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The Journal of Charles Rawn

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Introduction

November 1864 finds Charles Rawn in the middle of the presidential election season as well as his sometimes daily trips to the market to purchase food, cigars, and medicine. Charles Rawn was clearly a Lincoln Republican as he makes his point very clear about voting for the president in the election. He writes in November, 1864:

I have this day voted for the Country by voting the Union ticket for election for Abraham Lincoln. I consider that the man, he him whom he may, that votes the so called Democratic McClellan ticket does, in effect a tendency, whatever may be his opinions, vote for treason and for the destruction and disruption of the country. I accept the issue with all traditions, and go for the country and the government the Constitution (word unreadable) [protect the] Union to the last dollar and the last man if needed to defend them.

He also offers his criticism of those around him after the results of the re-election are known when he writes:

Good many fellows coming out now and (saying) that they voted for Lincoln who have been known generally to be opposed to him. Mr. Briggs is a man who would have been an out and out McClellan man but he was afraid to [?] his chance (word smudged with dirt) future hopes + [?] with the party openly. He kept in a kind of on the fence position ready to (join) the strongest side. He has

said of Lincoln it would be better to make a change and that a most critical point in the campaign and when [?]. He is only a distinguished instance among many. I am not certain but that Judge Pearson, [?] C. Kunkle, (name), Carlton Hifer, Mr. Blue, + many others would have been openly opposed to [?] but they were too timid to venture. He has been re-elected by a largely increased vote in spite of the surest opposition or sickly support of such men. To bed 9 ½

A large portion of his journal is dedicated to nailing down every purchase, sale, rent check, and bill to the last dollar and cent. Rawn details every single purchase made at market and adds up his total bill at the end of each market trip. He writes down some of his office visits and who he sees in court and tells of when his son John Calvin of the 194th Pennsylvania Volunteers return home on leave from the Army.

The Journal

Nov – 3 clear. Cloudy fresh. Pleasant. I walked bet[ween] 9 to 10a.m. 2 1/2 to 3 miles and bet[ween] 3 ½ and 4 ¼ pm 2 miles also.

Recd from Martha Jones & Eliz[abe]th [?] 1 mos. Rent \$10.00

“ “ Fanny Fyatts 1 “ “ \$6.00

Paid State Capitol Bank (for Geo. S. Small) for another \$500 of U.S.

7 3/10 Treas Notes (loan) to be furnished to me by 3 inst. \$507.90

The \$7.90 the government the inst. At 7 3/10 from the 15 [?] the time the interest to commence on said [?] to this day with [?] inclusive .79 [?]

at 70 to day – (15 Aug and wth Sept last.)

Paid. 1 Bushel Rambo apples \$1.25

to Mrs. Rawn 5lb coffee \$2.00 cinnamon 5, box [?] 15, [?] 30 2.50

[?] Young for work Tax case Jno. E. Foster or Ex [?]

Fathers estate suit com this day by [?] that was his council

Mr. D. paying the other for said suit & tax. .75

Dr. Charlton still sick, unable to get out Dr. Sherwood [?] met

as Board at 4pm and [?] for invalid

Corps. [?] not there – spent Ev. at home. Not well. To bed 9 p.m.

2 - 4 Clear. Fine. Fresh- cloudy. Rain. Up at 5 ½ to 6 a.m.

Was out at market. Mrs. Rawn out also

I paid [?] Beefsteak 70 country [?] .70

I paid [?] for sausage and [?] meat .25

Mrs Rawn paid 1 lb butter 45, turnips ½ peck 10, 20 sweet potatoes 25 .80

Bread 5 .5

I paid cigars 50. Cough syrup 35. [?] 25 1.10

\$2.90

Walked through day 3 to 4 miles. Evening at home to bed 9.

3 - 5 cloudy. Rain. Unpleasant. Jno. Calvin came home this morning

From Monocacy & Baltimore with his Regiment 194 Pa vols.

I have enjoyed an hour and more in drawing my image for this one.

Had one man Jos. [?] assisting to put it awa at stable

Charming mare - noble to - Jno. Calvin rode her. [?] on here at home

After 2 pm brining up coal. getting shavings at Jno. B. Simons camp

Potatoes into the cellar . I paid him .50

Being about 15 cents over what I told him I thought offering him

He was making in all about 3 ½ hours. Was at Rawn SB [?]

And 5 pm and found only clerk [?] there – and [?] Smith

I called in court house as a spectator for 10 to 15 minutes about 8 pm. At a

[?] meetings – Heard some [?] and their unprincipled [?]

From New York Brooklyn making a speech who certainly told more big lies

In that time than I was minutes hearing him. Home 8 and to bed 9 pm

4–6 Rain in last night and some this morning. Cloudy rest of day after noon

I was at 4 [?] 4/30 pm. Rooms 11 am [?] Court House 3 to 4pm

And went to see Dr. Charlton 4 ¼ pm. He is still very unwell & very weak. Also at some

[?] just before ten – This Nora Berry as [?] who used to live with us.

Recd. of [?] Leger 1 mos. Rent due 1 inst. \$12.50

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 pm.

6–1 Clear, fine – fresh. Pleasant – I walked bet[ween] 10 & 11 am 3 1/2

to 4 miles. Was not at church in morning. Remained at home rest of

day. Was at my church in evening. To institution Monthly concert

For benefit of mission .25

These monthly concerts for missions which were formally held in the
[?] Monday Evening of every month now held Sunday evening [?] To bed 9 ½ to 10

Nov 7 – 2 Rain in and through last night. Cloudy and some rain

This morning. Cloudy this after through day. I was at D. Flemings
Office from 10 to 11 ½ am meeting Mr. E. Foster our client – there and
holding consultation on subject of his claim against his father estate

Recd of John Saulter Rent 1 mos. Rent the 1 inst \$15.00

“ “ Chas. [?]ker 1 mos. “ “ “ \$9.00

I walked through town in after part of day with dogs Jim
And Lark spending some time at State St. house where [?] moved from
about a week ago fastening it up to

The clerk and Geo. Francis Train had a crowded audience in the court
House from 6 ½ or 7 to 10 p.m. at a Union Meeting. Ladies present. Mrs
Rawn there. I was till about 8 pm but having ascertained in a general
way a knowledge of the speaker and the house being crowded and myself
tired generally and especially of standing, I came home. Waited for the
others till 10 pm and then went to bed.

8 – 3 Rain in last night and misty and disagreeable all day.

We Recd letter from son Chas. 102 Chatham St. N.Y. I wrote
to him in reply –

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The constitution with Union to the last dollar and the last man
if needed to defend them. Spent evening at home at to bed 8 to 9 pm.

9-4 cloudy, - very disagreeable all day – very muddy & rainy -

Was up early and out to market. Mrs. Rawn at market also.

Mrs. Rawn pd 1 lb butter 45 chicken 35 [?] pts 25 turnips 5 \$1.10

Paid 20 to Mrs [?] celery 10 – Beef \$1.30, 2lbs white [?] .56 2.10/\$5.36

Names Mentioned

Calvin, Jno.

Flemings, D.

Foster, Mr. E. (a client)

Fyatts, Fanny

Millerson, Jacob

Mitchell, Reverend

Roberson, Rev. Mr.

Saulter, John

Toner, Mr.

Train, Geo. Francis