned the stables. P.M. was stripping tobacco. Abram was stripping tobacco. Elem cleaned the stables & had Grant & Sady horses at the smith-shop

getting them rough-shod. Mother & Hettie done the house-work & were sewing & knitting. Cousin Martin Witmer brought the mail this eve. Abram took a drive this eve.

28 Sunday Clear, pleasant. Papa, Mother Abram & Elem were at church at Strasburg. Services by Rev. Benjamin Herr, Groff & Brubaker. Sarah & Mary Dunlap and Thaddeus Brackbill were here to day. Papa & Mother were at Grand Mother Herrs; she presented Mother with a Family-record in a large frame, from Mothers great-great grand parents to the present time.

29 Monday Cloudy, moderate. Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. Elem was at Neffs mill, took 15 bushels of corn to get chopped. P.M. Abram was working in the green-house. Papa was fixing up a bout the buildings & pumped the running water at the barn; it started running slowly, it did not run for over a year. Mother done the house-work & was sewing. Hettie was in school.

30 Tuesday Cloudy, moderate, with rain, cleared off at noon, pleasant. The snow all gone & the frost all out the ground. Abram, Elem & I were stripping tobacco. Abram prepared for market., apples, potatoes & lettuce. Elem was at Neffs mill for 15 bus corn-chop. Mother done the h.work & prepared 14 lbs butter & 2 doz of eggs. Hettie was in school. Harry Hartman was here with a sick horse.

31 Wednesday Cold, cloudy, with hail, snow & rain. Abram & I were at market; the market was dull. Butter .28 cts, eggs .22, apples .12 to .16 cts, ½ peck, potatoes .10 cts ½ peck. Papa & Elem were stripping tobacco. P.M. Abram & I were helping. Mother done the house-work & ironed the wash. Hettie was in school.

[Witmer also used this Daily Journal to record detailed lists of work done, expenses for various crops, payments to farm hands, The first of these lists is on the blank page preceding the actual diary:]

Labor 1879
Work done on 13 acres Wheat

July 23th	¾ day	hauling manure
24 th	1 “	“ “
25 th	½ “	“ “
28 th	¼ “	spreading “
29 th	¾ “	plowing
29 th	½ “	spre. manure
Aug 1th	¼ “	“ “
5 th	¾ “	“ “
14 th	½ “	plowing
15 th	½ “	“
21th	¾ “	harrowing
22th	1 “	plowing
Sep 1th	½ “	“

15 th	½ “	“
17 th	1 “	“
18 th	½ “	harrowing
19 th	¾ “	seeding & haro
20 th	1 “	“ “
22 th	1 “	plowing
23	1 “	“
24 th	¾ “	“
25 th	¼ “	seeding

Dec. 31th 13 ¾ days, work done at putting out the seeding, \$13.75 cts
 Paid for labor and seed-wheat \$26.00 cts
 $\$13.75 + 26.00 = \37.75 cts

[The next list is one the same page as diary entry for January 1.]

Expences on [blank] acres wheat

Aug.	1 th	¼ days	spred. manure	,18 i/4 cts
“	20 th	¼ “	harrowing	.12 ½ cts
Sep.	18 th	½ “	“	.25 cts
“	17 th	½ “	“	.37 ½ cts
“	18 th	15 bus. wheat	ar \$1.20 cts	\$ 18.00
“	19 th	½ day	seeding	.37 ½ cts
“	20 th	1 “	harrowing	.75 cts
“	20 th	½ “	seeding	.50 cts
“20	3 bus. wheat	at \$1.20 cts,		\$3.60
25 th	1 day	seeding & har.		.75 cys
25 th	½ bus. what	at \$1.20		<u>.60 cts</u>
				\$25.53 cts
			bording	<u>.50</u>
				\$26.00

[The remaining entries follow after the diary entry for December 31]

January 1879 Tobacco

Jan. 11th To E. Goslinsky 2,793 lbs wrapping at .23 cts, \$642.16 cts
 556 lbs seconds at .08 cts 44.48
 436 lbs fillers at .04 cts 17.44
 Amount in full \$704.08 cts

February 1879

Feb. 11th A horse to a horse jockey \$40.00 cts
 Feb. 11th Two shoats to George Shell \$12.00 cts
 Wheat to John Musselman at \$1.00
 Feb 24th 85 20/60 bushels \$85.33 cts

Feb. 25 th	85 40/60	“	85.66 2/3 cts
Feb. 26 th	78 50/60	“	78.82 1/3 cts
	249 50/60 bushels		249.82 1/3 cts

Feb. 27th Stored 40 bushels of wheat at John Musselman Mills for our own use.

Wheat to Mr Teniger at \$1.00

Feb. 28 th	135 56/60 bushels	\$135.93 1/3 cts
Mar. 1 th	60 6/60 bus	60.10 cts
	170 2/60 bushels	196.00 cts

March 1879

March 6th A horse of George Harnish for \$150.00. one hundred and fifty dollars, payable one year after date at the First National Bank of Strasburg. Payed the above February 20th 1880.

	Work done on 4 1/4 acres oats	
Mar. 22 th	1/2 day rolling, 1/2 day plowing	
Mar. 26 th	two hands plowing	
Mar. 28 th	two 1/2 day plowing	
	three 1/2 day harrowing & sowing	
Mar. 29 th	to 9 bushel of oats .33 1/3 cts a bushel	\$3.00 cts
Apr. 1 th	1/2 day rolling	
July 14 th	1/2 “ cut. oats	..62 1/2
“ 15 th	2 1/4 day binding & c.	2.43 1/3 cts
“ 16 th	3 1/2 “ bin. & haulin	3.62 1/2

Expenx in all \$22.90 cts

Aug. 11th 183 bus. of oats, 1/3 my share, 61 1/3 bus, 61 bus at .35 cts = \$21.35 cts

Expences on 1 1/2 acres Tobacco

April 2 th	S. Shaub	one day	.40
June 6 th	T. Brackbill,	half “, planting	.25
“ 20 th	S. Shaub	half “ hoeing	.25
“ 21 th	“ “	one “ “	.50
July 30 th	“ “	one “ “	.75
“ 31 st	“ “	half “ “	.38
Aug. 1 th	“ “	3 forth “ “	.56 1/4
“ 28 th	T. Brack	1/2 “ suckering	.25
“ 29 th	“ “	1/2 “ “	.25
Sep. 2 th	“ “	1 “ “	.50
“ 4 th	“ “	3/4 “ putting away	.37 1/2
“ 4 th	E. Witmer	1 “ “	.75
“ 5 th	“ “	1/4 “ “	.18 3/4
“ 5 th	T. Brackbill	1/4 “ “	.12 1/4
“ 9 th	T “	1 “ “	.50
“ 11 th	E. Witmer	1/2 “ “	.75
“ 11 th	A. Cassel	1 “ “	.75

“ 12 th	“ “	1 ““	.75
“ 13 th	E. Witmer	½ “ “	.75
“ 15 th	J. Deiter	¾ “ “	.75
December 6 th	J. Deiter	½ tobacco	.50
“ 11 th	“ “	½ “	<u>.50</u>
			9.73 cts
	for bording	<u>1.25</u>	
		10.98	

Work done on 1 ½ acres Tobacco

April	2 th	S. Shaub	pulling stalks	.40 cts
	5 th		½ day hauling manure	.50 cts
	11 th		½ day spreading “	.50 cts
	14 th		½ day burning corn stalks	.50
May	14 th		½ “ weeding plants	.50
	20 th		½ “ plowing	.50
	21 th		½ “ “	.50
	22 th		¼ “ “	.25
	26 th		½ “ harrowing	.50
	26 th		½ “ ridging	.50
	27 th		¼ “ planting	.25
	30 th		¾ “ “	.75
June	3 th		1 “ “	1.00
	4 th		1 “ “	1.00
	5 th		½ “ “	.50
	6 th		¾ “ “	.75
	13 th		¼ “ replanting	.25
	16 th		1 “ “ & hoeing	1.00
	17 th		1 “ “ & “	1.00
	18 th		½ “ hoeing	.50
	20 th		½ “ “	.50
	21 th		1 “ “	1.00
	23 th		¼ “ “	.25
	25 th		¼ “ “	.25
	30 th		1 “ “	1.00
July	1 th		¼ “ harrowing	.25
	4 th		¼ “ replanting	.25
	8 th		1 “ “	1.00
	9 th		½ “ harrowing	.50
	10 th		1 “ hoeing	1.00
	11 th		1 “ “	1.00
	12 th		½ “ “	.50
	14 th		½ “ harrowing	.50
	17 th		1 “ hoeing	1.00
	18 th		1 “ “	1.00
	21 th		1 “ “	1.00

	22 th	1	“	“	1.00
	30 th	1	“	“	1.00
	31 th	1/2	“	“	.50
Aug.	1 th	3/4	“	“	.75
	6 th	1/2	“	topping	.50
	9 th	1/4	“	“	.25
	12 th	1/4	“	“	.25
	13 th	1/2	“	“	.50
	16 th	1/4	“	“	.25
	19 th	1	“	suckering & top.	1.00
	20 th	1	“	“	1.00
	23 th	3/4	“	“	.75
	27 th	1	“	“	1.00
	28 th	1	“	“	1.00
	29 th	1	“	cutting & sucker.	1.00
	30 th	1	“	suckering	1.00
Sep.	1 th	1/2	“	cutting & “	.50
	2 th	1	“	putting away	1.00
	4 th	1	“	“	1.00
	5 th	1	“	“	1.00

The amount, 37 1/2 days, \$37.50 cts

Work done on 14 acres Corn			
April	19 th	one day	plowing
	21 th	“ “	“
	22 th	“ “	“
	23 th	“ “	“
	24 th	“ “	“
	25 th	half “	“
	26 th	one “	“
	28 th	three-quarters	“
	29 th	one day	“
	30 th	one “	“
May	1 th	quarter “	“
	2 th	one day	harrowing
	3 th	“ “	“
	5 th	“ “	“
	6 th	“ “	pick stones
	7 th	“ “	rooling
	8 th	“ “	rooling & plan. corn
	9 th	“ “	planting corn
	22 th	half “	flat-harrowing
	23 th	one “	“ “
	28 th	half “	shovel-harrowing
	29 th	one-quarter	“ “

June	31 th	one day	“	“	
	5 th	half “	“	“	
	9 th	one “	“	“	
	10 th	“ “	“	“	
	11 th	1 quarter “	hoeing		
	13 th	$\frac{3}{4}$ “	shovel-harrowing		
	14 th	one “	“	“	
	18 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	scrapeing corn		
	19 th	one “	“	“	
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		above 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work done			
Sep.	27 th	half day	cutting corn		
	29 th	one “	“	“	
	31 th	one “	“	“	
Oct	1 th	one “	“	“	
	2 th	one “	“	“	
	3 th	one “	husking “		
	6 th	1 “	husking & hauling in		
	7 th	1 “	“	“	
	8 th	1 “	“	“	
	4 th	$\frac{3}{4}$ “	“	“	
	9 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	“	“	
	10 th	1 “	“	“	
	11 th	$\frac{3}{4}$ “	“	“	
	13 th	$\frac{3}{4}$ “	“	“	
	14 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	“	“	
	15 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	“	“	
	16 th	1 “	“	“	
	17 th	1 “	“	“	
	18 th	1 “	“	“	
	20 th	1 “	“	“	
	21 th	1 “	“	“	
	23 th	1 “	“	“	
	24 th	1 “	“	“	

The whole a mount 46 days work done by my selfe

Expences on 14 acres Corn					
May	5 th	one day	harrowing	.50	cts
	6 th	“ “	pick stones	,50	cts
	6 th	“ “	“ “	.50	“
	7 th	half “	harrowing	.25	“
	8 th	half “	marking-out	.50	
	9 th	one “	“ “	1.00	
	9 th	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus.	seed-corn	2.00	
	28 th	$\frac{1}{4}$ day	seting up corn	.12	$\frac{1}{2}$
	29 th	$\frac{1}{2}$:	“ “ “	.12	$\frac{1}{2}$
	June 4 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ day	“ “ “	.25	

5 th	1/2	"	"	"	"	.25
6 th	1/2	"	planting tobac			.25
18 th	1/2 day	harrowing corn				
19 th	"	"	"	"	"	
20 th	"	"	"	"	"	
21 th	1	"	"	"	"	
						.50
						<u>.25</u>
						.75

Thrashing rye for straw				
Aug	7 th	one day	thrash rye	1.00
	8 th	" "	" "	1.00

Sep 22th Jacob Deiter commenced cutting corn at \$1.15 an acre
 Oct 2th finished cutting, cut 10 1/2 acres \$12.07 cts
 Oct 7th Jacob Deiter commenced husking corn at .03 cts a shock
 25th Jacob Deiter finished husking corn at .03 cts a shock.
 he husked 539 shocks \$16.17 cts.
 Oct 28th 1/2 day hauling fodder .50
 " 30th 1.2 " hauling " .50

Total expences on 14 acres of corn \$39.00
 My own work \$50 + 39.00 = \$89.00

Work done on 14 acres corn			
Oct 25 th	1 day	husking & hauling	
Oct 28 th	3/4 day	hauling fodder	
30 th	1/2	" "	" "
			\$6.87 1.2 cts
			2.00
			12.07
			16.17
			<u>3.00</u>
			40.11 cts

Boarding 1879

To June 18 th	S. Shaub	one meal	1
To " 19 th	"	" "	1
To " 20 th	"	two "	2
To " 21 th	"	four "	4
To July 29 th	"	one "	1
To " 30 th	"	three "	3
To " 31 th	"	one "	1

Aug 1th	“	three	“	3
To Sep 11 th	A. Cassel	two	“	2
To “ 12 th	“	three	“	3
To “ 17 th	S. Shaub	one	“	1
To “ 19 th	“	one	“	1
To “ 20 th	“	three	“	3
To “ 26 th	“	one	“	1

Amount of meals 27 at .08 cts a meal, \$2.25 cts.

Expencc on sweet-potatoe patch

May 13 th	one day	make rows	1.00
“ 15 th	half “	planting	.50
“ 15 th	for plants		1.50
“ 30 th	¼ day	replanting	.25
June 7 th	¼ “	hoeing	.25
“ 11 th	½ “	“	.50
July 19 th	½ “	“	.50
Sep 26 th	¾ “	takeing out	.75
“ 26 th	¼ “	“	.18 ¾
Total expences			5.44

[sales, sweet potatoes]

Oct 13 th	Dr Miller	2 bus .80	1.60
“ “	Jacob Birk	3 bus at .50	1.50
“ “	“ Deiter	1 bus “ .75	.75
“ “	Josiah Bowman	4 “ .75	3.00
“ “	Amos Rhoads	4 “ .75	3.00
“ “	Annie Brackbill	2 “ .75	1.50
“ “	G. Mother Herr	1 “ 1.00	1.00

Seventeen bushels 12.35

My share, received \$6.28 cts – expence 5.44 gain .84 cts

Work done on ten rows potatoes

May 1th	three quarters day	.75
“ 1th	about half day	.25
“ 1th	4 bus. potatoes	2.00
June 5 th	¼ day	.25
“ 19 th	½ “	.50
July 26 th	½ “	.50
“ 26 th	½ “	.50

Work done on 1 acre turnips

July 28 th	¾ day	plowing	.75
“ 29 th	½ day	harrowing	.38
Novem 8 th	2 days	pulling turnips	1.25
“ 10 th	1 “	“ “	.75
“ 11 th	1 “	“ “	.75
“ 12 th	1 “	“ “	.75
Expences			4.63

Nov. 12th 145 bus. turnips
 at .20 cts a bus. 20 x 145 29.00

Turnips sold 2 bus. .55 cts
 1 “ .35 “
 ½ “ .25 “
 .12 “

Oct 18th 230 pickles .25 cts
 “ 22th 280 “ .45 cts
7.69
 \$8.89
4.00
 4.89

Expencc on pickles

June 21th half day .50 cts
 Aug 6th one day 1.00
 Sep 16th half “ .50cts

Received for pickels

Aug 30th 150 pickles .53 cts
 Sep 3th 180 “ .60 “
 6th 120 “ .25 “
 9th 228 “ .75 “
 12th 112 “ .25 “
 16th 638 “ .80 “
 19th 200 “ .40 “
 23th 370 “ .80 “
 26th 200 “ .50 “
 31th 280 “ .40 “
 Oct 9th 400 “ .25 “
 14th 380 “ .90
1.29
 \$7.69

Number of shocks husked

Oct	3 th	23	shock	at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.63 $\frac{1}{4}$
"	4 th	14	"	"	.38 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	6 th	15	"	"	.41 $\frac{1}{4}$
"	7 th	18	"	"	.47 1.2
"	8 th	24	"	"	.66
"	10 th	22	"	at .03	.66
"	11 th	12	" 112	" .03	.36
"	15 th	13	"	3	.33
"	16 th	31	"	3	.93
"	17 th	30	"	3	.90
"	18 th	32	"	3	.96
"	20 th	11	"	3	.33
"	21 th	28	"	3	.84
"	23 th	26	"	3	.78
"	24 th	26	"	3	.78
"	25 th	28	"	3	.84
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		375	"	at .03	11.25

[inside the back cover]

12 hogs delivered	2792
April 19 th 6	556
" 21 th 6	437
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[the rest of the page is covered with miscellaneous unidentified arithmetical calculations]

