

Matthias Zahm's Diary

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In 1908, the writer's Aunt Mary Sener Goodell copied items from diaries of Matthias Zahm for our Historical Society. In examining the various diaries, loaned through the kindness of Mrs. Maurice C. Benedict of Puente, California, the writer found many more entries, which he believes will be of historical interest.

It might be well to give a brief family tree, showing who are some of the descendants of the Zahm family.

Matthias Zahm, father of our subject, married Maria Margareta Kohl, and this couple had the following children:

- 1 Michael, b. February 13, 1785, d. June 22, 1807.
- 2 Godfried, b. 1787, married in 1809 to Maria Magdalena Schott of Harrisburg. Children:
 - 1 Rebecca, b. 1810, married to Godlib Sener. Children:
 - 1 Cecelia Rebecca, b. 1828, d. 1915, married to Joseph R. Goodell, parents of Joseph Edward Goodell, who is the father of the writer.
 - 2 Elizabeth, married to Peter Stormfeltz, the parents of Mrs. Emma S. Wade.
 - 3 John Frederick, married Elizabeth Keller. Their children were Franklin K. Sener and Mrs. Rosa Sener Stauffer.
 - 4 Henry Michael, married to Mary Bonine. Their children were Emma S., Flora J. (Mrs. Wieand) and Edith R., decd.
 - 5 Mary Louisa, married to Rev. John W. Rumble; no issue.
 - 6 William Z., married Anna Yeisley of Baltimore, who is living and has these children: Miriam, Mrs. Anna Rusk of Catonsville, Maryland, and Ruth.
 - 7 Edward, d. 1880, unmarried.
 - 2 Michael, b. 1811, married to Ann Vondersmith.

- 3 Maria, b. 1813, married to Martin Shreiner. Children:
1 Henry, the father of Mary Shreiner of Bronxville, New York.
2 Benjamin, 3 Mary, 4 Charles,
5 Alma, married to Harry B. Cochran. Children:
1 Mary (Mrs. Lewis Sprecher), 2 John, 3 Flora.

- 4 Elizabeth, b. 1815, married to Jacob Rhoads. Children:
1 Henry.
2 Emma, b. 1842, d. 1935, married to Henry D. Groff. Their children were Emma, Mrs. Ida Starkweather of Chicago, Jacob, decd., Henry, decd., and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Rupp, decd. Children of Mrs. Rupp are Elsa and Mrs. Josephine Grimmett, both of Philadelphia.

- 5 Margaret, b. 1817, married to Joseph Getz, and later to Jacob Rhoads, widower of Elizabeth.

- 3 Matthias, the diarist, b. August 17, 1789, d. 1874, married to Eve Maria Mayer on January 19, 1812. Children:

- 1 George Thomas, whose son, John K. Zahm, is still living at the age of 86 years.

2 Sarah.

- 3 Godfried, grandfather of Mrs. Maurice C. Benedict and William Z. Roy.

- 4 Eve Maria, 5 Harry, 6 Anne, 7 Edward, 8 Emaline.

- 4 Daniel, b. 1793, lived in Columbia, Pa.

- 5 Heinrich, b. January, 1796, d. April 16, 1804.

- 6 George Thomas, b. April 17, 1800, d. July 12, 1803.

Matthias Zahm was the son of Matthias Zahm, who came to Lancaster from Bethlehem. He was descended from sturdy German stock, and while both he and his father were slightly built men, both lived to be 85 years of age. Matthias, the diarist, was a positive character, having strong likes and dislikes. He was a brushmaker, keeper of bees, a tipstaff and then court crier in the Lancaster Courts for about half a century. He was a fireman for many years, and was also active in local politics.

In his diaries, he noted in each entry the weather conditions in Lancaster, births, deaths and not only family incidents, but happenings of the town. Further, he illustrated with quaint pen sketches various entries in his diaries. His education was meager, and in the early diaries his spelling was not good, but as time goes on, this improves considerably. He was a staunch supporter of our public school system. His figures of speech are quite interesting, and as we look at parts of his diaries, it takes us back, and we not only get a glimpse of daily happenings, but also see how this man and his neighbors lived one hundred or more years ago.

1821

Thursday, Janry 25th, an uncommon cold day, our front door lock inside of the door, and not 10 ft. from the stove was covered with frost this morning

and although we made fire, at 4 o'clock this morning, the frost remained on the lock till about 9 o'clock. This evening, 25th, I was informed that the thermometer stood 12 deg.s below 0. this morning.

Friday, Janry 26th, the cold continues on, the thermometer stood 14 degrees below 0. this morning, this is colder than it has been these 38 years. In the afternoon it thaws a little.

Sunday, Febr'y 11th, Today the african church was consecrated.

Friday, March 2nd, about 4 o'clock in the morning, old Overlustig's at the sign of the red lion or cat, in prince street, burnd with all his meat in smoke house.

Monday, March 6th, very cold wind all day, today I made 28 of candles for old John Stoner.

Sunday, March 11th, in the evening Old Abraham Dehuff died, 86 y. old.

Saturday, March 17th, this morning it still snows a little, and storms uncommon from N. W., the water in our kitchen was frozen this morning, a real winter morning, in the morning Barbara Breneman died, wife of Dctr Abraham Breneman. Same morning Jacob Eichholtz's child was buried.

Thursday, March 22nd, clear and cold morning; ice on the rain water $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, Same day, a woman died at Mrs. Howe's boarding house, the cause of her death was, a fright which she got in the methodist meeting.

Monday, April 9th, Polly and I dug the west side of our garden, & in the afternoon I sowed sallad, sweet Margerum, Carrots & parsley, and stuck radish and red beed seed, & my little onions.

Thursday, April 26th, a white frost this morning, today my wife boiled soap she had good luck, (as the old women commonly say).

Friday, May 25th, I was fishing the first time this year, I caught 5 black catfish, 21 sunfish, & 20 others.



Thursday, June 7th, clear & warm, the Lancaster Fair is to day.

Friday, June 8th, second day of fair very few people in town.

Monday June 11th witsentide, we were all fishing in the afternoon, we caught a fine mess of small fish.

Sunday, June 17th Jacob Foestig gets buried on the Presbyterian German, burying ground, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Monday, June 18th this afternoon, Frederick Hill, from Millerstown, gets buried, by the honours of war.

Sunday, June 24th we had a meeting concerning family pews, but it would not carry on the fashionable side.

Sunday July 8th the Brethern's [Moravian] church was consecrated, the prayer & consecration was performed by Bishop Hiffel from Bethlehem and the first sermon, by Brother Benade from Litiz, in the afternoon Mr. Endress,

the Lutheran Minister Preached, and in the evening Mr. Hoffmeyer, the German Reformed Preacher.

Monday July 9th Mr. Muehlenberg, the St. James Preacher, opened the service in the morning, and in the afternoon the children had a love feast, after which, the Lord's Supper was held by the communicant members of the congregation, and at 5 o'clock P.M. Emanuel Reigart's daughter Catherine Galbraith was buried on our burying ground, and at night Mr. Ashmead, the Presbyterian Preacher, Preached, which closed the time of consecration.

Wednesday July 11th in the evening I took our wool to Michael Ham-brights to be send to the carding machine.

Saturday July 14th we took up our tulip roots we had 800 large & small ones.

August 14th 15th & 16th uncommon warm wheather, on the 16th the thermometer stood 103 degrees above 0. or zero.

Thursday Nov 22nd warm & cloudy morning, this afternoon I was bled at Fahnestocks.

Saturday Nov 24th to day I made my pavement before my house.

Friday, Decr 14th cold & stormy morning, several slays passed by our house today, this evening I bought a turkey down at Hatz's for 62½ cents.

Monday Decr 17th our new carpet gets bound, the women are more cheer-full, at such work, than at their prayers.

Thursday, Decr 20th Sally & our Thomas & Wm. Hensel was out for Christmas trees, on the hill at Kendrick's saw mill.

Tuesday Decr 26th we was to dinner at my Father's, they had 3 geese roasted.

Wednesday Decr 26th we had Old Shenebornes to dinner, to a turkey and to supper we had them, and Reinckes and my Mother & Aunt Metzger & Hantsch & Polly Evans.

1822

Thursday, Janry 24th, the cold increaseth, G. Hoff died.

Thursday, Feby 21st, the snow is all gone, I was out at the canostogo this afternoon, it is higher to day than it has ever beèn.

Wednesday, Feby 27th, Judge Whitehill is dead at Strasburg.

Friday, March 1st, This morning at 10 oclock Old Jacob Dickert was buried, he was in his 83d year, this morning Mrs. Nauman died, George Nauman's Widow.

Friday, March 8th, this morning at 4 o'clock, John Demuth died.

Monday March 11th Our 2 boys began to go to Mr. Jungman's school.

Tuesday April 30th Polly & I finished planting Ebermans lot, and in the afternoon I began to work at Godfried's, at brushmaking.

Friday, May 3d to day I made 13 sweeping brushes & 2 hand brushes at Godfrieds.

Saturday May 4th about 10 minutes after 3 o'clock, a severe shock of an earthquake, it shook our house so, that a saw, which was hanging up in our piazza waved and struck against the log where it was hanging, several times.

Saturday May 11th to day Molton C. Roger's wife died.

Tuesday May 28th clear and very warm day, to day Thomas & I howed the corn out on the raceground lots.

Monday June 17th to day I had my whole family out at Litiz, it was the Jubilee day, amongst the bretheren, on this day 100 years the first tree was cut down to build Hernnhut in Germany.

Wednesday July 31st this morning Old Andrew Sommerfield was suffocated, in George Reisinger's well, Andrew Selbert was most gone, but was brought too again.

Wednesday August 14th John Thomas & I was in the manner [Manor] after tobacco, this morning. Julian Trissler died, Ogilby's child is dead too.

Sunday, August 18th this afternoon George Louis Mayers little son died at Mr. Clarkson's.

Saturday, Sept. 21st Godfried & I was at Columbia, he bought some stoves & I bought stove coal.

Saturday Octr 5th to day Dr. Ferdinand Strein gets buried.

Tuesday Octr 8th to day the general Election is held at Lanc. I was clerk for Mr. Morry at the W. Ward.

Sunday Octr 27th this evening an express came from Harrisburg, and brought the news, that Old Jacob Schott died to day, my Brother Godfried, his Brother in law, and his 2 sister in law's left here at night about 9 o'clock for Harrisburg.

Monday, Novr 18th Thomas begins to go to school to Mr. Ricksecker, at the moravian schoolhouse.

Tuesday, Novr. 19th to day my wife boiled soap, she had good luck according to the old women's proverb.

Sunday, Decr. 8th this morning Mr. Reincke Preached his farewell sermon, in the afternoon we had lovefeast, and afterwards, he kept the Lord's supper, with the communicant members.

Monday Decr. 9th Mr. Reincke & his family leave Lancr. for Philada they went in Mr. Hull's carriage, it is a beautifull day.

Sunday Decr 22nd to day Mr. Bechler Preached in our church, in the morning English & in the evening German.

1836

Tuesday January 5th The fog so thick, that it most required a jack knife to cut your way through it, and as muddy as blazes.

Friday 8th this evening Jacob McCully's barn was set on fire, but the Incendiary did not succeed to burn it down, it was discovered in time and put

out, the punishment ought to be death without the benefit of Clergy, & dissection.

Thursday 14th Charles Nauman's Livery stable was set on fire, which along with the house wherein Charles Nauman & Arthur Armstrong lived was destroyed, the property belonged to Mr. Armstrong, this is the third fire within 3 weeks, and none accidental.

Saturday 30th Clear and moderate weather with south wind, this afternoon about 4 o'clock I heard bluebirds whistle, and seen 4 at the Academy garden, snow at night.

February Sunday 7th this morning Judge Franklin died.

Thursday 25th this night is the last of 31 nights, that I attended to the City patrol until 1 o'clock, in the morning.

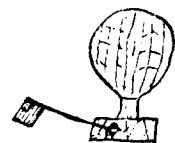
Friday 26th Snowy morning, continues to snow all day, the snow about 6 or 7 inches deep, cloudy evening, the silent watch begin their duty's this evening, a trying commencement.

Sunday, March 27th moderate and hazy evening, no appearance of martin's yet, this contradicts the former idea, that the martin's come on the 25th of March, be the weather as it may.

Tuesday 29th I heard the Peevee whistle for the 1st time this year, to day the martins made their first appearance.

April Friday 22nd About 20 minutes before 11 o'clock at night we had the most splendid Northern lights imagineable, it burst forth from the North like a cloud of fire and smoke and form'd a beautiful large star of red blue and white streaks, which were at first nearly allways in vibration, until it reached the middle of the horizon, when the whole centre of the star became red, and extended to the East & West then passed off towards the South and disappear'd, and immediately it became cloudy and the wind changed to South, the whole phenomenon lasted about 22 minutes.

Saturday, 7th to day John Wise made a grand assention with his new silk balloon, he cut the cord 20 minutes after 5 o'clock and went off with a N.W. air, he was visible only about 7 or 8 minutes, when he entered the clouds in a S.E. direction from Lancaster.



Wednesday 11th the account of John Wise's balloon being burn'd up after descending in Harford County is now confirm'd.

Thursday, May 12th Assention day, Henry Mayer, Aaron Traeger & Godfried Zahm went fishing this morning, with rod & line, a fool at one end and a bait at the other, a large Meator flew this evening between 8 & 9 o'clock from the South towards North and then turned rather N.W. creating a rumbling like thunder.

Wednesday, 18th to night we were sturgling, but caught no fish.

Wednesday, 25th to day the beast show was here, I had Maria, Henry L. Ann and Edward in.

June 1836, 2nd still have fire in the stove

Use your 5th Cloudy and cool, in the afternoon as much sun as to enable you to see your shadow if you'd hurry.

Wednesday, 8th Circus on the commons this evening.

Saturday 11th circus goes away this morning to Newholland.

Thursday 30th to day we got our hay home from St. James burying ground, some of which was cut on Monday the 20th inst.

July 1836. Beautifull and clear at sunrise, but before 6 o'clock it runs all over with clouds, and between 10 & 11 o'clock, A.M. it rains a light shower.

Thursday 21st to day Henry & I cleaned the stovepipes at the Courthouse, and I had the chimneys swept, in the afternoon Thomas, Aaron, Henry & I went up to Rudisill's sturgeling we caught 25 catfish and 10 suckers and others, I caught 2 large catfish at one time, one of which weighed half an ounce less than $1\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. and measured 15 inches in length an $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches between the eyes, Major John Getz died to day.

Friday, 22nd to day we were out at Greider's spring, on a fishing excursion in company with Jacob Hensel & family, the Courthouse steeple was painted this month.

Thursday, 28th to day I had the upper rooms of the Courthouse scrubbed.

Monday, August 15th to day Judge Collins took his seat as President Judge of the Lancaster District; his appointment haveing been read in open Court.

Tuesday, 23d Old Samuel Humes died.

Friday, August 26th Christian Swentzel, Christopher Franciscus, Old Granny Chambers, and Old Samuel Kiloch (at Demuth's mill) all died through the night.

Sept. 1836. Saturday, 10th Bird Coleman died last night, at his Mother's in Lancaster.

Oct. 1836. Friday, 7th. This afternoon after 4 o'clock General Harrison was escorted into Lancaster, on which occasion the malignant opposition, showed their wisdom by directing the boys to hoist several peticoats, and carrying Van Buren flags, and makeing some blackgard boys drunk at night, and carry candles and lanthorns with lowlife inscriptions thereon, so much for Lancaster meanness and ignorance.

Saturday, October 8 this morning between 10 & 11 o'clock, General Harrison left the City, and Wonderful to say, the malignant opposition left him depart without any further insult.

Monday, 24th to day they begin to haul iron pipes in E. King street.

Nov. 1836. Monday, Novr. 21st to day they began to dig at the Courthouse pavements, East & West, to lay the water pipes.

Thursday, 24th to day Newton Lightner made his first speech, in the case of Nathaniel Parker, a counterfeiter, who was convicted.

Dec. 1836. Thursday, December 1st Old Phillip Eberman died.

Thursday, 8th Doctor Fahnestock died to day.

Saturday 31st Mother, Henry, Godfried, Thomas and his wife, all went to Litiz to be at the watch night.

1837

Feb. 1837 Monday 20th last night the pumps at the City water works, were started for the first time, pipes pump'd full to reservoir.

Wednesday, Febr'y 22nd Old Mr. [Leonard] Benedict died to day, to day the Water was let into the basin, down East King street as far as the Court-house, when a section of hose was attach'd to the pluck at Ross' corner, when a splash of water and a drunken squabble ended the solemnity of the day.

Mar. 1837 Sunday, 5th this morning the City basin had about 3 ft. water in, between 7 & 8 o'clock.

Monday, 6th this morning George Sweitzer was found dead in bed, at Hershys, in Petersburg, where he was hired, he took arsenic in a mistake for mortification powder.

Thursday, 16th to day the chimney on the back building of the old Stage office burn'd, American Engine there 1st

Sunday 26th some martins were seen to day, to day we made the decoration for on the American Engine, at our house, Adam Dellet, Wm. Ball, Lancelot Fairer, Philip Shreiner, and John Benedict were here helping to make it.

Monday, 27th about 9 o'clock the firemen began to form, and shortly after 11 o'clock we took up the line of march, and were through the parade before 2 o'clock, we were dismissed in North Queen street.

Apr. 1837. Aprile, 1st G. Louis Mayer died.

Tuesday, 4th to day after dinner I went to Doctor Abraham Carpenter, to ask him to pay me a small bill, but instead of pay, I got a good deal of ungentlemanly abuse, and several blows.

Tuesday 11th To day Dctr A. Carpenter was convicted in the Mayors Court, of the assault & battery, which he committed on me this day week & fined 5 dollars and costs.

Sunday, 16th about 9 o'clock to night a stable on the back of the lot of Old Mrs. Bier's on West King street took fire and burned down, the American engine play'd first on the fire with both streams.

Wednesday, 19th George Ackerman died.

Friday 28th a fire alarm between 6 & 7 this evening, a chimney burn'd near the Indian Queen.

Sunday 30th this afternoon between 1 & 2 o'clock we had a fire alarm, M. Metzger's barn was set on fire at the rail road by sparks from the Mountjoy Locomotive.

May 1837. Friday, 12th Panic News reach'd Lancaster from Philadelphia.

Tuesday, 16th About midnight I was bled—owing to stagnation in my blood.

Monday, 22nd Small notes issued by the City, Shinnplaster currency.

Wednesday, 24th The account of the Metallic Currency Panic is staring us in the face, 60,000,000 owing to England, and all Jackson's experiment a bubble, Benton's Mintdrops the only relief, and none in market, (Boasting America look in the Mirror, bah.)

June 1837 Thursday, June 1st Lancaster Fair to day.

Monday, 5th this evening a company of riflemen arrive from Philadelphia.

Wednesday 7th to day the Philadelphia riflemen & the Lancaster Riflemen go to Litiz, Godfried & George Kreider go as substitutes.

The outside of the Courthouse is getting painted.

Tuesday, June, 13th our 3 children begin to go to the big school.

Thursday, 15th to day they began to dig at the trench in our square in East Orange street, to lay the pipes for the waterworks, they began to dig where Shippen street crosses E. Orange street.

July 1837. July 1st About 10 o'clock to night we had some brilliant Northern Lights, at first it raised up light and then become red and vibrated and spread to the zenith and round to the east, it lasted full one hour.

Monday 3rd this afternoon the water was let into East Orange street between Shippen and Lime streets.

Tuesday, 4th Independence, Clear and pleasant with a fine N. West wind all day, to day Henry Mayer, Godfried, Sarah, Maria, Aunt Sally, Susan & Melvina Hensel, and Adeline Hensel, Aaron, and Lat, were all at the pepper spring keeping the 4th. Mother & I, with Ann, Edward, and Emaline stayed at home, grandfather here to dinner, under the rambo tree.

Aug. 1837 Saturday 5th Circus on the common back of our lot this afternoon and evening.

Monday 7th to day the Jackson Rifle paraded the 1st time with their new Knapsacks— circus, this afternoon and evening.

Saturday 19th Wm. Coleman died, to day William Coleman was buried at 5 o'clock this afternoon, he died at Philadelphia, and was brought home at 10 o'clock last night.

Sept. 1837 Saturday, 16th this evening I send in my resignation in the American Fire Company, and was elected an honorary member.

Tuesday, 19th Yesterday J. Weiss made another baulk assention at Philadelphia, this evening some villains set fire to a hayhouse of John Metzgers, in a Southwestern part of the City, which raised a dreadfull fire alarm.

Oct. 1837 Thursday, 12th Caravan show here to day.

Friday, 13th evening cold, and a total eclipse in the Moon.

Wednesday 25th horseraceing commences at Lancaster to day.

Nov. 1837 Tuesday 14th This evening at dark, we had Northern lights which were very red as all Northern lights this year, but did not last longer this time than 30 or 40 minutes, but about 15 minutes before 9 o'clock a beautiful star was form'd in the zenith of red and white with occational vibrations, this did not last above 20 minutes.

Dec. 1837 Sunday, 3d this afternoon between 3 & 4 o'clock a fire broke out in the stables of Jacob Demuth and Joel Sharp (old Mr. Diffenbach's property) and destroy'd the buildings in which it originated and little else, this again proves the great advantage of water plenty, if we would have had to depend on pump & well water alone, God knows where it would have stopped.

On Sunday Decr. 3d between 12 & 1 o'clock in the morning, the Jury in the Murder case of Michael Jennings & John Donohoo, who were tried for the Murder of Michael Ellendine, at or near Elisabethtown, on the 22nd of June last (brought in a verdict of Guilty of Murder in the 2nd degree.

Boone and Frazer for the Commonwealth

Barton and Fordney for the Defendants,

Boone spoke 2 hours & 5 minutes Fordney 2 hours 50 minutes'

Barton " 4 hours & 3 minutes & Frazer 3 hours and 15 minutes

Judge Collins' charge to the Jury 1 hour 25 minutes

the Jury were out about 4 hours,

Monday Decr. 4th in the afternoon, Jennings & Donohoo were brought up, and Jennings was sentenced to 10 years confinement, in the eastern penitentiary, Donohoo's sentence was suspended until January Term.

Monday, 18th Our Emaline took sick with the scarlet rash, or as Doctor J. L. Atlee pronounced it, the scarlet fever, and on Sunday the 24th Edward took sick with the small pox, Emaline was 9 or 10 days, before she was over her scarlet affair, and on the 29th Edwards small pox were on the turn, same day (29th) Ann began to complain with headache, some symptoms on the 30th of scarlet rash with fever.

Sunday, 24th To day, Godfried, Frederick Hensel, and myself were at Columbia to look for a place for Godfried in the spring to start his trade, we rented a place of Col. Boggs for \$20 — a year.

Wednesday 27th this afternoon a fire broke out in Yeate's stable on the alley back of their lot, and destroy'd the better part of Yeates, & part of Henry Carpenters stables.

1838

On January, 6th 1838, Emaline began to show symptoms of small pox, she got the pointy ones, and was very full, on the 16th they were drying off on her.

Jan. 1838 Monday 8th this evening the Philharmonic Society had their concert.

Thursday, 18th The trial of Henry Smith, a yellow man from Columbia, commenced for the Murder of Benjamin Peart, who was stabbed on Monday night October, the 23d 1837, in attempting to arrest Smith for stealing some of his pigs. On behalf of the Commonwealth, Wm. F. Boone, the prosecuting Attorney, aided by Benjamin Champneys and Reah Frazer. for defendant, John K. Findley & C. H. Lefevre.

The Jurors were,

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| 1. John Bechard, | 5. John Lutz, | 9. John Wilson |
| 2. Robert W. Burrows, | 6. James Gibson | 10. William Doubt, |
| 3. Henry Hibshman, | 7. Samuel Ream, | 11. Samuel Boyd Talesman |
| 4. Hawthorn Freeland, | 8. David Stone | 12. Robert D. Carson Ditto |

No testimony was heard on Thursday, and the whole testimony on both sides was gone through by Saturday evening, and on Monday, Mr. Boone, on behalf of the Comth, Lefevre for the defendant, and Frazer for Comth went through their argument to the Jury, and on tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Findley began, and continued untill 1 o'clock, and recommenced at 3 in the afternoon and spoke untill within a few minutes of 5 o'clock for defendant, when Mr. Champneys began as the clock struck 5, on behalf of the Comth and spoke until 15 minutes after 7 o'clock, the Court then adjourn'd to 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, on Wednesday morning, Mr. Champneys continued his argument to the Jury untill within 7 or 8 minutes before 12 o'clock, when the Court adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M. when Judge Collins delivered his charge to the Jury, which lasted about 35 minutes, the Jury then retired, and after being out about 3 hours, brought in their verdict, that Henry Smith was Guilty of Murder in the first degree, the Prisoner was then remanded, the 4 first Jurors were in favor of 2nd degree, when they had retired. on Friday morning 26th at 9 o'clock sentence of death was pronounced upon the prisoner, May 11th Friday Henry Smith was hung.

Jan. 1838 Saturday, 27th Old Colonel Slough died to day at Mrs. Petermans.

Feb. 1838 Thursday, 8th Joseph Hartman the County Commissioner died at Landis' across Witmer's Bridge.

Thursday 22nd Peter McGrann died this evening, Humes' barn, near the Methodist meeting house, was set on fire.

Mar. 1838 Monday, 19th to day Godfried left Lancaster for Columbia to start Clock & watch makeing.

Thursday 22nd to day the wild pigeons flew in abundance, toward's N. East, they were taken in nets, and shot in large quantity.

Friday, March 23d wild pigeons continue to fly in abundance.

Sunday, 25th this afternoon I came home from Columbia in the Mareppa Car.

Apr. 1838 Thursday 5th 1st Shad in town to day, the first naked lady or Krocus open.

May 1838 Thursday—3d a fine day for the Firemens parade, the American Fire Company had a boat about 18 ft long, on 4 wheels drawn by 4 dapple grays, representing the landing of Columbus, the persons in the boat representing Indians were John L. Benedict, banner bearer, David Roth, John Booring, Conrad Auny, Adam Dellet, Mathias Zahm Jr. & G. M. Zahm as Indian Queen with D. Roth's little girl as an Indian child, and S. Stambach as interpreter.



Wednesday 16th a fire alarm this afternoon, Peter Hoover's stable burn'd a little, to day Wm Hensel began to move the sawmill of Steinman's.

Tuesday, 22nd this afternoon between 1 & 2 o'clock part of James Smith's new 3 story brick house, in East King street fell down.

Wednesday, 30th this evening about 7 o'clock, a fire broke out, and in about 2 hours, the following six stables were laid in ashes, namely 2 of Mr. Wm Cooper's, 1 on each side of the alley in the rear of West King St. 1 of Dctr F. A. Muehlenberg's, 1 of Dctr Fahnestock's, 1 of George Ford's, and 1 of Mrs. Hoff's in which the fire originated, it is generally believed to have been set on fire.

Thursday 31st to day after dinner the walls in the City basin began to give way, and by evening the North, East & South walls were down in the bottom of the basin, and part of the division wall was down.

June 1838 Monday, 4th School law was voted for, in the City to day, 574 votes polled, and only 1 vote against schools.

Friday, 8th Emanuel C. Reigart's wife died this morning at 3 o'clock.

July 1838 Wednesday 4th to day we was all at Demuth's pond fishing, except Maria, she stay'd at home to keep house.

Monday, 16th a great fire at Litiz to day, 5 dwelling houses, 1 barn, 2 stables and several shops destroyed in a few hours.

Wednesday 25th this morning some butter sold at 25 cts in our market (outrageous).

Aug. 1838 Wednesday August 1st To day the water was let in the repair'd basin.

Tuesday 7th Old T. Carson died, this afternoon the air was swarming with grasshoppers, towards the light of the sun they were visible as far as the eye could reach. this morning potatoes sold at \$1.50 in market.

Monday 13th Specie payments resumed to day, in obedience to a proclamation issued by Joseph Ritner, Governor.

Thursday 30th Ann went to Columbia to day, with her Uncle Daniel Zahm, and this evening Michael Zahm, return'd from his show excursion.

Sept. 1838 Tuesday, 11th George Eagles dead, (unlawful horseraceing commences to day).

Tuesday 18th this afternoon between 4 & 5 o'clock the great central eclipse was in the sun.

Friday, 21st Walter S. Franklin died this morning.

Oct 1838 Monday, October 1st Michael Zahm left Lancaster this morning to make another excursion through the South.

Thursday, 18th Judge Frazer's death, died at Milwackie in Wisconsin Territory, news came Novr. 7th

Friday, 26th Loco Foco celebration of concocted viliany.

Dec. 1838 Saturday, 8th to day some soldiers from Philadelphia passed through Lancstr for Harrisburg to protect the State Capitol against Anarchy,

misrule, and Mobocracy, carried on at the Seat of Government by a set of outlaws from different parts of the State, and to night some hundreds arrived here to go on to morrow,—a meeting was called to night at the Courthouse in Lancaster, to keep up the excitement of misrule and Mobocracy, where inflammatory speeches were made by G. W. Barton, R. Frazer & others to carry out their treasonable purposes, to get the reins of Governments into their hands, against the wish of the people.

Sunday, 9th This morning about 9 o'clock the soldiers from Philadelphia left here for Harrisburg, it was said there were upwards of 800, this is a great note in time of peace, and all created by a few aspiring Jacobins like Ingersoll from Philadelphia County, and Barton & others from Lancaster, a fine lesson for the honest Yoemanry of Pennsylvania, to support such midnight marauders, to overturn the public peace, by fraud and perjury.

Monday, Decr. 10th This afternoon more soldiers passed through here for Harrisburg, and it was said, some went on last night.

Tuesday, 11th to day the engine ran off the track about 8 or 9 miles from Lancaster, on the Harrisburg Railroad, and Mr. Reffsneider the engineer and Yeager the fireman were thrown under the engine and both were so severely scalded that their lives are despaired of. Michael Zahm was in one of the passenger cars, when the accident happened, he arrived a few hours afterwards sick.

Friday, 14th Isaac Reffsneider died this morning. •

Monday, Decr. 24th this evening I bought myself a new silk hat, at Naumans, for 3.25.

Tuesday, 25th to day Col. Reah Frazer took dinner with us.

Monday, December, 31st between 9 & 10 o'clock to night, the alarm of fire was given, the large foundry of David Cockley, in Chesnut Street had caught fire in the back cellar, but the early discovery, and the promptness of the firemen put a stop to it before much damage was done.

1839

Jan. 1839 **Saturday, 26th** Conostogo—higher to day than in 16 years before.

Mar. 1839 **Saturday 9th** to day I seen apples sold at the Courthouse, for \$2.50 a bushel, Dear apples.

Thursday 21st this evening between 7 & 8 o'clock my Son Godfried M. Zahm was married to Susan Hensel, daughter of Jacob Hensel.

Monday, April 1st this evening Frank Johnson's band had their concert at John Michaels large room, the upper room in the Courthouse being refused to them, because Philip Reitzel was opposed to it, he owning the dunghole hall in west Orange Street, and asking high rents for it, fye for shame, what a drawback on Philip.

Apr. 1839. **Sunday, 7th** Eliza Zahm gets married to night to Jacob Rhoads, hatter.

Thursday 18th To day Godfried moved, and this evening we got a Pianna from J. Wind at \$7.00 rent a year.

Tuesday 23d B. Ober dead.

Thursday, 16th The earliest swarm of bees I ever got, since I keep bees (12 years).

Friday 24th Jemmy Henry buried to day, death by Rum-a-tism.

June 1839 Tuesday, 4th Jonas Dorward died.

Sunday 16th some of our silk worms begin to spin in to day.

Thursday, June 27th Shaw's Concert to night.

Sunday, 30th Rye on shock, at Flinn's, near City mill.

July 1839 July 4th Independence, to day we were all at Demuth's pond fishing.

Monday 8th first silk silk worm flies out.

Tuesday 9th First silk worm eggs laid to day.

Wednesday 10th This evening 6 silk worm butterflies are out, 2 he and 4 she ones, & about 1000 eggs laid.

Tuesday 23d All our silk worm butterflies out, I. Gay's Silk reeling & spinning machine exhibiting at the Courthouse.

Aug. 1839 Friday 2nd this morning I walked home from Springville [Florin] before breakfast, 13 miles.

Wednesday, 14th To night Mr. Watson had his first Concert in the Courthouse.

Saturday, 17th To day I am 50 years old.

Oct. 1839 Saturday 5th The great fire at Philadelphia commenced about 10 o'clock last night.

Thursday, 10th News from Philadelphia that all their banks had suspended specie payments, except the Pennsylvania and Commercial Banks.

Friday, 11th Lancaster banks frightened into a half suspension.

Wednesday 16th Old Mr. Burrowe's buried to day.

Thursday, 17th Old Mrs. Burrowe's died this evening.

Thursday, 24th This afternoon the clock weight fell down in the Courthouse, same afternoon Daniel Vondersmith Jr was examined for admission to the Bar, but after consultation, the Committee recommended another year's study, the committee were, John R. Montgomery Esq., Thomas E. Franklin Esq., Henry G. Long Esq., John K. Findley Esq., and George Ford Jr.

Thursday 31st To day at dinner time Ann cut Edward's lip with a shinney, so that we was obliged to get Doctor W. L. Atlee to stitch it together; J. L. Atlee, our regular family Doctor being sick, could not attend.

Nov. 1839 Saturday 9th To day I paid Dctr Washington L. Atlee 50 cts for attending to my son Edward's lip, for which I took no receipt.

Saturday 30th This morning R. W. Middleton shot James Cameron, he Cameron comeing to Middleton's office to cane him, he was shot in the right side.

Dec. 1839 Tuesday, 3d R. W. Middleton's Habeas Corpus case began to day at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday 4th Middleton's case ended about 9 o'clock to night admitted to bail for his appearance in January next.

The end of the Year 1839, brings us, in my opinion, about the Zenith of the Age of Rascality, for since the suspension of Specie payments by all the Banks in 1837, and the introduction of the Shinnplaster system, in the Country, there has been more fraud, swindleing, robbing of Public Money, and every other Rascality practiced, than has ever been known since Adam was a boy.

On Saturday, October 26th 1839, I went to the Lancaster Bank with one of their 10 dollar notes and requested Christian Bachman, their Cashier, to give me five dollars in silver and a five dollar note for the 10, which he bluntly refused to do, he also refused to give me 2 five dollar notes for the 10, so I was obliged to walk off with their rag of promise which bore the damning lie upon its face, namely that they would pay 10 dollars on demand.

This is the same Christian Bachman who a few years ago paraded about in the upper Courtroom at a Democratic Meeting, shakeing 6 or 8 half eagles in his hand, exclaiming repeatedly Jackson and no Banks, and now stands behind the counter of one of these Banks, refusing to pay the notes of said Bank, either in half eagles, half dollars or any other metal, notwithstanding his own signature to every one of the notes which promise to pay on demand.

SILK MANIA.

1839. This spring the whole Union is in commotion with the Silk Mania, the demand for *Morus Multicaulis* trees was so great, that switches of 3 feet long sold for a dollar, and so blind were the people, that tens of thousands of the white Mulberry, and even Lumbardy poplar were pawned on them for the real *Morus Multicaulis* at 3 cents for a single bud, shad eggs were sold in New Jersey for silk worm eggs, and Millions of buds rotted by being planted too early, every body eager to have the earliest and largest trees, Rich Widow, Ladies and Old Maids plunged into the silk culture at enormous expence, without consultation or advice, what the result will be, future experience will reveal.

August 1839, *Morus Multicaulis* trees sold at auction in Philadelphia 12—14 & 20 cents a piece of one summer's growth, Millions of trees raised but no cocoonery's established, the tree speculation must come down, and cocoonery's go up to produce much silk.

Auction sales of *Morus Multicaulis* trees in different parts of the State and in New Jersey, prices ranging from 50 cents down to 3½ cents per tree. October 18th To day Hugh Long offered his *Morus Multicaulis* trees at public sale at the end of South Queen street in the City of Lancaster, the first row containing between 1 & 200 trees from 2 to 5 ft high was sold at 14 cents per tree, the 2nd 3d & 4th rows were sold at 12½ cents per tree, averageing in size with the first row, after which Mr. Long adjourn'd the sale for want of bidders, and better prices.

Decr. 14th To day a lot of *Morus Multicaulis* trees were put up at public sale at Robert Moderwell's storehouse, and were sold as low as $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent a piece, Jacob Hensel bought them.

1840

Jan. 1840 Friday 17th Extreme cold morning, thermometer only 1 degree above 0. Old Seitz the old pretzel man died, Concert by the Rainer Family at the Mechanics' Hall, to night.

Mar. 1840 Sunday 29th This afternoon Adeline Hensel was dipt below the City Mill, she was the first Stoolpidgeon of a Baptist Congregation about to be raised in the City, started by a Yankee bookpedlar and converted black-leg, two proper subjects to lead souls to God — O. Tempero — O. Mores.

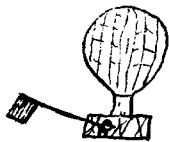
Apr. 1840 Friday, 24th Old Anthony Hook buried.

Friday, May 1st To day all the children of the Public Schools, had their parade and service in the Lutheran Church, owing to the rain in the forenoon, they marched in the afternoon, it was truly pleasing to see from 12-1400 children, with their different colour'd sashes, as well as their pleasant countenances, marching through the streets, as the first fruits of the General Education System in the City of Lancaster.

May 1840 Saturday 30th To day between 1 & 2 o'clock my young little box bee swarm'd, the queen was unable to fly, and fell down, some of the swarm gathered in on Mr. Thompson's apple tree, but were coming back to the hive again but I took the queen up to them in a glass tumbler and they all gathered in, I was literally covered with bees from my left knee to my head & none stung me altho' I had no beecap on and was in my shirtsleeves.

July 1840 Saturday, 4th To day our children and Thomas' family and Aunt Sally, Sally Hensel and some others were at the pond in Demuth's field at the Conostogo, to keep the Independence, Mother and I went out about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday, August 1st This afternoon a few minutes before 4 o'clock, John Wise made an assension with his large Baloon, from the Jailyard, he was up about 4 or 5 minutes, when he came down in James Cameron's field near Dillersville



Wednesday, August 5th Van Buren Convention to day, the number in procession was counted and varied from 4700 to 5000, and all went off peaceably and several pocketbooks passed quietly out of the pockets of their owners into the hands of the long fingered gentry. A certain Mark Snyder from Marietta was arrested on suspicion and committed, He is a State Agent on the Railroad.

Thursday 6th This evening the town is more quiet, the hurrah boys have nearly all dispersed excepting a few, who cant get sober enough to know where they live, and all this for the purpose of making a big buck President at the expence of such poor devils' sober senses.

Sept. 1840 Friday 18th To day the whig Convention assembled at Lan-

caster, and in spite of wind and weather there was such a gathering of people in Lancaster, that I am certain there never was a greater number in the place, since the first foundation stone of the first house in the town was laid, the line of march was 4 or 500 stronger than the Van Buren party on the 5th of August last, and it was admitted by every honest man, that more persons were out of the line, than in it, owing to the muddy roads and continual rain.

Oct. 1840 Tuesday 20th This afternoon a young man named Charles Dennis had his arm shot off in firing at the west end of the City for the Democratic Victory in Pennsylvania, he is an apprentice to Michael Trissler—Butcher.

Nov. 1840 Saturday, 7th This afternoon & evening the Whigs fire the cannon for their Victory in Pennsylvania.

Saturday 21st To day the Whigs held the Victory spree at Saml. White's lot in E. Orange Street.



1840 — Things as they now are

This year the greatest excitement exists between the political parties in regard to the Presidents Election, both parties seem to be confident of success, and both parties waste more money in keeping up the excitement than would buy the winter wood and clothing, for all the needfull poor in the whole U. States, Hickory poles are put up in every section of the City and County, even the lanes and alley's in the City are not exempt, the Harrison poles are known by a log cabin & a keg on their top, in the fork of the pole—the Van Buren poles are without cabin or keg, both parties resort to too much stratagem and foolery to carry their point, blaguardism and newspaper slander is the order of the day, each party printer publishes outrageous lies about the Candidate of the opposite party, and then they blaguard each other for doing what their dictadors directed them to do, thus they keep at loggerheads continually, and publish trash and nonsense disgracefull to the morals of civilised society, and yet withall there is a continual boast of, march of intellect. general education, freedom of the country, and the country's prosperity, when there is more rascality carried on in public and private matters, than all the liege Citizen's of these United States will ever be able to attone to High Heaven for, God grand, that the most honest of the two Candidates may be elected, so that the people may be again restored to their sober senses, and the country be settled down to proper order and decorum. the holding of meetings began 4 months before the Election, and marching with drum and fife through the streets at night by both parties is every night in the week except sundays, speeches are made in the open air at night, and shouts and huzzas rent the air, rowdies can get drunk every night free gratis on both sides of the question, and after the Election is over and the office holders keep their places, or the office hunters get their places, as the case may be, then these poor drudges may go behind the political door, without a nod from their late leaders & treaders, untill they are again called into action by the political drummes & fifes, and when the winter has fairly set in, there will be wood to buy for the Poor.

Saturday, February 6th Banks stop specie payments to day, in Lancaster, all above 5 dollar notes.

Feb. 1841 Monday 8th Two men & eight females baptised, to day, at the City Mill.

Sunday 14th Thomas' son baptised, name Albert Matthias.

Apr. 1841 Sunday 4th This morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock Wm. Henry Harrison died at Washington, this is the first President that died in the United States while in office.

Monday, April 12th An orration Delivered to day by Revd. Samuel Bowman on the death of the late President, in the Lutheran Church.

Wednesday 14th The 39th day on which it snowed since 18th day of November 1840.

Thus ends the year 1841, in which there was more wholesale theft, Bank robberies and plunder committed than will ever be attoned for in this world or any other, and it is also the 5th year of the Shinplaster Currency, the whole country is flooded with City promises & bank rags, and owing to the dull times, these are hard to get, and some of them as hard to get rid of, and more dangerous to keep; for a bank may be called solvent one day, and by robbery and plunder by its officers, may be insolvent the next, It is by this time well understood, that wholesale robbers, and scoundrels in broadcloth are exceptions to the penal code, and only those raga-muffins, who are compell'd by hunger to steal sausages, bacon, or dutch cheese, are fit subjects for the Penitentiary; and all under the guise of equal right; which must mean, that poor people might rob banks, if they could, and that rich scoundrels would be punished for stealing trifles.

On Saturday night, Novr 6th I fill'd our lamp with oil, I note it to see how long it will last—it lasted a week.

On Monday January 18th Henry L. Zahm went to his brother Godfried to learn the clock & watchmaking.

On Thursday April 8th All business was suspended in Lancaster from 12 o'clock at noon, as a tribute of respect to William Henry Harrison the deceased President, whose funeral took place at the City of Washington, at that hour, all the stores, taverns, and the most of the private houses were closed, a gun was fired every half hour from 6 o'clock in the morning untill 6 in the evening, all the bells in town were muffled and toll'd 5 minutes after every gun, the 3 volunteer Companies marched through the 4 streets with muffled drums and reversed arms and beat the deathmarch, and on Monday the 12th a funeral oration was delivered by the Revd Samuel Bowman in the Lutheran Church, the several Churches in town were hung with Crape, in mourning for the President, He died on Sunday morning the 4th of April at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock exactly one month after his Inauguration.

This year 1841, the peaches sold for 4 dollars a bushel, and rambo apples sold for $1\frac{1}{2}$ dollars a bushel and scarce at that, our pepin tree had 2 apples

on, and one of them fell off before it was ripe, the other I pull'd off on the 10th of October and put it into my desk to see how long I can keep it.

1842

1842 On Thursday morning January 20th the jury was empannelled in the case of John Witson for the Murder of Washington Witson on the 13th of September 1841; the jurors were, Solomon Voneida, Danied Lefevre, Amos Shuman, David May Esqr. J. A. B. Grosh, Adam Wolf, Ebenezer Jackson, Jonas Myer, Samuel W. Groff, Christian Hoffman, Allen Youndt & Henry Blickenderfer, the trial was gone through & the jury retired on friday about 4½ o'clock in the afternoon, and returned into Court in less than an hour afterwards with a verdict of guilty of Manslaughter.

Feb. 1842 Saturday, February 5th Mrs. Franciscus buried to day, Jacob Grosh Esq. took his seat as Associate Judge to day.

Mar. 1842 Sunday 13th Sally Hensel dip'd this afternoon.

Apr. 1842 Monday 11th A large Meator flew this morning between 2 & 3 o'clock.

Tuesday 12th Old Casper Hubert buried by the Honors of War to day.

Tuesday 24th Captn Findlay's Company arrived from Baltimore without the Price Flag.

Thursday, June 9th To day they took down the fish and ball at the Lutheran steeple; in the afternoon.

June 1842 Monday, 13th Mother, Edward & Emaline came home from Litz this afternoon, in the rain, Mother's trunk was lost off the top of the stage during the thunderstorm, Henry Myers started on the hunt of it after Mother came home, and found it at Maurer's tavern, it was picked up by some hog drovers and left there, they took 2 drinks on it for their trouble.

Thursday 23d The Lutheran ball & fish put up this afternoon.

Aug. 1842 Tuesday 23d Magnetising at our house this evening.

Sunday 28th Ann & Cecelia Sehner magnetised this evening.

Thursday September 1st Judge Dale died at 6 o'clock this morning.

Tuesday, September 6th Margareth Getz magnetised this evening.

Oct. 1842 Monday 3d To day the Sword was presented to Major Ham-bright.

Oct. 1842 Thursday 6th Ann magnetised at Judge Hay's this evening.

Saturday 8th Judge Champneys, leaves the Bench this afternoon.

Nov. 1842 Friday 4th Sarah Vogel magnetized at our house this evening, by Dctr Fahnestock.

Dec. 1842 Monday 19th Dctr Fahnestock & I were out at Judge Hay's this evening, Magnetizing.

1842. On Monday, December 26th I Paid John Hatz Jr one dollar in full, for hire of a horse and small carriage, which My Son G. T. Zahm got from him on Saturday the 24th of December, for to go to Columbia, to the funeral

of My Brother Daniel's wife, the Carriage hire was one dollar & fifty cents, and John Hatz Jr owed me 50 cts for crying out stray horses at Market,— I paid John Hatz Jr in presence of my Son G. T. Zahm, on the North side of the Courthouse, and made this note on the evening of the same day.

Old Jonadab was the man who established the first Temperance Society,— Read the 35th Chapter of Jeremiah; (590 years before Christ). Upwards of 2400 years before the Yankey's took it up as a traveling subject to talk themselves around the sausage dishes of the more soft scull'd people of the West, who, not contend to feed these babbling Yankey's well, would often pay them from three to four dollars a day to stand up in public and proclaim their own infamy, and tell a parcel of Jimcrack stories, (cunning fellows these Yankey's).

1843

Sunday, January 1st This evening Dctr Fahnestock put Ann & Cecelia Sehner into a Magnetic sleep without touching either; he sat about 3 foot behind Ann, her back towards him, and Cecelia sat about 5 feet from Ann, facing her, the Doctor looked at Cecelia from that distance and they both went to sleep in about 3 minutes.

Mar. 1843 Saturday 11th Bluebirds singing.

Wednesday 15th Dctr Fahnestock resigned in the Philharmonic.



Friday 17th this is a dreadfull morning, the snow drifted 4 & 5 feet high in some parts of town, the railroad cut at the Shippen street bridge is filled up, between 8 & 10 feet deep, the wind tremendous during the forenoon W. by N. West, snow estimated at 18 inches on a level.

Sunday 19th This morning between 3 & 4 o'clock a fire broke out in the back building of George Maury's dwelling in Duke street, and his back building together with the Session House of the Episcopalian Congregation were destroyed, before the fire could be got down.

Apr. 1843 Wednesday 24th This evening the Lancaster Rowdies raised a false fire alarm, as has been the practice since Beck and Fennimore came here from Philadelphia to hold temperance meetings on their Blaguard principle, heading their slips with the words — Fire, Fire, Fore, in large capitals, — the Rowdies started on the North side of the Courthouse to run a race with the Hose carriages, and a young man named George Moffet was run over and killed, the Washington & Friendship were engaged in the race; his death was instantanious, haveing the back part of his head crushed,— He was buried on Thursday, 25th at 5 o'clock in the evening, a victim to Lancaster Rowdism, (one way of committing murder).

May 1843 Saturday 27th To day about ½ past 2 o'clock, John Weiss assented in his Balloon at Carlisle, and about 20 minutes before 5 o'clock he landed on Hershey's place several miles S. West from Lancr. He was carried into Lancaster by the Citizens, and between 6 & 7 o'clock He assented in the N. E. part of the Centre Square and went up 10 or 11 hundred feet and

desented and landed in Johnson's Coalyard back of Hobbles' tavern. He was then carried by the people to his home, where he took the Gass out of his Balloon.

June 1843 Friday 2nd Clear and freezing cold morning, with a heavy white frost, The beans, tomato's, potatoes, pepers, cucumbers, squashes & c. . were nearly all frozen this morning, some water standing in bason's last night, had ice on this morning, the radish leafs had ice on them.

Aug. 1843 Saturday 26th This afternoon about 10 minutes past 2 o'clock, John Weiss made an Assension with his large balloon, from the yard of Sommers & Sheaff in Queen street, he went towards N. East, and in about 40 minutes he landed safe at or near John Forney's tavern on the Reading road, about 9 miles from Lancaster, and about 8 o'clock in the evening he arrived safe in Lancaster with his Balloon.

Sept. 1843 Saturday 2nd To day John Wise made an assention with his Balloon at York, and landed near Millerstown in Lancaster County about 5 o'clock in the afternoon from whence he was brought into Lancaster with his inflated Balloon and was taken home, not haveing gass enough to make another assention here.

Thursday 28th Col. Reah Frazer gets married this evening, to Miss Abigail Steel.

Oct. 1843 Wednesday 11th Getz's Fire Works.

Dec. 1843 Sunday 31st This afternoon Edward and I went to Litiz on foot, we took 2 hours & 50 minutes to walk out.

1844

Jan. 1844 Sunday, 7th To day Benjamin M. Sherer was buried, he was the first that died in Lancaster belonging to the Order of the Odd Fellows, his funeral was attended by about 130 of the Order.

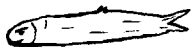
Feb. 1844 Friday 2nd Philharmonic Concert at the Mechanic's Hall to night.

Sunday 4th Godfried, Henry L. & Myers Hensel were out at Litiz to day, on horseback.

Friday 23d H. Eichholtz burn'd out at Gallaghersville.

Apr. 1844 Friday 5th Shad in market.

May 1844 Monday 13th The Iron Steamer arrived at Graeff's Landing to day.



Friday 28th William Frazer died this morning, Joe Rose hung himself this morning, but was cut down before he was quite dead, to day the Moravian Sunday school schollars had their Picnic, on Reichenbach's Land, South from Lancaster.

July 1844 Thursday 25th Whig convention at Columbia.

Sept. 1844 Thursday 5th Whig County Convention to day. It is admitted by many, that the number of strangers assembled on this occasion in Lancaster to day would tell from 8 to 10,000; (locofoco's will say so many hundreds).

Oct. 1844 Tuesday 8th Godfried moves his shop to Centre Square.

Friday 18th F. R. Shunk arrived in town this evening, a meeting to night.

Nov. 1844 Saturday 9th Loco Foco's fire cannon to day for the election of Polk to the Presidency.

Dec. 1844 Tuesday 24th This evening at 8 o'clock My Father died, at the advanced age of 85 years, 4 months & 23 days.

On Tuesday, November 26th 1844, the Loco foco's had an Illumination and street parade at night, in rejoicing of the triumph of Foreigners over the American Born Citizens, the Loco Foco's haveing called on the Irish, French, Dutch and all other Foreigners to aid them to defeat one of the Ablest Statesman in the whole United States, namely Henry Clay; to such a pitch of degradation has politic's come in this Country, that although every sane man must see that this Country is visibly falling into the hands of the Pope of Rome; by permitting foreigners to vote before they are 3 months on our shores, and all the while crying out against the Whigs, cheats, cheats, in order to cover their damning deeds of willfull and deliberate perjury, and unnatural as it must appear to every American, yet so true it is, that the most of the common class of the party are so well drill'd, that they can pretend not to see the inroads that foreigners are makeing on our sacred rights, some of the party papers, have actually made an open acknowledgement that their political success was achieved only by the aid of foreigners, humiliating indeed must be the party of native born Citizens who can stoop so low as to use all wicked & base schemes to get foreigners to vote unlawfully, and then publicly acknowledge that through this wicked and bad example they have been successful, thereby making them bold and daring in every section of our Country, — Time will tell the painfull consequences of such foul proceedings, and unless the Native American party can yet succeed and get the majority in this Country, I now predict, that the downfall of this once happy and free country, is not far distant, and instead of the People, the Pope will rule, then God help the Protestants.

The year 1844 is the greatest year for all kinds of fruit; Apricots, plums, guages, Apples, Peaches & Pears are in such abundance that people scarcely know how to dispose of them, the trees break with their overbearing quantity, and the farmars have to make cider erlier than usual on that account, cider sells in the latter part of August & beginning of September, at the press, from 50 to 75 cents per barrell, and is brought to Lancaster for \$1.—, in the beginning of October, picked rambo's are selling at 12½ cts per bushel, on last Wednesday, October 2nd apples were offered in market at Lancaster at 10 cts per bushel, and could not be sold,—We put about 40 bushels of apples into our cellar this fall, consisting of Rambo's, Peonick's, Bell Flowers, and Pepins, and have about 4 bushels of dried apples, and boiled apple butter and

part apple & part peach butter, we bought one barrell of cider at 75 cents and the other at 87½ cents.

1844, May 6th A riot breaks out in Kensington, in Philadelphia County, and by the neglect or some other oversight of the Sheriff, the fracas grew into a serious matter, the party called Native Americans fought against the Irish, they shot each other, burn'd houses and Churches down, and in their mad fury trampled poor inocent children to death, and the Sheriff's posse refused to obey him in putting down the Mob, whereupon somebody sent to Harrisburg for Governor Porter to come down and bring some persons from other Counties with him, to do the business of the Sheriff and his posse of Philadelphia County, and on Thursday the 9th of May, Governor Porter passed through Lancaster on his road to Philadelphia, (whether drunk or sober I could not learn) and order'd our volunteer's from here to follow him and do Sheriff McMichel's dirty work for him, which his own men in his County refused to do, And reader only think, Our spoonies really went.

(May 11th our volunteers return from Philadelphia.)

On Monday, July 8th 1844, Old Mother Traeger, aged 64 years, and Sarah Mayer, walked from Litiz to Lancaster, in about 3 hours,

1845

Wednesday, January 1st A young man named Scott had his hand shattered by a pistol bursting in his hand, it happened at the East end of Chestnut street.

Mar. 1845 March 8th Baltimore Shad in Lancaster to day.

21st This morning Maria return'd from Litiz, and I walked out, and return'd with the Mail Stage in the afternoon, it took me two hours and 20 minutes to walk out.

Apr. 1845 7th To day I bought 2 large shad at 20 cts each.

28th To day the backwall of Mrs. Hubley's stable, in Centre Square, fell into a cellar where David Longenecker took down a frame building; no person was injured in life or limb.

May 1st Dctr Henry Muehlenberg gets married this evening to Miss Cameron.

June 1845 Monday 16th The news of General Jackson's death arrived in Lancaster to day, He died on Sunday the 8th inst at 6 o'clock P. M.

26th To day all business was suspended in reference to the death of Ex-President Andrew Jackson. The volunteers and the different societies had a procession, and an Oration was delivered in the Lutheran Church, by the Honble Ellis Lewis Esqr.

28th To day the new apperattus to keep the water cold, was put up in the Courthouse, it is an invention of my own, I never heard of the plan before, it seems to answer the purpose for which it was intended.

July 1845 4th Today we were out at the crick fishing, we caught about 200 small panfish.

11th This afternoon I served notices on the subscribers in reference to the Cotton Factory, to be built in Lancaster on a Capital of \$100,000.

Aug. 1845 25th This evening Charles Getz is at Litiz exhibiting his fireworks, we seen some of the rockets from Shippen street, in a direct line across Jacob Hensel's houses on the New Holland Turnpike, formerly a Cockoonery.

27th Whig convention to settle their ticket to day, Charles S. Getz had fireworks this evening, at the West end of Chestnut street.

Sept. 1845 5th Welsh's Circus here this afternoon and evening.

Sun. 28th This afternoon Mother & I went to Litiz to witness the Ordination of Rvd Peter Wolle as Bishop in the United Brethren Congregation.

October 2nd To day the first girder was laid at the Cotton Factory.

Nov. 1845 20th Thomas Zahm commences his Shoemaking trade at the Mechanics Institute.

28th The Daughters of Temperance were Initiated in Lancaster on Thursday the 27th of Novr 1845, Mrss. Wordell and Hammond were here from Philadelphia to Initiate them.

Dec. 1845 26th Sarah A. Traeger was Initiated this evening in the Daughters of Temperance.

1846

Jan. 1846 Friday 9th News arrived, that the bill to abolish the Mayor's Court, has become a Law, by the Governor sending his Veto in the House of Representatives too late, they haveing adjourn'd at State's expence, early in the morning, to celebrate Jackson's Cotton bag victory at New Orleans, A fine beginning indeed in our crippled Financial affairs; with the Governor's Message before them, begging to lay a still heavier burden on the Taxpayers; thus to squander the public funds, for the mere purpose of worshipping course linnen with cotton in.

Saturday, 10th Old Emanuel Reigart died about 5 o'clock this morning.

Jan. 1846 Monday 19th This evening our lamps were put up in East Orange street, one at Arthur Armstrong's, one at Dctr John L. Atlee's, one at Mr. Penrose's, one at Herford's, and one at M. Zahm's to light up East Orange street between North Queen & Shippen streets, the expence to be done by voluntary Contribution.

Feb. 1846 Monday 23d The Daughters of Temperance have a Special meeting this evening, complimentary to Mrs. Hammond, She stopped here on her homeroad from Harrisburg where she had been to start a new Union, (Success to the Heaven born cause).

To day Richard Waters begins to make some alterations in the Court-house, not to make it any better, merely to Gratify the whims of a few crazy country folks, who believe that the Convenience of the Court is a Minor matter, in comparison with their Idol Curiosity, Thus fools grow vain, when pamper'd up with pride. Unable then to judge 'twix'd wrong and right.

Mar. 1846 Tuesday evening, March 3d The presentation of the Bible, by

the Daughters of Temperance, to the Sons of Temperance, came off in the Lutheran Church, It came off to the satisfaction of both Societies, although great efforts were made by some sectarian snakes in the grass, The mind of the Revd John McNair was warped to such a degree, that, although a Member of the Division, he positively refused to take any part in the matter, the Revd George Glessner took offence, because the Lutheran Church was taken, in preference of the German Reformed, where he officiates as Pastor, and he took no part in it; the Revd — Thomas said that he has only been a looker on in Venice, and therefore he refused to even offer up a prayer during the ceremony of presentation of the (Bible) thus deserted by the whole of the Clergy, except the Revd George F. Bahnson, who was solicited by the Daughters of Temperance, to present it in their behalf, He came up to the mark, like a True Deciple of Christ, and went through his part Manfully and undaunted, and Detr M. M. Moore, consented, (although taken at the impulse of the moment) to receive the Bible, and he also performed his part to the satisfaction of every Member of both Societies; Singular as it appeared to every one of the Members of both Societies, so unexpected they seen the Revd John McNair make his appearance in the Church; for what purpose is best known to God, and the Revd Gentleman himself, certain it is that while there, No part of the ceremony was allotted to him.

The Revd John C. Baker made a powerfull prayer at the opening of the ceremony, and the Revd — Wiggins, although not previously engaged, made a very able and appropriate prayer in conclusion, These are the true Israelites in whom there is no guile; they dont consult their Pursestrings first, and make the duty of wining Souls to Christ, a secondary matter, (Poor deluted Wordlings that slight God, to please men.)

Mar. 1846 Sunday 15th The Susquehanna River very high to day, and still raising, Part of the Harrisburg Bridge taken away, and other losses in lumber and other articles along the river; higher water than has been in 50 or 60 years, great loss in bridges, mills, (and the State Robbers improvements).

Tuesday 31st Old Peter Bier died this morning

Saturday 4th To day I cried the sale of the old blacksmith shop, on the lot of the I. O. of O. F. formerly the Quaker's property in South Queen street, Jacob Gable bought it for \$26, he has to take it away.

Apr. 1846 Saturday, April 11th This morning about 5 o'clock we were again greeted with the cry of Fire, Mr. Gemberling's stable & barn were set on fire, on the alley South of East King street, and before it could be put down 7 barns & stables, East & West were burn'd down. A stranger who was standing in the crowd, was pushed down and robbed of \$1000.

Patrolling commences to night in Lancaster.

Wednesday 22nd This is the last night of Patrole service, by Resolution of Council.

May 1846 On the 8th & 9th of May 1846, the battles were fought on the Rio Grande, between the Americans under General Taylor, and the Mexicans;

the Mexicans had about 7000 men, and the Americans about 2000, The Mexicans were routed both foot & dragoon.

Tuesday 12th This morning we laid the corner stone at the Odd Fellows New Hall, without any ceremony, I was present as a spectator.

Saturday 30th This afternoon I went with Reese's Omnibus down to Kinzervill to be present at the Instalation and opening of North Star, Lodge No. 166, of the I. O. of O. F. of Pennsylvania.

July 1846 Tuesday, July 7th To day the Moravian Sunday School Scholars had a Pic Nic, at Cameron's Spring, above the Rail Road Bridge.

Saturday 11th To day about 12 o'clock Samuel R. Beck died, at Mr. Myer's in Lancaster; This is the first member that died out of Lancr Division No 47, of the Sons of Temperance.

Sunday 12th To day Samuel R. Beck was buried at Litiz, The Sons of Temprce attended his funeral, we had 63 members in procession.

Monday 13th This evening just after the Clock had struck 9, a beautifull Meator passed over Lancaster from S. West towards N. East, it was so brilliant, that it lit the street suffeciant to see the smalles object on the ground, after it had passed over and I had set down on my front door step again, I distinctly heard a report in the direction it flew, like the report of a gun — also heard by 5 or 6 of the neighbour's.

Thursday 16th To day Mother and I had our likeness' taken in Doguera Type, by Johnson & Bear at the Mechanic's Institute, Thomas had us to set, he paid for it and keeps the likeness's.

Saturday 25th This afternoon John Wise made a Balloon Aseention from the Jail Yard in the City of Lancaster, he cut the cord 15 minutes after 3 o'clock and passed over the Town towards the S. East, there being a strong N. West stirring at the time of his departure, he was very high and was visible to my naked eye 26 minutes, this is his 4th successful Aseention in Lancaster; He landed, or decended on Mr. Ewings place in Little Britain Township, about 23 miles from Lancaster.

July 1846 Thursday 30th This evening the Sons of Temperance went in procession to the Methodist Church, to hear an address by Dctr Ely from Philad — it was our Aniversary, We are 1 year in existence to day.

Aug. 1846 Thursday 27th A Negro Parade in Lancaster by a set of Black men and women, belonging to the Washingtonian Temperance Society.

Sept. 1846 Wednesday 9th To day the Democratic Convention met in the Upper room and the Native American Convention in the Lower room of the Courthouse, to settle their tickets for the Election.

Nov. 1846 Wednesday, Novr 25th John Eberman, (Late Cashiar of the Farmers Bank of Lancaster) died about 11 o'clock to night.

Thursday 26th Governor's Thanksgiving day, To teach Pennsylvanians to pray.

Sunday 29th To day the Moravians had a 100 year Jubilee; it is 100 years since their Congregation was first started in Lancaster.

Dec. 1846 Monday 7th To day 4 companies of Volunteers passed through Lancaster in the Car's on their way to Pittsburg, and from there to Mexico.

Sunday 13th Old John Gonter died, (An old Revolutioner).

Tuesday 22nd To day 13 or 14 of our Lancaster Men left Lancaster to go to Harrisburg to attach themselves to a Company of volunteers called the Cameron Guards, to proceed from there to the war in Mexico, Henry Hambricht (the Major's son), George Bowman, Franklin Kauffman, Thomas Jordan, George Wenaur, Michael Cosgrove, F. Schaum, John Bowers, John Patrick, Frederick Hessler & others went.

Wednesday 30th To day Major Hambricht leaves Lancaster for Pittsburg, he expects to be elected to some office in the 2nd Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, to go to Mexico.

1847

Jan. 1847 Wednesday 3d During this week up to saturday the 6th the Corn Mania was so great that the storehouses at the Railroad were loading cars and unloading waggons day and night, they gave as high as 80 cents a bushel at first and on saturday the price was down to 56 cents, it seemed as if the world was made of corn alone, and lived on corn alone, no wood came in, everything that had wheels was employed in hauling corn, some speculators made money, and some will undoubtedly be most wofully burn'd.

Friday, February 5th 1847, They began to work in the Lancaster Cotton Factory, at picking, and on Monday the 8th they began the Carding, warping & C.

Feb. 1847 Monday 15th The Swiss Bellringers perform at the Mechanics Institute to night; the people could not all get in.

Monday 22nd This morning Edward J. Zahm began to attend at the shop of his Brother G. M. Zahm, to learn the watchmaking business.

Mar. 1847 Saturday, March 27th To day the wild pigeons flew in all directions about Lancaster and the neighborhood, the powerfull N. West storm scattered them in all directions, many were shot by our Citizens.

Thursday, April 1st To night the Odd Fellows held their last meeting in North Queen street above the Museum.

Thursday 8th This evening the Odd Fellows held their first stated meeting in their new Hall; about 140 or 150 members attended.

Friday 16th Old Peter Maurer died early this morning, An Old Revolutioner, about 90 years old, he lived for many years on the Litiz Road, where the road takes off for Reading. (Peace be with his ashes).

Apr. 1847 Wednesday 21st This evening we had an Illumination in Lancaster for the great Victories of the Americans over the Mexicans at Buna Vista, Vera Cruz, by Generals Taylor and Scott and their galland Soldiers.

Friday 23d Van Amburg & Co's Managerie Exhibition in Lancaster.

Apr. 1847 Friday 30th This evening Monterey Lodge, No 242 of the I. O. of O. F. was opened, they had to meet in the Sons of Temperance Hall,

owing to Peter G. Gorner's third Exhibition of his Regalia, to the Inquisitive Women of Lancaster.

May 1847 Saturday 8th Welsh & Co's Circus in Lancaster to day and to night, Old George Leonard died, (an Old Revolutioner).

Sunday 16th To day Elizabeth Melton was buried on the new Union Bethel Cemetery in East King street, She was the first one buried in the place since it is laid out.

Saturday 5th This afternoon John Weiss made another successful Asention in his large Balloon, he started from Henry Sheaff's yard in South Queen street, he cut the cord at 15 minutes before 3 o'clock and went to the South-east as far as Georgetown, from whence he returned home before 8 o'clock in the evening, all well and in order (about 12 or 13 miles).

Sept. 1847 Thursday 9th This morning I went 5 miles up the Harrisburg Turnpike, to see the Lead mine lately discovered on Henry Shenk's place.

Oct. 1847 Saturday, October 2nd This evening the Loco foco's and the Whigs have their first Tavern meetings in Town, this has been the most quiet time in this way previous to an Election for Governor, for 48 years.

Thursday 14th Doctor Wm B. Fahnestock leaves Lancaster for Gelena to day, he is going there to get some information in the art of smelting lead.

Friday 22nd Howe & Co's Circus here this afternoon & evening.

Nov. 1847 Saturday 6th This evening Mrs. Margareth Hoff was brought to Lancaster from Baltimore a Corpse, She was a Sister of Christopher Hager Merchant in Lancaster.

Dec. 1847 Wednesday, 22nd This afternoon Doctor Abraham Breneman Senr and Doctor Abraham Breneman Jr were both buried in one grave, on the Episcopalian Burying ground.

1848

Jan 1848 Saturday 8th Jacob Strickler was buried to day; he lived below Columbia.

Feb. 1848 Friday 4th This afternoon and evening a meeting was held in the Courthouse to petition the Legislature to abolish Capitol Punishment.

Wednesday 23d The Honble John Quincy Adams took sick in his seat in the U. S. Senate chamber on Monday afternoon the 21st inst and died on Wednesday evening the 23d.

Apr. 1848 Thursday 20th Benjamin Herr of Manor Township (commonly called the King of the Manor) gets buried to day.

Sunday 23d Godfried M. Zahm and Henry Baumgardner went to York.

May 1848 Wednesday 3d To day Revd George F. Bahnson and others set sail from Boston for Europe to the Moravian Conference.

Friday 26th To day Henry L. Zahm and I bought a piece of ground in the Cemetery laid out by the German Reformed Congregation, We paid \$15 for it.

Saturday 27th Frederick Sehner, Young Hager, and Young Heinitsch, left Lancaster yesterday, they are gone to start for to make a tour through England and other foreign parts.

June 1848 Tuesday, 6th This afternoon at 4 o'clock David King's two children were buried on the newly laid out Cemetery, owned by the German Reform'd Congregation, this is the first breaking of the ground in this piece of Concegrated spot for the resting place of the dead. Peter Ricksecker was here to see us, he is on his road to Bethlehem, to rest from his 22 years services as a Moravian Misionary in the Westindia Islands.

Tuesday 13th This evening we had a town meeting to appoint committees to collect mony to aid the sufferers of Allentown, who lost their all by a dreadful fire which destroyed the one fourth part of the taxable property of the town.

Sunday 18th This evening Mother, Sarah and I were down where the second Cotton Factory is about to be erected on South Prince Street, part of the foundation wall is build.

Friday 30th This evening at 6 o'clock Old Christian Hall at Litiz died.

July 1848 Tuesday 4th To day we were out at the crick fishing, opposite ceder hill.

Wednesday 5th To day I received my appointment as District Deputy in the Temple of Honor of the S. of T.

Thursday 6th This evening the Loco foco's had a meeting in the Court-house, Sam. Houston & — Kauffman, both from Texas, addres'd the meeting, it lasted until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, July 19th This afternoon Henry Baumgardner, Godfried M. Zahm and I were out at Livergood's dam fishing with a sien, we caught about 200 fish, we caught 87 the first haul and the rest in 3 or 4 hauls afterwards, the fish were mostly Carb and Catfish. We walked out and George Rogers came out about 5, o'clock to bring the fish and net in, Godfried & Henry Baumgardner came in with George Rogers, and I came in with Henry Livergood in his Mill-waggon—

Saturday 22nd This morning the remains of Francis R. Shunk, late Governor of Pennsylvania were taken through here to Philadelphia, to be taken from there to morrow to the place of interment in Montgomery County called the Trappe; Governor Shunk resigned his Governorship on sunday evening the 9th inst.

Wednesday, 26th This forenoon at 10, o'clock Henry Hambright and several of the Cameron Guards arrived and were received by the firing of cannon at Dillersville and ringing of bells at Lancaster, To day Old Mr. Hamm, the Tobacconist was buried at Litiz.

Sunday 30th James Armstrong, (son of Arthur Armstrong) dead.

Aug. 1848 Tuesday, August 1st This afternoon Henry Baumgardner, Frederick Hensel, Godfried Zahm and I were out fishing with their bag net; we went first up the Harrisburg road to Mr. Landis's dam, there we could not catch any, we then crossed over through Rohrerstown to Livergood's dam

where we set 4 times and caught with the 10 or 12 we brought from Landis's 146 fish, and got home between 6 & 7, o, clock in the evening.

Aug. 1848 Wednesday, August 16th To day the Democratic Convention met at Shertz's and from there they came to the Courthouse to settle a County Ticket and elect Delegates to go to Harrisburg to settle a Candidate for Governor, the Delegates in favour of Judge Champneys were elected, they then elected their Delegates for the next 4th of March Convention, then adjourn'd over to this day 3 weeks to meet at the Courthouse at 11 o clock A. M. to settle their County Ticket.

Tuesday 29th A great scarcity of water, the Conostoga so low that the City Pumps cant go, the Reservoir most empty, the Factory cant be supplied with water from the Reservoir, they are pumping water up from the run, they can work only every second or third day; the water committee refuse water to those who are building houses, they have to get it elsewhere.

Sept. 1848 Tuesday 5th William Hall came in from Litiz to day, to learn to cut letters in Marble stone, with Mr. Sheaff.

Wednesday 13th A total Eclipse in the Moon between 1 & 2 o clock.

Sept. 1848 Monday 18th To day Captain (Now Col.) Bragg was in Lancaster, he was at Henry Kendig's White Swan Hotel, from 10 to 11 o clock to receive visitors — He is a tall spare man.

Oct. 1848 Tuesday 10th This was the General Election, the City Vote was 1833 and the Democratic Majority was only 137.

Thursday, Octr 12th Montgomery buried to day (the windmill maker's brother).

Friday 13th To day the Return Judges met to cast up the County Vote, the Majority of Wm F. Johnson is 4213; he is elected Governor, for the next 3 years; a Whig Governor & a Whig Legislature.

Wednesday 25th This evening Governor Johnson address'd a Whig meeting at the Courthouse, he spoke at the South East window, the mass were outside, he left for Harrisburg afterwards.

Nov. 1848 Friday 3d A Whig meeting at the Courthouse this evening, Mrss Stevens, Ford, Williams, Hiester & Lea Campbell address'd the meeting.

Sunday 5th This morning before 6,o'clock the stack at the New Cotton Factory erecting on the west side of South Prince street, fell to the ground, it was near 100 feet in height and is said to contain 1000 bricks for every foot, a powerfull S. West wind was blowing at the time, and had been raining heavy for 6 hours in succession, some attribute its fall to the rain and strong wind, while some believe that the contraction of the heavy stayropes drew the scaffolding against the stack which caused it to fall; be it as it may, it is down and must be build up again.

Monday, 6th A Whig meeting at the Courthouse this evening; John Wise, T. Stevens, Ford, Patterson, Thompson & Williams spoke.

Tuesday 7th To day the Election for President & Vice President came off, the vote in the City was 2006, and the Democratic partys Majority was

152 for Cass and Butler — this was the first Presidents Election held on the same day throughout the United States.

Saturday, Novr 11th A Whig Congradulation Meeting at the Courthouse,

The friends of Taylor met in Mass
And laugh'd at poor old Lewis Cass,
Who, with his free trade principle,
Was by Old Taylor whip'd so well,
That he will nevermore survive
To preach freetrade, in all his life,

Traeger, and Emaline A. Zahm were at Litiz, they had one of David Reese's Sleighs.

Conostoga Division of the Sons of Temperance blow'd out in April, now there are 17 beneficial Societies yet in Lancaster, some of which will share the same fate with Conostoga Division before many years; too much of a good thing will give one the surfeit, as well as too much evil, (time will tell).

Wednesday Nov. 22nd A City meeting at the Courthouse this evening, in reference to lighting the City with Gas.

Thursday 30th George Mowery's Coach maker shop on North Queen street was on fire; not much damage done.

1849

Jan. 1849 Tuesday, 2nd It is rumour'd that A. L. Hays Esqr. resigned his Judgeship in the District Court, it turn'd out to be true.

Friday 12th Samuel Harman, Francis Russel & others are at Philadelphia waiting for the Wessel to start for Calafornia.

Jan. 1849 Wednesday Janry 17th Charles Burleigh lectured on Abolition of Slavery.

Monday 29th This morning John Mathiot left Lancaster for Calafornia.

Wednesday 27th A Gas company meeting upstairs from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. A *Democratic* meeting at night in reference to the death of James K. Polk, Ex-President of the *Democratic Party* of the United States.

Feb. 1849 Tuesday, Febry 6th Tom Thumb, exhibiding himself for 5 days and nights.

Thursday Febry 8th This afternoon Sullivan, the Prizefighter passed through Lancaster, about as much battered and bruised as any Blackguard of his standing in Society ought to be.

Monday, June 11th This afternoon I was bled, owing to a very heavy feeling in my head, Dctr Wm. B. Fahnestock bled me.

Wednesday, July 4th To day we was at the crick fishing, Thomas and his family, John Killough and his family, Ellen Lithcoe, Johanna Strohman from York, Catherine Zahm from Columbia were out with us, we numbered 20 in

all, Old and Young; all went off well, and we got home safe and in good time, we had Reese's Omnibus to take us out and bring us home.

July 1849 Friday 20th This evening a resolution was adopted in the School Board to dissolve the Union between them and the Franklin College as to the High School of the Board.

Friday, August 10th This evening President Taylor arrived in Lancaster, he was escorted to Kendig's Hotel in Centre Square, I had the Courthouse illuminated with 336 Sperm candles, he was accompanied by Governor Johnson and members of his Cabinet.

Saturday 11th To day President Taylor was in Lancaster untill noon, he was visited by the Ladies from 8 to 9 o'clock and by the Gentlemen from 9 to 10 o'clock.

Aug. 1849 Wednesday 29th A Camphine lamp was upset to night in the store celler of Clarkson & Williams, at the N. East Corner of North Queen street and Centre Square; (no damage done).

Monday, September 3d To day the School board opened their High School, they bought the Presbyterian Session house.

Tuesday 25th The 40 horse Circus here with a two story waggon, and a man grinding music on a hand organ in it.

Novr. 1849 Monday 5th Henry Hambright was brought from Philadelphia this evening a Corpse.

Wednesday 28th to day Christian Bachman died (Cashier of Lancaster Bank).

ADDITIONS TO THE
ZAHM FAMILY LINE

3 Matthias, the diarist.

George Thomas (first child), b. January 6, 1813.

1 John K.

1 J. Albert.

Edward J. (seventh child).

1 Ernest.

1 Robert F.

2 Mabel.

3 Ed.

4 Annie, married Ed. Edgerley.