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The Journal of Charles Rawn

June 16 to June 30, 1864 (Book 28)

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Introduction

During the two-week period between June 16th and 30th of 1864, Charles Rawn associates with numerous individuals such as his family, occasional friends, business associates as well as other members of the Board of Enrollment. Mr. Rawn writes and receives frequent letters from his wife and his daughter, Fanny. Rawn also receives a letter from his son, who is serving in the Army in New Mexico. Mr. Rawn's son, who is also named Charles, sends word to the family that he will be transferred from New Mexico to New York in the near future, which seems to excite Mr. Rawn greatly according to the notations in his journal. Rawn also visits Debby Rawn in Halifax, during his travels with the Board of Enrollment, and introduces the Board members to Debby and her daughter Hannah. Rawn doesn't mention how he is related to Debby, but does note that it has been years since he has been to her home.

Rawn seems to have a wide assortment of friends that he encounters or visits during these last two weeks of June. Rawn goes riding with Rev. Young and mentions the beauty of the landscape and how it was "most beautiful" and "magnificent"; this is unusual because it is the only time that he is poetic or emotionally descriptive in any way. Rawn also writes about visiting a friend he only describes as "General." Rawn travels to

the General's home either in Sunbury or Selinsgrove; the entry is unclear. Rawn has a pleasant time visiting with the General on the porch and admiring his garden. Rawn also makes note during these last two weeks of June of several business transactions that he undertakes. He pays the property taxes for several of his tenant properties to a Mr. T. Wilson, the Harrisburg City treasurer. Rawn also becomes involved in a property dispute of some kind between a Mrs. Smith and Mr. Rumfurt. Rawn makes several notations about the numerous grocery purchases that he makes or pays for on behalf of Mrs. Rawn.

A significant amount of Mr. Rawn's time is spent as a member of the Board of Enrollment. Rawn works alongside Dr. Charlton (whom Rawn feels sleeps too much), Capt Clements and other clerks and orderlies drafting men for the military. Rawn is involved with the Board on at least seven different occasions drafting men in Sunbury and Lewisberry, as well as for Snyder and Union Counties. When Rawn has the opportunity, he walks as frequently as he can, and he attends church. However, during these two weeks of June, Rawn does not accompany Mrs. Rawn to church and does not give any reason why.

Other than his grocery lists which are numerous and detailed, the one other item that Rawn never fails to mention is the weather. Most of Rawn's descriptions of the weather are vague and generic, such as "fine," "pleasant," or "warm." However, Rawn is very descriptive at times when he indicates that the day is "Very Warm," and emphasizes his meaning by underlining the phrase. There may have been a small heat wave occurring at this time, because Rawn does this more than once and he even goes so far as to mention the exact temperature in Harrisburg at one time to be 97 degrees. Rawn is usually not this descriptive of the weather or anything else for that matter.

Rawn seems to have had a very fulfilling two weeks in June of 1864. He visited numerous friends and family. He walked and rode horses. He attended to business and legal matters of importance. He was very involved with the Board of Enrollment, and apparently suffered through a small heat wave. His life would seem to be very typical of a somewhat prominent lawyer and business man, not to mention husband and father.

The Journal

16-5 clear-fine-pleasant-warmer- I took ride round some

10 miles or so between 7 1/2 and 9 am. with Rev. Mr. Young in [?]

with 2 black ponies belonging to Mr. Servant a member of the congregation

which he drives whenever he [paste over covers this section] of the most beautiful

rides for interesting [?] [paste over covers this section] [?] ficent views that I

have ever taken – we return[paste over covers this section]

Resumed Examination of [paste over covers this section] the Board of Enrollment

which we pursued [?] [paste over covers this section] 1/2 to 2 hours [?]

as dinner- and till 6 1/2 [paste over covers this section] self called between

7 1/2 and 8 1/2 pm and made invite to [paste over covers this section] Clement-to be 10.

17-6 clear-fine-very war [paste over covers this section] Examination of
drafted men all day at the [paste over covers this section] here we examined
last full. Walked some later though day [?] –to be 10 to 11.

Paste Over

[?] 17 [?] ? Mr. Hake

Prest. Town Council Mr J. (v 30 ul 1-)

for A.Nter who deposited same in

my [?] at Harrisburg in Dauphin

Dep. Bank to my audit and

who [?] ? same amount

Further FEE \$50.00

(v 27 L 30 May)

18-7 clear-fine-pleasant- not quite so warm as yesterday continued our

examination of drafted men and finished Snyder & Union counties at

4 to 5 pm. I was at Mr. B. Parker's [?] with Lieut. Rofs on

Thursday evening last about depositing our commutation money in his safe

[?] in the [Middleton?] Bank of which he is President & met there [?] Cameron

Geo. Muller, & a Mr. Etter of Middletown dauphin county-closed up [?] [?]

here at Sunbury for this week was to leave in the 11-40 train of cars

this evening for Harrisburg which the whole Board and clerk and orderly

7 in [?] did [?] drafting {paste over covers this section} morning with

his [?] [?] 25,000 of [?] {paste over covers this section}

I Paid, Henry, colored man [?] {paste over covers this section} .25

paid colored Barber for daily {paste over covers this section} .05

reached home (Harrisb {paste over covers this section} ight

19-1 clear-fine-pleasant {paste over covers this section} I got to bed

about 3 am and to sleep 3 ½ {paste over covers this section} 8 ½ remained

at home during fine noon {paste over covers this section} Rofs at 10 ½.

spent day at home- [?] {paste over covers this section} -8pm to see [?]

Clapp and conversed [?] {paste over covers this section} app. He was not in

I was not at church {paste over covers this section} Mr. Nair of Lan

caster County preached in our {paste over covers this section} to bed 10pm

20-2 clear- fine- warm {paste over cover this section} [?]

Mr. Calvin & Mrs. Martha {paste over covers this section}

Mrs. Elizabeth [?] {paste over covers this section} \$10.00

paid person last week out of \$ {paste over covers this section} [?] ho went

to her house with Calvin {paste over covers this section} not [?]

at last Month – (she {paste over covers this section} .30

Mr. Calvin retained [?] {paste over covers this section} .70

Bal. recd by me {paste over covers this section} \$1.00

[?] daughter Fanny {paste over covers this section} ess in

full for 5 weeks Reading to {paste over covers this section} \$1.25

9 tons hard Wilkes Barre Coal for Furnace recd

of Eby Byers - - -at \$8 per ton - \$72.00

Paste over

Monday June 13th to Saturday June 18th

with inclusive

¼ [?] ounce of tea

35

cornmeal	10
1 or less that 3lbs meat	58
3 ½ lbs boiling beef, 10-	15
butter	40
asparagus	10
salad	10
cabbage	--
strawberries 20, 25,	45
cherries	8
smearcase	4
fish	25
cheese	3
gurist	10
sugar 4 lbs	72
2 bushels potatoes	2.00
1 lb white sugar	25
roles for tea	10

spool of cotton	10
6 lbs lamb, 15	90
3 ½ lbs beef 18	63
butter	40
peas	20
salad	5
beets	10
strawberries	35
cherries	10
Rhubarb	10
onions	6
applebutter	20
smearcase	2
gurist	10
½ gal vinegar	15
	<u>\$9.56</u>

bought for Mrs. R during my absence at Sunbury Received June 20-64

June 20-2 contd. was engaged all day with Board of enrolment exam

ing supplemental drafted men of Dauphin County & drafting supplemental

draft for Union & Snyder county [?] till 7pm

walked around some between 7 and 8 pm to bed 10

21-3 clear-fine-warm

paid per Mrs Rawn 4 lbs Brown Sugar

0.80

“ “ “ “ 5 ¾ lbs fried fish 22.5 -

1.27

\$2.07

I paid last evening to Mr. Berrder, his clerk [?] for

½ dozen bottles of claret wine at Zieglers - -

4.00

Narr did sister Juliana Rawn for own use - -

5.00

I paid for cough mixture at [?] 30 camphor 1oz 15 ½ pint Str. alcohol 20 -

.65

[?] note 19th inst to Rev. J. H. Robinson present kept copy-

and sent today.

left town at about 2 pm in rail cars for Harrisburg with the [?]
of clerks, orderly [?] [?] Rofs Nietzel, Burken, Hellen (he [?] home to [?] mother who
died in 2 or 3 days after) arrived at Sunbury at 4 pm and immediately
commenced examining drafted men of Northern [?] county and contd
examination till 6 ½ pm. Took our old quarters at [?]andy [?] hotel
Capt Clement did not get up with us Dr. Charlton came up in last
night- spent evening chiefly at hotel to bed 10

22-4 clear-fine-pleasant- I received last evening letter from daughter Fanny of

[?]- which I did not receive as I should have done at this place last

Friday or Saturday morning. Wrote to her this morning in reply her.

I walked after breakfast between 7 ½ and 8 ¼ am, 2 to 3 miles. spent

day at examinations and Evening chiefly at hotel to bed 10.

23-5 clear-fine-pleasant in early morning but very warm in middle

of day and afternoon. Therm said. to be 97 degrees in Harrisburg by Bergners Pufer

spent day with examinations-I walked 3 miles or more

though day chiefly in evening. Capt. C. came from Harrisburg yesterday

morning & has been with Board since-to bed 10 to 11 pm.

24-6 clear-fine-very warm- slight shower in last night [?]

before-we pursued examinations all day till about 4 pm.

when we finished said county of [?] and prepared to

leave in the morning for Harrisburg. I read letter from

wife & children Ha{paste over covers this section}

day and evening 3 to {paste over covers this section}

25-7 clear-very warm {paste over covers this section}

I paid {paste over covers this section}

Paid Jumbler (cake) at {paste over covers this section}

.20

“ Nanny, cul boy, {paste over covers this section}

.25

“ [?] {paste over covers this section}

.25

“ sent Lieut. Rof {paste over covers this section}

.5

those are the whole of {paste over covers this section}

.85

home on Tuesday {paste over covers this section}

self and clerks [?] {paste over covers this section} Dr.

Charlton who seems to have {paste over covers this section} [?] –left

in last night-he arrived {paste over covers this section} [?]

commenced preparing for {paste over covers this section} I called

at Cal. Bumford’s office {paste over covers this section} [?]

14 inst. when concluded [?] {paste over covers this section} [?]

about 3 ½ pm and draft {paste over covers this section} [?]

draft for Dauphin [?] Monday {paste over covers this section}[?]

[?] bought during my [?] {paste over covers this section} \$10.23

and also for the 2 ch[?] {paste over covers this section} .70

I paid cheek starups {paste over covers this section} .10

“ 3lbs crackers {paste over covers this section} .25

went into Debby Rawns today at Halifax while the carriage

stopped there some [?] [?] to [?] & water and had a [?]

time with her and her Daughter Hannah, I also introduced

to them Nietzel Rofs, Bucher, and Stundenant- whom I

called over. I have not been at Debby's house for several

years- we were always [?] together (over)

Paste over

account-during my absence [?] Sunbury from

June 20 to 25 /64

knitting cotton 4 balls, 1bb 1.20

4 ¾ lbs meat .85

butter .40

salad	.5
beets 2 bunches	.15
4 small bunches	.15
beans	.15
peas	.15
cherries	.10
cheese	.3
Smearcase 1 qt	.8
Buttermilk	.5
gurst	.10
roles	.5
[?] bal for comb	.30
[?] sand	.5
soft soap	.5
clothes [?]	.25
cherries	.10
5 lbs coffee	1.75

3 lbs soap	.30
2 qts corn meal	.15
[?] making dress	1.00
[?] [?]	.25
3 ½ lbs mutton	.85
2 lbs beef	.40
2 lbs butter	.50
1 doz eggs	.25
4 bunches beets	.15
salad	.5
applebutter	.20
smearcase	.7
	\$9.83

{ written on left side } 2 church brooms 30 40 repaid out of church funds

{ written on right side } [?] [?] [?] .15

Sweet sour cherries	.20
cheese	<u>.5</u>

.40

9.83

\$10.23 paid wife

June 25-7 contd I paid Mr. T. Wilson city treasure by check to his [?]

on my property in 2 ward where I live running [?] to Rasberry alley

\$44.80

“ “ “ “ 4 “ Hufnagle now [?] Seglr house

\$ 4.00

“ “ “ “ “ “ Benner late may now Howe “

\$ 4.00

“ “ “ “ “ “ Benner “ Mallower house

\$ 6.40

“ “ “ “ “ “ Olvir, colored “

\$ 4.00

“ “ “ “ “ “ Looker late (?) “

\$ 4.00

“ “ “ “ “ [?] Wolf colored “

\$ 2.40

“ “ “ “ “ Dr. Bower late Detwiller “

\$ 4.80

“ “ “ “ “ Wher & Wygegme late Malay “

\$ 3.20

“ “ “ “ 5 “ Hamilton “ Hopple “

\$ 4.00

“ “ “ “ “ vacant lots adjoin Hopple lot

\$ 3.20

\$ 4.80

five per cent off for [?] payment -

\$ 4.24

Bal. pd. by Check as above - -

\$80.56

called at [?] commons after tea by request of G. N. Zigler [?] made of me this

morning at Sunbury that if Genl. at home & will be next Monday I shall

[?] telegraph to him [?] [?] at Selinsgrove Pa. which I [?] 7 ½ pm

[?]. Found the General in his beautiful yard. we sat down
in his porch and talked awhile about the draft [?] – on my return
up street I stopped at [?] Pearson door to speak with Mr Briggs his
wife mother-Mrs Pearson cam to the door and commenced talk
ing about the great beauty of our Poney- and expressed a wish to
buy him- I promised to let her [?] of me should conclude to
sell- called at Mary Beutty's - home 8 1/2 – to bed 9 1/2 to 10.

26-1 clear-very warm- exceptionally warm- I did not go to
church today. at all- Rev P. B. Mann of Lewisburg Union
county preached in our church morning and Evening. a very long &
tedious discourse in the morning as Mrs Rawn says- he did not go
in the evening nor did Fanny. Mr Calvin did

We received to our great joy a letter from my son Charles
from Fort Union N. M. 31 May” informing us that he is
ordered in to the states to Fort Schuyler in the state of New York
at Rome [Onirder?] [coy?] up the Genessee River nnw of albany

we had not heard from him since the early part of last Febuary,

I spent day and evening at home and to bed 10 pm

{small print between last and next entry, unable to read}

27-2 clear-very warm- Mr Calvin & [?] Sherkley took 14 [?]

and 32 lbs of corn from our stable this morning to Geo. Sauck's Mill

who is to allow us as a credit on my a/c \$1.35 per bushel. They

brought back with them 2 ½ [?] slaked lime got on the way home at

10 cts per [?] to put in the Poiny & over dirt pile. lime. .30

I recd for Examing title for him of certain property

bought by him of S.L. Rumfurt in respect of liens

against R. on former owner of Mr. Smith [?]

\$5.00

said propert at corner of Cherry & Dewberry alley

Paid per Mrs. Rawn for mustard 12 [?] Pepper 25 [?] 25 =

.62

Paid ground nuts 10 4 lemonades at Mifflintown Neitzel Bucher [?] 1-self 40

.50

left town at 4 pm with clerks & orderly of Board of Enrollment

for Mifflintown. Saw nothing of either Clement or Charlton today although

I was at [?] house in forenoon to attend to 2nd [?] draft for Dauphin

County-we viz self Neitzel, Rofs, Bucher [?] arrived at Mill's

Hotel Mifflintown at 5 ½ pm. I took my old Room No 6

spent Evening after tea party with a walk 1 ½ to 2 miles to bed 9 ½ to 10.

28-3 clear-fine-pleasant-commenced Examination of [?] suppl.

mental drafted men of Juniata County at 9 ½ am. Capt Clement not

there nor Charlton till after 10 am. I [?] they both came up from Harrisburg

in the carriage last night – getting to the nation near 4 am. that Clement

was asleep or something else and was carried on to Huntingdon

He came back and came to the Room near 11 am as mad as a

plagued rattlesnake growling at every body but himself the negligent

and faulty course in cause of all his trouble- contd. Exams & finished

about 5 pm. I offered 3 Resolutions in the Board to day (ride

journal and my minutes) intended to correct some abuses [?]

of my collages- walked through day 3 or 4 miles – spent evening
chiefly at Hotel and to bed at 8 ½ to 9 pm.

June 29-4 clear-fine-cool in morning up to 7 to 8. Board & clerks

(except Charlton whom we left in bed as usual where I have no doubt

he at this writings 9 am) left Mifflintown in carriage at a little over

time [?] about 4 ½ am and arrived at Harrisburg at home 6 ½ am

Mrs Rawn at Market & Mr Calvin at stable.

pd for wife [?]anded Mr Calvin 10 & 4 lbs Brown Sugar 80

\$0.90

Fresh & corned beef 85. 2 lbs butter 50 6 qts cherries 33

\$1.68

applebutter 20. smearcase 5 beans 15 beets 15 salad 5

.60

[?] & ham head 15. cheese .5 ½ doz eggs 10

.30

1 bag old potatoes of Erb - “Peach Blows”

1.00

\$4.48

Recd of Mo {month} Gart by the hands of Jacob Shell (voluntary receiver)

balance of judgment counting interest up to near or about

the middle of last mo{month} when he pd. Shell

\$70.00

(v.t b Jany last.)

this receipt by me abated on dropped an odd 51 cts as [?] by my

calculation to the middle viz 11 may cont. since which time on a day

or two after Mr Shell [?] had all the money except \$13.87 which

he negligently omitted to receive in May as of [?]

clerks of board of enrollment- orderly self to [?] Neitzel, Rofs, Bucher

Gobin, Murdevant- slef left town at 4 pm in carriage for Sunbury where

we arrived about 7 pm. took our old Rooms – to bed 9 ½ to 10.

30-5 clear- fine- pleasant – Dr. Charlton & Capt Clement came in carriage

from Harrisburg at 6 am or so this morning – commenced Examination

of Drafted (1 st supplemental) (v. 21 inst) men at 10 am or so I was there

at 9 but Charlton did not come till later & clement still later – carriage [?]

Exam all day Snyder & Union County- I walked after tea 3 to 4

miles circular- to bed 10 pm

Names Mentioned

Benner - tenet of Rawn

Berrder, Mr.

Beutty, Mary - Harrisburg resident

Bower, Dr. - tenet of Rawn

Bumford, Cal

Burken, Mr. - possibly with enrollment board

Byers, Eby - person Rawn purchased coal from

Calvin, Mr.

Charlton, Dr. - member of enrollment board

Clapp, Mr.

Clement, Capt. - member of enrollment board

Elizabeth, Mrs.

Etter, Mr.

Hake, Mr.

Henry - Colored man

Looker - tenant of Rawn

Mann, Rev. P. B. - Preacher from Lewisberry

Martha, Mrs.

Muller, Geo.

Nair, Rev. - preached at Rawn church, from Lancaster county

Nieztel, Mr. - possibly with enrollment board

Olvir - colored tenant of Rawn

Parker, Mr. B.

Pearson, Mrs. - Harrisburg resident

Rawn, Charles – son, sent letter notifying Rawn of transfer to NY from NM

Rawn, Debby - lives in Halifax

Rawn, Fanny

Rawn, Hannah - Debby's daughter

Rawn, Julianna

Robinson, Rev. J. H.

Rofs, Lieut.

Rumfurt, S. L. - legal client

Sauch, Geo. - mill owner

Shell, Jacob - Harrisburg resident

Stewart, Mr. - Rawn borrowed his horse for riding; also member of congregation

Wilson, T. - Harrisburg city treasurer

Young, Rev. M.