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# The Journal of Charles Rawn

June 1 to June 15, 1864 (Book 28)

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## **Introduction**

During June of 1864, Charles Rawn was having difficulty with his health. Despite this, he was able to continue with his career, household, and community responsibilities. He was an active lawyer, a landlord, an attentive homeowner, and a member of the Board of Enrollment.

Rawn recorded the weather every day. Rawn records that most days were “fine” and “clear”; he also describes the weather in June as “pleasant” and “coolish.” Rawn does record that in a two-week period that there were three days of rain, most of which fell during the overnight hours.

Rawn ate many different types of proteins or meats. During a two-week period he consumed beef, fish, pork and eggs regularly. He also appears to have a healthy appreciation for fruits and vegetables such as asparagus, rhubarb, and strawberries. Rawn may have a sweet tooth as well, because he does purchase both white sugar and brown sugar on a few occasions during the first two weeks of June.

Rawn keeps extremely detailed records about how he spends his money, down to every nickel and penny. When Rawn goes to the market to purchase groceries or other household items, he is very disciplined about accounting for everything that he has purchased. For example, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Rawn notes in his journal that he purchased 2½

pounds of beef for \$.50, and that he bought 2 lbs of butter for \$.40, as well as salad for \$.04. Rawn was also equally as detailed in recording the fees that he received from his legal clients or the rents that he collected from his tenants. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Rawn records that he received \$5.00 in fees from Mrs. Mary Lehman for his services in a lawsuit on her behalf. He also received \$8.00 from John Hamilton on the 7<sup>th</sup> as rent.

Rawn makes mention of every day and the amount of time that he spends working with the Board of Enrollment. During a two-week period he works with the Board of Enrollment examining drafted men on eleven different days. The number of days that Rawn devotes gives a good indication that the need for manpower is very important in the Union Army. This need is further emphasized by the fact that Rawn travels to or is involved in examining drafted men in three different counties, Snyder, Juniata, and Dauphin, in just two weeks.

Rawn is involved in two legal cases during these two weeks and mentions working with clients on six different occasions; unfortunately, there is too little information to get a good grasp on the cases. The same can be said for Rawn as a landlord; he expends very little effort discussing his role. Rawn does note when, and from whom, and how much rent he collects, but he provides no other details. During the two weeks Rawn collects rent from nine different individuals, a total of \$104.00.

Rawn appears to enjoy riding very much, which he does with Calvin on two occasions. Rawn also was involved with his church; he attended church on June 5<sup>th</sup> which he seemed to enjoy very much. He goes into great detail in describing the sermon that Reverend James DeWitt gives on this particular Sunday.

A significant event that takes place during the first two weeks of the month is the reception that is planned and held for the “Penna Reserves” that return from the “battle fields of the Potomac” after three years of conflict. Rawn makes the comment that they left with 20,000 men and that only 2,000 have returned home. Rawn appears to have taken part in the planning and was present at the reception when the troops arrived in Harrisburg.

### **The Journal**

**June 1-4** clear- fine –pleasant- [paste over covers the rest of the entry] ollan ...9 am.

and after appointing the times fr [paste over covers the rest of the entry] e different

counties resumed the drafting [paste over covers the rest of the entry] to 12¼ to 12 ½ pm.

Drafting the whole of Juniattu. [paste over covers the rest of the entry]

4¼ Mr beal by 3¾ Mr [James Guhl] b [paste over covers the rest the of the entry] \$1.74

Asparagus 25 Salad 15. Smear care, +[paste over covers the rest of the entry] .68

Frih (?) 15 1 doz eggs 20 n [paste over covers the rest of the entry] .45

Mutten chop 31 ult. 10 Pep [paste over covers the rest of the entry]

No dah= .72

\$3.59

Silk for Mantillu for Fanny [paste over covers the rest of the entry]

1.40

trimmings for Do 80 serving silk do 10

.90

= \$5.89

**[Paste over]**

N appears that Sister Juliann at

Her own instance bought – Silk from

Mantillu on burque for Fanny for present – from her 2¾ yoor (sp) \$1.60 yd. \$4.40

This being found insufficient

Mrs Rawn afterward bought

7/8 yd . . \$1 60 . . . 1.40

+ trimmings with . . .90

(with said [money ?] charged)

(on this page)

And Mrs Rawn [?] 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup>

Got additional trimming } 30

Whole least – without – }

Making - . }

all which foolish extravagance be

it – always know I am opposed to

if the money could be [?] with the

yard by millions -- C.C.R.

June 1-2-3-4/64

carried forward -- \$5.89. – salt-20 - porr (sp) 3 = \$6(?)1 1 2

Recd Of Mayor Mr S. Stryker P Mart[in] U.S.A.

Check for Ray of Geo. G. S. Baker Henry N Baker in

pt city hoop[?] Manisl[?]g (V. 26 inst) \$12.34 each \$24.68

Recd Mr. Brmnold Imos. Rent 11 [ore ?] Room due 1 inst -- \$35.00

“ “ Sam[ue]l Anderson (cal?) on a/i. of due,(v ) Fee \$2.00

Deposit in Dauphin Deposit Bank \$75.00

“ “ do do -- per credit

On my 12 shares (\$300) of stock in [Heis ?] bank fix

Mar. dividend due 2 ult. Dividend \$15.00

Continued draft from 3½ to about 5 pm with Snyder

county “ spent evening chiefly at home. to bed 10 to 10½ .

2.5 Clear. Fine. beautiful. Pleasant. coolish. Heavy.

Rain in and chiefly thought last night. Continued the

Drafting at 10½ am to 12¼ pm and at 4 to 5 ½ pm.

walked after tea between 6½ and 9½ pm. 3½ to 4 miles.

Mrs. May Lehman at office at 8 ½ pm when I went

to alo. Peffer’s office with her. To bed 10 pm.

3-6 Clear. Fine. coolish. was at [al ?] j m Maylauehlim office with

Mrs Mary Lehman in morning at 9 am. Cont’ the drafting at 10am to

12¾ pm any from 3 1/2 and 4 to 5½ pm.

Paid Mr Pepple in full (v Bill Recpt) for 200 segars (sp)

Got aug. 11 oct 6/83

\$8.00

“ do for 10 segars at this time

.50

“ 2lb crushed loaf sugar -- 56½ lb Macaronies 25 .81

Walked through day, chiefly in evening 2½ to 3½ miles – to bed 9½ to 10.

4–7 clear. Fine. pleasant. cont. Drafting from 10 to 11

a.m. when we finished having drafted some 800 men more when

in this 14 Dist. we Commence examination next Monday

June 4 “7 cont’d I was at the stable at 1 pm looking after the horse.

Rev. Calvin having gone gunning and my boy “Jake” have quit or left

On the first “ inst—

Recd. of Melsrs Ott Srger 1 Mos. Rent-due 1 inst. \$12.50

“ “ John Hamilton 1 “ “ “ “ \$ 8.00

“ “ Mrs. Mary Sehiman to commence suit for her

Hander against me Mrs Sara Ann [Adarcee] FEE \$5.00

“ “ do do to pay suit & tax . . .

\$1.50

Which I h’d to [Plathy ?] Young on issuing said suit . . . \$1.50

Mrs. Rawn at Market this morning [opd]



2½ lbs beef 50. 2lbs butter 40. asparagus 35. Salad 4.

\$1.29

Fish 15. smear care 5. [?] – [?] 16. 1 doz Eggs 20. .56

4 lbs brown sugar 68. .68

Additional trimmings for Franny [MauFle] }

Or [barque] (v 1 inst.) } .30

\$2.83

Heavy run of clients in the afternonn, [viz] Mrs. Lehman, Mr. Stewart

For Middletown Council, Mr & Mrs Mahon Jr.

Paid for ½ Gal. Old Rye, at Zeiglers. \$2.00

(on R.L. Muerich's recommendation)

Attended Public Meeting in court house from 7¾ to 8½ pm on

Subject of giving the "Penna Reserves" a proper reception on their arrival

From the Battle fields of the Potomac to bed 9½ to 10.

5-1 clear – fine – pleasant – Rev. [James] De Witt son oson of Rev [] R. De Witt

Young man just - licensed preached in our church morning and evening

has Most excellent sermons – well delivered – good action – He is altogether

ahead in every way of 9/10 of the young men just entering the ministry.

with perhaps a slight degree of clearly apparent [ ]- confidence

which as he gets older will mellow down into mine humility and stronger

doubt of his own sufficiency. I walked between 4 to 5 ½ pm to the

cemetery where I have not been for some time and walked around

for some time among the graves of Many old acquaintances

& also some young ones & those still near and dear to me. To bed 10

.

**6 – 2** Clear, very warm – Penna Reserves came into town this

Morning. of some 20,000 that left the state some 3 years ago for

The war only about 2,000 are left to tell the tale of wars horrors

They were Rec'd with great elation very large procession had helped

at the capital Mayor Rumfort Gov Curtin – Henry Ruin with

hail for an half hour or More about 3½ pm. Board of Enrollment

engaged during afternoon with the examination of Drafted Men

Spent evening chiefly at home and to bed 9½ to 10.

7-3 clear. coolish in morning. pleasant. I rose early 5 am &

was at the stable with son Rev. Calvin. till was 7 am. fixing [wn ?]

Mrs. Rawn pd 3lb dried beef 54 3lb hardtack 27 .81

2 qts cornmeal 10 5 lbs coffee \$1.75 [(yer)] 1.85

1½ lbs Beef 20 ½ Peek potatoes 15 .35

Buttons for Fannys [drefs] 25 2 [Keins] serving silk 10 .35

( v 4 inst [paste over covers the rest of the entry] \$3.36

was engaged all day with [paste over covers the rest of the entry] tions

of Drafted Men for Dau [paste over covers the rest of the entry] ut.

Walked

4 miles [ ? ] [ ? ] circular be [paste over covers the rest of the entry] to 10

8-4 clear cloudy. R [paste over covers the rest of the entry] [ ?]

5 lbs Beef 75 1½ lbs b [paste over covers the rest of the entry] \$1.45

asparagus 25, salad 10 [paste over covers the rest of the  
entry] .55

Fish 10, Rhubarb [paste over covers the rest of the entry]

.55

I paid [Eb ?] for 1 Bu [paste over covers the rest of the entry] \$2.55

\$1.00

\$3.55

**[Paste over]**

[extremely smudged and difficult to read]

June 7th

John [Carbw] on [Fremuu] a

we [ ] ago about 17 out (?) 4 young

[come ?] to [live ?] with us on trial. [ ? ] [ ? ]

he is [ ? ] his daily [ ? ] – some served

hundred do this as may be [ ? ] to

give him and (\$1) one dollars [?] [?]

[?] -

june 12 – gave him 3 [?] [?] [?]

and think with at best - - \$5.00

Paid Elias Zollinger for this day new building thanking

My military or felt hat got of him Spd 62

.50

Paid " Harrisburg Gas Co' my gas bill for gr to 1 vist.

3.30

I [] 3lbs cracker larbevns at Haehubn

~

.25

I [] Calvin self rode on horse back on my two horses at 8 to 9am !!!

to Mr Hephens just a above hardscrabble to my the mare again why two horses

which she look about one week ago for the first and only time she

would not take him again today. So that should she come to be with

foal it may be taken as about the first of this mo. !!!!!

**June 4 – 8** cont'd I left Harrisburg on Rt. Rd. Carr at 3-4 5pm with clerk

of the Board of Enrollment Niz Neitzel, Rofs Bucher Sturdevant, "orderly"

for Mifflintown Juniata County to examine Drafted men at that place

left clement will be up in the night and Dr. Wharlton came down the

Rt. Rd. from Hollidaysburg where he has gone on the occasion of his wife's brother's

wedding – arrived at M. at 5½ pm at J Will's Hotel where we quartered last

fall when at same place. I took my old Room "No 6" – to bed at 8½ nnbsp; to 9.

9 – 5 clear. fine. coolish. warm. Com?. our Exam! of the drafted men in the court house at 2pm. being delayed. waiting for capt 6 + Dr. 6. to Make their appearance there contd. Exams till near 6 pm. walked around some. to bed 9.

10 – 6 clear. fine. coolish. Heavy Rain in last night. I was [woke] early bet[ween] 4 & 5 am. and walked some 3 to 4 miles before breakfast by 6½ am.

Cont'd Exams of drafted men all day – capt Clement. Mrr Davis Co – Ed.

of Juniata Sentinel walked between 6½ & 8 pm. ½ a mile or so into the county to one David Moist's where we got some nice cold milk – I did not drink any of it – does not agree with me. Mr M is a fine comfortable looking old gentlemen of some 65 to 70 years of age with a fine farm & things very neat and comfortable about him but who leaves the farming to a son in law. He Mr. M. is a preacher of the “Amish” persuasion but does not follow it professionally but only preaches as Mr. Davis stays at home in the barn and is a kind & benevolent & [likeable ?] man. His wife has the same comfortable appearance & characteristics – we return to the hotel 8. to bed 10 pm.

11 – 7 clear. fine. pleasant. we finished Exams at this place last Eve[ning] except one man Brouse of Black Log who reported this morning. whom Dr C self exam?

(Baffle left for Hamilton last night) and passed –“ baffle afterwards let the man  
off at the Ho[tel] in the afternoon without any consultation with us as a certificate he had  
of his having been in Mil service in Europe – 45 years old [luhaf1 ?] [except] , a man  
Crawford who paid commutation      Went at am. to James Vandyke [Hotel K]  
Sunbury that I want My old Room when we came there Monday next. we left pm on Carr.  
at 11 ¼ am. for Harrisburg where we arrived at 1¼ pm. Dr. Charlton did not come  
down with us but went up the Tuscarora Valley in a Filbury with J.J. Pattinson to  
[heademice]  
to see a [ ] there – and came down on carr in evening. Same place I went with him last  
fall when we were at M.

Rec? of <u>John Sautter</u> 1 mos. rent due 1 inst. . . . .	<u>\$15.00</u>
“ “ <u>John Wolf</u> 1 mos. “ “ “ . . . . .	<u>\$8.50</u>

Where rents were rec?. by my wife during my late absence at M.

and the latter appropriated and used by her (see below) [ ] to say for

a Pair of Garters for Fanny . . . . .	\$2.50
do do “ herself . . . . .	2.50
Wllm Mather for Fanny’s hats . . . . .	2.62
Fine Pitcher – basin and chamber & . . . . .	1.15
Mrs Rawn at market spd.	<u>\$8.77</u>

7 lbs. Meal \$1.25 fish 15 2 lbs butter 40 salad asparagus 35

\$2.15

Apple butter 20 onions, Smearcase & Rhubarb 19

.39

2 boxes Strawberries 45 .45

a bolt for the front door 25 To Fanny 10 .35

4 lbs Brown Sugar 72 1 lb white sugar 25

.97

Spd.. Mending shoe Mifflintown 10 Midge Lace 4 ground nuts 5 = 19cts

\$4.31

was at Board of Enrollment office in afternoon in our court house, also at

Capt Clements Room. He and self walked around about 8 pm. for exercise

I left him by Brady's Hotel and went to my tenant Mr. Jones on North

St. to see about the Rent " home 8  $\hat{A}$ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - to bed 10 pm.

12 - 1 clear. fine. cool all day - (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) who has

several times [ ] ask for us before (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) Evening

I was not at church either M (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) with my



back and Kidneys – wife and (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) d evenings

Daughter Fanny and Self (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) d the

cemetery between 4 and 6 pm (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) n.

13 – 2 clear. fine. cool. Me (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) ½ am.

drafted to fill Exemptions in (Paste over covers the rest of the entry) [ ]

got through by 11½ am.

**[Paste over]**

June 13 – I paid Ald. Peffer .50 ea

for taking [asker owlidgme]!.

of [ ] from F. R. Boas and from

Mrs. Rawn Self to Jossiah Winer

for Daulphin Property (N 14 [af..])

Mr Boas may not sell his there fore

yet to [asker owlidgme] – I only paid<

for Mrs R self two [asker owlidgme]

Recd. of am. F. Brem (?)

I mos rent. due 1 inst

\$20.00

left town at 4 pm on Rt. Rd. carr with clerks of Board of Enrollment

for Sunbury to finish examinations of drafted men – Neitzel. Ralp. Bucher

left with me – Dr. C & Capt. C[lements] not to leave till in tonight

June 13 – 2 contd arrived at Sunbury some 45 miles from home

we stopped last fall and I got same Room I had then to [ ] Room

no 7 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> story – spent Ev[ening] > at hotel and to bed 9 to 10 pm

**14 – 3** clear & fine. Pleasant. Dr. C[harlton] & capt C[lemment] did not arrive till  
bet[ween]

2 and 3 pm. Where by we did not get to commence work until 3 – 3 ½

so much as usual for night travelling. The Drafted men of course

had to wait being all on the ground this morning.

I wrote long letter in the morning to son Mr. Calvin Rawn sending

landlord warrant – against Mr. [Joheiohmm Whdegrose.]

Pursued Examination of Drafted men through afternoon and till

between 6 and 7 pm. Spent evening chiefly at Hotel.

Rev J.N. Young [ ] [ ] of this place called to see me after ten

Had talk about farm him [ ] [ ] – to bed 9 to 10 pm

15 – 4 clear. fine. pleasant. some lite Rain in last Night.

Rev. Mr. Young and self took short walk after breakfast.

Board pursued examination of drafted men all day

adjourning about 2 hours at noon and at 6 in Ev[ening].

I walked before tea after 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  pm. 2 to 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles circular

Spent evening at Hotel and to bed at 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10.

### **Names mentioned**

Anderson, Samuel

Baker, Geo. G. S.

Baker, Henry N.

Beal, Mr.

Brmold, Mr.

Calvin, Rev.

Charlton, Dr.

Clement, Captain

Curtin, Gov.

Davis, Mr.

De Witt, [James] - son of Rev. De Witt

De Witt, Rev.

Guhl, James (?)

Hamilton, John

Jake (my boy)

Jones, Mr. - tenant

Maylauehlim (?), j.m.

Mahon Jr., Mr. & Mrs.

Mathers, William - sells hats

Moist, David

Muerich, R. L.

Neitzel, Niz

owlidgme, asker [name was very distorted, this only an approximate spelling]

Patterson, J. J.

Peffer, alo

Ruin, Henry

Rumfort, Mayor

Sautter, John

Sehiman, Mary Mrs.

Srger, Melsrs Ott [name was very distorted; this only an approximate spelling]

Stewart, Mr. - of Middletown Council

Stryker, S. Mr. - Mayor

Van Dyke, James

Whalton, Dr.

Wolf, John