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The Journal of Charles Rawn

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The month of April 1864 was a typical month in the life of Charles Rawn. He kept very close account of all the monetary transactions he was involved in and the numerous meetings and people he encountered during the month.

There were a few instances of illegibility and a few spots where I guessed at the words. My guesses are marked with brackets and a question mark. There were very few punctuation marks that I added.

The Journal

April 1-6 –Cloudy-Dampish-Muddy- Moving going on lively round town. I got on my mare at 9 ½ AM or so and rode around for two hours and more looking after moving tenants on State and North Streets. I had first completed and filed [?] of Henry Wilver.

Rec. of Henry Wilver [?] of M. Wilver due for slating his [?] FEE\$5.00

“ of Mr. Brownold 2 months rent in advance of New lease for My Store \$10.00

“ of Mr. Sautter 2 months rent in advance under new lease \$30.00

Paid for stamp for the Jones & [Updegrove] agreement. Mr. Jones paid half of this .50

David Peelor called today letting me I might draw on him the 25th of this month for \$15.94 Pew Rent through the first National Bank of Johnstown Cambria County- where he says he will have funds at that time. Dr. Gilden here wanted to fee me in case to get Poison of Horse declined fee and advised to [Huff] Boran who here are same time.

Paid my Pew Rent for 6 months to this day in the Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg – Pew No 34 Same I have had all along \$22.50

Rec. of said church coupons on this day on Church bonds 11&12 for \$100 each held by me \$6.00

No new [?], or present to said church in payment of my subscription for that amount. To the debt of the church, which is, or was \$5900 funded in such bond & which bonds are generally surrendered (except some 18 held by Mr. Smith, one by the Museum, one by Wood[cull] I believe) I thus pay of church debt \$200.00

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April 2nd by agreed with Jacob Ratcliff's father in my office that I am to pay his son Jacob (\$5) five dollars for town months work beginning today attending my house and that I am also to feed and keep, but not lodge him. I told his father I would give him as it might suit and at my own discretion convenience such 2nd hand hearing apparel as I might have to give away thought Jude Suitable- But all of the clothing is an after matter & on my own motion and at my own discretion- I am merely bound to pay him the [END OF PASTE OVER]

Spent evening at home and to bed at 9 ¼ to 9 ½.

3-1- Clear and Cloudy-Fresh- Pleasant-Spring like- Rafts running [numerously] past our town today. Rev W. C. Cattell our late Pastor new of Eastern reached for us morning and evening and administered communion. Wife, children, and I left there morning and evening. I walked around half an hour or more between 2 and 3 pm for fresh air calling a few minutes at Dr. Gharltrus. Home in evening at 8 ¾ and to bed at 9 ¼ -9 ½.

4-2 Clear-Cloudy. Fresh. Some Wind. Rode on horseback between 8 ½ to 10 am. 6 to 8 miles.

Received letter from Hon W.H. Miller Washington City Left April 2nd.

Rec. of Mr. Wolf one months rent \$8.50

“ “ of Mr. S. Detwiler 2 months rent in advance on New Lease \$25.00

“ “ do do one half of orths and pollocks bills paid by me 7th and 30 ult. for fixing up 13.50 3.36}

16.80 half is \$8.43

I paid for ½ lb macaroines 25 for Fenton Cracker 12, \$37

I called after 11 am at house where Rev W. Cattall lately lived and where he and his wife are packing up their goods and shipping them off to Eastern. They have been here several days and will leave tomorrow. Mre. Cattall Mrs. Rawn went to Middletown at noon to Rev M Farri days were they have some things. Returned in Even. Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½.

5-3 Snow & Sleet in last night. Some mist or rain and Sleety this morning. Raw. Wet and [deplorable] all day. Dr. Moper and Mr. Sober of Sunbury called before dinner and the latter again in the evening at 7pm. with Mr. Heller [attending] [?] and at present a clerk in Capt Clements PLO [main] office that has been also clerking in our Board of Enrollment office. I received letter by hand of Mr. Sober from Rev J. H. Young introductory of Mr. Sober. Spent day chirpily at home being only at Mr. and Mrs. McCormicks and Mr. Ethers office a short time at Post Office. Evn. at home and to be 9 ½.

6-4 Cloudy- Clear after 10 am. Rode on horseback between 9 and 10 ½ am 7 or 8 miles. Called at [?] to see Gen. Russell about 184th regiment. Walked between 4 ½ and 6 pm- 3 miles.

Wife at Market for 98 Beef , 34 Veal, 13 Pork 145 1 lb butter .45- 1.90

Sauerkraut 10, twist 10, apples 10, corn meal 10- .40

Tea 38, corn husk mat 25, skim milk and spool of thread 15-.78 \$3.08

Evening at home and to bed 9 ½

April 7-5-Clear- Fine-Pleasant- Rode on horseback between 9 and 11 am for 7 miles and walked between 4 and 6 pm with wife, her friend Mrs. Bealt, and our daughter Fanny. Whitman Jr of Halifax and J.N. Lundis here 11 am for an hour or more about Draft-paid Crackers 30 ½ lb of

macaronie 24 .55 4^{lb} sugar 72 1 lb coffee 45 (Mrs. Rawn) \$1.17 Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½.

8-6 Clear- Fine- Pleasant. Rode on horseback from 8 ¾ to 10 ¼ am 8 miles. Walked in afternoon daughter Fanny being along part of the time. Our hired woman Nora Barry who has lived with us ever since the 20 June 1860 left his evening for good- is going to be married and is going into house keeping- spent evening at home and to bed 9 ¼ to 9 ½.

9-7- Rain- more or less all day and Mild- Mrs. Rawn at Market. Paid for Beef and Veal \$1.45 2 lbs butter 96 twist 10, 2.45 Rolls 5, Ruta Bega 5, dried apples 10, cornmeal 10- ¼ peck onions 15 .25 \$2.98 Walked to North St house in forenoon and at 1-1 ¼ to 3 pm

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Received of Mr. Hamilton Balance of 2 months advanced Rent \$5.00

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I called at B[covered by paste over} House at 7 to 8 pm to see Miss Beulah Clement and Mrs. Claff sisters of 6 apt Clement. Remained talking to them an hour or so- then home to bed 9 ½.

10-1 Rain through last night. Misty all day to this noting at 2 pm. Rev. _____ Agnew of

Johnstown Rec. Preached in our church morning and evening. He is a tall man of fine appearance some 34 to 38 years old I judge. Fine voice and very earnest and excellent preacher. He is among the best preachers we [have] had here [ever]. Mr. Cattell left- not

I walked in afternoon before 3 pm 1 ½ to 2 miles. Wife , self, and children at church morning and evening except Fanny was not in Ev- home 8 ½ and to bed 9 ½.

11-2 cloudy. Some misty in morning- clear and cloudy after about noon- pleasant. Pd. ½ lb peck blow potatoes at Ely o Kenkels .38

For bundle of envelopes at Pollocks .10

Rec. Dr. W. Watson of Milton called at 4 ½ to 5 pm to see about getting his son Robert Bellville Watson MD changed from Lancaster County to Union Co. in the enrollment- Informed him that it would not be “did”. I was in court from 2 to 3 ½ pm. walked trough day chiefly in evening 3-4 miles- spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10.

12-3-Clear-Fine-Pleasant- Cloudy after 3 pm. Met [Borm Ewcolt] from 3 to 5 in room in court house. Walked trough day in morning and evening

Paid July Macavoy for washing till home 3pm .50

This the woman that formally lived with Mrs. Butting- My wife's sister- we have no girl yet – since Nora left.

Attended as a spectator a meeting in the court house from 7 to 8 ½ pm on subject of the limitations in The Legislature to remove the Capital to Phila[dephia]. Was quite a large meeting presided over by Mayor Rumfort- who made a speech- Lambertson to form a committee of 2 Resolutions and he and A.J. Heim made 2 free [speeches]. I left before meeting over- to bed 9 ¼.

13-4 Rain in last night- Cloudy- Fresh. Mrs. Rawn at Market and paid Beef 37, 1 lb butter 45, twist, cake, cheese 20 \$ 1.02

Rec. of J.C. Young monthly balance of a/c between Rothy Self and [?]- FEES \$12. 52

Met Board of Enrollment short time 3 pm. Dr. Charlson and self only present walked through day 2 ½ to 3 ½ mile-spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10.

14-5 Clear-Fine- Fresh- Some Windy- Met Board of Enrollment at 3 1/2pm. all present for an hour. Was t the Capital at Senate Ch. from 10 ½ to 11 ½ am to hear what was to be said on the [?] remove the seat of Government from Harrisburg to Phila[delphia] City.

Rec. of Josiah Mimm of Dauphin

Borough this day on account of the Purchase Money of a Horse hot in said borough owned by F.

K. Boran Esq. and Myself, which I have this day contracted to sell to Mr. Mimm for 115. 00/00
\$15.00

I gave him a receipt to the effect that he is to have a deed in a week or two or whenever
Mrs. Boran who is now unwell she be able to attend its execution.

Paid ½ lb Crackers 12 ½ lb macaronis 25, .37 walked 2 to 3 miles circular through day- Evening
at home and to bed 10.

15-6 Clear and Cloudy. 7C. Mar Dowal and self called on A.J. Heim and to see Jim Dougherty
about Ryan Insiner. Did not see Dougherty hit had considerable talk with Hein on the subject.
Walked through day 4-5 miles and to bed 9 ½.

16-7- Cloudy all day. Some rain now and then- Mrs. R at Market ½ lb Meat \$1.40 2 lbs butter 80
\$1.50 6 qts cornmeal 30 twist 10- Rolls 7- Smearcase 8- Yeast 1- pint Molasses 10 .36 pair of
gloves for herself .40 legume 25 Liquorice 30 pair shoe strings at Groff for Fanny .60, \$2.86

Wallace De-Witt clerk Sup. Court- Mid Dist- for “appeal” in case of Edward Demmy (v. June
1/63) \$6.50

I called at Rev M Johnson’s of 2nd Lutheran Church to acc [acquire?] him on subject of hearing
[John] Calvin recite Latin and Greek Preparatory to his entering Princeton College in August 1
next. Walked through the day 3 to 4 miles. Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ pm.

17-1-Clear and Cloudy-Fresh-some little winds. Rev S.S. Mitchell of Princeton a young man just licensed preached for us morning and evening. He is a man of very considerable promise-argumentative, Logical, and earnest of an arguable voice and manner though the former will no doubt be improved when he preaches a while. He has a high reputation for ability from some of the [staff] that knows him well- one and on [?] in the top of 61 with him in the College. He is to preach for us again next Sunday. I think he and Mr. Young of Sunbury are the most prominent among the young men that have preached for us at any time and it may be difficult to decide upon their comparative abilities and merits. Mr. Young is some 3 years onto the elder and I am inclined to believe has advantages over Mr. M in voice, experience, and [suitable] confidence. As to intellectual ability it would require much more observation and experience of their efforts to decide with a measure of accuracy between them. I am rather Youngish but wait to know all about their antecedents. I walked between 2 and 3 pm 2 ½ to 3 miles wife and children at Ch. morning and evening. I contributed to collection in our church for The Plenty of Publication .50 Home from church at 9 and to bed 9 ½ to 10 pm.

18-2- Clear and Cloudy- Coldish all day- Rode on horseback between 2 ½ and 3 ½ pm 8-9 miles walked through day 2-3 miles. Paid 1 lb Fenton Crackers 12. Mackerel 10 .22 Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½.

19-3 Clear- Coldish- Windy- Dusty- pd for Mrs. R 4 lbs sugar . .72 5 lbs coffee 1.75 } 2.03

2 lbs hash 12 4 qts salt 12 1 pair gloves .35 8 yds calico 2.00 for daughter Fannie [perfume] 2.35

July Macavoy for working today .50 \$5.60

Paid Gen. M. Wv. Calla for repairing block 1.00

“ “ for Bridle Reins at Hummels Saddlery .85

“ “ Nora Harten late Nora Barry in full of her wages for 15 weeks to [?] inclusive. 18.75

Rode on horseback between 10 ½ and 11 ¾ am 5 or 6 miles. Walked through day 2 to 3 miles.

Spent Evens at home and to bed 9 ½.

20-4 Clear and Cold in Morning. I was up early say at 5 ½ am and out at market to buy some Potatoes. Wife also at Market and paid beef, veal, half Pork .61 twist 10, Cake 5, Smearcase 2, 2 lbs butter .57 another yard Calico 25 and thread 30 .55 I paid for 1 ½ lbs potatoes 1.20 \$2.93

Rode on horseback between 9 ½ and 11 ½ am 5 or 6 miles. Mrs. Rawn and self attended the Wedding of Kate Buehler daughter of Mrs. Buehler and Gen. O. Ramsey Jr. at the Episcopal Church 1 pm. Church was crowded with persons, many of [cousins] attending without [?]. we were specially invited to the Church and house where we went between 2 and 3 pm. there were many persons calling there and the entertainment was very superior in cakes, Lellirs ice creams, and [uptown?] Sandwiches, Coffee, Tea. We remained ¾ hours onto the presents to the bride were grand and numerous beyond description- would probably more than fill a case of drawers.

Rec. of Mrs. Mary Shrerkeugart (widow) FEE \$5.00 to pay unit and tax \$1.50

This to bring artim of Handler for her argument Mary Hartman and Husband for said Mary's Thunder. Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10

21-5 Clear and fine- coolish all day- Harry Kohler by 2 of his men putting in doors at State Street house where Brenner lives late Wallover. I was up there in the morning when the commenced at 9-o-clock and gin in evening at 4 ½ pm. John Calvin and self called at Mrs. Hartman's in harderable at 11 ½ am onto subject of the Shrerkeugart Handler (v. yesterday)

Rec of David Fishburn in relation to a prosecution by him of one Rhoder and In Keeper in program. Ret Fee \$10.00

Am a good deal unwell today with [cough], aching and taking cold- have remained home chiefly today except about- spent evening at home and to bed 9.

22-6 Clear-Fine- Pleasant- not well, about as yesterday went to State St Brenner House at 9 to 10 am where Koehler's 2 men same as yesterday doing carpenter work. Putting in doors they worked all day. I was there again in afternoon an hour or two up to 5 ½ pm. I paid Mrs. Sarah E. Dixon for 2 quarters tuition in French to Daughter Fannie ending 15 weeks \$10.00

Wife and children taking tea at her sisters. I was also to go there but not feeling well and getting home near tea time did not go. Spent evening at home to bed 9.

23-7 Clear- Fine- Much Warmer- Kohler has one man Mr. Bullinger working at my State St house today. Finished Brenner at 10 1/2 to 11 am and then went to look. house to day near flow at front porch. I was up there from 9 1/2 or 10 to 11 3/4 am. Wrote to David Peelor Esq. Alexandria Huntingdon City Pa that I have this day drawn where in as he describes for Pew Rent \$15.94 to Dauphin Deposits Bank to the seat by 25 invt. To 1st National Bank of Johnstown Cambria County where he said the money would be paid that day. Young for Unit and Tax \$1.50

Mrs. Rawn at Market and paid Beef and Mutton 88 2 lbs butter 80 3 corn brooms 60 \$2.28 I paid 1/2 lb macaronis 25 \$2.70

Fire in our Furnace discontinued this Evening that is permitted to go out

Very windy and dusty in afternoon and evening. Spent Evg. At home and to bed 10.

24-1 Clear- Fine- Very warm sun in forenoon- Cloudy in afternoon and Evening.

Rev. S.S. Mitchell of Princeton preached for us again morning and evening. Very [?]. there seems to be a growing inclination to give him a call. I consider him a young man of much more than ordinary ability [Proven] but while thingly inclined to his interesting character a Young Man of Earnest Ret. and extra abilities. I think we aught to have a man of more years and experiences. This is my private opinion but –I shall not contravene the manifest- mine and choir of the majority- home 9 and to bed 9 1/2 pm.

25-2 Rain in last night- Clear and Cloudy and warm through day- Levin Bobb and Lieut. Col Chas Kleckner of 184 Reg. at of free and by agreement of all Bobb lease transferred to Kleckner in place of Bobb who has enlisted. I rec. of said Chas Kleckner the balance of the years rent in advance \$112.50 (v. 8. March)

Mr. K in fact handed me \$150 the whole years rent but I handed him back \$37.00/00. I had that much in hand from Bobb where upon he (K) handed said 37.00/00 to Mr. Bobb. K thus paying the whole years rent. I deposited in the Dauphin Dep. Bank \$115.00.

Irma[?] Sober of Sunbury called. I walked before and after tea last with Mrs. Rawn. Spent Evg, at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10.

April 26-3 Clear- Fine-Pleasant- was in and out of court through day. I paid for Ham 13 ½ lbs at 18 cts per lb \$2.35

Paid July Macavoy for washing .50

Walked trough day 3 to 4 miles Rec. letter from Rev. J.H. Young on Sunbury dated Phil ap. 25.

Irma Sober here I went with him to the capitol and introduced him to adj. Gen. Russell. Also to Col Bumford's office with him whom we did not find in town- spent Evening at home and to bed 10 ½.

27-4 Clear- Fine- Pleasant. Paid J.B. Zimmerman for 5 weeks Daily Telegraph to 23inst. .40 paid
2 lbs [?] of quick white- to put in whitewash .50

Peck Lime “ “ .20

Walked trough day 2 to 3 miles- Spent few hours in court. Spent evening at home- called at Mrs.
Beatty's in the afternoon to see Mrs. Nancy Culbertson (widow) formally Nancy McCulloch an
old acquaintance of the times of 1830 to 1840 and along there.

Wife at market and paid meat 85 2 lbs butter 40 twist and cake 15 \$1.20 Dried apples 12
smearcase 3 .15, 4 lbs brown sugar 76 1 lb white sugar 24 1.00 \$2.35

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10.

28-5 Clear- Fine- Coldish all day- was in court short time in forenoon. Walked through day 3
miles or more. Called in afternoon twice with Mr. Sober at Col. Bumford's office- introduced
him at 2nd call to Col. And handed him papers to applying for a clerks [?]

Pd. Court [?] 2 lbs crackers 25- ½ peck course salt 15- ground nuts 5 .45

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 to 9 ½.

29-6 Clear- Fine- Pleasant. Met Bd. Of Enrollm. Charlton and self 3 pm Clement not attending
we adj[ourned] with out doing anything- boy Jake white washing in my yard today. Spent Evg at
home and to bed 9 ¼.

April 30-7-Clear-Fine-Pleasant- rose early about 5 am. Mrs. Rawn at Market. I was also looking around. I walked between 9 and 11 am some 3 miles or so.

Mrs. R. paid meat \$1.20 2 lbs butter 90 1 doz Eggs 18 \$2.28

Twist bread and Dutch cake 20 Smearcase 8 Fish 25 .53

6 yds Muslin fabric for daughter Fanny 1.40 2.40 \$5.20