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The Journal of Charles Rawn

September 14 to October 15, 1850 (Book 22)

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Introduction

This transcription of the Rawn journal covers a one month period from September 14, 1850 to October 15, 1850.¹ This short time span gives an inside view of a middle-class family and society in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in the middle of the nineteenth century. It showed both the constants and changes of life. Rawn's entries follow basically the same format: weather, shopping with costs, receipt of money and its sources, the law practice, and family and personal time.

It was early fall, and the weather was changing. The entries concerning the weather were generally "Clear ~ fine ~ pleasant," with an increase in such terms as "Cool," "Coolish," "Windy," "Cloudy," "Heavy Rain," "Thunder lightning," "bracing," and then "very hard white frost." On September 26-27, 1850,² the weather was extremely bad with heavy rain, wind, and thunderstorms. On October 10, 1850,³ Rawn had a leaky roof repaired on his house and privy. Rawn did not comment whether the two incidents were connected.

In the middle of the nineteenth century, refrigeration was non-existent and food shopping was a daily occurrence. The meticulous entries showed the groceries purchased and the prices paid. With the changing of the seasons and the coming of fall, Rawn

¹Charles C. Rawn, Book 22: From September 14, 1850 to March 31, 1852, both dates included, Rawn Journal, The Historical Society of Dauphin County, Harrisburg, PA. September 14, 1850 to October 15, 1850.

² Rawn, September 26, 1850, September 27, 1850.

³ Rawn, October 10, 1850.

stocked up for the winter. This included the purchase of additional bushels of peaches, apples, and quinces. The quinces and a portion of the apples were used to make quince butter. He then detailed and computed the cost of each quart produced. With winter approaching, Rawn purchased coal and wood for the house and hay and grain for the horses. The wood was cut and split.

The entries concerning the receipt of money usually involved Rawn's law practice. This included the collection of money from the tenants of the rental properties owned by the heirs of James Trimble as well as for other professional services he provided. Occasionally Rawn was paid for his services in goods rather than currency.

Rawn did not always mention the services performed in the law practice. However, those mentioned included the collection of rent, problems with a circus, an advertisement in a publication, and the representation of three runaway slaves charged with horse stealing in Virginia. This last service was the most interesting. The entry for September 28, 1850 was both intriguing and confusing. In it he wrote, "Bal. Fee \$10.50 (1:24 iml[?]) the same being for my profl., [professional] services last Aug/, 6 on behalf of the 3 Col,d [Colored] Men charged with horse stealing in Va [Virginia], they to apply especially to the heavily on the Hab [Habeas] Corp. [Corpus] the issue for them, (1-2 Buel.[?]) My other Services on the Hab. [Habeas] Corp. [Corpus] for the Slave holders here incidentally commenced with the former but formed no part of my engagement[?] for a fee of \$25."⁴ The entry for September 30, 1850 was interesting and informative. Rawn wrote, "Negroes ([?] acy[?] + St[?], Cart[?]) taken from town to day by Taylor their Master after ~ hearing on part of claimant (Taylor) by his oath and that of only one other Witness before Rcite[?]:. McAllester [McAlister?] – App. [Application?] Sem[?]:.

⁴Rawn, September 28, 1850.

under Fugitive Slave law just passed by Congress [Congress]. The law is an abomination and the hearing a farce [.]”⁵ This was the application of the new Fugitive Slave Act (1850) and Rawn’s opinion of the law. The Fugitive Slave Act, approved by Congress on September 18, 1850 as part of the Compromise of 1850, required northerners to apprehend runaway slaves and return them to the southern slave holders; it also made it a crime to assist the slaves in any way.⁶ *Notes and Queries, Historical and Genealogical* describes Rawn on this subject. It states, “He was an earnest [sic] antagonist of human slavery and during the days of the Fugitive Slave law, was the eloquent pleader in behalf of the poor black.”⁷ Rawn accepted the case on August 6, 1850; it was adjudicated on September 30, 1850, twelve days after the passage of the Act. This was a fractious time for both Rawn and the nation.

The entries under the subjects of personal, family, and community occurrences vary. Children are a major theme in the document. Journal entries concerned with daily life usually mentioned Chas, or son Charles Rawn, Jr. The evening carriage rides and walks always included the children. Deaths of children within the community are also mentioned. In the short one month period covered, Rawn attended the funerals of two young children. The first was “Milliaws little boy” on September 14, 1850⁸ and the second was “Young son between 2 + 3 yrs old of Wm. [William] L. McGeneby” on October 13, 1850.⁹ In fact, Rawn’s carriage struck and almost seriously injured or killed

⁵ Rawn, September 30, 1850.

⁶ Kenneth Morgan, ed., *Slavery in America: a reader and guide* (Athens: U of Georgia P, 2005) 398-403.

⁷ “Biographical History of Dauphin County,” *Notes and Queries, Historical and Genealogical: Chiefly Related to Interior Pennsylvania*, ed. William Henry Egle (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1970) 226.

⁸ Rawn, September 14, 1850.

⁹ Rawn, October 13, 1850.

a young boy, Nilliam [William?] Alcocks, on the return trip from the Milliaws funeral. By the fall of 1850, Rawn's wife Frances had given birth to seven children. Of these, three had died at an early age: Elizabeth Rawn, born 1835, died March 19, 1838; James C. Rawn, born 1840, died April 12, 1842; and Joseph Rawn, born 1840, died April 12, 1842.¹⁰ Rawn's sister-in-law, Frances' sister, Mrs. William[?] Bealty, gave birth to a daughter on October 3, 1850.¹¹ Additional entries included Rawn's critique of a theatrical performance on September 17, 1850¹² and voting a straight Democratic ticket on October 8, 1850.¹³ Rawn was interested in culture and Democratic politics.

Rawn's family and personal time included carriage rides with the family, horseback rides, and evenings at Herr's Hotel, where he socialized and read the newspaper. The entries were generally short and plain. Rawn did meet Governor Porter and General Purvcanie at the hotel.

The Journal

Sept. 14, 1850 Saturday

14 ~ 7 Clear fine ~ Coolish ~ pd. [paid] 4 lbs. Butter 60 6 Doz Eggs 60 ([?] July) 5 ¼ lbs Beef 38 ~ 3 pints – Peach Butter 18 ¾ Apples, small [?] [?] 20 (including 36[?] children for luncha[lunch?], School tch.[teacher ?] to Morrow [tomorrow ?]) 1 Bus. [Bushel] Peaches 25 , 1Qt burning fluid 18 ¾ [?] [?], Amt. \$ 2"41 ½ Son Chas Charley Mason [?] [?] oven wood saw [?] dust-in [?], hay on before 11 am. From MacAlbiden, [?]Law Mills [?], Attended funeral of little Milliaws little boy in my carriage from 4 to 5

¹⁰ "Charles Rawn," Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, (Runk, 1896) 940.

¹¹ Rawn, October 3, 1850.

¹² Rawn, September 17, 1850.

¹³ Rawn, October 8, 1850.

P.M. latter [?] the Rev. McMesich who performed the funeral service my son of Galven [Calvin] along[?], on my return near Sacendent [?] Corner the Alcocks little boy Nilliam[William?] got struck + knocked one with the hind wheel of my carriage without my seeing him + much to my relief it turned out he was not much hurt. Rc [Received] a,, letter him – [?] Eliza [Elizabeth] B Mills “Chester Sept 12” Ent home to bed 9 pm

15 ~ 1 Clear fine ~ Cool ~ we have home fire up stairway in fire place + in stove in dining Room, children left at church at morning ~ [?] [?] of day, at home except that [?] [?] a few square, with son of Calvin before [?] + after tea myself down the Rail road + back 3 miles circular – to bed at 9 pm

16 ~ 2 Clear fine ~ Pleasant, Rcd [Received] of Mcffthell[?] the 13 unit, Janice B Thompson part of lease in Cesula[?] Cunkle \$2”37 ½ for which he had credit on ap [apartment] Fee \$2.37 ½ (1-12inst [?]) this agreement for fee in Civil Suit. Rcd [received] of Elizth [Elizabeth] Sey on ap [apartment?] Rent \$1.83/ ~ Robinson + Elderly circus came to town, – difficulty about their fixing tent and Mr Elderly, Mr. Robinson inn [?], where[?] , Geo [George] / Ziegler to consult me professionally on the subject , [?] Red with [?] who Elder on the subject and he + myself also called to see Joe [Joseph] Wallace on same. Heile[?] + myself went down where tent space, ~ Whole

Sept 16 ~ 2 Cont ~ whole matter finally settled quietly and they went to playing in the afternoon Ev!. [Evening ?] – rode in carriage between 3 and 5 Pm with children. Hens 1 ½! hens to be for me

17 ~ 3 Clear + fine ~ Pleasant ~ Pd [Paid] 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb Beef 28 ~ [?] Blue Berry tobacco [?] ,
16 Fahee[?] 1 hacklia[?] 25 a + [?] hilliam[?] Amt 67cts. [cents] 1 lb of Margaret Yeager
 (sauerkraut) \$2.00 Rent in [?] on Hinnlte[?] property at [?] 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ per month for the small
 back lot [?] in have [?] [?] [?] [?]. So[?] J. Galiric[?] the [?] recmmence School with
 Hundatnia[?], Kee Kee having finish here a Quarter which he commence in May [?] last,
 latter Mo[?] Hicleene[?] (1-22 July last quarter ending 19th that Mo v'ny[?] R.B) little to
 Hillary Biggs Chambersberg (1-9 [?] + 2 g[?] act). Rcd [Received] of Robinson Eldrid
 [Elderly?] circus Productions, Acc [Account?] \$10.00 for pro fesscinal [professional?]
 Connlet[conduct?] and Service, (1-Himt) and also of the in complementary Hikel I. Huci
 circus, which Lons[?] Charity Hubrei's daughter Mary. Edwd[Edward?] Pollock
 Helfatten led[?] from 7 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. He circled letter on complementary ticket
 Performance excellent [?] [?], too lengthy for my [?] [?] alley – I feel some hersenue[?]
 [?] hiouch[?] for attending sweet Alice, but Kiss Secined[?] to me to be [?] in the nice ,
 exciting excllxing[?] story he [?] not relly[really?] redefying [redefining?]it ~ home 10:40
 to bed

18 ~ 4 Clear windy. Paid Butter 18 $\frac{3}{4}$. Cabbage, role + Jh/BG + 27 Slby[?] 6 cacley
 [celery?] 25 amt 70 $\frac{3}{4}$. [?] 6 ail [gal?] lead[?] 1/3 cord smale [small?] Hickory wood
\$1.25 of Buffington[?] ([?] 17ucl for 7/16 Cord) ~ 16 [?] of Rich + Hawkins,
 Gal[Gallons?] of new for sale / 36 or 40 quart of the Red Plum brandy[?], Yace called
 think (Ohfmem[?] Geuicin[?]) sold, him for us \$2'' 46 – my wife Pd [Paid] him 50cts
 [cents] for his service, + let with my consent the Bal. \$1.96 for her own use which with

95cts [cents] [?] on same a/[?] for Rences McFerial the [?] Maker, \$2''91 [?] +
 balances[?] by her for plum by after paying Hawkins for selling same at the late of absent
 1/5 Amt, for all sale, , on lof[?] pd [paid] \$2.41. I think son Charley of 18 ¾ a, Lg aus[?]
 for [?] 12 /n an I think L.g / he[?] the yaus[?] him 1/4 after that, Sude[?] [?] Acsscoye[?]
 him 9 /n [?] 1 [?] 11 /n [?] on rain, Thaltery[?] Hunief[?] absent + len[?] [?] Xe[?],
 hulkud[?] home in afternoon after 3 PM, looking at [?] + Coal[?] then Ev! [evening?] at
 home chiefly to bed at 9 P.M.

19 ~ 5 Windy Mild, Pd [Paid] 2 tons Lykens Valley Coal \$5.50 of the Hill Buffington, (1
 ton yesterday) Mary Hionfl[?] at ., 4 P.M, Charley Mason enjoyed in afternoon putting in
 [?] Coal Sawing [?] yesterday, [?] day chiefly at home at Herra Hotel ½ hour after tea,
 Reading news - home 7 ¼ to bed 8 ½

20 ~ 6 Windy[?] ~ Mild Yesterday rcd [received] lette [letter?] from J.B. hunkndy Esq
 Phil'' Sept 11 in the deed from his[?] writer[?] Susan H Puee[?] to Cha[?] Mste[?] 11nd
Pois[past ?] "Due") Mc Knight[?] Agent for Eldred [Elderly?] + Robinson ([?] at my
 office with a Mr. Buchanan of [?]itown on the – day there. I [?] 6 lette [letters] on
 behalf[?] of [?] [?] Mr. McKnight and their request (except that to the heston[?] is of my
 selection[?]) to Hon Epheaim Bank, on Subject of [?] there, , I fem[?] for playing[?] in
 the County Miltent[?] first pays this license Mr. Buchanan is one of their Beicl[?] (of
 three) – rode in carriage with wife + children from 3 to 5 P.M. Mum[?] Ev!. [Evening?]
 chiefly at home to bed at 9 P.M.

21 ~ 7 Clear + fine ~ pleasant Pd [Paid] [?] for hukjal[?] 12s at Mr Williams[?]. Pd [?], Butter 30, 7 ¾ lbs Beef 50 ~ for peck onion, 10 1/2 Buc[?] Rip[?] Che[?] for 31¼ in Early[?] Charley Mason from haltery[?] have hence more to be handed Charley 3/8 Bus [Bushels] Potatoes 15 ¾ of ([?] for 2 ¼ Bus. [Bushels] this makes 2 5/8 Bushels,) Amt. \$1.65 rode in carriage from 4 to 5 ½ P.M. with children 6 to 8 + [?] Ev!.[Evening?] Chiefly at home + to bed at 9 P.M.

22 ~ 1 Clear fine ~ wife + children at church in morning. [?] Rev J M & C[?]ben 9am. + with of Galven [Calvin] + Mary after. [?] wund[?] by canal, Cape[?] we + [?] home to bed 9P.M.

Sept 23 ~ 2 Clear + fine – hot sun, Pd [Paid] Elizth [Elizabeth] Mason 25 in a [?] for marking + [?] to Adam Rider – next[?] Ham[?] we PG[?], ,, Rode in carriage with wife and children from 3 ¼ to 5 ¾ P.M. 7 or 8 Hi[?] sleeping[?] ¾ hour – wife – at old McRudys New Paytier[?] Church to get sepple [steeple?], was at Herrs Hotel few Hericsecly[?] about 7 P.M. reading Newspaper ~ home ~ to bed 8 ½ P.M.

24 ~ 3 Clear + warm, fine, Pd [Paid] of Wm [William ?] M Hines[?] Col [colonel?] ,,+ G Hean[?] on his + Ed w.' [Edward ?] Thompson, written (your incert [insert ?] of [?] [?],

Fee \$12.00 on [?] [?] [?] [?], \$20.00 for 400 lbs Hay hauled / him for me [?] from Jacob Filbert[?] including 50cts [cents] for hauling same + therefore credited him on Pd [Paid] act [account?] with \$14.50 – Mr. H. Trimble esq. at hay office – gave him an order on James Trimble of Clear[Chair?] Kerbille[?] the [?] Pd. [Paid] for \$3.20 fee + passage[?], he only[?] the [?] hay + Buck P Helter file – rode in carriage with wife and children from 4 ¼ [?] to 5 ¾ P.M. Bill, Boas, along with a , at Buchling[Buehler?] Hotel few minutes, leading [leaving?] home at 7 – home to bed 8 ½

25 ~ 4 Clear + Cloudy. Yes[?!] pd [paid] 4 lb, Butter 50 + 1 doz Eggs 9 a 14 limit [?] + QH[?] Butter 25 ~ Beef 16 1 Bus [Bushel] Potatoes 50 (this makes 3 5/8 Bus [Bushels] [?]) ~ 1 peck small seed[?] potatoes 10, Sugar and Sauce[?] of Tartar[?] 1 ½. 1 Qt burning fluid 18 ¾ (last evo[?]) ut 4 incl[?] ¼ lb Pepper 4 at [?]. 5 lbs crackers 25, Amt. \$2.20 ¼ . Rc [received] of Margaret Yeager for Tremble heirs 50 cli[?] on apt [apartment?] rent. rode in carriage with wife + children from 4 ½ [?] to 5 ¾ P.M. was at Herrs Hotel few minutes – abt [about?] 7 P.M. heading[?] home[?], - home – to bed 8 ½

26 ~ 5 Heavy Rain, Thunder lightning + in last night – the like[?] this morning till near 10 am, Charley Mason cleaning kitchen stove from 9 ¾ to 11 0/00[?] am. spent day chiefly at home and evening,, also very warm through day – sultry + prospect of more rain – to bed 8 ½ P.M.

27 ~ 6 Very Heavy Thunder gust, Rain + in last night – cloudy very warm + sultry ~
 thunder at 11 ½ am – Rc [Received] letter from J.B. Sharpie Carlisle Pa. made[?] in reply
 Kept Copy from Sam[?] Rapp Lancaster Sept 19 post marked 24th., made[?] in reply Kept
 Copy. Made[?] to Chas. Q. Miller[?] Germantown. Kept Copy ~ rode in carriage
 Ev![Evening ?] about 1-4 P.M. with children ~ Ev[Evening?] home to bed 9 –

28 ~ 7 Clear and fine ~ Pleasant ~ hot sun. Pd., [Paid] 2 lbs Butter 32. Beef Liver 40., 1
 Bus. [Bushel] Milled Corn 60 ~ ½ doz Boyes Blacking 18 ¾ at Henry's Hose ~ Sugar[?]
12 ½ ~ apples 5 ~ Ham head[?], 12 ½[?] at Fagery[?], Amt. \$1.53 ¾ ~ Rc [Received] of
 Elezth [Elizabeth ?] Fackler[?] 3. and of Frazer Clendenin \$2 ¼ each on a/c [account?]
 of Trimble rent[?], Rc [Received] of 11'!! 111, Kills[?] Bal. Fee \$10.50 (1:24 iml[?]) the
 same being for my profl., [professional] services last Aug/, 6 on behalf of the 3 Col,d
 [Colored] Men charged with horse stealing in Va [Virginia], they to apply especially to
 the heavily on the Hab [Habeas] Corp. [Corpus] the issue for them, (1-2 Buel.[?]) My
 other Services on the Hab. [Habeas] Corp. [Corpus] for the Slave holders here
 incidentally commenced with the former but formed no part of my engagement[?] for a
 fee of \$25, ~ Rode in carriage with wife + Children from 3 to 5 P.M. in which time son
 Chas left[?] rode to Mr Bacbaugh[?], a 1 h[hour?] ride[?] from town + got home[?] ½ Bu,
 [Bushel] apples for eating for which of[?] [?] at[?] above 8 cs [cents?]. was at
 Buchling[Buehler?] + Herrs Hotel, in all ¼ an hour before 8 PM reading newspaper, -
 Home – to bed at 9 P.M.

29 ~ 1 Clear + fine – Coolish all day – Wife and Children at Church Momciy[Morning?].

I was there in Ei!.[Evening?] – I walked 3 ½ Miles before 9 ½ am – between 3 ½ + 5 /

We walked out to Cemetery + with the children ~ home from Chis [Church?] and to bed

8 ½ o[or?] 9 P.M.

30 ~ 2 Clear + fine ~ Cool all day ~ Negroes ([?] acy[?] + St[?], Cart[?]) taken from

town to day by Taylor their Master after

Sept 30 ~ 2 Cont:. ~ hearing on part of claimant (Taylor) by his own oath and that of

only one other Witness before Rcite[?]. McAllester [McAlister?] – App. [Application?]

Sem[?]. under Fugitive Slave law just passed by Congres [Congress]. The law is an

abomination and the hearing a farce ~ Paid B. + L. H. Buffington (1[?] B + R.) \$6.,75 on

full for Wood + Coal 1 -18 + 19 init[?], Pd. [Paid] for Peaches, 12 ½ [?] ,, Tumbler for

Milk[?] Stand 12 ½ + ½ Bus [bushel] oats 18 ¾ + ½ Bus [Bushel] Rye Chop[?] 31 ¼

these last at hulling, Amt. \$0.75 ~ rode in carriage with children from 4 to 8 P.M. at

Herrs Hotel ½ an hour at 7 ½ P.M. reading paper – home – to bed 9.

October 1 ~ 3 Clear + fine ~ Deped [Deposited] in Dauphin Dept [Deposit?] Bank

specially for 4 mos. at 4 [?] an Amt \$500.00 and drew my CR[Credit?] + BRfor[?]

Money + del [delivered] to them, ([?] Certificate in Pocket Book) ,, Son Chas with some

hundred of other person, took Excursion trip[?] in car to Columbia + back between 2 + 8

P.M. over New Branch Re Road by special invitation free of charge, there were 7 cars coming up containing perhaps from 4 to 500 people, got theme [there?] 7 ½ : due[?] 16 inst[?] for Reu[?] Rent – paid ~ Spent Ev[Evening?][!] at home to bed at 9 P.M.

2 ~ 4 Clear + fine – Pd [Paid] 3 lbs Butter 42 ½ ~ 6 ½ lbs Lamb 26 (Hind Quarter) a corn Broom 12 ½ ~ 3 Bus, [Bushels] Oats \$1.00, amt. \$1.81 Rcd [Received] of Wm.[William] P. Bealty for 1 Gal vinegar 25cts [cents]: rode in carriage with wife and children between 3 + 5 P.M. at Herrs Hotel ½ an hour about 7 ½ P.M. reading News, home – to bed 9 –

3 ~ 5 Clear ~ fine – some windy – Coldish – forbid Wm[William] Sey to get water longer at my hydrant, Stove put-up in front room upstairs Coal fire in it ~ Rcd. [Received] letter from Chas..[Charles] S. Wisler – “Germantown Oct 1” in reply to Mine[?] 27[?] uet[?]. note[?] and kept reply to James B. Thompson Carlisle Pa, . Rode in carriage with wife and children from 3 to 5 P.M. Wifes sister[?] Mrs Bealty gave birth to a daughter at home today. Pd [Paid] 5 lbs Crackers 25:. Paper Black Fee 25 at dock, ~ for 1 Quart burning fluid 18 ¾ ([?] 25 ult,) Amt 68 ¾, ~ Spent ½ an hour at Herrs Hotel about 7 ¼ P.M. Reading News ~ home – to bed 9 P.M.

4 ~ 6 Clear + fine ~ Pleasant – children + self rode in carriage to Henry Sights – (3 ½ Miles from Town) at 2 P.M. Took in boy Saml [Samuel ?] Berry just after we left town –

we got 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bus [Bushels] apples at Sights picked under trees for which he hey [had?] credit on asc [account?] profl [professional] Services, . Retd [Returned] home at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. at Herra Hotel $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after tea Reading News – rest of Ev! [Evening?] home – to bed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

5 ~ 7 Clear + fine ~ Pleasant, hot sun, Paid for 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ [?] lbs Beef 16 Swt., [Sweet ?] Pots [Potatoes ?] – 1 Peck 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Sausage (Yeis[?]) 10. ~ Sugar 44, Amt. 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wife, children self rode to Peter Becks (5 Miles from town) at 2 P.M. Chas got Walnut. + get to be heryht[?] in – we got about $\frac{3}{8}$ Bus [Bushel] Quinces. we returned to town at 6 P.M. ~ Spent Ev!. [Evening?] at home To bed at 9 P.M.

6 ~ 1 Clear + fine ~ Cool ~ Wife + Children at Ch. [Church ?] in morning, children Self took walk to Cemetery + between 3 + 5 P.M. Spent Ev! [Evening?] at home And to bed at 9 P.M.

7 ~ 2 Clear + Cold. fine + bracing - , acsd.[?] Ct.[?] today only, Recd., [Received] of Mrs Geo [George] Utz – her daughter Lydia[?] for Trimble heirs \$3.75 rent – rode on horseback from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 P.M. 7 or 8 Miles. Was at Herra Hotel $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour about 7 P.M. reading News – home – to bed at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

8 ~ 3 Clear + very Cold early ~ very hard white frost. Children and self went in our carriage at 9 ½ am to Peter Becks 1 5 inst[?] where we got dinner ~ and hulled about ½ Bus. [Bushel] Walnuts which we brought home with us. Our hind axle – tree broke on the way home / Young Mr Garman – he assisted us very Kindly to brace it up so as to get it home – we got home at 6 ½ P.M, I voted the entire Democratic ticket after we returned home, was at Herrs Hotel ½ an hour after tea reading News ~ home 7 ¾ + to bed at 8 ½ P.M.

Oct. 9 ~ 4 Clear + fine – Cold in he,,[?] + on 7 ersit[?] – Pd [Paid] Elizth [Elizabeth] Mason on washing + honey[?] as [account ?] 31 ½ ~ Pd [Paid] 1 Bbl.[Bushel barrel?] Charcoal 20 + for washing soda 6 ¼ [?] ~ thisms[?],, for 2 lb, Butter 30 ~ Beef Sausage 20 (yesterday) 4 dozen Eggs 40 ,, 1/3 (20 23 uct)[?] Bus [Bushel] Quinces 12 ½ and for Tomatoes Cabbage 14 ¼, Amt \$1.80 ½ Pd [Paid] of J hos[?] Church Evans for profl [professional] counsel Thursday Fee \$5.00 Pd [Paid] Benjam [Benjamin] Unger [glue] of David Unger (blacksmith) for 860 lbs hay \$4.30 in full del [delivered] this day. rode on horseback between 4 ¼[?] + 5 ½[?] P.M. 4 or 5 hrs. was at Herrs Hotel in an hour. After be [tea?] reading news – home – to bed 9 ½

Glued on the Oct 9 ~ 4 entry is the following weight slip:

Harrisburg,	Oct 9		1850
Mr.	Benjamin Unger		
To one load.	of hay	Cwt.	1420

	Tare.	560
	Neat.	860
Fees,		Cents,
I certify the above to be correct,		
PHILIP CLINE, W. M.		

10 ~ 5 Clear + fine ~ mild – Have been engaged [engaged ?] all day – as – Sisling[?] wife[?] on [?] cha![?] to make Quinse [Quince?] Butter – Made about 21 qts out of 27 lbs. cut Quinces + 19 lbs cut apples + 10 lbs sugar – the quinces may be let down at 28 cts [cents] and the apples at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ spice, at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ + sugar at 8 =80 cts [cents] – although it cost me 5 0/00 in Pul, ’’[?] when I got it yet it is now worth [?] about 15 cts [cents] – Whole cost of the 21 qts \$1.30 independent of labor + fire or about $\frac{1}{4}$ ct [cent] per Qt. Jos [Joseph ?] B. Siles[?] engaged [engaged ?] all day patching roof of my house + Privy[?] with short shingles [?] [?] [?] – they last Ev!. [Evening?] 2 bundles at 11 $\frac{2}{4}$ a Bundle for which they have credit on asc [account] of profl [professional] service, leaky[?] se [ceiling ?] Book \$4.50 [?] Paid Joe [Joseph] B. Siles[?] who has[?] when I bought them ~ del! [delivered] / McAlleclin[?] He + this morning. Made to Chas. [Charles] Q. Miller informing him that I have by the same mail[?] sent him 2 copies of the Fereec[?] Telegraph[?] containing[?] the advertisement in Pacletion[?] and legendary heirs[?] to attend to the Publication in the Germantown Telegraph + in the North Am + Hist.[?] Gazaltee [Gazette ?], also Mailed copy of sd [said?] Telegraph Newspaper containing

said advertisement to Samul [Samuel] McKean Washington DC. According to the order of the Court, said Telegraph of date 9 inst[?] , Bernard Rauch at my office today + let!.[?] paper[?] deld [delivered ?] to him same time[?] service + got his Recpt [Receipt] given me for them, spent Ev [Evening?] chiefly at home + to bed 9 PM

11 ~ 6 Clear + Windy ~ Pleasant – Jos. [Joseph ?] Posles [Siles ?] finished my roofs + well[?] curb about 11am and went home ~ He had been employed about 1 1/3 days ~ I rode on horseback in Ev! [Evening?] at 4 ½ PM + on for ¾ hour 4 or 5 Ms., [Miles ?] – at Herrs Hotel ½ an hour after tea Reading News. Gov [Governor] Porter – Genl., [General] Purvcanie[?] there general talk about Tariff + ~ home – to bed 9 PM

12 ~ 7 Windy - + Clear + Windy[?] + Mild – pd [paid] 10th ,, + 11 inst for 8 lbs Nails 40 11 inst for Beef Sausage 47 and for 6[?] lbs Crackers 25 and to Ezestiel Williams for Sweeping Kitchen and 2 Chimneys 31 ¼ and for 1 Qt burning fluid 18 ¾ (13 inst[?]) and for Sundries 10 ~ this day 2 lbs Butter 30 ~ 1 Qt. chestnuts 7 = \$2.09 + yesterday pd [paid] Mr. Geo. [George] Orth (Shoemaker) \$ 2.25 in full for repairing shoes + boot for self and children (1. B +R) to include heel tapping my boots Giving place in heel, now left with him to be done tomorrow morning. Rccd [Received] letter from Wm. [William] H. Bunckle Esq. Pue[Posted ?] Oct 10/50 + pd. [paid] Poi 5. wrote to him in reply + kept copy ~ rode on horseback 4 or 5 miles between 4 ½ and 5 ½ P.M. – at Herrs Hotel ¼ hour Reading News then to Fox and also at McCormick's offices – Reah [Richard ?] Frazer Esq. at my office ½ an hour about 5 P.M. on subject of Cathe [Catherine ?]

Mohlery's money in his Fencase[?], + AmiraKes[?] handy, Ev! [Evening ?] Chiefly at home / to bed 9

13 ~ 1 Clear + fine ~ Pleasant – I walked 2 ½ or 3 Ms [Miles] between 9 am + 10 am – wife + son Chas + Mary at Ch. [Church?] in Mg. [Morning?] – at 4 P.M. we rode in our Carriage to funeral of Young son between 2 + 3 yrs old of Wm. [William] L. McGeneby to Cemetery – home 5 ½ or 5 ¾ P.M, spent Ev [Evening?] at home and to bed at 9 P.M.

Oct 14 ~ 2 Clear ~ fine ~ Pleasant ~ rode on horseback in Ev [Evening ?] about 4 P.M. 4 or 5 Miles – at Herrs Hotel ½ an hour after tea reading news + - home to bed 8 ½ P.M.

15 ~ 3 Clear + fine ~ Pleasant ~ wife children + self rode in carriage from 2 to 4 ¼ P.M. 8 Miles circular to Mr Seiberts to see about tomatoes + got few Rambo apples, Rcd. [Received] letter from C. J. Miler [Miller?] – “Germantown Oct 11” in reply to mine of 10 inst[?]. Wrote in reply enclosing advertisement of pacteteen[?] Matter cut from Fenns[?] Paper + also Mailed to him another copy of said Newspaper [?] , he says he did not receive others, Paid Jno Hoffman \$4.04 for 17 weeks milk + cream from the 3 here[?] last to the 1 init[?] that is [?] pd [paid] him cash \$2.04 which with the \$2. Lent him 6 weeks or 2 mos [months] ago settles the Bill in full (v: R Book) ~ was at Herrs Hotel ¼ an hour after tea Reading News – home – to bed 9 PM.

Names Mentioned

[Biographical data was found in either the Rawn Journal, the *Notes and Queries, Historical and Genealogical: Chiefly Related to Interior Pennsylvania*, the *Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania*, or the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) website.]

Alcock?, William, 9/14/50

Acsscoye?, Sude 9/18/50

Bacbaugh, Mr. 9/28/50

Bank, Hon. Ephraim – judge? 9/20/50

Bealty, Mrs. – wife of William Bealty and sister of Frances Rawn. 10/3/50

Bealty, William P. – husband of Frances Rawn’s sister? 10/2/50

Becks, Peter – farmer, orchard? 10/5/50 10/8/50

Ben, Rev. C. - minister 9/22/50

Berry?, Samuel 10/4/50

Biggs, Hillary - Chambersburg, PA 9/17/50

Bisly? Joseph [Joseph B. Siles?] – roofer? 10/10/50

Boas, Bill – born Sept. 1803; purchased interest in *Reporter*; cashier and clerk in the

State Treasurer’s Dept.in the administrations of Bickel, Bailey, Magraw, and

McGreth - 1866-68 one of the publishers of the *Patriot*. 9/24/50

Buchanan, Mr. – possibly Mr. James Buchanan, future president of U.S. 9/20/50

Buffington 9/18/50

Buffington, Hill – involved in the Buffington business. 9/19/50

Buffington, B. + L. H. - wood and coal business? 9/30/50

Bunckle, William H., Esq. 10/12/50

Calvin - John Calvin Rawn, son 9/14/50 9/15/50 9/22/50

Charles – Charles C. Rawn, Jr. – son 10/1/50

Charley – Charles C. Rawn Jr. - son 9/18/50

Chas – Charles C. Rawn Jr. - son 9/14/50 9/28/50 10/13/50

Children – Charles C. Rawn, Jr., Mary Scott Glendin/Clendenin, Frances

Glendin/Clendenin Rawn, and John Calvin Rawn 9/22/50, 9/24/50, 9/25/50,

9/28/50, 9/29/50, 10/2/50, 10/3/50, 10/4/50, 10/5/50, 10/6/50, 10/8/50

Clendenin, Frazer – related to Mrs. Rawn? Possibly brother or cousin? 9/28/50

Cunkle?, Cesula – tailor? 9/16/50

Eldred [Elderly?] + Robinson – circus 9/20/50

Elderly - circus owner 9/16/50

Eldrid [Elderly?] Robinson - Circus Productions 9/17/50

Evans?, Church 10/9/50

Fackler?, Elizabeth 9/28/50

Fox office 10/12/50

Frazer, Richard? Esq. 10/12/50

Galiric, J. 9/17/50

Garman, Young Mr. 10/8/50

Heile? possibly Henry Heikel? – boatman 9/16/50

Helfatten? Edward Pollock 9/17/50

Helter? Buck P. 9/24/50

Henry's Hose – clothing store? 9/28/50

Huci? Hikel I. - Circus 9/17/50

Hines? William M. 9/24/50

Hinnlte property, possibly Hite? – farmer 9/17/50

Hionfl? Mary 9/19/50

Hos? J. 10/9/50

Hubrei? Mary 9/17/50

Hubrei, Charity – daughter of Mary Hubrei 9/17/50

Hundatnia? 9/17/50

Hunief? Thaltery 9/18/50

Hunkundy? J. B., Esq. – Philadelphia, PA 9/20/50

Kean? Hean? Colonel G. Hean? 9/24/50

Kee Kee 9/17/50

Lons 9/17/50

Lykens Valley Coal 9/19/50

M, Rev. J. – minister 9/22/50

MacAlbiden 9/14/50

Mary – Mary Scott Glendin/Clendenin - daughter 9/22/50, 10/13/50

Mason, Charley – handyman? 9/14/50, 9/19/50, 9/21/50, 9/26/50

Mason, Elizabeth – wife of Charley Mason? 10/9/50

Mcalleclin? 10/10/50

McAllester? – possibly McAlister; magistrate? 9/30/50

McCormick office 10/12/50

McFerial, Rences – maker of some kind 9/18/50

Mcffthell? 9/16/50

McGeneby, William L. - son 10/13/50

McKean, Samuel - Washington, D.C. 10/10/50

McKnight, Mr. – agent for Eldred [Elderly?] + Robinson. 9/20/50

McMesich, Rev. – minister 9/14/50

McRudy, old 9/22/50

Miler?, C. J., Chas Q. Miller? Chas – Germantown, PA 9/27/50, 10/10/50, 10/15/50

Milliaws - son of 9/14/50

Mills, Elizabeth B. - Chester, PA 9/14/50

Miste? Cha 9/20/50

Mohlery? Catherine 10/12/50

Orth, Mr. George – shoemaker 10/12/50

Porter, Governor – Governor David Rittenhouse Porter; came from prominent family;

born October 31, 1788 and died August 6, 1867; Pennsylvania governor January

15, 1839 to January 21, 1845, Jacksonian Democrat 10/11/50

Posles? Joseph, [Siles? Giles?] - roofer? 10/11/50

Puee? Puce?, Susan H. – letter writer 9/20/50

Purvcanie? General 10/11/50

Rapp, Sam - Lancaster, PA 9/27/50

Rauch? Bernard - married to Sarah Wombech in 1811, six children 10/10/50

Rawn, Frances 9/29/50

Red 9/16/50

Robinson - circus owner 9/16/50

Ruth + Hawkins – business – (wine shop?) 9/18/50

Seibert, Mr. 10/15/50

Sey, Elizabeth – wife of William Sey 9/16/50

Sey, William – husband of Elizabeth Sey 10/3/50

Sharpie? J. B. – possibly James B. Sharpe, born 1784 and died 1861. 9/27/50

Sights, Henry – farmer 10/4/50

Slaves – Acy[?], Cart[?], St[?] 9/30/50

Taylor – slaveholder 9/30/50

Thompson, Edward – possibly husband of Janice B. Thompson. 9/24/50

Thompson, James P. - Carlisle, PA, possibly related to Edward and/or Janice Thompson.

10/3/50

Thompson, Janice B. – possibly wife of Edward Thompson 9/16/50

Trimble Estate - estate of James Trimble. 10/7/50

Trimble heirs – heirs of James Trimble. 9/25/50

Trimble, Mr. H., Esq. – one of the Trimble heirs. 9/24/50

Trimble, James – deceased businessman in Harrisburg; Rawn collected rent on the

Trimble properties for the heirs 9/24/50

Unger, Benjamin – son of David Unger? 10/9/50

Unger, David – blacksmith 10/9/50

Utz, Mrs. George – tenant in Trimble property. 10/7/50

Utz, Lydia – daughter of Mrs. George Utz. 10/7/50

Wife – Frances Rawn 9/18/50, 9/22/50, 9/24/50, 9/25/50, 9/28/50, 10/2/50, 10/3/50,
10/5/50, 10/6/50, 10/13/50

Williams, Mr. – possibly Mr. Evan Williams. 9/21/50

Williams, Ezestiel – cleaning lady? 10/12/50

Wisler, Chas. S. - Germantown, PA 10/3/50

Yace 9/18/50

Yeager, Margaret – tenant in Trimble property 9/17/50, 9/25/50

Ziegler?, George 9/16/50