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# The Journal of Charles Rawn

December 1, 1864, to December 31, 1865 (Book 28)

Edited by David Tully

The last month of 1864 is typical of Rawn's journal. Costs, times, and encounters are recorded, as are meetings of the Board of Enrollment. Rawn insists he has served honorably on the Board, resisting the special influence exercised by other members. There appear to be no other Christmas rituals than Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas day church services. He continues to complain of health problems.

## The Journal

**Dec 1-5** cloudy mild – met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon.

Rec'd of Fanny Hyatts 1 mos rent \$6.00

Rec'd of Ott & Leger 1 mos rent due this day 13.50

Rec'd of Jeremiah Henson [new tenant] 2 mos rent 20.00

This is [?] [name] of Buehler House who goes into the North Street house from this day til april next – Mrs Jones having left – [?]

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

**Dec 2-6** cloudy mild Rev. Dr. Hay and Rev. Mr. Liesmann called at my office this morning on the subject of the latter being drafted.

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon

Rec'd of M. Brownold 1 mo [?] room rent – [?] \$35.00

Paid him bill for pants and vest for Master Calvin \$18.00

Paid him bill for pair new cloth buckskin gloves [?] 2.00

\$20.00

[?].....of [?] \$15 cash for his boy Nathan being [?]

Handed [?] .48

Handed Mrs. Rawn for [?] 1.00

Handed Mrs. Rawn 2 chords cotton 25 2 lbs soap 30 .55

2.03

Have not felt very well today. Though continue with Board all day

Spent evening chiefly at home. Rain in[?] to [?]

**Dec 3 – 7** Cloudy some rain mild - Mrs Rawn market [?]

4 lbs beef & sausage 80 2 lbs butter 1.00 \$1.80

Onions 20, ½ peck apples 20, celery 10, 3 chickens 80 bread 10 1.40

\$3.20

I paid 1 qt M. Mine[?] 1.50 12t old rye 1.00 \$2.50

I paid [name?] [?] my old book – in full .60

Paid [?] [?] .25

Handed [Master?] Calvin [change] .50

\$3.85

Mrs. Rawn to pay coloring[?] cloth of coat of son [?] to make Basque[?] for herself [?] \$6.35

Wrote to Wm. L Ritter [?] Columbia Union [?] about buying and sending me by canal 2 [?]

apples and 4 [?] potatoes –

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Spent evening chiefly at home and to bed 9 ½

pm

**4-1** Clear fine fresh but not frozen. Wife, children and self at our church in morning. They

were there also in evening ... I was not

I handed daughter Fanny for the monthly [?] box .10

I walked between 2 ¾ or 3 and 4 miles – [?] along 3 – 4 miles - Spent evening at home..to bed 9

½.

**5-2** cloudy damp [?] sexton from our church here from 9 am to 1 ½ ...[riddling?] [ashes?],  
closing vault, windows, carrying out coal [?]

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon...evening home and to bed 9 ½

**6-3** cloudy damp disagreeable - Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Examining or  
[?] men of city yesterday and today

Rec'd of [?] Wolf 1 mos rent due [?] \$8.50

[?]

Evening home and to bed 9 pm

**7-4** cloudy damp disagreeable.... I called at Mrs. Philip Ensminger after breakfast by request to  
see her about her husband's estate. Her son John had left word for me to call. He is temporarily  
at home from his Regiment.

I received[?] [?] Mrs. Ensminger about [?] estate Retaining for \$5.00

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon and also met Halifax client [names] at [name]  
office.

**Dec 7 continued** From 11 am to 1 pm. From 2 to 3 ¼ pm and from 7 to 10 pm in [?] of [?]  
oration to Bill in Equity about draft and filling[?]

Mrs. Rawn at market and [?]

1 pair chickens 85, 1 lb butter 50 veal & sausage 5 lb .85	\$2.20
1 peck apples 25, 2 qts cornmeal 15, bread 15	<u>.55</u>
	\$2.75

**Dec 8 -5** clear & cloudy, hard frozen – very cold all day

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon –

I attended Court short time morning and afternoon in Halifax Equity case.

Paid Mrs. Wilson [widow?] and her daughter Miss Virginia for the coloring of my military overcoat I got when we turned out at the [?] in 1862 – she got it [?] in Phil[Adelphia]

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½

**9 – 6** Clear cloudy hard frozen all day – very cold

Rec'd of Mr. [?] 1 mos rent due [?]	\$15.00
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Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon –

[?] Charlton [?] with the Board since Monday last inclusive.

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

**10-7** Snow 7 or 8 inches deep on ground at daylight this morning and done snowing – some little rain and sleet about 7 to 8 am. Cloudy all day & moderate – [fiftyish?]. Sleighs running considerably all day

I paid at [Grays?] for 4 lbs sugar \$1 got by Mrs. Rawn [?] and cinnamon	\$1.05
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I paid at [Grays?] for 2 lbs ginger crackers & [Jumbles?] 50 and matches 5	.55
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I paid at [Grays?] for 2 lbs white sugar 62	.62
I paid at [?] for [Sunar?] caustic	<u>.10</u>
	2.32
I paid for a pair of Gum Sandals for self	\$2.00
Paid Harrisburg Gas Co one [?] gas [?]	\$4.80
Mrs. Rawn at Market paid for 2 lb butter	\$1.10
Boiling beef-beef sausage \$1.00 – 3 lbs pudding 36	1.36
½ peck apples 25, ½ peck cornmeal 25, bread 15, buttermilk & horseradish 10	<u>.75</u>
	\$3.21
Paid Bergner his Zimmerman Daily Telegraph to this day in full 1.92 [?]	

**Dec 10-7 con't** Received of Mr. Hamilton one month rent \$8.00

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon.

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

**11-1** Clear and Cloudy though soft[?] and snowing through day and till evening when it got considerably colder and got to freezing.

I was not at church in morning – Mary our Irish girl help clearing or heaping up the snow in our yard half an hour or so. Mrs. Rawn and the children were at church morning and evening –

except Fanny in evening. I was there in the evening...at home rest of day.....home in [?] 8 ½  
and to bed 9 ½

**12 -2** Clear [?] cloudy and very cold all day – windy

Paid 5lbs coffee [?] mixed article \$2.00

Paid pint coal oil 15 2 lbs pepper 15 .30

\$2.30

Paid Geo. Bergner per Fred [?] for The Public Ledger from the [?] [?] to the 10 [?] – 300 days in  
full of all demands and ceased taking the paper ----- \$3.00

[?] [?] [?] in my book where I have just found I paid to that day instead of 26 November..thus  
overpaying [?] – Perhaps on further examination it is only from 25 [Dec?] making what I paid.

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon – Evening home and to bed 9 ½

**13-3** Cloudy very cold hard frozen all day..wrote letter to HM Koller carpenter present and kept  
copy...also under date of yesterday jointly with Dr. LT Charlton surgeon of the Board of  
Enrollment to the [?] and Publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer and kept a copy

Handed [?] Calvin to buy ticket to skating club \$2.50



Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon – walked through day 3 to 4 miles – chiefly before dinner...spent evening at home to bed 9 ½ to 10

**14-4** Cloudy mild softening snow melting all day fast.

Mrs. Rawn at market [?] beef, veal, pudding.	\$1.22
1 qt hominy 15 bread 15 ½ peck apples 25 1 lb butter 55	\$1.10
I paid 1 lb [?] crackers [ [?] over for change]	.20
	\$2.52

Paid Mary Gary our hired girl balance in full of her wages to 16<sup>th</sup> [?]

inclusive have paid her \$1.25 the 19<sup>th</sup> [?] \$6.25

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon

[name?] . Self[?] walked 3 to 4 miles between 9 ½ and 11 am. Nelly Beatty is staying with us

since [??] as her mother has gone to Philadelphia. I am more than usually unwell -

considerable bilious diarrhea this morning induced I think by eating some boiled mush yesterday

at dinner. Occasional spells of coughing seem to be of the most damaging character – one or two

in the night and a thorough cleaning up one in the morning when I get up – evening at home and

to bed 10.

**Dec 15-5** cloudy hard frozen very cold sleighing only middling...hardly that - I walked 3 miles

or so between 9 ½ and 11 am and met Board of Enrollment [?] and afternoon, I am yet

considerably unwell – chilly all the time nearly when out of bed. Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10

**16-6** cloudy cold softening – misty – hard frozen slippery – Sleighing rather better. Walked 3 miles [?] between 9 ½ and 10 ½ am - met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon.

[?] Mrs. Rawn for herself 14 [?]

Paid EH Crofsman for 1 pair Balmoral lace boots got by Mrs. \$1.75

Paid Shipler and Frazer for 12[?] old rye [?] [?] 1.00

Both paid by [?] Calvin [re bills and receipts]

Handed [?] Calvin to by fiddle string .10

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½ pm – [slightly better today].

**17-7** cloudy misty sleety - happy all day Snow [?] [?]. Sleighs still running

Mrs. Rawn at market and paid 2 lbs butter \$1.00

Beef, sausage, veal and pork \$1.78 1 large chicken 50 2.28

½ peck apples 25 celery 10 bread 15 .50

4 lbs brown sugar 1.00

4.78

Deposited in Dauphin Deposit Bank \$220.00

Paid the First National Bank of Harrisburg her check on Dauphin Dep. Bank for \$1000 worth of  
7 3/10 US Loan [?] 1 Nov, 15 Aug and 20Sept last]

\$1025.60

Met Board of Enrollment morning and afternoon. Spent evening at home and to bed 9

**Dec 18-1** cloudy – damp – soft – some rain –very disagreeable all day

I am still considerably unwell – chilly – cough considerably in night – and I remained at home all day and evening. Mrs. Rawn and children at church in morning where Rev. Dr. DeWitt preached in our church - and also then in evening, except Fanny, when Mr. Mitchell preached – [?] Charlton called in evening to see me. Mr. M. Kerr [?] of [Name] Bank died yesterday - to bed 9 ½ pm.

**19- 2** cloudy – soft – mildish –unpleasant all day - received a letter from [name] B. Fry dated Washington DC - Dec 9/64 making my appointment as Com. of the Board of Enrollment 14 [?] PA.

[name] was dismissed a month or more ago and I think has been instrumental with his relative “Jim Fry” as he called him and with some politicians [names?] – the [...?] Miller and some others of like ilk whom I am of no use as a politician or as Com. of the Board in having a new Board organized to gratify his [spleen?] & chagrin at being turned out for overwhelming causes himself – for when Charlton was dismissed some month or more ago he ex[?] and [?] as Charlton [?] his gratification at it. Charlton says his [?] also said as much in presence and hearing of Mr. J. Patterson [after he was turned out] that he would be like I am [?] he would [? ?] the pillars of

the whole [?] meaning of the Board of Enrollment - But Patterson, Bergner, Cameron & Miller et al have been the managing politicians no doubt for future political purposes and to meet existing obligations in effecting a new organization, Cameron & Bergner professing to be our earnest friends from the first. Indeed it was at the urgent request of both of them that I accepted an appointment I did not seek in any way [? this ? in ? - Apl - May 63] I defy any just ground of complaint but claim that my office has been filled with faithfulness, integrity, [?] and unsurpassed ability - If I had been more susceptible and yielding to the irregular [?] overtures of Patterson - Bergner and even of [Clement?] for his [?] friends & Miller [?] among them I should have [?] [?] with that [party?] - Cameron is looking to US [?] and even aspires I believe to the [?] and is ready for [?] political slaughter or combinations that will help him.

Handed [?] Calvin to pay [name] who is a [?] in the office of an [?.....?] at this place for his month [?] for [?...?] the sum of \$8.00

The rations and their current value are about as stated on the next page - [?] beef, sugar, coffee, [?] of the best.

4 ½ lbs brown sugar worth	\$1.04	
4 ½ lbs coffee worth	2.25	
33 lbs wheat flour worth	2.31	
40 lbs [?] beef worth	6.00	[?] this some 1 to 4 lbs over the ration I think
?	.33	The value put on these articles is estimated
?	.27	but is perhaps near about what they would
bring		
4 [candles?] [short ones [?]]	12	so that the [?] is about 1 to 4 or 50 percent

\$12.32 in the investment

Rec'd of [name] – one mos rent – owe the 1 [?] \$20.00e

I was at the Board of Enrollment [?] [I did [?] today] short time in forenoon and afternoon also  
New Members WH Patterson, Chas.Hower & JP [name]. [?] [?] [?] all present – [?] Charlton as  
I think rather ignobly after the way he has been treated [?] [?] on the flimsy ground that he  
resigned to take effect [2 January?]. This is for the sake of about 10 days [?] with all the [?]. I  
condemned him to his face severely for it as well on [?] of my former official [?] with him as  
[touching?] himself personally. He is [?] selfish –

Mr. M Kerr was buried today – I spent an hour at Mary Beatty's after [tea?] [?] had not been  
there since Thanksgiving – To bed 10 pm – am better in health.

**20-3** clear, hard-frozen – cold but fresh and agreeable atmosphere

Paid [name] for 2 live turkeys weight 16 ½ lbs \$2.25

Paid 2 lbs white [tea?] sugar .60

Was as said Board of Enrollment Room partly on business and partly as a spectator from 11 ¾  
am to

12 ¾ pm - was at [Pro. Mar.] office on 4<sup>th</sup> St. in afternoon to look at circulars – Spent evening as  
above at Mrs. Beatty's instead of last evening. To bed 10 pm.

**21-4** Snow 2 inches or so deep at getting up time and snowing and misting by times all day –  
signs of good sleighing – cold and windy at 8 – 9 pm. Was in court from 10 am til [noon?]

engaged on same side with [name] for [Dept?] – in argument of Equity case against School Directors of Halifax Township. Kunkel? [names] all made speeches

Rec'd of [name] 1 mos rent - owe [?] \$9.00

Paid [?] 10, Lemons 10 biscuit? 18 [?] 10 \$.48 To bed 9 ½ pm.

**Dec 22 – 5** Clear and very cold, I was at Board of Enrollment Room for over an hour into about noon attending to some unfinished business.

Paid Daughter Fanny in full for [reading?] History of England for 5 weeks from [?] to [20 Sept?] [17 left] When she [ceased?] on the 12 Vol by Bisset - [v 13 [?] last] \$1.25

Spent afternoon and evening chiefly at home – to bed 10 pm.

**23 -6** cloudy very cold – Sleighing First Rate – thawing in middle of day in sunny positions –

Paid Grof's[?] Drug Store for cough medicine viz

4 ounces Jacksons Cough syrup

3 ounces syrup [?]

1 ounce [?] .75

Wrote to Grant [?] Esq., Attorney at Law [?] in [?] on \$5 fee due me by [name] of said village.

Evening at home and to bed 9 ½.

**24-7** cloudy all day not very cold – fine sleighing

I paid Christen Evy for 3 qts oysters \$2.25

Mrs. Mary S. Beatty, her daughter Nelly, and [Master?] Beatty took Christmas dinner with us at 3 pm, and spent evening except [Master] Beatty who went to Carlisle at 4 pm – our son Charles came in from New York about 4 pm – considerably to our surprise – we were all very glad to see him of course – he got his dinner – and spent evening in and out – first out to find Mr. [name] – whom he found at Hummels [Saddlery?] Shop – to bed at 9 ½ to 10 pm.

**25 -1** Clear cloudy – softish – sleighs running plentifully – Mrs. Rawn, self and our 3 children all at our church in the morning and all of them there except myself in the afternoon at our celebration of the Anniversary of the Sunday Schools of our [?]. Spent evening at home – except the children - all to bed at 9 ½ pm.

**Dec 26 -2** cloudy soft all day. Thawing considerably but sleighs still going. I have remained at home – chilly all day

Wrote letter to General Simon Cameron [kept?] copy on subject of a fee of \$50 which he owes me now as he has assisted to [slaughter?] me. He did not do what he was bound to do save me from the [wreck?] of Clement and Charlton [?] - also mailed letter [?] to George Bergner, Esq. [kept] copy on the subject of the change of the Enrollment Board.

[Next sections partially covered]

**28 – 4** [Last Paragraph]

I was on [outs?] the whole of the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. last – Major [?] says the government pays a man for the day he begins but not for the last day or the day he quits. I am well satisfied I am out of the [?] but at the same time hold Cameron & Bergner...

<b>Dec 28-4</b>	[?] Mrs Rawn at market [?] 1 lb butter	.55
	1 veal cutlet 15 1 lb scrapple 10 celery 10	.35
	½ peck apples 25 bread 10 4 qts salt 30	.65
	I paid 3/8 lbs macaronis 20 – mending pair shoes for our girl Mary 25	.45
		\$2.00

Spent evening at home and to bed 9 to 10

**29-5** Clear cloudy mildish - snow nearly all gone

Yesterday I paid Adam K [name] a certain special income tax for [1863?] \$4.70

There is an error in the tax of [?] [?] against me resulting from the error of the [?] [?] in making his return to the collection [James?] took which is to be corrected as my next payment of US taxes per agreement Valentine Hummel Jr. in said office who told me if I would pay it now as it had been returned to [name] – to Washington [and hence they would not charge the [?] now] it should be corrected as above. The [?] [?] had added to my income one half of the same thus making my said tax ½ more than it should be.



Mrs. Rawn Daughter Fanny self called at her Father's [name] in the afternoon on Mulberry Street to see Mrs. Agnes [name] – also Mr [name] called at Mr. Smith's. Spent evening at home and to bed 9 ½.

**30-6** clear fine hard frozen in morning but not very cold – I walked between 10 and 11 am and called on one [?] in next alley whose Father in Law wanted to buy some of my [State Street?] property.

Paid Samuel A. Hummel bill for [saddler?] mending and in full \$21.76

Paid at Grof's for ½ dozen bottles "Hypophosphites of Lime Soda" 5.00

I walked round between 2 ½ and 4 pm going on the [Reading?] [Rt?] North towards the ponds to see where the girls were skating – evening at home and to bed 9 ½ to 10 pm.

**31-7** snowing at getting up time and continued an hour or two – made an inch or more on the ground – cloudy through day.

Rec'd letter from [General?] Simon Cameron - Present? [?] in reply to mine of 26 [?]

Enclosing me check for [?] \$50.00

Deposited in Dauphin Deposit Bank \$95.00

Rec'd of Mrs Fanny Hyatts on a/c of Rent \$11.00

This leaves her due yet in this years rent to pay up to the first April next the sum of Seven [\$7] Dollars.

I met Board of Trustees of our church in evening at NB [Warford?] not a good sum present.

Only Warford[?] Burnett and self.

Mrs. Rawn at market this morning. [paid?] veal and liver 80	2 lbs butter 1.00	\$1.80
½ peck apples 25	celery 15	bread 15
2 heads cabbage 8	2 qts buttermilk 10	.73
4 lbs brown sugar -----		<u>1.00</u>
		\$3.83

Home from Warford's[?] 8 ½ and to bed 9 ¾ pm