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# The Journal of Charles Rawn

September 1 to September 30, 1864 (Book 28)

Edited by Andrew Whitman

The Rawn journal of September, 1864, shows he was very dedicated towards everything he did, including writing in his journal every single night. Rawn was a businessman but he evenly spread out his time between work and his family. He was always going on walks with his wife, daughter, and dogs, and also spending time with his wife at the market.

Rawn was a very caring man. He had one good friend, Captain Clement, whom he was always talking about during his Board of Enrollment meetings. Halfway through the entries, Clement was sick in bed and couldn't come to the meetings anymore. Near the end of the month, Rawn was always calling him, making sure he was okay and if he needed anything.

Rawn was also very independent man. Every now and then he would take his horse out and ride around the countryside, just thinking about life and the current day's events. The Rawn journals show us what life was like in the Harrisburg area during the Civil War.

Illegible portions of the journal are indicated in parentheses [?].

## **The Journal**

**Sept. 1-5** Clear-Pleasant-Good in morning & Pleasantly cool all day- I attended to the delivery of my [?] at the [?] after breakfast bet. [between] 9 & 10 am. Daughter Fanny with me on a walk with our dogs. Get 4 9 ½ lbs. [pounds] oates & 5 74 lbs. [pounds] Hay[Big?] 372 lbs. [pounds]

for 1 horse 31 days & 120 lbs. [pounds] for 1 horse 10 days. 434 lbs. [pounds] Hay for 1 horse  
31 days 140 lbs. [pounds] for 1 horse 10 days Pony sold 10<sup>th</sup> [left ?]

Recd of Mrs. Brownold 1 Mon. [Month] Rent for stone room

Due this day } \$35.00

Recd of Mrs. Fanny Fyatts 1 Mon. [Month] Rent on a/c \$11.00

“ [?] & Herman Srger [?] 1 Mon. [Month] Rent due this day \$12.50

Pd. [Paid] Daily Telegraph for Mr. Zimmerman from 23 Apr. [April] to 27 May to [?] at 8 ch[?]  
[?] for 12 weeks to 16 July and at 12 [?] weeks from 16 July to 27 Aug. [August] 6 “ 96 & 72 =  
\$1.68 Met Board of Enrollment . Morning and afternoon. Only Dr. Se [?] and self present. Capt.  
[Captain] C. met in room all day. Pleasant Evening at home and to bed 9 PM.

**Sept. 2-6** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Daughter Fanny self walked between 8 ½ and 10 am 8 miles  
circular to [Rounk’s ?] mill and back. My wife lay here getting better for 2 or 3 days but this is  
the first day it has not annoyed me considerably towards evenings. Met Board of Enrollment.  
Morning and afternoon Dr. C and self only present except an ½ hour or more. Capt. C. was  
present in the afternoon, pleasant evening cheerfully at home. Yes. [Yesterday ?] [?] mare Mr.  
Ruplely [?] got some 9 hays of oates at my stable today about [?] 2 of the hays his own the other  
> government bays. I had the oath to share from my [?] as Comm. 130 Enrollment He is to [?]  
me with said oath on a/c [?] To bed 9 ½ to 10 PM

3-7 Cloudy. Rain in evening. Coolish all day. Mrs. Rawn market and h [?] Buf [?] Mutton 83, 1  
 lbs [pound] butter 80 = \$1.03 Tomatoes 15 corn 20 ½ Peck Peaches 30, fruit bread 10 = .75 1  
 bushel Potatoes \$1.00, 2 ¾ [?] Honey \$1.20                      2.80

\$5.18

Paid G.D. Mathers by check to his [?] on [?] My 1/6 share of makings brick leaver in cellar at  
 [?] includings on the whole \$^ for [?] Evan Geary was handler of the 10 [?] delivery at [?]

\$13.92

[?] Bill [?] Receipt for Explanation]

Recd of Glo. Olvis 1 Mon. [Month] Rent one 1 unit                      \$9.00

“ “ Mrs. Martha Jones

“ Elizth [Elizabeth?] Whileymore [?] 1 Mon. [Month] Rent one 1 unit \$10.00

Met Board of Enrollment. Morning and afternoon. Capt. C. not present all day. I walked between  
 9 and 10 am. 2 ½ to 3 Miles. Mrs. R. [Raun] Fannie and self at Mrs. Mary Beathings [?] short  
 time about 7 PM. I stopped in for a Min. [minute] [?] at a Den.[?] Rat.[?] [?] Meeting in Court  
 House at 8. Hamal at speech. Left in disgust. To bed 9 ½.

Sept 4-1 Cloudy. Coolish. Some rain through day and Evn. [evening]

[                      ?                      ] I walked in on Church morning and Even. [Evening] Rev. Mr.  
 Mitchell on [?] about there in the Evens. [Evenings] I was not at Church in the mornings. Took a  
 walk bet. [between] 9&10 am taking the dogs along. Home in Evn. [Evening] from Ch.  
 [church?] 9 To bed 9 ½.

5-2 Windy all day. Rain more or less through day. Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Walked through day having the dogs along morning & Evn. [Evening] 3 to 4 miles in all. Evn. [evening] at hom To bed 9 ½.

6-3 Windy all day. Rain. Raw. [?] disagreeable. Met Board of Enrollment. Morning and afternoon. Dr. C. & self chiefly doing the [?] Yesterday and today. Capt. C. in a short time today but chiefly to unload his pockets of papers accumulated and beflogging [?] him. I walked up to my stable with Jim. [?] of Sunbury & some two men with him at his [?] to look at my mare as they talked that one of them a Surgeon wanted to buy her. I offered him \$125. he complained of her [?] knees and that she would not [?] him on that arrangement.

Ru[?] letter from son LN. Galvin Camp Mankin near Baltimore Md. Mrs. Meyers daughter of Dr. Patterson buried this afternoon. Our Preacher Rev. S.S. Mitchell officiated. Mrs. Rawn there Mrs. M. called to visit us this afternoon. To bed 9 PM.

7-4 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Mrs. Rawn at market. I was also up early and out by 5 ½ am into looking around the market.

Mrs. R. [Raun] pd. [paid] 3 [?] for Mik 6 , 4 lbs. [pounds] hamburger 45 salt 4 30 =\$1.31

“ “ “ “ 6 “ Meat 15 ½ Peck Peaches 30 .45

“ “ “ “ “ “ [?] [ ? ] Hammel shirt 25 .25

Today, 2¼ lbs. [pounds] beef 45, 1 lb. [pound] butter 45 Peck Tomatoes 20 Peppers 5 1.15

[?] Potatoes 25 ½ peck apples 10, Bread 10, Fish 15 .60

Mustard & Celery bud 10, Soda 5, [?] 5 .20

1 Gal. [Gallon] of Extra Cider Vinegar of Mrs. Brown [?]     .40

\$ 5.36

Paid for 2 School Books for Fannie for Mrs. Dickson's Select Seminary vig [?] Shelter 15

Reader 1.25 = \$1.40 Daughter Fannie commended to Mrs. Sarah E. Dickson's select Seminary

this morning at \$8 per quarter. [?] Extra \$5 per quarter. Met Board of Enrollment all day

morning and afternoon. Present only Dr. Charlton and myself. Wife Self put [?] about  $\frac{3}{4}$  Peck

Gabrella grapes. [?] apple butter and a small bottle of Catsup [Ketchup?] to send to Jnu. Gabvin

in camp near Baltimore by Ely Byers who goes there tomorrow. I walked through day and

morning and evening [?]  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 miles having dogs along. Evn. [Evening] at home and to bed 9

$\frac{1}{2}$ .

**8-5** Clear. Some cloudy. I walked to linek's [?] mill & back bet.[between]  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and 10 am. Some

3 miles cir. [circular] Jim & Jack along.

Paid cash at Graph [?] & Co.'s dry stone [?] \$3.00

“ 6 oz [ounce] [ ? ], 2 oz [ounce] [?] chips .50

“ 1 “ [?] Bark  $\frac{1}{2}$  “ Evenue Winter Green \$3.50

The articles [except the trees] are to be put [and Except also the winter green] into 3 qtrs. [quarts]

of water which is to boil clearly for 8 hours till reddened one half that into 3 pints. Then strain it

next and add the winter Green and one pound of [?] honey and take a small [?] glass full 3 times

a day before meals. For tough night [?] and [premature?] Signs of consumption and perhaps,

almost, as a great alteration in the very disease itself. [See [?] in my Om. Garth [?] ] Met Board

of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Dr. Charlton and self only present. Pleasant evening

chiefly at home and to bed 9 ½ . Called at Mr.& Mrs. Duncans at 8 ¾ pm for daughter Fannie whose there visiting his daughter Lattie. Where I did some ciphering [?] for the girls that in [ ? ] how to mark the question To bed.

**9-6** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Walked 3 ½ to 4 miles between 8 ½ and 9 ½ am. Met Board of Enrollment. Morning and afternoon. Present only Dr. C & self.

Paid Harrisburg Gas Co. gm gas due 1 unit	\$2.10
“ ¾ Peck Peaches <u>45</u> 1 lb [pound] Furing crackers <u>22</u>	.67
“ 2 lbs. [pounds] White Vinegar <u>87</u> 5 lbs. [pounds] coffee <u>\$2.00</u>	\$2.87
“ 2 Gallon “old Rye [pure] at thinter & Frozen	7.00
“ 1 Bus. Peach Brown Potatoes	<u>2.00</u>
	<u>\$14.44</u>

Recd of <u>Mr.Looker</u> 1 Mon. [Month] Rent due 1 unit	<u>\$9.00</u>
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Walked around in evening after tea by Sherlocks & Mrs. R. at F. Myers with Rev. J.J. Mitchell and others to tea. Did not invite [?] me to attend. Mrs. R. home 10 ¾ To bed 9 ¼ PM.

**Sept.[September] 10-7** Heavy Rain. Thunder lightning in last night. Clear morn.

This morning Mrs. R at market and pd. [paid] [?] beef	.70
[?] butter <u>80</u> , 2 dozen Eggs <u>50</u> , a dozen corn <u>20</u>	1.50
½ Peck Tomatoes <u>15</u> , [?] head of mint <u>15</u> , ½ Peck Peaches <u>40</u>	.70
[?] White vinager <u>60</u> , [?] <u>30</u>	<u>.90</u>
	<u>\$13.80</u>

Recd of Mr. Savlter 1 Mon. [Month] Rent due 1 unit \$15.00

“ “ Mr. Hammilton 1 Mon. [Month] “ “ “ “ \$8.00

I walked around by stable in between 8 ¾ and 9 ½ am. Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Present only Dr. Charlton self. Wife and self walked after tea half an hour onto. To bed 9 ½ .

**11-1** Clear Cloudy & some Rain. Rev. J.J. Mitchell on parting cleet [?] preached for us morning and Evn. [Evening] his [appointment ?] having regularly commenced with the first of this month. I was there morning and evening. I walked around 2 ½ miles or so with the dogs between 4 and 5 PM. Home from church in Evn. [Evening] at 8 ¾ and to be 9 ¾ .

**12-2** Clear. Cloudy. Cool in morning. Walked through day 3 miles or so. Met Board of Enrollment. Morning and afternoon. R. Charlter & self only present. Capt Clement sick in bed. Paid School Books for Fannie

[?] “ [?] Grammer of English Language .75

“ Pinnarth [?] Goldsmith England 1.50

[ [?] 7 unit \$1.40 for School Books] \$2.25

Pleasant evening chiefly at home and to bed 9 ½.

**13-3** Clear. Pleasant. I walked [?] afternoon to Rhocks [?] mill and back 3 to 4 miles cir. [circular] Walked today through day 3 to 4 miles. Met B[?] [Board] Enrollment. Morn. [Morning] and afternoon. R.C. and self only present. Capt. Clement sick in bed.



Paid G.D. Walters [? 3 int. ?] [ ? ] Clock \$1.00

“ for cigars .25

Was at my stable after tea at 6 ½ PM. Had [?] Young Man Named Mr. Hill to ride the mare in and to bring a bundle of Hay from Stable to put in our dog houses. Our [?] Woman's husband Edward Lewis moved his furniture into her room at my house. Yesterday where he is going to quarter with his wife till [ ? ] and do lunch [ ? ] at leisure times when he is not on duty at soldiers next where he is employed by the month. [ Rest of entry illegible]

14-4 Clear & Cloudy. Some Rain. Mrs Rawn at market

4 ¼ lbs. [pounds] veal 55, 5 ¼ lbs [pounds] lamb 75 2 [?] butter 80 = \$2.10

½ Peck Peaches 25 1 Bus. [Bushel] Tomatoes \$1.00 Bread 10 = 1.35

Sweet Potatoes 30, 3 ½ qts [quarts] vinegar 35 Pint Molasses 15 .80

I paid for 4 lbs. [?] Steak [ ? ] .50

Recd of Mr. Wolf for his daughter- 1 Mon. [Month] due 1 unit \$4.75

\$8.50

Daughter Fannie and self walked after breakfast before her school time. I walked through day and evening 2 to 3 miles. Met Board of Enrollment, Morning and afternoon. Dr. Chartant & Self only present. Capt. C still sick in bed. Dr. C Gulf called whom [ ? ] to take leave of absence from our duties as Members of the Board of Enrollment from noon [ ? ] to Monday next 19 mit[?] [ ? ] he afterwards [?] run importance put said argument into writing. Mr.Hill col [?] [ ? ] rode the mare out this morning and down to Rhoncks[?] mill to see about corn meal. I am to get [?] brought it [ ½ hrs. [hours]] in afternoon. To bed 9 ½ .

**15-5** Clear & Cloudy. Pleasant warmer. Hill rode mares out this morning [ ? ] and took Government Bags [?] I got [?] into [?] I went along on the mare riding her a short-time after he had been out awhile [mere 7 hays & 3 back] Fannie & self walked after breakfast before her school time for an hour. Met Board of Enrollment. Dr. Chanlton & self in Finenoon [?] to meet again Monday next. Capt. C. yet stuck in bed. I called to see him at 4 PM or so.

[Rest of entry illegible]

**16-6** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Was at Mayors office about [ ? ] North. Sewer [ ? ] [ ? ]

Paid 2 [ ? ] Numbers [59 & 60] of National Portrait Gallery Sm. [small] Am. [amount] .50

“ Staples [?] .09

Recd [ ? ] [ ? ] \$5.00

Walked through day 3 miles or so. I attended [?] from 2 to near 5 PM at Board of Enrollment Room with [ ? ] of Board on Several Cases [ ? ] from [ ? ] with where [?] Mr. Board of Milton was present, after regiment that having come here they might not have to go home and Return. Capt. C is still sick in bed and Dr. G self have leave of absence from Capt [ ? ] from noon 15 [?] to Monday next. Evn.[evening] chiefly at home. To bed 9 ½ to 10.

**17-7** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Mrs Rawn at tea [?] with them at Mrs. Burnsidess' [ Cameron's daughter] I would not make it first to attend.

Mrs. R at Market and paid 1 Gal [Gallon] apple butter .80 3 ½ doz [dozen] Eggs <u>87</u> ½ Peck meat	
potatoes <u>25</u> do [dozen] Peaches <u>20</u>	\$1.35
	\$1.17
3 [?] Beef <u>45</u> . [Loaf?] Bread <u>40</u> , Cabbage, apples, Bred, Rolls, Parsley	.32
8 [?] White [?] [?] \$2.16 Cinnamon <u>5</u>	<u>2.21</u>
I paid city [head?] per <u>D. Harris [Harrisburg] [CIK?] Council [?] North</u>	<u>\$5.50</u>
Street Sewer [ ? ] or Permit & 3 <sup>rd</sup> int [instulation?]	<u>\$10.00</u>

**Sept. 17-7 cont -** Walked through day 4 to 5 miles. [ ? ] [telegraph?] to Rent the house where Mrs. [Board?] he also walked into the Room of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell our Pastor while there to see his [Daughter?] he is fixed in time of the 32<sup>nd</sup>. They Room while he takes his meals at Mrs. [Thompson?] Captain C. Hotel. Home at 8 ¼ and to bed 9 ½ to 10.

**18-1** Clear & Cloudy. Windy afternoon and after. [ ? ] of Rain. Wife Fanny self at our ch. [church] mornings and Evenings. Our Pastor [?] Mr. Mitchell preached [ ? ] I walked before morning ch. [church] 2 Miles or so and again bet. [between] 4 and 5 P.M. about same distance. Home in Evn. [Evening] 8 ½ & to bed 9 ½.

**19-2** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Cool in morning. I walked 8 ¾ & 10 am. [ ? ] Met Board of Enrollment. Dr. G, Self. Capt. C. still sick confined to his room. Wife self and daughter walked in Evn. [Evening] after tea.

20-3 Clear. Fine. Cool in morning. Up early and at [ ? ] and stable before 7 am. Rode on horseback bet. [between] 8 & 10 am, 6 miles or so. Met Board of Enrollment. Dr. [ Charter? ] self morning & afternoon. Capt. Clement still confined to his room. I called to see him and [ ? ] of the Board half an hour or so.

I [ ? ] with the "1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Harrisburg"

[Rest of entry illegible]

21-4 Clear. Cloudy. Pleasant. I was up early by 6 ½ am before breakfast. I rode on horseback bet. [between] 8 & 10 am. 7 or 8 miles having the dogs Jack and Jim along.

Mrs Rawn at market paid Boiling Beef & Beef Steak-	.71
Butter <u>40</u> , Peaches <u>20</u> , Bread <u>10</u> , Buttermilk <u>6</u>	<u>76</u>
	<u>\$1.47</u>

Met Board of Enrollment Dr. [Charter?] held morning & afternoon [ ? ] evening chiefly at home and to bed 9 ½ .

22-5 Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Warmer. Daughter Fannie walked around 1 ½ to 2 miles between 8 ¼ and 8 ¾ am.

Pd. [Paid] Kelfer & Bro. [by CK [check] of [ ? ] ] Bill for Company \$9.82

[ ? ] to Dr. Charlter Evn. [Evening] home chiefly to bed 9 ½.

23-6 Cloudy. Warmer. Rode horse [ ? ] in last Evn. [Evening] from 7 ½ to 9 P.M. or so.

I rode on horseback from 9 to 10 am for 7 miles. Met Board of Enrollment. Dr. C. and morning and afternoon. At stable 2 PM about [ ? ]

Walked home after that with Jim and Jack. Always take them along both riding and walking.

Evening chiefly at home to bed 9 1/2 to 10.

24-7 Rain in late night and this morning. Mrs Rawn at market & paid for Mutton 71, butter 70,

paid sweet Potatoes for Peck 20 = \$ 1.61

Apples 10 [for Peck] Peck tomatoes 20, Bread 15, Tea 45, .90

Blank Book for Fannie 8 \$2.59 \$2.51

Walked through day and Evening in all 2 miles on horse. Attended very enthusiastic Union Meeting in Court House from 7 1/2 to 9 1/4 .

[Rest of entry illegible]

25-1 Clear. Fine. Cool. Windy. Rev. [?] De Witt preached in our ch. [church] this morning.

In our Parlor in Evn. [Evening] I walked in morning before Church and in afternoon bet.

[between] 2 and 3 pm. In all 3 to 4 miles. An Elderly man a stranger in our ch. [church] This

Ev. [evening] with [ ? ]

home 8 1/2 and to bed 9 1/2 .

**Sept. 26-2** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Coolish. Rode on horseback from 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  am. 6 miles onto dogs along. Met Board of Enrollment morning & afternoon. [?] Draftings. Draft the 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> hands of Harrisburg. Capt. Hurnt [?] talked for duty in Board in place of Capt. Clement, sick and leaving [?] walked home after tea. Called at [?] [?] Haven in after tea about bring drafted. Pleasant Evn. [Evening] at home and to bed 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  PM.

**27-3** Clear. Fine. Pleasant. Rode on horseback from 8  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 9  $\frac{1}{4}$  am. Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon and proceeded with draft of Dauphin Cou. [County] and Juniatta. Mrs Rawn and self walked [?] some after tea between 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  pm. To bed 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  .

**28-4** Rain at 8 am. I started to ride on horseback at that time but was [afraid?] of acc [account] of rain to return and put my mare into [ ? ] livery stable till it clears, on I send her to my [ ? ] at noon. Mrs. Rawn at Market. I was up early and also out at market by 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  am just to look around. Met whole Board. I walked in Evn. [Evening] bet. [between] 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 6 PM. 2 to 3 miles. Spent Evening at home. To bed 9.

**29-5** Cloudy. Warm. Walked after breakfast bet. [between] 8 and 9 am. Met Board of Enrollment. Morning and afternoon. Cont. [continued] the Draftings in afternoon. June 27<sup>th</sup> unit Walked around home in Even. [evening] Attended Enthusiastic Union Meeting in the Court House from 8 to 9 a.m. Genr. [General] Cavey from Ohio one of the best, if not the best speaker I ever heard on Political [?] Made a speech some 2 hours long. I went after he had began and left

before he quit. I never saw any audience in that Court House so delighted and entertained. His arguments were thorough and overwhelming. To bed 9 ½.

**30-6** Rain in late night. Cloudy all day. Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Com. [Communication?] Examinations of drafted men in 1<sup>st</sup> 4 hands of their City. Pleasant Evening at home and to bed 9 ½ PM.

### **Names mentioned**

Beathings, Mrs. Mary

Board, Mr.

Cavey, General

Board, Mrs.

Brownhold, Mrs.

Burnside, Mrs.

C [Charlton], Dr.

Cameron

Cavey, General

Charlter

Chartter, Dr.

Charlton, Dr.

Clement, Captain

Dickson, Mrs.

Duncan, Mr. and Mrs.

Fyatts, Mrs. Fanny

Galvin, L. N.

Geary, Evan

Gelf, R. C.

Gulf, Dr. C.

Hamal

Hamilton, Mr.

Hill, Mr.

Hurnt, Capt.

Jim

Jim & Jack [the dogs]

Jones, Mrs. Martha

Lattie

Lewis, Edward

Lewis, Maria

Looker, Mr.

M, Mrs.

Mathers, G. D.

Mitchell, Rev. Mr.

Meyers, Mrs.

Patterson, Dr.



Rawn, Mrs.

Rupiely, Mr.

Savlter, Mr.

Se, Dr.

Srger, Herman

Thompson, Mrs.

Walters, G. D.

Whilemore, Mrs. Elizabeth

Wolf, Mr.

Zimmerman, Mr.

*Total=48*