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The Journal of Charles Rawn  
February 25 to April 19, 1841 (Book 12)

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### **Introduction**

Charles Rawn's style of writing does not make transcription or interpretation easy. He is stingy with the words within the individual entries and about any particular event he is recording. He rarely writes in complete sentences and provides very little detail information about the various events of the day. He abbreviates constantly, which makes it very difficult to understand what he has written. Sometimes the abbreviations have the final letter or letters of the abbreviated word written in superscript on the page; sometimes they do not. The journal has not revealed any clear pattern for this type of writing.

Rawn also uses Latin terms within his writing, most specifically when identifying dates. When he refers to a date in the previous month, he uses the Latin term "ult" or "ultimo." For a date in the current month, he uses the term "inst." Another term he uses each time he receives or sends a letter is "pd POS" and then an amount of money. This might indicate that he had to pay postage to receive the letter or postage to send the letter. It might also be a reference to a Latin verb indicating a deposit of the money enclosed with the letter. More likely it is a code of his own making to indicate that he received Payment of Service. He almost always capitalizes POS and underlines it--in the 2 ½ months of entries transcribed here there is only one instance where he indicates POS in lower case letters. This parallels his method for indicating when he is paid a fee by a

client: he always capitalizes and underlines FEE and the amount. The difference between POS, if it does indicate payment of service, and FEE, is not clear.

The journal entries follow a pattern which Rawn maintains with regularity. The entry begins with the day of the month followed by the number designating the day of the week (1 =Sunday, 2=Monday, etc.) This portion of the entry is always underlined. The first entry of every left-side page of the open journal begins with the notation “day of the mo Monday day, year day of the week.” If he must split a single day’s entry between two pages, which rarely happens, he makes this notation at the top of the right-side page and continues with that day’s entry.

Each entry begins with single word descriptions of the weather. Most of the entry contains work-related information: who visited him, from whom he received a letter, from whom he received payment, to whom he wrote. He cross-references many of the entries, especially those indicating a receipt of money, with his receipt and bill file. He painstakingly records in detail monetary exchanges. There seems to be a pattern of underlining monetary amounts; sometimes these are a single line and other times they are a double line. The entries also contain detailed information regarding the amount of money he “handed wife” for marketing and how much she spent on each item she bought.

When referring to particular persons he will indicate if the person is involved in a particular lawsuit, often recording the case number and the court where the case is registered. Sometimes he will indicate both the defendant and the plaintiff, but rarely does he indicate the nature of the case.

Rawn is careful to record whether he walked on a particular day, how far and with whom. During the time period covered in this transcription, he walked approximately 50

miles. He more often walks with others than he walks alone. When he walked with a man, he always recorded the full name of his walking partner and also his title, if he was an attorney. These walking partners are obviously more than simply acquaintances since he tends to walk with the same two or three gentlemen consistently. Although they were most likely his friends, he never refers to them simply by their first name. When he walks with his wife, he indicates that by writing "walked with wife." He ends each entry with how he spent his evening and what time he went to bed.

Within the entries he constantly names names. He refers to men by their first and last name, and often will include the man's title. Sometime he will identify a gentleman by his occupation as well. He refers to some women by their full name. He always identifies his hired men and colored girl by occupation. Interestingly, he never refers to his wife by name, only as "wife." In the section transcribed, he does not refer to her by name even once. He also abbreviates first names quite often.

Almost all of Rawn's recorded activities for the day center on his work. He indicates when he goes to court or when he visits someone to collect rent. On Sundays, however, Charles abstains from work related activities--at least he doesn't provide any written record of working on Sundays. Each Sunday he attends church in the morning with Mother C (his mother-in-law) and in the evening with wife and sometimes with her sister or other female friends of the family. For almost every entry on a Sunday, he indicates who spoke during each service.

Rawn attended several different churches. He probably attended the Presbyterian church regularly, referring to it as "my church," and he has several entries throughout the journal recording when he paid his pew rent to the Presbyterian Church. Sometimes on

Sunday he attends “his” church and sometimes he indicates his attendance at the Methodist or the Lutheran church.

I have been careful to record the words of Charles as he wrote the entries. However, for the benefit of the reader, I have taken the following liberties in displaying the text:

- Punctuation has been inserted to separate run-on thoughts.
- When he has abbreviated a word or a name and superscripted the last letter(s) I have indicated that by placing a hyphen in the word.
- When words are abbreviated and might not be clear, I have placed my interpretation of the abbreviation in brackets.
- Any parentheses around text are a duplication of his entry punctuation.
- Parentheses around a question mark indicate my inability to decipher his writing.

### **The Journal**

20 its pair at auction in Harrisburg Lkt 3/39 Book XII [This notation is written on the inside front cover of the journal near the spine in a handwriting different from that of Charles Rawn]

February 25, 1842 Thursday

25 5 Clear & Coldish Soft. Went to the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock (noon) with my wife – remained till 2 PM. Spent afternoon in office. Paid J.G. Jauss \$11.44 in full of all demands by Ck. on the H-g. Sav-g Jot to his order for Stoves Piper Tinnery etc (receipt

Book and his Bills among loose receipts). Went to the Courthouse at 7 PM with my wife Sister to "Young Ladies Fair" for purchasing Scientific apparatus for their Seminary conducted by Mrs. Kingsford. Paid admission for three 37 ½ and for two Glasses Jelly 50 cts Amt 87 ½ cts. I am opposed on principle and expediency both and perhaps on grounds of religion as well as morality, to all Such modes of obtaining money no matter for what purposes and especially for religious or church purposes, and went against my private wishes & opinions merely to attend my wife and Sister. I left them there after myself staying abt 15 minutes intending to return for them but they left abt 8 just as I was going for them. Mr & Mrs Harford at my house this evening at 7 ½ to 8 PM - also opposed as they say to Fair. To bed 10 PM.

Feb 26 1841 Friday

26 6 Clear & mild. Deposited in the H. Sav Inst \$115 Paid for Lemongs Gegas Yester & Today 20 cts. I was at the Senate Chamber half an hour or more abt 1 PM. P-d Fred-k Shellehamer through his brother Christ on order directed to Rot. Will on file in office with Bill of Costs in case \$18 Balance in full due s-d [said] Fred-k as recd by me in suit against Jacob Letzel no 56 Jan 7 41 DGP out of \$25.50 recd 16 inst & ret-d surplus being \$7.50 as fee which with \$1 too little paid by deft (?) to be pd me. Makes FEE \$8.50 (v. Recpt Book v 21 Dec last when he pd me \$1 on a/c of Retaining fee and gave me a note for \$3 by the (?) thereafter of \$5 if not then paid) Spent ev-g in my office to bed or rather up stairs but did not get in bed till 2 hours after Midnight. My Son Charles being very unwell with cold & Fever and did not get to sleep any till about 4 hours after midnight. Dr. Rutherford has been tending him 2 days.

27 7 Clear & Cloudy & Clear I did not get up till about 9 ½ AM. Handed my wife to buy marketing \$1.00. My son was very unwell all day. Some better this evening. Rec-d letter from Lt. Harwood Cooperstown Otsego Co. New York pd. POS 18 ¾ Wrote in reply & kept copy. Wrote in reply to his letter rec-d 8 inst to J.W. Benedict No 72 Cedar Street New York sending his copy of defts. Interrogations in case of Carter Co Muncey 31 Ap-1 7 41 Dau C Pleas, informing him of rule to choose (?) culling for (?) In and a fee of \$10 or \$15 and whether we will want a commission. Also wrote to Henry W Brinton Thron Del Co in reply to his letter recd 24 inst and kept copy. Spent ev-g in my office (?) 10 PM.

28 1 Clear & moderate. I was at our church morning and evening. My wife along in evening. Son Charles very much indisposed still. To bed at 10 PM.

March 1-2 Clear & Mild. Handed my wife for oil c 50 & p-d for sundries 12 ½ Amt 62 ½ cts Rc-d of Shff [Sheriff] Fox in Ex 11o 11 Jan 7 1841 Dau Com Pleas Price (?) Jr of Lilghman & Fisher \$259.11 viz Deb & amt \$215.15, costs pd by Plff [plaintiff] on Apl [appeal] from award of astr \$15.08 Plffs Bill \$24.88 Atty amount & Legal FEE \$4. Spent day chiefly in my office took walk at 4 PM with John H Beryhill Esq. Spent evening in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

2 3 Clear & Mild. Spent day chiefly in office. Walked 2 miles or more abt 10 AM (?). At Capital short time abt 12 ½ PM. More notes to Geo W. Layng Esq. Print & Kept copy and to Wm Parkhill present (?), Spent Evg in my office and to bed at 10PM.

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day of mo March 3, 1841 Wednesday

3 4 Clear & Mild. Pd for marketing etc \$1.68 <sup>¾</sup> including oyster for Son Charles Money handed wife and toll pd for wife Self this Evg walking over and back on RI Rd Bridge. Pd in (?) amt (?) in head for Cabbages & 12 ½ doz for Eggs. H. Brinton Esq of West Chester Charter Co at office this morning & evening. I paid visit with him at the Shunks abt 9 PM for 15 minutes. Wifes Shunk not at home. Judge Jenkin of Perry Co Mr Anderson of the Rep from that co in my office about 9 ½ PM To bed at 10 PM.

4 5 Clear & Mild. Took walk a mile or two abt 10 ½ Am. Was an hour or two morning & afternoon in the Dem 4<sup>th</sup> Mar (on the Court House). A first cousin of mine, son of Uncle Lauel Rawn dec-d [deceased] in my office this morning & took tea with me this evening. He is a tinner, lives in Milton in North Co aged abt 35. I was at the State Cap Gazette office with him and introduced him to the Editors & to Mr. Toby (?) who was there. Home 9 PM to bed 10.

5 6 Clear & coldish. Mr. Briggs Esq & self took walk a mile or two abt 9 AM. Was in the 4 Mch Con as spectator a couple of hours or more till it adjourned sine die abt 12 noon. Paid for Sundries (?) Rawn (?yesterday) self at Wilson's hotel 12 ½ cts he &

myself called on Mr. Shunk at his office at 4 PM and took tea with him at 6 ½ PM after which we went to Gleim's Hotel to ? a presentation of "Yankee character" by the celebrated "Hill" where we pd 50 each and came out at conclusion at 9 ½ PM. Then went to Greenlys Oyster Celler where we got oysters & for which we insisted on paying then went to Maples Hotel where I staid & talked with him till abt 10 ½ PM. Eliz-th Shunk & myself called in at Mr. Layng at 6 PM to see sick child of his. Home at 10 ½ to bed 11 PM.

6 7 Snow com-d [commenced] before day. Cont-d snowing hailing or sleeting till near night and fell 3 or 4 inches dep. Handed my wife today marketing & oil \$1.00. Drew chk on The St-s Sav-g Inst in favor of self for \$40 paid Jonah Gresimer (my Phil-a Taylor) \$19.75 in full of all demands, by paying his draft on me for that sum at the H Bank this day (vide my loose receipts for bill and draft). Remained in my office principally all day except that I was at the capitol for an hour about 12 (Noon). Spent evg in my office and to bed 10 PM Attended Lecutre of Dr. Durben at the Methodist Church from 7 to 9 PM with my wife to "Fannering & Mechanics Libs As". To bed at 10 PM.

7 1 Slush. Some rain, hail, snow. I was at the Meth Ch in morning. Professor McClintock preaching & also in Evg latter time with my wife and her sister. Dr. Durben preaching. I paid to their collection 25 cts. Home at 9 & to bed 10 M.

8 2 Cloudy Slushy Coolish. I was engaged as counsel for peff? With R.C. Fedgwick Esq in suit of Myles for Sedgworth in Burg No 13 Ap 7 '41 from 10 to noon from 2 to 4 PM. Wrote to Jn-o Henson Phil-a in reply to his rec-d 6 last mo which I com-d 2 inst &

sent it with copies of Deps in his suit vs Hunt by G W Layng. Not-d [notified] him that I had rec-d money in case vs. Gambey.

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9 3 Clear and Coldish. Note to Gen Adam Diller Lancaster City on subject of claim of Jn-o G Jauss for work done at arsenal. Diller being Adt Genl of Penn was engaged from 3 to 7 PM in same cause as yesterday when we concluded it. Spent evg in my office. Hon Jn Galbraith in for an hour or more. Introduced him Mr. H. Eulock one of the Editors of State Capitol Gazette. To bed 10 PM.

10 4 Snow and wet slush all day. For marketing including 12 cts to wife 82 cts viz for 2 lbs butter 32 cts 3 qts hominy, one of them for Peggy Kelly who asked me for money to buy it. 18 ¾ cts 1 peck apples 18 ¾ to wife 12. Whig Con to nom Gov met in Courthouse morn-g Hon Jn-o Banks. I attended its session as a spectator a short time morning & afternoon and in the evening from 7 to 9 PM. Heard Senator Pearson remark of Gov Porter as follows “with me has never risen to the dignity of being hated and I have even despised him with moderation.” Returned to my office about 9 PM at which time C in adjd line die (?). To bed at 10 ½ PM

11 5 Clear & mild & very wet under foot. Recd letter from J W Benedict Esq “New York 9 inst” enclosing me a FEE \$15 in Carter & Co vs. Murray No 31 Ap-1 7 '41 Dau Co Pleas, in answer to mine of 27<sup>th</sup> ulternv p-d POS 37 ½ cts. Pd. Barber by Wilson's Hotel for cutting my hair 12 ½ cts Wrote to Wm. Wallace MD Washington City

requesting him to send me speeches of Calhoun right & Adams was at capital ½ an hour or more about 12 ½ PM. Spent evening in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

12 6 Snow, Hail & rain all day from about 10 am. I took walk 2 or 3 miles abt 8 ½ am called at Mrs. Elizbth Brenizers at 9 AM where I remained an hour or two settling business for her of her husbands estate and was also there again in the Evg from 7 ½ to 9 PM on same business, settle carpenter bills with J Martin White and Wilson, the former at latter in Evg and White in morning. To bed at 10 PM.

13 7 Clear & Cloudy. Coldish but slushy & windy some sleighs running & snow 6 or 8 inches deep. Handed my wife 50 cts for marketing & Paid Tom Brown 25 cts for cleaning snow out of yard & off of front pavement. Paid Mary Allen, our hired girl \$1.50 being two weeks wages to 9 inst in full (v 2 ??? was at Miss Elizb-th Brenizers from 7 to 9 PM settling accts abt estate of her husband for her. Back to my office at 9 ¼ PM. I settled for her with Rep Wells & Ralph Eddowes to bed 10 PM.

14 1 Clear & Cloudy Windy Cold in Evening. Was at our church in morning with wife and at Methht Ch in Evg with her & her sister where pd collection 25 cts. Abt 11 or 1200 people there. Sermon the final night. Home at 10 PM. Stopd at PO to bid M R goodbye.

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Day of mo March 15, 1841 Monday

15 2 Clear & Cold raw but soft & slushy. Paid for a string of Rock Fish 37 ½ cts. Bot ½ ton of coal. Wilkes barre of Jno-Learing \$2.00 del-d [delivered] this day. Also bot ½ ton Pine Grove Coal of C S Berghous 2 12 ½ (v Bill & Receipt) del-d this day, present Mr Henback when I pd the black fellow who hauled it and del-d me the bill & receipt. Recd letter fr Thos Snyder "Powels Valley Dau Co Mch 4/41 & Pd POS 6 ¼ cts with notice to put in "Reporter" which I had copied & del-d myself at Pap Office for publication tomorrow. Called to see Dr Jacob DeWees at jail where is in a copias for debt at the sale of a firm, to April 7 of own Court. Spent day chiefly in my office and evening also and to bed at 10 PM.

16 3 Snow nearly all day, Was at funeral of young child about 4 mos old of Geo W Layng at 11 AM. Very stormy & snowy. Pd for Sundries buttons silk 25 cts. Took walk 2 or 3 miles about 4 PM. Spent evening in office. To bed 10 PM.

17 4 Clear Coldish Thawing Handed my wife to buy marketing 50 cts. Pd Wm Bell Store Bill in full of all demands \$16.05 (v. B & Recpt) same time recd of him for Wm McClure Esq my colleague & self fee \$10 (Retaining) in Bell v Cumbl Val R Road No 64 Aug-t 7 1840 Dau Com Pleas this is today I pd s-d Bill the Bal by Ck on the H-g Sav-g Inst to his order being \$6.05. Paid Wm McClure Esq \$5 being his half of said ten dollars (V Receipt & Book) and Retd [retained?] my half being FEE 5.00 Recd of Wm McClure Esq my half of \$40 fee sent by Eli K Price to his for us in suit 11o 11o Nov 7 1828 Hurst for Red is Fishing in Dauphin Com Pleas being FEE \$20. Took ride from 11 ½ to 12 ¼ PM on horse of E M Pollock with David Humells saddle & Bundle. Tom

Brown took horse back to stable. I pd Tom Brown 50 cts for cleaning snow from pavement yesterday throwing coal in cellar sawing & splitting wood and later today. Recd letter from Gen Adam Diller "Phi" Mch 15/41 paid POS 12 ½ in answer to mine of 9<sup>th</sup> inst with a dft [draft] in this hands "26.87 ½ Philadelphia March 15, 1841" "Western Bank pay to John G Jauss on order "twenty six dollars 87 ½ cts "Adam Diller" also recd letter from Thos Wallace Washington Mch 15/41 enclosed in envelope marked Hon Davd Strgen. Also recd letter with Enclosures from Francis R Shunk Esq Present Mch 17 see letter for nature of enclosure. Met Miss Eliz-th DePui in the Jt (?) after which walked with her to Brady's store then home where I spent ½ an hour. Invited Jn-o H Briggs Fed-k Boas D Pool Esq Dan-l Boas & Wm J Cochran to take glass of wine with me in honour of Wm Jno Jos Clendenin's marriage which takes place this day in Arkansas according as we have been informed by letter. They attended from 8 to 9 ½ PM when we ate nuts & applies and took a few glasses of wine. To bed at 10 PM.

18 5 Clear & Cloud & Soft. Spent day chiefly in my office. Gave poor woman named Rosanna Kelly whose husband Dudley Kelly, an Irishman, lays sick with pluersy [sic] as she ? in lower end of town, a joul of pork of some 6 lbs. Paid for sundries including change to poor boy & box of Jn Jn vegetable Pills 32 cts. Spent evg in my office. M. Anderson of Perry Co of H of Rep in office. To bed at 10 PM

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day of mo     March 19, 1861 Friday

19 6 Clear & very mild. Walked couple miles or more before 9 AM from which time till 2 hours after midnight I was engaged as Judge of Elections for S. Ward of Borough in Court House. I was elected a School director together with Jacob Leiter for said South Ward. Recd letter & enclosures from Jas G Lewis Jr & Co "Phil-a Mch 18/41" & pd POS 37 ½ wrote in reply and kept copy. Pd for Sundries 10 cts remained as stated at Court House till 2 hours after midnight when we got through with our returns and I got home to bed.

20 7 Clear & mild. Handed my wife \$1.00 to pay marketing & got by her this morning before I was up. Paid John G Jauss \$50. (\$20 thereof by check to his order on the Hg Savg Inst), that is today \$21.75 for the dft recd of Adam Diller 17<sup>th</sup> inst which repays my Pos of 12 ½ cts pd offd Diller's letter and pays me for my services in getting paid dft a FEE \$5.00, the residue of said \$50 being \$28.25. I paid him for Henry Sprigman's note in his favour for \$37 dated Jan 2/41 payable 60 cts after date. Spent evg in my office. To bed 10 PM.

21 1 Clear & mild. Walked 2 or 3 miles before church time between 9 & 10 am. Was at the Methodist Church mg evg MLC with me in Evg. Pd Collection there in Money 25 cts. Rev Mr. Barnes & Rev. Mr. Higgins preached first in mg this last sermon the latter in evg. Home at 8 ½ to bed 9 ½ PM.

22 2 Clear & Mild. Jno Briggs Esq & self walked 2 or 3 miles about 9 AM. Spent day chiefly in my office except that from 2 to 4 AM I attended for Jn-o Mar as Counsel in a

suit against him by David Lingle before Christn Seiler Esq Contd over till Lab next wrote to John Henson, Phila in relation to my letter & copies of depositions sent him by Geo W. saying the 8 inst that I did not hear whether he had recd them, also wrote to Nelson Sharp Dublin Wayne Co Inda & kept copy. Deposited in the St-s Sav-g Inst \$6.87 to wit Adam Dillers Ck (v. 20 inst) spent evening in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

23 3 Very heavy & incessant rain till about 3 PM & clear. Settled all accts with Jn-o Learning & pd him his wood & coal bill \$26.31 and recd from him amt of his note for \$8.02 given me for Balance then due me at date of our settlement April 13 last being estimated by us at \$8.31 and gave him a check on the Hs Sav-g Inst-n for the Bal due him being \$18 payable to this order (v. my loose receipts). Paid Jn-o A. Wier Brother (by ck on the Hs Savg Instn) 441.05 being the costs in case of Brie adv & of the Hon Wm Lilghman Dd [deceased?] v Geo Fisher Esq in Dau Cou Pleas No 47 Augt 7 1837 on test fr fa 11o 5 7 April 7 1841. Spent Evg in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

24 4 Clear & Pleasant. Paid for Marketing \$1.17 viz 2 lbs butter 38 ½, Greens 6 ¼ 2 doz eggs 25 ½ bus cornmeal 31 ¼ Sundries 16 including blank Bonds 11 cts at Byeths. Jos. S. Servis Jr of Phila in my office this morning when we arranged certain business between them and the former engaged me to appear for him in Suit no 94 Ap.l 7 '41 Joseph Hemphill Esq of West Chester Pa in my office an hour or two this afternoon. I went with him to Wilson's Hotel where we took drink & began then to Water Basin to and Genl office to Governor Chamber home. Paid C Fortney \$6.62 ½ (by ck on Hg Savg Instn) Taylor bill in full (v. Bill & recpt). Spent evg in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

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Day of mo March 25 1841 Thursday

25 5 Clear & Pleasant. Was at the Capitol short time abt 11 ½ am. Deld certain papers to J K Finlay Esq at Mr. Shunks. Recd from Thos Wallace 17 inst except Wallace's letter to me that day recd (v. letter file). Recd letter from W B Hieskill, Esq Phila Mch 22/41 and wrote in reply (v. mem on his letter one file) also wrote to Thos Wallace Washington City in answer to his letter referred to above. I was engaged as Counsel for Dr. Jacob DeWees before Judge Bucher on an application for his discharged under 19 Dec of act of 1819 called commonly 'The Bread Act' on Suit to April 7 1841 No Cummins & plffs he was discharged Danulton Ahicks for plff. We were there from 4 to 6 PM. Recd letter from Jno Henson "Phila Mch 24/41" in reply to mine of 22 inst also 8 inst. Recd letter from Sister Juliana Rawn "Edgmont Del Co Pa Mch 21/41" Spent Evg at my office till 9 PM and Mr. Rehrer, Mrs. Brenizer & Mr. Pilkington about houses contd for by JOB in his life time. Then attended by his invitation the wedding of Michl Ehgatt a Young German Client of mine in house of Dr. Verbeke on alley back of Buchler's Hotel. They had been married before I got there. All Germans in attendance had smoking, dancing, waltzing & I came away about 10 ½ PM. Met a number of Germans there I knew. Dr. Verkbeke wife & daughter Andrew Young, Mrs. Shff Fox & others that I knew I danced "Cotillion" and "Straight form" with wife Verbeke. Came away at 10 ½ PM and to bed at 11 PM.

26 6 Clear & Pleasant. Paid for ½ Bus apples 37 ½ and Handed my wife 12 ½ cts amt .50, Paid Young man in silver for a load of Hickory wood abt 7/8 cord \$3.25 Paid John Miller \$4.00 in silver for 1 bshl wheat flour delivered to me 19 inst present Wm Henlak Mr. Jos L Lewis Jr of Phil-a in my office this afternoon (v. 24 inst) Jno Denny & Tho G McCulloh Esq at my house ½ an hour or more about 8 PM. To bed at 9 ½ PM.

27 7 Clear & Pleasant. Pd for Marketing \$2.22 viz cabbage 60 (15 small heads) 10 lbs hard soap 70 cts 6 doz eggs 50 cts 2 lbs butter 37 ½ cts sundries 9 ¼ cts. Recd last Eveng letter from Wm H Douthat “Pattonsburg Va Mch 20/41” (v. 24 July last) Pd POS 18 ¾ cts & wrote in reply this day & kept copy also at same time. Recd letter from Benj St. Brewster Esq “Phil-a: No 7 George St rec-d Mch 23/41, wrote in reply this day & kept copy & pd POS letter Recd 12 ½ cts. Sent Wm Henock in market \$1.00 Attended as counsel for Jno Smull for 9 AM to near noon before Esq Sales in same case as 22 inst. Handed my wife 15 cts Paid Mary Allen (our Cold hired girl) \$1.50 two weeks wages in full to 23 inst (v. 13 inst). Spent evening in my office & to bed 10 PM

28 1 Clear & Pleasant. Cloudy in evening. River very high abt 15 feet above low water mark. I was at our church morning and evening with my wife home at 8 ½ PM. Miss Isabella Grimshaw dined with us today. To bed at 10 ½ PM.

29 2 Cloudy Rain Spent day and evening in my office Recd letter from J W Benedict Esq “New York Mch 27/41” & Pd POS 18 ¾ cts. Stating they had recd comsn

[compensation?] & giving me authority & direction to Discontinue suit against Murray  
31 April '41 Dau Com Pleas. To bed at 9 ½ PM.

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Day of mo March 30 1841 Monday Tuesday

30 3 Clear & Pleasant. Coolish. Spent day chiefly in my office. Was at State library ½  
an hour or more about 11 ½ AM. Recd of Shff Fox 2.62 ½ costs belonging to my client  
Mich-l Ehrgott Galome Ehrgott in prosecutions at Jan 55 last by the former Jacob Ehrgatt  
for a surety of the Peace and by the latter (his wife) against him for an assault and battery.  
\$1.37 ½ is to be credited to Michl on a bal of \$5 due me on a note as FEE \$1.37 ½ and  
the other as a FEE 75 cts on a/c to Mrs. Ehrgott (v. 19 Jan last) Recd of Conrad Mattzried  
for heirs of Jas Trimble Recd \$10 one Ins Rent in full to April 1, 1841. Recd letter from  
Benjm St. Brewster, Esq "Phila Mch 29 1841" and Paid Pos 12 ½ cts in answer to mine  
of 27 inst pd Jn-o Fox for Ihffson \$2.00 for certain services of an extraordinary nature  
rendered by him in procuring a service of the suits on Jno Dougherty in suits Nos 70, 71,  
72 Nov 7 1840 Dau Com Pleas by accepting of his father 62 ½ of the \$2.67 above  
referred to above and his undertaking to hand the other \$2 to his son. Called with my  
wife abt 8 PM at Rev Mr Kelley's. They were not in and we returned. Spent rest of Evg  
in my office & to bed 9 ½ or 10 PM.

31 4 Clear & Coolish. Paid for marketing etc 89 ¼ cts viz 2 lbs butter 37 ½ parsnips 12  
½ Sundries 14 ¼, handed wife 25 cts Paid Mary Allen (our Cold hired girl) \$1.00 in full  
her wages (and 4 cts over) to this Evg when she leaves by mutual consent on all hands (v.

27 inst) Pd Jno Books Esq (in presence of his wife & 4 daughters) \$1.37 ½ costs for protesting at my request Theo Gratz's note for 4164 [scribbles] P.C. Sedgwick Feby 6<sup>th</sup> Bot 6 ¼ lbs Beef Geo Neuer Cred-d to him on a/c 50 cts. Walked this morning before breakfast 2 or 3 miles spent day chiefly in my office. To bed at 10 PM.

[in margin on side of book:] see 5 inst for \$4.06 ¼ Pew rent pd to H. Walter Esq of Presbyterian Church.

April 1 5 Clear & Pleasant. Great deal of moving going on today & yesterday in town. Paid Dr. Wm W. Rutherford \$18.25 in full of his bill for medicine and attendance for & in my family from April 4 1840 to this day (v. bill & Receipt among my loose receipt v. April 4/40) for which \$18.25 I gave him a check in the Sts Sav-g Inst-n. Drew ck on the H-g Sav Inst-n favour self for \$120 & got the money & paid Jacob M Haldeman \$120, in full of one years interest to this day on my mortgage & accompanying bond to Francis R Shunk dated May 1 1838 for \$2000 payable April 1/42 assigned by Shunk May 21/38 to said Haldeman (v. Receipt Book april 1/40). Recd of Geo Heyers for the heirs of Jas Trimble dec-d \$10 being one quarters Rent for house he lives in, in full to this day. Paid Mary Grott Clendenin \$26.00 in full of Interest due to her this day on my two bonds, one dated Mch 12/38 for \$400 at five percent the other dated Oct 1/39 for \$100 at six percent (V. Receipt Book April 1/40), & Recd of her at same time \$32.50 in full of boarding for her from the 1 Jan last to this day at \$2 ½ per week. That is to say Recd from her in cash \$6.50 being the difference between said interest and paid boarding. Spent Evg in my office & to bed 10 M.

2 6 Rain in afternoon. Clear & Pleasant in morning. Wrote to J.W. Benedict Esq New York in answer to his letter Recd 29 ultimo & kept copy also to Jos L Lewis Jr Co Phil-a informing them that the sale of Geo W Layng personal property on their Ex On their Judgt [judgement] by the Shff [Sheriff?] is fixed for Thursday next. The 8 inst also wrote to

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2 6 contd to sister Juliana Rawn and mother letter recd 25 inst. Borrowed & recd of Wm McClure Esq (by ck on the Hg Savg Instn) One hundred & fifty dollars (\$150) payable in thirty days. Miss Mary Peacock & Fanny Kelly took tea with us. Spent day & evg also chiefly in my office & to bed at 10 PM

3 7 Clear & Fine Cool bought 6 ½ lbs beef & 2 ½ veal of Geo Neuer for which he has credit on a/c for prof-l services in my Day book. Pd Tom Brown 75 cts in full for sawing, splitting & piling away the hickory wood bot the 26 ult. Drew ck on the Hg Savg Inst in favour of self for \$400 and got the money Paid Francis R. Shunk \$590 in full of my board (principal & inst) dated May 1 1838 for \$500 with interest from 1 April 1/38 payable 1 inst which makes \$2930 paid him in all on the house. I live in bought of him (v. April 7 & May 1 1838 & April 7 1840 April 1 1839). The bal of the purchase money on said house is [scribbles] to be paid to Jacob M Haldeman when one being April 1/43 and being the amt of mortgage \$2000 on which I paid him the interest on the 1 inst. I met the board of school directors of S Ward of Borough of Harrisburg at 4 PM at Col

Robert's office in pursuance of my late election present Hon Jno C Bucher, Jno Roberts Herman Alriks Jno Houser Esq & self – absent Jacob Seiler. Was afterwards at Mrs. Elizb-th Brenizers half an hour or more – then home to supper & spent evening in my office and to bed at 10 PM (see side not for Jauss Rent).

[side note:] Recd of Chrisn Jauss for sister property on front street \$25 being one quarters rent in full to 1 inst (v. Jan 1/41).

4 1 Rain more or less all day. I was at our church this morning with my wife and in the Ev-g with her and Harriet Grimshaw at the Lutheran church in the evening. The Rev. Wm. Anderson of Boston preached on both occasions. Miss H. Grimshaw supped and remained all night with us. Information of the death of Gen W-m H. Harrison Pres-t of the U States and that he died abt 1 or 2 oclock this morning reached town abt 5 PM. Home at 8 ½ PM from ch. To bed 10 PM.

5 2 Clear & Pleasant. Rec-d of Andrew Young bail of John Reich five dollars (\$5) on acct of quarters rent due the 1 inst for heirs of Ja-s Trimble dec-d for house rented to said Reich. It appears by circular from the Cabinet officers that Pres-t Harrison died yesterday morn 30 minutes before 1 oclock. Wrote per Wm J. Cochran student in my office & signed by him for me to John Bigger, present, & kept copy on subject of slander of Andrew Yong. Paid IT Walters Treas-r of the Presbyterian church \$4.06 ¼ in full of my Pew Rent in said church to 1 inst for half a pew from 1 October last (v. Receipt-dated as of 1 inst in my Rept Book). Paid for Sundries 21 cts. Rec-d of E.P. Hughes by bill

bought on his personal order of Dr. W.A. Dunklee, apothecary (v. Bill & Recpt in my file) FEE \$2.13 on Acct for prof-l services said bill charged to him by Dunklee. Attended meeting in courthouse in relation to death of President Harrison and acted as one of the secretaries, and was appointed on Committee of 13 to report tomorrow Evening meetings of all parties and house crowded. See Newspaper for proceedings after which went to Shunks & home at 10 PM. To bed 10 ½ PM.

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April 6 1841 Tuesday

6 3 Clear & Pleasant. Met committee app-d [appeared] last ev-g at 8 am at W-m Ayres' offices and again at same place at 4PM. Jn-o Houser Esq & self as committee of board of school directors in South Ward visited all the schools in said ward from 9 ¼ to 11 ½ or 11 ¾ AM being 8 schools. Rec-d of Tho-s Snyder \$5 being FEE \$4 and \$1 to pay Penn-a Reporter (which I paid this day, vide Receipt) for advertisement (v. 15 ults). Attended ad-l meeting from last ev-s in the courthouse at 7 PM for ½ an hour and spent rest of Ev-g in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

7 4 Clear & Pleasant. Stores closed from 10 AM business suspended, bells toll'd from 12 noon till 1 PM. Minute guns fired at same time in consequence of death of pres-t Harrison. Bot of Geo Neuer 10 ¼ lbs veal 82 cts for which he has credit on a/c in my Day Book. Rec-d letter from Joseph L. Lewis Jr & Co Phil-a April 5/40 & p-d POS 12 ½ enclosing me a FEE \$20 by ck on the Bank of Penn Twonship [sic] in answer to my letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst and pd fee being on a/c of the business referred to in s-d letter. Rec-d of Jn-o

Philips for the heirs of Ja-s Trimble dec-d \$22.50 being one quarters Rent in advance to the 1 July next for house he lives in. Took walk at 4 PM with my wife & sister in law ½ an hour and afterwards for half an hour with John Briggs, Esq. Spent Evg in office. To bed 9 ½ PM.

8 5 Clear & Pleasant. A black or yellow girl calling herself Eliz-th Henry but known by the name of Isabella Walker more generally as we have discovered today who came to live with us on last Monday morning walked herself off last ev-g carrying with her a pair of David Rawn's stockings a shawl of kits and doubtless other articles not yet known of. Rec-d of Herman Alricks, Esq, my colleague, FEE \$9 on a/c of services in whiteside v Mahon in Dauphin Com Pleas No 12 Augt 1840. Wrote to Alex? Mahon Esq def-t in s-d case Washington City DC & kept copy. Rec-d letter from H.D. Hutman "Phil-a" April 7/41" & p-d POS 12 ½ cts enclosing promisory note in favour of Hutman & Hoge vs. Jn-o E. Forster. Wrote note to Jn-o E. Forster, present, in relation to said claim & kept copy. Was engaged part of the day in sale of Personal Property of George W. Layng ore (?) Ex!! In favour of Jas. L. Lewis Jr & Co in Dau Com Plea to April 7 1841. Said Lewis & Layng in my office after the sale. Walked with Jn-o Briggs Esq 3 miles or more about 5 ¼ to 6 ¼ PM. Spent Ev-g in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

9 6 Clear & Cloudy & Windy. Handed wife 50 cts. Paid for Sundries 12 cts. W-m Boyd at my office. I called with him on Mr. Sullivan of the Senate & Mr. Gilmore state Treas'r in relation to their receipt of money for Trimble's heirs & called with Jn-o Houser

to see Miss Hayes at 4 PM about teaching common school. Spent day and ev-g chiefly in my office. To bed at 9 ½ or 10 PM.

10 7 Cloudy till near noon. Cool & then snow & wet till night. Paid for marketing 52 ½ cts viz 4 doz eggs 40 cts and Greens 12 ½ & bought 7 lbs beef of Geo W. Neuer 56 cts for which he has credit on a/c for professional services in my Day Book. I took ride with W-m Boyd to his Hanover Farm 11 or 12 miles from town in a one

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April 10, 1841 Saturday

10 7 Cont-d... one horse Filbury hired at Fitch's stable for which Mr. Boyd pays if he has not already done it this ev-g. We left town at 8 ½ am & returned at 5 Pm taking dinner with Sam-l Hicks a sub-tenant under Mr. Schaeffer to whom I rented the place which said Sam-l Hicks then & there paid Mr. Boyd \$60 being in advance of half a year's rent to the 10ct next whereon Mr. B allowed him the interest for s-d half year. That is accepted in full of s-d \$60 the sum of \$58.20 but gave Mr. H his receipt for \$60. Spent evening in my office. To bed at 10 PM.

11 1 Clear & Cool. I was at our church morning with mother C and ev-g with my wife. Mr. DeWitt preached discourse in ev-g reference to the death of Pres-t Harrison. Missy Daniel & Gabella Grimshaw dined with us. The former supped and remained after church. To bed at 10 PM.

12 2 Clear & Cold. Snow nearly all day melting in the streets and on the walks almost as fast as it falls. It would have been 6 or 8 inches deep had it not melted as appears by the depth it lies upon the roofs. Handed wife & p-d for Sundries 25 cts. Rec-d letter from Nelson Sharp Dublin Wayne Co Ind-a Ap-l 4/41 in answer to mine 22 last mo. Wrote in reply & kept copy sending him his note as requested by his letter ? W.J. Cochran. Rec-d of Andrew Young for heirs of Ja-s Trimble dec-d \$6.00 on same acct as \$5 on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. Paid James Peacock \$1.00 subscription in advance to "Kendalls Expositor" five numbers of which I have rec-d he having written on to Washington for it at my request. Paid W-m Boyd \$67.09 (for \$12.09 of which I gave him a ck on the H-g Sav-g Inst) being the Bal of rent so far as the same came to my hands from Emanuel Cassell for the Hanover farm for year ending 1 inst after deducting my commissions at 15 pr ct on \$78.93, being FEE \$11.84 that is today Sept 26 Oct 24 and Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. I charge myself with \$45 in cash \$5 in Potatoes and last \$28.93 in Pork am-g to s-d sum of \$78.93 on which my Commissions as a (?) amt to the sum stated. Cassell yet owes \$21.07 of the year's rent at \$100 pr year. Wrote note to Jn-o. E. Forster present & kept copy on same subject as I addressed him 8 inst. Geo W. Rawn of Phil-a took tea with us and spent ev-g till 10 M in DWRs room when he left for Camps Hotel. He leaves in morning for Phil-a. To bed at 10 ¼ PM.

13 3 Clear Cloudy in Ev-g and rain near midnight. Handed my wife 25 cts. Jn-o E. Forster in my office in relation to business of my notes of 8 & 12 inst. Claim merged in (?) Bond and I wrote to my client H D Hutman Phil-a & kept copy on said subject. W.J. Cochran student in my office wrote letter in my name or signed by him for me & kept copy to B. Bordley Crawford Esq. Chambersburg Penn-a enclosing & 10 to him at the

instance of Mary Parker a black girl who came to our office attended by one Harriet Baptiste to get me to do as above stated. Took walk from 4 ½ to 5 ½ PM about 3 or more miles. Went to our church at 7 ½ PM with my wife, it being the meeting of “H-g Presbytery” and a seminar by the Rev. Mr. Spunile. Home at 9 ¼ and to bed at 11 ½ PM.

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Day of mo April 14, 1841 Wednesday

14 4 Snow fell 2 to 4 inches last night but was all carried off today. Coolish today. I was engaged before Arbts [arbitrators?] for Pliff from 10 ½ to 11 ¾ Am in case of the Com-th for Wigton v. Ellis Chandler Caison & Jones no 85, April 7, 1841 Dau Com Pleas. Handed my wife to pay Betsey Nathans for making soap on Monday last that is to refund to mother C who paid in advance it 50 cts. Also handed her 50 cts to pay woman for washing today, named Betsey [blank space]. Took walk ab-t 3 miles from 4 ½ to 5 ½ PM. Spent ev-g at home & in office. To bed 10 PM.

15 5 Clear & Coolish & Pleasant. Jn-o Briggs Esq & self took walk a couple of miles. Rec-d of Sam-l Cassell of the firm of Dunwoodie & Cassell for counsel FEE \$5 pd POS Gray for me cord rak wood bought 30 No last \$3.50.

[This is all then crossed out and he starts the day’s entry again.]

15 5 Clear & Coolish. Pleasant. Took walk 3 miles or thereabout 4 ½ PM. Spent day chiefly in my office. Went with my wife & sister in law at 7 PM to the Lutherean [sic] Church & heard Jn-o Berryhill Esq deliver lecture before Literary association on “Early History of Penn-a”. Home at 9 PM. Rec-d letter from Benj-m H. Brewster, Esq. Phil-a

April 12/41 & pd POS 12 ½ in answer to mine of 27 ult. Wrote in reply & kept copy. To bed at 10 PM.

16 6 Clear & Coolish. Jn-o Briggs Esq & self took walk couple of miles or more at 9 ½ am. Paid Pos Gray \$3.50 for a cord of Oak wood bought of his teamster 30 Nov last. Rec-d of Sam-l Cassell of the late firm of Dunwoodie, Cassell for counsel FEE \$5.00 J-n J Cochran & self walked 3 or 4 miles about 5 to 6 ¼ PM. I had before that walked a mile or so with my wife. Spent evening at home and in my office and to bed at 10 PM.

17 7 Clear & Pleasant. Warmer. Spent day in my office except that from 5 to 6 ¼ PM. I walked about 4 miles. Paid for marketing \$1.00 viz for 2 lbs butter 38 ¾ cts for 4 doz eggs 32 sundries 35 ¼. Bought 6 lbs Beef Geo Neuer 48 cts for which he has credit on acct in my Day Book. Paid Peter Bender (by ck on This-g Sav-g Inst-n \$7.13 for Building oven & finding materials at house of Trimble's heirs now rented to Unt Orth (?) (v. Bill & Recpt). Met Board of School Directors at Jno Roberts office at 7 PM & remained till 8 ½ PM. Present whole board six in number than home and to bed at 10 PM.

18 1 Clear & Pleasant. Was at our church m-g & ev-g with mother C in morning & with my wife & sister-in-law in evening. Mr. De Witt preached his last sermon in it this ev-g as they are going to commence pulling it down this week preparatory to building a new one. His text was in 4 Chap Ezra and verse. I paid collection for purposes of New Church 25 cts. Home at 8 ¾ and to bed at 10 PM.

19 2 Clear & Pleasant. Regular Ter Court commenced. Rec-d letter from Mrs. Eliz-th Fry Gratz Ap-l 17/41 by hands of Fred-k Garner with FEE \$5.00 enclosed asking advice in relation to suit against her for injuries by son of hers to another boy. Wrote in reply per W. J. Cochran my student & sent by Mr. Garner aforesaid Rec-d of Jacob Ravin (old client in a new matter) FEE \$1.50 cash, & his note for selling liquor by less measure than H without license. Jn-o Briggs Esq & self walked 3 or 4 miles from 5 to 6 PM. Handed wife 50 to pay Col-d woman for washing. Spent ev-g in office & to bed 10 PM.

### **Names mentioned**

Ahicks, Danulton

Allen, Mary - Rawn's "Cold" hired girl

Alricks, Herman Esq. - colleague

Anderson - Representative from Perry County

Banks, Hon. Jno - Whig candidate for Governor

Baptiste, Harriet - attended Mary Parker to office for business

Barnes, Rev.

Bell, Wm - store owner

Bend, Peter - built oven

Benedict, J.W.

Berghous, C.S. - seller of Pine Grove coal

Beryhill, John H. Esq.

Boas, Danl

Boas, Fredk K.

Boyd, Wm.

Brenizer, Elizabeth Mrs. - a widow

Brewster, Benj St., Esq. of Philadelphia

Briggs, Jno H., Esq. - his walking partner

Brinton, Henry W., Esq. of West Chester Charter Co

Books, Jno Esq.

Brown, Tom - his hired man

Bucher, Judge

Charles - his son who is ill in February, 1841

Cochran, Wm J. - student

Crawford, B. Bordly Esq. of Chambersburg

DeWees, Jacob

Diller, Adam Gen., Lancaster City - Adjutant General of Pennsylvania

DePui, Elizabeth

Dougherty, Jno

Douthat, Wm H of Pattonsburg VA

Durben, Dr. - preached at Methodist church

Eddowes, Ralpa

Ehrgott, Michl - young German client

Eulock, Mr. H. - Editor of *State Capitol Gazette*

Fedgwick, R.C. Esq.

Findlay, J.K. Esq.

Fisher, Geo Esq.

Forste, Jno E.

Fortney, C.

Fox, Sheriff

Galbraith, John Hon.

Galome, Michl Ehrgott

Gilmore, - State Treasurer

Gratz, Elizth Fry

Gratz, Theo

Gresimer, Joseph - Charles Rawn's Philadelphia tailor

Grimshaw, Isabella

Haldeman, Jacob M. - holds Rawn's mortgage

Harford, Mr. & Mrs.

Haves, Miss - prospective teacher for common school

Hemphill, Joseph Esq.

Henbeck, Mr.

Henlock, Wm.

Henry, Elizabeth a.k.a Isabella Walker – “black” or “yellow” girl

Henson, Jon

Hicks, Saml - subtenant under Mr. Schaeffer

Hieskell, W.B. Esq.

Higgins, Rev.

Hutman, H.D.

Jauss, J.G.

Jenkin Judge of Perry County

Kelly, Dudley - Rosanna's husband who has pleurisy

Kelly, Rosanna - poor woman

Kingsford, Mrs.

Layng, George W. Esq.

Learing, John - seller of Wilkes-Barre coal

Leiter, Jacob

Letzel, Jacob

Lewis, Jas L. of Philadelphia

Lilghman, Hon Wm - deceased

Lingle, David

Mar, Jno

Mattzried, Conrad

McClintock, Professor - preached at Methodist Church

McClure, Wm Esq. - partner on some legal cases

McCulloh, Tho G Esq.

Miller, John - wheat flour salesman

Nathans, Betsy - soap maker

Neuer, Geo - meat salesman

Parker, Mary - black girl

Parkhill, Wm

Peacock, James

Pearson, Senator

Philips, Jno

Pilkington, Mr.

Pool, D. Esq.

Price, Eli K.

Pollock, E.M.

Porter, Gov

Rawn, George of Philadelphia

Rawn, Jacob

Rawn, Juliana - Charles' sister

Rehrer, Mr.

Reun, David

Roberts, Jno

Rutherford, Dr. Wm W. - family doctor

Sales, Esq.

Seiler, Christn Esq.

Servis, Jos S. Jr. of Philadelphia

Sharp, Nelson

Shellehamer, Fred-k

Elizabeth, Shunks - is named separately

Small, Jno

Snyder, Thos

Sprigman, Henry

Spunile, Rev.

Sullivan, Senator

Toby

Trimble, Jas

Verbeke, Dr.

Walker, Isabella a.k.a. Elizabeth Henry - black or yellow girl

Wallace, Wm MD of Washington City

Walter, H. Esq. - person to whom pew rent for Presbyterian Church was paid

Wells Rep.

White J. Martin

Wier, Jno A.

Wilson