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The Journal of Charles Rawn
September 26 to October 23, 1853

The Journal

Book 24, September 26, 1853, Monday

Sept. 26-2 Clear – Fine Pleasant. I got this Book bound at the Bindery of Theo.

Feun[?]eo and brought it home to day. The binding was to cost 75 cts. and is left to be settled in my account with them. [Ms?] Gamber Finkesburg Carroll Ay Md in reply to his [?]. Bishop elf started with Heise Tillary procured by him at Golden livery at 4 1/m.P.M. for Pro Lig L. Meet in Londonderry I fun here. [We?] stopt at ol. Rops' in Middletown the Bishop being an candidate for the Sej and took lunch instead of one regular [?] at his house, got to [?] of at 7 P.M. and I held meetings at Brenzen Stone. Bishop Alleman selfmade speeches. [?] walked there a Highspire where he lives. We started him about 9 1/m got home at 11.20 P.M. Toll 16 at one Gate. [?] at other two Gates 32. in 9 including change to children yesterday for Sunday school To bed P.M.

27-3, (September 27, Tuesday) Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Gibbons of Chester Creek near Uncle Wm Cheyney's called to see us at 10, 11 a.m. on his way to Pittsburg, Ohio. saw & convened with Uncle yesterday who was well – as also Aunt – his wife – letter from Dr Patrick McMorris “New Buffaloe Sept. 27” by the hands of his son returned verbal answer. walked to [?] ullinger miles circuler at 4 1/n to S 3/n M. to see him about Bbl. Flora. Attended Pro. Sig. L. Meet in Court House from 7 to near 10 P.M. Professor Tiffany of Carlisle Dickinson College, Stephen Miller Rev. Alfred Coaman self made

speeches. letter safe from James H Sprague "Phila Sept. 26". Sarah Fleishen of Phil. ther sister M David Neid here in at near 7 P.M. To bed 10 P.M.

Sept. 28-4 (Wednesday) Cloudy & Clear. Some blusterly – Paid 1 lb. Butter – beef 16 for [?] Sweet Potatoes [?] – 2 Gals vinegar 45 [?]

Aunt $9 \frac{3}{4}$ - of Hiram Duncan (new client) Ret. Fee \$10.00 in the matter of a Prosecution against him by one Mary Ann Reed for Fornication & Bastardy. Sarah Fleisher called & left letter written by Jacob Houser to her mother (yesterday) I walked $3 \frac{1}{2}$ mile cir. Between 3 & 5 P.M. some little Rain whilst, out and I borrowed umbrella of Mr. Hirt spent Ev. at home. wife at Mrs. Warfords after we went to bed. To bed 9 P.M.

29-5 (Sept. 29, Thursday) Clear – Fine – Cool – Pleasant. Called at Jacob R. to see new client – one Mrs. Margaret M.Clean in reference to whom and those complaint for slander against [StMr?] Goodrich I a letter or note from Ely last Ev – went with her at $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. to [?] Harris' to her affidavit about said Flandeman of her in Ev at 7 P.M. \$1.00 to pay for unit in said [can?] I had advanced for her to Harris forsaid affdt. I walked $3 \frac{1}{n}$ miles between 3 & $5 \frac{1}{4}$ P.M. accounts with MHullinger who paid him \$17.1/n in full for
1 1 lbs. Beef - .68 $\frac{3}{4}$

1 lb. Butter -	18 $\frac{3}{4}$
2 Bbl wheat flour	\$11.00
1 " "	<u>5.25</u>
	\$11..12 $\frac{1}{n}$

[above] Delivered to me between the 25 Feb & 22nd July 1853 both dates included [?] & Book also Wm in cash \$22.00 and he is to deliver my a Bbl. of wheat Flour tomorrow at \$6.50 to close on accounts. which would settle my account against him at \$45.0 v/2 of which are \$24.1 v/n he having paid me a fee of \$5 when he first came to me or soon after_ wife at Mrs Rose Goodrich's spending Even from 5 ³/₄ to 10 ¹/₄ P.M.

30-6 (Sept. 30, Friday) Clear. Cloudy. Cool. Heavy Frost last night. settled with Saml Miller vpd him for 7 Bus Potatoes \$4.37 /n got 73 inst that is to say [?] of him for Profl Counsel in reference to the estate of his ward Sarah Ann Holoman Neidy (the letter) and E. Nissley. \$5.00 which paid first 7 Bus Potatoes, he paid me the diff. v/n in cash. (my Receipt Book). I walked 3 ¹/₂ miles between 4 and 5 P.M. of cemetery – children's grand spent Event at home and to bed at 9 P.M. Bbl

Oct 1 (Saturday) 7 Cloudy All day. Some Rain & good deal of drizzle. paid 2 lbs butter 31 ¹/_n Beef & Liver 3b rolls Sweet Pots. & chose 18 to old Mr Rinchart 50 for a PerkPeaches got at his home quiet. For 7 ¹/₄ Dozen Eggs 93 – Handed [Hundred?] 25 for Powder Whot. 12t burning fluid 18 ³/₄ the 2qlt. – segery 12 /n. amt 2.84 ³/₄ Depoin Bk \$45.00 – got Horse & Ramay at Colder Sivery Stable and at 1 P.M. Henry Beader Engr sore no Calvin and Self started for Peter & no Smith near Linglestown to take Deposition in Hiram Duncans case (result). met Groh 6 Leilen & CM Shell E there. Hiram also there he and Shell took me RackRawery went to Linglestown for Harriet a daughter of said no Smith. we took her Dep. that of her mother & also her sisterinlaw Mrs. Pete we got home again about 5 /n P.M. spent Ev. at home to bed 9 P.M.

2-1 (Oct. 2, Sunday) Clear. Fine. Cool. quite cold in Ev – Fire Indispensable wife & children at an church in morning & wife there in Evens. I was at Methodist Ch. in Evens where they had communion between 8 & 9 P.M. after congregation formally dismissed. I did not remain. home 8 ¼ to bed

3-2 (Oct. 3, Monday) Clear – quite Cold – some Windy. wife sick in bed. bilious taken in last night. The of Boar & Newkard \$87.50 being one month's Rent for my stove Room due I inst Depd Lame in the Dauphin Dep Bank being by check on the Harrisburg Bank \$87.50 note to James Hazlitt Baltimore reply to his 31 a last paid 3. kept Copy – letter from Henry Clarke Baltimore Oct 3rd walked 3 ½ Mich. bet 4 & 5 1/n P.M. spent Ev chiefly at home to bed 9 1/2

Oct. 4-3 (Tuesday) Clear – Fine – Pleasant – has engaged during forenoon fixing up place in yard to little canal Meredith the plasterer, son Chas & self engaged rising his work here after [?] and myself engaged making calculations [?] about 4 P.M. This whole [?] to \$70.50 – viz –

	Feet
Plastering including openings	3933
openings	<u>405</u>
	9 / <u>3529</u>
nelt plastering - square yards -	392
at	<u>6 cts</u>
	\$23.52

The entry downstairs is exclusive of the above)

of which makes a lump job and charges -)	7.00
cornice and centre piece in [?]	30.00
centerpieces in room next parlor Hall on)	8.00
2 nd story & Hall on Entry down Stairs -)	
Plasterings the alley 2 coats	<u>2.00</u>
paid him on a [?] amt by	<u>\$70.52</u>
check on DauDepBank	30.00
[?] pd him 2 nd July last	<u>25.00</u>
	<u>55.00</u>
Balance dependent on	\$15.52

corrections to be made of any mistakes

when I look over my own calculations

said Bal. of & 15.52 paid from 1-Oct 17th

Herman [?] walked 3 ½ miles between 4 ¼ & 5 1/n P.M. Went further hotin yesterday by

A. Young [?] 25 for leaving same – paid for [?] then | yesterday a [?] 25 for 1 lb Sweet

Crackers 10 cts Amt [?] a home and to bed 9 ½ PM.

5-11 Clear & Fine. Pleasant. Cloudy. Windy. some rain in Evening paid 1 lb Butter 16

– Beef 53 – [?] 14 Handed wife 18 – Amt \$1.08 paid Jos. Wallace [?] Mr. Heming \$7.17

in full pew rent is the Presbyterian Church for 6 mos. To 1 | or 2/3 of a Pew, James

McCormick – [?] by hands of Mr. Y. \$115.00 in full of own fee, in Hummelston in

ground out cases my half being Fee \$87.50 – in [?] and he also his half on account of my

new John Hause – refusing to pay his rent alledging high and otherwise behaving very imprudently [?] issued a San [?] to A. Young constable of at him on which A. Young [?] due being \$8.50. Further indications of his behavior I considered it absolutely necessary to track him a lesson early in his case (?) of mixed of Saint Miller per Loads \$0.00 – walked between 4 & 5 P.M. 3 ½ miles – called Wm [?] after tree about 7 P.M. Ev. at home to bed 9 1/m

6-5 Clear – Fine – Windy – pd Mary Boone \$1.00 for washing & ironing last and this week in full for my wife – Handed wife for Yarn for the children, stockings viz for 1 ½ by yarn [?] in \$1.12 /n

for 1 cut for Fanny's [?]

31

\$1.43 ½

Depd in DauDepBank \$50.00 – here working on moving shingle, from to wonder in and his wife Anna here too

Oct.6-8 cont – here too a couple or three washing quilts and HanKets I walked 3 miles between 3 ½ & 5 P.M. went with Stephen Miller at 5 P.M. in got by him at [?] Whitteys school House to meet in tavern on ProSigL. We had a very crowded gratifying meetings of both Sexes – he self made speech he opened the meeting with Singings & Prayer at 7 P.M. We got through at about 9. distributed a number of the wheat documents home at 9 ¾ to bed at 10 P.M.

7-0 Clear & Fine – Pleasant Magdalena Heuser wife of the in my buildings came here to my house crying to complain husband this Father have chased her away – we called

Charly B[?] to interpret. called to see them. I went with her on first after him [?] who lives in Chestnut St – she was back in afternoon told me she had been to Dr Seilen. I called the Dr into my entry. we had a talk there on the settee. walked between 3 1/n & 4 1/n P.M. 3 1/n Miles a 5 1/n P.M. started in Rackaway carriage provided by Mr.Colden stable keeper whose nephew drove to Dauphin Village where I was specially invited yesterday Mr Sande [?] a Methodist plan to add them on the ProSigLaw question into the Methodist Ch. at 7 P.M. where we found a large assembly of men & women whom [?] for about an hour The Meeting was a very satisfactory & agreeable one and in returned to town at 10 ½ to 11 P.M. to bed 11 P.M.

8-7 Clear – Fine – Pleasant. paid for 1 qt burning fluid sack of salt 25 sundries 19 in market this morning by my wife for 20 2 lbs Butter 32 ¾ - Sweet Potatoes Chestnuts 9 – Amt \$1.35 ¾ from 7 to 3 P.M. [?] judges on Bench – argued with [?] for Dept for Hiram Duncan motion for a new trial in a conviction of him last [?] for For. & Bastardy. 3 miles between 4 & 7 P.M. [?] myself called when husband and his father to see what they would do for her. Charley B[?] was also in my office again for some time as interpreter. Ev chiefly at home. to bed 9 P.M.

9-1 Clear – Pleasant. Wife & children (except Calvin) at Church in morning and wife there in Even – I called at Stephen Miller's house in morning at 9 1/n A.M. walked 3 ½ miles between 4 and 5 P.M. Home from Ch. 8 ¼ to bed 9 ¼ P.M.

10-2 Clear Cloudy Windy. blusterly & cold in Even. I spent day chiefly at home – walked 3 ½ miles between 4 ¾ & 5 ¾ P.M. Thos.R. Trimble here this afternoon heard speeches in Court House in Ev at whig meetings [?] would be made against the ProS. [?] and then went to Pro. meetings in market where [several names; Van Wagnr, Miller, ?] made self made speeches very great enthusiasm. home 9 2/4 to bed 10 ¼ P.M.

11-3 Clear. Fine. Cold. Overcoats in considerable use an election of wind though I put none on till Even. I voted today for Bishop & Rop ProSgL. candidates for assembly and then to the [?] except for Survey or General & Judge of the Supreme court for those in office. I voted for the Free soil can [?] and think of voting against [?] men for these offices. I spent day, Ev. chiefly absent the polls except that I walked 3 ½ miles between 4 & 5 P.M. to bed 10 P.M. wife [?] front st at 10 P.M. to see Ben fine on [?] opposed to sting alcohol

12-4 (October 12) Clear. Fine. Pleasant. pd 1 lb Butter 17 cts. 11 lbs Beef 4 lbs crackers 25 and 2 lbs Sweet crackers 16 at [?] Philip Burton for sawing splitting 2 loads of wood. Philip Burton for 1 Bus Potatoe 62 sold him this day. pay for his work in finest 1 lb Potatoes – walked 3 miles – spent ev chiefly at home – wife at meeting – to bed at 9 P.M.

13-5 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Made fire in an furnace for [?] time this fall for benefit charity of [?] something to me about it yesterday – it is however not cold enough for it today being much milder than for a few days back – walked 3 miles between 4 & 5 P.M. Spent Ev. at home to bed 9 P.M.

14-6 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. I was engaged to two or three hours in morning mending [?] in health and in the afternoon getting new Girard cooking stove at Smilers and getting same fixed up in kitchen [?] yesterday to A.P. Jacob Esq Lewistown [?] also yesterday to W.B. Hierkell Esq Phil. Kept copy enclosing [?] Henry Clarke. wrote note in Ev. Ev at home to bed 9 P.M.

15-7 Clear. Fine-Pleasant. pd 2 lbs butter 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs beef 23 cornmeal turnips & sundries 25 including 12 for sugar Powder Whot 10 for Postage Stamps 24 – for Sweet Potatoes 16 Amt \$1.32 $\frac{1}{n}$ – Furnished [?] per his wife & boys with wheelbarrow with $\frac{3}{4}$ Bus Potatoe, in full of his work [?] for advertising stone, in The Borough Stem for about ten days. M.A. Smiler to his order on D.D.B.R. \$22.00 in full of [?] Girard Ring Stove & fixtures (yesterday) pd 1 qt burning fluid 22 Snyder for Stove Pipe Crack for kitchen stove 12 to Andrew Kraus for 25 37 – Amt 72 cts letter from A.P. Jacob Esq. Lewistown Oct. 14th in reply to mine of 13. walked 3 Miles between 4 & 5 P.M. son Chas & Will gunning all day Wm Chas self called at [?] to him about building our stairs [?] is in partnership with him present all the time

17-1 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. son Chas self at Germ. Rep. Ch. in [?] wife & Fanny at [?] JCalvin at home. wife self at Methodist Ch. in Ev. home 8 to bed 9 P.M.

17-2 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. [?] for his check on the Harrisburg Bank Fees \$30.00 in full for my Profl services in the case of [?] Jennings & Woods for [?] Charley Kelley Fee

\$5.13 in full for defending him at last April [?] for Fornication and Bastardy of Mrs. Susan Bradley (col? woman wife of the Barber Bradley) Fee \$5.00 in relation to some difficulty about her husband being too intimate with an Elizth Harris she was accompanied by one Mary Fyatt sister of John Fyatt who has been sued for slander for letting what he saw of her intimacy with Bradley - paid WmMeredith \$15.52 Bal. in full plus [?] delivered to him [?] and he gave me the change [?] here all day cleaning house in new front Building 3rd story my wife assisting her and myself carrying water for them. Meredith's boys Anderson & Matthew here in Even plastering in my office and over it heat from furnace. I spent day & Evening chiefly at home. S.A. Grissinger (shoemaker at [?]) his wife here this morning to buy stove. also [?] of Middletown for his wife. all agreed to buy

18-3 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Merediths boys here during forenoon spent afternoon whitewashing the rear of my front building. I assisted to some extent & considerably in arrangement walked 3 Miles bet 4 & 5 P.M. at home to bed 9 P.M.

Oct.19 - 4 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. paid for 1 lb butter 20 including pennies to chil. Sunday last spent day chiefly at home. walked 3 Miles bet. 4 & 5 P.M. Ev home to bed 9

20-5 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. pd Anna [?] for wheeling 3 tons of coal into my pavement & vaults gave him turnips & sweet potatoes - pd Wm Parkhill (yesterday) \$5.50 livery bill in full of all demands pd Jacob Ely for 3 tons of broken [?] Wilkesbarre Coal del? this day \$9.75

21-6 Heavy & continued Rain in last night some little along through day cloudy all day.

wrote to Henry Clarke Baltimore. Kept copy. Attended Pro.

Meets in Court House from 7 to 9 P.M. I made speech about 40 minutes then Stephen Miller & then Wm Bishop resolutions offered Wm Coulter had very large, spirited & enthusiastic Meeting. home 9 P.M. (carpenter) joined me on the way home & spent from that to 10 P.M. in talking about the will be or maybe arrange. new stairs

22-7 Cloudy. some rain in last night. warm. pd 1 lb butter 20 Beef & Pudding 34 cornmeal sweet potatoes & sundries 25 4 lbs crackers 25 at [?] paid at FWyeths for 3 books 50 cts Classical Geography 75 & \$1.50=2.75 H.F. Smith (carpenter) here in Event to see about building stairs. Those are separate & whoever will build best & cheapest will be the party for us. called to see about suit against him by one Wm[?] I walked through day but chiefly in Even between 3 & 4 miles down & up RIRd. spent Ev chiefly at home to bed 9 P.M.

23-1 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. wife self & children a new church in morning Rev. Mr. [?] of Carlisle preached. I walked before going to ch. by 11 a.m. round by Cemetery. daughter Mary's grave. I was at the Methodist ch. in Even. Rev.Mr. Alfred Cookman their pastor preached a very excellent discourse though rather lengthy being on the Ultra Blue Stacking order in that perfect from 65 to 70 minutes long. home 8 to bed 9 P.M.

**Snow!!! [written in different handwriting, probably child's]

***Snow. [written in different handwriting, possibly left-handed]

Names mentioned

Alleman, Bishop

Boone, Mary

Bradley, Mrs. Susan

Burton, Philip

Cheyney, Uncle William

Cookman, Reverend Alfred

Clarke, Henry

Colden, Mr.

Duncan, Hiram

Ely, Jacob

Fleisher, Sarah

Finkesburg, Gamber

Flandeman

Fyatt, John

Fyatt, Mary

Gibbons

Goodrich, Mrs. Rose

Grissinger, S. A.

Harris, Elizabeth

Hazlitt, James

Hirt, Mr.

Hullinger, M.

Heming, Mr.

Hause, John

Heuser, Magdalena

Houser, Jacob

Hierkill, W. B., Esq

Jacob, A. P., Esq

Kelley, Charles

Kraus, Andrew

McMorris, Dr. Patrick

Miller, Samuel

Miller, Stephen

McClellan, Mrs. Margaret

Meredith, Anderson

Meredith, Chas.

Meredith, Matthew

Meredith, William

McCormick, James

Neid, David

Neidy, Sarah Anne Holoman

Nissely, E.

Parkhill, William

Pete, Mrs.

Reed, Mary Ann

Rinchart, Mr.

Smiler, M. A.

Smith, H. F.

Sprague, James H.

Shell, C. M.

Seilen, Dr.

Tiffany, Professor

Trimble, Thomas R.

Warfords, Mrs.

Wallace, Jos.

Young, A.