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The Journal of Charles Rawn

June 1 to July 10, 1839 and July 20 to August 3, 1839 (Book 10)

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Charles C. P. Rawn would have been thirty-six or thirty-seven years old at the time of these journal entries. He had been married for seven years to Frances Peacock Clendenin. She would have been about age twenty-four or twenty-five. By this time in their marriage they had lost two children: the first was stillborn in 1834, the second was Elizabeth, born 1835 and died 1838. Their third child, Charles C. Rawn Jr. was born in 1837 and would be about two years old at the time of these writings. Their fourth child was born in 1840 and only lived two years. So, in 1839 Frances Rawn had a two-year old boy and she may have been expecting Charles Jr. at this time.

He writes about being at church with Frances on Sundays. Otherwise, there are only a few references to family activities, at least in this sampling. One time he writes about a carriage ride he took for a couple of hours with wife and son. Some evenings he does mention meeting his wife and/or her mother (Mrs. C, as he refers to her) and attending parties at Peacock's and visits to Duncan's Island. He often had no desire to go to these parties and greatly disdained dancing- instead he would talk to the ladies or leave. It is curious that he spends every evening in his office. Only once, did I see an entry that said he went home to dinner. Otherwise, Charles Sr. didn't seem to be around the house too much. He writes about his garden and the weather, and of course his business dealings, more than his family.

Some of the more interesting entries were made during a trip he made to Bedford Springs from July 22nd to August 3rd. His wife does not accompany him and the trip seems to be for pleasure not business. I believe his mother-in-law (Mrs.C) goes along or joins him at some point along the journey. He describes the towns they pass through; Mifflin, Lewistown, Waynesburg, Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg, among them. He comments on the scenery at times, hiking to the summit of the Allegheny Mountains, and other jaunts. There is also a record of the rules and regulations of the Springs, including costs for use of waters, and cold or hot baths. And, as always, every entry starts with a brief weather report.

He is obsessive at recording how much time he spends doing anything or what time he does it- including when he gets up in the morning and retires at night, how long and far he walks, how many hours and minutes that he spends with colleagues. He is quite the “name-dropper” as well, naming everyone he comes in contact with each day. President Van Buren passes through town on his way to New York. Rawn rubs elbows with all the VIPs and the president is no exception.

He was described as being devout, if not saintly. Yes, I would agree with that conjecture, based on the very small sample that I have researched. I think that what was written about him by one of his peers after his death is very accurate: “... Possessed of considerable ability, of great energy of character, and indefatigable in attention to his professional business. He was fluent in speech, and in controversy was the last to yield. He was about six feet high and of good address.”

In the three months of the journal that I have been looking at, most is incredibly mundane, yet detailed. The way that he kept track of his financial dealings, whether it be

those of his law practice, or what he spends on marketing and other services. on a daily basis, and for so many years is inexhaustible. Rawn's journals are indeed a valuable resource for local historians.

Please note that the format of the transcriptions follows that of Rawn himself. I felt it was important to try to duplicate everything as closely as possible. The sentence breaks are his, the single or double underlining, abbreviations, and punctuation, mimic his as much as possible, and are exactly as he wrote them.

June 1st 1839 Saturday

1 7 ~ in and about the market house this morning. Mr. Burns his wife called to see us at 12 1/2 P.M. ~ he has been cashier of the Lebanon and afterwards of the Lewistown Banks, and is now ab^l going to Burlington to act as cashier of a new Bank in that place. [Pas] newspaper 3 cts. Began 6 1/4 Sunday 3 1/4 cts. AMT 12 1/2 cts. ~ was at Shunks from 8 to 9 1/2 p.m. where I met Gov. Porter. Ex. Gov. Findlay. Speaker Hopkins [?] ~ home to bed 10 p.m.

2 1 Clear~ Pleasant. Was at our Church morning Ev^s & at Epis. Ch. With Frances in afternoon at 4 p.m. ~ Frances mother with me in morning Walter[?] in Ev^s ~ were disturbed In Ev^s by cry of fire which proved a false alarm Nearly every person women & all foolishly left the Church,~ Several Ret^d Services proceeded~ home To bed at 10 p.m.

3 2 Clear~ Pleasant~ walked 3 miles before breakfast & before 6 a.m.! ^{Pd} for oranges

13 1/2 cts Had Court today for special purposes U. L. Dragoons uniformed [Equipped] Came Through town from Carlisle Barracks [?-incing] to Encampment near Trenton. Spent all Ev^g principally at my office~ to bed 10 p.m.

4 3 Rain, principally all day Coolish- Fire in my office Rec^d of Jacob Eghrgott for the heirs of James Trimble dec^d the Bal. of Rent in full~ due by him being \$52:64 (v Ante April 8.) present John Rothrock for whom I wrote a Prom. Note from Said Ehrgott at 90 dgs for \$50, and understood lent to said Ehrgott to pay said rent.~^{pd} Jacob Dorstine in fall for ladding My Daughter Elizabeth; gave 50 cts.~^{pd} for [?] 12 1/2 cts. Rec^d of [Mo. Mevily] [?] of my Colleague Mo. Roberts FEE\$5. For counsel in relation to a difficulty he has had With P. Barnheisel, Contractor building a house for Him. Paid for oil 37 1/2 cts. Bartholomew Curry (client) at my office, morning & Evening. Rec^d from him FEE\$6 fine being additional fee on acct. in suit No. 21, aug. T. 1837 Dau. C. H. (? May 26/38) & \$1 being for a power of atty [?...] written for him to him from P.&M. Giblin^d Co ab^t [fee37 al. Por. Re. Rd. Ret^d -----]~ to bed 10 P.M.

5 4 June 5th 1839 Wednesday Rain all night last night and till 2 or 3 P.M. today, Rec^d letter from Mrs. Lucy Dow New HavenCt. May 23/39 by hands of Dr. J.N. Hetzel,~^{pd}for 1lb ofButter got by Mother C. in market this morning 25cts. Handed Frances for milk [?] 10cts. Paid at McElwayStore for 2 1/2 lbs Sugar 25cts.- 2 lbs, 7 oz Cheese, 33 1/2 Amt. 93 1/2 Paid Thomas Weaver [?] for Weaver and Read out \$227.02 Debt amt rec. od plttf Cochran 1st of last month 143..95 ([?]H^g Sav^g Inst.) being the Balance in full due said firm (after deducting my FEE) of said firms claims against [?]

McCord on which I first obtained judgt against Said McCord in [?] to April T. 1837 no 25. – subsequently [^?] 6 april T. 1839 of said Mc Cord and bail on a note taken for the amt_of said original Judg^t on the 6th Jany 1838 & Retained amt [?] \$227.02 rec^d as afore said the surplus over and above said \$142.95 being as My FEE \$4:07 which includes my atty^s fee or \$4 ins^d original judgt 25 apl. T. 37 and \$3.49 1/2 [?] \$2.41 1/2 and [?] \$1.08~ Episcopalians have a Fair com^d today in Court House,~ spent evening in my office where Mr. Weaver remained till 9 1/2 p.m. mother C. Frances separately at fair~ to bed 10 1/2 p.m.

6 5 Clear Cloudy and windy~ wrote to Editors of the Saturday Courier to Send their paper to Gen W^m Piper Hopewell P.O. Bedford Co pdPOS 12 1/2 – spent day at my office Evening & to bed at 10 p.m.

7 6 Clear- Cloudy- Pleasant~ ^{pd} for 3lbs butter 56 1/4 for 3 1/2 doz Eggs 47 for sundries (including Toll at Harrisburg Bridge over which I walked nearly and on which I bought Eggs 5cts. Amount-\$1:08 1/4 Rec^d of M. Mevily on acct. FEE 45.00 ([?]) Handed same amt to my colleague Jn. Roberts Esqr. having rec^d of Mevily \$10 for both pres.~ spent day at my office in Evening with to Large Party with my wife at Atty Gen^{ls} O. F. Johnson Esqr.~ home to bed 11p.m.

8 7 Clear~Warm~ wrote to A.L.E. Roberts Druggists Phil^a Kept copy on subject of my letter to them of 27 April last... Also wrote to L.B. Christ Esqr

Lewisburg Union Co. Pa. & kept copy on subject of his Rec^d 27 Mrch last. ^{pd} [?] Wise
Const. 25 cts for serving notice on J.A. Fisher Esqr. in 47 Aug T. 1837 to ap^r [?] Ct.~ sp^t
Ev^g of. To bed 10 p.m.

9 1 Clear, Cloudy~ Rain from 11 a.m. to noon & after. Was at our church
afternoon Ev^g – Clergyman of the “associate Presbyterian church” preached- mother
with me in afternoon Frances in Evening~ I was not at church in morning- Indisposed~ to
bed 10 p.m.

June 10th 1839 Monday

10 2 Clear~Pleasant~ ^{pd} for sundries inclu ding newspaper~ Pos. 12 1/2 cts.
Handed Frances for peas 12 1/2 Paid Englishman for Razor Hone 25 cts.~ amount 50 cts.
Paid W^m Boyde \$45.65 Bal. In full of Harpers Rent Rec^d by me 3rd & 13th April last after
retaining out Of said monies then rec^d FEE \$12:00 in full for My com^{ns} at 15 per Cent on
\$ 80 the years Rent of Harper From Apl 1/38 to April 1/39~ including all my services af^t
Said years rental. (v. Receipt Book for Boyds Receipt) Wrote to A. Steel care of J B.
Ellison S.E. Cor. [?] Market St. Phil^a on subject of Bombazine for pants Court of Law
Pos. 12 1/2 cts.~ Handed Frances 50cts. To pay Hannah Kelly for 2 days washing today
this day week~ Paid Dennis Sullivan (on special order from L.C. Atkinson Proprietor of
Sat^y Ev^g Post. \$6:80 out of \$8 subscriptions to [?] paper in my hands. Retaining out of S^d
\$8 at rate of 15 per ct being FEE \$1:20 (v. acct. Book of Subscriptions) Bot. Of Mo
Learing 2 1/2 cords of mixed seasoned Wood for \$10 to be accounted for in our Set-

Tlement. (del^d this day) (v. 28 last mo.)~ Spent day Ev^s at my office~ messor Flenicken.
HopKins- Fingas of H of Rep. Seated with me As of soon in Ev^s ~ To bed at 10 p.m.

11 3 Clear~ Warm~ Pleasant handed Frances 22 1/2 cts.-^{pd} Dutchman for
throwing 2 1/2 cords Of wood into Cellar 35- Handed Frances for 5 lbs Of sugar 50 cts. 5
cts.gave Mo Thomas yesterday when Done hauling my wood~ Amt 4 Items \$ 1.12 1/2
cts. ^{pd} Jacob Wentz Jr. Col. \$11.88 my school tax in south ward for 1839, also ^{pd} same
\$5:18 school tax for same ward same year on [?]ister property.~ also paid same
\$10'18, School tax for same ward same year on five properties of Frimbles Heirs, &
Drew CK on H^g Sav^s Ins^t fav. of said Wentz for aggregate of said Taxes \$27'24 (v. ante
20th last mo. For county and Borough tax on same properties & my R Book
Rec^d letter from John e Newbeker Powels Creek (subject June 8th 1839 & paid Pos. 6 1/4
cts.~ was at the Capital this morning with F.R. Shunks [?] & Miss Findlay, latter of
baltimore, Rec^d of W^m A Baker FEE \$3:50 in full (v. 24 last mo) for making deed from
Him to his mother Sister, Mary Magdalene Cath^e Baker, Which deed he [?] this Ev^s
before Judge M. M^cKinney who with Myself witnessed it.~ Frances her brother Mc Jos.
At a Party at a Peacocks to which I had no desire To go~ spent Ev^s at office To bed 9 1/2
p.m.

June 12th 1839 Wednesday

12 4 Clear Cloudy~ Some little Rain- Family party od peacocks, Mother C. Mc
Jos. To Duncans Island at Heppfords 6 1/4~ Paid Barber doe cutting my hair 12 1/2

amt. Od 3 ferns 75 3/4 ~ Took ride before breakfast 4 or 5 miles by 6 1/2 a.m. on Horse of Mo. Mevily got at Hepfords Inn. Rec^d letter from L.B. Christ Esq^r Lewisburg Un. Co. June 10/39 p^d POS 10 cts in answer to mine To him of first Wrote to Parsey Oakford Esqr 2nd [?]Dock Street Phil^a Kept copy of subject of a letter from Him to Mo W Ryan Esqr of House of Red. Placed in my hands [?] ~. Paid for sundries, sugar, gift, 1 pt spirits for 29 cts. ~ paid Christian Forlney (taylor) \$ 1.50 in full for repairing green cloth coat del^d this Ev^s – spent Even^s at my office To bed at 10 P.M.

13 5 Rain~ Heavy Rain in last night, Clear Cloudy till afternoon ~ Took ride from 11 a.m. till 12 noon, on grey mare belonging to Mo. Meirly got her at Heppfords Inn. Rec^d of Prot Beader in Ekel vs Meirly Nos 54 &55 ap^l T. 1839 \$8.75 Pltffs Bill in latter, \$ 3 [?] Pay in former (not chargeable to debt I think because [?] are paid in latter and not entitled to pay in two suits) out of which Pltffs bill I paid Thomas Forster William Graydon esqr Witnessing \$ 1.00 (v. their Receipts on Copy of Bill of costs) \$ Retained \$ 4.00 paid by me to arbts. [?] last mo. Also 25 cts paid by me for a subpoena in said case 50 cts for serving said subpoena on 4 witnesses which in whole amt. of Pltffs Bill \$5.75, Retained said arbts. Pay in former [^?] as a FEE \$ 3 on acct from Mo. Mevily as I am satisfied he may not be able to pay it And for which I have just given him credit in my “fee book”, Also Rec^d from Prof in said two suits and in Eye for Eye [?] Mevily No. 168 of Same a April T. 1839, by him Credited to my acct. for writs [?] Atty. Wts Legal FEES\$10 In no 168 receiving or being credited with the half of [?]. Fee only as P.C. Sedgwick Esqr is allocated with me therein- also Rec^d from same in Said suit

no. 168, Pltffs Bill of Costs \$14:13 1/2, out of which I paid Thomas Forster and John Unse witnesses \$1.00 (r^d their Receipts on Copy of Said Bill of Costs,) and paid half of Bal. viz \$6:56 3/4 to my Colleague in Said suit P. C. Sedgwick Esqr. (r^d his Receipt on said Copy of said Bill.) & Retained the other half of Said Bal. as FEE \$6:50 3/4 on acct. from our client In said cause,~ Rec^d note from J.R. Hollden Esqr Of H. of Rep. (Present) to send him 2 Books. Walking Dec⁷ And Jacob's Law Dec.⁷~ sent them. Concert of Music in Court house by E.L. Walker and the Nipes Shaw spent Evening at my office to bed 10 P.M.

June 14. 1839 Friday

14 6 Rain all day nearly- handed Frances 10cts- ^{pd} Leonard Briley for splitting Oven wood 6 1/4 cts.~ for paper 6 1/4 for 50 Sugar 40 cts. Amt. 62 1/2~ spent day in my office till 5 1/2 p.m. Went to State Library for 1/2 an hour, was also at Shunk a few minutes 3 1/2 p.m. and conversed with Judge Blythe an hour at his Chamber about 3 p.m.~ spent ev^s at office to bed 9 p.m.

15 7 Clear~ Pleasant~ ^{pd} for marketing [?] \$1.06 1/4 viz for 3lbs butter 56 1/4 cts.- 1 peck Pears 33 3/4,small cheese 6 1/4 cts~ Smear case 4cts~ Salad 2 cts~ Paper Pos [?] 4 Rec^d of M. M^cKinney Esqr amt. of Prin. Mt. Of Jud^t in My favour against James w. Morgan FEE \$5:22 Found on Market Street near Wyeths Drug Store on Crossing from Johnson's Hotel to Wyeths corner a small & Torn wallet[^] with the name Lang Reese written on it inside pocket Book containing a 5\$ note on The Lewistown bank, and a bill dated[^][?]town June

14. 1839 of M. Lewis Hirxthal to John A. Taylor Dr. to a boarding Bill and drink \$21.83" Handed Frances 50cts. For oil to Keltz 37 1/2 cts.~ Paid Peddlar in my office For 1 hundred quills \$1.75 for 6 doz Steel pens 75 cts. spent day Ev^g at my office~ went to Rev. Mr. Kelly's at 9 1/2 p.m. for my wife where there was a small party ~ home & to bed 10 1/4 P.M.

16 1 Clear~ Windy~ Coolish, was at our church morning and afternoon where the Rev. Mr. Sprecher of Luthern Ch. Preached in morning Ev^g and Rev. Mr[?] afternoon, wife Self At the Epis. Church in Ev^g~ to bed 9 1/2 P.M.

17 2 Clear Cool,~ was at State Library, Sup. Court Room Legislature from 10 a.m. till near 12 noon, Paid Elliott M^cCurdy for printing paper Book in case of Price ad[?] of Tilghman vs Fisher No. 47 Aug. T. 1837 Dau C. H. for Sup. Court 18:00 (v. Bill & Receipt)~ Paid Pollack for 4 hundred quills \$4:00 & a peddlar from whom I bought a hundred 15 1/2 inst. For another hundred \$1.28~^{pd} Hannah Kelly for washing 25 cts.~ & Handed Frances 56 1/4 My wife, son self took ride from 5 to 6 p.m. in 1 Horse Tilbury of Chandler Fitch,~ i was at a "Jubilee" Or "Treat" given by U. States Senator Ja^s Buchanan At Nagle's Hotel from 9 to 10 1/3 P.M. The Governor & other officers & Dem. Mem. of Legislator & number of Dem. Citizens of this place & abroad among them Cha^s I. Ingersole present, table set out with Almonds. Raisins, Chant.& Maderia any quantity Several toasts given & speeches made~ Geo Chambers Esqr at my office his son Geo At my office & house~ to bed 11P.M June 18. 1839 tuesday

18 3 Rain~ was this morning engaged by Philip Garman* to attend Am. Reference
be-
tween him and his late partner Jos. Armstrong at 7 Stars Hotel~ Christⁿ Leiber, Jos.
Wallace and Geo Mish referees- attended 9 1/2 or 10 a.m. and Ag^d. to meet 9 a.m.
tomorrow~ Rec^d. of my Said Client Philip Garman FEE \$5.00 on acct. aprov^d.
Handed to Lewis Hunxthal* the wallet pocket Book \$5 note Bill found Saturday last it
appearing Satisfactory that his son Edmond (whom I also saw) lost it on the day I found it
Took the fathers Receiot for same (v. loose Receipts)~ spent Ev^g at office to bed 9 1/2
P.M.

19 4 Clear~ Cool~ Paid for marketing \$1.11 viz 4 3/4 lbs Beef 53~1 1/2 pecks
peas 24 cts.~ 1 doz. Eggs 16 cts- Sundries yesterday and today 18 cts.~ Paid for 2 small
carks* of vinegar containing about 12 Gallons each \$2.09 for 4th Vol. Whartons Reports
\$6.00.~ was at Sup. Ct. Room 12 1/2 P.M. in Legis. Short time home In Ev^g. went to large
Party at Shunks with wife home at 11 P.M. To bed~

20 5 Clear~ Pleasant,~ was at St. Lib.- Sup Court Room~ Leg. this morning
from 10 a.m. to noon, Escorted Mrs. Erpry* od Phil^a. & other ladies from H. of Rep.
Was at Sup. Ct. in afternoon from 3 1/4 to 5 p.m. Took My wife Son & Fanny Kelly
riding with Horse Barouche* from Hale's Livery to A.O. Hiesters 3 miles up River from
6 to 8 P.M.~ Mo.* J or C & M. L.C. went to same place on horseback.~ Paid Hale's
Livery man on my return 10 cts.~ was at Judge Blythe's chamber ab^t. an hour from 8

to 9 P.M.~ he informed me that he this day resigned his Judgeship.~ home to bed 9 1/2 p.m.

21 6 Clear~ Pleasant~ Paid for 1/8 Cuf.* of flour at Catrells 50 cts.~ paid man for Splitting oven wood 6 1/4 cts~ for Sundries 12 1/2 cts. Amt. 68 3/4 cts.

Was at the Capitol at Sup. Ct. room [?] from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from 3 to 5 P.M. Sp^t. Ev^g. office to bed 9 p.m.

22 7 Clear Cloudy~ Paid for marketing \$1.64 viz. 3 1/3 lbs beef 25 cts.~ 3 lbs. Butter 62 1/2 cts. Paid for 10 lbs sugar \$1.00 for Sundries 17 1/2 cts Amt. \$ 1.17

Was at Sup. Ct. first* time in morning

June 22nd 1839 Saturday

22 7 Cont^d~ President Van Buren arrived in town from Washington by way of York at 4 P.M. in his carriage attended By his younger son stopped at Nagles Hotel,~ He was extensively visited in the Ev^g By members, Citizens, ladies~ took my wife Introduced her to him~ I introduced Several gentlemen viz Mr Burke, Cox, Biegler, HolBrook, Pollock, Walker, Weis & others to him,~ wife, MS. C Self at Leslie's after we had been to see Pres^t – I also introduced to Pres^t Mr. Norval other Ed^d Leslie,` home at 9 1/2 P.M.~ to bed 10 1/4 P.M.

23 1 Clear~ Pleasant~ was at Epis. Ch. Morning & afternoon. Pres^t of U.S.
there in morning & great crowd of M attend of course. Frances with me in morning
Mother C in afternoon. Frances at same Ch. In Ev^s With her Brother Sister~ No Church
at other Ch. Any part of today, T. Shunk, J Holdeman Self called on the Pres^t of U.S. at
Naple's at 8 1/2 or 9 P.M.~ home to bed 10 P.M.

24 2 Rain all day from 7 a.m. Pres^t of U.S. left town at 6 1/2 a.m. on his way by
Lebanon Reading Easton to new York~ I saw and shook hands with him again this
morning- all though I bid him Goodbye last Evening. Was at Sup. Ct. from 10 a.m. to 12
1/2 p.m. home to dinner Henry Brubaker of Halifax at my office. (New Client Stated [?]
to me wanted me to go to Prot. Office [?] [?] promised to pay fee in July~ offered to take
his note for Retaining fee which he refused to give and I declined proceeding further~ I
thought that in our half hours conversation I discovered enough to mae me careless of
him as a new client and especially as one on credit. Wrote to A.C. Ramsey Esqr York on
July [?] of Balsley Estate, (v. ante. Sept. 22/37 & May 1/38)~ was at Sup. Ct. All day.~
Paid Hannah Kelly for washing 25cts for Sundries 12 1/2 cts.~ Amt. 37 1/2~ Del^d
to F.A. Raybold Esqr of Phil^a certain papers belonging to Benⁿ Robenson (v. loose
Receipts spent Ev^s at my office, to bed 10 p.m.

June 25th 1839 Tuesday

25 3 Clear~ Pleasant~ was at Sup. Court all day during its Ses. Legislature
adjourned [?]-die this Evening. Handed Frances 50 cts paid for Sundries 5 cts. Geo kelly
on acct for sawing wood 50 cts. Amt \$1:05. Maj Ja^s Emerson who died yesterday buried

this Ev^g Mo^g Clendenin went to priest this morning, W^m Boyd at my office where I was till 9 1/2 or 10 P.M. to bed

26 4 Clear~ Pleasant. Paid for marketing 69 1/4 cts viz 4 1/2 lbs beef 37 1/2 cts.- 1/2 Bus. Peas 18 3/4 cts- cherries 4 qts. 13 cts for Sundries yesterday today including 18 3/4 ct p^d Bellman yesterday for mending Charlie's shoes 22cts was at Sup. Ct. all day during its session~ Mother C. Miss M. bates went to Duncan's Island at 6 or 7 a.m. on Packet Boat to remain a week or so. Rec^d letter from A.C. Ramsey Esqr York June 26/39 p^d POS 6 1/4 cts in answer to mine of 24 [?] Walked on River Bank in Ev^g~ to bed 9 1/3 P.M.

27 5 Clear~ Pleasant. Handed Frances 12 1/2 cts, & 50 cts Amt. 62 1/2~ paid W^m Catrell for 1 barrel wheat flour \$6:25~ Was at Lufs. Cous all day during JS. Rec^d letter fr. J.G. Clarkson Esqr "Phil^a June 26/39" p^d POS. on [?] in Land office Escorted B Bordley Cracofendizer & a gentle man accompanying him by name of Fichter from Washington Co. Maryland to Gov. Porter's Ex. Chamber at Capital & introduce them to him spent Ev^g chiefly in my office to bed at 10 p.m.

29 7 Cloudy, Clear, Cloudy. p^d for Marketing (Sundries last night 12 1/2) 96 cts. Viz 2 lbs butter 40, 1/2 peck heavy 10 cts salad 3, 2 doz Eggs 30 & laundry as afore said,~ Wrote to Edward Olmstead Esqr, City Solicitor Phil^a in answer to letter of J.G. Clarkson Esqr Rec^d 27 [?] Enclosed to him Copy of Patent req^d by ^{sd}Clarkson's letter for

which I P^d at land Office \$1.25 & kept copy of my letter, ~ Rec^d letter from Philip [?].
Powel's Creek Halifax Save Co. June 29/39" by hands of his Son Geo. ~ at Sup. Ct.
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ~ at 3 p.m. took my wife & son In one Horse Barouche from
Hale's Livery to W. Grimsharvis Esqr. ~ returned home at 8 p.m. ~ Spent Evening at home
to bed 9 1/2 P.M.

June 30th 1839 Sunday

30 1 Clear ~ very warm ~ was at church morning & Even^g - Frances with me in
M^g - by self in Ev^g ~ home 9 1/2 and to bed at 10 P.M.

July 1 2 Clear ~ warm ~ R. of Conrad Smaltzried For Heirs of [?] Kimble Dec^d, \$7:50
one quarters rent To this day for house Corner 2nd St. Meadow Lane. ~ Paid Hannah Kelly
25 for washing ~ P^d. For 1 Qt. Peach brandy At Catrells 31 1/4 cts for starch 16 cts. & p^d
for Sundries 21 cts Including newspaper Pos. Saturday last. Amt 93 1/4 cts [?] was at Sup.
Ct. all day during its Sesⁿ. & argued for defts in Error in morning case of Tres^r of Dau.
Co. for use May Humphreys vs Carson Rawn 153 Nov. T. 18837 in Dau C. Pleas. ~ Spent
Ev^g at my office to bed 10 p.m.

2 3 Rain all day from 11 A.M. I took walk ab^t. 2 ms. Before breakfast & by 6
a.m. ~ I was at the Sup. Ct. morning and afternoon du^s its session & in morning argued
for deft. Enor lease of Bale Gilchrist no 125 Aug T 1837 [?] Com Ple ~ Paid for 1/2 lb
blacktea 25 cts. 1/2 lbs Sweet Crackers 7 cts Amt. 32 cts ~ Spent Even^g At my office to
bed at 10 P.M.

3 4 Clear~ very warm. Paid fro Marketing 31 1/4 viz. 1 1/2 doz Eggs 18 3/4
beans [?] 12 1/4~^{Pd} Crum from whom I bo^t vinegar 19 last mo, for Small clark of vinegar
& ab^t 12 Gals 37 1/2 cts Amt \$1.18 3/4~^{Pd}. Geo Kelly bal. in full for sawing 2 cords of
wood \$1.00-(v ante 25th & 28th last mo.) Rec^d. of Christian Meyer for the heirs of Ja^s.
Kimble Dec^d. \$6.00 being one quarters rent to [?] for house on 2nd Street- was at Sup. Ct
all day during its Sessions~ two women were killed on the Rl. Rd. at this place this
morning by being run over by a burden Car from which they had just alighted from Phila.
they were horribly mangled- were strangers without acquaintance- an inquest was held &
they were taken to the poor house for burial. Rec^d. letter from Eli. K. Price Esqr Phil^a.
July 2nd 1839 ~ spent Ev^g. at my office to bed 9 1/3 p.m.

4 5 Clear~ Pleasant~ Sup. Ct. in Session in forenoon till 12 1/2 p.m. did not sit
in afternoon I was at S^d. Ct during its Session Spent afternoon Ev^g. at my office. This is
the only 4th of July for several years that I have not been out with our Democrats. But
could not go for out Court today- 7 hrs dined in Harris Orchard at 12 1/2 p.m. to bed 10
p.m.

July 5th 1839 Friday

5 6 Clear~ Pleasant~ was at Sup. Ct. all day during its Session,~^{Pd} Bill at M.
Clausing Store for sugar, coffee [?] \$ 1.12 1/2,~for Sundries viz Chairing rusk^{pd} for
Mother C. [?] 38 cts. Amt \$1,50 1/2 ~Rec^d of Conrad Fry Jr of gratz Dau Co, new Client,
for his mother Elizabeth \$ family, Retaining FEE \$5. I argued this afternoon in Sup. Ct.

for plttf in Error Price advis^r [?] of Tilghman vs Fisher, no 47 Aug⁷. T. 1837 in Dau. Com, Pleas, At 2 P.M. attended at Kelkins tavern before Judge Green for John Hadley in Mevily vs him no 26 aug^t T. 1839 in Dau. C. Pleas to procure Defendants discharge from a Coping ad vs. on Commonbail- done so, Spent Ev^g. after taking walk 2 or 3 miles at our Ch. Lec. Room at preparatory [?] Meeting.~ To bed 10 P.M.

6 7 Clear~ Pleasant~ p^d for Marketing \$1.25 viz 2 lbs butter 40, beef-33- Small Cheese 20, 2 doz Eggs 25 cts- for peck berries 6 1/4 – Sister Juliann Rawn returned to my house yesterday from Hunting in Newtown Township Del. Co. was at Sup. Ct. this morning during its Session from 10 to 11 a.m. Wrote to Eli K Price Esqr. Phil^a. viz answer to his- Rec^d. 3 in of & Kept copy. Rec^d. of John C. Johnson for Heirs of Ja^s. Kimble dec^d. \$12.50 being 1 quarters Rent tol.inst for House on 2nd St.~spent afternoon Evening principally at my office. To bed 10 P.M.

7 1 Clear~ Pleasant~ was at our church morning afternoon Ev^g. when the Rev Mr. M. Lenley preached 1 hr. DE-Wilt preached morns & afternoon, administer cng^t the Sacrament in af. Assisted by Mr. [?]. ~ to bed 10 p.m.

8 2 Cleaar~ Pleasant~ Rain~ Paid Sundries newspaper Pos. [?] 6 Hannah kelly for washing 25 cts. for 2 qts raspberries 10 cts. For 1 lb sugar 10. Amt 51 cts. Paid Store Bill at Elders \$20.00 being Coat-pants [?] (Black Cashmeret) for self gingham for 2 aprons for Frances.~ Spent day Evening at my office, and to bed at 9 P.M.

9 3 Clear~ Pleasant~ Paid Store Bill at Espys \$5.00 for Self~ being white linen for Coat, 1/2 doz. Pair Stockings Satin to cover Stock- Wrote to Chas^s C. Sullivan Esqr. Butler Pa. on Subject of business Ja^s Trimble's estate. Spent day at my office Ev^g also after walk. Ante Myder called to see us this evening. We have not seen him for more than 1 1/2 years,~ To bed 10 P.M.~ Rain today & Ev^g

20 7 Clear Cloudy very warm~ Paid for [?] gr.veal 2 1/2 lbs.\$1.50 for squashes 6.for Newspaper postage [?] 5cts. amt.\$ 1.61~^{Recd} of Peter Brightbill in no. N^o36 Nov^r. T. 1838 Dau. C further Fee \$3.00 on acct. (v. 24 April last.)~ was at my office all day. Rain in afternoon. Paid Hannah Kelly 20 cts. for washing a few pieces forme~ To bed 10 p.m.

21 1 Clear- very warm was at our Ch. morning Ev^g ~ Mother C. with me in morning Frances in even^g ~ our Pastor Mr. DE~ Witt preaches in The Baptist Church in the afternoon- Some Rain ab^t noon~To bed 10 P.M.

22 2 Clear~ very warm~ up at 5 a.m. wrote on business for G.T. Williams to M. Walker (butcher? Washington City Dist of Col. Kept Copy and Rec'd ofs'dWilliams for Said Service FEE\$1.00~ P^d for paper 10 cts for Segars at Dr.Hoch's 62 1/2 cts. amt 72 1/2 cts. Handed my wife for family puposes while I shall be absent from town \$5.00~ very heavy rain about noon for an hour or so. Mr. Hindle his motherinlaw Mrs. Elizabeth

Foy of Gratztown at my office at 1 P.M.~ at 2 p.m. I got into an omnibus at our door Rode to Canal where I got on board the Packet Boat "Leoa lata." Master J. Hoffman and at 3 P.M. we put off for for Hollidaysburg took tea at 7 P.M. in boat in neighborhood of Duncans Island, between 11 P.M. Midnight- I turned into my birth just-after recrossing the Juniatta at Rope Ferry near Middletown

23 3 Clear~ warm~ I got up at 4 ¼ P.M. when we had just passed the town of Mifflin 49 miles from Harrisburg.~ walked the deck pretty much till breakfast time 7 a.m. when we were about arriving at "Lewistown" 11 miles above Mifflin. The scenery is very interesting all along the [road]. This my first trip up Juniatta navigation. Lewistown appears to be somewhat of a wooden or frame town rather unprepossing in appearance from the Canal. Mifflin I did not get to see except as we looked back on it about a ¼ mile in our Stern appears neater more modern than Lewistown having principally brick buildings. arrived at "Waynesburg" 15 miles from Lewistown, where is some 20 or 30 houses and a brick Church, at 11 ½ A.M.~ dined^(on boat) at 12 ½ P.M. good dinner their Com. pd for 2 Glasses punch 25 cts.- arrived at Huntingdon 40 miles from Lewistown at 6 ½ or 7 P.M.~ met with a gentle- day of mo

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23 3 Cont~ - man who I afterwards understood was a Mr. Kay Ed. of a DEM. Newspaper at place who spoke to me as knowing me & introduced me to a young lawyer of that place by name of Campbell and a Mrs. M. Clanahan who himself on our way

thereto informed he was Hollidaysburg- saw Gov. Porter on horseback at Lock above near near Huntingdon in company with a Mr. Dorrance also on Horseback to whom the Gov. introduced me.~ Gov asked me if Mr. Shunk had gone to Phil. on Sat^d Or Monday last. He informed me that he will be on at Bedford Springs on Monday next.~ supped on boat ab^t 6 or 6 ½ P.M. near below Huntingdon Capt Hoffman, M.Clanahan Self walked about ¾ of a mile round some Locks above H. and the Capt. myself subsequently walked ab^t ¼ miles about 10 P.M.- Turned into my berth about 11 ½ P.M. after all the other passengers had been in bed sometime. I presume I could not have slept over 2 ½ or 3 hours last night none of any account to-day we have but few passengers, not more than 6 or 7 on board~

24 4 Clear~ very warm.~ rough very noisy boating last night in consequence of which I slept very little~ say 2 hours or a little more,-got up at 5 a.m. after having had 2 back calls before that, took breakfast at 6 ½ a.m.~ ^{pd} Capt.Hoffman my fare from Harrisburg to Hollidaysburg 140 miles and 5 meals \$ 8;12 ½ cts. arrived at Hollidaysburg at 7 A.M. Had my trunk carried to Exchange Hotel where I met Gen. Mo. Forster.- Wrote to my wife sent letter by Gen. F. who left for Phil^a at 10 a.m. on Packet Boat.

Commanded by Captⁿ Morton- called to see Mich^l Kelly his wife formerly Ruth Taylor formerly both residents with Jon^a N. Hatch at 11 ½ A.M. saw her promised to call again before I leave the place,- she says they have 3 children have lost one, all boys. Called at United States Hotel by Dougherty where I found a young Mr. Johnson lately of Harrisburg Nephew of Major Johnson lately Inn Keeper at Wash^{ngton} Hotel in that place, tending bar for Dougherty, where I got glass of punch paid 12 1/3 cts. Dined

July 24. 1839 Wednesday

24 4 Cont^d at Exchange Hotel at 12 ½ p.m. and at P.M. laid down in my room No. 13 for a nap and rest~ very Heavy Rain Thunder gust from 3 to 5 P.M.(or later) when the whole of this memorandum from time I left Harrisburg is made [?] Mich^l Klelly called after tea at my lodgings and I went with him to his house where I remained ab^t ½ an hour till ab^t 9 ½ P.M.~ then ret^d to my quarters to bed 10 P.M.

25 5 Clear~ very warm, rose at 5a.m. got breakfast oat ab^t 9 A.M. got into Passenger car to go to Summit of Allegeny mountain 10 ms, got ther near 11 A.M. much pleased with the journey- pd my passage there 50cts. ~ Strolled ab^t at Summit an hour or two, riding to extreme end of it from Hollidaysburg 1 ¼ miles on a coal car & walking back, saw Conversed with an old resider Hunter name Ignatious Adams on Summit,~ returned partly on foot [?] on burden Cars left at 4 P.M. & p^d little girl on the way for 2 small pies 12 ½ cts. P^d for refreshments for self & man who owned burden cars I rode on 18 ¾ cts.~ ret^d to my hotel rested on my bed for one hour~ got supper,~ Mr. Williams formerly apothecary of Harrisburg now living in this place called after tea and we talked till a few minutes ago, till 9 ¾ P.M.~ I met him today as I went to Summit coming from beyond it,~ The Summit is ab^t 1400 feet above Hollidaysburg 1200 above Johnston, and it is ab^t 1 ¼ miles from one Public House on the Summit to the other-bed 10pm.

12 6 Clear~ warm~ Fine air,~ p^d Bill at Exchange Hotel Hollidaysburg since wednesday morning 5 meals having missed my dinner there yesterday \$2:25 cts. p^d Black

fellow at S^d Hotel 25cnt. ^{pd} My Fare in coach of Mr. Piper from Hollidaysburg to Bedford
[?] 33 ms, \$3.00 Mr Orbison Lester of Huntingdon also passenger left at 7 ½ A.M.
arrived at Buckstown 20 miles over an abominably bad road at 1 ½ P.M. Stp^d
for refreshments for driver Orbison Self 18 3/4³/₄ we dined & p^d for dinner each. I laid
down awhile during dinner making ready. we left at 3 ½ P.M. & arrived in Bedford 6
P.M.- Took omnibus & arrived at Bedford springs 1 ½ or 2 miles from Bedford Town at
6 ½ P.M.

July 26.1939 Friday

26 6 Cont^d- ^{pd} boy on way from Buckstown to Bedford who handed us water into
coach 16 ¼ cnts. ^{pd} fare in omnibus from Bedfordtown to Springs 50 (dear ride but they
must take while they have a chance,- Besides M.P.C. [G] J. C. my brother in law
sister inlaw who came here last week. I met several others that I know. It is a most
delightful place~ Fine music tolerable dancing place crowded. quartered in no 27 with
Jn Joseph. took tea~ to bed 10 ½ p.m.

27 7 Clear~ warm.~ rose at 5 a.m.- rode into Bedford on very fine horse of Mr.
Landerson got from Dorrace one of our Harrisburg Barbers who has come on with Horse
& Dearbourn in advance of Landerson & others. as [L?] waiter, before breakfast to Post
office Rc'd a highly acceptable letter from my wife dated "Harrisburg July 24/39" Paid
Pos. 12 ½ cts.~ by special favor was furnished by Landlord with a seat at head of table
along side of M.L.C [?] who by the custom of the table having been here before several

other arrivals have as these arrived moved up and up till they are now abt 2/3 of way up long table, ^{pd} according to rules Regulations of Springs here \$2:50 charge for use of waters & cold baths whilst I remain. Those who do not make any payment have to pay 25cts each time for cold bath- those who do pay have never [?] to pay 25cts. for each warm bath. \$ 10 paid entitles a person to a life Jacket for himself family to use of waters Cold baths. ^{pd} ostter when I returned from my ride this morning 6 1/4cts. went into cold bath at noon- walked to top of mountain~ ^{pd} at Bar for Glass of Punch 19 1/2cts Rec'd another letter from my wife dated "Harrisburg July 26/39" ^{pd} Pos 12 1/2 cts. Played checkers in Ev^g with [?] Showers of Harrisburg & a Mr. Wilson a merchant of Baltimore- to bed 11P.M.

28 1 Cloudy~ Clear~ Pleasant. F. Showers of Harrisburg, Hamilton Esqr of Carlisle a third gentleman & Myself rode to town from Springs in Landlords Hack to Presbyterian Church. Rev Mr. Bradberry preached Mr. Boggs of Baltimore Self sung out of same book and in Ev^g at the springs when where the Rev. Mr. Purvianes a young Presbⁿ Clergyman

July 28 1839 Sunday

28 1 Cont^d – preached the same Mr. Boggs who was appointed to lead the Singing requested me to aid him therein. I was obliged to excuse myself from occupying so prominent a place in consequence of indisposition~ ^{pd} for ride in omnibus back from Church to Springs 25 cts. ~ ^{pd} for Glass of lemonade At springs to use in taking medicine

12 1/2 cts. Wrote Letter to my wife at Harrisburg answering both hers Rec^d on Saturday.
Took 3 Dutch Pills at 7 and 1 at 10 1/2 p.m. To bed at 11 p.m.

29 2 Clear~ warm~ Took dose Salts at [?] M. Jos. C. Miss Fanny Wilson left for Harrisburg at 8 1/2 or 9 a.m. Ms. C remaining till I go.~ I took warm bath at 94[?] Staid in ab^t 15 minutes paid 25 cts. Strolled ab^t good deal~ played checkers (chequers) with Mr. Holland, Biographer of M- van Buren Prest. U.S. beat him 2 out of 3 games also Backgammon with F. Showers my first attempt to learn that Game Rec^d introductions, principally by M. C, to various persons.~^{Pd} for Glass punch at the Bar 12 1/2 cts.- left them Dancing in which I do not participate at 10 P.M. To bed.

30 3 Clear~ warm~ Walked 2 or 3 miles before breakfast~ Took warm bath at 11 a.m. 90^o paid 25 cts.~ James peacock daughter Fanny arrived here ab^t 11 A.M. ~ Made various new acquaintances- spent day variously- Dancing as usual in Ev^g in which i did not join~ to bed at 11 1/2 p.m.

31 4 Clear~ very warm~ Hard Rain in last night~ rose at 5 a.m.~ Drank water walked ab^t 2 miles,~ before breakfast rode landlords horse to town & ab^t & back in all at 5 miles before breakfast~^{Pd} Ostler 6 1/4 cts.~rode to town in Hack at 11 A.M. after taking cold bath in Comp^y with ~ Hamilton Esqr of Carlisle. ^{Pd} ride To town back 50 cts.~^{Pd} for 4 mint julips In town for self, Mc Lanadan, Malthew, & Reynolds. At Ottingers~ where I also ^{Pd} Fare for M. S. Clenedin Self from Bedford to Harrisburg for Friday next \$14 being \$7 each 105 miles,~^{Pd} for Glass of punch at bar 12 1/2 cts.~ Spent

Even^g principally looking on in Ball room talking to the ladies~ Gave Pill, [?] Powder last Ev^g to N. P. Orbson~ To bed 11 P.M.

Augt. 1 1839 Thursday

1 5 Clear~ Beautiful~ not so warm & first morning without fog since I have been at the springs.~ walked 4 or 5 miles before break- fast after shaving. – Took Cold bath at 11 A.M. walked to top of mountain ret^d again To top after I had descended 1/4 of way with Mrs. Malter brothers whom I met ascending^{Pd} for 2 Glasses of Punch at bar 25 cts.~ Paid my bill at this place since Friday Ev^g last till after breakfast tomorrow, 6 2/3 dys [?] & 1.00 Hack Hire here to [?] & into Bedford tomorrow \$9.25 prepared to leave in morning- looked on in Ball room & talked with ladies till 10 1/2 P.M. Then to bed—

2 6 Cloudy~ some Rain, misty Foggy~^{Pd} servants at Bedford Springs viz my room boy 50 cts. Stewart at table 25~ Dorrace tender table 25 –Chambermaid 25 cts. Boot Black for one week 50 cts. Amt \$1.75. Left Springs for home at 9 a.m. Rec^d of M. L. C \$7 in full of her passage money Pd by me 31 last mo.- M. L. C. was prevailed were to remain at springs till Tuesday To hear Mr. Peacock Fanny company till that time when they expect to leave for “Bath Springs” In [?]-^{Pd} for maple Sugar in Bedford Town 25 cts. For a barrel of Bedford Water the barrels Frieght to C Lambersburg for F. R. Shunk to Ottinger, the Inn Keeper in Bedford \$4.50 viz for The water \$1,50, barrel \$1.50 Freight- of Lambersburg \$1.50- Met Nancy McCulloh, her 2 children in bed- ford on way in Stage to the west.- Got into stage in bedford at 11 A.M. for Chambersburg, 11

passengers- Dined at Proats 20 miles from Bedford ^{Pd} 56 1/4 for dinner [?] ~ Travelled over hills & mountains till after Midnight-

3 7 Clear~ Pleasant~ arrived in Chambersburg from Bedford at 2 a.m. left at 3 a.m. in Rl Rd Cars for Harrisburg where we arrived ab^t 7 a.m. after my absence since Monday week last found all well, Rec^d letter fr. Rob J. Ross C[?]