

THE NICHOLAS
GESNER DIARY

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1829 1834

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FOREWORD

This book is dedicated to my mother Alice Haagensen, with many thanks to everyone who helped with her gargantuan effort to transcribe the *Nicholas Gesner Diary*. The publication of the book was made possible by the work done between 1958 and 2000 by Alice Haagensen and the many friends and relatives she persuaded to help her decipher Nicholas Gesner's crabbed handwriting. They had actually transcribed the first 400 pages, some typed and more handwritten, although none of it was on the computer. Among them were Caroline Tapley, Tina Kister, Mildred Rippey, Judy Friedlander, and myself; there may have been others.

Other people helped. Piermont Librarian Grace Mitchell assisted me in researching the history of Piermont. Marianne Leese of the Rockland County Historical Society provided me with maps. I relied heavily on the publications of Winthrop Gilman and Reginald McMahon for information about the people who lived in Nicholas's neighborhood during the time he kept the diary. Herb Kellogg, who lived in the dwelling that Nicholas built in 1793, showed me over the house so I could get an idea about the living spaces.

Formatting the diary was a complicated process. Alice Haagensen had hoped to publish it with a graphic of each one of Nicholas's pages opposite each transcription. This would have required a series of 8 volumes, 400 pages each, so I abandoned the idea.

Next I had to decide what to do about the abbreviations, which contribute to the difficulty of reading the text. I decided to leave the abbreviations in the sidebars and to write out each abbreviation on the actual page, if I knew what it was short for. I have left the abbreviations for North, East, South West, and a few measurements, for example pounds and yards.

I added notes at the bottom of some pages, explaining words or events mentioned on the page. In some cases I was unable to find a meaning for a word, even in the Oxford English Dictionary; readers will have to make a guess at the meaning.

Nicholas was an inconsistent speller, capitalizer and user of punctuation; I have left his text as he wrote it but have added commas in some places to make the meaning clearer. Occasionally I was unable to decipher what he wrote and I have indicated these places with a question mark.

I have incorporated a few of his drawings and have provided pictures from other sources to illustrate some of the events he refers to. The books also include pictures of some of his neighbors and of their houses.

At the beginning of the book there is a list of the names of the people mentioned in the diary with some identifying information. There is no index; too many people are mentioned too often to make it practical. However, upon request I will provide anyone who buys a copy of the book with a searchable pdf file.

I have incorporated sections from Alice Haagensen's article on the Gesner Dairy, published in the April-June 1990 issue of *South of the Mountain*, into the introduction to this book. I have not always given credit. The complete article is included at the end of Volume IV, as well as what Carl Nordstrom wrote about Nicholas in his book, *Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village*. Both sources are listed in the bibliography.

I have enjoyed following Nicholas through the 21 years he kept the diary. I think of him as an old friend. I hope that the readers of this book will come to feel the same way about him.

Alice Gerard
May, 2015

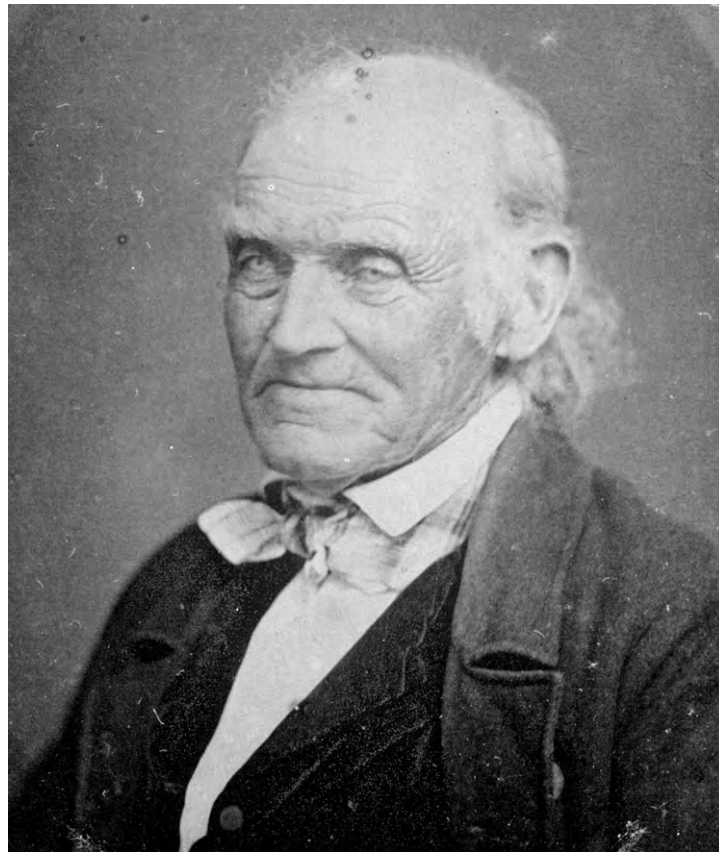
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INTRODUCTION
TO THE
NICHOLAS GESNER
DIARIES



A PAGE FROM THE DIARY

| 1835 | Moments | 23 |
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| Jan. 5 | Lawrence & Snider are at Xen near 3/4 Day road- Wood, Jerry Smith fetched them about 10 back Dusk Day 1/2 Day & I expect Jerry drove them - | |
| Lawrence & Snider | | |
| Butter 5 | And this Day Gray had 2 ^d good butter of him on one of Oxen all square before this date I | |
| Butter of him | | |
| Butter 5 | Immensely cold; Thermometer - 6 Degrees colder than in 10 years before last Night, Jon & Sally the Man Jon Law & Sally de. also Mary to David & Cooks | |
| cold | | |
| very cold 6 | Clear immensely cold, to Day all Day windy from the <u>NNW</u> | |
| good Riding 6 | Most excellent good sleigh Riding, last Saturday | |
| Peggy House | The Widow Peggy House Married to Wm. Snider | |
| Married | | |
| on Sat 6 | To Day I went on Sat. Meadow, with Geo. Garner- Herb. & Horse with My Mare. Got a load (not large) of David Blauett. The coldest time I ever experienced on the Sat. Meadow. - Out of Maj Lindor Barrack, had cut it on Snow. This on one of Oxen - | |
| Meadow a Load Hay of D Blauett | | |
| Manning 6 | Judgment on Mannings Act. I did not appear | |
| Wed 7 | Clear Wind continues Northward, and is prodigious cold, thick Ice in an earthen bowl standing on a hot stove till late bed time near 12, & this made a cake of Ice in it: the oxen & Horses in the stable shiver & their mouths and about their eyes also badly white with frost. PD Sorel had Ice to his eyelids | |
| Astonishing Cold | | |
| Ab. Scudder 7 | Ab. Scudder here this Evening & his Mother, cold | |
| Good Return 7 | Price: The Return of Wood sent down here was 15 loads 3 loads of which was not, at 22/6 1 at 21/ 80k from 15 to 16 the whole amounted to 24 D 463 cts. 50 cts 8 self each 12.31 | |
| and 1/2 per | | |

The World of Nicholas Gesner

Introducing Nicholas Gesner and his milieu

The first permanent European settlers to North America, those who came in the 17th and early 18th century, found themselves living in a new and very different society from the cultures they had left behind. Most had come from densely populated countries where everyone's place was established at birth, and freedom, both religious and political, was limited. In this country, many settled in places where they felt the equals of their neighbors, who often lived a good distance away. The newcomers had to learn to solve their own problems. They had more responsibility, and they also had the freedom to practice and to become specialists in many professions which they could never have aspired to in their old countries. New kinds of people appeared as the result of living in this frontier environment: self-sufficient small farmers, who grew their own food, built their own houses, and were able to invent their own lives. Farmers had lived in this same way for tens of thousands of years, but somehow the freedom in most of North America allowed them to try new things and to live better lives.

One of these people was Nicholas Gesner, born 250 years ago in Rockleigh, New Jersey, a world so far removed from us that it is almost impossible to imagine. The next-to-youngest of nine children, he entered the world in 1765 as a resident of the territory of New Jersey, an overseas possession of Great Britain. The area he lived in had been settled by Europeans for less than 75 years and was still in many ways a frontier community. Tappan, New York, where his father was born, was unusual because its first settlers, who were given possession of the land in 1685, had been ordinary farmers from New Amsterdam and included two free black families. Property owners in nearby Palisades, New York, Nicholas's later home, were also small farmers and included several immigrant families from Germany. This was very different from Westchester, across the Hudson, where there were a number of large estates owned by wealthy men from Holland.

The Gesner family

In his book on the Gesner family Anthon T. Gesner, a descendant of one of Nicholas's brothers, provides information about the first Gesners in North America.

The first of the name of Gesner in this country ... was Johan Hendrick Gesner, who, in the twenty-ninth year of his age, accompanied by his wife Anna Elizabeth and infant daughter Margaret, left the Palatinate of the Rhine, with many others who in that oppressed region had suffered through war and misrule, and came to London; from whence he sailed by ship *Lyon* for America, arriving in New York, June 10-12, 1710. ... The winter of 1710 was spent in New York. ... Within a short while, however, he is found residing in the vicinity of Tappan, Rockland Co., New York. He was a miller by profession ... [and] a man of pious life, brought up in, and adhering to, the Lutheran faith. (*The Gesner Family*, page 7)

Johan Gesner became a prosperous man, operating a mill located on the Hackensack River. His son John Henry Gesner, Nicholas's father, chose to follow his father's career, also becoming a miller. When he was twenty years old, in 1744, John Henry married Famiche Brower. His first child, Elizabeth, was born in 1745 and his son John Henry Jr. in 1749. That same year John Henry Gesner bought land and built a house on Rockleigh

Road in New Jersey. Although the house has disappeared, we know that it was built of wood because of a statement, referring to a frame house built in 1835 by Joseph DuBois, that "Portions of this structure were built from materials scavenged from the old homestead of John Henry Gesner."

We can also conjecture that, like most of the houses in the neighborhood at that time, the house had a center hallway, with rooms on each side, and a garret above reached by a staircase located in the hall. Cooking was done in a large open fireplace located in one of the ground floor rooms. The other room also had a fireplace and may have been used for sleeping, as was the garret. There was probably a barn and an outhouse on the property. Water came from a well and the house was lighted by whale oil lamps and candles.

In this house John Henry and Famiche raised nine children, all of whom survived childhood. They were:

Elizabeth 1745 1825 m. Jacob Conklin Jr.

John Henry Jr 1749 ~1846 ,

Jacob 23 Dec 1751 ? ,

Isaac 1754 ? ,

Hendrick 1756 ? and his twin

Abraham 1756 1851 ,

Cornelius 1761 1790 ,

Nicholas 1765 1858 ,

Femmetje Famiche 1768 1821

John Henry Gesner also owned slaves. The first was a black woman named simply Yanache, who gave birth to four children while in John Henry's household. Three of them died, but one, Jack, who was born about 1770, survived to adulthood and had an interesting life, later becoming a free man and a property owner. Slavery had existed in the area since it was first settled, although there were also free blacks living there. Bergen County, where John Henry Gesner's house was located, was the largest slave-owning county in New Jersey. The number of slaves decreased after the Revolution.

There is no information about Nicholas's schooling, but his later accomplishments indicate that he somehow learned to read and enjoy books, to write clearly and correctly and to use numbers. At the time there was a school in Tappan, but there was no school in Palisades until the early 1800s.

In 1765, the year Nicholas was born, his sister Elizabeth, age 20, left the family to marry Jacob Concklin Jr. and probably went to live with Jacob's parents in their nearby frame house, which had been built on Rockleigh Road about 1748. In 1771 John Henry Jr., Nicholas's oldest brother, married Annie Onderdonk and is believed to have moved to a small frame structure he had built the previous year on his father's land, north of his father's house, on the site where Nicholas later built his own house.

The American Revolution

During the decade from 1765 to 1775 tensions increased between the American colonists and Great Britain. The population of the lower Hudson River Valley was composed of a number of Tories, who supported Great Britain and her claims, and even more Loyalists, who wanted independence. On July 4, 1774, residents of nearby Tappan adopted the Orangetown Resolutions, part of a widespread movement of town and county protests of the Intolerable Acts passed by the British Parliament in 1774.

These resolutions did not call for independence from Great Britain, but for a repeal of the unjust laws recently passed, proposing an embargo on goods from Great Britain and the West Indies as one way of dealing with the situation. As war approached, feelings ran high. In 1775, in the aftermath of the battles of Lexington and

Concord, the following document, called the Articles of Association, was circulated throughout the province of New York:

Persuaded that the salvation of the rights and liberties of America depends, under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing the anarchy and confusion which attend a dissolution of the powers of government, we, the Freemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants (of the City and County of New York), being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the ministry to raise a revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in the Massachusetts Bay, do, in the most solemn manner, resolve never to become slaves; and do associate under the ties of religion, honor, and love to our country to adopt and endeavor to carry into execution, whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress, or resolved upon by our Provincial Convention, for the purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the execution of the several arbitrary and oppressive acts of the British Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great Britain and America on constitutional principles (which we most ardently desire) can be obtained; and that we will in all things follow the advice of our General Committee, respecting the purpose aforesaid, the preservation of peace and good order, and the safety of individuals and private property.

Adult males in Orangetown were asked to sign this document as a witness to their loyalty to the patriot cause. When several of the Sneden brothers of Palisades refused to sign, they were barred from continuing to run the ferry across the Hudson. Nicholas's older brother, John Henry Gesner Jr., signed the Articles, but did not take an active part in the war. Anthon Gesner's book states that "During the first part of the Revolutionary War he [John Henry Jr.] resided in a small house in the north end of the Onderdonck property at Nyack and ran a pettiauger on the River. His business seems to have been the carrying of stone to Peekskill and other places in New York."

The political controversies associated with the Revolutionary War were devastating to the Gesner family. John Henry, a quiet and religious man, was unwilling to choose sides and he, like the Snedens, refused to sign the Articles of Association. Four sons of John Henry Gesner's, Jacob, Isaac, Hendrick and Abraham, also refused to sign the Articles. As a result family members were treated as Tories. In 1777 they suffered verbal abuse from patriotic neighbors; it must have been a very difficult time.

Nicholas Gesner later wrote about this turbulent period:

It may not be improper here to note that our Father and Mother, namely John Gesner and Famiche Gesner (Brower) wished to remain neutral in the war of the revolution, refused to sign the Association dreading consequences, was called a tory but truly he was a peaceable man in every Respect — threatenments were made, and his sons grown up were Menaced to be taken and brought to New England and confined in dungeons (or mines), violence was used in many places and with many. Father Gesner, now abt. 52 or 53 years old, admonished his sons, Jacob, Isaac, Henry, and Abraham to take opportunity & go to New York now in possession of the English. With some others after Father Gesner had admonished them to be good boys, went off with an open Small Pettiauger belonging to Dennis Sneden who went also from Snedens, &c. (*Gesner Diary*, July 19, 1834)

They landed safely in New York and in 1776 the Gesner boys joined a Tory militia company known as The Kings Orange Rangers that had been raised mainly in Orange County, New York by loyalist Lieutenant John Bayard of Greenwich Village. New York gave them refuge, but they would never return to the old farm again. Isaac found work as a tailor and stayed in New York. The twins Hendrick and Abraham went to Staten Island

with Jacob where they cut wood, earning a dollar a day. As members of the Kings Orange Rangers, they later served as guards at Powles Point and Hoboken. Hendrick and Abraham left New York in 1779 to settle in Nova Scotia, where they made new and successful lives for themselves. Jacob was lost at sea on his way to Nova Scotia.

In *The Gesner Family* Anthon Gesner tells the story of the misadventures of Nicholas's oldest brother, John Henry Gesner Jr., who had been living in Nyack with his wife's parents and seems to have wanted to have it both ways.

In the spring of 1777, Col. Bird with five hundred men was sent by the British commander in New York to destroy the commissary stores at Peekskill and John Gesner was there at the time with his vessel in Annsville Creek.

As soon as he learned the object of the British he made an attempt to secure some of the goods by a plea of being loyal to the Crown, but was unable to get anything. The account states that he left as the stores were being committed to the flames. In going down the Creek he was fired upon by a detachment of red-coats stationed in a field near by. They signaled him to stop, but as he continued they sent a volley of musket balls at the boat. He and his boatman, who was named Riker, escaped being struck. A little further down the river Gesner encountered a British war vessel (probably the frigate *Brune*) which had brought a detachment up the Hudson. This time he fared less fortunately. Gesner turned to escape up the river, but the light wind completely died away and left the two vessels becalmed. The British then lowered a boat and came aboard the pettiauger which they said they intended to take with them down the river, and as Gesner and Riker were non-combatants they might go ashore. Gesner however preferred to remain with his ship with hope of regaining possession of his property. The boat was used as a ferry between New York and neighboring shores for a considerable time. On the occasion of a foggy night Gesner attempted to regain possession of his property by sailing off with his vessel, but he was captured and brought back to New York where his wife and child joined him and for a time he was forced to remain there. While in New York he worked for a while in a saw-mill and then went with his family to Nova Scotia where he remained a few years and where at least three of his children were born. (*The Gesner Family*, pages 20 and 21)

Nicholas Gesner was eleven years old in 1776, too young to be involved in the difficult choices his brothers had to make. Only his parents, his older brother Cornelius, who was fifteen, Nicholas and his younger sister Famiche, eight years old were left at home. The period during and immediately after the Revolution was very difficult both politically and economically, a sad and frightening time. The countryside had been devastated by the warring armies, and everyone was short of money. Later Nicholas recalled the look of the night sky during the war. On January 25, 1837 he wrote, "[the] awful appearance of the northern sky in the Revolutionary War when the sky was like blood ... occurred several times in said Revolutionary War to the great fear and astonishment of many."

On October 2, 1780, the British spy Major John André was hung in Tappan. Nicholas, then fifteen, watched the hanging. He later wrote:

I saw Washington's Army formed in solid columns Around the Gallows when Andre was hung — his death was regretted by all the American officers and men — Washington desired nothing but traitor Arnold to be given up, and Andre would have been set free, but the Commander in chief of the British then at New York city refusing to do that, Washington as it was (no doubt)

truly said, Shed tears at Andre's destiny had to abide by the Articles of War. This Andre was beloved because he was humane and kind to our prisoners. He was of Great family. (*Gesner Diary*, July 17, 1834)

After the War: Work, Marriage, and Housebuilding

Although the war ended in 1783, Nicholas's five older brothers did not return. On Feb 10th in the winter of 1788 his mother Famiche died and was buried on a knoll a short distance from the Gesner farmhouse. This was the first burial in the Gesner-Concklin burial ground, which eventually contained 17 Gesner and Concklin graves.

As a young man, Nicholas worked as a ship's carpenter, building sloops at Snedens Landing. He was also a good mechanic, inventing a loom for weaving Dutch double-faced blankets and bed covers, according to Anthon Gesner. In 1789, when Nicholas was 24 years old, he married 25-year-old Gracy Post and they moved into the small house his older brother John Henry had built, close by his parents' house. Their first child, William Herbert, was born in 1790. A story has been passed down through the family that in 1772, when she was eight years old, Gracy had planted an oak tree in the front yard of the property. When in the 1990s a dendrochronologist from Columbia University took a core from the huge oak tree, it dated to 1772!

In 1793, while Gracy was pregnant with their second child, Nicholas decided that the small house they had been living in was not large enough for the growing family, and started to build the large addition which still stands today. He kept the smaller southern section to use as a kitchen. Michael Rebic, the historic preservation planner who helped place Palisades houses on the Register of Historic Houses for Scenic Hudson, wrote the following description of the house.

The main section is a two story high, three bay wide, clapboarded, late eighteenth century vernacular farmhouse set on a slightly raised foundation and features an off-centered transomed entrance, six-over-six double hung sash windows, and a full-length verandah with a shed roof supported on square posts with simplified bases and capitals. A gable roof marked by two brick end-chimneys crowns this part of the house. (*Historic Houses of Palisades, New York*, page 236)

The front door opened into a hallway running parallel with the front of the house, ending on the south in the kitchen and on the north in what was probably a bedroom. An archway from the hall opened into one or two larger rooms. Above was a garret used for sleeping and storage. Sometime before 1800 Nicholas raised the roof of the second story and divided it into several rooms. By then he had three children; William Herbert, born in 1790, Nicholas, born in 1794, and Sally, born in 1796. The last Gesner child, Jacob, was born in 1801.

Family changes

Nicholas's older brother John Henry Gesner Jr. returned to Nyack some time previous to 1797 and lived there till his death in 1833. His Tory past was not held against him, and he became an honorable and highly respected citizen of the community. His son Henry became a shipbuilder; the first steamship he built was the *Orange*, mentioned below and many times in Nicholas's diary.

By 1796 John Henry Gesner Sr. had begun dividing his property. He sold his house and burying-ground to his son-in-law Jacob Concklin Jr., and Nicholas bought the New York land on which his own house was built for £100. Although he no longer owned the house, John Henry continued to live in it until he died in 1811. He was buried next to Famiche in the Gesner-Concklin burying ground.



A replica of the Clermont

Economic changes and a new profession

Economic changes were taking place in the Hudson River Valley as a result of the invention of the steamship in the late 18th century. In 1807, the steamship *Clermont*, built by Robert Fulton, began a regular passenger service between New York City and Albany, New York, 150 miles away. Sailing on the Hudson had always been difficult; the vagaries of winds and tides meant that sometimes one could leave from Palisades on a sloop and arrive in New York City two hours later, other times it would take overnight. Steamships, much more predicable and reliable, soon began to replace the sloops. Steamship navigation in Rockland started with a local steam vessel named the *Orange*, referred to by some as “Pot-Cheese” in reference to her beauty and by others as “The Flying Dutchman” because of her speed. Starting in 1827, she provided regularly scheduled transportation between Nyack and New York.

This was a disaster for Palisades. The shipyard at the Landing was not big enough to build steamships, and people didn’t want as many sloops, although they were still used. The shallow depth at the Landing also meant that steamships couldn’t come close to shore, and goods and people had to be ferried out in a smaller boat, called a pettiauger.

Nicholas must have seen the writing on the wall, for sometime shortly after 1817 he abandoned ship-building and became the first teacher at the recently built Palisades School, located just up the road from his house on the George Mann property; it was a small squarish building, about sixteen by eighteen feet in size.

Eliza Van Dien, who was born in 1811, attended the school while Nicholas was teaching and later remembered, “Many a time have I jumped over the little brook by the school house when old Nicholas Gesner was my teacher.” (*Palisades Notes*, page 175). At that time, circa 1817, he was already 52 years old, which may have seemed ancient to her. Nicholas was still teaching when he started his diary in 1829.

During these years he was frequently called upon to draw legal papers for his neighbors and to do surveying work; he was an experienced surveyor. As early as 1798 he had held the position of ensign in the Rockland County militia, from which post he had steadily risen. At the time of the War of 1812 he was first major in Lieut. Col. Blauvelt’s regiment of Rockland County, and in 1816 he was promoted to colonel of the 160th N. Y. Regiment. He and Gracy continued to farm the 30 acres he owned and to add to the property; in 1850 he is

recorded as owning 75 acres, 50 improved and 25 unimproved. It was a busy life

By 1829 Nicholas was 64 years old, and he and Gracy were alone in their home. His children had all left. William Herbert had married Mary Ann Mann in 1814, Sally had married Jonathan Lawrence in 1817, Nicholas Jr. and Jacob were still unmarried but not living at home. Nicholas and Gracy had 11 grandchildren; Herbert and Mary Ann had seven children, and Sally and Jonathan had four living children in 1829. Herbert and Sally both lived nearby with their families.

The Palisades historian Winthrop Gilman never met Nicholas Gesner, since Gilman arrived in Palisades shortly after Nicholas had died, but he had great admiration for him. In 1903 Gilman wrote, "Nicholas Gesner... was a man of more than the usual amount of education for that day. He was constantly called upon to draw deeds, and agreements, and make surveys and maps of farms." *Story of the Ferry*, page 15

The Story of the Diary

How the diary was saved for posterity is told on page 17 in *The Story of the Ferry*, completed in 1903 by Winthrop Sargent Gilman.

When Mrs. William Sparks (daughter of the "Sally" of the "Diary," i.e., granddaughter of Nicholas Gesner) removed from Palisades a few years since, she brought in a wagon to Mrs. [Julia] Denike's house, a large quantity of books and papers belonging to her grandfather. During all of one day she occupied herself in burning them. Many numbers of the "Diary" were destroyed at this time, since, to quote her words, there "was no use in keeping them around." Finally she turned to Mrs. Denike, saying, "I will not have time to burn them all, but you can burn the rest." After her departure Mrs. Denike did continue to destroy the papers, but her mother, the late Mrs. Abraham Post ... remonstrated, saying, "I wish you would not burn the Diaries, for I knew many of the people mentioned in them, and I like to hear about them." No more were burned after this. During the preparation of this paper, in 1898, the "Diary" was presented by Mrs. Denike to Winthrop S. Gilman, and by him to the Palisades Library.

What Gilman received from Mrs. Julia Denike were 55 small "cahiers" (Gesner called them "Momentoes"), each 6 3/8 by 7 7/8 inches, some with 4 leaves, others with 16 or 20, or even more. Gilman had four boxes made for them. Later two more cahiers appeared, given to my mother Alice Haagensen, who spent forty years studying Palisades history. In the 1950s, she often talked to Mrs. Adeline Van Blarcom, the daughter of Julia Denike, about her memories of Palisades. One day she learned that a couple of the cahiers had been withheld by Mrs. Van Blarcom's mother, undoubtedly because they referred to an old scandal. Eventually they were handed over to the Palisades Library to be added to the rest of the diary.

Alice Haagensen had discovered the Gesner Diaries in 1944, when she helped to move the books and other materials belonging to the Palisades Library from one building to another. In 1958 the Palisades Historical Committee of the Palisades Free Library had the diary copied and enlarged with the help of the New York Public Library. Dorothy Worzel bound the four large volumes, which are now on the reference shelves in the Palisades Free Library. The original diaries are in the library safe. For more than 40 years, from 1958 until the year 2000, Alice Haagensen spearheaded an effort to transcribe Gesner's crabbed handwriting into legible text. There are 1600 pages in the diary, and she and others managed to put transcriptions of about a quarter of these pages on paper. Some transcriptions are typed; some are handwritten. A few years later, the whole diary was put on microfilm.

Recently Peter Scheibner, the Rockland County archivist, was kind enough to send the original diary to be

scanned at high resolution by a company who specializes in this work. As a result, we now have a pdf file of the whole diary. This has been used to create several CDs that also include Alice Haagenzen's article about Nicholas Gesner, published in the April-June 1990 issue of *South of the Mountain*, the journal of the Historical Society of Rockland County. The Palisades Free Library, the Nyack Library, the Suffern Library and the New City Library each have copies of this CD.

Other people have read through the diaries, although they have only recorded items relating to their special interests. Winthrop Gilman was the first; pages 15 through 48 in *The Story of the Ferry* contain an article on the Gesner diaries written in 1899 that notes names and events mentioned in the diaries, year by year. Carl Nordstrom, author of *Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village*, published in 1973, also apparently went through the diaries and has some interesting things to say about Nicholas and his life.

Although the diaries cover a period of twenty-one years, 1842 is the only complete year. There is only one cahier left for each of the years 1830, 1849 and 1850. Portions of some pages have actually been cut out by whoever was censoring the material. Because so many cahiers were thrown out, we aren't sure exactly when Nicholas Gesner began keeping the diary. Mr. Gilman's first cahier was dated October 3, 1830, and he assumed that there had been many before this. However one of the two from Mrs. Van Blarcom was dated April 25, 1829 and the cover might be interpreted as being the first. It reads: "The following is a Memomento, or Memorial, without any Design of Debt or Credit or charge or demand." (As one reads on, one will be better able to judge the accuracy of this disclaimer.) The last diary page was written on July 21, 1850. Nicholas Gesner died eight years later, at the age of 92.

Gesner used the diary to record his business transactions, to keep track of the weather, and sometimes to express his emotions. He is judgmental when people violate his moral code and is overcome by strong religious feelings at a number of prayer meetings. Occasionally he is very angry with people and condemns them in quite eloquent prose. One gets the feeling that he is an honest, ethical man, concerned about what people will think of him, generous to his friends, but not always easy to deal with.

The Economy

Winthrop Gilman writes: "These were lively days at Rockland, and Snedens Landing. ...Twenty-five men were employed in the local quarries. Capts. Peter Van Orden, John Wilse Sr. and Jr., John Voris and, Henry Dobbs, resident here, owned & commanded vessels engaged in river traffic or voyaging to Virginia for pine wood and oysters. Ship building was an important industry at Snedens Landing. Timber was cut on the hills, brought down to the landing, sawed by hand in saw-pits and made into the fine sloops which were launched at high tide from the ways in the ship-yards in front of the William Sneden house and south of the Ferry House. Among the vessels launched were the *Accomodation*, a sloop of 60 tons; the *Benjamin Franklin*; the *Chief* a schooner of 160 tons and very fast, and the *Brave* of like size in 1844, the last vessel built here." (from *The Story of the Ferry*, by Winthrop Gilman, page 13)

Once steamboats began to be built they replaced many of the sloops. At Snedens a perriauger carried passengers out to the passing steamboats, because it was too shallow for steamboats to come to the pier at the Landing. Mr. Gilman tells us: "The first of these steamboats with which the Sneden's Landing perriauger regularly connected was the *Union*, afterwards named the *Rockland* built in 1827 at Piermont. ...Her builders belonged also to the Sneden family. In the wake of the *Rockland* followed a series of steamboats; the *Warren*, the *Orange*, the *Arrow*, the *Washington Irving*, the *Metamora* and the *John Farron*, which ran from Haverstraw, Piermont or Nyack, and were regularly met by the perriauger from Sneden's Landing. The merchandise thus conveyed to the steamer during the second quarter of the century was large in amount. Wagons of farm and garden produce came from Closter, Tappan, Duncantown, Pascack, Kakiat, Kaskat and Kinnikamak, and the surrounding country. A warehouse some 25 feet square stood by the river at the end of the public road. About the year 1850

the year 1850 Capt. Lawrence J. Sneden built a pier extending 500 feet into the river, wide enough for three wagons to pass abreast, with a T at the end towards the river, to turn upon, to accommodate his perriauagers, and other craft. The wagons often stood in a line from the top of the hill (by the first Library-Watson house) to the end of the pier, waiting their turn to unload.” (*The Story of the Ferry*, by Winthrop Gilman, pages 11 and 12)

Houses and People

The 1830 Federal Census documents 483 people in Palisades, then called Rockland, living in 50 households. Manns, Posts and Gesners from Germany had joined the Dutch and English families who had first settled the community; these included Snedens, Lawrences, Concklins, Coopers, Blauvelts, and Tallmans, some in Rockland and some in New Jersey adjacent to Rockland. Members of many of these families had intermarried, creating a close-knit community.

At the time there were six houses on the stretch of Rockleigh Road nearest the New Jersey border, including the Nicholas Gesner house in New York State. Everyone living in these houses was related to each other, and many shared the last name of Concklin. Nicholas was related to the Concklin family because his older sister Elizabeth had married Jacob Concklin the second. His younger sister Famiche had married Peter Willsey; the Willsey house was just north of Nicholas’s house in New York State. Nicholas’s wife Gracy was a Post and his daughter Sally married Jonathan Lawrence.

Nicholas and Polly Concklin — and her family — in 1829

The closest dwelling to the south was the old house that Nicholas’s father, John Gesner, had built in 1749. This house was reached from Nicholas’s house by an old lane, shown on the map on page XII. Mary Quidor Concklin, the widow of Jacob Concklin the third, was living there in 1829. Jacob and Mary, (usually called Polly) had been living at Roaring Brook Farm with Jacob’s parents until he died in 1811, aged 45, leaving her with six children, aged seventeen years to one year old. John Henry Gesner died that same year and in 1812 Polly moved into the old John Henry Gesner homestead, which her husband Jacob had bought from his parents, Jacob Concklin and Elizabeth Gesner-Concklin. Nicholas Gesner and Polly had a bizarre and complicated relationship. Alice Haagensen has descibed it so well that I will quote her in the following paragraphs and also later on when she writes about Methodists and the Brower Concern. She writes:

“At first glance, the diary seems to be a straightforward account of a farmer’s life, with constant weather bulletins and an emphasis on church affairs, interspersed with cryptic references and abbreviations; but as one reads on, they begin to make more and more sense. Suddenly there is a jolt, and one almost finds oneself in a Victorian novel, full of intense feeling, religious fervor and dramatic scenes.

“One learns that Gesner had an obsessive interest in his widowed niece by marriage, Mary Quidor Concklin, or “Pol. Conck,” usually referred to in the diary by what can only be described as a squiggle. This obsession filled his life for the first two years of the diary and caused quarrels with his children and her children, not to mention frequent flare ups with Polly herself.

“Apparently Polly had found herself in financial trouble after her husband Jacob died in 1811, and Gesner came to the rescue. Perhaps dating from this time, he seemed to have a hold on her and expected her to give him meals, make his shirts, wash and mend his clothes, and supply who knows what other services. This was true even though he was ostensibly living at home with his wife Gracy Post and often entertaining relatives and friends.

“...the first part of the diary, long withheld, includes an account of the many days Polly spent away from home, visiting relatives or working as a midwife—even that seems to have been a grievance to Nicholas—and of

the few scanty meals she gave him. When she was at home, he complained that there always seemed to be a visiting relative dividing her attention, even if it sometimes was only one of her young grandsons. Nicholas Gesner, who was there several times a day, must have been a disturbing presence, whether censorious or a bit too friendly.

“The relationship between Nicholas and Polly, as described in the diary, is hard to define. In their many arguments Polly accuses Nicholas of ‘jawing, jawing, jawing,’ and says she will let no one tell her what to do. According to Nicholas, he answers her calmly and reasonably but writes passionately about her ‘miserable lyes’ and ‘most bitter temper.’ Then when he returns to her house, usually a short time later, his description of his reception is often an ambiguous ‘friendly.’” (*The Nicholas Gesner Diary* by Alice Haagensen, pages 4 and 5)

Polly Concklin stayed in the Gesner house until 1832. Although Polly’s husband had left the old house to his youngest son, Nicholas, he preferred to live elsewhere as did his brother Jacob. Polly’s son, John Gesner Concklin, and his wife Madeline lived with her until 1822 when their son was born. Thereafter Polly lived alone and worked as a midwife. In 1829 she was 54 years old; Nicholas Gesner was ten years older.

Three of Polly’s daughters and one son lived nearby on parcels of land inherited from their grandfather, Jacob Concklin. Their houses are all just over the state line in what is now Rockleigh, New Jersey. They have been studied in detail by Reginald McMahon, a Bergen County historian who made plentiful use of the Gesner diary.

Traveling south along the road, the next house was the Albert Cooper house. Albert “Obb” Cooper was a blacksmith, apparently illiterate; he had married Polly’s daughter Mary Ann and the couple had seven children. “Obb” Cooper was a member of a nearby large Dutch family, who are chiefly remembered nowadays for their unusual nicknames. Obb’s brother James was called “Cose,” Cose’s wife was “Wynchy,” his daughter, “Tyney,” and his sister Hanna, “Nautchy” or “Naut.” Cose and Obb often worked for Gesner on his farm.

Polly’s daughter Elizabeth Dubois — “Bets,” or “Bs” in the diary — especially disapproved of her mother’s relations with Gesner and often sent her six-year-old son, Ephraim, to stay with Polly, as a ‘guardian,’ Gesner once said angrily. Bets was 28 years old when the diary began. There is said to be a ghost in the Dubois house, a severe-looking woman in black. Alice Haagensen suggests that this is Bets, still disapproving. At the time the diary begins Bets and her husband Joseph were living in the Landing, the part of Palisades next to the Hudson River. Joseph was a boatman and farmer. In 1835 the Dubois family built a house just south of the Cooper house. Ephraim, born in 1823, is often mentioned as visiting Polly and was the oldest of five children. The Dubois house is still standing; when first built it had only one room for Bets, Joseph and their five children.

The third daughter, Phebe Van Wickel (“Pe” in the diary), and her husband Richard lived across the road from the other two. Phebe was 24 years old in 1829, when the diary begins. It was to her house that Polly went for refuge when the situation with Nicholas became intolerable. Phebe’s son Jesse was born in 1823, the oldest of three children in the family, and frequently visited his grandmother Polly. This house is still standing; when built in 1827 it had one large room and a garret.

Across from the Dubois house was the frame house built in 1822 by Polly’s son John Gisner Concklin. He had only two children. This son, “J.G.C.” in the diary, was a bitter enemy of Gesner. Polly’s two other sons came often to visit her, much to Gesner’s annoyance. Nineteen-year-old Nicholas was a gunsmith. According to McMahon, he worked in New York City in the summer and Georgetown, South Carolina in the winter, but he seems to be at Polly’s house every couple of days in the first cahier. Gesner seems to have had amicable relations with him, as he did with Polly’s other son Jacob, except when he had been drinking. Jacob was married to Elmira, and the marriage was sometimes a stormy one.

Farther south on the road was the old Jacob Concklin farm. Concklin's daughter Elizabeth and her husband Samuel Sneden were living in the Concklin house in 1829. Across from the farm was another Concklin house, Roaring Brook Farm. After Polly Concklin moved out in 1812, her late husband's sister, Phebe Concklin-Concklin, and her husband, David Concklin moved into it. Jacob and Elizabeth Concklin both died in the mid 1820s.

Nicholas Gesner's son William Herbert lived in a house at the corner of Oak Tree and Closter Road, where the Palisades Free Library is now located. He and his wife Mary Ann Mann had ten children in 1829; three more were born later. Later on Herbert worked as a grocer and as a shoe-maker but at the time the diary begins he was a baker. George Lawrence's house was across the street.

The Methodist Church

"There were two rival branches of the new Methodist Church in the small village of Rockland. One, the Methodist Episcopal Church, or Old Side, had the advantage of a well-to-do adherent, Moses Taylor. He lived over the border in New Jersey but devoted his resources to helping the church in Rockland. He helped them build first a small building north of the Big House on the road to Sparkill, then, in 1859, the large impressive one across the road, which is now the antique shop, Yonder Hill Dwellers. The other branch, the Reform Methodists or Methodist Protestants, as Nicholas refers to them, held its own for some time with the help of Nicholas Gesner's determination, pious intensity and power of invective. It even succeeded in building, in about 1850, a small "steepleless church" near where the present post office is, called Gesner Hall. For a long time, however, the Methodists Protestants met in private houses or at the schoolhouse in New Landing, today's Piermont. Visiting preachers would ride the circuit and, in between their visits, the devoted church members would meet together in 'classes' to pray, confess and reinforce their deep religious feelings. They believed that without constant religious struggle they would fall from grace." (*The Nicholas Gesner Diary* by Alice Haagensen, page 11)

The Brower Concern

"After Polly and his church, one of Gesner's absorbing interests was what he called 'The Brower Concern.' His mother Famiche Brower was supposed to have been a direct descendant of Anneke Jans, whose granddaughter married Jacobus Brower. Anneke Jans was a reputed illegitimate descendant of William the Silent of Holland and in the 17th century had owned 62 acres in downtown New York, including the site where Trinity Church was built. The property was bought from her, taken over by the king of England and ended up in the possession of the church. Her descendants never acknowledged the legality of the process.

"At least 12 of the interconnected families in Rockland (Palisades) were among the thousands of descendants of Anneke Jans. Every so often a lawyer would take up the case and circularize the ever-growing group of seekers after fortune. One such case was in process in the 1830s; and Gesner often went to New York City to consult with lawyers and other interested parties, backed financially by many of his relatives in the village. Like many others before and after, this case failed, benefiting only the lawyers. The practice was ended by the disbarment in 1913 of the latest lawyer to circularize the descendants with the aim of bringing another suit.

"No doubt the prospect of royal descent and possible riches provided rosy dreams for Gesner and his neighbors, but unfortunately they never had a chance of materializing. Recent studies have proved that Anneke Jans had no connection with the Dutch royal family and that Famiche Brower was descended only from a brother of the Jacobus Brower who married Anneke Jans's granddaughter. Even if these facts had not come out, a writer, Munsell, who narrated the Anneke Jans story in 1870, wrote, 'It has been calculated that if their ancient farm in New York, now in possession of Trinity Church, and supposed to be worth several millions, was recovered and equally apportioned among all who claim to be descendants of Anneke Jans, it would give them about twenty shilling apiece.' " (*The Nicholas Gesner Diary* by Alice Haagensen, page 12)



← **The Nicholas Gesner House.**

The small left section of the house was built by Nicholas's older brother John, probably in 1770. He later moved to Nyack. In 1793, a few years after Nicholas married Gracy Post, he built the larger section to the right. The oak tree in front was planted by Gracy in 1772. Nicholas and Gracy had four children: Herbert, Nicholas Jr., Sally and Jacob. The house originally may have had a kitchen, two rooms in the new section and a garrett above. After a few years Nicholas raised the roof and created bedrooms upstairs for his growing family.

The Albert (Obb) Cooper House. Obb was born in 1804 and married Mary Ann Concklin, a daughter of Polly Concklin's. The large (south) wing of this frame house was constructed first, in 1804. It contained one large room with a garret and fireplace. The small north wing was added later, probably around 1827. There was also a barn and blacksmith shop behind the house. Obb and his wife had seven children: Elizabeth, George, Jacob, Nicholas, Mary, Sarah and James. Obb was illiterate and made his living as a blacksmith and farmer.

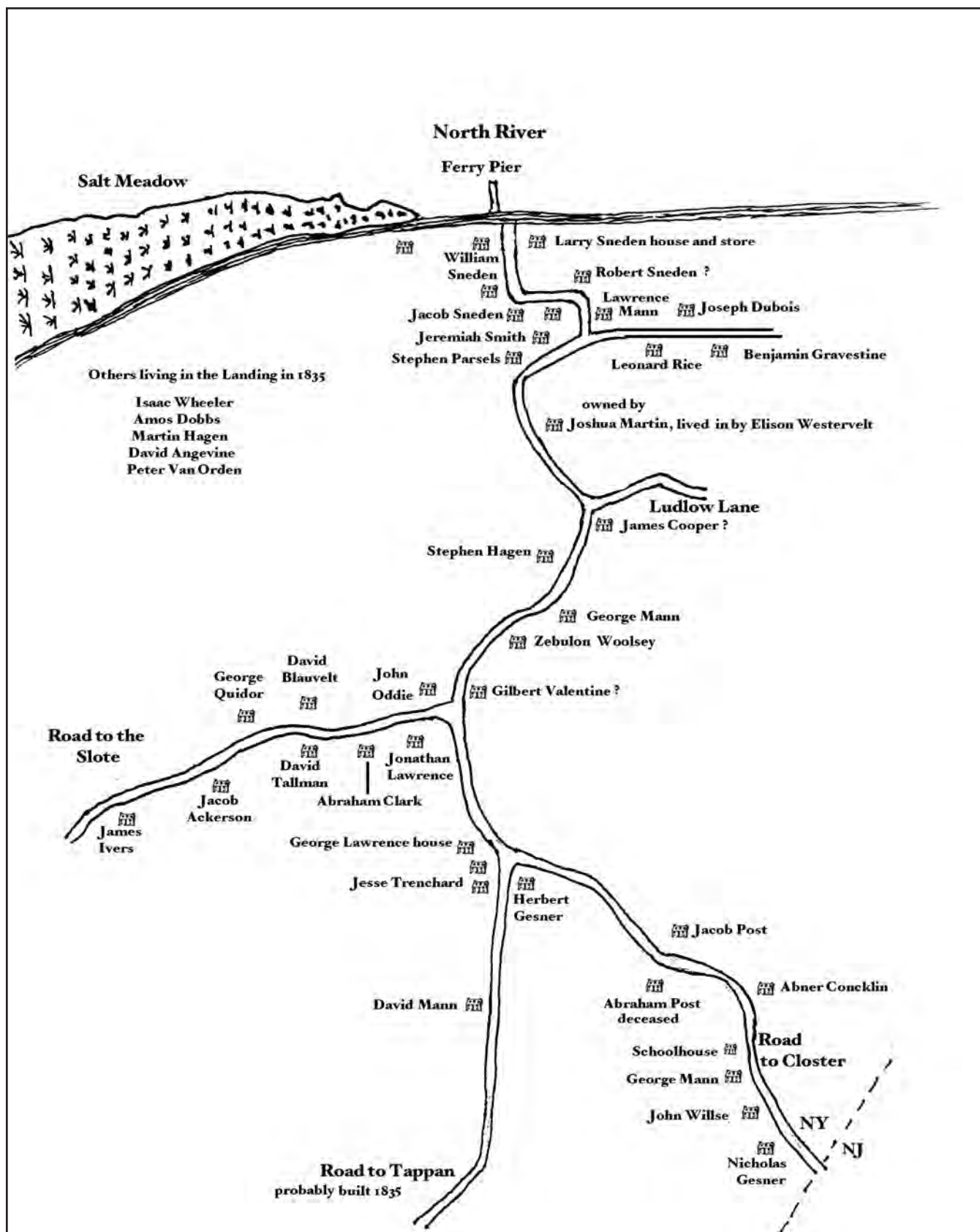


← **The Van Wickel-Moore House**

Phebe Concklin, another of Polly's children, married Richard Van Wickle. In 1827 the Van Wickles built a house and lived there for ten years. Their son Jesse was born in 1823. The frame house had one large room and a garret. The outhouse is to the left. In 1837 the Van Wickles moved to the Landing and the Moores moved in.

→ **The Jacob Concklin House**, built 1748 - 1796. The large wing to the right was the original house. The south wing was a later addition and may have been a kitchen. Concklin, who married Elizabeth Gesner, (Nicholas Gesner's sister) owned two slaves (Jack Earnest was one). In 1829 his daughter Elizabeth (b. 1778) and son-in-law Samuel Sneden were living in the old stone house. In 1848 Samuel sold the house to two of his children and moved up the road to live with his daughter Phebe Ann, who had married John Moore





A possible map of the community of Rockland in 1835. The previous map shows the area at the lower right corner of this map, which is not filled in here.

NAMES IN THE DIARY

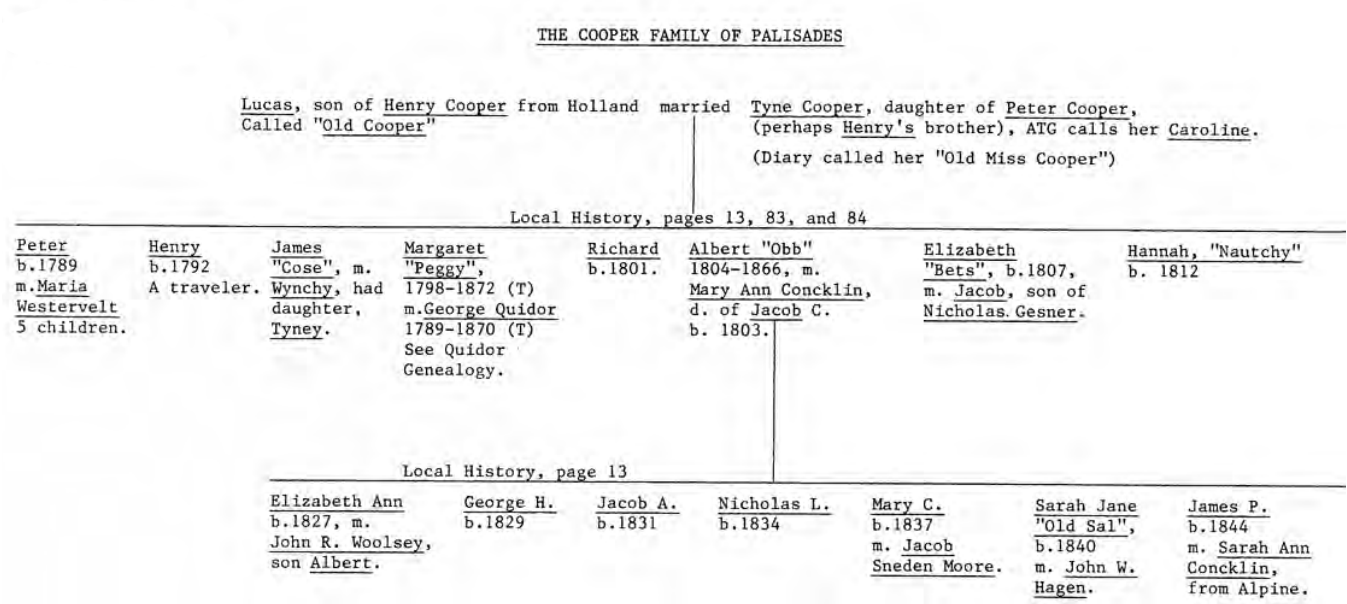
Ackers, Joseph and Latey
Ackerson, Jacob
Angevine, David
Aurianson, helped Nicholas with jobs
Auryanson, weaver, lived in Closter
Barto, Doctor
Beasley, Leonard wife Sally, daughters Sally Ann and Bets, son Leonard, bought house next door to Nicholas
Bets Dubois, see Dubois
Black Charles (Cisco?)
Blanch, Richard
Blauvelt, David and Lucy, legal case of spousal abuse
Briggs, John got timber, Edward
Brower, Nicholas, Brower concern, lived in New York city
Brush, Anne daughter of John Gesner
Chambers, Bennet, taught Palisades school in 1835, then at Slote
Cisco, Charles, had daughter
Clark, Abraham, lived on road to Slote
Clark, Derick, lived in Nyack
Coates, Jim
Concklin, Abner, son of Mathias, m. Betty Beasley 6/10/37, about 1850 built Concklin house
Concklin, David wife Tampy
Concklin, Famiche
Concklin, Hannah, lived at Slote
Concklin, Henry and Peggy
Concklin, John Gesner and Lany
Concklin, Jacob and Elmira, son Truman. Jacob was Polly's son
Concklin, John D. and Sally
Concklin, Nicholas, Polly's son
Concklin, Polly, M.C., object of Nicholas's obsession at beginning of *Diary*
Conshot, Dorcas, Nicholas drew will for
Cooper, Hannah, Nautchy or Nautch – not married
Cooper, James (Cose) and Wynche, daughter Tyney
Cooper, Lucas, "Old" Cooper m. to Tyne, Old Mistress Cooper, father of other Coopers
Cooper, Albert "Obb" and Mary Ann, another daughter of Polly's, blacksmith, illiterate
Cose, see Cooper
Dobbs, John, Martin and Amos, who worked for Larry Sneden
Doremus, Cornelius, sold beef in Tappan
Dubois, Joseph and Phebe, son Ephraim, b. 1824
Earnest, Jack, Nicholas's former slave, lived on Mountain
Eckerson, Jacob and Molly, young Jacob
Ele, Eli, Eley Westervelt (Elison), sons James and John
Ephraim, see Dubois, Polly's grandson
Felter, Peter, lived at Slote
Ferdon, Yawp, stock keeper
Ferdon, William, sometimes road master
Ford, Mistress – Lany Concklin's mother
Foster, Gilbert, born 1832, boy who sometimes worked for Nicholas

Gesner, Herbert and Mary Ann, Charles b. 1820, William b. 1817, Sidney b. 1825 and 7 other children
 Gesner, Abraham, Nicholas's older brother who lived in Nova Scotia
 Gesner, (sometimes Gisner) John (Nicholas's older brother) and Henry his son, shipbuilder
 Gesner, Jacob, son of Nicholas, wife Bets Cooper
 Gorman, Barnard, peddler
 Graham, William Jane made coat
 Gravestine, Benjamin, wife Rachel and son John
 Gunning, Bartholemew, frivolous friend of Nicholas Concklin
 Gwefes Abba, Quidor relative, lived in NYC
 Hagen John, drowned in Hudson 1835
 Hagen, Martin, lived in Closter, left fence open
 Hagen, Stephen, built old house across from Palisades Presbyterian church
 Haring, William, David (carpenter)
 Harris, William, schoolteacher who boarded with Nicholas
 Henry, Peg
 Hopson, Dr. - treated Nicholas and Gracy
 House, Abraham, had store at Slote
 House, Peggy - John House's widow, married William Sneden
 Hynes, Martin
 Iseman, John and Catherine, and James
 Ivers, James and Polly, lived near Sparkill pond
 Jake, Jacob Gesner, Nicholas's son
 Jesse, son of the Van Wickles, Polly's grandson
 Jim Miller, boy who lived at Nicholas's and worked for him, born 1822
 Jordan, Peggy
 Kent, Elias and Sally Ann
 King, Ginny, took to poor house from Nicholas's house
 Lawrence, Herbert shipbuilder in NY, Jonathan Lawrence's step-brother
 Lawrence, Jonathan and Sally, Mary b. 1818, William b. 1820, Sarah b. 1825, Cordelia b. 1831
 Lawrence, George, Jon Lawrence's brother, and his wife Marie Jacox
 Lawrence, Jennet, Jon Lawrence's sister
 Lawrence, John, b. 1764 "Uncle Johnny"
 Lawrence, Stephen and wife Mary Mann
 Lydecker, John, had stone quarry
 Mabie, Abraham, mason from New York, Peter and John who lived in or near Rockland
 Mabie, Adolphus, Esquire, local lawyer
 Mann, Casparus caught pigeons, lived at Slote
 Mann, David, neighbor of Nicholas's, had a farm on the way to Tappan
 Mann, George and Helen, lived in old Mann house
 Manning, A., lumber merchant at Slote
 Martin, Joshua and Susan
 Marvin, Doctor
 Miles, Alfred, boy who came in 1835 to live and work with Nicholas, 13 at the time
 Miller, James born 1822 and Edward, visited Nicholas
 Moison, Sarah Ann, worked for Gracy, may have lived in house
 Moore, John and Phebe Ann, immediate neighbor
 Nagel, David and John D.
 Nagels, Hendrick had vendue
 Noe, Bartholemew and Peter

Old Cooper, Lucas Cooper, married to Tyne, Old Mistress Cooper
 Old Ginny Blauvelt
 Old Quidor, see Quidor
 Oliver, James sold Nicholas raspberries, black man who lived on Mountain
 Parcels, David
 Parsels, Stephen, did work for Nicholas
 Parsels, Walter, deceased
 Pennoyer, Thomas, lived in NYC, wife Sally, son Theodore, who sometimes worked for Nicholas
 Perry, Doctor
 Phebe Van Wickle, Polly's daughter
 Platt Gould, who worked as a baker for Herbert
 Pomp, black man who sometimes worked for Nicholas
 Post, Abraham, Jacob's father, and wife Euphemia
 Post, Jacob and Peggy
 Quidor, Elsie Ann, Peter Quidor's daughter
 Quidor, George, Mary Eliza b. 1809, George b. 1814, Elsie Ann b. 1807
 Quidor, Peg
 Quidor, Peter (Old Quidor) Polly Concklin's father
 Renwick, Robert and Agnes, John and Mary
 Rice, Leonard and Elizabeth, mother of Lucy Blauvelt
 Rich, Richard Van Wickle
 Riker, Jacob and Peggy
 Riker, Peter owned cider mill in Rockleigh (then Harrington township)
 Sally Lawrence, Jonathan Lawrence's wife and Nicholas's daughter
 Sara, girl who worked in Polly's neighborhood
 Sarvent, Abraham, who had a store at the Slote, and Philip
 Scudder, Abraham and Bets Post Scudder
 Shaw, Isaac, ran away
 Sickles, Ruleph, Captain
 Smith, Isaac, captain of steamboat *Orange*
 Smith, Jeremiah and Margaret Rice, son Robert
 Sneden, Benjamin, son of Samuel the Tory, started shipyard in New York
 Sneden, Benjamin, Benjamin's son, stayed with Nicholas during cholera epidemic in NY
 Sneden, "Boss" John and Phebe Gesner, children Elison, "Captain" Larry, William
 Juliet b. 1815 and Emaline b. 1815 – twins with lovely voices, and others
 Sneden, Bets, wife of Samuel Sneden Senior
 Sneden, Jacob, brother of Samuel Sneden Senior
 Sneden, Larry, brother of John Sneden the patriot, d. 1842 and Leah
 Sneden, Captain Larry, b. 1800, died 1871, ran store by the river in his house
 Sneden, Richard, son of John the Patriot
 Sneden, Robert, son of John the Patriot, daughter Eliza married Peter Van Orden
 Sneden, William, married widow Peggy House in January 1835
 Sneden, Samuel, ran shipyard in New York City with father Benjamin and brother Benjamin
 Sneden, Samuel, Senior, son of Samuel the Tory, married Elizabeth Concklin, lived near Nicholas
 Sneden, Samuel Junior, lived near Nicholas, daughter Julian,
 Stephenson, Mary, Elmira's mother
 Ster, Sterr, Methodist preacher who became schoolmaster
 Tallman, David, lived on road to Slote
 Tamar, girl stayed at Nicholas's house in spring 1832, had child, left in the fall

Taulman, Peter, had store at Slote
 Taylor, Moses, lived in Rockleigh, leader of Old Side Methodists
 Thompson, Billy, black preacher, lived on Mountain, sold pigs to Nicholas
 Trenchard, Jesse, blacksmith, Old Side member
 Valentine, Gilbert, boy who worked for Nicholas
 Van Kleek, John and Peggy (later Parsels)
 Van Orden, Peter, horse in buckwheat
 Van Valen, Richard
 Van Wickel, Richard and Phebe, Jesse, born 1823
 Van Wort, Clinton, drunkard, lived at the landing
 Verbryck, Rulef had mill
 Verbryck, Samuel made shoes
 Vervalen, Abraham
 Vervalen, Daniel, tanner at Slote
 Vervalen, John visited Polly
 Vervalen, Sam skated across river
 Wandle, Casparus sold beef
 Westervelt, Elison (Eley) husband Peter drowned in Slote early in marriage, moved to Rockland 1835
 son James b. between 1820 and 1825, drowned at Snedens Landing, and son John
 Wheeler, Isaac, he and family lived with Nicholas for a while. Wife Sally, son Aaron, daughter Elizabeth
 Whitehead, John, black man who sometimes worked for Nicholas
 Willse or Willsey, John and Lisha, schooner captain, Henry 4/12/31, John
 Woolsey, Zebulon, Old Side member
 Wright, Doctor, treated Nicholas, rented Jonathan Lawrence's house for a while

There are more genealogies at the end of Volume IV: Sneden, Mann, Willsey and Post. These all come from Alice Haagensen's book, *Palisades and Snedens Landing*.



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 ATG - Anthon Temple Gesner
 T - Tombstone

THE GESNER FAMILY OF PALISADES

Johan Hendrick Gesner, Millwright, a Palatine, 1681-1745, and wife, Elizabeth Ann Smith, came on ship Lyon in 1710 (AHA).
Bought 56 acres in Tappan from Johannes DeVries, Yeoman, in 1725 (Accordion File).

John Hendrick Gesner married Famiche Brower, supposed descendant of Anneke Jans
May 25, 1724 - 1722-1788 (GB)
July 6, 1811

Local History, page 19 (Most of them in Cole too) ATG has many details about them.

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| Elizabeth b.Dec.6,1745 m. Jacob Concklin | John (ATG 20) 1749-1833. m. Antye Onderdonck 10 ch., incl. Phebe, m. John Snedden, Henry who built ship Orange | Jacob b.Dec.23,1751 m. Ann Briggs (ATG) Lost at sea (G) Went to Nova Scotia. | Isaac b. May 15, 1754 Tailor m. Joanna Lafarge (ATG) Went to Nova Scotia. | Henry & Abraham twins b. Nov. 10, 1756 H. d. Oct. 13, 1850. Both went to Nova Scotia, and each had 12 children (ATG). Ab. m. Eliz. Steadman (AHA). | Cornelius Feb. 1, 1761- 1790 (ATG). m. Catherine Concklin (AHA) Diarist. | Nicholas Dec. 10, 1765- May 20, 1858. m. Gracey Post Diarist. | Famiche b. March 31, 1768 d. Feb. 9, 1821 (GB) m. Peter Willsey b. 1767 (LH 20) |
| Local History, page 22 - Concklin Children | | | | | | | 8 Willsey Children, incl. John, 1792-1855 (T) Captain on coasting ships. (S.O.F. 13). m. Eliz. Hendrix, 1812. |

Local History, page 78

Wm. Herbert
m. Mary Ann Mann
had 10 children.
One, Matilda, m.
Abraham Van Wart.
Another Wm. Nicholas
was shipbuilder.
Wrote WSG, LH 79A.

Nicholas
1794-1820
Sally
1796-1854
m. Jon. Law
IV, had 5
ch., one,
Mary, m.
Wm. Sparks.

LH 22 - Eight Concklin Children, incl.

Jacob
1794-1832
m. Elmira
Stephens
1 ch. d. y.
(ATG)

Local History, page 21 - Ten Willsey Children, including

Famiche
or Euphemia,
Eliza, or
Elizabeth
1814-1896
m. Abram Post
(See Post Family
Genealogy)

Catherine L.
1818
m. D. Vervalen.
"Capt. John"
m. Mary Lyon
(See Lawrence
Family
Genealogy)

Jane
1822-1895
m. M. Dobbs
m. J. Dobbs
(See Dobbs Family
Genealogy)

Rachel A.
"Ratie"
1827-
m. D. Adriance

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- GB - Gesner Burying Ground
- LH - Local History, by W.S. Gilman

THE CONCKLIN, OR CONKLIN FAMILY OF PALISADES

Jacob Concklin (1) (1718-1787-T) married Hester Barhyte (1720-1785-T) Came from Westchester.
Bought property stretching from Sparkill Creek to the "Mountain" in 1748. Built house, now gone.

Several children, listed in Cole, including

Jacob (2) Called Jr., then Sr. 1743-1827 (GB)
m. Elizabeth Gesner, daughter of J.H.G., sister of Nicholas.
1745-1825 (G.B.)

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| Jacob (3) July 15, 1766-June 22, 1811 (GB) m. Mary Quidor (Polly) 1775-1838 (GB) | <p>Phebe, or Famiche b. Feb. 18, 1773 m. David Concklin (C) b. 1772, son of Abraham (C)</p> | <p>Elizabeth b. Jan. 13, 1778 m. Samuel Sneden Apr. 17, 1775-Oct. 10, 1863 (T) (See Snedens in the Field for descendants.) Inherited Jacob Gesner house.</p> |
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| Elizabeth b. 1798 (C) | <p>Phebe, or Femijs b. 1801 (c) d. 1827 (GB) m. Jesse Trenchard (GB)</p> | David, Jr. 1793-1840 (GB) |
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| Jacob (4) 1794-1832 (ATG) m. Elmira Stephens (ATG) or Stephenson. 1 son, died young. | <p>John G. b. 1796 (C) m. Madeline Fortier</p> | <p>Peter b. 1799 (C)</p> | <p>Elizabeth b. 1801 (C) m. Joseph Dubois</p> | <p>Mary Ann 1803-1880 m. Albert (Obb) Cooper 1804-1866 (See Cooper Genealogy)</p> | <p>Phebe b. 1806 (C) m. Richard Van Wickel Several children including Jesse.</p> | <p>Rachel b. 1808 (c)</p> | <p>Nicholas b. 1811 (C) Inherited Old Gesner House.</p> |
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| <p>Louis Henry Fortier, b. 1822 (ATG) m. Jane Fowles</p> | <p>Mary Elizabeth b. 1832 m. James Gowdy 10 children (ATG) (Gowdys later owned Burying Ground)</p> | <p>Ephraim</p> |
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References

ATG - Anthon Temple Gesner
C - List of Baptisms in Cole's History
GB - Gesner Burying Ground
T - Tombstone in Palisades Cemetery
Reginald McMahon, in his articles about
houses in Rockleigh, N.J., gives the best
account of the Concklin family.

THE LAWRENCE FAMILY OF PALISADES - THE EARLY BRANCH

(1) Jonathan Lawrence "The Elder Senior" (T) married Mary Betts of Newtown, L.I. (LG)
1695-1777

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| J.L.'s will lists 12 children. | | (L'H lists another, Richard, who died unmarried in West Indies.) | |
| Thomas 1718-1780 (T) m. Helener 1725-1797 (T) (Eleanor Leggett). Business- man in N.Y.C. Moved to Rock- land during Rev. Died in what was later Heyhoe. (LH 12c) | (2) Jonathan 1720-1808 (DAR) m. Eliz. Van Kleeck. 1729- 1816 (DAR) Son, Jonathan Hampton L. 1763-1844 (L'H) | 3 sons who lived at home with no trade (JLW) Daniel, m. Phebe (LH 102) Nathaniel (unmarried) David, m. Eliz. Poppino (Mac) | Mary m. Samuel Betts (LH 102) Sneden. (Mac) See S. of John & Eliz. (JLW) His children were Mary and Samuel (JLW) |

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| (3) Jonathan, Jr. 1759-1802 (T) m. l. Jennette Neale, d. 1790 age 23 (T) m. 2. Mary Mann 1763-1835 (T) | Catherine 1767-1844 (T) m. David Mann 1768-1852 10 children | Elizabeth m. Alex Young (L'H) Smith (L'H) d. 1850 | Thomas bp. 1771 m. Sarah Young (L'H) d. 1850 |
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References
CAR - Letter from Mrs. Carlisle, 1981
DAR - Graves of Rev. Soldiers
JLW - Will of Jonathan Lawrence
LG - Lawrence, T.: Historical Genealogy
LH - Gilman's Local History
L'H - L'Hommedieu's MS in NYPL
Mac - Mackenzie's MS genealogies
MB - New York Marriages (Marriage Bond)
PN - Gilman's Palisades Notes
R.de T.L. - R.de T. Lawrence: Family Bibles
T - Tombstone Inscription, Palisades Cemetery

By Jennette Neal

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| Charles L'H says m. Eliz. Lowden & became potter in NY | Herbert m. Sarah Martin (L'H) Shipbuilder in NY | Eleanor 1789-1868 (T) m. J.J. Wilde 9 children (LH 103) |
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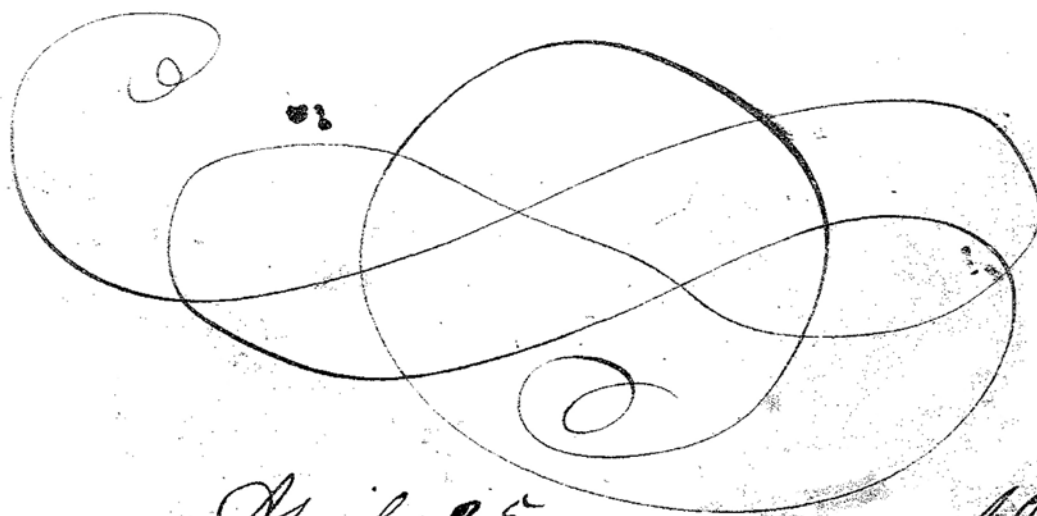
By Mary Mann

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| (4) Jonathan 1795-1883 (T) m. Sally Gesner 5 children (LH 103) Daughter Mary Sparks burned some of G's Diary. | Jeannette 1797-1870 (T) unmarried | George M. 1799-1872 (T) m. Maria Jacox (Gesner Diary) first postmaster several children |
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| Jonathan 1748-1782 (RdeTL) Moved to S.Car. Wife Sarah, plaque on house, Charles- ton (CAR). Ancestor of S. Carlisle. PN 199, 12 children (LH 100), including | Thomas b. 1753 (Mac) m. Sarah Fowler "Very much of a lady" (Mrs. Willsey, PN 198) de T. Lawrence (m. Jane Givens) | Richard Stephen b. 1758 (Mac) Moved to S. Car. (Mac) Ancestor of R. de T. Lawrence (m. Jane Givens) | Samuel 1761-1810 Moved to S. Car. Son, Stephen Hampton, ret. & m. Marg. Mann (LH 190) | John "Uncle Johnny" 1764-1844 (T) Lived in Palisades. | Isaac died young | Mary 1769-1840 m. John Van Kleeck "A very fine woman, rather nervous, was thought a good deal of." Mrs. Stansbury, (PN 190) |
| Sarah b. 1783 m. Zeb Woolsey who married Henry Storms | Mary b. 1787 Maybe the "Polly" who married Henry Storms | Helena, b. 1796 m. Isaac Lyon. Her daughter, Mary, married John G. Willsey "Capt. John." Sold Wash. table to W.S.G. for Library (LH 47) | | | | |

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April 25

1829



| 1829 | A Momento | | |
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| | | Gone | |
| | | Days | Hours |
| April 25 | Went to Haverstraw | | |
| May 7 | Returned about 4 or 5 PM | 12.. | 00 |
| 17 | What an impudent fellow you are | | |
| 18 | Went to New York | | |
| 22 | Back | 4.. | 00 |
| July 9 | Shocking event at night | | |
| 11 | Elizabeth and two Children and Girl, thirteen or fourteen years old on visit. | | |
| 19 | Elizabeth and so forth went away. Went nursing Bets Sneden. | | |
| Aug. 9 | Back four o'clock PM. Drank tea. Butter of Sara. | 21.. | 00 |
| 10 | Christian there. Cleaned up house, walked garden &c. | | |
| 11 | Visiting Phebe. | | |
| 12 | Bets came 9 or ten o'clock. Polly went up Phebe's. Went all down, before sundown all went up. Phebe and Bets to launching. Polly stayed with Bets for night, 3/4 hour at Phebe's after she got back. Child brought down. | | |
| 13 | I sick there. Polly took child back an hour Sunday PM. | | |
| 14 | Tea late. I left alone. Dusk, went home. Polly went right up Phebe's. I came down. Polly came, got garlic. Went again, I stayed. Disp. Waiting on En. | | |
| 15 | Mistress N down all night. Ate 10 o'clock at night. Elsie Ann came from New York. Polly came out ? Huffing. | | |
| 16 | Saturday Came out again at NP a moment. I down 10 o'clock Sunday. Elsie Ann and Nut to little house. Polly lighted paper Phebe went cellar, followed little house. I left alone. Elsie Ann &c went on hill. Polly went in little house, dillidallied outside. Polly came in. Mistress Ford came. Polly said she'd come afternoon. Polly went off, returned 1/2 past 9 at night. Discovered at Brook. | | |
| 24 | Went Bets all night and most all next day. | 1.. | 00 |
| 25 | I went Herbert's. Met Polly &c at Bets. I went old house. Polly in bed, sick and in pain. Still said would come out at night. I went swamp. Came back tea ready. I drank tea. Polly said she was not going with Bets to the river. A little after Jesse came. I went after Obb's hog. Polly came at pear tree. Met Polly, said without thinking would let John know about hog &c. Then I asked whether she was going with Bets. Answered, expected so again asked to stay all night. Polly answered it would be too late to return. I said you promised to come out and that you was not going &c. Next morning Elsie Ann said she did not expect her that day. Gone to make Sweet Meats lying &c. | | |
| 27 | Back from River near Night. | 2.. | 0 |

NOTE: When Nicholas writes "Went to Haverstraw," he means that Polly went, not that he did. All of these early entries reflect his obsession with Polly's comings and goings. The tally on the right shows how many hours and days Polly was away from home.

Although there is no mention of it at this time in the Diary, Nicholas's son Nicholas died on July 14, 1829, age 35, and is buried in the Palisades Cemetery. Later we learn from the Diary that he was working on the Salt Meadow when he died.

| 1829 | Momento | D | Ho |
|---------|---|------|----|
| | From Apr 25 to Aug 27 th 1829 from home Besides frequent sleeping out and from one to 6 times a day out. | 40.. | 0 |
| Aug 28 | Mended trowsers knee PM. The other knee before. Polly went later afternoon to Bet's, and Elsie Ann stay all night. | 0.. | 18 |
| 29 | Back 10 o'clock. Rained. Umbrella | | |
| 31 | Went to New York | | |
| Sept. 3 | Back home early. NB came back to Bets Tuesday night 10 O'clock. Brower fetched &c. | 3.. | 00 |
| 8 | Farrand came up half past five PM. | | |
| 10 | Went to New York with Farrand, Elsie Ann, Mistress N. | | |
| 12 | Back. Dispute vile. | 2.. | 00 |
| 12 | Went to Phebe's to stay I came there. Polly went down — got books, inflammatory Went to Phebe's for the night. | | |
| 13 | At Phebe's near 12 o'clock. Went with her to river. Came home at dusk inflammatory Nicholas there. | | |
| 14 | Reservedly civil. Afternoon went to Bets told Sara not Me. | 1.. | 00 |
| 15 | There all night. | | |
| 16 | Back with Bets about noon. Apples to cut &c. Bets there all day. Rained. | | |
| 17 | To river with Bets after dark. Bets came from D. Concklin. NB It was | | |
| 17 | too dark to come get them, she said. But came home with Nicholas. | 1.. | 00 |
| 18 | Back a little before sunset. Civil Mended stockings. Moderately civil. Washed plaid silk handkerchief and another neck ditto. | | |
| 19 | Washed best stockings to go to Boss Sneden's funeral. Nicholas there at night | | |
| 20 | Home. Nicholas and Jesse there nearly all day. | | |
| 21 | Home morning covered face = Afternoon I and Cose to Salt Meadow. Went with Ephraim near dark to the river. Told me in road near Dobbs was just going to make tea when Ephraim came. He came so late otherwise might come back. I asked what she went for. Could not tell before got there. | | |
| 22 | Back before daylight off, Sara said. I there just before daylight off. | 10.. | |

NOTE: The Salt Meadow is the marsh that extends along the Hudson from Snedens Landing to Piermont. The marsh grass that grew there, *Spartina patens*, was called Salt Hay and was harvested for bedding and fodder for farm animals and for garden mulch. Before hay was bailed and stored under cover, salt hay grass was used to top the hay stacks in the fields. The Salt Meadow was divided into lots owned by farmers in the area. Today much of the marsh is covered with another kind of reeds called *Phragmites*, which has replaced the *Spartina* grass.

| 1829 | Momento | D. | H. |
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| | From August 29 1829 from home to September 22 1829 Besides sleeping &c | 10.. | 00 |
| Sept 23 | Went Bets again. Afternoon told Sara to make Sweet Meats. Sara laughed | | |
| 24 | I went nails Larry's Stopped Bets Dubois abused me in Big house. | | |
| 25 | Friday morning Negro born eight or nine o'clock Polly went down to Bets. | | |
| 26 | Back to Phebe's 11 o'clock AM, Home 2 o'clock afternoon. | 3.. | 00 |
| 27 | Sunday home and evening | | |
| 28 | Early to Phebe's back one half hour after seven. At nine started New York said to get money. | 2.5.. | |
| 29 | Back to Bets just daylight off. Stayed all night. | | |
| 30 | Back to Phebe's 10 o'clock about 15 minutes before Polly Bets and Peg Henry came about 2 o'clock, all Old House. Peg went home Sundown. Bets stayed. | | |
| October 1 | I there. They at breakfast, asked me. Said I had been to breakfast but I would drink cup of Coffee — pause I said she had no cup — answered — can have mine. This I thought improper &c &c. All done said Now all done come by &c &c Temper, Discuss low. Afternoon took bedstead down. Bedbugs ? Bets at night? Cut apples. Went to sleep Phebe's. Took pillows. | | |
| | Ought to be 2 Days | 1.. | 12 |
| 2 | Went Bets river before 12 o'clock. Phebe too. Phebe returned. | | |
| 3 | Polly stayed with Noe's child. Back Phebe's before 12. Polly home before 12. Said to get carrots to make soup at Phebe's. Was to eat dinner there and to fetch clothes to wash at Phebe's in fretting haste 1/2 hour because detained some tears . Said had no tub also that in this last going to River she had not said anymore than that she was not going that night nor the next. But this is not true. Said before she went that she was not going at all. Will that do you? I said that's enough. But still went. Now after dinner back three o'clock. Went to sleep Phebe's. | | |
| 4 | Back 10 o'clock. Made apple cake. Nicholas Home. I ate some Polly night Home. | | |
| | Day ought to be added | 0.. | 16 |
| 6 | Went Phebe's 10 o'clock. Back one o'clock. Phebe came down half past one visit till evening. Went dusk with Phebe. I there till 9 o'clock, Polly there 9 o'clock, to Phebe's sleep When 1/2 up lane Bill and Sara came House. Saw light still went Phebe's sleep. | | |

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| 1829 | Momento | D. | ho. |
| | From Sept 22 to Oct. 6 besides more sleeping than time added | 8.. | oo |
| Oct 7 | Back just after Sun Rise got Keeler. Right up to Phebe's again. I got Bark, tap on rail. Return after Polly had breakfast. I brought the Bark went colouring, friendly. Went eat dinner Phebe's. Back 2 o'clock complained pain sick. Went Phebe's an hour Sunday afternoon. I was to drink coffee Sunday. Still Polly came down dark got umbrella began to rain. Polly stood waiting until I laid wood down entry. I just sat down Room. Polly stood at door, Waiting to lock it. And to start, I apprehend. Advised not go to Bets Rainy Sick. Wretched &c, ready to fetch keys from Phebe to get Physic Miserable temper &c &c Went to Phebe's this night all night. | | |
| 8 | Early to Bets Fixing christening. | | |
| 9 | Bets several nights | 3.. | oo |
| 10 | At Bets | | |
| 11 | Back about 2 o'clock. I there after 3, friendly. Went to Phebe's to stay all night but came back stayed home. ought to be one day more | | |
| 12 | I hooped Cask friendly. Said would go to Herbert's. Abraham Mabie potatoes. About 1 1/2 hours Sunday PM. Ephraim came down? yet hasted to go. I expected to Herbert's. Bets at Phebe's, Polly there until 7 of night. o.. I expect sent her back to sleep. J. G. Concklin Brought on Waggon flour, 7 pounds, sugar, 3 1/2 pounds. | 4 | |
| 13 | Early home. Polly said was going out Afternoon but I expressed pleasure because home on My account. But afterward found that Bets had been all night to Phebe's. I expect Polly came home on the account of Nicholas. Polly hastened up Phebe's nine o'clock AM to be with Bets, Phebe to George Quidor. Bets and she at Phebe's until near sunset. Went both to river before sundown. To river all night. Perhaps this afternoon to Obb's. Inquire. | | |
| 14 | River | | |
| 15 | River | | |
| 16 | Ditto. Sara said Polly sick. Ditto | | |
| 17 | Ditto | | |
| 18 | Ditto | | |
| 19 | Ditto | | |
| 21 | Ditto | | |
| 22 | Back Phebe's 11 o'clock AM. Old House between 1 & 2 Saw Polly friendly with some reserve. Went river sunset. But Gathered Apples, winter approaching. | | |

| 1829 | Momento | D. | Ho. |
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| Oct.23 | At River | | |
| 24 | Back 4 o'clock PM cross lots. Elsie Ann, George Quidor's daughter, along. Promised at Richard's 3 or 4 times to come down night and did not. I there till 1/2 past 9 o'clock at night. Phebe Elsie Ann &c at John G. Concklin's til 1/2 past 9 at night. I saw them &c and all night at Phebe's. | | |
| | | ought to be one day more | |
| | Now from Oct 6 to Oct 24 | 13.. | 4 |
| Sunday 25 | Came home between 2 and 3 PM. Indicated Phebe's afternoon again. Polly night at Phebe's. | | |
| 26 | Early home to hear G going to New York. Went Phebe's breakfast. Again home 11 o'clock. Saw Polly at night near 7. Polly and Elsie Ann came down met lane. Return back I did stayed a little while. Rail against door. | | |
| | | ought to be 4 hours more | 0.. 14 |
| 27 | Went early down both there little after sunrise. Breakfast. Phebe and Polly came down about 11 o'clock. Polly was coming back. Met lane about 10 or 11. Went back with me for awhile. Promised to come at night. Did not, stayed at Phebe's. I there. Promised to come down afternoon. Back next morning. | | |
| 28 | Came down about 12. Stayed About 2, Dismal accusations false. Went to Bets with Elsie Ann about sundown. Went river sundown. | 1.. | 4 |
| | | ought to be eight hours more | |
| Thurs. 29 | Went both New York Gracy and Jacob | | |
| Nov 7 | Back to Bets stayed. Raining this Saturday all afternoon nearly. | 11.. | 00 |
| 8 | At Bets | | one Day more |
| 9 | Back Phebe's about 11 o'clock. Home 2, Again to Phebe Went Home till near 9 | | |
| 10 | Home at night | | |
| 12 | Ditto | | |
| 13 | Ditto. Patched trousers. Slept and ate at Phebe's | 3.. | 00 |
| 14 | Rained | | |
| 15 | Home at 10 or 11 o'clock. Sunday Night to J. Moore's. | | |
| Mon 16 | Child born. Dr. Marvin said About 10 or 11 AM. Polly there all day and night. | | |
| 17 | Came home afternoon | | |
| 18 | Went again. Stayed until Wednesday. | 4.. | |
| 19 | Came home cut trousers. Home all night. | | |
| 20 | Went again before 12. Stayed all night. | | |
| 21 | Home most dark. 1st Phebe's Cut turnips. Home all night. | | |
| Sun 22 | I there went again about 9 or 10 o'clock AM to J. Moore's. Back Phebe's 1/2 after 1 o'clock. | 1.. | 15 |
| | | 21.. | 9 |

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| 1829 | Momento | | |
| | | D. | Ho |
| | From October 24 th to Sunday 22 November | 21.. | 9 |
| Nov. 22 | Sunday night said at Phebe's would come down and did with a G ? I there about 15 minutes. All off to Phebe's all night | | |
| 23 | Home, made drawers | | |
| 24 | Tuesday morning. Went J. Moore's all night. Bets come about 10 o'clock. | | |
| 23 | At J. Moore's in morning. At Phebe's about 3 or 4 o'clock PM. | | |
| 24 | Went J. Moore's about 40 minutes after 3 in hurry. Wanted to go Zeb. Back from J. Moore's exactly 4 o'clock to Phebe's. Amidst all this haste 5 minutes at Phebe's to make it dark. Then off with Bets to river. NB said would come back quick from J. Moore so as to come back from Zeb's. But stayed all night at river. | 2.. | 00 |
| 26 | Back early said to help Phebe in killing. I help Richard and John G. Concklin. Went J. Moore's early after breakfast Returned by 11 o'clock at night J. Moore's all night. | | |
| 27 | Back about 9 o'clock to Phebe's. Said had P? clean house. Polly went again Old House about 10 or 11. Stayed until near 1 o'clock then back 1. to Phebe's. Jesse came to help strain tallow to &c stayed home all night. I cold wet feet. | | 5 |
| 28 | Home all day. Worked at waist. Home all night. | | |
| 29 | Early to J. Moore. Then up Phebe. 11 o'clock Home. Cooked Rabbit pot pye I ate Nicholas and Jacob Concklin. | 0.. | 4 |
| 30 | Polly helped Elmira eating there carrying him in &c now till Thursday. | 4.. | 5 |
| Dec 3 | Home morning up Phebe's &c J. Moore Back and forth till New York with Phebe about 11 o'clock. | | |
| Dec 9 | Came back from New York at Phebe's about 10 o'clock PM with Bets in John G Concklin's Waggon. All night Phebe's with Bets and all next day till seven or eight o'clock at night. Then to River with Bets. NB I was in Phebe's a little after daylight off — treated ill. Richard to sawmill. When ?? asked whether going home that evening, said No, asked when, Polly no speech, asked again answered sometime tomorrow. Asked what time said sometime in afternoon. Now Bets was at Elmira's. I complained for shirts Said if she had come Right from NY would not had time to make them B's child I said it's no wonder you could not come home you'd die if you hadn't her, That Bets had used Polly worse than anyone. | | |

1829

Momento

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| | | D. | Ho |
| | Made her out to be &c &c immediately | gave Phebe the child. Got Bonnet in evening went to back entry door as though going off with cloak. I followed to door — stopped. | |
| | Asked if she would go down home. Answered no but that she had meant to go but wouldn't now because I had jawed her so. NB had previous to this already said no when I first came in — And Elmira next morning said Polly had fetched Nicholas's shirt and was going with Bets to river that night, palpable lye. | | |
| 9 | As before said. About 7 or 8 PM to the river with Bets. | o.. | o4 |
| | | ought to be four more hours | |
| 11 | Back home three o'clock PM from River to Phebe's about 11. | | |
| | All night home again. | | |
| 12 | Home all day morning All night home. NB in the afternoon — a bitter southeast storm, violent winds with heavy rain. Home all night. | | |
| Sun 13 | Home Nicholas early there. I there. Reserve I came way 11 o'clock PM. Polly had day before said wanted to go see G Pop Closter Dock but did not say how nor when nor how long. I said it would be good and so forth. I went away 11 o'clock. | | |
| | I moved. When I was gone packed up with Nicholas (put my little things out doors) off with bundles. Nicholas back for another cap Polly said more things was then taken than when she went to New York. | | |
| | Went Bet's 12 o'clock stayed till | | |
| Dec 14 | Went with sloop of John Dobbs, Polly and Bets to Closter Dock stayed till | | |
| Mon 21 | Back from Closter Dock, came home daylight just off, Said did not mean to go and live at Bets | | |
| | NB back from Closter 19 stayed to Bets all Sunday | 8.. | 6 |
| | till Monday night dark. | | |
| Tues 22 | Home till 10 o'clock then till night Phebe's then went home, I there just made fire up in comes Bets and Ephraim. I'd been in about 3 minutes. | <u>o..</u> | <u>o8</u> |
| | At night I there helped put up Bedstead field. Bets stayed all night. | <u>16..</u> | <u>18</u> |
| | Weavers legs or feet. | | |
| 23 | Bets there all day. At night Bets and Elmira to Famiche Concklin. | <u>4..</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | Back bedtime. Bets stayed Old House all night. | 21.. | oo |

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| 1829 | | Momento From November 22 to 23 December | D. 21.. | Ho 00 |
| Dec. 24 | | Bets up hill perhaps 12 o'clock and Polly in afternoon Herbert's came Back, Stop Phebe's, went soon home. All night Bets up hill All Night | | |
| 25 | | Polly Home all day and all night. Nicholas home night. Jesse two times for Polly to go along river with Bets. Polly said had promised to go yet Polly said to me just after 12 o'clock that Bets was going home without her And that she was not going. NB and yet by this had promised to go with her at night. Nick came 1/2 an hour before sunset Polly in bed. Nicholas said he must go as far as Pearl River to ask teams for Zeb, ? was in traphermha, he back from Pearl River went in bedroom asked her what the reason was that she did not come and go with Bets to river. Polly stayed home all night with Nicholas. I went away 8 o'clock of night. | | |
| 26 | | Off to river before fairly light in morning with Nicholas. Phebe went with Bets the evening before and same evening Polly discovered a visit proposing to go and attend with D Concklin | | |
| Sun 27 | | Back with Phebe about 11 or 12 o'clock AM Rainy day, Home with Nicholas all day and night. | 1.. | 5 |
| 28 | | Home all day and night | | |
| 29 | | Went NY with Elmira about 1/4 after 11 o'clock AM | | |
| 31 | | Back came from river with John G Concklin and Mistress Ford. Home 10 o'clock AM. | 2.. | |
| 1830 | | | | |
| Jan 1 | | Home nearly all day. Just to Larry's and Phebe's and John G. Concklin late that night. | | |
| 2 | | Home all day. Phebe there. Night visit. I there till 3 o'clock. Company afternoon again. Mary Ann there about 12 o'clock, 1/2 hour there. | | |
| 3 | | Home all day. Nicholas there until near night. Home all night. I there part of day. While night until 1/2 after eight. William Graham and Anne Mayhouse. | | |
| 4 | | Home until near night. Fetched 1/2 quarter lamb from John G. Concklin. Came home. Peggy Jordan there just before night. Went with Peggy Jordan to Phebe's for evening visit. I there twice in fore noon and a moment at dusk just before they went Phebe's. NB 2 3 times lately I there passed hours of meal time, nothing provided except Nicholas | | |

1830

Momento

NB I ate about 4 meals till the 20th from the 5th of January

- Jan. 5 Home until after 12. I there little before 12. Said was going with Peggy Jordan to Lany's and went the afternoon and night to Obb's. I down there 9 o'clock at night. Not yet home.
- 6 Home early. I there with waistcoat, stockings and handkerchief to be washed. I went Jonathan Lawrence look for timber. Said went with Peggy Jordan late afternoon to Bet's. Phebe along. She and Phebe back late night home.
- 7 Home early I there. And little after 12 there 1/2 half after 2 I went Slote about 3 o'clock. Bot cloth. I there night again.
- 9 Home early. I in Nick got timber John Briggs. I there night Nick there Elmira back from New York with woman and child. Snowed some between 9 and 11 at night.
- 10 Home early rainy
- 11 Home early Bets came before 12, Polly said come there a bit before night. I there in evening. Bets late. Elmira was there all night.
- 12 Next day ate there with Polly in morning Bets to D. Conklin. Back there all night.
- 13 Bets there ate morning. Rula meat Went home, Polly did not go along. Home all day. Polly Night very sick. Had cold. Called Sara. About this time had made shirt
- 14 Home sick with cold. Phebe down afternoon. Then also at night after meeting was out with Richard. Both went home left children all night. I was there until a little after 8 at night. Had been Slote timber drawing.
- 15 I there early Polly home. Said Phebe was coming to bake. I went to Slote 10 o'clock. Helped plank 3 inches. Iron spike keel Came about 1/4 after 2 o'clock, Rained just as Keel came. I there night a little after dark drank tea, ate Rula.
- 16 Home there in day also a little while at night. Nicholas there.
- 17 I ate food. Home. I there late afternoon. Not before. Stay about 3 o'clock.
- 18 I there early. Went Slote about 10 o'clock. Back a bit before night. I there until a little after 7 o'clock at night.
- 19 Home. I there early. Went soon home. Went about 9 o'clock or ten to Esquire Moseley's looking for timber. Polly went this afternoon with Phebe Visit Peg Quidor. Back daylight off. I back from Moseley's about near 3 o'clock PM. Saw Bets and Sara pass my door about 1/2 hour before sunset with children. Stayed all night I expect at John G. Concklin. I down in evening. Joe came looked for Bets. Some disagreeable talk this night concerned with Bets and Sal.
- 20 Home, I there early I went Slote about 10 o'clock. Bets down before 12 o'clock. Polly went with her to Phebe's. Back dusk made fire, went again — Polly said to meet children. I saw her come out Obb's gate. I came right down. I there, Polly.

NOTE: Before the Piermont pier was built in the 1830s, Piermont was a part of Tappan. The area near the mouth of the Sparkill Creek and towards Sparkill was called the Slote a Dutch word for ditch that described the Sparkill Creek . The Upper or New Landing, an area that today is Piermont proper, was north of the Slote. Nicholas tells us later in the Diary that the New Landing was 4 miles from his house.

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| Jan 20 | Polly Went also to Herbert's Sunday. Joe cut fire wood. Polly said Jesse and Ephraim there in bed 8 o'clock — further said that John Willsey and Lisha was to be Phebe's spend evening. That Phebe wanted Bets there — that Bets and Joe was going to stay Phebe's &c. But neither did Bets and Joe stay, but went home in evening. |
| ate piece pye | Neither did John Willsey and Lisha come to Phebe's. Remark the coming to meet children seems to intend to keep Ephraim in order to go Bets next day — the 21st which I remarked to her and she stayed huffy. It was very cold. |
| 21 | Home early — down evening again |
| 22 | Polly took Ephraim home about 9 or 10 o'clock to Bets Came back quite dusk. |
| 23 | Home gave 50 cents H Ft? Oly Cakes. Pearl River this day — I and Richard. Ground broad axe. |
| 24 | Home Nicholas there evening a while, went Zebulon again same evening. |
| 25 | Home early. Went Phebe Wheat flour. At night made Oly cakes. Good. I salt had once, Jacob Gesner two times. |
| 26 | Home. I drew salt hay. Cold. Wanted wood. At night got good armful |
| Ate Sup | of Jacob Concklin. I ate supper. NB Herbert drew 2 loads salt hay for me. |
| 27 | Polly Home, drew 2 loads finished Salt Hay. Ate some at night. |
| 28 | Home Drew 2 ? Loads wood for Polly. Bets there Ephraim and Joe all night. |
| 29 | Home Bets there early, Ephraim and Joe in woods. Bets and Lany carried dinner. — Polly said of Lany's, down to Woods. Took care of child — was affronted because I asked whether she had sent it — Joe and Bets home that night. Left Ephraim at Phebe's I expect. |
| 30 | Home. Ephraim and Jesse playing on bridge by Obb's barn. Bitter cold. Joe fetched him |
| Ate 2 M | home. I ate twice. Nicholas there night. |
| 31 | Home. I there between 8 and 9 o'clock AM. Borrowing aristabolus of Jacob Concklin. |
| Ate little | Ate little supper. Nicholas there at night. NB cold this past week but bitter cold Sat 31. Very cold night. |
| Feb 1 | Home. Afternoon I in swamp Island |
| 2 | Home. I in swamp. Richard about 1/2 day with me. Polly baked Elmira Home. |
| 3 | I went with Richard Van Valen and David Tallman to William Harings |
| ate 1 | Woods. Saw logs. |
| | Nicholas Concklin and Renwick cut old wood swamp. |
| 4 | Home. Helped move John Moores' shop. Polly Night Phebe. Quick back |
| 5 | Home, ate 1 meal AM |
| 6 | Ate one ditto night. |

NOTE: Oly Cakes were Hudson Valley Dutch doughnuts made with finely chopped apples, citron and raisins added to the dough, which was then fried in small balls.

The "piece" mentioned on the next page was probably a snack with bread. The *OED* defines the word as follows: 18. Brit. regional (chiefly Sc., Irish English, and Eng. regional (north.) and U.S. regional. A portion of bread, esp. eaten on its own rather than as part of a meal; a sandwich; (gen.) a morsel of food, a snack, a light meal.

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| Feb.7 | Home, ate one meal |
| 8 | Home morning. Went Bets about 10 or 11 o'clock. Back night. Was to get sugar &c. Herbert had none. Brought Ephraim. |
| 9 | Home with Ephraim |
| 10 | Home with Ephraim |
| 11 | Home. Joe fetched Ephraim. |
| 12 | Early went Nyack with John G. Concklin &c. Back 7 o'clock night. Piece supper. |
| 13 | Went Bets a little after 10 o'clock to get Sheets Mended but did not left them. Jacob Concklin and Elmira &c went sundown to river. Polly came back at 1/2 after seven. |
| piece | Nicholas there. |
| 14 | Home. Nicholas there till between one and 2. I ate there about 3. |
| 15 | Home morning. I there about 9 or 10 o'clock, all ready to go to Bets with Ephraim and Jonathan. I said it seemed contrary to leave them there to go again. Stayed miserable Temper old stuff, &c said she would not go now. |
| 16 | Home went on Miserable said would go and would not ask and stay as long as she pleases |
| 17 | Went Bets about 9 or 10 back dark. NB took Ephraim. Got friendly. |
| 18 | Home. I to Ruleph Sickles. Jacob Gesner L Beamers |
| 19 | Got plumb St Weights First I knew &c, 1 meal Night |
| 20 | Home I helped David Tallman with Kelson. Went measured lot of William Rice's |
| 21 | I there about 12 o'clock. Fowls prepared for Vervalen and his wife and Joe Dubois brother. Stayed a minute I there between three and four. Lany there. I got not a word. A bit after sunset, Nick came in, kettle Right on. I faintly invited but went home. |
| 22 | I there early ate breakfast. But no part ? = About 2 o'clock went hastily to make |
| 1M | Concklin waistcoat. |
| 23 | Home till 10 o'clock. Took waistcoat home. Spent afternoon at Old Sam Snedens. |
| 24 | Home friendly. Went with Elmira. Spent afternoon Phebes. Home dusk. Affronted about what I said John G Concklin and Jacob Gesner and I said about Obb's not paying for cow. Polly told me that Obb said because Polly came back from Bets wouldn't pay now and further that she believed he would not have paid it had Polly stayed away at Bets. |
| 25 | Home I cut Shivs for Jonathan Lawrence. Thomas took them down. Polly |
| 1 M Nnt | handed in carpet night. I found rags for carpet. Ate supper. |
| 26 | Home. I went Slote About 10 o'clock. I ate at Peter Falter's dinner Bets there Ephraim and Lany carpet rags. At night Very kind. Received of Thomas Wood money 14.15. Gave 3 to Thomas and 3 to Gracey. |
| 27 | Home all day and night. Ate supper got 2 pounds of butter at Peter Riker |
| 1 M Nt | Polly paid Sara butter. |
| 28 | Home all day. Ate stale food. Nicholas there I at Jonathan Lawrence. Drank tea. |
| 1 M Din | |
| March 1 | Home Company afternoon. Phebe Peg Quidor and Mary Ann Cooper and children. |
| 2 | Home. Snowed all day and also in night. Ate supper. |

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| March 3 | Home. Pretty good riding Snow ? |
| 4 | Home. drew 2 small loads of wood. Ate breakfast and dinner. Polly night |
| 2M | to Lany's, Visiting Phebe and Richard. Back near 11 at night. |
| 5 | Home morning at Phebes I at vendue at Hendrick Nagels. Home night. |
| 6 | I measured off Jerry's lot. Very sloppy with snow and mud and water under foot. |
| 7 | Home Misty and rainy all day. Nick there I ate dinner. I to Jonathan Lawrence drank tea. Hard thunder with rain and lightning at night. Afternoon gave Sis handkerchief at Sally's. |
| 8 | Home Ate breakfast. Said was going to Bets and did go. I at Slote afternoon came back sunset. Went there stayed till half past seven night. I went home met Sara by cherry tree and Polly and Bets children by pear tree. Prodigious cold and windy ground soft just before sunset. By seven it was like a brick frozen. |
| 1 M Br. | |
| 9 | Bets there. I there about 1/2 8 Morning somewhat contrary very cold and windy. I and George Lawrence to Captain Sickles dusk. I there just dark Bets to Mary Ann's Polly said I asked have you your quilt on Polly said yes paused a moment said it was Bets's. I said it looked foolish for Bets who had room to come there. Polly would get nothing for her trouble. This simply excited an immoderate jangle miserable but when I went away seemed agreeable. |
| Quilt | |
| 10 | I there Polly in miserable temper. Accused me of everything but truth. She said she had bought me all my clothes, made them, washed, mended, and fed me during my visits for 12 to 14 years. I said it was a lie. Polly said I'd paid off note and kept it as an account against Polly, that I was jawing at her, twitting, false violent speaking in back of Bets. Most bitter temper. I said Polly ? and returned in temper Polly then repeatedly said I called her ? About 9 saw Bets coming offered hand — refused. |
| | I there again about 10 o'clock. Bets and she quilting. Elmira got Comp from New York. I asked whether she owed them. Said Yes I said perhaps they wanted a little more. I'd let Polly have a little if she'd pay me. Said your friend George owes? me 10 shillings 4 pence. I went home Afternoon Polly fetch out midwife ? Bets Child went home. |
| 11 | All day away. I in swamp forenoon and afternoon. Nick looking for timber. |
| 12 | I and George Lawrence Nick drafting timber and in swamp. Polly home about 12 o'clock agreeable night there ate supper. |
| 1 M | |
| 13 | I in swamp. Timber alone. She Elmira and Margaret to Lany's back dusk. I helped David Tallman. |

NOTE: A "vendue" was a public auction, commonly held after someone in the neighborhood had died. To "jangle" is to speak in a noisy, babbling discordant or contentious manner. A "roundabout" see next page, March 20 is an oatcake of a circular form, pinched all around with the fingers and thumb.

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| | March 14 | Home. Nicholas there, friendly. Elmira was in and out constantly. Jacob Concklin too. |
| Ate lit. Sup | 14 | I there night. Ate a little supper. Eggs and white bread. |
| | 15 | Home quilting. |
| 1 M Nt | 16 | Ditto Ditto. Ate 1 meal at night |
| 2 M | 17 | Home. Ate 1 meal AM 8 paid see Mem. Ate 1 meal night. |
| ate piece | 19 | At Phebe sowing. Layars came. Boy went up called Polly, came down wanted to make a roundabout. I ate only a piece. |
| | 20 | Home morning cutting roundabout. Went to Bets at 9 o'clock. Back dusk, took quilt home. She & Phebe I there night, very cool ?. Nicholas there. |
| 1 M Cod | 21 | Home. I there about 10 AM. Nicholas there. Ate codfish about 1 PM. I to Singing School, then to Jonathan Lawrence's. I there evening, drank tea, codfish ate nothing. |
| 1 M | 22 | I there. Ate codfish and potatoes. Warmed. Morning storm appeared Tuesday |
| | 23 | Home |
| | 24 | Home. I there. Rained. |
| | 25 | I had purposed going to Slote to work. Cose came to make rails hindered Polly went Bets 10 o'clock. Back dusk, friendly first, afterwards crusty With talk of going. Began to snow about 8 at night. |
| 1 M. Nt. | 26 | Home. A bitter snow storm. I went to Herbert's, wind NE by N, blew violent in morning I think the most snow fell than had this winter. Sloppy snowy and rainy all day. |
| 1 M Nt. | 26 | I there, ate turnips and potatoes and white bread night. |
| 1 M Nt | 27 | I there. Ate supper. |
| only Tea | 28 | Home. I there at night. Ate only piece, but drank tea, ate White Bread no Butter, only little fish. first agreeable, afterwards miserable temper because I just said I would give my advice respecting going into S & B shoe making. Hastily replied: You need not give me any advice for I'll do just as I please. I proposed it once more but was interrupted in abrupt manner. I want none of your counsel for I'll do just according to my judgment. I replied why it seems you have no limitations. Polly answered, you want to limit me, no, sat down saying, no one limits me, repeatedly. I intend to Have ?, said that with men and women there ought to be certain limits, miserable, ungovernable, &c. |
| | 29 | Early I went to work at Slote. |
| | 30 | At Slote |
| 1 M Sup | 31 | At Slote. Rained, came home. There bought fish. Ate supper of fish friendly |
| April 1 | | At Slote. |

NOTE: A Singing School is a school in which students are taught to sight read vocal music.... Singing schools began in the Northeastern United States in the early days of American history. The New England colonies were founded by settlers seeking religious freedom; they believed in the importance of congregational singing of hymns in Christian worship and thus saw it as important to train each churchgoer to sing. *Wikipedia*

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| April 1 | I went at night to Nyack. |
| 2 | Rained. Came to Slote. Rained all day. Came home. Cose's umbrella |
| 3 | Went Slote early, Night I there. |
| 4 | Home. I there, friendly. Nicholas came about 10 o'clock |
| 5 | I home. Made ox yoke and bows. Ate dinner and supper. |
| 6 | Home. Ate breakfast. I went Town Meeting. NB I ate supper also, but of |
| 1 M | Elmira's pot pie, pigeon |
| 7 | Home Ate breakfast and a little supper only onions and white bread |
| 8 | Sowed clover seed and timothy seed. NB I got 5 quarts at House's 2 1/2 of which for Nicholas Concklin at 8 shillings per quart Ate 1 M |
| 9 | Home. I there night. Phebe and Children there. Nicholas Concklin there. I ate |
| Ate 1 M | supper white bread. Polly said nothing. Went with Phebe and Children and Nicholas. Left me and Jacob Concklin sitting in house. We went out a little afterwards blew out candles. I went home, met her by chestnut tree. Came quick back. Did not ask to go in, standing a while. I said I wanted to go to Slote early. Polly answered that she was just in at Phebe's and the clock struck 9 at night. Seemed as tho she wanted to go again to Phebe's. I went and immediately returned. All dark and house locked &c. |
| 10 | Home morning. Did not murmur one word Out all day at Bets. Home |
| 1 M Sup | night. Ate supper. |
| 11 | Home. Went there. Brought shad Ate dinner. |
| 12 | Home. Sowed clover and timothy seed. Henry Willse fetched. Ate dinner |
| 1 M | Jacob Gesner bought with Henry on Old Sorrel Nicholas's horse 1 cwt Rye Meal |
| 13 | Home. Went Slote 12 o'clock. Returned to Abraham House 6 lb. 7 oz. clover seed. |
| 14 | Home. I got plum tree of Jonathan Lawrence. Planted. Rainy till 12 noon. |
| 1 M | Drank tea. |
| 15 | At Slote. I home night. |
| 16 | At Slote. I home night. I there, not in. Old Quidor there. |
| 17 | I there. Old Quidor there. |
| 18 | I there. At 11 o'clock Phebe Lany and children came there. Stayed till night. I went there a little after sunset. Polly up. Phebe came home near daylight off. I went to go home. Met Nicholas and Polly ? I went back to put on clean shirt. Sara washed and clean hands. |
| 19 | Went early to Slote to work. This night Jacob Gesner full pain, &c. I ate supper. |
| 20 | I to work early. Night there. Ate piece outdoors. |
| 21 | I to work. Jacob better. |
| 22 | I to work early. Show at Herbert's at night. |

NOTE: Old Quidor was Peter Quidor. Mr. Gilman tells us "Peter Quidor lived at Hanover Square, New York City, at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War. He was informed that the British were in possession of New York, and immediately gathered his most valuable things together, and removed with his family to 'Rockland,' now Palisades. It is said he left his dinner cooking over the fire. He never returned to claim his property.... At one time he owned land on the High Palisades, ...to the west of High Gutters, which was a shute down which timber was sent to the river shore. continued next page

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| April 23 | I to work. |
| 24 | I went to work 6 o'clock am. |
| 25 | I there. |
| 26 | Went work 1/2 day. Rainy in morning. This day I went twice down. |
| 27 | Went ditto. |
| 28 | Went ditto. |
| 29 | Went work. Polly hastened to go Help Phebe Stubborn, wouldn't sick? |
| 30 | Went to Slote |
| May 1 | Went ditto. |
| 2 | I there, friendly. |
| 3 | I Slote early. Fixed ground ways. Home night. I there While. |
| 4 | Slote early. Came home afternoon. I there 5 o'clock, drank tea 5 o'clock |
| 1 M | Sam Verbryck Wife there. Eliza came from New York for her bed &c. Rained between 4 o'clock and sunset. |
| 5 | Early Slote, poor tide to launch. Left steamboat laying. I at James Iver's, |
| piece | friendly. I there little after 12. Ate piece. |
| 6 | Early Slote, tide still too poor in morning. Launched about 9 night. Extrordinary good launch. Came home about 11 o'clock night. I there. Key outside. Went in not home. Polly at Phebe's. Polly went to Phebe's about 10 o'clock AM. Stayed there till between 6 and 9 next morning. |
| 7 | I there early, not home. Came home between 6 and 7 AM as said before. Said |
| 1/2 M | the day before was going to George Quidor's, but went to Phebe's 1 o'clock. Stay'd at night till 6 or 7 next morning as said before. I there about 7 or 8, drank coffee, ate some. Polly eye sore bound up. |
| 8 | Polly all night Phebe's mentioned to her mad &c afterwards for ? Old Quidor to John G. Concklin afternoon. Abba Gwefes is here stay till Sunday morning the 9 th . |
| 9 | I there &c |
| 10 | I to river to bring deeds. This day ate a piece. |
| 11 | I there &c night. |
| 12 | I there. |
| 13 | At Phebe's all night. |
| 14 | I there night. Polly all alone. Went Phebe's all night. |
| 15 | I there. Ate breakfast. Richard Sneden up. Went to Sam Sneden's and Storms at night. All paid to him. |
| 16 | I there morning. Ate breakfast and dinner. Polly's eyes very Sore this morning. |
| 2 M | Jacob Concklin ? Old Quidor . |
| 17 | I there, ate piece of bread and coffee. Polly's eyes very Sore. |
| piece | At one o'clock I went River. Waited for Judge Blauvelt. He came at 4 o'clock, |

He afterwards lived in a house on the site of the present house of Mrs. Doughty, late the home of Henry Coles. The barn on this place was Peter Quidor's house, or upon his premises, and was used for gatherings of young people and others in those days." *Local History*, page 119. John Quidor, the artist, was Peter's grandson. Peter was born around 1750 and must have been close to 80 when his name first appears in the Diary.

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| May 17 | May 17 executed Deed from Elizabeth Rice to Jerry Smith and a Bond and Mortgage from Jeremiah Smith to George Mann for 60 Dollars on Jerry's lot. Acknowledged Deed and Mortgage. He charged Jerry 10. Mrs. Rice said she would pay me for writing Deed to Jerry. |
| 17 | I there. Eyes very sore. Took salt, soaked quart, poulticed eyes. Jacob Concklin got onions at Herbert's. |
| 18 | I there. Paid Jacob Concklin for onions. |
| 19 | I there. Ate breakfast and dinner. Polly went to Phebe's to sleep. |
| 20 | I there. Ate dinner, bread and coffee. |
| 21 | Thomas fetched 1/2 bushel ears yellow corn from J. Parsels. I there. Eyes very bad. |
| 22 | Finished planting corn, planted a little Thursday. Saturday noon had done. I was told there was ice as thick as a dollar this morning. |
| 23 | I there. Ate breakfast. Drank tea afternoon. |
| 24 | I there. |
| 25 | I there. |
| 26 | Received wood money see bill, being about 3 pounds 16 shilling s 1 pence, of Peter Van Orden at Larry's. Drank tea. This morning a very heavy frost. The grass in places was frozen stiff. I saw no ice, but still there may have been. Weather dry and cold for the season. I Phebe this night met with children had been to look for company and sleep. |
| 27 | I there. Drank tea, put on clean shirt. |
| 28 | I there. Eyes bad. Sara washed them Bets there afternoon. |
| 29 | I there. Ate breakfast. Polly went Phebe between 8 and 9 o'clock AM. Rained all day. Said to bake, not wanted to bake home for Elmira to see &c tol lol. Eyes very bad, back at 7 afternoon. Seemed Dusk to want to go again for milk for eyes. Rained but did not go. Crows pulled up yesterday before the corn was up about 500 hills. Planted it in and it rained very hard. I wet all day. |
| 30 | I in cornfield little after day break. Saw no crows on, a few flying. Came home near 7 AM. Shaved, went to Herbert's. Ate breakfast there. Was there in cornfield 4 times, stayed good part of day. Misty in morning early. Rained or rainy all rest of day. Ate dinner. Coffee. |
| 31 | I early put up scare crow. I got 2 skeins twine of Sally and hung it around the cornfield. Could get none home where was enough. |
| June 1 | Early on cornfield, ate dinner. |
| 2 | I there, ate breakfast. Coffee. |
| 1 M | Polly twice Phebe's today. |

NOTE: Nicholas uses the expression "tol lol" to mean "ah, me" with an implication that someone else was behaving foolishly.

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| June 3 | I there, ate some greens. I had ate dinner home. Once Phebe's. |
| 4 | Ate supper Moulded Butter and milk and white bread. Rainy this day not |
| 1/2 M | hard. |
| 5 | I there, eyes bad. Misty. Cleared up 9 o'clock, then warm. |
| 5 | Grew dark Message Polly went Phebe's, back before little after 9 night. |
| 1 M 6 | I there, ate breakfast. Rainy again. But little wind till 12 o'clock. |
| 6 | Gracy to Sally about 1 o'clock. Nothing produced to eat. |
| 7 | Ploughed in upper field. |
| 8 | I there. Polly to Phebe morning. Stayed till near night. |
| 9 | I there. Jake to Jersey training wagon. Rained between 3 and 4 afternoon which interrupted the sale of clams and oyster soup &c. Rained again at night. |
| 9 | I settled with Jonathan Lawrence all excepting old accounts NB 15 shillings in this settlement was to go on old account. see account book . I now received 22 dollars. |
| 9 | Polly went to point for butter. Elmira along in morning. Came soon back went right up to Phebe's. Polly ate there dinner and tea, then at night home. I there at night. Nicholas not back from training, had helped Jake. Polly restless. I asked if Polly was going again tomorrow to Phebe's. Answered I wonder what I'd do there tomorrow. Presently in comes old M in night, asked are you going to Phebe's. Said how can I yet Nicholas aint home, he'll want to eat. Polly very restless. Polly had just answered what will I do there tomorrow compare it |
| Began to plant Potatoes 9th of June over the road I finish there Sat. 12th | Nicholas came little in evening. Said he had eaten, Polly did not go to Phebe's. |
| 9 | Jacob Concklin came from training much bruised and hurt. |
| 10 | Ground very wet. Rained in the morning. |
| 11 | I there. Planted potatoes. |
| 12 | I there and Polly. Dugged potato garden. |
| 2 M | Eyes better. |
| 13 | I there. A little rainy in morning. Cloudy afternoon. I to Jonathan Lawrence, |
| 1 M | Saw crockery and tea spoons. |
| 14 | Went Bets about 10 o'clock. Dull weather sometimes a little sprinkle of rain. Dark overcast. |
| 14 | Paid Pedlar for vessel 6 shillings. |
| 15 | Planted potatoes over road. Polly hoed potato garden, Cate worked. |
| 16 | I there morning. Said was going see Mary Anne's sick child in afternoon, then to stay with Phebe for company all night, then in morning from there to Herbert's for Brush see over |

NOTE: Nicholas Concklin, Jacob Concklin and Jacob Gesner were apparently all members of the local New Jersey Regiment which held regular training days.

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| June 16 | thence to Bet's wanted to see Bill why he did not come make fence &c, NB how many frivolous errands to go Bet's Did go to Phebe about 2 o'clock. Stayed all night. In the morning to Bets. |
| 17 | late in Afternoon, back to fix Nicholas's shirt. Right off again to Bets. I did not |
| Money given | See her. NB Went about 9 o'clock to Bets and back as said before went again. |
| 17 | Very warm weather. Shower toward night. Elmira said Polly went to keep house for Bets. She was going to NY with Joe. |
| 18 | Morning not home. |
| Sat. 19 | Came home near dark. My objections on the various and frivolous errands excited temper to excess. Said take with your Pa s |
| 1 M 20 | I there. Was cool. Cherry Rum 1 shilling. Friendly. 1 Meal. |
| 21 | Ate two half meals the 21 st . |
| 1 M 22 | I there. Began school. Ate one meal breakfast. |
| 1/2 M 23 | I there morning. Drank coffee. Ate a piece. |
| 1 M 24 | I there early. Hoed potatoes which Nicholas planted. Ate breakfast. |
| 25 | I there early. Bot 7 lbs. beef of Cornelius Doremus. |
| 25 | Paid Pedlar for 3 handkerchiefs, 2 cotton balls See memorandum |
| 26 | I there. Ford came to John G. Concklin. |
| 1/2 M 27 | I there. Ford did not come down at all. Went home. Ate dinner 1/2 |
| 28 | I there. |
| 29 | I there afternoon, fixed cabbage ground and planted after sunset. |
| 30 | I there morning. Said was going to Bets Ephraim was sick. Went morning, stayed. |
| July 1 | I there morning. Polly not home. Back near dark, brought Ephraim along. Nicholas also. John G. Concklin came in to settle. But did not. He had not all his papers. Polly said that Bets would make Ephraim go to school on this Thursday so he could not have been so poorly as to detain Polly all night. Said when she went would be back the same night if he was not bad. |
| 1/2 M 2 | I there, drank tea. |
| 1/2 M 3 | I there, drank tea at night, ate piece. |
| 1/2 M Brk 4 | Independence. I there 1/2 meal breakfast, 1/2 meal dinner. NB Nicholas went New York about 9 o'clock. Polly was to go but didn't know woman company. Stayed, but wanted to go Bets yesterday to be ready to go to New York today with Nicholas. |

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| July 4 | Bot of Jim Oliver's boy 2 six pence worth of raspberries. 1 shilling paid |
| 1 sh. 14 p. | I paid it. |
| | At Herbert's night. 2 sugar ? paid, and 1 loaf of bread unpaid. 1 shill. 14 |
| 4 | pence |
| 5 | Picked currants in afternoon. Phebe there, helped. On Obb's hill at night |
| | tar barrel burning. |
| 1/2 1/2 M 6 | I there. Ate twice little. Polly went Phebe sleep. |
| 10 sh 6 | For currants 10 shillings get 14 pounds. Nicholas back from New York about |
| | 11 o'clock. Stayed also at Phebe's home. Polly early with Nicholas. |
| 7 | I there. Said was going to George Quidor's went Phebe, got milk, did go to |
| | George Quidor's about 10 o'clock. I was then there. Polly complained. Back |
| | sunset. I there, stayed about 3/4 hour, home, went Phebe's sleep, was light yet. |
| 8 | I there twice before 8 o'clock. Not back from Phebe's. Home 1/4 before 9 AM. |
| | Saw Polly go home with basket and boy as I went out front gate over |
| | Obb's hill. Phebe there from morn till 6 o'clock PM. |
| 8 | I there after 6 o'clock. |
| 1 M 9 | Ate morning and also tea little, 1 M |
| 9 | I there Polly was alone, went on way to Pearl River, met Elmira and Jake |
| | came from NY about 1/2 past 9 Night, Polly came back slept Home. |
| 10 | I to Herbert's in morning. Polly 6 shillings for peas to get Samuel Sneden that |
| | afternoon but went to Phebe's, stayed afternoon. Said had given to Phebe to |
| | give to Cate for raspberries. Afternoon I to Herbert's. |
| 1 M 11 | I there most all day. Ate twice, little. |
| 1 M 12 | A very rainy day. Polly gave 1 shilling to get molasses. Received of |
| | Jacob Gesner 4 shillings gave 2 shillings back to him. This for potatoes he sold |
| | in New York. NB The wind NE and easterly. Rained very hard. Drank tea. |
| 1/2 1/2 M 13 | Ate 1/2 breakfast and little bread and molasses supper. |
| 14 | I there. Discussed about going to NY because I wished civilly Polly not to go to |
| | Bets the day before Boat went. Was to fetch coffee ? 1 shilling 4 pence fruit |
| | and 6 shillings bread. But did not go for it. |
| 15 | I there. Ugly as the devil. Afterwards friendly seemingly. Went NY about 1 |
| Went NY | o'clock PM. Middling warm |
| 16 | A very warm day. A little hazy the sky. |
| 17 | Very hot on this day Saturday. I mowed grain. |
| 18 | Weather clear and excessively hot. |
| 19 | Weather very hot and dry. Jonathan in Haverstraw. |

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| July 20 | Back from New York at Snedens sunset. Back home about 1/2 half after 9 with Mary T. Stephenson and another woman and child. Elmira's company. |
| 21 | I there, advised me not to come so often when company there. Debated a moment. Asked what I wanted that made me come so often. |
| 21 | Went Bets near 5 of afternoon to fetch ? Back 1/2 half after 9 at night. Nicholas with her. Weather ? hot days and nights. |
| 22 | I and Jonathan ground at Trenchard's new scythes got of Herbert. |
| 22 | At night stood at well. Daylight off. Polly grumbled. Nicholas came while she was standing there. |
| 23 | I there. |
| 1/2 M 24 | I there AM and also near sunset. Drank tea. |
| 25 | I there morning ate breakfast and dinner. Hushed me, said talking of others and the same myself on the subject of Noe and McBley as I write. |
| 1/2 M 1 M 26 | I there. Polly had company afternoon. Peter Noe's daughter and Larry. At night throat bad. |
| 27 | Very sick. Sore throat. Very hot day. Foggy morning. |
| 1 M 28 | I there morning. Ate breakfast. Throat better. |
| 1 M | Foggy, warm, misty overcast all day. Drank tea afternoon. there at Bet's. Sprinkled in afternoon. Bets to see Polly this day 29th. |
| 1 M 29 | Throat worse now on the left side. Drank tea. Near night very sick. Mary Ann came in back door. Nicholas came in evening. |
| 1 M 30 | I there, throat bad, fever. I there towards night. Drank tea. Better. |
| 31 | Went Salt Meadow, I Cose, Jacob Concklin, Jacob Gesner and Jonathan began to mow. About 11 o'clock done 1 1/2 hours Sun spread &c. Warm and still. |
| August 1 | I there morning. Better. Ate breakfast. |
| 1 M 1 | I there afternoon. Drank tea. Nicholas and I there. |
| 2 | I there morning. Mary Ann and child there afternoon. |
| 2 | Elmira to New York. |

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| Very little rain at my house, weather warm and dry. Rained smartly at my stack | Aug. 3 | I there, ate 1/2 breakfast. |
| | 4 | Took Staddle stuff to Salt Meadow. I there evening Stacked little. |
| | 1/2 M 5 | I there, ate breakfast, piece. I, Jacob Concklin, Cose and Cato to Salt Meadow. Carried back out water. Thunder shower. I on Stack. |
| | 6 | I there morning. Got 2 1/2 lbs. light weight pork of Jacob Concklin. Met Polly by bridge. Said was going to Bets. Child fell downstairs. I only said always something for excuse, like Elmira. But further said it was a beautiful day — it would be a nice day to go. Asked when back would be. Most bitter mood Said nothing. Went to house. I went home with pork, came back — exercised a most bitter temper, false answers and twitting. Miserable at night. |
| | 6 | Did not go to Bets but did to Phebe until dark. Said Lisha and Peggy was at Phebe's and wanted Polly there. |
| | 7 | Went to Salt Meadow, stacked. There night, then at Herbert's. He had fell out of bread wagon and cut holes in his head, bled much. I found him in bar, frolic there &c. |
| | 1/2 M 8 | I there about 10 o'clock. Ate little dinner, about 1/2 in kitchen. |
| | 9 | Very dry and pretty warm weather. |
| | 1 1/2 M 10 | I there morning. There after dark and ate little. Thomas Pennoyer came up. |
| | 11 | Elmira, Mother and Polly visited Phebe afternoon. |
| | | Elmira Back from Phebe's dusk. |
| | | Old Mr. Quidor came Old House went there this day came with boy from Closter Dock. |
| | Elmira 12 | I there morning. Elmira went with her mother to New York. Mrs. Stephenson sick. |
| | went NY 12 | Afternoon Polly company, Mary Eliza, Phebe, Mary Ann and Lisha Old House. |
| | 13 | Eliza, John Quidor's wife came up from New York, child, night. I there. |
| | 14 | I there 9 o'clock. At 12 o'clock sky thickens with clouds. |
| | | Wind south. Remarkably dry. |
| | 14 | John Gesner came down a moment here. Went see Cate. |
| | 14 | Bets Herferd and daughter Julian took home with Sorrel by George Gesner. |

NOTE: Staddle, according to the *OED*, "A platform of stone, timber etc. on which a stack or rick is placed." And "to protect the haystacks, they are either built upon high ground, or if in the marshes, upon staddles or piles." Nicholas's staddle was probably made of cedar poles.



Salt Meadow haystack on staddle

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| August 15 | I there about 9 o'clock and at night. |
| 16 | I there not until night. |
| 16 | Polly went Bets with Mary Eliza, George Quidor's daughter. Back alone dusk, helped Fetch water, soak clothes friendly. |
| 17 | I there. Cracked talk, illiberal speech about boiled corn. Still friendly. Old Quidor very sick, high fever. Hand swollen and all wet. |
| 17 | Eliza Quidor and Suky Rockwell went away to Snedens about 10 o'clock AM. |
| 17 | Sky appears very stormy towards the east. Clear in the west. Wind NE and very high. Larry Snedens mast injured. |
| 18 | Early very clear. Wind high from the NW very dry. Old Quidor still sick very troublesome. |
| 1M 18 | I there morning, ate little breakfast. Ditto little dinner. Suky back at night, wanted money to pay passage. Would give hand for 1 shilling 9 pence. Said could get none of Bets Sneden and Liza Quidor. Had brought only 6 shillings along and none left but 1 shilling. Bets Snedens money was all run out. I owed her nothing, her hand I did not want. To get rid of the plague I went to John Willse, borrowed 1 shilling 9 pence and gave it to her without hand high visiting. |
| Pd John W 1 sh 6 p Back | 19 Remarkably dry weather, Old Quidor better light headed. Weather perfectly clear, shockingly dry. |
| 1/2 M 20 | I there, drank tea late afternoon on. Bread and smoked beef little. |
| 21 | At night Dr. Marvin came to see Old Quidor light headed, bad hand, right. |
| 21 | Very Dry. I there at night. Saw Dr. Marvin. |
| 22 | I there Morning 10 o'clock Went Away 1/2 After 12. NB Clinton Van Wart and Another Man came Old House to see Me but I had Went Home. Clinton Van Wart went home quit School I saw them My House |
| 22 | Afternoon received 9 shillings 6 pence of Lawrence Sneden and Leah Sneden for Clinton's schooling, and 10 shillings of Benjamin Gravestine for John Jordan's writings. |
| 22 | At night, drank tea. Small meal. |

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| August 23 | I there, ate little breakfast. | |
| 23 | Phebe and Mary Eliza, George Quidor's daughter, there for dinner and to Elmira's Tea, very hot day. | |
| 24 | Early I mowed round stubble. Jacob Concklin helped an hour. A little sprinkle rain 5 o'clock. Miffed because talked of Richard's cow refused to take 2 shillings &c. | |
| 2 sh 25 | Accepted the 2 shillings from Elmira. Quilting Polly there and Phebe, Mary Eliza &c. | |
| 26 | I there. A high northerly wind particularly afternoon. Looks very stormy in E., but not so in the W. Troubled cloudy sky. | |
| 27 | I there. Polly, Mary Eliza there, George Quidor's daughter there. I ate breakfast, ate little at night. | |
| 1 1/2 M | Old Mistress Ford down at night. Old Quidor said pow wow. Polly and I talked few words at night. | |
| | Very clear and warm all day. Light wind. | |
| 1/2 M 28 | I there, ate a little breakfast. Clear, warm all day. | |
| 29 | Ate little dinner also little tea. Jacob Concklin, Elmira, Mary Eliza, George. Bets Quidor's daughter was going to Closter Dock but only went over river, and little Peter. Warm and clear and dry. Trees begin some to turn yellow leaves. Jacob Concklin crazy talk at night. Real foolish, groggy. | |
| o M 30 | Early rained for the first in a time from 6 th or 8 th of July till Now of the least consequence. But now a clear rain. Got in through rain 1 load bog hay, I and Jacob Concklin. It did not wet very deep. Held up about 10 o'clock AM. | |
| Rain | Drank tea but ate nothing. | |
| | Very clear this morning and still weather, very nice. | |
| 31 | Polly went Bets about 3 o'clock. Phebe and Mary Ann Cooper went about 2 o'clock. | |
| | Back daylight off. I there ate piece. | |
| Sept. 1 | Very clear this morning, still and pleasant at Night 1/2 meal. | |
| 2 | I there. Clear and handsome weather. Dry. | |
| 3 | John G. Concklin to still with Nicholas. Apples. I expect about 25 bushels. Amazing dry. Many trees seem to die. Leaves yellow. | |
| 3 | Larry there sowing for Jim Quidor's boy. | |
| 3 | Evening sprinkling rain, just lay dust. | |
| 1 M 4 | I there morning, cloudy. Towards night clear. Ate a little breakfast and little? | |
| 5 | Early to Dorcas Conshot who desired me to do some business for her. She poorly. Back 2 o'clock. I ate at Jacob Eckerson's, breakfast and dinner. Well used. | |
| Dorcas Conshot | | |
| 6 | Early to Dorcas Conshot, did business. I and David Blauvelt. NB Consult Witnesses on quit claim. NB Dorcas very reasonable and sensible. | |

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| Sept. 6 | | Dorcas Conshot on desiring me to do some business was actually reasonable and sensible and of her own deliberate mind declared to me without enquiring that she felt uneasy. Her state of health, she despaired of, expecting not to recover. Ailment in breast . Wished to settle her little concerns in life and assigned abundant and satisfactory reasons for so doing. Declaring that no one had spoken to her nor advised her and that it was her duty so to do. Further in the most sensible manner declared that Jacob Eckerson and all the family had been good to her, and she had wanted for nothing for near 5 years (the time old Mr. Conshot had been gone on poor) her firewood, water, victuals, white pillow cases &c &c, he and family had found for her. N.B. It appears that Conshot must have went away 5th January 1826 Jacob Eckerson paid me 1 dollar. |
| | 6 | Weather looking stormy. I there morning, also night. Said what is the reason that Once a day wasn't often enough to come when Old Quidor was there or others. I said I'd stay away felt ? |
| | 7 | I there, took wood to door, persuaded me in. |
| Elmira | 7 | Elmira back from New York, 5 o'clock. Went the Landing to carry girl home. |
| Rain | 8 | Rained, nice rain. Elmira brought child in. Made speech, was listening. Poor child, so nasty, dirties the room &c. |
| 1/2 M | 9 | I there, ate little supper. Mary Ann Gesner, young son, 7 o'clock AM. |
| M Ann to bed | 10 | Weather nice. I there, ate cold piece supper. |
| | 11 | Handsome morning, clear weather. |
| M | 12 | I there Ate Yompanunna dinner and piece afternoon. |
| | 12 | Old Quidor and little Peter taken home by John G. Concklin and Richard Van Wickle. |
| | 12 | Weather pleasant, but getting dry again. |
| George | 13 | George Hall and Charles went to New York with Jacob Gesner. |
| | 14 | I there, not very well. |
| | 15 | I there, friendly |

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| Sept 15 | | Bets Mistress Ford and Mistress Garrick came between 1 and 2 o'clock. Went away about sundown. |
| Marg Steph | 15 | This evening clear and cold. Margaret Stephenson came up or 16 th . |
| | 16 | I there this evening, clear and very cold. More covering on bed. |
| | 16 | I there early, sun just up. Gone to fix Mary Anne's (Cooper) cap. Said fixed it at Phebe's, Mary Ann went out wagon. |
| Sheep | 16 | Jacob Gesner bot 4 sheep Tappan. |
| Frost | 17 | A most bitter frost this morning, meadow and ploughland low all white as snow, corn stalks, the drops of dew all in hard ice. Leaves on bushes would break. |
| | 17 | Sowed rye in upper field on Friday forenoon. Wind NW cold night. |
| | 18 | I saw no frost this morning but very cold. All night wind too brisk. |
| Piece | 18 | Phebe there afternoon till dusk, Polly fixing J. W. ? roundabout. Ate piece. |
| | 18 | Nicholas brought pigeons 4 night. |
| | 18 | Gracy to Nyack with Sally, Mistress Garrick. Horses and wagon. Back night. Said to Ann Grahams. |
| | 19 | A very heavy frost this morning, bottoms all white. Polly crusty, looks distant morning. |
| piece | 19 | Afternoon friendly, prevailed on me to eat breakfast a piece. |
| 1 M | 19 | Ate dinner, pigeon good some very fatty, very friendly. Ate little supper o |
| Abt. 2 weeks ago | 18 | At night Nicholas home, had small jug without asking Polly said you'll want candle. Said yes. Nicholas took candle, went upstairs, Polly followed. He came down for tumbler. Brought me some wine. I refused because before he went upstairs I understood the 2 gallon jug was out, and I never was offered one drop. And he got wine in his jug and went off &c. |
| | | Night Nicholas home, looking on the desk for key, happened to uncover tumbler not the above mentioned . I saw tumbler with wine. He covered it again, could not find key — looked carelessly, uncovered it again but quickly covered it again. |
| | | A day or 2 afterwards I mentioned it, said she had got for visitor &c. |
| Elmira stole off | 20 | Margaret Stephenson and Elmira between 7 and 8 o'clock went up lane with 2 full pillow cases and trunk between them this I saw got them on the wagon at My house. Jacob Gesner was going to New York. They returned again to Old House, carried off more, (I was told) and went off to New York about 11 o'clock with child. |
| 1/2 M | 20 | Polly to Bets forenoon. handsome Day. Back afternoon 1/2 breakfast. |
| | 20 | Sally and Gracy to New York. Back next day. |
| piece | 21 | I dug potatoes out. Ate piece breakfast. Phebe came to wash about 1/2 past 7 o'clock. |

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| Sept. 21 | I there dug potatoes out of garden. Ate piece. Phebe came to wash about 1/2 past 7 o'clock. Set down before on last page. | |
| piece 22 | I there morning. Ate piece breakfast. | |
| piece 23 | I there, ate piece. Weather cloudy. I there morning. Back there afternoon, went away about sundown. Jacob Concklin came home from Capt. Josh's schooner. | |
| piece 24 | Helped cord bedstead, night ate piece. 10 o'clock sprinkled. | |
| 24 | At 10 o'clock gave me drink wine for the first of own choice &c. | |
| 1 M 25 | I there near sunset. Pealed peaches. Ate supper. Pealed again. | |
| Peaches | I pealed all alone 16 lbs in all helped weigh sugar. Ate supper. | |
| 25 | Cloudy weather with one or two light sprinklings. Wind easterly. | |
| 1 M 26 | Cloudy this morning, but still. Dinner coffee and piece. | |
| 26 | Peter Van Orden's horse in buckwheat, hurt it very much, I expect Martin Hagen left fence open. | |
| 26 | J. Willse, Richard, I, and Jacob Gesner killed beef at night is Jacob Gesner's beef. | |
| 1 M 27 | I there. Jacob Concklin went N. Y. to see about Elmira. Dinner and supper, each time a piece. | |
| 1 M 28 | I there, ate breakfast. | |
| 1/2 M 29 | I there. Polly went Sam Sneden's. Ate piece supper | |
| 30 | A very heavy frost this morning. Clear weather, very dry. | |
| 30 | Jacob Gesner brought cider home from Peter Riker's mill in 4 Barrels. Good and 2 of water cider and is cool evening. | |
| 30 | Went to Jacob Sneden's to quilt. Sally Woolsey, Mistress Verbryck there at one o'clock. Was sent for by Jake. Mistress Lydecker and Bets there on visit. Afternoon Phebe and Mary Ann came there. | |
| piece 30 | I ate a piece supper. | |
| 30 | Clear, cool, frost in low ground. | |
| Oct. 1 | Very clear all day and dry. Warm midday. M.C. went to Sam Verbyck's to see about shoes. Went late in forenoon. Also to River. Back to Phebe's 2 o'clock. Came home the sun quite low. | |
| 1 M 1 | I ate supper. Night very clear. | |
| piece 2 | Training day regimental parade. Morning ate piece. | |
| 1 | Jacob Concklin back from N.Y. at night had some fowl. | |
| 2 | I there night. Ate 2 small pieces white bread dip in tea | |
| 2 | I ploughed in upper field, broke some up. Very ruff and like ashes. Dry. | |

NOTE: Apples were brought to the cider mill by the farmer and fed into a crusher; a horse walked around the crusher to activate the pairs of wooden cylinders which crushed the apples. This produced "pomace" or ground apples called "pummis" by Nicholas. The pomace, alternated with layers of rye straw, was placed on the cider press and called a "cheese." Liquid from the pressed cheese was drawn off, allowed to ferment and put in barrels. The alcohol content of 4-8% allowed the cider to keep after it was made until the harvesting in the next apple season. Water Cider was produced by mixing water with a previously pressed cheese. Farmers often brought their apples and barrels and straw down to the mill and ran it themselves.

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| 1 M Oct. 3rd | Cool and very clear. Dry! Dry! Ate eels and tom cod for supper. Good. |
| 3 | School 2 nd quarter Began. Polly went to Bets in forenoon. Back between 8 and 9 of Night with Bets I there till moon was up not home. I expect Phebe or G's. I there just after again. She home with Bets I did not go in. |
| 4 | About 10 o'clock AM to Bets again. told it to Jacob Concklin but not to me — but Jacob Concklin told me. Polly said the first day to cut and next day to begin to make. Back about daylight off alone. |
| 1 M 5 | I there ate breakfast. |
| 2 M 6 | I there ate breakfast dinner and supper about 2 meals. Help peel apples night. |
| 1 M 7 | Ate little breakfast and dinner. |
| 7 | Polly went George Quidor's in afternoon Back Dark. |
| 1/2 M 8 | Wrote 2 articles of agreement for J. Van Kleek and Peggy Van Kleek. Paid me 6 shillings ate bit supper. NB I expect I dropped a note of 3 dollars here on night of the 8 th . |
| Rain 9 | Saturday a Rainy Day began the preceding night and rained quite considerable. Rain Quit the following night. |
| 1 M 10 | I there ate Clam Soup dinner. My chestnuts boiled. Mild and clear in Day night some overcast. |
| Lost Note | Lost note. I went to Sally's at Night about 8 or 10 there. Lost 3 note. |
| 1 1/2 M 11 | I there morning ate piece dinner ate supper. |
| Jersey tax 12 | I work on road. Paid my Jersey tax to John G. Concklin. That is he was going to Election to Richard Blanch. My tax was 90 cents. I gave his mother 1 dollar to give him. NB 10 cents is due me. This 10 cents is paid from John G. Concklin. |
| piece 12 | Ate piece ? NB they had 1.30 road tax I did not pay this. |
| 1 M 13 | Rain. NE storm and Rain very much. Gound wet brooks full, ate breakfast. |
| 14 | Morning nearly Clear 1 o'clock Wind SE began to Rain Again a little. |
| 1 M 14 | Bets come down both to Phebe afternoon Back Night. Ate supper. Ephraim there night. |
| 1 1/2 M 15 | Rainy in morning. Ate a little dinner and supper. |
| 15 | Phebe there afternoon and night. |
| 16 | At Brewer's this last night Midwife. Back by 10 AM. I ploughed in upper field. Spit in Back. |
| 16 | I there morning at little breakfast. Ephraim there, said Joe Dubois Bets would come I expect to Phebe's. |
| 1 M 17 | Drank tea at Dobbs with Jacob Gesner. Clear today little hazy. |
| 17 | My Spit in the Back got yesterday morning carting of stones in upper field bad. * This note I conclude was dropped at Van Kleek's at night on the 8 th . |

NOTE: Although he was 64 years old, Nicholas was still required to spend two days a year of physical labor repairing the county roads. Some years he worked himself, along with his neighbors; in other years he lent his wagon instead of doing the work himself.

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| 1 M | Oct. 18 | I there ate little breakfast ditto dinner and ditto supper. Back of mine bad. |
| | 18 | Rainy and stormy. |
| | 19 | My back very bad attended with violent spasms around my body |
| | 19 | Mr. Dobbs drove Hog home I had of George Mann which he had bought at Dobb's Vendue. |
| | 20 | I there from 10 to 12 o'clock. Phebe there. |
| | 20 | Jacob Gesner's Potatoe Bee. A smart rain afternoon hindered a while. |
| | 21 | I at Herbert's. Wrote 2 letters for him to N. Y. My back little better. |
| | | Larry Sneden paid 14 shillings Jacob Gesner went NY for Herbert the 20 th . |
| | 21 | Phebe slept at Old House. Jacob Concklin groggy Ceremony 20 th at night. |
| | 21 | I there about 3 or 4 o'clock. Polly gone to George Quidor's with trousers a while. Pretty clear all day. |
| | 22 | I there My back bad. At Night looks Rainy. |
| | 22 | Jonathan Lawrence helped Gather Corn Afternoon. |
| | 23 | I there John Vervalen and Wife there 9 or 10 o'clock Visit. Went away toward Night. |
| | 23 | Jonathan Lawrence helped Corn forenoon. Sick Afternoon back bad again. |
| | 1 M | 24 I there ate breakfast. Clear this morning cool, still. Obb got nuts below the Willows, sat on fence got Nick lousy Sooty. |
| | | 24 Back is a little better this morning Ate supper. |
| | piece | 25 Sowed rye the little East piece upper field. There drank Coffee piece. |
| | | 25 Went Bets with Phebe 10 o'clock Not back 8 o'clock Night stayed all night. |
| | | 26 Back with Phebe near 12 o'clock in the Day had stayed all night. |
| | | 26 Weather looks rainy Sowed rye over road. |
| | | 27 Ephraim there all night and clear all night. |
| 1 1/2 M | 27 | I endorsed Herbert's note to John Haring of 50 as security. |
| | 28 | I there ate little breakfast and supper. Phebe 1 lb. wool. |
| | 28 | I went Mountain. See memorandum of Monday the 7 th laid out. Foggy this morning. |
| | piece | 28 I there Night ate piece helped peel quinces. |
| | | 29 Clear but Smoaky. |
| | 29 | Nicholas Brower came to schoolhouse seeking information on the Right of Heirship &c. |

NOTE: Nicholas, like many of his neighbors, owned a piece of land on the "mountain," the high forested land bordering the Hudson River. There was a rough road leading from Nicholas's neighborhood up to these mountain lots.

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| 1 1/2 M Oct. 29 | | Ate piece breakfast and supper. Received 5 dollars and 25 cents of John Lydecker for Schooling. |
| piece 30 | | I there ate little breakfast. Little foggy this morning. |
| | 30 | Henry Willse work on Road for me. Received of Dobbs for use of oxen drawing wood 4 shillings. |
| piece 31 | | Ate piece breakfast. Foggy this morning. |
| 1 1/2 M Nov. 1 | | I there ate little breakfast and supper. Phebe there peeling Quinces. |
| | 1 | Jacob Concklin to NY. John Gesner and Henry Gesner at School House with horse and chaise to see about the Brower estate at NY. Garrett Tallman poor master came there also at School House talked about Cato &c but I told him I would not keep Cato for any limited time but would try what he could do a few days and that I would be at liberty to fetch him at pleasure. John Gesner and Henry Gesner present. |
| | 1 | Cose Cooper moved to Jacob Concklin's kitchen. |
| | 1 | at night Gracie quarreled Polly before Mary Lawrence. Shameful &c. |
| 1 M 2 | | I not here till Night ate supper |
| Elmira back 2 | | About 7 o'clock Night Jacob Concklin brought Elmira back from her runaway visit. |
| | 2 | Jonathan Lawrence worked at Hog pen. |
| | 2 | Night Phebe there with child. |
| 1 M 3 | | Rainy. Ate supper, Husked yellow corn. |
| 1 M 4 | | Phebe 1/2 lb. wool Ate supper. |
| | 4 | Bets and Mary Ann Cooper there. Fetched Quince Sweet Meats of Bets ready boiled. Ephraim stayed all night. |
| 1 M 5 | | Ate one meal |
| piece 6 | | There ate piece night. Jonathan Lawrence helped Corn Crib Hurt my Back again. |
| 2 M 7 | | Ate Dinner and Supper good fresh pork &c. |
| | 7 | Gracey out after after Breakfast and All Day till in Night. |
| | 7 | Cloudy looks for Storm. |
| NY 8 | | Polly went NY with Mistress Ford about 2 or 3 o'clock. Cloudy, looks Stormy At night drisled some. Wind NE. |

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| <p>Nov. 8</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>9</p> | <p>Polly went NY mentioned on last page.</p> <p>Jacob Gesner to New York with his potatoes. A little rainy.</p> <p>Misty by turns. Jacob Gesner back from NY 9 o'clock Night.</p> <p>Polly also back to Bets so Ephraim said.</p> <p>NB She had Notice of Brom Riker Closter for his wife. Polly complained and fretted about Mistress Barres would think much of not paying for furnice 6 shillings and would like to go down to pay her. Mistress Ford was going and wanted her to go along and if she waited longer she wouldn't be able to leave the house for sake of Brom Riker's wife On the 7th instant Polly said to me that she wouldn't do anything more for anyone but only her own work and if anyone brought any taylor work she would plaister it on Phebe as she stood in need of it and seemed determined so to do.</p> <p>On the morn of the 8th the day Polly went to NY in the most friendly manner offered [5 indecipherable words] and after said I don't know whether to go or not with Ford. She will be much disappointed if I don't go I answered she is use to go without you and I have no money to get things &c. She answered if only I could pay Mistress Barres, I said I had only one dollar. Well she answered that would do I talked of wanting to go to Scralenberg to see church Records and wished to have some Clothes made.</p> <p>Polly answered, then I better not go appearing very friendly . However did go and came next night back to Bets. Remark: as she continued from Tuesday night the whole week then to Bets that her anxiety to pay mistress Barres and to accompany Mistress Ford was to get off in this manner to work for Bets on some other Design in hand paying no regard to the positive assertion that she would do nothing for any one any more but her own work.</p> |

*Gesner house
at left beside
Closter Road
in 1900. In front
of the house is the
oak tree Gracy
planted when
she was a child*



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| | Nov. 10 | Little rainy. Ephraim said Polly at Bets came last night. Scholars all to school. |
| | 11 | Little rainy. Ephraim said Polly doing housework and his trousers. |
| | 12 | Looks more rainy. Ephraim to School. Said Polly doing the same. |
| | | Storm increasing toward night rained considerable Wind NE pretty high.. |
| | 12 | Jonathan Lawrence to NY Herbert Lawrence wanted to see him. Grace to Sally's night. |
| | 13 | Still stormy. Wind light first of Week. |
| | 14 | Polly Not back. Still Rainy and Stormy |
| | 14 | All Night rainy stormy this morning. |
| | 14 | See the 8 th . Went NY 8 th . Came back to Bets 9 th about 8 o'clock Night and did not come home till near Sundown on Sunday the 14 th . Saw Polly next morning. |
| | 15 | I there, home finally. Said the reason of staying was that Bets was sick (Bets had toothache . |
| piece | 15 | Ate piece Monday Made Applesauce. |
| | 16 | It became clear this morning about 9 or 10 o'clock. Very warm. This was a tedious wet time and storm from the 8 th to the 16 th . It began moderate the 9 th and grew to a Real storm. Wind NE cleared up from the SW. |
| | 16 | Went Bets Snedens afternoon night. |
| | 17 | I there ate breakfast and supper. Polly went to Jacob Riker he killed hog weighed 180 lbs. got fat 10 lbs. |
| | 18 | At night cut hog up. Polly to Meeting children there all night. |
| | 18 | I there ate Breakfast and Supper. |
| | 18 | Jonathan Lawrence got my cloth for trowsers 1 1/4 yards at 3 dollars of Peter Tallman. Ephraim there from 12 o'clock to next morning. |
| | 18 | Fixed barrel salted pork at night but first searched the pork for fly blows. |
| 1 M piece | 19 | I there ate breakfast and piece supper. Cut sausage meat. |
| | 19 | Jacob Gesner with Jonathan Lawrence to Saddle River looking for timber |
| Tax | 19 | Paid NY tax 2.99 to Anne Blauvelt's son in law collector. |
| 1 M | 20 | Nicolas there sick sore throat feverish. Ate breakfast. Sally at my house and little Sis. Gracy went with her afternoon. |
| | 20 | Midday clear and a little cold. |
| 2 M | 21 | I there ate breakfast and supper Clear and cold |

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| | Nov. 21 | Sally and Jonathan here Gracy went with Sally and little Sis. |
| | 2 M 22 | Stormy, Wind Easterly, Rain Cold Ate Breakfast and Supper. |
| | 2 M 23 | Ate breakfast piece and ate dinner and supper Phebe and children there work waist. |
| | Hogs 23 | This morning Jonathan Lawrence George Lawrence and Jacob Gesner killed hogs. The sow pig Jacob Gesner got of Larry weighed 220 lbs. The one I got at Dobbs Vendue 100 lbs. |
| | 23 | NB Jonathan Lawrence killed first this morning. Weather cold like. |
| | 23 | I had 1 dozen waist buttons of Nicholas Concklin to be returned. |
| | 1 M 24 | Bets came through a bitter storm with children. Phebe and Bets this afternoon with children drank tea. |
| | 24 | Ate supper after they were gone wind blew violent from NE. |
| | 25 | Rain, Stormy and wind NE yet. |
| | 25 | I there Nicholas most well. I there night peeled apples and Churned no eat |
| | 25 | Night tried on trowsers clear and cold. Made trowsers and waist Phebe helped waist. |
| | 26 | I there air cold like north East |
| | 27 | I there Polly ailing with bad Cold pain in Body Phebe there night and children. |
| | 27 | Naut Cooper chopped Sausage Meat for Gracy I salt my pork night. |
| | 1M 28 | Ate Breakfast. |
| | 28 | Polly to Bets in afternoon with Phebe and Nicholas. Polly got faint and sick in woods Phebe had vinegar. Back near Dark in afternoon I to Jonathan's Gracy there. |
| | 1 M 29 | Polly Sick Relux weak ate Bets Stormy Rain wind NE. |
| | 29 | Ate Supper Night. Very Rainy and Stormy. Wind NE still |
| | 2 M 30 | Ate Breakfast and Supper ate little bit pork for Dinner. All day storm. |
| | Dec. 2 | I went and Jacob Sneden and Sam Sneden to Scralenberg Hackensack records. |
| | I wt. NY 3 | Ate Breakfast. I went and Jacob Sneden to NY on Brower business. |
| | Ate little 4 | Back from NY didn't find out much — ate little Supper. |
| | 1 1/2 M 5 | Ate little breakfast ate supper. I to Jonathan Lawrence's afternoon. Ate dinner at Jonathan's. Gracy came there. Bets Scudder came before Gracy. |
| | 5 | This day pretty Clear Night cold like |
| | 2 M+ 6 | Ate Breakfast and Supper a piece Dinner |
| | 6 | Morning Storm. Rain about 9 o'clock. Snow and rain till all Snow |
| | 7 | Clear and cold Ground white with Snow Some ? before Night. |
| | 2 M 7 | Ate Breakfast and Dinner ? . Got big apple log and small load pin oak wood. |

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| 2 M | Dec. 8 | Ate Breakfast and Dinner Stormy and cold rain began about 10 o'clock AM. Wind NE. |
| | 9 | Went with Henry Willse to English Neighborhood to see Major Demarest to find out where Matthew Dubois lived at NY. The Major was not at home but his wife &c said Dubois lived in Anthony Street NY between Chapel and Church Street as you go up on the left hand. Lives back Sign in front Military Hat Maker. This was a cold wet in Rain and Snow and very muddy Old Sorrel. |
| 1 M | 10 | Ate Breakfast. Cold Cloudy Wind NW. |
| | 10 | Went NY again on search of Brower family &c. |
| | 11 | Went to see Nicholas Brower. He not home up to Vermont. Stayed at Abba's Ate supper there and ate breakfast the 12 th . |
| | 12 | Went from Abby's Sunday morning to Herbert Lawrences'. Stay there until Monday morn early. I ate dinner and supper with him treated exceeding well by him wife and children. I also went to the old Abner Brower Liberty Street think number 69 near Nassau Street on the left as you go down. |
| | 13 | Went to Bergen searched old church records near all day. NB The old records were written in Real Dutch found out very little found one Uldrik and Brower &c. Back from Bergen Stayed with Abby all night. |
| | 14 | Ate breakfast with Abby Gwefes Rainy found Pennoyre |
| NB this is paid | 14 | NB this I Borrowed 2 dollars of Abby NB This entry serves as no Account for the same may be paid and not crossed here. |
| | 14 | Came back from NY. Rainy all day. Black Tom brought me from Slote hill to Schoolhouse, gave 2 shillings. |
| | 15 | Rained till near Night. Stormy then cleared up Wind W cool. |
| 1 M+ | 15 | Ate little Dinner and Supper. |
| 2 M | 16 | Ate 2 Meals. Bets and children and Sara Came in 7 o'clock near Night. |
| | 17 | Stayed all Night and all ate Breakfast. Went away. |
| Went Bets | 17 | Polly a little after 10 o'clock went with Ephraim to Bets drove cow home. Ate |
| 1 M | 17 | supper. Polly back dusk. I Churned. |
| 1 M | 18 | Ate one meal. Morning look for Snow and did Snow Afternoon. |

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| 1 M | Dec. 19 | Ate Dinner Chicken about 3 o'clock. Nicholas Home. Drisly freezing. |
| | 20 | Began School. Had lost 3 Weeks &c overcast. |
| 1 M | 20 | Ate little 2 Meals. Gracy to Sally's I think Thursday following, not sooner. |
| 2 M | 21 | Nicholas Sick. Ate Dinner and Goose of Nicholas Supper this day |
| 1 M | 22 | Ate Breakfast And Also this Day very cold indeed. |
| 3 M | 23 | Ate Breakfast Dinner and Supper |
| 2 M | 24 | Ate 2 Meals |
| 2 M | 25 | Christmas 2 meals Rainy and very muddy. |
| 1 M | 26 | Ate Breakfast. Gracy went to Sally Mid Day |
| Elmira to NY | | She and Jacob Concklin to NY the 25 th near Night. She violently pressed him contrary to his will NB She had no money it appears and Jacob had just received to NY some wood money and it was in Jacob Concklin's hands, could not go without him it appears only to get down. Most miserable muddy and rainy all day. |
| Piece | 27 | I there ate little Breakfast. Nicholas there yet. |
| 2 M | 27 | Stormy and Rainy all Day. Ate Breakfast and Dinner and Supper. |
| o M | 28 | Cool wind very Cloudy. Nicholas went to Zebulon's again, Ate beef stakes took from home with little white bread. Jake ate. Bets Wynche and her children too. |
| piece | 28 | Water in cellar over first step. Ate little Supper. |
| | 28 | Bets and children came there about 9 o'clock Night. Polly mending coat. Cloudy like Snow or Rain. |
| Polly went | 29 | Polly fetched at daybreak. Bets and children stayed a while in the Morning. |
| Jon. Law. | | Went away to Phebe or Obb's went home afternoon. Still cloudy |
| Jo Law | 30 | Wynche not heard from Jonathan Lawrence. Cloudy cold. |
| Child born | | |
| | 31 | Wind SE a very hard Gale with Rain this morning. Stormy, very wet |
| | 31 | Polly not home no tidings yet. Storm increases and between 10 and 11 o'clock AM Thunder and lighting and floods of Rain. Wind SE |

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| March 19 | This night cold, Wind NW. This evening Jacob Concklin brought his mother a receipt for money she paid for the road. |
| Ate o M 20 | Ate o Meals. Cold. cloudy morning. Wind NW. Ground hard frozen. Jesse cutting chips at M.C. hearth. He, Samy, M.C. went outdoors and sat on step. When I spoke against his impudence I came off home. M.C. seemed affronted about it. |
| 20 | Joe and Bets there about 10 or 11 o'clock, They ate dinner and children. I came there about 1/2 past 2 o'clock PM. They went away about 1/2 after 3 PM |
| 20 | At night a miserable and stubborn gangle with me. NB hard metal. |
| 21 | Clear this morning. Ground froze hard. M.C. friendly. |
| I NY 21 | I to New York Slote steam boat. |
| 22 | I returned from New York. |
| 2 M 23 | Ate 2 Meals. A beautiful warm day. Polly to meeting night. NB this seems to be the night Elmira said Richard attacked her. |
| V. Kleek 24 | John van Kleecks vendue. Afternoon overcast a little rainy. |
| Vendue 24 | Bets two children, Phebe one, Mary Ann's two there all day. They to Vendue. I bought at Vendue this entered only for Momento see account. |
| 1 M 25 | Rained moderate last night. Warm this morning. Ate one meal this day. |
| 2 M 26 | Very warm, clear and nice. Phebe and Mary Ann's children there again they to Vendue . |
| 27 | Ate 2 Meals. Warm and pleasant. Bartholomew up. |
| 27 | Mary Concklin went to Bet Sneden, told me after she came back that Bet Sneden had said let everyone put in or do for themselves ie in the Brower concern and Bogardus is now in chancery and some uneasiness among the descendants or heirs in this place Rockland Orange Town. Some talking of signing off to Jacob Sneden &c |
| 2 M 27 | Rain and thunder the past night. Overcast this morning and still. Grass appears. |
| 27 | Cleared off warm and handsome. |
| 27 | Had stewed birds for dinner. Ate supper. |

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| March 27 | Mary Concklin went Sam Snedens a little before night to hear they wished to manage in the Brower concern. |
| 28 | Overcast. I there at breakfast. Polly took a piece of bread to pay Jacob Concklin for a piece he brought in to her without her asking him so to do. She asked me if I thought the piece was as big as his. I said bigger and better bread. I said who baked this bread of yours, did Phebe? She answered yes, for I was bound I could not go and bake it. So Phebe had to do it for me. I can't do as I'd wish to do. I answered would you wish to bake out when you make good bread in your own oven. Yes, she answered, for you grumbled before when you got oven wood. I said it was not true. I got it willingly for she had only mentioned it the day before she baked and I got the oven wood early next morning. She answered, so you did, but grumbled afterwards. I said it was a d? lie, for all I said was as Wynche was going to bake and it was rainy Cose could carry in the wood and said no more. With that I got up from Breakfast table and went home saying such wilful lies I could not bear. This wish to bake at Phebe's was I said at the time a foolish thing, as Wynche was going to bake and Cose had already got the oven wood which was good wood. NB sleeping, out running, out baking, out &c. After I left the table and had ate nothing yet I went to Sam Sneden's conversed with Jacob Sneden and his mother. They seemed to deny in the greatest part the flying report of making a division or 2 parties in the ? |
| 1 M 28 | I came back from S. Sneden's and went there Polly very friendly. Fixed breakfast, &c |
| Wt. NY 28 | I and Jake Sneden to N.Y. steamboat on Brower concern. Saw Faller Sullivan and Pike. I saw N. Brower. Matter rests in the dark &c. |
| Back 29 | We back from New York. |

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| March 29 | Rainy all day. Came up with Steam Boat. |
| Went Bets 29 | Polly not home. I there between light and dark. Jacob Concklin said went |
| | Bet's 28th and that Polly was going to live there. |
| 30 | Rain morning, Polly not home till between 5 and 6 o'clock PM. did rain yet |
| | Polly came through rain. Stopped raining just before sunset. Polly |
| | was apparently ready for jangle and did without cause. |
| 31 | Clear this morning. My cellar a prodigious deal of water in it. |
| 31 | Polly said expected Bets down. However, that she wanted some roots, etc., and |
| | was to come next day and that Bets did not mean to stay all night because |
| | she heard Bets tell Joe yesterday he must come and fetch her tomorrow night. |
| | NB It's singular Bets would tell Joe to come the day before she came home. |
| 31 | Bets did go down with Child about 12 o'clock. J. went in to Phebe's. |
| 31 | I at Old Home between 12 and 1. Polly not home. |
| | I there between 4 and 5 and not home. At night Home. Polly said had been to |
| | James Sneden to carry flower pot and that Polly was home and got dinner for |
| | Bartholomew Noe and yet said drank tea Phebe's. It appears a little |
| | crooked . |
| 31 | Polly boiled bass Gracy boiled bass. NB this bass weighed 9 3/4 lb. |
| 31 | This night Sprang up a most bitter gust about 9 or 10 o'clock with rain. |
| April 1 | Clear and windy from West. |
| 1 | Polly went J.G.C. to get him to get hogs with his Dog out orchard. |
| 1 | While Polly gone to J.G.C. Phebe came down. She, Jacob Concklin and Elmira |
| | had high conversation about Richard Van Wickle's attempt on the body |
| | and chastity of said Elmira who said that he made an attempt on her in the |
| | house and running around the stove. She fled outdoors and hid behind the |
| | apple brush back of little house. That Richard came and looked for her, he |
| | went to Nick's barracks. With that she ran into the house again and locked the |
| | door. That Richard came to the door and burst it open, &c. |

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| April 1 | This attempt must have been Made on the night of Wednesday the 23rd of March, 1831. |
| March 23 | Polly went to meeting uncommon at night said came back with Bets Sneden and came right home. I was there and saw her come about 1/2 after 9 at Night I hoeing Pen . Polly went right past her door to SW side of house and was there a while. Polly came back just past the corner in front and stood still and discovering me as I was coming by the well, came Slowly up to her Door and met there. Polly said what I came so late for and muttered about it, and while in as contrary and ugly as the devil. Having been in a while we heard talking in J. Concklin's he was not home and some little walking &c. A question what made Polly go on SW side a while not long perhaps a minute or two. This is the night that Elmira said Richard made an attack on her on afternoon and the night of the 23rd March. Whoever came back from meeting as said before see 23 March. |
| 1 | Phebe to Bet's 5 o'clock PM left child there back dusk. Larry Sneden in at Jacob Concklins duskish play fiddle a little while. |
| 1 | Sally and Ginnet Lawrence at my house cutting rags. |
| frost | 2 Little frost this morning. |
| Sugar | 2 I got of John Willse 14 lb. sugar at 7 pence per lb. considered as bought at V. Kleeck's Vendue this no amount here elsewhere. |
| 2 M | 2 Polly baked bread and Pyes at Phebe's, was there 2 or 3 times. |
| NB | 2 Polly seemingly more friendly since Elmira's Charge against Richard about 9 o'clock at night. Thick overcast no rain. Nicholas home. |
| 2 M | 3 A little hazy this morning. |

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| April 3 | Easter I ate 5 eggs home in morning. At 9 o'clock. Most Beautiful weather. |
| | At Night overcast Dark. |
| | Mart Hagen paid me 14 shillings for the load. Nut not in the Return. |
| 3 M 4 | Overcast this morning, misty. Afternoon Rainy Stormy wind NE A rainy night. |
| 3 M 5 | Morning Rainy. Partly Clear 12 o'clock. Quite clear at night. Moderate. |
| | 5 Elmira to M. Concklin again, Polly said. |
| | 6 Morning White frost a Most beautiful day. |
| Garden fence 6 | David Haring came to work. Garden fence. |
| | 6 Cate Old House washing &c. Polly cleaning House. Polly sour and contrary. |
| | 6 Said would go out working by month. She would not live such life with Elmira. |
| | 6 Polly went out little after sunset somewhere. Came back with Nicholas near 10 o'clock with lanthorn. I saw them outer room. Polly said been to meeting. It looks like hatching. |
| Mid Wife 7 | Polly fetched by Bogert to Tappan about 10 o'clock night. |
| Back 8 | Polly back near daylight off. I there night a while pretended sleepiness — surly. |
| letter 8 | Clear and warm this day. Received out of Post Office from N.B. Brower. |
| | 8 Polly exceptionally cruel. False accusations some determinations similar in appearance to year 1829. Miserable &c. |
| | 8 Polly went Bet's about between 11 and 12 o'clock. Storm afternoon. |
| 1 M 9 | Polly back little before 12 o'clock from Bet's. Very blustering wind. I there after 4 PM. House locked up. Wynche said was there just before I came. Had went Phebe's, Back little before sunset. Ate supper. Friendly. Nicholas there. |

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| April 9 | A Most Violent Wind from the West and Blustering as ever I saw with a trifle snow by turns. Cold a Most Miserable Windy and Squally day. |
| 9 | Jesse went Laya? for Butter near Sun Set for Polly see memorandum. |
| 2 M 10 | Clear this morning light wind from NW Ground frozen hard 9 o'clock Wind Rises. Ate dinner and supper. |
| 2 M 11 | Overcast. Air still. Breakfast and supper. Polly paid Jo Dubois 1 of her money to Jacob Sneden on Brower Concern |
| 12 | Ground frozen this morning. Phebe there dinner and tea. |
| 13 | Ground frozen again morning. I at Jonathan Lawrence's. I asked George Lawrence for money promised. |
| 13 | Clear. |
| 1/2 M 13 | Mended knee in bang up trousers. Ate breakfast and little dinner. |
| 13 | Jacob Gesner ill with pain had been sawing 2 day Whipsaw Sneden's. |
| Posts 13 | Cose cut holes in 7 posts for bog meadow 1/4 day. See his amount. |
| 13 | Polly went Bets little after 12 o'clock Back quite Dark with Nicholas. |
| Stole 13 | Girl stole at Mrs. Trenchard's 7 frocks 7 shifts plaid cloak and went off. Was pursued and caught in the Middle of the Brook a little above upper Mills in Slote. She went and stood, Very impudent in language. |
| Polly back 14 Pd. Wynche | M. Concklin paid Wynche the 2 shillings she had borrowed. I present. |
| 14 | Clear and Beautiful Warm Weather. |
| 14 | Cose took the 7 posts to bog meadow from house and helped draw the chestnut log also there from willows. 1 Hour. See his account. |
| 1/2 1/2 M 14 | Ate little dinner and drank tea at night with a little soaked bread. |
| 14 | Polly went Morning Ver Bryck to Bets Sneden's. Back dark. |
| 14 | Jacob Concklin groggy most every day of late. Not in the 2 shillings. |
| Wt. Bets 15 | Ate breakfast Polly went with Phebe to Bet's to sow quilt. Back dusk. |
| 15 | Cose and Henry Willse to Tappan for hay of Herbert. Got about 1 cock of rotten stuff worth nothing. |

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| April 15 | Morning rain. At 10 o'clock held up but overcast. Rain at night. |
| 16 | Rain this morning. Wind NE Borrowed of Wynche 1 shilling for Cose. Paid her back. |
| 16 | Paid Mary Ann, Herbert's wife, for Cose's part of the 15th. |
| 1 1/2 M 16 | From 11 o'clock rains excessively till night. Ate &c |
| 2 1/2 M 17 | Morning cloudy. 12 o'clock pretty clear. Ate eels for supper. |
| Water Cellar 17 | My cellar never before so much water in. |
| Abba 17 | Abba Gwefes here night. Went away to New York at day. |
| 17 | In afternoon Sally and Jonathan here visiting. |
| 2 1/2 M 18 | Clear this morning ate breakfast dinner and fine supper. |
| 18 | Polly Sunday See Memorandum |
| 18 | Polly went Phebe's afternoon said Peggy Henry came there and urged her going to spend afternoon. Said she Peggy Henry was going to help Phebe cut rags. |
| 18 | I made bog meadow crops this afternoon. Girls cleaned school house afternoon. |
| Cose 19 | Rain this morning. Cose helped 1 hour less along the bog meadow ditch. Gave him 6 pence. It rained while busy. |
| 19 | Clear afternoon. Took Gammon and Shoulders down out chimney Old House and gave Wynche 1 shilling for her trouble. |
| 2 1/2 M 19 | Ate breakfast dinner and a little supper. Nicholas home at night. |
| 19 | Peggy Henry and Maria Powers there at night for a Run. |
| Cose 20 | Morning overcast. I and Cose along the bog meadow creek again finishing perhaps in only two hours. He stayed a little while after I came away. |
| 1 M 20 | Ate breakfast. |
| 20 | Polly fixing before breakfast for New York by Nicholas Concklin to go with Jo |
| Polly NY | Dubois and Bets from his dock Sneden's. Nicholas went behind wagon about 1/2 hour after 10 and M. C. Left her house near 12 o'clock and left Phebe's about 12 o'clock. Was there yet when school was out so Jesse said. Polly 6 shillings see memorandum, left 6 shillings. |
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NOTE: Gammon is bacon or smoked pork; the pork may have been smoked in the chimney of the Old House

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| April 20 | Gracy up to Sally's forenoon. Back little after 8 at night. |
| 21 | Clear this morning. Afterwards hazy with a stormy appearance. At 9 o'clock at night thick overcast. |
| 21 | This preceding night dreamt miserably about Polly working for and at Richard's |
| 22 | Weather lowry. Gave Cose order for 6 liquor. See mem. I paid this to Herbert . |
| 23 | Morning cloudy little rain cloudy all day. |
| 23 | Cose drew dung in garden from 9 o'clock to 12. And after school was out in afternoon. I and he ploughed garden about 1 hour. Gave him 1 shilling see memorandum. |
| Molly Eckers 23 | Molly Eckerson came here afternoon. |
| came | Had rained little last night. Cloudy all day. |
| 24 | Molly Eckerson went away home 3 o'clock afternoon, and Grace to Sally's. |
| 24 | I cleaned 15 shad Jake Sent home with Auryonson. Some the guts was out. |
| 24 | Polly not home yet from NY. Cloudy all day, threatening to rain. |
| 25 | Polly not home. Cloudy, cool. |
| Back from 26 | Polly Back from New York. Came up with steam boat. Went 4 o'clock |
| NY | afternoon stayed Bet's till near sunset. Came home quite dusk. |
| | 26 Polly went to N.Y. the 20th and returned this day. Better than 6 days. Said had CU coach riding to Noe's new building out of town 3 1/2 miles. |
| | 27 Cloudy towards night thick overcast wind NE looks for rain wind storm. |
| 1 M 27 | Phebe there dinner and tea and children. Jesse went Peter Riker's for butter. |
| | 28 Paid Wynche 2 shillings borrowed of Nick. See Cose's account. I paid Nick again. |
| 3 M 28 | Ate breakfast, dinner and supper. |
| Storm 28 | A Bad Cold Storm of rain, High wind from NE by North. |
| | 29 Rain continuing. Wind abated. Afternoon a little rainy. |
| at Phebe 29 | Polly at Phebe's afternoon. Back little before night. |
| | 29 I there 12 o'clock. Polly little comical. Nicholas had been for eggs, Came in and Polly said if I was going to eat, she would have to put the kettle on. The coffee just stood by the fire). I said it was not worth while. She answered there was not enough in the coffee pot for 3. I said I'd go home. I did drink a little moulded butter milk. Drank 2 cups of tea at night but ate nothing. |

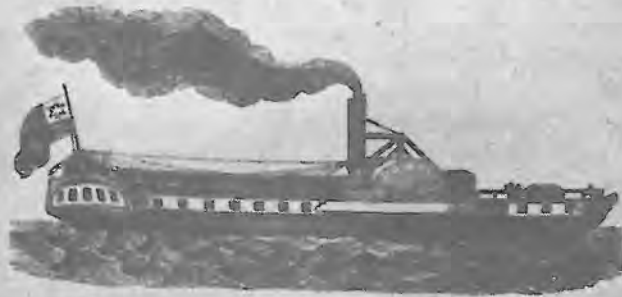
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| April 29 | | Polly then went and got fat and put in the pan to fry the eggs. Broke 5 eggs in. Then asked Nicholas how many he could eat. He said 3. She then said she had enough in. However, she broke one more in. When fried put them in a plate. I at that moment said I'd cut some Night wood. Polly said won't you eat. I went out and cut little wood and brought it in. Gone out not 5 minutes. I came in the kettle was on and Polly and Nicholas while I was out had sat by table and the eggs all up already and seemed to have done eating. Said won't you sit by. Tol lol. I went home. |
| | 29 | Nicholas got 25 shad, small ones. Cleaned at 10 per a hundred he said. At night I salted them down — fine salt and some old packing fish salt of Phebe about 2 quarts night. I ate a little shad at night, I ate home. |
| Wynche to my kitchen | 29 | Cose and Wynche moved things to my kitchen &c |
| | 30 | Cloudy all day did by turns drizel with rain. The sun was seen about sunset. Still overcast in night. |
| 2 M | 30 | Ate little breakfast and dinner and supper. NB ate little at home. |
| | 30 | Borrowed 2 cents of Nicholas to give to Theodore Poynier and his wife. |
| | 30 | Watching oxen. |
| Married | 30 | Peggy Van Kleeck widow or Peggy Hagen married Stephen Parcels. |
| Black | 30 | Nicholas planted some potatoes in his garden. Had about 1 bushel of me no charge. |
| Charles | 30 | Black Charles moved old house kitchen. |
| 1 M May 1 | | Cloudy all day. I ate dinner supper. Polly a little Corn Nicholas favorite. |
| 1 M | 2 | Cloudy toward night. Sprinkled rain. Phebe there and Peggy Henry helping carpet rags afternoon. |
| | 2 | Stars appear at 9 or 10 o'clock at night. |
| Money took | 2 | Took up money of George M. Lawrence on bond 60 hand for Richard Vervalen. |
| Wynche Elmira | 2 | Wynche to New York with children. She said to work. Elmira also to N.Y. |
| | 3 | Clear weather. |
| Rag Bag | 3 | Polly had rag bag in Lany, Betsy, Phebe Mary Ann afternoon. |

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| <p>May 3 Gave Rich Vervalen note 40.72 &c</p> | <p>Paid Richard Vervalen 50 Dollars which I took up of George M. Lawrence the 2nd instant. This morning I paid on a note of 81 Dollars principal and 2 year interest then due which was 9.72 together makes 90.72. But I took up the note of 81 Dollars and gave him another note of 40.72 which then remained yet due to him.</p> |
| <p>1 1/2 M 3</p> | <p>Ate little dinner and supper.</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Cloudy morning, sun at rising, rain streaks, 7 o'clock AM. Rain and no wind hardly. Grace rallied me about my saying I had paid Richard Vervalen 100 dollars sometime ago. And then gave said Richard the note of 81 dollars for the remainder then due yet. NB This is money paid on a bank in the first place given to Thomas Hollock and at his death it wrongfully came to Martin Hagen of Closter and by Martin Hagen made to Richard Vervalen. Now from Gracy's saying it appears that she thought she had paid off Tommy's bond almost by boarding Polly Hollock, sister of Thomas Hollock. For by Tommy's will his money left was to maintain his sister during her lifetime but again I had nearly as much trouble with old Polly as she had. Old Tom did many nasty washes, &c, &c. But I just remark that this twitting of Grace's having almost paid off this bond of Tommy is very unjust. If from the beginning of this bond until now both principal and interest should be calculated which with equal right of expression I have paid, I suppose it would amount to above 5 or 600 . This may be known correctly by overhauling the old writing now in my possession.</p> |
| <p>1 1/2 M 4</p> | <p>Ate little breakfast and supper.</p> |
| <p>1 1/2 M 5</p> | <p>Ate little breakfast and supper.</p> |

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| May 5 | | Polly to Garethies in point afternoon got 1 lb. butter Back near dusk. |
| 5 | | Weather Cool in Day, Clear and Cool at Night |
| frost 6 | | This morning clear. A very remarkable white frost. Ploughed ground some places little frozen. In afternoon appear foul wind SE. |
| o M 6 | | Phebe Peg Henry came forenoon to Old House, cut and sew rags with all children 3. |
| 5 | | Joe Dubois and Nicholas at night. Carried off the little dresser I made for Polly being made of part of the old one formerly of John Gesner's son. Polly said had lent to Bets foolishly said by so doing would get painted and would look so much better. Tol Lol. |
| o M 7 | | Cloudy raining little about 2 o'clock. Ate little breakfast. Had ate home. Did not rain long. Remained cloudy. Sky all afternoon appears rainy. |
| 8 | | Rain this morning. Wind NE appears very stormy. I there 7 o'clock. Nicholas, old Jake C. and Polly done their breakfast already. Appeared to have left things waiting for me but I ate no breakfast. |
| Hen Willse 8 | | Henry Willse came to work a month for me. |
| 1/2 M 8 | | Ate little breakfast bread and cheese for tea. |
| 8 | | Clear at night wind west. Jacob Concklin in at Polly Morning and Night. Got tired of Negro Company to eat. |
| 9 | | Clear this morning wind NW Cool, sky blustering and quite cold afternoon. |
| Raised 9 | | Raised a new South bent my house about 5 afternoon had George Mann, David Concklin, Jacob Concklin, Sam Sneden, Jan Samuel Verbryck, Jesse Trenchard, John Dutcher, Jacob Riker, Jacob Post, Cose Cooper, Henry Willse, David Haring Carpenter and myself. |
| Assessor 9 | | Assessment taken in school house by Simon Van Antwerp. |
| 9 | | Phebe there before 12 o'clock. Charity Hynes there afternoon visit and Sam |
| 9 | | Verbryck's wife there little while. |
| 9 | | Mary Ann Post came to school. |
| 10 | | Hazy in the morning. Sky seemed like snow at 9 or 10 o'clock. |
| 10 | | Clear but cold, in afternoon more warm and clear. |
| 10 | | I told Nicholas to come down this evening, I would give the 10 shillings for the fish. Polly knew this. Went down with oxen, grew duskish, met Nicholas by pear trees. He asked me whether I'd seen his Mammy. I said no. I asked where she was. He said gone to take care of Phebe's children, that Phebe was gone to meeting to Taylor's. Yes Yes. I knew that Rich was home & could take care of them. |

BENT a timber framing unit that consists of vertical posts, horizontal beams and often diagonal braces that is erected from a horizontal position to a final vertical resting place. The units can either be longitudinally oriented side walls in English barns and Dutch American barns or often transversely oriented H frames in Dutch American barns .

NOTICE.



The Steam Boat **NYACK,**

Captain John White will run between
NYACK AND NEW-YORK,

From the 12th July next

Leave Nyack Landing every day at 5 o'clock, P. M. Saturdays and Sundays excepted; and leave New-York, foot of Vesey-street, every day at 12 o'clock, Sundays and Mondays excepted; Fare ~~one~~ at the low rate of two Shillings the Passenger, Children half price.— Freight and Baggage the same as the Sloops now charge, and to be at the risk of the Owners, unless given in care of the Captain. All to be subject to the rules and regulations on board.

JOHN GREEN,
WILLIAM PERRY, } *Directors.*
TUNIS SMITH,

June 14, 1827.

Broadside, 1827, announcing the beginning of steamboat service between Nyack and New York. The name Nyack was changed to Orange after this notice was distributed but before the first run)

| 1831 | | Momento |
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| May 10 | | I there this morning and returned 8 o'clock Nicholas had already been my house for the fish money). I found fault about going to take care of children. But less sense ever was heard. Polly knew I was going to New York the next day. |
| | 10 | Sally here afternoon. |
| I NY | 11 | I went New York from home about 9 or 10'clock to see Taller, Sullivan, Pike, Brower, Humbert, Rudolphus Bogert. |
| Gracy too | 11 | Went with John Willse and George Quidor from Sneden's. Gracy too. A violent S. wind, first single reef, then double reef just below Breakers. The leech rope of mainsail broke and tore the sail, amazing. There was a terrible swell. We got in near west shore where it was more calm. The Rockland steamboat came near along. They attended to our signal took from the schooner about 15 passengers and got in about 4 o'clock PM. John and George got in the same night late. |
| Cose went to see Wynche &c. | | |
| I Back | 12 | I came back from New York with the Orange steamboat landed at Snedens &c |
| Elmira Back | 12 | Elmira back from New York with Margaret her sister. She went May 2nd. |
| 1 M | 12 | Drank tea near night. |
| | 13 | Very warm today in afternoon looks stormy. Wind south, high one Spell. |
| 3 M | 13 | Breakfast, dinner and supper. |
| 3 M | 14 | This Morning smoaky and Warm. Ate breakfast, dinner and supper. |
| | 14 | Middling clear all day and also at night. |
| 1 M | 15 | Cloudy in morning but still looked for storm, afternoon mid clear. Wind blew little stormy. Ate pot pye dinner veal. Nick there. Veal got of Dine a piece. |
| 2 M | 16 | Clear with a few clouds and warm. Jacob Concklin at night 1/2 drunk. Came in at Polly, went in cursing, swearing. Reprimanded Elmira about lending me his horse collars. |
| 1 1/2 M | 17 | Foggy early in the morning. at 8 or 9 o'clock AM clear, warm. Ate breakfast 1 and little supper. NB sometimes I have ate at home a little first. |
| | 17 | Polly at Mary Ann Cooper, said to cut and sow rags. It Appears this Day agreed about going to meeting. |

NOTE: The *Orange* was built during 1826-27 by Nicholas's nephew Henry Gesner and was 75 feet long with a beam of 22 feet inside. An advertisement in the *Evening Post* on April 28, 1828, reads as follows: "The Steamboat *Orange*, Captain John White Jr., will commence running regularly between Nyack and New York, on the 5th day of May next, and will leave Nyack every day of the week, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, at 4 PM, New York 11 AM, Saturday, Sunday and Monday excepted. On Saturday, the boat will leave New York at the time appointed weekly by the captain, and will stop at State Prison, New York and Closter as usual. ...Carriages will be waiting at Nyack on the arrival of the boat, to convey passengers to any part of the County." Adult passengers paid 25 cents, children paid 12 1/2 cents, Horses and Cows 75 cents, Calves and Hogs 25 cents, Sheep 12 1/2 cents and Lambs 9 cents. Information from Green's *History of Rockland County*, page 213. By 1831 the *Orange* was also stopping at Snedens.

| 1831 | Momento | |
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| May 17 | | Wynche back from New York from work with children. She went 2nd May to work she said. |
| Wynche | | |
| Went Bets 18 | | Polly went with Phebe and Bets about 1/2 after 10 o'clock. I there AM. Did not tell Polly, Said afterwards she didn't know about going. Phebe came for hour because Richard was home. |
| | 18 | Back after meeting at Zeb's. Said 10 o'clock night. I not there. |
| no eat | 18 | Misty morning. 9 or 10 AM clear a very nice warm day. |
| | 19 | Rain this morning. Wind NE. Misty and little rain all day. David Haring came to work. Rain hindered, no work today. Let him have Adz handle piece. |
| 1 M | 19 | Polly went Herbert about 5 o'clock, soon back. Ate little supper. |
| | 20 | This past night a terrible rain about midnight with lightning and some thunder. |
| | 20 | This morning a little rain still, clear 9 or 10 o'clock. |
| | 20 | At night circle round the moon. Warm day past. |
| no eat | 21 | This morning little misty and rainy. Clear 9 or 10 o'clock. I helped at the barn repair foundation. |
| | 21 | Polly at J.G. Concklin, drank tea, she said. I drank tea only, had took piece in my hand, from home. Made tea for Me alone night. |
| Black Cow | 21 | Near night came out of school. Saw black cow in front of house with a crooked back. Asked Gracy what ailed the cow she stood with Peggy Henry Concklin near the cow . Answered I suppose she has been with the bull. I said, what bull. She answered Peter Riker's bull. I asked her who had drove her there. Answered, she drove herself there, which caused quite a smile on Peggy's face. |
| | 21 | Clear at night. I there the 22nd. Jacob Concklin 1/2 drunk. Acted like a violent mad man. Brought his noise in there. |
| 1 M | 22 | Ate dinner. Cut her last gammon. Had each 2 eggs. Nicholas had two and myself. Said got 2 of Phebe. |
| | 22 | Warm but somewhat cloudy. Wind SW. Afternoon clouds over S. |
| | 21 | Cose and Wynche went away from my house in afternoon to Jacob Sneden's house near river on hill near Lawrence Sneden. They came April 29th, 1831. |
| Wynche & Cose | | Henry Willse took them away one load with my oxen. Cose stayed and did very little after Henry was gone quite early. He wanted to get money and then go, poor shote. |
| Moved Away | | |

| 1831 | | Momento |
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| | May 22 | Cloudy afternoon little rainy in evening. |
| | 2 M 22 | Gracy out. Ate dinner and breakfast. Phebe there. |
| | 22 | Jacob Concklin has carried on this day most wickedly profane, cursing, swearing, excessive |
| | 23 | Clear this morning. Wind NW cool at night overcast. |
| Plant Corn | 23 | Began to plant corn over the little rows. |
| 1 M | 23 | Polly went to Phebe's about 10 o'clock and little before 12 to Peggy Quidor. Back dusk. Ate breakfast. |
| | 2 1/2 M 24 | Began to rain about 7 o'clock AM. Ate breakfast, little dinner and supper. |
| | 24 | After 11 o'clock little misty all day. Nicholas brought mess of eels at night. |
| | 24 | Polly at Phebe's best part of afternoon. Polly said she had baked old loaf bread over in the oven of Phebe. Had hunted wood and then Mary A. and Phebe baked pyes &c |
| Isaac Smith | 24 | David Haring worked till a little after 9 o'clock. Rain went home. Isaac Smith |
| to John Perry's | | married to John Perry's daughter. Captain steamboat Orange. |
| Daughter | 25 | This morning little overcast. Appears little misty. |
| | 25 | Clear afternoon and night. Ate little breakfast and supper. |
| | 1 1/2 M 25 | Polly very miffy morning. Was in a hurry to go to Phebe and went a little after breakfast to Phebe's, said to cook dinner. Said Cate was at Phebe's cleaning house. Back a little before night. But as said Richard was not at Bompies' Hook to work. Polly said he was at Bompies' Hook but he was not. He was home. |
| | 2 M 26 | Clear this morning. Ate breakfast and supper. David Haring worked 1/2 day putting up barn studs. See his account. |
| | 26 | This day Planted corn old orchard. I worked like a horse. William Lawrence Dropped. |
| | 27 | Cloudy, rained a little this morning. |
| Borrowed | 27 | Borrowed of Sally three dollars. I went to N.Y. |
| Went NY | 27 | I went to New York to see about the Brower concern. Started from Snedens, steamboat Orange, 20 minutes after 12 o'clock. Arrived at State Prison 20 minutes after 2 o'clock PM. |
| | 27 | Finished planting corn this morning in rain about 7 or 8 o'clock. |
| | 27 | Warm and clear afternoon. This night I slept at Thomas Poynires, N. York, and ate breakfast with him a little after 7 o'clock AM. |

| 1831 | Momento |
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| May 28 | Clear this morning. I was twice to Tellers and then saw Pike the 27th. I was to Humberts, to Sullivans, to Nicholas B. Browers, at John Browers Canal St., and then to Abba Gwefes, to Thomas Penoyre in Grant Street, apprentice to book binder, and got on board the steam boat Orange 12 o'clock to return. I also at Isaac Rutons. |
| I Back 28 | Back from New York about 3 o'clock to Snedens. At first start the 2 steamboats Orange and Rockland crowded against each other and jambed the Rockland yawl boat all to pieces. The Rockland was outside, the Orange was better than 12 feet clear of dock and instantly passed the end of dock. |
| 1 M 28 | Dark &c afternoon. |
| 29 | Clear and warm this morning. Very warm through the middle of day, yes all day. |
| Married 29 | Eliza Sneden daughter of Robert Sneden and Jane Crum his wife married Peter Van Orden. The youngsters do marry about this time. Remarkably: numbers &c |
| 2 M 29 | Gracy out with Sorrel, he look gaunt. Ate breakfast and dinner. |
| 29 | Clear and very warm this day. |
| 30 | Little smoaky but clear, still and very warm this day. |
| 3 M 30 | John Willse had of me Larry Sneden's man with Sorrel to furrow a little corn ground. |
| David Nagle 30 Buried | Old David Nagel buried this day. |
| 31 | Clear and very warm morning. Very warm, yes hot, 12 o'clock and all day. |
| o M 31 | Drank little coffee — no eat. |
| June 1 | I kept school till 11 o'clock then went New York. |
| I Went NY | |

| 1831 | | Momento |
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| | June 1 | I went New York on the Brower concern with steamboat Orange. |
| I went NY | 1 | I kept school till 11 o'clock. Very warm weather. |
| | 1 | The heat is noticed in the public papers. Lodged at Browers. |
| Tho Penoyre | 2 | Very hot and still little Smoaky. Went with one Cornelius Brower from |
| Bound a Book | | Poughkeepsie) to Long Island to one Lefferts who had married the great- |
| for me no | | great grand daughter of Adam Brower. There was family papers respecting |
| charge | | the family of Adam Brower. I lodged with N.B. Brower. |
| | 3 | Hot weather. I and Nicholas Brower went to Warners. |
| | | Ate and lodged altogether with Browers. |
| | 4 | Ate breakfast with Brower. We went again to Warners. |
| | 4 | Very warm yet I went to see Thomas Penoyre and Sally his wife. Hastened to |
| | | boat. |
| I Back | 4 | Came up from New York with Orange. |
| Rich Quidor | 4 | Richard Quidor, his girl and a young woman came up from New York at M. |
| | | Concklin's 4 o'clock PM. |
| 1/2 M | 5 | This morning still warm but cloudy or thick flying scud from the SE. Little |
| | 5 | rainy afternoon. Ate for Dinner Coffee and a piece |
| | | Richard and girl and young woman at near 7 o'clock this morning at Polly's |
| | | and went away 1 o'clock PM to Closter Dock. |
| 1/2 M | 5 | Drank tea ate 2 small slices bread and 2 radishes and 2 bits shad no butter. |
| Elmira went | 6 | Elmira to N. York, carried off blankets, umbrella, &c unbeknown to Jacob |
| off to NY | | Concklin. |
| | 6 | Rainy morning. I went below to see corn. Began to rain hard I hastened and |
| | | stopped Old House. Sun by watch up one hour morning, Nicholas and his |
| | | mother yet in bed. I knocked to the third time. I stood out in Rain. |
| | | After waiting for entrance quite a while I started as far as Hog pen when the |
| | | Door opened. Polly said must first dress and had only petticoat on unpinned |
| | | held in hand. |
| | | Two and a half months missing |

| 1831 | Momento |
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| August 24 | Sent apples to still by Henry Willsie already entered. |
| 24 | Polly cut out the Cap of the stuff. Sat down to make it. I asked for shirt. Had been requested to attend Laquoin's wife when called. Must make ready. |
| 24 | Nicholas got loaf bread Herbert on his own account Polly said. |
| Ja Con. 24 | Jacob Concklin to New York full split. Nicholas and Bartholomew there all night and Ate breakfast dinner and supper and all Night again. |
| 24 | Cloudy morning. Nicholas and Bartholomew Gunning shot 14 pigeons. Gave Bets 3, Phebe 2 and Mary Ann 2 = 7. Had 7 cooked, 1 I ate. |
| Pigeons 25 | Casparus Mabie caught above 200. David Mann above 100 pigeons on Salt Meadow and others. |
| 25 | Polly cut waistcoat for J. Riker for Phebe to make. My shirt lags. The one on is as black as the devil. |
| Ja Con Back 25 | Jacob Concklin back from New York. Elmira there yet. |
| 25 | At night the screech owl makes a terrible noise near my window. |
| Oxen 25 | Herbert had my oxen all day drawing stone barn &c |
| 26 | Cloudy, warm. Bartholomew near 9 AM went to New York. |
| Bartholomew. to NY | I expect Bartholomew came up about the 17th or 18th instant. Very full of Motion and Singing Idle. |
| I washed 26 | I washed shirt and boiled the muslin note below: this is the muslin I bought this day at J.V. Kleeks 3 1/2 yds. @ 1 shilling per yard . |
| 26 | Polly baked bread at Phebe's. Seemed miffed not having bread in house and having often company. Charles & Polly had went to J.G. Concklin to borrow meal. I asked her where she got meal. She said she had got a quarter of Jacob Post and also said she had got a couple of bowls of Indian meal of Phebe. Polly said couldn't get meal of Jacob Riker without money. Said he would have taunted a little while, a little stubborn. Since this has constantly said I got both Rye meal and Indian meal of Phebe. |
| 2 M 27 | Cloudy, rainy last night and this morning. I ate breakfast and supper. Had 1 pigeon for my supper. |
| 28 | Sky clear and blue, wind NW quite cool morning. |
| Nich. NY 28 | Clear all day and cool. Nicholas to N.Y. with Jo Dubois. |
| Ja Con NY 28 | Jacob Concklin to N.Y. and took the child down. NB A certain Collins brought the child up 5 or 6 days ago. |
| 3 M 28 | I ate breakfast, dinner and supper. |
| 2 M 29 | Picked 2 baskets of apples for Nicholas. I ate breakfast and supper. |
| 29 | I went with Jonathan Lawrence in my mountain. Cut 3 beams, 2 posts, and 2 White Oak sills for his barn. |

NOTE: The Passenger Pigeon is an extinct North American bird. The species lived in enormous migratory flocks until the early 20th century. One flock in 1866 in southern Ontario was described as being 1 mile wide and 300 miles long, took 14 hours to pass, and held in excess of 3.5 billion birds. Some reduction in numbers occurred from habitat loss when Europeans settlement led to mass deforestation. Next, pigeon meat was commercialized as a cheap food for slaves and the poor in the 19th century, resulting in hunting on a massive and mechanized scale. A slow decline between about 1800 and 1870 was followed by a catastrophic decline between 1870 and 1890, *Wikipedia*. Molly Sneden, the 18th century Snedens Landing ferrywoman, supposedly once killed 100 passenger pigeons with one shot.

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| Aug. 30 | Cool morning, clear. I wrote deed from Elizabeth Rice to Samuel Sneden. |
| 30 | Jonathan Lawrence drew the just mentioned timber. 2 load my wagon and 1 load George Mann oxen. |
| 1 M 30 | I got of Jonathan Lawrence stuff for draw bench. Ate one meal. |
| Went Bets 30 | Polly went Bet's about 8 o'clock. I asked to be back sunset, but stayed till near |
| Back 9 o'clock Nt. | 9 night. Brought Jesse along so late at night guardian etc. . Polly brought only 3 1/2 lbs. Sugar was to get 7 lbs. and bot 1 lb. candy. I had been there Jacob Concklin came up with me. Met H. and Jesse near in front of my house near 9 at night went back, Jesse there, Jacob Concklin. |
| George Hall 30 | George Hall the son of Mary Ann Gwefes she up took George Hall and went to New York. George had been about 5 weeks my house and James Miller went down likewise. He was not up so long. |
| Elsie Ann 30 | Elsie Ann, George Quidor's daughter went to New York. |
| 31 | Clear warm morning. Mowed the last in swamp. Henry Willse helped a little and next day helped get it in. NB Henry Willse stayed away Aug. 26 but helped me with the last mentioned hay. |
| Hen W. quit | |
| Phebe, Mary 31 | Phebe, Mary Ann and their children Old House washing. Stayed till night. |
| Ann 1 piece | All had tea and perhaps dinner. I ate piece. |
| 31 | Herbert had oxen forenoon and after I had load hay in Afternoon. |
| Curran 31 | N. Curran preached school house. |
| Ja C NY 31 | Jacob Concklin to New York with apples and pears. |
| Sept. 1 | Very cloudy sometimes sunshine. Got hay in. See 31 Aug. |
| 1 | Nicholas put the silver plate on my gun for put name on. He got back from New York this morning. |
| 2 M 2 | I ate breakfast and supper. |
| 2 M 2 | Wind SSW. Ate breakfast and dinner. Nicholas ate breakfast and dinner. |
| Curry 2 | A Mr. Currey came to old house at half past 7 o'clock AM. Went about 10 o'clock. NB Polly looking up lane while at breakfast in her entry. I asked whether she expected Mr. Currey Nicholas just went in room . She answered you think more about Currey than I do. |

| 1831 | | Momento |
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| | Sept. 2 | I fixed Polly's garden for sowing turnip seed. Dug about 3 pecks potatoes ground very Dry and Hard. Sowed the seed. |
| | 2 | Jonathan Lawrence Raised his barn. George Lawrence helped him frame and got framed less than 3 days. Rained a little after 12 o'clock. I came too late. |
| | 2 | Nicholas Concklin to New York to work. Took letter for Jacob Gesner. It come back 3 rd . Jacob not got it. |
| Ja Con | back 2 | Jacob Concklin back. |
| Peggy Henry | 2 | Peggy Henry there in afternoon. I ate piece at night. |
| Rain | 2 | Rain little between 9 and 10 o'clock Night. |
| oxen | 3 | Cloudy morning warm. Herbert's oxen morning Slote, fetched out and used them all afternoon. |
| Midwife | 3 | Polly fetched by Thomas Blanch midwife 7 o'clock AM for Laguars wife, |
| Child is born | | Tappan. Girl child born between 10 and 11 o'clock AM. |
| | 4 | Cool this morning. Polly not back morning. |
| Polly back | 5 | Polly back from Laguar between 10 and 11 o'clock AM. |
| Training | 5 | Nice weather, Company Training, Jacob Gesner Ensign there. |
| Cow | 5 | George Lawrence's cow in my pasture this morning. |
| 1 M | 5 | Picked apples for still. Ate supper. |
| | 6 | Clear this morning. Gracy to New York to market. Took 2 or 3 baskets fruit and a lamb of me. Jacob Gesner went down too to work. |
| | 6 | Picked apples again, Nicholas's and mine for still. |
| | 6 | John Gesner here. |
| | 6 | Polly went to Bets a little after 3 o'clock PM to fetch Nicholas's dirty clothes. Sent up from New York. Back near daylight off. Brought 3 1/2 lb sugar along at night. Jacob Concklin came in at his mother's, half drunk, made horrid speeches, shocking &c |
| | 7 | Cloudy and warm. Many pigeons is catched. |
| | 7 | Loaded wagon with apples, Nicholas's and mine. |
| 2 M | 7 | I ate a little breakfast and I and Isaac Shaw ate dinner. Candy head and pluck I brought. Polly cooked it. |
| Mistress Ford | 7 | Mistress Ford died this morning at New York About or between 4 or 5 |
| Died | | o'clock. James Noe brought the tidings. Lany went down to NY this day with James Noe. Mistress Ford was Lany's mother Polly there to get tea afternoon, |
| Polly went | 7 | George Lawrence to work for John G. Concklin, the vilian. |
| J. G. Con. | 7 | At 9 o'clock at Night looks likely for Rain. |

| 1831 | | Memento |
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| | Sept. 7 | At Night Polly peeling apples to Dry, I there a moment, disapproved of |
| | Lany to NY | Polly being Duped to go wait on John G. Concklin to go and get tea, since |
| | Polly there | both him and her had in the most opprobrious manner Abused us, and |
| | to Get | Polly said it was a case of necessity as Lany was gone to New York, her |
| | Victuals &c. | Mother being dead. I answered it was not a case of necessity. George |
| | | Lawrence had work in his shop and in respect of George Lawrence being |
| | | there, did not render it a case of necessity. That she did not show that |
| | | reasonable resentment becoming the insult &c. Polly got angry &c. |
| | 8 | Cloudy this morning. |
| | Went again 8 | Polly went again about 7 o'clock AM to John G. Concklin's. Got breakfast, |
| | | dinner and supper for the scoundrel. |
| | Apples 8 | Took apples to the still. Had in wagon 11 1/2 baskets of Nicholas and 24 |
| | | baskets of my apples by my basket took them to the still and measured. |
| | | At still there was 45 bushels at 6 cents for bushel. This Demarest paid to me, |
| | Isaac Shaw | and also the 40 bushels taken there before of which 13 bushels was Nicholas's. |
| | Run Away | Isaac Shaw run away. |
| | 8 | Night paid Mary Concklin for Nicholas his whole lacking 4 1/2 cents which |
| | | was 1 dollar and 62 1/2 cents. I run all together for the 40 and 45 bushels |
| | | 5 dollars and 10 cents. |
| | 8 | Polly Sunday Mary Ann Cooper for butter 1 shilling 6 pence and she working |
| | | for John G. Concklin the scoundrel. |
| | Gracy back 8 | Gracy back from New York as I started to the still. |
| | Ja C Ranged 8 | Little rain at night. Jacob Concklin went on at Old House like a madman. |
| | | 9 Clear morning and a little hazy. |
| | Went Again 9 | Polly went again near 7 o'clock to work for John G. Concklin Lany at New |
| | | York yet |
| | 9 | Polly because I found fault with her repeated going there to get victuals |
| | | and doing his work and neglecting mine &c got in outrageous passion. |
| | | Said I'm now determined to put an end to it. You can go. Every day jawing |
| | | me, jawing me, I'll have nothing more to do with you. I wish you well so |
| | | farewell. I'll go and stay at Bets &c. and a most an intolerable temper. |
| | | Further said now you can go and set down how often I go to Bets. I'll put |
| | | an end to it. |
| | went Bets 9 | Polly went Bets about 11 o'clock . Back dusk friendly. |
| | | 10 Little rain last night. |
| | for John 10 | Wrote a small writing for John Gisner for Henry Gisner to sign. |
| | Gisner | |

| 1831 | Momento |
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| Sept. 10 | <p>Phebe to camp meeting the second time. Went with J. Willse's schooner. Back the 11th at night or in the night &c. Polly it appears went to John G. Concklin's and got breakfast for him and sent Dines girl to Peter Rikers for fat This girl lives with Mary Ann Cooper . Polly came back and made pyes. I came in a little after 10 o'clock, said Are you making pyes? Polly said yes. I said you haven't apples enough. She said there was. Further said she was in a hurry. Dines things would be in the oven before I would be ready. * I answered, said why did you not make them sooner she said I had to go for fat I asked, did you go to Peter Rikers? She answered, said yes. NB. She did not go, but got Han Dines girl , living at Mary Ann Coopers, to go while she got breakfast for J. G. Concklin. I sat till 11 o'clock by watch. She said to me if you mean to sit any longer, I must leave you sitting, for I must take the pyes to Mary Annes, and I must make haste or she will have her things in the oven before I get there (I said this is a fine compliment so I went home. She took pyes and went to Mary Anns. I saw her just go in with pyes, and Right out again, and went directly to J. G. Concklins to get dinner. (Lany not home) I expect to file and clean up the house before the Lady Returned from New York. However I saw Polly go from Mary Anns house at the precise hour of 6 PM. Remark this haste was to go get dinner and supper and do up Saturday work Perhaps for Phebe too, who was to Camp Meeting. Richard home afterwards. I heard her say her pudding was too dry. Mary Ann had not taken it out of the oven soon enough. I said, why you was there all day to Bake Why did you not take it out &c Tol lol. Observe in this service of John see how her own work was neglected &c.</p> |
| Curn Preach. 11 | Clear. Curn preached 10 o'clock AM. Clear most all day, very warm. |
| Ford 11 | Ford up, he and Joe Dubois ate dinner there at the Old House. I Tea. |
| 2M 11 | I ate breakfast. I ate little cabbage after dinner had ate at home Drank Tea. |
| | 11 Mary Ann there washing, drank Tea, perhaps dinner too, with child. |
| | 12 I cut Corn Stalks. |
| | <p>* Now certainly she must have already discussed with Mary Ann about her baking there when she went to get the breakfast. Therefore her striving to get ready with Dine is false. And her going for fat was wrong said. And her haste to go to be ready with Mary Ann was to get Dinner for J. G. Concklin and her pudding was so dry because Mary Ann had left it in the oven too long.</p> |

| 1831 | Momento |
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| Sept. 11 | My horse and Herberts wagon took John Gisner and Curn to Nyack. |
| | George Gesner took them. I gave him 6 shillings. Grace went along to Bets Snedens, and detained the boy there. She got back dark. |
| 12 | I there. Polly offered me a piece of the pudding. Said it was too dry baked, that Mary Ann had left it in the oven too long. I said you was there all day till 6 o'clock Afternoon to Bake, why did you not take it out? She denied that she was from home all day. I said only with the exception of the morning as aforesaid . She answered and denied it. I said I knew better for she never came home until 6 o'clock PM. She seemed detected in her falsehood. Went out Doors, came in very friendly. NB I expect not only working for John, doing up Saturday work, but Phebe's too. Richard home as before said. My work neglected, Phebe all day visiting Jesse, at Old House for supper. |
| 2M | 13 Clear this morning I ate breakfast and dinner. |
| | 13 Got Almanac of the Box pedlar 4 pence for year 1832. |
| | 13 Polly went to Bets, pretended was going to Herberts and Van Kleeks to do errand, but did not half &c. |
| | 13 Another Box Pedlar I bought paper, German pins 1 shilling 2 pence. |
| Pe & Child | 14 Cloudy all day. Phebe there before dinner, till Night. Children Drinking tea |
| 1 M | 14 Polly washed for Phebe. Phebe complained of her throat. I ate a little bit. |
| Gracy NY | 14 Gracy to New York, Sally and children at my house till Gracy came back. |
| | 14 Let Herbert have 2 pieces of timber and oxen to draw it. |
| | 14 MC Polly received letter from Nicholas Concklin. He at New York |
| | 15 Cloudy and by turns little rain all day. I and Mary Lawrence crabbing. |
| | 15 Went out 3 or a little after 3 PM, Came in half after 5. Rainy. Crabbing got 36. |
| | 16 Cloudy, looks Rainy all day. Wind NE. I made some splints. |
| Ph. &c Peg | 16 Phebe there and children, and ate dinner, the Beef Stakes I not there Afternoon. Phebe, children and Peggy Henry all there till near night. Had tea. |
| | 16 Rainy at night I sat writing till 25 minutes after 1 o'clock night. |
| 1/2 M | 16 I ate little piece of Beef Stake, about 2 Common Mouths full, and had a piece of her pudding. |
| Nich Ho | 17 Cloudy morning, Night clear, at night Nicholas home |

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| | Sept 17 | Cloudy morning, night clear, at night Nicholas home. |
| | Bets &c | Bets and Joe there afternoon. Cut apples to dry for themselves. Bets ate dinner, and Bets and Joe and children tea. Nicholas there. |
| | no eat 17 | Orange Steam Boat broke down at little house near waterfall . Gracy on board. Sloop Immaterial took passengers off. All passengers very much frightened. |
| | 17 | Cool night. |
| | 18 | Clear and cool. It is said that John Haring said there was a frost. |
| Nich NY | 18 | Nicholas went to NY a little after 12, and J. G. Concklin and Lany about 1 o'clock . |
| Again | 18 | Polly went about 10 or 11 o'clock to J. G. Concklins to give consent to keep house while He and Lany went to New York to administer on Old Fords property, to which Lany was heir. |
| Polly to Milk | 18 | Polly went to milk down below for the Lany who abused her in the most scandalous manner. Abraham Mabie and son present in the private road &c. |
| | no eat 18 | Polly made supper for herself, Louis and Jesse. I found fault, saying too much of one thing was good for nothing, and that she duped herself to Lany and John. Answered I would have that liberty and would do as I please, &c. |
| | 18 | Phebe and children there for dinner. |
| Polly went | 18 | Polly went to keep house for Lany and J. G. Concklin. |
| Keep House | 19 | Polly there all day. |
| Raised | 19 | Herbert raised barn. It came good together. |
| Buried | 19 | Springstead buried. |
| | 19 | I took, got Henry Willse to take 3 baskets Nicholas's apples. I was mad. MC Polly at J. G. Concklin's. |
| Cow | 19 | John Gesner's cow fetched by Henry Willse. I gave him 2 pence for fetching cow and John Willse 3 shillings and 6 pence to Henry for taking the 3 baskets Apples to River. |
| Letter | 20 | Clear little foggy this morning. Wrote letter to Widow Blanch, aunt to Isaac Shaw. |

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| | Sept. 20 | Polly back from J. G. Concklin's half after 7 at night. Lany back from New York. |
| | 20 | Cut apples till 10 o'clock at night for Polly. |
| | 20 | Herbert had oxen all day drawing stone. |
| Dandy | 21 | Cloudy this morning. Dandy preached at Zebulon's at night. |
| | 21 | Polly went to Bets 2 o'clock. Intended to go from Bets to meeting at Zebs, but came back on my account. I there 9 o'clock Polly was home. I did not expect her. |
| | 21 | Overcast all day and night. |
| 2 M | 22 | Still looks Stormy. I ate Breakfast and Supper. |
| | 22 | Phebe with child Truman to wash 11 o'clock. Polly said if Phebe has but brought his D? along. This expression seemed upraising Jacob Concklin. Nicholas home at night. |
| Ate 3 M | 23 | Rainy. Thunderstorms 1/2 after 1 o'clock PM. I ate breakfast and had 1 1/2 crabs, dry white bread and piece pye for dinner. Ate supper. |
| | 24 | Clear no clouds this morning Moderate Cloudy afternoon. |
| | 24 | I to Snedens, got return of Nicholas's apples, 12 shillings 9 pence. Gave Polly 4 shillings on the apples. I kept 8 shillings 9 pence. NB 8 shillings was in lieu of the 8 shillings of the 21 st instant, and the 9 shillings spent. NB Again this 8 shillings was first let have for Sh? at J. Van Kleek's, was kept off the apple money. |
| 2 M | 24 | I ate breakfast, bread, coffee, little cheese and a good tea. (See memorandum of money laid out |
| | 24 | Gracy to Sally's |
| | 24 | Phebe at night there. Said Ford and his wife Catherine was up and at Bets. |
| | 25 | Cloudy. I ate breakfast and dinner. No body home at my house. Nicholas there night. I there. |
| | 25 | Rainy night. Afternoon I to Jonathan Lawrences. Meeting Taylors. |
| Law's &c | 25 | Lent Laws Serious Call |
| 3 M | 26 | Looks rainy. Rained hard at night. I ate breakfast, dinner and supper. |
| Deed & Mortgage | 26 | Deed for George Mann and Helen his wife to William Herbert Gesner for the Corner. Executed and Acknowledged by Judge Cornelius Blauvelt, and Mortgage from William Herbert and Mary Ann his wife to George Mann, this also Executed and Acknowledged. |
| 2 M | 27 | Cloudy, looks rainy all Day. Ate breakfast and dinner. Prayer Meeting Henry Concklins at night. |
| | 28 | Cloudy, wind NE, cool. |
| piece | 29 | Cloudy and cool. NB Bot of Cornelius Doremus 16 lbs beef at 5 shillings see account 6 shillings 8 pence paid. I drank tea, ate little bread and 1 Tea. |

NOTE: On this deed Herbert's new property is identified as being contiguous to the "newly laid road from the Rockland Road to Tappan." An 1823 deed to this same piece of property also mentions the "newly laid road from the Rockland Road to Tappan." Since the road is not shown on an 1822 map, it was probably built in 1823.

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| Sept 29 | Phebe Peggy Henry there 4 o'clock PM and Children for their tea and had it. |
| 29 | Picked Apples, Nicholas's 10 1/2 baskets = 13 Bushels. Took to cider mill Johnny did. |
| Frost 1 M 30 | Clear and very heavy white frost. Ate breakfast. |
| | Jacob Gesner quit work at NY. Brought tools back. |
| Oct. 1 | Clear, frost this morning 14 lb Rye Meal Polly |
| 1 | Thatched west side of my barn, had Jacob Riker, John Willse, George Quidor, David Mann the elder Jeremiah Smith, Henry Willse, Old Cooper, little George Quidor and little John Willse, William Lawrence, my grandson. Finished near Dark. Cose was there a little while. |
| 2 | Clear in morning, Lewis fetched Polly to J. G. Concklins. Back 40 minutes after 10. |
| Jac Back 2 | Jacob Concklin back from New York. Had been to work there. I suppose he was gone 3 or 4 weeks. |
| Curn 2 | Curn preached 2 o'clock PM. |
| 2 | NB The Episcopal Methodist had appointed a prayer meeting in the hours of Curns preached. And may be justly supposed to have been done to injure Curns meeting. For this morning at the meeting at Zeb's, Garret Onderdonck, after the meeting was just out, informed the People while yet in that place that there would be meeting at Mr. Taylor's that night. As soon as Mr. Onderdonck had given notice of it, Zeb Woolsey stepped towards Mr. Onderdonck and whispered to him. Upon which Mr. Onderdonck informed the people that he thought it would be full as convenient for him to have the meeting in the afternoon at Mr. Jacob Sneden's if it would be agreeable. To which Mrs. Sneden Jacob Sneden's wife said it would be agreeable so it was appointed. I saw Zeb and wife passing the school house before Curns meeting went in, going to Prayer Meeting at Snedens. NB This objection is made because it has been said they knew nothing of Curn's meeting. But Zeb whispering compared with Onderdonck's altering the appointment from Taylor's at night to Jacob Snedens in Curns hours 2 or 3 o'clock PM seems to Demonstrate the objection to be false. This whispering and altering the appointment, Enquire of Gracy Gesner for authority some deviltry among good. |

The house in Piermont lived in by Garret Onderdonck during the 1830s. It still exists; this picture was taken in 1972.

Sally Savage Photo



| 1831 | | Memento |
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| 1 M October | 2 | Phebe and children there, drank tea, I drank ? |
| 1 M | 3 | Gracy's birthday, I ate breakfast. |
| | 3 | Received 12 shillings for 6 baskets apples. I had 4 shillings 6 pence and MC 7 shillings 6 pence, see bill. My handle basket sold for 1 shilling 6 pence and my other basket 3 shilling 6 pence and the 1/2 of another basket = 1 shilling 9 pence, Freight to be deducted &c with Nicholas's apples. The whole amounted to 1 shilling 6 pence. The whole freight was 4 shillings 6 pence. All settled. |
| Quinces | 3 | Picked Polly's quinces. Polly went 9 o'clock to Phebe, quilting, Not home 10 o'clock night. Bets there and child next morning. I there second time to borrow Jacob Concklin's shovel. Then Bets and Polly stood Ready to go off 1/2 after 8 AM I not in, shut the door &c |
| piece | 4 | Hazy and Cloudy This Morning. Ate piece night Polly sick, she said. |
| Rain | 5 | Rain last night. Wind easterly. Partly clear this morning |
| piece | 5 | Nicholas home this morning. I ate piece, drank 2 cups coffee, no sugar. Nicholas brought his tools up from NY to Zeb's yesterday. |
| | 5 | Talking about my and John Parsels wood brought on discordant conversation, Intolerable Temper. |
| | 5 | At night I there, Much talk, Polly extremely obstinate and malicious. |
| | 5 | Phebe to Meeting, children there. She and Richard came near 10 o'clock at night to fetch children, left. |
| Gracy wanted her Legacy | 5 | At night Gracy attacked me, wanted some part of her legacy from her father which she said I had. I answered what she was to have by his will was money I had taken and laid out in land before his death. Pretty high talk ensued. I had it not any otherwise. |
| piece | 5 | At night before the ugly controversy with Polly. I drank 5 or six cups tea was Dry. Ate 1 piece dry bread and a little fish Raw shad. |
| Mid Wife | 6 | Polly fetched by Stephen Lawrence about 2 or 3 o'clock this morning. |
| | 6 | Clear this morning. Cold windy day, Cold night. |
| Born | 6 | Child born to Stephen Lawrence and his wife Margaret Mann a daughter, before 7 and 8 o'clock this night. |
| Back | 7 | Home about 7 o'clock AM. Polly went Phebes 11 o'clock to quilt. I there about 9 o'clock AM to shave hoops. Polly complained not well, yet went to quilt. |
| | 7 | Clear morning and frost. John Willse threshed chesnut tree early. |
| | 8 | Cloudy, looks likely for a storm. |
| | 8 | Gathered pippins Polly afternoon. Joe Dubois and child ate dinner there. |

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| | Oct. 8 | Regimental Parade today. 160 th Regiment, Rockland Company. |
| | 8 | My sword Jacob brought home from Herberts. Been a long time there since posts Writs were trotting around &c. |
| piece | 8 | Rain at night. I ate a little supper, had eat home piece. |
| | 8 | Peggy Post at my house, afternoon visit. Herbert had oxen to draw stalks in. |
| | 9 | Rained hard this morning looks stormy all day. Rain at night. |
| 1 M | 9 | I ate piece dinner and supper. I had ate at home. |
| | 9 | Gracy to Sallys. |
| | 10 | Rain storm wind NE. Gracy home night. |
| | 10 | I ate breakfast, had coffee, no butter, had a little pork I took. Ate a little dinner I took. Gracy not home yet. |
| | 11 | Storm Continues. Rain Cold Wind NE by E. |
| Mid Wife | 11 | George Quidor fetched midwife MC about 4 o'clock AM, through bad storm, dark. Child born about 5 AM or between 5 and 6. |
| Child Born | | |
| Thom. K. Witzel preacher | 11 | Thomas K. Witzel preached at night in School House, but few, stormy. It was very dark and overcast. His text "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Good sermon. Thomas K. Witzel drank tea at night at my house and stayed all night. |
| | 12 | He ate breakfast with me. Kept his horse. Went away 1/2 after 10 AM to Haverstraw. |
| piece | 12 | Clear wind NW. Ate a little Dinner Coffee. Gathered Nicks apples. |
| | 12 | At night Polly peeled quinces ie helped 8 lbs. |
| frost | 13 | Clear white frost this morning. |
| | 13 | Dine and Het dug potatoes for me back of my barn, each 3/4 day, for loan of horse. |
| | 14 | Clear nice weather, Polly went to Phebes, said to Bake, 9 o'clock. Back near sunset. |
| Rec. | 14 | Jacob Gesner received for me 5 dollars and 1 shilling 3 pence school money, ie Taylor, David Mann, Abraham Clark, David Tallman, to them school fund money directed. |
| | 14 | Let Jacob Gesner have of said money 3. I took pipe and 3 barrels of him for 10 shillings. Then there was 14 shillings left due me. And afterwards I let him have 1 dollar more. Makes due me 24 shillings. NB The said 14 shillings I offered to let him have on his wedding but replied he would pay it &c. |
| 5 sh. | 14 | Sunday to pay Phebe for 6 + 6 eggs and to get butter &c. |
| | 14 | I simply said if Polly had not stayed all day at Phebes while baking, might have mended my trousers. She was in a miserable mood. Said wouldn't now sew a Stitch &c. NB Tore trousers getting Nicholas's apples. |
| | 15 | Clear frosty morning. Nice day |
| married | 15 | Jacob Gesner went to Get Married about 2 o'clock PM with Bets Cooper and was Married. |

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| Oct. 15 Jacob Gesner Married | Started from Old Coopers at John Willse's I think or expect that the Reverend Mr. Cole Tappan married them, from thence to Slote had supper at Abraham Sarvents, had 3 Waggons besides his namely, David Mann of George Mann and peggy Riker of Jacob Riker the Groomsman and Bridesmaid and George Lawrence & Eliza Willse and Abraham Post son of Jacob Post and Naut Cooper. The Married Couple Returned to Old Coopers in Night. NB they had each Couple a one horse Waggon A Beautiful Day. |
| 16 | Cloudy, looks likely for a storm,. |
| Preached 16 | Corwine preached School House, 2 o'clock. Ate dinner with me. |
| 16 | Jacob Gesner and Bets Cooper at my house near Sunset, and went to Old Coopers. |
| | Miss Coates, Jim Coates and wife and John G. Concklin and Lany there to tea. |
| 16 | At night clear, was no rain. |
| 16 | Henry Ayres at my house, Thomas Pennoyer, son in law, from New York. |
| 16 | Clear, a little foggy early this morning. Herbert's oxen draw dirt. |
| 17 | Phebe there afternoon visiting. |
| 17 | Sunday — tea, coffee. |
| 2 sh 17 | Clear yet little foggy again. |
| Polly visit 18 | Polly went to Peggy Parsels with the wool coloured for her, and brought back a pound of wool bought of Peggy Parsels in forenoon. Polly went afternoon to Peggy Henry Visit Came back dark. |
| 18 | Back with Jim Quidor Old Abba. She stayed all night. Herbert Oxen Day. Dirt to his Barn. I ate breakfast, no butter. |
| 1 M 18 | Beautiful weather all day. |
| Polly went 19 | Polly went with John G. Concklins wagon and took Jim Quidors Abba to still in Closter on her way home. Went before 9 o'clock, back 12 o'clock. |
| Visit 19 | Peggy Henry, Maria Jacox and Lane John there Visit. |
| 19 | I dug 1/2 Pollys Potatoes out near Night but did not ask me to eat when they went away. |
| 20 | Clear and nice weather. |

*Abraham
Post, one of the
wedding party,
lived near
Nicholas*



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| | Oct. 20 | NB For a few observations Polly was passionately obstinate, said now I am done old music, unreasonable miserable yet soft. |
| Visit | 20 | Polly to George Quidor, as said already. Night friendly. |
| 2 shill. | 20 | Sunday, cups and saucers Het 2 shillings. I there night, drank tea, no eat, |
| no eat | 20 | Nicholas there. |
| | 20 | Herbert oxen, dirt &c Day |
| | 21 | Beautiful weather, a bit Smoaky. |
| | 21 | Morning Polly seemed full of sorrow. |
| | 21 | I took stick timber of me to New Landing for Jonathan Lawrence. |
| 1 M | 22 | Cloudy all day. Drank tea friendly. |
| | 22 | Henry Willse with oxen and cart on Jersey Road 1/2 day. |
| Visit | 22 | Peggy Henry, Maria Jacox and Me to Lane Johns afternoon Visit. |
| | 22 | Bets Cooper here in evening. I expect came afternoon, was ironing. Went away to Old Coopers. |
| | 23 | Somewhat cloudy all day. Night wind seems stormy. |
| | 23 | Prayer Meeting Phebes Polly there night in morning went cider mill. |
| 2 M | 23 | I ate dinner and drank tea. |
| | 24 | A violent storm began at Daylight, morning. Wind SE, heavy Rain. Quit Raining about 2 o'clock PM. |
| | 24 | I and Charles Sisco went to cider mill Johny Lawrence near 4 o'clock afternoon. |
| piece | 24 | At night I ate a piece. |
| | 25 | Clear and white frost. |
| Beef | 25 | Beef of Casparus Wandle at Sallys. 5 1/2 lbs = 2 shillings 9 pence. Sally paid for me. |
| Polly Out | 25 | Polly went out forenoon. Afternoon Mary Ann Cooper there. |
| Preached | 25 | Mr. Henderson preached School House, at night. Good sermon "text 4 small things Proverbs, 30 Chapter. |
| Mid Wife | 26 | Clear. Fetched midwife 1/2 After 7 AM to Herbert Gesners. Child born half after 9 AM. This was Matilda Gesner, Herbert's ninth child . |
| Polly | 26 | Back to Peg Henry's between 1 and 2, night home. |
| Henderson | 27 | Mr. Henderson went from my house about 11 o'clock for Patterson. |
| | 27 | Bought of Cornelius Doremus 16 lb beef for 7 shillings 9 pence. See amount paid Nov. 12, 1831. |
| | 27 | Cloudy I dug Polly last potatoes garden. |
| | 27 | Jacob Gesner Bets Cooper here all night. |
| Polly Out | 27 | Polly out all day, perhaps before 12. At night through storm to Prayer Meeting, then Concklins. |
| | 27 | Began to Rain about 5 o'clock PM wind NE. |
| | 27 | Herbert oxen 1/2 Day, drawing Dung and Corn. |
| | 28 | Polly very short and offensive without cause in morning. I got wood early yet Miffed Afternoon friendly. |

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| Oct. 28 | Polly Mary Ann Gesners afternoon till Dark. |
| 29 | Clear. Thousands of Black birds. My Corn not gathered below and hurt by them. |
| 29 | Polly went Mary Ann Cooper just after breakfast. Baked, did up all her work Saturday. Got a broom and some onions. Back Dark. |
| 30 | Clear. Cooper watching my corn below, gave him 1/2 bushel. |
| Corwine 30 | Corwine preached School House 2 o'clock PM, text "what think ye of Christ." |
| 30 | Polly there. Polly to Prayer Meeting, Henry Concklin at night. |
| 30 | Night looks overcast. |
| 30 | Gracy to Sallys. Stayed all night. Home morning. |
| piece 30 | I ate, had coffee |
| 31 | Misty Herbert my oxen and horse, drawing dirt. |
| Nov. 1 | Clear morning, Cloudy at night, Sally my horse Nyack. |
| 1 | Jacob Gesner cut and took load scaffold poles, My oxen, for Jonathan Lawrence. |
| 1 | Jacob Gesner brought 46 Boards from Slote, got of morning see account. |
| Peg Hen & Ph 1 | Peg Henry and Phebe here. Polly had been Herberts. |
| piece 1 | At night I ate a piece of bread I brought. |
| Watch Lost 2 | Little Cloudy. Lost my watch by loading waggon. Had drawn from my pocket with the Basket and got among the potatoes on waggon. Had to take by hand the whole load off and was found when not more than 2 bushels was remaining. Took off about 32 bushels, and then found safe. George Gesner found it. He William Lawrence and little John Willse and Charles Gesner helped. |
| Polly to Meet. 2 | Polly Meeting Zebs at night, Gracy too. Phebe joined meeting at night. |
| Ph. joined Meet. 2 | Sally here afternoon. |
| 3 | Clear morning. Got done with potatoes Old Orchard |
| Polly to Phebes 3 | Polly to Phebes with Peg Henry. Cutting carpet rags. |
| 3 | Herbert oxen. |
| Jake Moved 3 | Jacob Gesner moved Slote in afternoon to Bets Scudder. |
| 4 | A white frost, heavy, cloudy afternoon. A little dropping rain. |
| 4 | Polly about 3 o'clock PM up hill. |
| 4 | Brought in last potatoes from Old Orchard and 2 loads of corn. |
| 4 | Bot of William Clark 10 1/2 lbs beef light weight by my Steelyards |
| | By his Steelyards He said 11 lb. I think We looked wrong on his. See Account. |

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| | Nov. 5 | Clear nice weather. Henry Willse to Slote timber Jonathan Lawrence. |
| | 5 | Polly sick Night. |
| | 5 | Prayer Meeting Henry Concklin night. |
| | 5 | I at David Manns Night. Mr. Morton from New York on business. Judge Blauvelt there. |
| | 6 | Clear morning, Hazy afternoon. |
| | 6 | Polly sick yet. I ate dinner at Sallys. |
| Watch Corn | 6 | I gave little John Willse and William Gesner each 6 pence to watch corn below. |
| Thief | 6 | A thief broke open Drawer at Van Kleeks Slote, out 20 dollars. Supposed to be one near in the family. In time of Meeting at Zebs. |
| | 6 | Polly sick. Prayer Meeting Henry Concklin night. |
| Mid Wife | 7 | Polly fetched out midwife by Pete Blackman, Tappan very cold night. |
| Child Born | | Child born the 8 th as Venus rose. |
| | 7 | A very white frost this morning. |
| | 7 | Husked corn at night, Old Cooper, Jacob Post Away, Herbert and 2 boys, Richard |
| | | Van Wickel, Jacob Concklin, Henry Willse, little John Willse, self. |
| | 8 | Which corn done by 10 o'clock night. |
| | 8 | White frost. |
| | 8 | Gave Wynche 2 shillings toward her getting a stove. |
| Preached | 8 | Gave Mr. Thomas K. Witzel 3 shillings for book. |
| | | Night Thomas K. Witzel preached School House. An excellent sermon. Peg Codington should have said she wouldn't go across the Road to hear him, he only stood and talked &c. Ask Peggy Concklin what some of Old |
| | 9 | Members said. Text in Peters Epistles "Settle Stablish &c you" |
| | 9 | Cloudy morning, looks like rain. |
| | 9 | Phebe out, her children there, Ate &c. |
| | 10 | Henry Willse took Jacob Gesner 1 load wood to Slote. My oxen and wood. |
| | | Cloudy in morning, rain just before 12 o'clock. Afternoon drizzly, wind SE. |
| Bets | 10 | At night rain hard with high wind. |
| | 10 | Polly went Bets Dark with intent to stay all night did stay till next day, Sunset. |
| | 11 | Herbert had oxen and horse today. The horse went mid afternoon. |
| | 11 | Clear weather, nice for the time of year. |
| Back | 11 | Herbert oxen afternoon and horse Slote forenoon. |
| | 12 | Polly back. See the date of 10 th . |
| 5 sh 4 p | 12 | Clear Pleasant. Herbert oxen early. |
| | | Sunday 5 shillings 4 pence. Bets went Phebe &c. See Memorandum. |

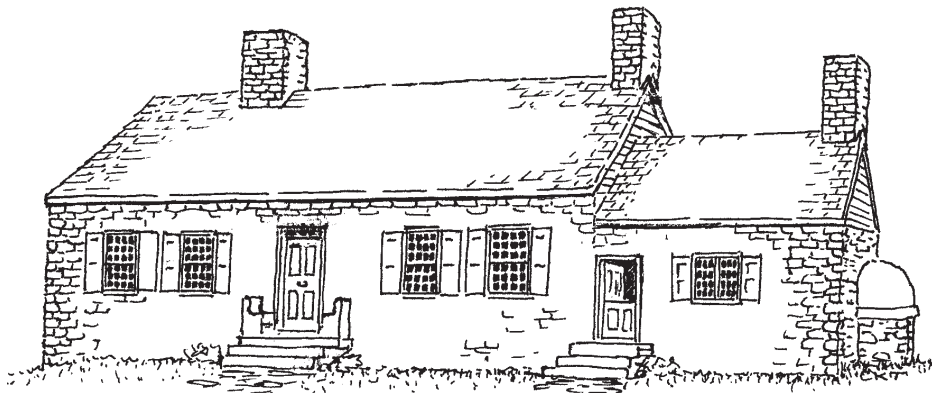
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| 2 M Nov. 12 | Ate breakfast and supper. |
| 13 | Received of Jonathan Lawrence 4 dollars on Abraham Maybies account. |
| 13 | Received of Jonathan Lawrence 5 dollars on his own account due me which see. |
| Preachg. & 13 | At School House preaching, Mr. Hobb, Curwine, Mr. Wood his wife and Son and daughter there and another man &c, had Class, Meeting good times. |
| I joined 13 | I joined. They all ate dinner with us. |
| prayr. Meet 13 | Prayer Meeting Big House, night, Polly there. |
| 14 | Cloudy and cold. |
| Went Bets 14 | Polly went Bets. Herbert oxen all day. |
| Old Quidor 14 | Polly back in evening with Old Quidor. |
| 15 | Clear and cold. |
| 16 | Clear and cold. |
| 16 | Old Quidor and Nicholas Concklin to Judge Westervelts, Tenaffly. |
| Meet Zebs 16 | Meeting Zebs, Polly there. |
| Mid Wife 16 | Fetchd about 11 o'clock Night by Cornelius Doremus for his son Johns Wife living with him at Tappan. |
| Child Born 17 | Child born between 2 and 3 AM at night, a boy |
| Back 17 | Back before sunset, brought by Cornelius Doremus. |
| 17 | Gracy New York. |
| 1 M 18 | Ate supper. Boarded East side of barn. |
| 18 | Clouds afternoon, 4 o'clock drops of rain. Rain at night. |
| 18 | Sunday 8 shillings less 1 lb candles. |
| 19 | Clear, somewhat cloudy. |
| Polly Back 19 | Bets afternoon, back night. Gracy back from New York. I got 18 shillings for 1 Barrel, had 2 Barrels. I had 4 dozen. |
| 20 | Cole preached Big house at night, was many hours. Text 8 Chapter Romans 31 verse. |
| 20 | Clear Cool |
| 21 | Looks cloudy at night, wind NE Rain Stormy |
| 21 | Gracy and Sally Slote, bought me vest 12 shillings 8 pence paid. |
| 22 | Squally winds this morning, ground white with snow, Wind NNE. |
| | This night past a bitter storm, high wind. |

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| | Nov. 22 | Henderson did not come. No preaching the night. We heard he was sick. |
| | 23 | Very windy from NW, very cloudy, cold. |
| | 24 | I and Gracy to New York. Went with Accommodation Thursday Sloop sold. We came back Saturday with Steamboat Orange. |
| Vest Made | 24 | Clear, cold. My vest was made and put on. |
| Abba | 25 | Cloudy at NY. Abba Gwefes poorly with bad cough cold. |
| | 25 | I at Browers, Pike and Humbert, got pamphlet of Humbert, Brower refused Me one. Pike gave me one Copy of the Power to trustees on Committee. No pay for. NB Browers Conversation seems to Deserve less confidence. |
| | 26 | Looks likely for storm. |
| | 26 | Bought Theological Dictionary and History of United States. |
| | 26 | Came back from New York. |
| Corwine | 26 | Matthias Corwine preached School House at night text Acts of Apostles, |
| Preached | | 10 Chapter and 34 and 45 verses. |
| | 27 | Rainy morning, wind easterly. |
| | 27 | Got Receipt of Mr. Matthias Corwine to cure the Salt Rheumatism, Paid 1 dollar. |
| Do Preachd. | 27 | Corwine preached 2 o'clock, made collection about 17 shillings. |
| | 27 | Peggy and Henry Concklin and John D. Concklin and Corwine at night, my house. Corwine made a most Remarkable prayer this night &c. |
| | 28 | Corwine went away from my house between 10 and 11 o'clock AM. Left us in mutual tenderness. I accompanied him to Tappan Village. |
| | 29 | Dull weather. |
| | 30 | Very cold indeed. Killed George Lawrence's Cow and Jonathan Lawrence's Hogs. |
| Dec. 1 | | Very cold, snow last night, clear today. I cut up Jonathan Lawrence's half beef and his hogs. |
| Snow Morng. | 2 | Very cold. I sick yet went New York on Jonathan Lawrence's business. |
| | 2 | I sick, pain in Breast, cough &c. |
| | 3 | I at New York, received for Jonathan Lawrence 600 Dollars on the pittiauger he was about building and had on Stocks at Slote New Landing. |
| | 3 | This money delivered to him at night at his house. He allowed me 2 dollars. I paid 4 passage steam boat. |
| | 3 | Cold weather looks likely all time for snow. |

NOTE: The early name for this kind of boat, described in the introduction and used as a ferryboat at Snedens, was "pittiauger" although later it was called a "perriauger."

| 1831 | Momento |
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| Dec. 3 | Afternoon snow from NE by N, and looks very like &c. |
| 4 | Cold, hazy |
| 2 | I went New York for Jonathan Lawrence. Received for him 600 Dollars. He paid me 2 dollars for my trouble, I received 1 dollar of Jonathan for Jakes Account |
| 5 | Very Cold. |
| Preachg. 6 | Cold. Mr. Witzel came late in Evening Meeting, few hearers. |
| 6 | Paid Witzel 8 shillings for Jennings Exposition. |
| 6 | Witzel left us 11 o'clock AM for Jersey City. His text in Psalms it said through the Shadow of the Valley of Death. |
| 7 | Cold. Sky looks for snow. |
| 7 | Night prayer Meeting at Henry Concklin's. Evil yet spoken against the Protestant Methodists. |
| 8 | Not quite so cold. Overcast. |
| 12 shill 9 | Polly Borrowed of Jonathan Lawrence 1 shilling 2 pence. |
| 9 | Went New York, back after 4 or 5 days. NB Back the 14 th with Steamboat Orange little before Night. Cold. |
| 9 | Sent to Rulef Verbrycks Mill 7 bushels of corn and 9 bushels of Rye and 1 Barrel corn ears. |
| Jupiter 9 | Jupiters Occultation with Moon, began 1/2 after 6 o'clock at night. Entered Occultation upper edge of Moon 1/2 after 6 Evening. Jupiter appeared again about 40 Minutes after 7. The Moon a little past south Meridian. |
| 10 | Good Winter Weather. |
| 11 | Cold clear not very cold. |
| 11 | Fetchd Sally and child and Brought them back. |
| Preachg. 12 | Witzel on his way from Jersey City to Haverstraw, stop, preached Night My house. Good sermon text David's charge to Solomon "My son, know thou the God of thy father and serve him with a perfect heart and a Willing Mind. |
| 13 | Very cold from the last of November. |
| 13 | Herbert sick, a species of pleurisy. Got better after a few days. |
| 14 | I drew Cose wood out of Mountain Cold. |
| 14 | I borrow 6 1/2 lb beef of Herbert. |
| 14 | Overcast at night began to snow About 10 o'clock at Night. |
| 14 | Went Richard helped Herbert Salt hay out Meadow. |
| 15 | Snow, very fine this Morning. |

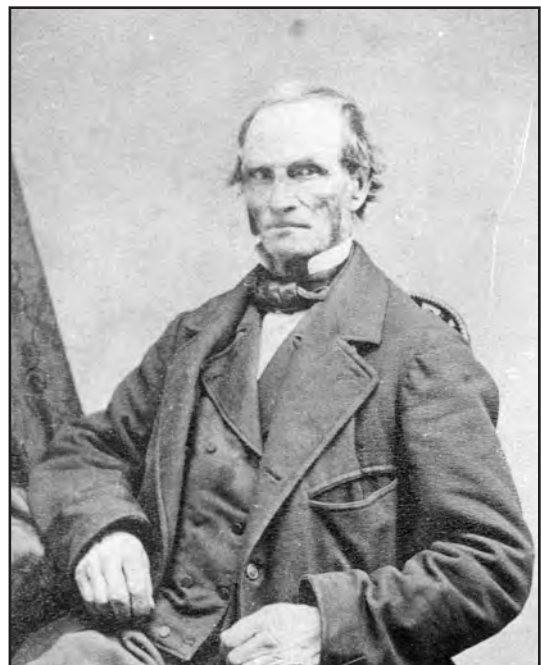
| 1831 | Memento | |
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| Dec. 15 | Cold, killed Beef. The 1/2 John Gesner. Richard and Herbert helped. | |
| 16 | Cold very cold day. Thermometer 4° Below 0. Peter Taulman | |
| 16 | Night snow. | |
| 17 | This is a terrible Squally day. Snow drifting and snow squalls. | |
| 18 | Very cold. The sky every day hazy. | |
| 18 | Wood at New York very high. Oak from 2 shillings 8 pence to 4 Doll., Nut still higher. | |
| 19 | Cold overcast. | |
| Preachd. 20 | Cold Mr. Henderson came 1/2 after 2 o'clock PM, Preached School House. | |
| Preachd. 21 | I Draw Wood Snedens Landing. Mr. Henderson preached at Big House at night. About 80 Hearers or more. Great Sermon. | |
| 22 | Jacob Gesner very bad with side. | |
| Preachd. 22 | Mr. Henderson left my house about 12 o'clock with prayer, a little company | |
| 21 | Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence came from New York. Came to Meeting late. | |
| 23 | Not so cold. At night overcast. Snow about 11 o'clock night. | |
| Rain 24 | I drew cord wood to hill. 4 loads through Rain. Got very wet. Snow now going. | |
| 25 | Christmas. Not very cold. Snow 10 o'clock night. | |
| 26 | Clear cold | |
| letter sent to Storms 27 | Jacob and his wife to Storms. I wrote letters to Witzel and Henderson. | |
| Cow Skin 27 | Jacob sold Cow skin at Tanners, 53 lbs at 5 1/2 cents per lb. I received the whole of Jacob. The half is John Gisner. | |
| 28 | Snow this morning. The best bottom for Snow I ever saw. | |
| 28 | Mr. Henderson, Storms, and William Wood came down through bitter snow storm. Kept Meeting at School House. Held Class Meeting took Gracy | |
| Members Protestant Methodists | Gesner, Jacob Gesner and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Dubois, Mary Concklin, Henry Concklin, Richard Van Wickle and his wife Phebe who returned immediately back again as probationers. Smith from Haverstraw happened at Meeting, being on his way to New York. | |
| 29 | All went away between 10 and 11 o'clock AM in Deep Snow. | |
| 30 | Cold. I went to Zebs and heard Baker Episcopalian preach He kept Class Meeting. | |



The Big House built 1738, Jonathan Lawrence's childhood home. In 1833 it was owned by J. Van Kleek. A matching wing (not shown) was added to the left side in 1827.

| 1831 | Momento |
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| Dec. 31 | Very cold this past night. Moderate about 10 or 11. Gets overcast, begins to Snow and continues Night &c. |
| 31 | At Taylors a Watch Night I understand. A Snow Storm. |
| 1832 | |
| Jan. 1 | Cold at night overcast. |
| 1 | Protestant Methodist first prayer meeting at Henry Concklins. |
| 2 | Cold morning. More moderate mid day. Night overcast, look for snow again. |
| Preachg. Watch Nt. | 3 Witzel, Taylor, George Smith and Wife and Daughter came down. Kept Watch Night at School House full Meeting. A little after meeting was on, William Woods And his son in law came in he returned after Meeting. Brothers Witzel and Taylor was invited by Jacob Post to lodge, and Smith Wife and Daughter Stayd with me. I kept Old House. |
| | 4 Smith Wife and Daughter went away at 11 o'clock. Mr. Witzel and Taylor came from the Posts a little after breakfast and left me about 3/4 after 1 o'clock PM. |
| | 4 Cold, good sleigh riding. |
| Prayer Meeting | 5 Protestant Methodist Prayer Meeting at Joe Dubois. |
| | 6 More moderate. I took 2 loads wood to Landing. |
| | 6 Rainy. |
| | 7 Sloppy snow on the account of Rain yesterday. |
| | 8 Rainy |
| Meetg. | 8 Smith, George Weiant and wife, Hobbs and Snedeker and son down. Rainy afternoon. Held Meeting school house, Sleighing going away. |
| | 9 Six stayed all night with me and 4 Horses went Away about 10 or 11 o'clock AM. |
| | 9 Soft Weather, flat lays fast with Ice yet Snow Melting into Water. |

*Joseph Dubois,
husband of Polly's
daughter Bets. The
couple lived at
the Landing until
1835, when they
built a house near
Nicholas*



| 1832 | | Momento |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| Jan. 9 | Preachg. | Thomas K. Witzel and Taylor Returned from Jersey City. Stayed with me all Night. Kept Meeting School House. An extraordinary sermon, delivered by Witzel. Taylor spoke some &c. Kept Class Meeting. Class formed |
| | Class Leader | Consider I think this night. I was chosen Class leader. |
| | 10 | They went away about 11 o'clock to Storms &c. Paid Witzel 5 shillings for Drew on the Soul. |
| | 11 | Sloppy |
| | 12 | Very Cold. Roads very icy and slippery. I at Jonathan Lawrences Night. |
| | 13 | Clear, moderately cold. Mid Day nice weather. |
| | 14 | Clear, warm, Henry Concklin and Richard Van Wickle brought my stack in 3/4 day. |
| | 15 | Clear, moderate |
| | 16 | Soft weather |
| 2 | Dol Bor of Sally | 16 I borrowed 2 dollars of Sally. We went fetch Jane Graham to make my coat. I got Coat cut by Cooper, Slote. |
| | 17 | Warm |
| | Speakg. | 17 Henderson did not come. Sick we heard. Smith from Haverstraw came from New York. Stop little late and spoke. Great assemblage. |
| | 18 | Warm, clear |
| | 19 | Warm, clear |
| | 19 | John Willse began to Load wood. Ice went away this morning. |
| | 20 | Let Herbert have 1 hundred weight Rye. Received of Mary Ann 8 shillings on it. |
| | 20 | Sent two Bags potatoes to New York with Johm Willse. Sold for 6 shillings per bag. |
| | Snow | 20 Snow night |
| | | 20 Mr. Henderson came about Sun Set was in poor health. |
| | | 20 Cold. |
| | Preached but not well in health | 21 Mr. Henderson Preached School House Saturday night. Good Meeting. |
| | | 22 Mr. Henderson preached School House 11 o'clock AM. |
| | | 22 Mr. Henderson Preached School House Sunday night. |
| | | 23 Mr. Henderson Preached Monday Night at Jonathan Lawrences, very full Meeting, on the Prodigal Son. |
| | | 24 Went away to Patterson. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Jan. 25 | A Snowy Day, Cold |
| 26 | Very Cold |
| 27 | Remarkably Cold |
| 28 | Cold, Sam Vervalen S. Carpenter Skate across River Morning. |
| 28 | Near night Amos Dobbs went across home from work at Larrys. |
| 29 | Snowy day. Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting at David Concklins 2 o'clock. |
| Taylor 30 | Rainy morning, snow watery |
| &c Preachg. 31 | Cold, roads icy and snowy. Taylor and Mr. Woods Down preached School House. |
| Feb. 1 | Roads good Riding. Icy, Taylor and Wood went away Haverstraw again. |
| I sick 2 | Good riding Roads give, Herbert went Bulls ferry. I sick. |
| 3 | Roads grew soft, very muddy. Snow most gone. |
| Preachd. 3 | Mr. Witzel came most Sun Set from Haverstraw. Preached School House at Night. Good sermon. Not many hearers. Very muddy. |
| 4 | Brother Witzel sick in Bed. |
| 4 | A little Rainy. |
| 1 | Polly seemed to have moved to Phebes. |
| 3 | ?? at J. Concklins. |
| 4 | Snow this morning on the ground. |
| 1832 | |
| Jan. 28 | Nicholas Got Peter Mabie to Get Back big house the 28 th , Polly had told me would move Old Quidor to Phebes. Polly expected to be called out |
| | Midwife, wished me to come down with the Receipt how to make Ointment. |
| 30 | I went down on Monday, Polly had the Bark boiling, nearly done. Had ventured to make it by memory. Had previously read the Receipt I had |
| NB | I showed again the Receipt, Polly produced one she had drawn from |
| was friendly | memory and was nearly right. Polly Requested me to draw one and bring it down some other |

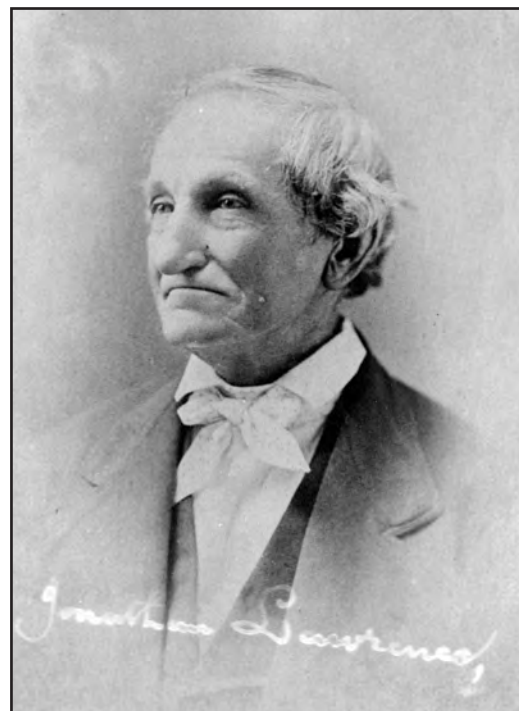
| 1832 | Momento |
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| Jan. 30 | time I related then that I was going to New York on the Brower concern, had heard it was advertised in paper that Heirs should come to pay the next installment. And if she would enquire of her children &c I should come and bring the said Receipt. |
| Feb. 3 | I went dinner night House. Dine sent her Girl. I in Jakes room. Polly came from Phebe soon, where it appears she had Retired, whether by persuasion, talk of People, or her own Plot to be out of the way, staying night and Day, I understood. Then Polly came in at Jakes, her son and seemed miffed. After delivering my errand, talked of the Brower Concern, huffed much, acted low, called me a Wicked Man &c &c. I said nothing amiss &c. Twitted me that I never intended give her the Receipt. I answered it was not true. I put my hand in my pocket and pulled it out a new one Drawn with her name on it. But Refused to take it. NB She had one drawn from memory quite sufficient &c. Abused me. |
| 7 | It appears by My Jake that she did not want me to come the last interview was devised by herself, but the Devil is to work to put her up And try to Censure me. |
| 7 | John D. Concklin said she could enjoy herself better with the Old Methodists because she was hated &c, &c. |



Phebe Concklin Van Wickle, who lived near Nicholas. Phebe was another of Polly's daughters and very close to her.

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 6 | Thomas K. Witzel gave lecture on church government at Jonathan Lawrences at Night. Good many women there. Witzel staid at Jonathans for night. |
| Lecture | 7 Witzel went Haverstraw about 11 o'clock AM. He came here back Friday evening and was sick Saturday in Bed. Got some better. Went away as before said this morning about 11. |
| | 8 Snowing this morning, middling cold, wind NE by N. |
| | 7 This Night I, Henry Concklin, John Concklin, Richard and Jacob Gesner at my home The object was to Remove prejudices from our few members and to bring Christian love in application. Gracy evaded finally an intimate fellowship with Mary Concklin. |
| Religious Persecution | 8 I went this morning up to Jonathan Lawrence on the subject. He expressly declared his sorrow Respecting the class and could not endure the impositions and charges laid against the Reformers and the Society considering them unjustly dealt with. |
| | 9 Hard Storm |
| | 10 Excellent good riding with sleigh. |
| Pray Mg. | 10 Prayer Meeting School House Methodist Protestant. |
| Shook Hands | 10 After Meeting Gracy and Mary Concklin shook hands. |
| | 11 Warm. Still good riding. Jacob Gesner and Betsy and Naut to Schralenburgh |
| | 12 Rainy preceding night. Riding spoiled. |
| | 12 Gracy went to Sallys at 12 o'clock Sleigh. Said it would stay there all night. Foggy all day. Warm. |

*Nicholas's son in law
Jonathan Lawrence,
who appears on almost
every page of the Diary*



| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 13 | Warm, the Sleigh riding spoiled. |
| 14 | Soft weather. Top of ground muddy. |
| Taylor 14 | Mr. Taylor came down instead of Henderson. He is unwell at Clarkstown. |
| Preached 14 | Taylor preached School House Night. |
| Preached 15 | Taylor preached Slote School House. Many hearers, "Good Shepherd" |
| 16 | Weather colder. Taylor here. Henry Concklin, Peggy, Mary Ann Cooper, Nauty, Jacob Gesner and 9 others in my house. Taylor prayed beautiful prayer, Sang, &c. |
| Wt. Away 17 | Taylor went away to Bergen 1 1/2 past 10 o'clock AM. Had Hendersons horse. The horse was very lame. |
| 17 | Cold, ground bare, no snow. |
| Robertsons 17 | Saw Polly at Old House. Got Laws Serious Call back. Polly gave me for Receipt of Corwines Robertsons 1 st volume Navigation. |
| Navigation | |
| | The rest of the page crossed out |
| | Cold, Remarkable presentation by the Methodist Episcopal John D. Concklin very indifferent in our meeting. |
| | Weather softer |
| | Muddy Going on top of ground. |
| | Prayer Meeting Methodist Protestant School House. M. C. prayed the first. |
| 21 | Soft weather. Moses from Patterson came and Star from Oguackamma? preached at Zebs. |
| Hendn. | Drisly, Henderson came, preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night not |
| Preachd. | many, very muddy and Ster the Episcopal preached Zebs at night. Richard Van |
| NB Richd. | Wickle to Episcopal and not Henderson. |
| Wt. to | NB Henderson came late, no chance for notice &c. The Episcopal Notice |
| Episl. | given out morning. |
| this Nt. | Prayer meeting afternoon 2 o'clock School House. |
| 22 | Rainy all day. Henderson stayed Jonathan Lawrences, night, till after |
| 23 | dinner. |

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NOTE: Methodist Protestant Prayer Meetings at this time were held either in the schoolhouse on Closter Road, just north of John Willsey's, or at the Slote schoolhouse, pictured on the next page. This was located on Ferdon Avenue, just at the bottom of Rockland Road, to the right of Rockland Road.

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 17 | Feb. 17 Remarkable persecution by Methodist Episcopal. |
| Prayr. Mt. 17 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting School House at Night. |
| | M. Concklin prayed First time. |
| 18 | Soft weather. |
| 18 | Moses from Patterson and Ster from Oquackanna came and preached. |
| | Methodist Protestant prayer meeting 2 o'clock School House |
| Prayr. Mt. 19 | Brother Henderson came, preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night few people. |
| Hendn. came | Ster had meeting at Zebs. |
| 20 | Rainy all day. Henderson stayed Jonathan Lawrences last night. |
| 21 | Henderson preached Slote. We went with Jacob Posts Sleigh. A very full Meeting. |
| 22 | Henderson preached Jonathan Lawrences 2 o'clock afternoon. About 30. |
| Hendn. 23 | Henderson went away to 4 miles beyond Piersons, to Mason? I think. |
| Wt. Awy. 23 | Overcast, threatened to Rain. |
| 22 | Brother Henderson, Henry Concklin, Peggy, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, John Concklin, Jacob Gesner, Nicholas Gesner, Richard and All to hear Baker. |
| Phebe told 23 | I and Henderson went to Richards about 10 o'clock. Zeb, Joe there, John |
| me to keep | Concklin there, Jake there. Henderson made prayer. Beautiful. We went off. |
| Away from her & | I and Henderson. Phebe followed to back door. Seems to complain to |
| | Henderson about Peggy, that Peggy had talked about her and had not |
| 22 | spoken truth. Phebe told me she wished me to keep away from her. |
| | NB Peggy in full company asked Baker for her certificate. She meant to |
| | leave the church. This was done just after Meeting was dismissed. |
| 23 | Baker preached at Zebs tonight also. |
| 23 | Horrid cold, very dark. Jake went to hear Baker. |

Slote School House:

The building on the right was the first School House in the district called Tappan Slote, built c. 1820 and located at the foot of Rockland Hill. This steel engraving by James Smillie was made from a painting by Robert Weir. Copy from the Library of Congress.



| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 24 Prayr. Mtg. | Cold. Ground hard frozen. Prayer Meeting School House. M.C. there. I not there sick. Jonathan Lawrence there. |
| 25 | Rainy with hail. |
| | There is a miserable malicious and wicked talk in the neighborhood. The Report Runs that Mary Concklin has said that she left Old house and went to Phebe that I should come no more there, that she had told me to keep away. |
| 25 | NB on the 23d, just after Henderson left Richard Van Wickles at the back |
| | door, I stood yet a while. She, ie Phebe, bade me to come there no more to Make the people talk about her Mother who had moved there with her father. It must be remarked that M Concklin told me the same Day I think that she intended to move the Old Man her father to Phebes, that there was 2 or 3 who had given her Notice to be Ready to attend their wives as midwife and if she should be called it would not do to leave the old man there alone, the Brook high, &c She moved him and also said she would be there a few Days herself &c. This morning was 1 st February. Now the report in circulation is that she had to leave Old House that I would be coming and I would not stay away. |
| Notice | Let it be known that I had not been there this winter once excepting by her |
| | Request — asking me to Ride a load of wood — at different times I drew her 3 or 4 loads by her Request. She also several times asked me to cut night and Day wood, asked me to show her a certain Receipt I had to make Ointment. I went and let her read it, and requested me to draw her a copy. I promised I would. I negelected it a while, but by memory she had drawn one nearly right. In my drawing cord wood past her door, she Requested me to get her the Bark the Receipt Required and other particulars, &c. I promised I would, however by Company I was hindered. She then got Nicholas Concklin |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 25 | <p>to do it, somewhere about in last January. About in first week in February I came there morning She was boiling the Bark and said she was glad I came. I said are you boiling the Bark. She said yes, that the schoolmasters child at Tappan was broke out again, that Mr. Ferriss ointment had not proved effectual and he wanted the ointment of her, having been informed that she could make the ointment. She then asked me if I had the Receipt with me. I said no. She then showed me one she Drew By memory, and I concluded it was nearly Right. She then Requested me to go home and fetch my Receipt I went and brought it to her, compared them and she had it nearly right. She then desired me to draw a correct copy for her and bring it down. I promised I would. The Old Man at this time was to Phebes. Some days having elapsed, I drew the copy, and had heard that she had reported that she left the Old House, That I kept running there, and that made her go to Phebes, I not knowing that herself was also away. I went down. She was not there. The black Girl of Charles went and told her. She came down in Rage, that I wanted to make a talk along the neighborhood. I asked her about the Report. I was in her son Jacob Concklins Room, her house was locked.</p> <p>She got angry as though something had been poked in her head. She had not Conducted so all winter, as I was but quite seldom there, and that at no time but agreeable with her, asking me at different times to cut some Wood.</p> |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| <p>Feb. 25</p> <p>25</p> <p>John Conck 25</p> | <p>However I presented her the Receipt, but she was too stubborn to take it. About 1st of February I came, the Day that she moved her father I expect I had not been there in 2 months, I suppose They sat at Breakfast as sitting at table. She put out Her hand and said Brother how do you do Why you are quite a stranger. I said Yes, I had not been there in some time. Then she told me she thought it would be best to move her father for Reasons said before. And now Requested me to get the Bark which I could not do instantly but promised.</p> <p>Now observe that in all my coming this winter, the whole was with her Request and Consent even when she got angry. I went to deliver the copy of the Receipt &c and now for her to go and say that she had moved away because I kept running there and had told me to stay away and making a blaze in the Neighborhood. And Phebes bidding me when there with Henderson not to come there All this corroborating the Report. I called a Meeting of the Class at Henry Conckins the 25th late in the afternoon. I asked her after explaining the intent and the duty we owed to each other in such cases whether she had left the Old House on that Account. She answered no, And that she never had told anyone so. For she only intended to go for a few days at first — but now wished to stay there. That anyone that said so, I should send him to her.</p> <p>John D. Concklin just before the Meeting at Henrys said, at my house,</p> |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 25 | <p>Gracy present, that Polly had told him that she had left the Old House on my account, that she did not want me there, And that she had went down to Old House the 17th see the 17th And shut the Door so that it might not be known that she was there. But, Charles Siscos young girl had come in (she herself only a few minutes there) to borrow coffee mill and that the Girl going Out left the Door open behind her, and how I knew that she was there. She could not contrive she had forgot to shut the door after the wench. And in I came. And further that she had told him that she was so hurt about it that she could not get over it. Now I came up from below, had been to shut the Bars back of Old House, I saw her door open, I went in, but met the girl just by the Door, which gives confirmation that M.C. must have told the tale herself.</p> <p>25 John D. Concklin was called in just before the above Meeting at Henry Concklins and expressed himself in plain language an Enemy to the Methodist Protestant Church that he expected to leave it, and by insinuation suggested me as the occasion, because of what Polly had told him, I asked him if he and Polly was so conversant as to introduce subject of this kind. Also at Henry Concklins he, John D. Concklin in the presence of me, Richard, Jacob Gesner, Henry, and Polly, that the Reformers had made all the trouble in the place &c. Every question I put to him, asking what I had done to him and I asked him several times he either answered evasively or said nothing and evidently Appeared to be delighted in the Apprehension that our class would be broken up.</p> |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| <p>Feb. 25</p> <p>Skirts of Coat</p> | <p>When we first entered the Room at Henry Concklins, John Concklin having left My Room and went to Richards and brought Richard and Polly along to Henrys. However he, John Concklin, stoped and told Gracy I should bring the Class Book along; which I said I had not in my possession. And coming in at Henry's, after a little conversation, I asked who wanted the class book. John answered he wanted his name taken off. And then Richard and Polly conditionally wanted theirs off, that is, if they made any trouble in the Class then they wished it taken off. I answered did not want their names off, neither had I the book in my possession. They must apply to Henderson.</p> <p>After this we went on to enquire about the Report, but nothing very satisfactory collected any further than what has already been said.</p> <p>NB This John D. Concklin is very busy from every circumstance to break up the Class. He is quite often at Richards and of a mischief making disposition. During the past summer and fall he laid out the Old Side to be nothing but a set of hypocrites, deceitful, dirty set. Ask George Mann, David and others. I heard him lay them out in such manner that I thought ill of him &c,</p> <p>25 Polly said at the Above Meeting that she must own that John had made peace. I answered that he had told me a little ago that you and him had consulted that if he went she would, to Old Church. I answered then you hang on the skirt of his coat. M.C. said she wasn't gone yet. He is a bad, deceitful man.</p> |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Feb. 26 | Clear morning, cold, slippery with frozen rain, Hail |
| Sunday 26 | Taylor came down, about Sun Set to Slote by Storms and walked from Slote to my house. |
| Taylor Preachd. | Kept Meeting School House night, good many hearers. Good sermon. |
| Preachd. Slote 27 | Taylor preached Slote. Good sermon many hearers. |
| Stayd. at | Sloppy going. Taylor stayed at Jim Isemans and Jim Iseman took him as far as Billy Palmers. |
| Jim Isemans | |
| M.C. moved 27 | Mary Concklin Moved Altogether to Phebes morning. I did not know it &c. |
| 28 | Muddy on top of frost. Overcast. |
| Witzel 28 | Thomas K. Witzel came little after 1 o'clock. Thomas Witzel Preached School |
| Preachd. | House night, quite some hearers. An extraordinary Sermon, text all 23d Psalm. |
| 28 | Very muddy indeed. Rain when Meeting went out. |
| 29 | Clear and moderate. Witzel and Horse Here. |
| Ja Ges very ill 29 | Jacob Gesner all night, part of this morning very ill with his side. |
| John Conck 29 | Witzel after Sermon and People mostly gone, Decently Mentioned that as |
| no More a | (Br.) Concklin had Requested to have his name taken off Class Book, he |
| Member | was no more considered a member; handsomely speaking to others |
| he was not th | would be glad to save Members and get more if person inclined to seek him &c. |
| Ja Ges 29 | Moderate weather, muddy. Jake went Haverstraw. |
| Haverstraw | |
| Witzel 29 | Witzel preached Slote School House at night quite large. |
| Preachd. Slote | I took oxen and Jacob Posts wagon loaded. |
| March 1 | Witzel went from my house near 11 o'clock AM for New York. |

| 1832 | | Momento |
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| Ja Ges March 1 | | Jacob Returned from Haverstraw. Went yesterday to see Botanist Doctor. Got |
| from Haverstraw | | Medicine, plaster &c for his side. |
| | 1 | I and Gracy Drank tea at Henry Concklins afternoon. |
| | 1 | Sally at my house forenoon till 3 o'clock. |
| | 1 | Clear, moderate. |
| | 2 | Moderate weather |
| Prayr. Mtg. | 2 | Prayer Meeting Methodist Protestant School House, Night. |
| | | M. C. and Richard not there. It was Nicholas birthday. |
| | 3 | Clear warm Henry Concklin cut and drewed 2 loads of Jass wood mountain. |
| | 4 | Ster Methodist Episcopal preached last night Tappan and today 10 o'clock |
| | | Zebs. M. C. there. Weather hazy afternoon. |
| Handker | 3 | Bought 2 handkerchiefs of Pedlar for 2 shillings 3 pence each = 4 shillings 6 |
| chiefs | | pence paid. And Gracy for caps and french lace 3 shillings 9 pence paid. |
| Laid out | 3 | Moses Taylor, Jacob Sneden, Sam Sneden Leonard Beasley laying out |
| Church ground | | church Ground of John Willse 1/2 acre 100 dollars. |
| M. Episcopal | | |
| John Conck | 4 | John D. Concklin joined Methodist Episcopal at Zebs. |
| joined ME. | 4 | Rain, wind SE, nearly done Raining by 12 o'clock. |
| at Zebs | 4 | Witzel came up from Jersey City to my house evening no preaching. |
| | 5 | Witzel away for Haverstraw 10 o'clock AM. |
| | 5 | Clear. Pleasant. Afternoon windy, NW. Cool at night. |
| | 6 | Ground frozen this morning. |
| Sent tools | 7 | Clear. Sent my chest of tools to Slote New Landing with Henry Concklin. |
| to Slote | 7 | This morning ground hard frozen. Dandy preached sermon Sunday at |
| | | Zebs I expect. |
| | 8 | Cool today |
| no prayr. | 9 | Warm and pleasant. No Prayer Meeting. The members most all sick. |
| Meetg. Sc. Ho. | 7 | Barto joined the Methodist Episcopal Rockland at Zebs. Tol lol! |
| | 10 | Very warm, little smoky all day. |
| Mr. Bird & | 10 | Jonathan Lawrence had at New Landing Conversation Mr. Bird on the |
| Jon. Law. | | wagon concern with Dandy; and also on a palpable falsehood Dandy told |
| | | to Mr. Storms Against Mr. Bird. |

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| March 8 | | Mr. Dandy, Moses Taylor &c. and John Van Kleeck laid out a lot for Methodist Episcopal Meeting House, north a little of the Hovel or Barn of John L. V. Kleeck. |
| Ryer & Dandy 8 | | From Report Dandy having heard that Ryer had said something About the Waggon concern between Dandy and Bird went and asked Ryer, who replied he had, and would prove what he had said. |
| | 11 | Rain today, wind easterly. |
| Ja Ges Ill | 11 | Jacob Gesner quite bad with his side. Barto, sent for, concludes it to be the liver complaint. |
| | 11 | At About 8 o'clock lightning and thunder and rain |
| | 12 | Clear. Moderate, warm. J. Lawrence tools Slote Tuesday. |
| Taylor | 13 | Taylor down, Preached School House. Henderson ailing, Taylor in his stead. Good Sermon. Had Hendersons horse. |
| Preachd. | 14 | Cold this past night. Ground frozen this morning hard. |
| | 14 | Taylor preached Slote, a most extraordinary Sermon. Text "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the spirit to them that ask it." This Sermon Delineated the works of the Spirit on the Soul and heart in all its operations, full describing the works of Regeneration. The whole found on the most Spiritual Authority and True Christian experience that I ever heard. |
| Taylor | | |
| Prchd. Slote | | |
| | 14 | This day very cold, likewise night. |
| | 14 | Taylor returned from Slote after preaching and lodged with Jonathan Lawrence. |
| Taylor | 15 | Cold. Taylor came here about 8 o'clock from Jon Lawrences, Went Away from |
| Went Away to | | My house half after 9 o'clock, gave him half Dollar. |
| Haverstraw | | |

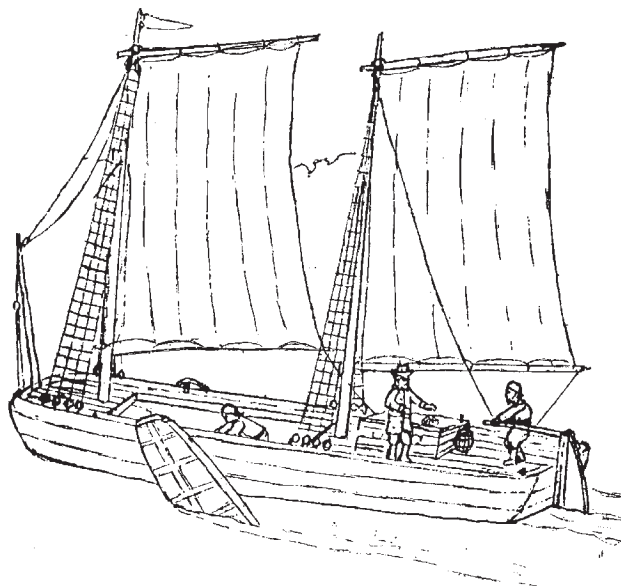
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| <p>March 15 Basket Yarn &c.</p> <p>Cose 15 Cooper</p> <p>Immodest, false, deceitful and wicked Conversation with John D. Concklin, it appears in defiance of all. She sought cause to leave the Class and make me blameable.</p> | <p>Polly there. I fetched my Remains of old Shirts, stockings and New patches, also my Blankets and yarn from Old House. Polly friendly, * long talk, civil &c.</p> <p>Cose Cooper about moving to Old House in Pollys Room. Jacob Concklin groggy, noisy, just before I came from Old House.</p> <p>*Polly Acknowledged to me about 10 o'clock AM that she had told John D. Concklin that she went down to Old House and shut the door after her for fear I would be watching and come down, that the Black Girl came in the Room, wanted Coffee Mill, and when the girl went out, she, that is Polly, had forgot to shut the door after the girl and instantly in I come, that she was so beat and struck and mortified that she did not know what to do.</p> <p>NB It is true, I had been below shutting Bars and coming back along by the house I saw the door open, and as I came within 4 steps of the Door, out comes the Black Girl. I went in. She was putting up something it appears to take up to Phebe. After a little Conversation, said she, "Now before night it will be all along the Road, for there is always somebody watching. I answered What harm was it to stop in to ask for my book, and how it would come along the Road without she told it. Sure enough, she goes out and Relates it to John D. Concklin, and he goes and publishes it as a crime along the Road, and had the Brass to tell it in my house before Gracy in this and other acts between them seems Black Guard and immodest conversation &c.</p> |

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| March 16 | More moderate, freezes at night. |
| 17 | Rains All Day very bad Storm. |
| 18 | Cold mostly Clear. Wind high from NW. |
| Henderson &c 18 | Samuel M. Henderson came down to Jonathan Lawrences about 1 o'clock PM. Preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night. Good Sermon. Stayed there Night, horse with me. |
| 19 | Muddy daytime, freezes hard at night. |
| 19 | Henderson preaches at Slote at Night. Very good Sermon Many hearers. |
| 20 | Henderson preaches at Jonathan Lawrence at Night house full, and an extraordinary sermon. Overcast night. |
| 21 | Windy, Henderson went away 1/2 After 12 o'clock for Ramapo beyond Piersons factory. |
| 22 | More moderate cold, freezing night. |
| Hired of Ja C. 22 | Hired of Jacob Concklin Big lot. I was to show him some float work &c to 5 dollars. |
| 23 | Clear, little hazy. Cold air. Ground frozen hard this morning, muddy at night. |
| 23 | I went Slote to work for Jonathan Lawrence 3/4 day. |
| Glass Broke Spectacles 23 | Broke at Slote one glass in My Spectacles. Spent at Houses 3 shillings at Yard 1 pence footing and 3 shillings at Herberts at night Crackers 11. I ate 1 meal at Houses. |
| Geo Law Sick 24 | George Lawrence sick. Quit work. |
| 24 | Clear, very warm. I ate one meal at Houses, worked 3/4 day. |
| 25 | Clear Smoaky |
| 26 | Cloudy. I went to Slote in New Landing to work 1/2 day. Rained about 9 o'clock. I went under a shed a while too bad there. |
| 26 | Clear night, wind NW cold. I ate 2 meals at Houses. |
| Tree cut &c 27 | Henry Concklin cut the chesnut tree down of Jacob Concklin for Meeting House. |
| 27 | Clear. I went and worked 3/4 at Slote, ate 2 Meals. |
| 27 | Thomas K. Witzel came down little before night. |

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| March 27 Preached our Sch. Ho. Nt. | Witzel preached School House. Middling number of hearers. Good sermon Was asked to go over to Richards to see Old Mr. Quidor, he was sick. He went after Meeting out. |
| 28 | Clear Went to Work made 3/4 Day Ate 2 Meals |
| Witzel 28 Preachd. Slote | Witzel preached at Slote School House, excellent sermon. Text the "Kingdom &c like Grain of mustard seed." |
| 29 | Clear I went after Breakfast to work 3/4 day, ate 2 meals. |
| Witzel 29 Preachd. Jon L | I and Jonathan Lawrence hastened home from Slote. Witzel preached at Jonathan Lawrences. People all there when we came in. He stayed at Jonathan Lawrences at night. The most extraordinary sermon ever Brother Witzel Preached in my hearing. The most solemn and affecting among the Hearing. He seemed wonderfully engaged by the Spirit &c. Text 84 th Psalm, 17 th verse "For the Lord God is a Sun" &c. |
| 30 | Witzel stayed last night Jonathan Lawrences. I went up. Witzel, Jonathan Lawrence and myself came and stoped at George Lawrences he sick in bed. Witzel prayed &c. |
| 30 | Went to Herbert Gesner and Witzel stayed little while, came out, Stopd Henry Concklin a little while. |
| 30 | He went over to Richards to see Old Mr. Quidor talk and prayed with him. Quidor was sick in bed. This was the 3d time he had been over to pray &c. |
| 30 | Witzel went away. Left his horse and went to Snedens to Steam Boat Orange. Went to New York from thence. Intended to go to Bergen and also to the Point. |
| Old Peter 30 Quidor died | Old Mr. Quidor died between 1 and 2 o'clock PM, buried at Lawrence burying Ground. Cole Preached funeral sermon. I not there. |
| 30 | I worked near 1/2 Day Slote. Ate 1 meal. |

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| March 31 | Clear |
| April 1 | Clear. Night cold ie the night of the 1 st . |
| Prayr. Mt. 1 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting at Henry Concklins |
| 2 | Clear, cold this morning, ice over standing water. |
| 2 | I worked 1 Day Slote, Ate 3 meals Houses. |
| 2 | Nicholas Concklin left his Release with me to write for Herbert. |
| Ben Poynire 3 | Rain this morning. Oxen at Herberts has had them yesterday. |
| here & wife | |
| 3 | Clear, very windy from SW Worked 3/4 day for Jonathan Lawrence. |
| 4 | Bought a hat. Ate House. Boy said 22 shillings unpaid: Attention: paid. |
| Reece Prchd. 5 | Went to Quarterly Meeting, Haverstraw at 11 o'clock. |
| Haverstraw | Reece preached Great Sermon. I went, Gracy Peg and Margaret. |
| 5 | At night, Hills preached Haverstraw, an extraordinary sermon, all in tears. |
| 5 | Cold weather, morning. Ground frozen hard. |
| Philips 6 | Clear, cold, Mr. Philips presented only common sermon. But Thomas |
| Tho. Witzel | Witzel finished it with an uncommon Discourse, very Affecting and engaging. |
| 6 | Afternoon I, Gracy, Peggy Concklin and Margaret went home. |
| 6 | I understand that Piercy preached at night. |
| 7 | Cold. I went up again Horseback Morning. Reece preached. I heard him, a good sermon. |
| 7 | Afternoon had the Quarterly Conference. |
| 7 | At Night Witzel Preached Haverstraw, good sermon. Jonathan and Sally there. Prayer Meeting after Preaching. |
| Lords 8 | Sunday Morning Reece preached a sermon on the Lords Supper. Then Supper |
| Supper | Administered |
| 8 | I came home in evening, very cold. |
| | Cold, very cold. |

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| April 9 | 9 | Very cold this morning, Ground hard frozen. |
| Text | 9 | Jacob Gesner and his wife. With Henderson Came down from Haverstraw Evening. |
| Sun. Army of Banners | 9 | Henderson preached Slote School House at Night good sermon text is Solomons Sons Army of Banners. |
| Preachd. | 10 | Cold, little ponds covered over with ice this morning. Henderson preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night a very Remarkable sermon, text in proverbs "he that hath a friend must show himself friendly as there is a friend that sticketh closer than a Brother" |
| | 11 | Jonathan Lawrence Launched a Pettiauger house very full about 7 o'clock AM. |
| Hendern. | 11 | Henderson and Self went to New York. |
| Wt. Away to Conference | 11 | Clear, went over River. Jerry Smith and Henry Concklin brought Henderson, Self and Margaret over. Went on board Water Witch near 2 o'clock, at New York 4. |
| | 12 | Clear. Conference met. House Regulated. Some lay members appeared without Certificate, brought next day &c. |
| | 13 | Clear, warm |
| | 13 | Conference met 9 o'clock, Several examinations. |
| | 14 | Ayres a principal speaker, but no preacher. |
| | 14 | Clear, nice weather |
| Hills Preachd. N York | 15 | Sunday, 2 Preachers ordained 3 o'clock PM Sullivan St. After Meeting Out. "Text Revelations they are those who have come out of great tribulation" I heard Hills. |
| | 15 | Getting overcast Afternoon. |
| | 15 | Henderson preached Attorney St. It was said great time. |
| | 15 | Sunday night Piercy Preached. I came after text was given. |
| | 16 | Rain Storm Wind cold NE. I went Herbert Lawrences, had a slack invitation to stay for Breakfast. The Kettle had boiled a good While and going on towards 8 o'clock and knew my hurry but set no table. |



A Pettiauger like the one that carried people and goods out to the steamboats from the Landing in Nicholas's day. It was a shallow draft boat with cabin space at both ends but open in the middle.

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| April 17 | | Tuesday, Rain Storm continues very cold. |
| I Relax | 17 | I had Relax, very bloody and Slymy excrement. |
| | 17 | Conference continues, meets every Monday half after 8 |
| | 18 | Rain, cold. I continue unwell. Still bloody excrement. |
| Rock. Cir. Div. | 18 | Rockland Circuit Divided. |
| | 18 | Rain, Cold &c. |
| NB | 18 | The Annual Conference began on Thursday the 12 th and ended the 18 th . During the term a most critical examination of Preachers Moral Character, Division of Circuits, fixing Stations, Candidates to the Ministry Received, Preachers Appointed on Circuits and Stations. Elders Ordained, Next Annual Conference to be in New York, 3d Wednesday in March, 1833 &c. Henderson Stationed New York, Witzel at New York, Taylor on Bedford circuit ie over River, Piercy on Rockland circuit, a 2 weeks circuit. Wallis Maloney on Orange Circuit. |
| Henderson | 19 | Rain. I and Henderson came up with Orange. Henderson preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night. |
| Preachd. | | |
| Hendn. Wt. | 20 | Henderson went away early with Witzels Horse to Haverstraw, there to take his own from Snedekers and to go on to Warwick before he commenced on his station at New York. He first came from Jonathan Lawrence to my house in returning stop in some place. |
| Away | | |
| I very ill | 20 | Rainy little all day. I very ill with pains in breast at night. |
| pain in | 20 | Clear but Cool |
| breast | 21 | Still very ill with pain in breast the past night. Distracted with pain, difficult to breathe. |
| Ja. Ges. to | 20 | Jacob Gesner went to New York, came back the 21 st . |
| NY | | |

*The house on Washington
Spring Road where Jeremiah
(Jerry) Smith lived during the
1830s and 1840s. The house was
probably built between 1820 and
1830: the addition on the left
was made later.*



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| April 20 | I took for my pain Harleine oil and drops got of Jonathan Lawrence. |
| 21 | Toward night feel little easier. |
| Jon. Law 21 | Jonathan Lawrence came from New York went down 19 th . |
| 22 | Sunday. Clear, with some clouds. |
| M. Protest. 22 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting 10 o'clock AM at Henry Concklins. |
| Prayr. Meetg. 22 | No Richard, no M.C. At Evening, Richard went up to Zebs. |
| | Abba Gwefes here, ate dinner. After dinner she and Gracy to Sally's. Gracy not back at 9 o'clock at night. Came back a little after. |
| 23 | Clear, but very cool. Season backward, ice this morning. |
| 23 | Sallys baby, the youngest girl, is very sick. |
| 24 | Frost this morning, clear, ice, ground somewhat frozen. |
| 24 | Sallys Sarah sick this morning too, vomiting, fever. |
| Sick 24 | Elias Kent, it is said, has been sick a few days and now poorly with the black Jaundice. |
| 24 | Jacob Gesner went up to see Elias Kent this morning. |
| 24 | I wrote letter to George Smith, Haverstraw with Herbert to know whether |
| Letter to | Piercy has a place at Haverstraw and When his first Ministerial visit will |
| Geo. Smith | be at Rockland. I also made mention of Jacob Ackersons House near Slote. |
| Recd. Geo. 25 | White frost, cold this morning. Received letter from George Smith in |
| Smiths letter | answer to my request. Said they had procured part of a house at |
| | Haverstraw village for 20 dollars as it appears Piercys wife wished to live |
| | near her Mother and Relations who lived at Haverstraw &c. |
| letter to 25 | Wrote letter John J Harrod or to William Woody Baltimore for to have my |
| Baltimore | name wrote right &c. |
| 26 | Sent letter to post office, Tappan, for Baltimore. Jacob Gesner carried it early |
| Ja. Ges. 26 | Clear, warm. Jacob Gesner very ill with side, forenoon. |
| 26 | I got 50 shad of Anduwine, the same as Overleaf. |
| Borrowed of 27 | I got of Jonathan Lawrence 2 shillings to get Salt at Van Kleecks. Jonathan |
| Jon. Law. | went over to Yonkers today. |
| 27 | I got 20 shad of Joshua Martin. Jake brought them. The same as over. |

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| | April 27 | Very warm all day. |
| Sick | 27 | Sallys baby and Sarah continuing sick. |
| the same as | 27 | Got 50 shad of Larry Sneden at 10 per ?. This unpaid. |
| last page | 28 | Got 20 shad paid since of Captain Jack. Jacob Gesner got for me. |
| | 27 | Got 1/2 bucket fine salt of Hed unpaid |
| | 27 | Got 1/2 Bucket coarse salt of J. Van Kleek paid. |
| | 28 | Got 1/2 Bucket fine salt of Larry Sneden unpaid. |
| | 28 | Cloudy, cool |
| Prayr. | 29 | Overcast. Prayer Meeting Henry Concklins 10 o'clock AM, Methodist |
| Mtg. | | Protestant. Richard and M.C. not there |
| | | Prayer Meeting of Methodist Protestants at Margaret Rices at night. |
| | | Richard and M.C. not there. William Herbert and Mary Ann Gesner, |
| | | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, George Lawrence and Jinnet there. Also |
| | | Henry Concklin and Peggy, Old Mistress Cooper, Agnes Renwick, Jacob |
| | | Gesner and his wife, Gracy and self, William Lawrence. |
| | 30 | Rainy the past night and morning. I ploughed afternoon. Rain at night. |
| Pigs | 30 | I got 3 pigs of Jacob Eckerson, 2 for me and 1 for Jacob Gesner. Got at 10 |
| | | shillings each, paid. |
| | May 1 | Clear but cloudy, pleasant. |
| Took Money | 1 | Took up the note of 12 Dollars held by Margaret Mann and gave a note of |
| Marg. Mann | | 20 Dollars. She added 8 to the 12, made 20, payable in 12 months. |
| Pray. M | 1 | Prayer Meeting Henry Concklins. I not there at the Slote. |
| | 2 | Clear, moderate, cool in Doors, warm Out midday. |
| Calf | 2 | I killed calf for Herbert this morning. |
| Paid House | 2 | I paid Abraham House 2 pounds 17 shillings and 9 pence this evening, |
| | | Jonathan Lawrence present. This he said was the amount of the Dock |
| | | Stores. I got receipt. |
| Aaron Decamp | 2 | Aaron Decamp was here this afternoon a moment. Went to Taylors. |
| | 3 | Came back from Taylors about 9 o'clock. Prayed &c. |
| | 4 | Jonathan Lawrence went to NY |
| Piercy | 4 | Piercy came, preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night. Stayed at my |
| Preached | | house. Richard and M.C. there. |

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| May 5 | Middling Clear |
| July 5 | Jacob Gesner moved. Lugged his things from my house, he and Betsy. He |
| Moved | never So much as mentioned one word about going an Odd |
| | Movement went to Old Coopers at John Willses. |
| 4 | NB Piercys text; "We love him because he first loved us." |
| Piercy 5 | Piercy preached Slote night, text Isaiah, 52 nd chapter, I think, 13 th , 14 th , |
| Preachd. Slote | 15 th verses. |
| Prayer Mtg. 6 | Clear, cool, prayer meeting at Jacob Posts at night. |
| | Piercy went Sunday morning to Storms about 7 o'clock AM. |
| at Slote 7 | Cloudy I at Slote, helping Jonathan Lawrence with oxen. Went about 9 |
| New Landing | o'clock, back in night. George Lawrence and Peter Fether helped also to |
| Jon. Law | get timber on edge of dock. |
| 8 | Clear warm |
| Rich. helped 9 | Clear, nice weather. Richard helped draw dung, 9 th . |
| dung | |
| Work Jer. Rd. 9 | Jake on Jersey Road with oxen for me. Willliam Ferdun Road Master. |
| Prayer 10 | Clear. Prayer Meeting at Jacob Posts the 10 th at night. Richard and Mary |
| Meeting | Concklin there. |
| Cose 11 | Clear. Cose Cooper helped dung 1/2 day. |
| Frost 12 | Clear. A heavy white frost all over, remarkable. |
| Saturd. 12 | Quarterly Meeting Anear the Pond, Clarkstown. Continued 2 days. |
| 13 | I went Sunday morning, Gracy, Jacob Gesner and Obb. Betsy, Jacobs wife |
| Quarterly | went with me and Gracy in Robert Snedens Wagon. Jacob Post and wife |
| Meetg. | Peggy and Herbert Gesner and his wife Mary Ann went with Jacob Posts |
| Lord's Supper | Waggon and Team. |
| | Piercy preached an excellent sermon: Text: "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy |
| | Will be Done on earth as it is in heaven" It was a great sermon. |
| 13 | The Lords Supper Administered. I, Gracy, and Betsy at dinner at |
| | Onderdoncks, him that married Anne Jacox. |

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| May 12 | I worked on Road York State with Oxen all day. |
| 12 | Gracy Borrowed 12 shillings of Jacob Post to go to Quarterly Meeting |
| 12 | I gave Jacob Gesner 2 shillings and Gracy 1 shilling. I put in 2 shillings = 5. |
| Rich. wt. old side | |
| Prayr. Meet. 13 | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence at Night. Richard left I and Jake at Big House and went to Zebs &c. |
| 14 | Clear, warm a Scud sometimes. |
| 15 | Overcast, Scud. In afternoon Rain. A beautiful rain till near night. |
| 16 | Clear this morning and Windy. Wind SW. |
| Ja Con. up &c 16 | Jacob Concklin and Stephenson up from New York to sell property. |
| Hard talk 16 | Jacob Gesner and self hard talk. I was charged with speaking evil of Obb. I feel innocent. I related nothing but what happened at Obbs and Jacob Concklins trial at Richard Blanchs And in answer to Jacob Concklins conversation &c. |
| Pray. Mtg 17 | Nice weather. Prayer Meeting at Henry Concklins night. M. Concklin there |
| Hen. Conk. | and Eliza Ann, George Quidors daughter. Richard not there. Jacob Gesners |
| Rich not th | wife not there, it was said she was at Clarks. |
| nor Jake's wife | |
| 18 | Clear nice weather. I borrowed Jacob Posts iron tooth Harrow, and Returned it. |
| 19 | Cloudy this morning. |
| Begun to 19 | Rain about 4 o'clock PM. I began to plant corn by house orchard this |
| plant corn | morning. Quit 5 o'clock. |
| 20 | Partly Clear |
| Prayr. 20 | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrences. Richard not there. Mary Concklin I |
| Meetg. | expect is at New York. |
| 21 | Planted corn, finished by Barn Orchard. Jonathan went New York to work. |
| 21 | Clear. Cool nights very cool. |
| 22 | Clear |
| 23 | Planted Corn over the Road, about half the piece. |
| 24 | Rain, heavy rain |
| 25 | Muddy, clear |
| 26 | Planted some more over the Road. |

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| June 3 | <p>See the Accusation in the Book Previous hereto Explanation The Dates when the circumstances occurred to which this May Allude may be Found in the Momento During the past Winter and Spring.</p> <p>That I am the cause of Breaking the Class is a strange Charge when Jacob Gesner frequently opposed me for trying to Keep them together and Reconcile Difficulties. The Charge of my trying to keep Polly Concklin and Richard in is singular when compared with the charge of my being the cause of all that left it.</p> <p>The Charge of calling "little Meetings along the Neighborhood." To this Answered; John D. Concklin having spread along the Neighborhood a Report injurious to the peace and harmony of the Class, I called a Meeting of the Class, with no other Design than to ascertain the truth and to Reconcile the Class in Christian love. This Meeting was at Henry Concklins the 25th Day of February last This was the only call edge of page missing</p> <p>The Charge of My saying to his Mother that I would not abide in the Class, nor live with her is thus explained Having had that same Day, Which was the 7th of February last, conversation John D. Concklin on the Road Just below where Old Concklin lived near the Bridge, Since in the Ground, he Acted very indifferent in our Meetings at the time. I asked his Reason. He said there was no love in the Class. I said his indifference and his Talking unfavorably About the Reformers lately made it appear so to him, That I was very Sorry. He Declared then after a long conversation that the accusation against MC was really directed</p> |

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| <p>June 3</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Members joined the 28th December 1831 I chosen Class leader the 9th Jan. 1832 See question </p> | <p> Against me But that Gracy showed no friendship to Polly and had Said something Against her and that he expected if he left our Class he would take her along &c. Notwithstanding much of this I believed at the same time he handled Matters With ill Design seeking cause of Difficulty Rather than help Remove them. This Night He came up to My house which was as said before the 7th Day of February last and without my knowledge brought Henry Concklin and Richard with him. My Jacob was there And after introducing the Cause of his Neglecting our Meeting, and M. Concklin neglecting, The Reason Appeared as before to have its origin as before in Gracy I Asked Gracy After Much was talked to Gracy that all prejudice should be Removed from the Class. And she Spoke with much Determination Against her. Alledging Many things to Which I Answered that every thing was to be set aside when the Members joined the 20th Day of December last but Nothing succeeded to Reconcile her to M. Concklin Then I Asked her if there should be Meeting at our house Whether She would consent for her to come to meeting. And the Answer no Which was Repeated several times and Seemed not right in the judgment of them present &c &c. I then Said that I would not be In the Class where hatred Amounted to this. And that if she would exercise such Malice and hatred to M.C., she exercised the same to Me, Since the Accusation Against M.C. was equally Directed Against me, and in that Case I would not live with her in such Malice but would go And take My board with Jonathan Lawrence. </p> |

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| <p>June 3</p> <p>Jo Dubois Joined old side the 15 January 1832</p> | <p>I now ask if this looks like My breaking the Class and the Cause of some of Members leaving the Class. Jo Dubois was already gone before this conversation, for he was the first Man in our Class Meeting (Witzel and Taylor there that held Me up for Class leader. And Jo Dubois, John D. Concklin, Henry Concklin, Richard and Jake all voted me in and This was on Monday night the 9th of January 1832 in Witzels and Taylors Return from New York, The same Night when Witzel preached so Smart And the very next Thursday Jo Dubois and John D. Concklin Went New York had my horse which was the 12th January, And on Sunday following which was the 15th he joined the Old Side. And this Meeting at Henry Concklins was the 25 Day of February last. So this Meeting could not have Drove Jo away. And from the time they went to New York, John D. Concklin Slighted our Meeting, and did all he could with Phebe to hinder Richard and M.C. to go to our Meetings. And how could this Meeting send Jo and John Concklin Away When at the time of the Meeting Jo was gone and John D. Concklin doing his best to injure the Reform Before this Meeting was. For to this day the 3 of June M.C. and Rich are Considered Members although our Meeting is Neglected by them in a Measure. M.C. does attend but not Strictly. Richard much less &c.</p> <p>The Charge of My abusing the Old Side is Simply this. Old Cooper said At My house Jake present altho he lived with Cooper &c. said Old Side was going on with their Meeting House. I said Alluding to their Church Government. A Roman Catholic church it certainly was known of, By much conversation from me,</p> |

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| June 3 | that I never said anything Against the Doctrines they Preached exclusive of the church Government nor had any Design to be understood Any further than that much which bore a Resemblance thereto in Aristocratic and Absolute power. |
| | 4 Misty and Sometimes a little Rain through the Day. |
| | 5 Cloudy. Cose ploughed his potatoes Yard. |
| Corn | 5 Hens scratched out a few hundred corn hills. Corn just coming up, has been planted more than a fortnight. I planted in and I made hen Coop. |
| Scratched | 6 Misty Cloudy this morning. This morning I over the Road. I found 2 Hens in the Corn at Sun rise about. I found upward of 200 Hills almost destroyed, some partly destroyed. I planted it in. Now put up the greater part of hens. |
| & | 6 Jacob Gesner Abused me very Much about the fowls the destroyed Corn because I found fault with his mother not being Ambitious in trying to help get the fowls. Stayed out late last night instead of coming home soon to help catch them. I told him I Had not Abused his Mother. She Replied I had not only found fault as before said And that I did not want him to come and Abuse me. I asked and seriously requested him to tell me what I had done, that if I had done Anything wrong I was willing to Acknowledge it and that I wished to know. He Answered: I was not worth talking to further in no just cause called me a Liar &c &c. |
| pecked out by hens | 6 Afternoon clear a While began to Rain Again 2 o'clock. |
| Ja Ges Abuse | |

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| June 6 | | I Measured My potatoes in cellar and there was in Box 19 1/2 Bushels and in the other there was left 6 bushels. |
| Potatoes | | |
| Corn long | 6 | NB Corn does none appear to come up under 2 weeks and some longer. |
| coming up | | The Weather in General both Wet and very cold. A very Cold May and till yet |
| | 7 | Cloudy. I ploughed Old Orchard stack Ground for potatoes. |
| | 8 | Sally here. I Got Wet towards Night loose Weather |
| | 8 | Cloudy morning the Sky appears Watery |
| | 9 | Warm a little While Mid Day |
| | 9 | Cloudy, no Rain to Day; corn not come up good |
| Philips Preachd | 9 | Mr. Philips came up from New York afternoon preached School House. |
| Rockland | | Text "Strait is the Gate and Narrow &c. Broad is the &c." Pretty good |
| Philips & Nash | | Sermon, few hearers School. Richard not there, M.C. at New York. |
| Stay'd Nt. | 9 | Mr. Nash came Down little before Meeting on Saturday about 3/4 |
| my house | | before Sunset |
| | 10 | Looks very Rainy and Drisels some. |
| Mr. Nash | 10 | Mr. Nash at Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence a Good time so said |
| | | Extraordinary &c. Clarkstown Meeting 10 o'clock I there. |
| Mr. Philips | 10 | Mr. Philips preached, Text "I have done as thou hast commanded me and |
| Clarkstn. | | yet there is Room" Very good sermon only about 30 or little less hearers. |
| | | I went up with horse had John Moores waggon |
| | 10 | Partly clear towards Night. |
| Do at Slote | 10 | Mr. Philips preached Slote 1/2 after 3 o'clock, text Jailor "What shall I do to |
| | | be Saved believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou Shalt be saved. Rich not |
| | | there. A good sermon. Many tears &c. |
| | 10 | Mr. Philips not well at Night at Jonathan Lawrences. Nash exhorted and |
| a Blessed | | Philips afterwards exhorted and Prayed. |
| Meeting | | John L. Van Kleek exhorted and prayed. Jonathan Lawrence, Johnny |
| | | Lawrence each Spoke a few Words. A Most Solemn time it seemed the |
| | | Lord was sensibly Present |

NOTE: Methodist services consisted of preaching, praying and exhorting. Only preachers could preach, but even lay people could exhort. Exhortation was a declaration of Christian truth and personal testimony concerning one's experience of it.

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| | June 10 | Among the people. A Roomfull little &c. NB Mr. Philips was not Able to preach, exhorted a little &c. Richard there — The Exhortations were chiefly founded on this passage “What will it profit a Man if he Gain the Whole World and lose his own Soul” |
| Nash Wt. | 11 | Mr. Nash Slept at Jonathan Lawrences last Night. Went up about 1/2 after 9 AM |
| away | | My house Herberts Wagon And Jacob Gesner to Nyack Village, from there with Nash’s Waggon &c. |
| Philips Wt. | 11 | George Philips went NY from My house. little after 11 o’clock to Snedens to Go with Steam Boat. He stayed last Night with Me I went with him to Snedens. |
| away | 11 | Clear and Warm. The first for a great While — |
| | 12 | Clear and very Warm all Day and warm at Night. |
| Planting | 12 | Saturday last Monday Afternoon and today all Day I planted in Corn by Barn Orchard. The Wet and very Cold Weather had prevented more than 1/3 of coming up. The worms And Ground Moles do much injury too. |
| Corn | | |
| Cose | 12 | Cose Worked About 1/4 Day helping Dung. I got 1 quart Rum for him Herberts |
| | 13 | Clear but not very warm. Some part of the Day a Scud from the eastward. |
| Cose | 13 | Cose came near 11 kept little noon ? quit 3 at dung not 1/4 Day. |
| Gracy NY | 13 | Gracy went NY took her Ewe at Jacob Posts and 4 picked fowls. |
| | 14 | Scud this Morning from NE Afternoon warm and Clear thunder in NW |
| Planted Corn | 14 | I Planted Yellow corn Old Orchard back end on dung short |
| Cose | 14 | Cose helped 3/4 Day |
| Mr. West | 14 | Mr. West preacher came from Haverstraw to My house About 5 o’clock Afternoon |
| Preachd. | 14 | Mr. West preached Jonathan Lawrences Night. Text Luke 12 and 32 “fear not little flock for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom” An excellent good Sermon I think extraordinary. The room pretty well filled — |
| Gracy Bk. NY | | Gracy Back from New York About 5 o’clock. Night went Meeting |
| | 15 | Cose Worked not a 1/2 Day by 1 Hour. |

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| | June 15 | Clear till 4 o'clock then Cloudy, looks showery. Very hot Day. I planted yellow corn Old orchard. |
| | 15 | Thunder Shower about 5 o'clock PM |
| | 15 | Thomas West Preached again at Jonathan Lawrences. NB but few hearers, about 20. Text o Chapter and 5 Verse Acts. |
| | 15 | Clear little in evening. |
| | 16 | Clear and hot weather |
| Cose & Abner | 16 | Cose and Abner Concklin helped plant potatoes and Dung each 1 Day. |
| Nash | 17 | Jake went up, met Nash up first or second hill above Palmers. He was coming to exhort at Rockland. He spoke 10 o'clock at Jonathan Lawrences, 4 o'clock Slote, and Night at Jonathan Lawrences. He exhorted very well indeed. At Jonathan Lawrences At Night exhorted Remarkably well. Many tears. His subject at Night principally on loving God and our Neighbors &c. Good Many hearers. Full at Night. |
| Spoke remarkably Well | | |
| | 18 | A Thunder Shower. Rising in the West, not much Rain morning, clear till near Night. |
| Nash Wt. Away | 18 | Mr. Nash went Away about 8 o'clock AM. I went with him a little way, past the Dutch Reformed Church, Clarkstown, a little past Garret Snedeckers, with Horse and waggon |
| | 18 | About 6 o'clock PM a nice Rain, some thunder and hard wind preceded, Wind West, very warm through the middle of the Day. |
| | 19 | Rainy this morning. Clear afternoon |
| Herbert's Accident | 19 | Herbert Gesners Accident = was going up to Haverstraw with Jacob Posts young horse and his own wagon with Bread, Cakes &c. Going down the hill of David Blauvelt at the last turn near down the hill opposite the place where |

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| <p>June 19 Wm. Herbert's Accident his Bread and Cakes was Gathered up by the neighbors and brought to him, he was taken home soon after. Jacob Gesner and Henry Conklin helped fetch things home</p> | <p>Abraham Cole pitched out the wagon a few years ago and Died &c. There it appears from William Herberts best recollection something seemed to Give way, but what cannot as yet be ascertained. The wagon run up the Horse in an instant. Herbert drew the Horse instantly towards the West side in order to stop the horse. This In a moment brought the horse so near the stone wall with posts and Rails, he drew the horse, it appears a little the other way, and the horse going on violently he sprang out to the fence on the west side. The wagon wheel went close Against the stone wall, he falling in the springing out somehow between the wagon hubs and the Rails upon the wall, in which violent motion he Received a cut just above his temple, on the left side, with several other Bruises principally on the left Side where he had sustained some years ago by a bank and large Rock falling on him near Snedens landing and Mortification, first the loss of his foot, then the ankle off, and perhaps a year afterwards by reason of not healing and intolerable misery increasing Again &c was obliged to go down to New York in the first of the Winter and had his leg taken off just below his knee. I, Nicholas Gesner, his father was present. Dr. Mott, surgeon, with 8 or 9 Young students, present. At Jonathan Lawrences This wound now Received on the head Bled, by every appearance of the Blood on the Stone wall and the sand by the wall, more than one quart of Blood, having cut off a large blood vessel &c. A Black boy saw the accident, ran immediately. David Tallman, being near also ran and came to him. The Blood flew with a Stream from the cut. Bound it up with a handkerchief, sent the Black boy instantly for Doctor Barto. Others ran to assist and Got him up, leading him and helping him into David Tallman's house. Was for some time without recollection and seemed not able, when his recollection recovered to Give any particular account how it first happened, only it seemed something gave way. The horse in the hull, the Bread and cake all along the Road. Stopped at Peter Tallmans, Slote. The waggon much broken, the horse not hurt. At Dow Tallmans the neighbors collected. I there. The Doctor came very much Bruised, appears not dangerous.</p> |

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| <p>June 20</p> <p>20</p> <p>Cose & Abner 20</p> <p>20</p> <p>John G Concklin's doing Menace and Abuse</p> | <p>Clear All Day. Jake went Haverstraw for Herbert with Bread</p> <p>Herbert Gesner quite Smart after his Accident.</p> <p>Cose and Abner help today, each $\frac{3}{4}$ Day in time.</p> <p>John G. Concklin in afternoon About between 3 or 4 o'clock stopped Cose and Abner with a load of Dung at the Bars entering Jacob Concklins Big lot to and over which I had a written privilege to pass. I was in old orchard planting potatoes. Cose called to me Abner came to me and said John G. Concklin would not let them pass, wanted to come. I said it was too far to go way Round by the burying Ground, that Cose should drive on, but however I heard hard talk, I stepped to the line fence. I saw J. G. Concklin make a strike at Cose, being partly behind Cose, and then instantly Clinched Cose on the back, I mean behind.</p> <p>I thought to Snatch Cose &c. I stepped a little farther. The Branches and leaves prevented a view for a moment; when uncovered, they were apart. I hasted around by the burying Ground and came down to them at the Bars, Read my Privilege from Jacob Concklin Abner looked over as I Read, but would not let him near than 2 or 3 yards off &c, I found he had struck Cose twice with a Club, and Cose had got him off his back and had struck J. G. Concklin, Abner present All the time. The cursing, swearing Damning, and the Abusive language exceeded All that ever was heard. However he was determined to stop me at Nicholas Concklins lot. He went on, and in the middle of Nicholas's lot came before the oxen</p> |

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| <p>June 20</p> <p>John G. Concklin's Outrageous and Daring Attempt and Clubbing of Cose NB he struck Cose the 2 first blows with the Club on the private Road the other on Nicholas's land</p> | <p>With the Same club of about 5 feet long, wherewith he had struck Cose, and struck at the oxen and prevented them. I tryed to proceed but he Cursed and swore the most bitter oaths, that he'd be Damned if he would not Split my brains out. Did there in my presence violently Strike Cose with the Club. The hat prevented much injury, but the first two blows he had hurt Cose very much about the ear, and his thumb was much injured. I felt astonished at so daring Attempt when he certainly was in our power but had made up My mind to be Mild and considerate. NB I had verbal privilege of Nicholas Concklin to pass over his lot on which this insult was. I took the ox whip and tried to start the oxen and wagon with Dung, but struck at them standing directly all the while in front. I tried again. He swore the bitterest ever heard, if I did go any further he'd split my damned brains out, came up to me overhaling his club. I stepped a step back, took the Dung fork out of the Dung and stood with it to prevent the blows he overhaled and threatened me this manner. He said directly, Are you coming with the Dung fork. I told him I thought I had no need of it, and put it on the Waggon. He called me all the Damn liars &c &c that could be invented, detained us 3 hours nearly. He said it was a Damn lie that Nicholas had given me liberty; Nicholas had told him so, that he had bot it of Nicholas, afterwards that he had hired it, and lastly, said that he had the promise of it, all in the presence of Cose And Abner. Finally I thought best to go home and get my horse and apply to the Magistrate. This seemed to cool him somewhat off, and said might go and unload that load, and no</p> |

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| | June 20 | More. I told him I would not ask him no less; he could make it appear that Nicholas had no Right there. NB Above all the provoking abusive and Scandalous Abuses this was the most daring, malicious and hell like of all ever I saw or heard, and where a person's life seemed more in Danger with his club than this. His eyes sparkled with the most hellish looks that I ever was acquainted with. Blessed be God who preserved me from conducting Myself inconsistently on this daring Attempt. |
| | 21 | Clear, Warm |
| Cose & Abner | 21 | Cose and Abner came early NB Abner staid all last night , took 3 loads down morning and one afternoon. John G. Concklin hindered again the 2nd load in afternoon at the Burying Ground in like threatenment if Cose attempted to turn toward the Right. Abner came down to me Old Orchard. I came up and as I came to the Bars where he stood with his club, he said now keep off my Ground. This is my Ground, standing in the Road leading down below. I passed on without saying a word, home, he is the Biggest Rascal that ever God suffered to walk Rockland Road, cursing, swearing, damning, calling Damn liars &c &c. Cose let the wagon stand in the Road by the Bars; took oxen home. |
| Would make abt. 3/4 Day Scant | 22 | Clear, Warm John G. Concklin went full Split this morning up road, horse and light wagon. Returned, Gracy said, about 4 o'clock. |
| Went Clerks Office | 22 | I and Jake went away 5 miles back of Brom Demerest to Albert Terhune, Town Clerk, to see if the laying out of the private Road was on Record, which leads from Rockland Road Down over the farm lately of John Gesner and afterwards of Jacob Concklin, Deceased, and it was not on Town Record. But Went |

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| | June 22 | Down from there to Hackensack to County Clerks office and it was not there. He said John G. Concklin had been there on the day before and had looked as well. Went to Lawyer Campbells, took his advice &c. |
| | 22 | I and Jake Returned home with George Lawrences wagon and old Sorrel, 9 o'clock night. |
| | 22 | John G. Concklin telling lies along the Road to justify his wicked acts. |
| Borr. Ja Post | 23 | Morning, Borrowed of Jacob Post 3 Dollars. |
| | 23 | Clear, warm. I planted potatoes again, old Orchard |
| | 24 | Clear warm weather, Ground gets very Dry. |
| Piercy sick | 24 | Piercy did not come down. Sent one William Harris, a young man of nearly 19 years of age to speak in his stead. He said he never had undertaken before to speak &c. Piercy being sick William Harris spoke, but very poorly at Slote half after 3 o'clock PM. He had taken a text which would not do. But by Counsel to exhort, he did very well at Jonathan Lawrences at night, good many hearers. |
| Wm. Harris came | | |
| | 25 | Clear, warm, very Dry. |
| | 26 | William Harris went up to Haverstraw about 8 o'clock, was down with Pierces horse, he lives at Queensborough, near Colwells. |
| Cose | 25 | Cose helped me with 3 loads Dung, Old Orchard. About 1/2 Day and half quarter and no more. Had 1 shilling. |
| Cose worked | 26 | Clear warm dry. Cose only helped 1/2 load dung in Old Orchard. I loaded the wagon, he took team home over David Concklins land, he ate &c. |
| | 27 | Clear hot weather. I ploughed corn over Road, ground hard dry. |
| John G. Conk. to 3 Squires | 28 | Overcast this morning. It is said that John G. Concklin has been to 3 Squires. Did not succeed. |
| | 29 | Clear warm, but Cool in morning. |
| Ja Conck Made oath | 29 | I and Jacob Concklin went to Adolphus Mabies Justice. When Jacob Concklin made oath to several abuses from John G. Concklin by kicking, beating him &c. This the Justice certified in Writing and gave me. |
| I and Cose to Judge Westervelt made oath | 28 | I and Cose Cooper went to Tenaflly to Judge John Westervelt. Made oath of Abuse, Danger of life &c. I also of life and property and of the Assault And Battery on the 11 July, 1831, as well as June 20 1832. |

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| | June 29 | Clear, warm, cool in morning. |
| | 29 | I ploughed Corn. |
| | 30 | Clear, warm, Morning cool |
| John G. Conck. taken | 30 | John G. Concklin taken with my warrant from John Westervelt, Judge, early at Break of Day at my house. Richard Van Wickle became his Security. Cose Cooper served at the Judges. NB I told the Judge on the 28th |
| Richd. Security | | Instant not to accept of Richard, holding no just property in his own Right, yet took him and appears to have been Security for both Cose's and my warrant. NB Again John G. Concklin was Richards Security to Richard Vervalen for 50 Dollars, and took a Mortgage on Richard Van Wickles property to secure him, yet gave him to the judge for us both I had apprised the Judge of it on the 28th. |
| | 30 | I went down and Jacob Concklin to judges, met Constable and John G. Concklin and Richard Van Wickle a little this side &. |
| | 30 | I stopd at Judge Westervelts. The Judge said that John G. Concklin said I had dared him to come off the waggon. That is a damn lie. |
| | 30 | I went with Jacob Concklin to Fort Lee Gate. From there Jacob Concklin went to New York I went to Hackensack. Campbell not home. Left a paper &. |
| Got Medicine for Jac Ges. | | I went to the Doctor for Jacob Gesner, Got 4 shillings worth Drops and Ointment. I got home near Dark. |
| | July 1 | Sunday, clear, warm |
| | 1 | Cose to tyne fetched |
| Cose | 2 | Clear, warm, and very dry. Cose worked 1/2 day here. NB he came late to hoe corn over Road. He went to Tappan for Rum and complained when he came back of Cramp and Sick &. |
| | 2 | Had about 4 1/2 lb Veal of Sally. Once before 4 lbs = 8 1/2 lbs. |

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| | July 3 | Clear, very Warm and Dry. My corn drying up. |
| Jacob Gesner | 3 | Morning Jacob Gesner very bad with his side. Dr. Perry sent for, |
| poorly | | wonderful suffering. |
| Cholera NY | 3 | Little better afternoon. Cholera at New York. |
| | 4 | Independence. Clear, very warm and Dry, no sign of Rain |
| | 5 | Cose put fence up below for sixpence. Nicholas Concklin fence. I hoed corn over Road. |
| Hot, Dry | 5 | Very warm all Day, things suffering for Rain. |
| | 5 | Cose wanted Settlement. I told him I was just going to work in Corn. He should come another time. He said he would go and Agree with John G. Concklin; what will not Rum do. |
| | 6 | A little fog this morning along the Mountain. Clear all Day, very hot, Dry. |
| | 6 | Old Cooper Sheld near 1 bushel corn. |
| people flee NY | 6 | Many hundred families move from New York for to flee from the Asiatick Cholera. It began at Quebec and Montreal, crossed the Atlantic. It appears it began there sometime in the first of January last. |
| Began Quebeck | | |
| | 6 | It is said by Old Cooper that Cose told him he was going to make up with John G. Concklin, Against whom he had sworn his life &c, See the 28 of June last. |
| J. G. Conck | | |
| Rain | 7 | Clear, warm Morning. 2 Small thunder Showers, afternoon nice Rain. The Ground and things had suffered very much for Rain. I understand by Henry Concklin that Abraham Clark had a good deal to say at Trenchards Shop in behalf of John G. Concklin That I had promised to Serve the Lord and now make trouble by taking the Oath of danger &c. |
| Abraham Clark talk | | |
| Piercy sick | 7 | Piercy sick, Herbert brought news. |
| Cholera | 8 | Overcast this Morning, wind calm. The Cholera rages in New York. People moved out this last week, hundreds. Some vessels have Stopped Running. Sorrowful time. I understand the Banks about Shutting. |
| Piercy | 8 | Piercy preached Slote. About 4 o'clock. Text in Mark blessed [corner torn off] |
| Preached Slote | | Barthemews. Middling number. |

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| July 8 | This afternoon Piercy preached Slote, see the last page. Woodruff from New York came down with Piercy. Piercy not well. Woodruff made prayer Slote. Read Hymn. |
| 8 | Night Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrences. Full Meeting. Several Side Methodists there of whom were old Betsy Sneden and her granddaughter, John Moore, Naut Cooper. Text is Isaiah I think: The Righteous that doeth Good shall receive the Reward of his doings and the Evil shall Receive the reward of his Doings. They both stay at Jonathan Lawrences for night, horse at my house. I did not see Richard there and Mary Concklin at Meeting. |
| Tamar joined | 8 Tamar joined Meeting tonight. Class Meeting. |
| | 9 Overcast to Day with some Rain more or less by turns all day. |
| | 9 Piercy and Woodruff Stay last night at Jonathan Lawrences and went away from there about 4 o'clock afternoon. Ate there. I kept the horse &c. They went to Ramsey. |
| Richd. Van Wickle charge Against &c | 9 Richard, Complaint against made by Jacob Gesner and Herbert Gesner for Drunkenness. Piercy sent him a few lines. Richard Van Wickle at Johnny Lawrences. He came Jonathan Lawrences And was there examined by Piercy. |
| I called but one Meeting on this point Ja Gesner's Accusation The Subject taken in the Middle John D Conk had Assigned ? | 9 Jacob Gesner, hard talk at Jonathan Lawrences Against me. I said has Malice in his heart against me. We was not to belong to the same class. Answered he would leave it. I said he could do as he had a mind to, or I could. Charged me there with calling so many Meetings of the Class, which had made so much trouble. And that I told his mother that if she did not invite Polly Concklin to come in there at My house, I would do something. I answered it was the Accusation brought Against his Mother by John D. Concklin who was at this time acting quite Indecent in the Class which difficulty I was endeavoring to Reconcile. His Mother had said she would not have her in the house. I then said the same Accusation Against her must be against me and therefore could not belong to same Class. |

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| Aug. | 22 | Rainy to Day. I & Herbert Lawrence Argument on the Way of Salvation. It appears he supported the idea that what Christ had suffered on the Cross &c was nothing to Man's Salvation, that Christ was only a Man, possessing more of the Divine nature than any other Man, that Christ was only an example to us, that what he suffered on the Cross was nothing to us, and that it was only Christ within us &c, and further there will be no Resurrection of the Body; that Man was not conceived in Sin and brought forth in iniquity, that the Spirit which was given to every Man was all that was Necessary, follow its Dictates. |
| | 23 | Clear Today |
| | 23 | I mowed in Bottom forenoon, put it up afternoon 41 Cocks. Benjamin Sneden and his son Samuel helped Rake &c. |
| Hay | 24 | Middling clear to Day. Jacob Post helped bring 2 loads hay and 1 Jag Oats. Benjamin Sneden only helped to Day. Charles Gesner helped afternoon and past forenoon. |
| Hay | 25 | Took 1 load more out of Bottom, a very big load, Samuel Sneden and Benjamin helped Rake &c. Wheeler helped load &c. |
| | 25 | Very Clear all Day, Wind NW and cool, sky very blue to Night, very Cold |
| | 25 | Jacob Gesner exclaimed very hard against shouting, Jangled with Peggy, Amusing her, with her Abusing Henry and telling him he lied and was not fit to belong to a meeting. |
| | 26 | Jacob Gesner and Betsy to Old Side prayer meeting tonight. |
| | 26 | Very clear all day, not a cloud to be seen. |
| | 26 | Jacob Gesner and, I expect, his wife to old side Meeting. He was singing before meeting went in, Jonathan Lawrence said. Stir preached. |
| Ferris | 26 | Old Jabess Ferris here afternoon in Dirt and under a jack coat in Rags. Appeared very thin in flesh and forsaken and miserable. Went down to John Harings, a poor creature. Was a while here Monday Night. |

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| Aug. 27 | Clear, cool Nights. I Mowed Grass by the Willows. |
| 28 | Foggy this Morning. I mowed some in upper Orchard, very cloudy and appeared for Rain. The Sun came through some Times. Brought in a large load from below. Samuel Sneden and Wheeler helped about 1 hour +. |
| David Blauvelt had My oxen 1 Day Monday | NB Yesterday brought in half a load out of bottom. Had Jacob Posts oxen about 1 1/2 hours. David Blauvelt had mine. |
| 28 | This day I have altogether of hay in barn, 13 loads. |
| Herbt. back 28 from Kingston | John Willse, George Quidor, William Herbert Gesner, and David Haring Back from Kingston, up North River. John and George had been for Coal, and they started up Monday, the 20th Instant. |
| 29 | Nearly clear this morning. Brought 1 load hay from the Orchard. |
| 30 | A little foggy this morning. Soon clear and Warm all Day. |
| 30 | Took from the Woods of Jacob Post David Blauvelts plank home. Jonathan Lawrence Helped me. |
| Cole 30 Preached | Mr. Cole preached at Big House tonight on the nature and necessity of Repentance from a penitential Psalm of David. Good Moderate discourse. The House full &c. |
| Abba Gwefes 30 Went away | Abby Gwefes here, drank tea, went with us to hear Cole preach at Big House. She stayed at Jacob Posts all night. Went to New York the 31st about 12 o'clock with Steam Boat. |
| 31 | Very thick fog this morning, broke into clouds, got to be nearly clear about 8 o'clock. Thunder shower near Sun Set from the west, with a good Deal of Rain. |
| Rain 31 | Jacob Gesner this morning not very well, walked up to Jonathan Lawrences, where he was taken very ill indeed with his complaint in his body. A Message came by William H. Lawrence. Jonathan and Sally was at my house. I ran up immediately, found Herbert Lawrence there and Matthias A. Concklin. Poor Jacob distressed bad. Gracy, Jonathan and Sally soon came, and Betsy his wife ahead. Got somewhat better after about one hour. He is an afflicted man. |
| Ja Gesner ill | |

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| Aug 31 | Jonathan Lawrence had a bag of Corn ears. |
| 31 | Cholera Raged a few Days past in Closter. Several Died. Mrs. Bogert, in digging up her Sons Clothes which were buried to wash them she and a boy took it and both died &c. |
| Cholera | Cholera is now spread pretty much over all the United States. A Solemn Judgment. |
| 31 | |
| Sept. 1 | Very clear and cool, wind from NW, clear all day, Sky blue |
| 1 | Mowed again in Orchard. Brought in 1 load hay, Samuel Sneden, Miller, and Benjamin Sneden helped some. |
| Robt. Sneden 1 | Robert Sneden poorly (it is said) with Bloody flux. Mrs. Chapman has |
| Dysentery | Cholera in point. |
| 2 | Clear and pleasant all Day, no clouds |
| 2 | Jacob Gesner and wife steady to Old Side prayer meetings, and from every appearance of both language and deportment seems inclined to destroy the last Remains of Reform here. He attends their meetings, sings, prays, and exhorts, and entirely neglects to encourage and to continue of our Own praying Meetings, and is in the midst of them, and to me shows the Manifest indifference of hatred, and for what cause God only knows. I am perfectly innocent; his eye is constantly over me for evil; exercises over the Remaining few an unbecoming authority and self determination he cannot bear to hear a Groan or Shout from reform openly declared; but can bear it in the Old Side. It has every appearance of seeking to get some cause to leave the Reform. He seems as if he cannot bear to hear me talk anything against the episcopal Government, nor yet speak in favor of Reform. It seems Singular to me, he certainly uses language to others, he would not allow in others, the Lord give him an understanding heart. |
| Jacob Gesner | |
| Adheres strictly to Old Side | |

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| Sept. 3 | Mistress Chapman better. |
| Rain 4 | Heavy Rain last Night and continued till after 12 midday |
| 4 | Night clear |
| Piercy 4 did not come | Piercy was to be down to preach at Jonathan Lawrences tonight, but did not come. Perhaps the unfavourableness of the weather prevented. He still might have come this afternoon. |
| 4 | Mr. Van Kleek exhorted the Meeting, Jacob Gesner prayed, John Van Kleek prayed, I ditto. Henry Concklin and Mary Ann Beaumont prayed and we had a good meeting &c. |
| Betsy Ja Ges 4 wife sick | Jacob Gesners wife Betsy bad with Relax. I got Away to go for Dr. Perry, little after 10 o'clock night. |
| 5 | Clear with some clouds this morning. |
| Doct. Perry 5 | Dr. Perry came late in the past night, intending to go to New York from Fort Lee, and stopped and concluded that Jacob Gesners wife Betsy had the Bloody Disentery. |
| Piercy 5 preachd. Slote | Piercy came at my house a little before Sun Set, drank tea, I took my horse, put him before his carriage, and rode with him to Slote. Henry Concklin came on foot Piercy preached at Night. Text: Psalms, verse 8 of Chapter "The Lord giveth sight to the blind, The Lord loveth the Righteous." Good sermon. Middling number of hearers. Jacob Gesner not there, Betsy sick. |
| Killed lamb 6 | Cold, cloudy, wind NW. I killed small ewe lamb. Jacobs wife continues poorly. Doctor Perry stopped last evening on his return from Fort Lee. |
| Ja Ges wife | See the 5th. |
| Doct. Perry | 6 |
| Piercy 6 | Piercy preached Jonathan Lawrences at night. Good number hearers. Excellent sermon, yea extraordinary. Text Amos: "prepare thyself to Meet thy God" |

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| Sept. 6 | | 70 feet for a Methodist Protestant meeting house. He, John Iseman and his wife Catherine freely consented, and gave their mutual consent, Gratis, not asking a cent, said it would not make or break him. The Lord bless them. |
| Piercy Preachd. Slote | 7 | Piercy preached to Night at Slote on the Resurrection. Text: The 50th Psalm and 3rd and 4th Verses. An uncommon collection of hearers I suppose about 200. Many out doors. Remarkable Discourse, I there, Jonathan Lawrence there, and Henry Concklin and wife there. Gracy had to stay home to take care of Tamar. |
| Jacob's Wife very sick | 7 | Jacobs wife very sick. |
| | 8 | Clear, handsome morning. Piercy and Nash stay'd the 3 preceding nights with me. Horse altogether in. Came Wednesday last. |
| Meeting house Subscription | 8 | I, Piercy and Nash went to a few places ie John Lawrence and David Blauvelt to James Ivers to get subscription. Drank tea there. I came home got Piercy's Horse and Gig went up to Derick Clark's Niack Night. Piercy and Nash walked from James Ivers to Derick Clarks. |
| Piercy Preachd Niack, Derick Clark, Grief & tears &c. | 8 | Preached there, a full house 8 or 10 Mourners. Remained in Meeting after out, held Class Meeting. They bowed their knees to the Lord. Oh! the tears, cries. The Lord present, we all on our knees praying to the Lord. Altho a mournful penitential time, yet what a Glorious time. Bless the Lord O my soul. I came home with Gig. Piercy and Nash stay'd at Derick Clarks. |

NOTE: Mourner's Bench and Altar. In past years in a Methodist service, the unconverted were encouraged to come forward to a "mourner's bench" and pray with a minister to be led "into that repentance and exercise of faith that resulted in the experience of conversion" Short, R. H. 1974. *United Methodism in Theory and Practice*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press .

| 1832 | | Momento |
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| Sept. 9 | | Clear all day, a most beautiful Day. |
| Prayr. M. 9 | | I and Jacob Gesner went up prayer meeting at Derick Clarks, 7 o'clock AM |
| Niack | | a good many people. |
| Piercy 9 | | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrences, 10 o'clock. Good many. |
| Preached 9 | | Piercy preached at Slote School House 3 o'clock. I never saw so many |
| a vast Number | | hearers at none of our meetings. The room was so full that it could |
| of hearers | | contain no more, and out Doors, enough people for a good meeting I |
| | | suppose between 2 and 3 hundred. A Remarkable sermon, a thousand |
| Piercy 9 | | tears, and in prayer many bowed the knee. Oh! Glorious work of God. |
| preached | | Phebe Sneden John Snedens widow at Slote and her Girls attend every |
| | | Meeting, at Jonathan Lawrences, at the Slote, at Richard or Derick Clarks |
| | | tonight where Piercy preached tonight. Afterwards, prayer meeting. The |
| | | house was full, the entry and other Room. Good sermon. I, Jacob Gesner, |
| | | Henry Concklin and Peggy went up Dericks tonight. We took the waggon |
| | | from the Slote to Clarks. But Gracy, Peggy Post, and Sally Ann Sneden, |
| | | Benjamin Snedens daughter, walked home from the Slote. |
| Woods & 10 | | Clear. Brother Wood and George Smith came from Haverstraw and met |
| Smith | | me and Jacob Gesner at Richard Clarks Nyack, a full meeting again. James |
| | | Grahams daughter Margaret, very tender mourner. Good meeting. The |
| | | Lord seems to have blessed Derick or Richard Clarks family. I and Jacob |
| | | Gesner got home 12 o'clock night. Woods and Smith stay'd at Clarks. |
| Woods & 11 | | Morning appears dull, with a Send from SE. Woods and Smith came down |
| Smith | | to my house 1 o'clock PM. Rainy afternoon. They held meeting Slote at |
| | | Night. Weather stormy. About 50, or nearly, good meeting. |



*House of John
"Boss" Sneden the
shipbuilder in
Piermont;
Phebe and her
family continued
to live there after
his death in 1829.
Phebe was the
daughter of John
Gesner, Nicholas's
older brother.*

| 1832 | Memento |
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| Sept. 12 | Clear this morning. Cloudy Midday, Clear night. |
| Vendue I 12 | I went to the Vendue of Walter Parsels, Deceased. Bought cow for 19 |
| bought Cow 12 | dollars. This cow I paid for. |
| | NB from Tuesday the 4th Instant at night to Tuesday the 11th Instant at night I attended 11 Meetings taken at Derick Clarks, Slote, and Jonathan Lawrences at Rockland. |
| Sent Grain 13 | Clear all day, Sent by Old Cooper better than 4 Bushels sheld Corn and |
| to Mill 13 | better than 4 Bushels Rye to Nagels Mill. |
| | Cole preached at Peter Rikers to night. I not there. |
| Mowd Swamp 14 | Clear all day. I mowed yesterday and today in swamp. |
| quilting 14 | Gracy this afternoon to Peggy Posts quilting. |
| Hicksite 15 | I and Jonathan Lawrence had a controversy on Hicksite principles. |
| | Cloudy and little Rainy this morning. |
| fixed Camp 15 | I, Jonathan Lawrence and Jacob Gesner and some help of David Blauvelt, |
| Meet. ground | fixed Camp Meeting Ground. Got David Blauvelts barn floor planks. |
| Nick Brower 15 | Nicholas Brower and wife and 4 children and my cousin Helene the |
| &c | daughter of my uncle Nicholas Brower and Sarah Drake who married one Maning, came all to Day to my house from New York. Abraham Vervalen brought them from Slote with wagon. |
| I and Brower 16 | Nicholas Brower and self went to Nyack to see John Gesner to obtain |
| to Nyack | testimony on Brower concern. Met Mr. Nash between Johnny Lawrences and Clarks, to speak at Jonathan Lawrences. We returned at 2 o'clock, met him near George Quidors. He was going to Derick Clarks to speak. Met Jacob Gesner and Henry Concklin at Johnny Lawrences. I gave up the horse and wagon to Jake and Henry. |
| Nash exhorts at Jon L. and twice at Derick Clark's | They went to Clarks. I took dinner at Jonathan Lawrences, Brower went on to my house, and I walked back to Derick Clarks. Nash spoke well about 1/2 after 3 o'clock and also at night, both times full meeting, but at Jonathan Lawrences a few. |
| Thunder 16 | I, Henry and Jacob Gesner, just got home at night, 10 o'clock, and it began |
| Shower | to Rain. Just cleared ourselves, a thunder shower. |
| John Gesner 17 | I went with Nicholas Brower to Niack got John Gesners Affidavit. His (Browers |
| I went | wife and children 4 and Helen Maning the daughter of uncle Nicholas at Slote Landing illegible |

NOTE: In the mid 1820s, wealthy Friends in leadership positions in Quaker organizations in Philadelphia began to "express disunity" openly disagree with the ministry of Elias Hicks, a rural traveling minister from Long Island, NY, whose ministry emphasized direct experience of God over reliance on scripture. Hicks himself was concerned that urban, successful and wealthy Friends particularly in Philadelphia but also in the United Kingdom had strayed from the testimonies and early practices of Friends. Of particular concern to Hicksite Friends was the adoption of Protestant notions of the authority of scripture over the Light of the Inward Christ, endorsement of justification and sanctification over the more traditional Quaker sense of gradual conviction, and the use of Trinitarian language. *Wikipedia*

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Sept. 18 | Pretty Clear |
| Camp M. 18 | Camp Meeting began Rockland, George Manns meadow. |
| Piercy 18 | Piercy Preached first Sermon at night. About 15 hearers, good sermon. |
| 18 | Piercy Preached, 10 o'clock AM. Not many hearers |
| Taylor 19 | Taylor came, preached 3 o'clock PM. Good congregation. |
| 19 | McDugal came, preached night. Many hearers, some mourners. |
| Henderson 20 | Henderson came late in afternoon. |
| 20 | Samuel Henderson preached 10 o'clock. Good congregation |
| McDugal 20 | McDugal preached 3 o'clock PM Perhaps 300 hearers. |
| Tho. came, 20 | President Thomas came about 3 o'clock PM and Lacost. |
| Lacost | |
| Taylor 20 | Taylor preached at night, very many hearers, increase of mourners. This night a very solemn night. About 10 or 11 mourners, Cries and tears. NB Weather till yet, fair and beautiful. |
| 21 | Looks very Stormy, this morning. Drissels, wind NE. |
| Lacost prchd. 21 | Lacost preached 10 o'clock AM; a short but good sermon. |
| &c Wt. Away | Went away as soon as he had done preaching. |
| 21 | Henderson preached 3 o'clock. Taylor spoke after him good. |
| Piercy 21 | Piercy at night, very Good sermon. Thomas afterwards. Some mourners. |
| 22 | A little Rainy till 12 o'clock, began last night after service not rain to hinder. |
| Hobbs 22 | Hobbs Preached very well 10 o'clock, not many people. Little Rainy, not much. |
| 22 | Piercy Preached at 3 o'clock, remarkable sermon, many hearers. |
| Thos. 22 | Thomas at night, good sermon, a multitude of people, perhaps 3 or 4 hundred. After Preaching 8 mourners, after that an extraordinary prayer meeting in Markee. People lingered to hear &c, |
| 22 | Clear as a Bell to Night. |
| 23 | Clear and Beautiful Sky all Day. |
| Henderson 23 | Henderson Preached Morning 10 o'clock AM |
| Ja Conk. 23 | Jacob Concklin up from New York had brought Horse and Waggon &c. Was offered 15 Dol. to Church |
| | at Camp Meeting, friendly to Methodist Protestant. Said would give 15 Dollars toward the church, he offered this sum twice at different times, and sober. Ask Jacob Gesner too. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Sept. 23 | Thomas preached afternoon, a great sermon. Above 1000 people. |
| Members 23 | Piercy preached at Night, a tender Sermon, a large congregation, took in about 17 members, of which 5 or 6 from New York &c. |
| farewell 24 | Prayer Meeting at the Stand about 9 o'clock, members, mourners, and many others. Experience related in an extraordinary manner. God with us, a blessed time, singing and praising God. A farewell, sorrowful parting with tears. May it be long remembered. |
| Piercy Slote 24 | Piercy preached at Slote at night, School House full. Abundant tears, God works, Smith and Wood Stay'd till the last. |
| Smith & Wood | |
| Camp | NB Camp Meeting began the 18th September, 1832, Rockland, and ended 24th. |
| Meeting | The number of Preachers present longer or shorter Piercy, Henderson, |
| began & see | The President, Hobbs, McDugall, Lacost, and Taylor. And very powerfull |
| the 18th | preaching, but all did not come at first nor continue till done. Taylor went |
| and ended | Away the 22nd. McDugal went away the 21st. |
| Piercy & his 25 | Rains very hard this morning. Held up about 8 or 9 o'clock AM. Wind NW. |
| Wife Wt. away | Piercy stayed at Jonathan Lawrences last night. Went away about 9 o'clock AM, he and his wife. |
| Cleared 25 | I, Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Gesner, Henry Concklin, cleared Camp |
| Camp Ground | Ground, put up fence, but left the 40 planks and 20 boards on the Camp |
| | Ground heaped in heaps. Got of Manning |
| Benj. Sned. 25 | Benjamin Sneden moved Away to New York in the Morning with his |
| Moved Away | family. Had left the city on account of the Cholera. Gave me 10 Dollars for 10 weeks. |
| 26 | Clear |
| 26 | Methodist Protestant prayer meeting at Derick Clarks. I, Jacob Gesner, Henry Concklin and Lucy there from Rockland. Old Side had Meeting at Jacoxes same night. We had about 25. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Sept. 27 | Cloudy, no Rain. I cut down a few Corn stalks, the first &c. |
| 28 | Cloudy |
| Piercy 28 | Piercy came down at Slote quite dusk. Preached at Slote. 7 Mourners, John |
| Wm. Harris | Wickard was one. House full, and Harris came down in the afternoon to see about getting Rockland School. |
| Subscription 29 | Piercy and Jonathan Lawrence went to get subscribers did well. |
| for Mg. Ho. | |
| Harris 29 | A special meeting of School District No. 1, Rockland, 3 candidates: Jacob |
| chosen | Sneden, young Moses Taylor and Harris &c. Harris was chosen by vote. He is a young man, about 18 years. |
| Piercy Prchd. 29 | Piercy preached upper landing School House at night, full, good meeting. |
| upper Landing | NB Piercy intended to have preached at Slote School House, but it was Reported the evening before this; that Ster, Old Side, was to Preach there, and that his appointment was prior to Piercys, so to prevent interruption Piercy appointed it at New Landing. Old Side had no meeting at Slote. Think on it. |
| 29 | Cloudy all Day. At night a little drisling by turns. Old Side had a meeting at Slote, 30 This Morning a Cloudy Mist, thick overcast.. |
| Mary Conck 30 | Mary Concklin joined Old Side Methodist, Went ? her. |
| joined old Side | |
| Piercy Prchd. 30 | Piercy stayed last night with Widow Phebe Sneden at the Slote. Derick |
| at Clarkstown | Clark took his horse and Gig up, while Piercy walked to Phebes. |
| Oct. 1 | Cloudy and Drisly most all day by turns, seemed to clear in West at Night. |
| Piercy 1 | Piercy came down quite dark, preached at Sloat Night, most affecting, house not crowded. Sermon text in Ecclesiastes. Kept Class, Most all Remained in Meeting. |
| 1 | Piercy after Meeting Went and Stayd with Phebe Sneden. I took horse. |
| Ja Ges ill 1 | Jacob Gesner not to Meeting to Night, very ill with his side. |
| Harris School 1 | This Day Harris went with Jacob Post to see how many Scholars could be raised for a School at Rockland District No. 1. |
| &c | |
| Ja Conck Died 1 | Clear at 11 o'clock at night. Jacob Concklin died suddenly at New York. |
| 2 | Cloudy morning |
| Piercy 2 | Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrences, not very many. Middling |
| Frost 2 | Clear night. Frost this Morning. |
| Rain 3 | Cloudy mostly all Day, towards night mostly clear, but in the Evening, while in Meeting upper landing, School House, hard Rain. |

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| | Oct. 3 | Piercy Preached upper or new Landing School House at Night. House full. |
| | Piercy | Rain in evening. Held up when Meeting went out. |
| | 3 | NB Baker preached in New Landing School House last Night, and I was credibly informed that he run out Against Reformers in a Shameful Degree. Derick Clark left the House. Billy Graham told me too that he spoke very much and evil of Reform. Billy entreated us to show not Resentment but pray for him, which we also intended. Hank Falk told Jonathan Lawrence that he Baker had no more Religion in him than his Arse had. Shocking Work! |
| | Baker presented Reform | |
| | 3 | Gracys Birthday. I and Jacob Gesner and Jonathan Lawrence to Meeting Upper Slote. |
| | Subscribers | 3 Jonathan Lawrence and Piercy went about for Subscribers for Reform Meeting House on Rockland Slote Hill Saturday last, Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday. |
| | 2 | This Day we had correct information that Jacob Concklin Died, being ill about 3 only Hours. Died yesterday about 9 o'clock AM. |
| | Jacob Concklin Dead But how did he come Dead | It is also Related that Elmira, his unlawful Wife, a few Days Ago while Jacob Concklin was up at Rockland, went to be Married Again. The Carriage overset, and she broke her arm, which interrupted this Beastly Woman from performing this act. Applied to a Doctor, who knew her Design it is said told her she must go somewhere else he would not set it &c. This is now Reported. But the poor Mortified man is Dead, supposed with the Cholera. But Circumstances present to the Mind the question: Don't you think perhaps a Dose of Laudanum or poison has been taken, or Given him. This man was the most deplorable victim of mortifying affection for a Beastly Woman, an unclean Strumpet (so said that ever was &c. She proved a total destruction to him, his peace, his constitution by drinking and harassing him, sold his property last May, and she had consumed nearly all. He was married to her and she had a husband living, no divorce, a Stinking beast. |
| | Elmira his unlawful Wife a Stinking Beast | |

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| | Oct. 4 | A little foggy this. Cloudy all day nearly. |
| | I Wt. 4 | I went to to Abraham Houses. Peggy House, John Houses widow, |
| | Abr. Houses | Requested me: on business between her and Abraham House on the |
| | | property of John House, &c. She not there. |
| | 4 | Clear to Night. Cose had oxen to Day to work for Ben Gravestein. |
| | Ja Ges to Doc 4 | Jacob Gesner and wife went up to Doctor Cornelisons to Day. My horse |
| | Cornelisons | and Peter Rikers chaise. Back Dusk. |
| | Benj Snedens 4 | I wrote or finished writing Benjamin Snedens Will to Day. He came up |
| | Will | Tuesday last and went down to Day with Westchester. |
| | 5 | Clear this Morning and all Day. Night Clear |
| | Woods and 5 | Brother Woods and George Smith down, held meeting Slote School House, |
| | Geo. Smith | but few hearers. I there, and Jacob Gesner. |
| | 5 | Jonathan Lawrence helped me part of this afternoon at Corn Stalks. |
| | Jon Law 6 | A most beautiful Day. Clear and pleasant. Jonathan to Training, had Sorrel. |
| | Training | |
| | 6 | I tied up stalks. |
| | Woods & 6 | Brother Woods and Smith held Prayer Meeting Rockland School House, only a few. |
| | Smith | Wynche there, David Blauvelt and his wife Lucy there. Jacob Gesner to Slote. |
| | Sing. School | Brother Nash to Slote School House to Day to engage in Singing school. |
| | tied corn 7 | Cloudy look likely for Rain. I had stalks stouted but put Bands around |
| | Stalks | them for fear of Rain. |
| | Geo Smith 7 | George Smith and Woods, the last 2 nights with me. |
| | &Nash to 7 | George Smith went to Derick Clarks on foot, Nash to meet him there to |
| | Niack | hold meeting 10 o'clock AM. |
| | Woods at Jon 7 | Woods to hold Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock AM, had about |
| | Law | 15, a Good Exhortation from Brother Woods and a good Meeting. Herbert |
| | appears Rainy | there. Still Appears Rainy. |
| | Nash Woods 7 | Nash, Woods and George Smith held meeting Slote School House half after |
| | & Smith | 2 o'clock PM. Excellent exhortation and prayers. Brother Nash |
| | | remarkable in prayer. |
| | Do Do at 7 | At night at upper Landing School House. Good many hearers, excellent |
| | upper Landing | Meeting. After Slote Meeting Jacob Gesner, Gracy, Henry Concklin, and |
| | | Self came as far as Jonathan Lawrences. I and Jonathan went up to upper |
| | | Landing School House. |
| | 7 | No Rain of Any Consequence till 1 o'clock night, appear to break away. |

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| Oct. 8 | Cloudy this morning |
| Nich Conck 8 Certificate | Nicholas Concklin gave me a Certificate that I had privilege to pass over his wood lot. |
| Jersey Tax 8 | Jersey Collector came to Collect taxes. I was taxed for 30 acres of land 3.20 and old Campbell in Closter for 30 acres 1.17, I think it was 15 or 17 cents, look at it. I did not now pay it. |
| Nich Gesner 8 seems to violate his agreement About my Road | Nicholas Concklin had firmly agreed to let me have ground for a Road &c. at the time of Jacob Concklins Vendue, and Since also said the same. But today hesitated and gave me no conclusive answer. His firm promise he is willing to violate, and it appears, has. He shirked off as soon as possible &c. |
| 9 | Overcast All day, sometimes a little mist. |
| I & Jon L. 9 to Hackensack | I and Jonathan Lawrence went to Hackensack to Lawyer Campbell, enquired into Peggy Houses concern. He charged 3 . Peggy Gave me 3 which I gave him. |
| 9 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts. I not there, was too late after coming from Hackensack and taking care of Horse. Cose took him below. |
| My concern 9 with John G. Conk | I also mentioned my concern with John G. Concklin. |
| Harris 9 began School | Harris began Day School Rockland School District No. 1. Had at first 15 Scholars, he said. |
| Hard Rain 10 | Very hard rain this morning, till 10, then held nearly up. Cloudy all day and night. |
| Ja Ges to NY 10 | Jacob Gesner ventured to go New York. Had 3 Barrels and 6 Baskets apples. |
| 11 | Cloudy, thick overcast, yet looks like for more Rain and did Rain hard morning. |
| Ja Ges Bk. 11 | Jacob Gesner back, had poor time at New York. Apples fetched but little. |
| Bot at Houses 12 Cloth paid | Bought at Abraham Houses 1 1/4 yds Brown Cloth at 28 shillings per yard = 35 shillings unpaid at present. Since paid. |

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| Oct. 11 | | I Went with Jonathan Lawrence New Landing, he had Johnny Lawrences team and wagon, fetched wood. I bot Cloth of Houses. See the last page of equal Date. |
| Jon Law | 12 | Cloudy all day, almost. Jonathan Lawrence helped cut stalks over Road. |
| Stalks | | |
| tied | 13 | Cloudy morning, nearly clear midday. Afternoon looks for Rain. |
| Corn Stalks | | I tied up Corn Stalks this afternoon and Harris helped Stout |
| | 14 | Cloudy this morning, afternoon clear, night cold. |
| Baptist | 14 | I and Harris went to Baptist Meeting Slote, a great Discourse &c by Dow. |
| 4 Day Meetg. | | NB Baptist 4 Day Meeting, ends to Night, I expect. |
| Stephenson | 14 | Stephenson and son John up this afternoon, Jacob Concklins Horse and Waggon, come to see about Jacob Concklins concerns. He said Elmira had taken out letters of Administration. |
| &c | | |
| | 15 | Clear, a very white frost this morning. |
| Went | 15 | I went early with John Lydecker to his stone quarry, had Esquire Smiths chains and compass, to take a survey of his lots in partnership with his Brother Albert south of Bomepies hook, but his brother died sometime ago with Cholera. Wanted a division &c and a Law therefore &c. |
| Lydecker | | |
| Quarry | | |
| Witzel in | 15 | Piercy not down but Witzel in his Room, preached at Slote at night. House not crowded. His text Isaiah Chapter 60 and 1,2,3, Verses. |
| Piercys Stead | | |
| | 16 | White frost and Ground hard frozen on ploughed Ground and Ice. |
| Witzel | 16 | Afternoon Brother Piercy came up from New York at Slote and came to Jonathan Lawrences. But Brother Witzel preached there at Night a few |
| preachd. | | good sermon. |
| Jon Law | | |
| Taylor very | 16 | Taylor went up early, left his waggon at Jacob Eckersons. Pots preached at Slote. Taylor seemed to take many along in upper Neighborhood. I was told by |
| busy | | |
| Against Reform | | Lucy Blauvelt that Sally Ann, Elias's wife, said that Taylor had talked ill and spoken very bad against Reform. |
| I to | 16 | I at Houses on Peggy Houses and Abraham Houses Concern. I came back just Day light off to Jonathan Lawrences. |
| Houses | | |
| Witzel | 17 | Witzel Preached at New Landing School House. Brother Piercy there also. He exhorted afterwards |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Oct. 17 | The Greatest Sermon perhaps ever preached at Rockland or the Slote Was preached at New landing School House this night by Thomas T. Witzel (Piercy present). The schoolhouse was completely filled with hearers. He, Witzel, in his introduction touched on the Roman Catholic Church Despotism and Power &c, His text was the 62 Chapter Isaiah and 10 Verse, a wonderful sermon. He pointed the obstructions in the Way to Zion in various ways, the Storms, after many things, the Great Obstacle was Sectarian bigotry, faithfully in Christian love strived to remove all prejudices, calling on Great and Small present old and young, to assist in the Removal of these impediments. He was wonderfully engaged, Closed with a most affecting exhortation. |
| A Great Sermon by Witzel | |
| Peggy and Eli joined M. Prot. | Eli, Daughter of Phebe Sneden, and Peggy Concklin joined Reform at New Landing School House. |
| Taylor's Scandalous Deportment | Moses Taylor is Running the Neighborhood filling it with his lies and Reproaches against Reform in the most Shameful unchristian manner. The Old Side have completely in this Neighborhood yoked their members, Dupified their senses, and forbid them any intercourse with Reform; Got the greater part of them tattling and lying. |
| 18 | Clear, nearly fair in afternoon. Piercy and Witzel last night at Phebe Snedens. Went away this morning to Clarkstown &c. |
| 18 | John Moore let his tongue run to Henry Concklin against Reform. |
| Elias Kent told Hen. | Elias Kent told Henry Concklin to Day that it was too bad So as they the old Side did lay out Reform. |
| Map & Petition John Lydecker | I wrote Petition for John Lydecker today and yesterday, Drew the Map of Quarry. The Petition to go in Jersey Legislature. |
| 19 | Went Again on Peggy Houses concern. I expect now Conclusion. |
| 19 | Cloudy all Day. Looks likely for Rain. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Jersey tax Oct. 19 lies in 19 circulation Against Reform People Must become prejudiced persecution | Paid Jersey tax to Vorhis at Herberts, Mary Ann present. Taylor and Some of the Old Side, circulating their Venom against Reform in the Most Shameful Manner. Piercy was Bought, Henderson was a liar and it is said can be proved against him in the case of Moses offering Reform 20 Dollars towards building then a Meeting house besides every wicked effort is made to injure the case of Reform; biasing the minds of the people with their ungrounded prejudices, acting as warriors against Gods cause, without authority therefore or without conviction. What wicked persecution! |
| 19 | I went to Slote on Peggy Houses concern, mentioned before. |
| 20 | Cloudy morning. Clear from 10 o'clock till night &c. I threshed Buckwheat. Old Cooper helped from after 2 o'clock. |
| Lacost 20 not come Prayr. Mg. | Lacost did not come to Jonathan Lawrences to Preach at night We held Prayer Meeting. John D. Concklin and Sally his wife, William and Peggy there. Jonathan Lawrence spoke well. |
| Sally wife 20 of John D Conck. told Gracy &c. | Sally, the wife of John D. Concklin, said to Gracy that she never heard so much talk and persecution in her life as in this Place. |
| 21 | Clear, somewhat cloudy |
| More Cloth at 20 Houses | Jonathan Lawrence got on my account at House a half yard of Brown Cloth. Did not get enough on the 11th Instant, which see. |
| 21 | Not very clear all Day. |
| Lacost not 21 come | At 10 o'clock AM there was to have been Preaching, but Lacost did not come so we had a Prayer Meeting, a Good Many, Jonathan Lawrence spoke well and made a good prayer. This is the first prayer of his. |
| Prayr. 21 Meetg. | At night Prayer meeting at School House, New Landing. House full. Jonathan Lawrence spoke a little. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Oct. 24 | Sky looks cold, black hazy appearance |
| M.C. 24 | Near 12 o'clock saw M.C. and Phebe opposite upper field, getting wood. Just spoke only to Phebe. |
| 25 | Nearly clear |
| 25 | I went with Peggy House afternoon with John D. Concklin and William D. Concklin to Slote. Settled her concerns with Abraham House. I drew writings from each to the other. Peggy got Pretty well. Harris back from New York. I killed black Lamb, fat. |
| Peggy House & Abr. House | |
| Catherine 25 Vanhouten | Catherine Van houten came to my house this afternoon. |
| 26 | Very cold last night. Ground hard frozen and thick ice. |
| Potato Bey 26 | I had a few hands to Dig Potatoes, Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Concklin, Old Cooper and William Lawrence and Jim Miller, ? came near 3 o'clock. Cose along fence. |
| Cath. Van 27 Houten Went Away | Catherine Van Houten Went Away this Morning. Jonathan Lawrence took her away and child with my horse to Steam Boat Slote. |
| 27 | Clear, somewhat Smoaky, not very cold. |
| 27 | It is said by Old Cooper that John Moore told him the Haverstraw Methodist Protestant Meeting House was Ready to tumble down, that the money Subscribed or Collected at Rockland for the Rockland Meeting would have to be taken to repair the Haverstraw Meeting House. Old Coooper asked Catharine Van Houten, who lives at Haverstraw whether it was true. She answered Tell him that it stands like a Rock she is not member I go every Sunday to Meeting in it and it wants for Christianity that makes him talk so. If he wants to believe it, let him go and look. |
| 28 | Cold Cloudy Wind NW. Yesterday had in Cellar, little potatoes 16 Bushels and 42 large |
| M. Protest. 28 | Prayer Meeting at Slote 3 o'clock, only 8 or 10, very cold, one glass broken. |
| Prayr. 28 Meeting Ja Ges Spoke &c | Prayer Meeting at upper landing School House, about 35, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Henry Concklin and wife, Jacob Gesner, self there from Rockland. Good Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence spoke, Harris spoke and Jacob Gesner spoke. |

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| Oct. 28 Peter Bell's Wife sick Died | After Meeting at upper Landing School House I and Harris stop to Peter Bells wife. She was sick, very ill with Typhus fever. I talk with her and prayed with her. Her hands and arms was very cold. She died, as I've understand, in the latter part of the night of the 29th Instant, ie sometime before Day of the 30th Instant. |
| Jon Law 29 potatoes | Clear, cool, Jonathan Lawrence helped dig potatoes, Old Orchard. |
| 29 Piercy Preachd. | Piercy came down with Steam Boat. Preached at Slote at Night. Text 6th Chapter Micah and 8th Verse "He hath shewed thee O Man what is Good and what Dost the Law Require of thee, But to do justly and to love Mercy and to walk humbly with thy God" Very Good sermon, very suitable to the persecution of Moses Taylor Against Reform. It was done in the spirit of Christian Meekness and circumspection. Not a Crowded congregation, not good many, &c. |
| Hen Conk 30 dug potatoes | Clear and a most Beautiful Day. Henry Concklin helped Dig potatoes best part of afternoon, not Jonathan Lawrence, but Cose. |
| 30 | Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrences. Only few, James Ivers and wife, Jacob Eckersons Jim and wife there. This sermon was Directly suitable to every ones condition, showing in what manner Christians ought to walk and quite suitable to check the persecution of Mr. Taylor, delivered in the most Christian Manner. After the sermon Piercy openly Declared that the Report of his being bought by the Reform from the Old Side as put in Circulation by Moses Taylor was no such thing, and was not true. And would henceforth pay no Regard to any such meanness or trash, and supposed that no considerate mind would pay any attention to it, and he would pay no further attention to it unless he, Moses, attempted to prove it &c &c. |

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| Tamars Oct. 30 Child Christened | Tamar Ann had her child Christened by Piercy to night at Jonathan Lawrences. The name "William Henry" |
| Moses Taylor Mean refs &c | NB Moses Taylor, it appears from well authenticated Report had behaved very assiduously in trying to Degrade Reform in the most Shameful manner, in the character of a Confirmed persecutor. After confessing to Piercy about 2 weeks ago that he believed what Piercy had said Relative to the Report of being bought, he still goes on to confirm it. Oh! Meanness of principal. May the Lord prosper the cause of Reform to his own Glory |
| Hen Conk. 31 & Jon Law. potatoes pot pye 31 | Clear, Beautiful Weather. Jonathan Lawrence and Henry Concklin helped dig potatoes. It was said that we worked about 1/2 Day and Dug about 28 Bushels little and Big. Brought in 20 Bushels big &c. Cose didn't do much. Had 1 Good pot Pye for Dinner. We came home to Dinner. Went about Between 9 and 10 o'clock, and quit the sun up about 1 1/2 hours. |
| Piercy 31 preachd. new land Sch. Ho. Nov. 1 | Went to Meeting, New Landing School House. Piercy preached. NB Collection made at 3 last Meetings and I don't believe there was more than 4 shillings in all 3 of the collections. |
| Jon Law 1 potatoes | Clear and Handsome Weather, very smoaky, Indian Summer. |
| | I went to Old Orchard about 1/2 after 9. Jonathan Lawrence came about 1/2 after 10 o'clock. We worked till near Sun Set at potatoes, most done. |
| | 2 Clear, smoaky, Beautiful Day. |
| Shoes 2 at Houses | I went to Slote. Got a pair of Shoes at Houses. At night helped Jacob Post a while husk corn. |
| | 3 Clear, Handsome, fixing to go Quarterly Meeting at Clarkstown. Went, heard only part of morning sermon, not many people. At night full of people. Piercy preached morning and Night. Sunday Morning Mrs. |
| Mrs. Thompson preachd. Clarkstown great many outdoors &c | Thompson preached a most extraordinary Sermon perhaps equalled if not exceeded the best I ever heard. Text was: A man had 2 sons said to the first son, Work in my Vineyard and said I will, and not &c. Many but not so full of people. |

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| <div> <p>Nov. 4 Mrs. Thompson Preached at Pond Meth. Prot. Church Nov. 4 1832 Sabbath 11 o'clock AM</p> </div> | <div> <p>Mrs. Thompson preached At the Pond or the Clarkstown Methodist Protestant Meeting House, perhaps the Greatest Sermon I ever heard. The Appearance, the gesture of Body, the eloquence, of her expressions, And the Substance of the sermon almost not to be equalled. She introduced her Subject by making the Most Sympathetic Remarks on the excitement of the people which may have induced them or Any part of them to come there. She in the Most Gaining manner Solicited her hearers to put aside Any thing that Might prevent her usefulness to them. Asked their Attention as it was her desire to do them good and to preach to the heart &c &c. She having paved the Way in so judicious and tender a Manner to have Admittance to their hearts, no Doubt Raised the expectation of the Vast concourse of people for something great, none Methink were disappointed, her figures were Strikingly Affecting perhaps not 10 out of it may be 3 or 4 Hundred people but was Melted into tears. She is a Woman not very likely, Still well looking With a Motherly and Christian composure; a little lusty, not tall, her language elegant, her ideas Acute and Well connected. her Sermon bore testimony to the great tenacity of though and Mind, in Short the Sermon Stands Meritorious of the highest Christian encomium. Text</p> </div> <div> <p>4 Rained a little towards Night a kind of drisling in our coming home from the above church but just day light off it Rained very hard and catched me and Gracy the Rain at big house Phebe Sneden and Hannah Concklin several illegible words from Pond Meeting House.</p> </div> |

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| Nov. | 5 | Cloudy, began to Rain at Night, in forenoon pretty clear. |
| | 6 | Stormy, Rain, Wind NE cold. |
| | 6 | My face on the left side is much swollen and painful and feel very unwell. head Ache, cold chills. Aches pain in my Right side. |
| | 7 | Cloudy all Day no Rain cold. |
| Tamar to NY | 7 | Tamar moved down to New York. Jim Miller went along. She came in the spring, had a child see September 3d its birth is entered. |
| Jim Wt. too | | |
| Cut sills | 7 | Jonathan Lawrence and Henry Concklin cut the 2 White Oak Sils in George Hazens woods. 40 feet. Squared them Roughly 1/2 day. |
| Jim Iseman | 7 | At Night let James Iseman have Henderson book, he thinks he had lent me Henderson's a book entitled An Introduction to Christianity but he is mistaken. I told book Got Here him I had one and did not want it. Gracy Remembers that he put it back in his pocket. He has asked well 5 or 6 times for it, but he was very groggy when he offered it. |
| lent | 7 | I lent Jonathan Lawrence 2 shillings he gave on pay to Tamar. She to New York. He paid this back. |
| I sick | 7 | I sick. Swollen face, left side, pain in my right side. Bones ache face seems as if it Gather; very painful. |
| | 8 | Cloudy all day. Cold. My face bad. Cold chills, fever. |
| Ja Ges.Pain | 8 | Jacob Gesner full of pain. |
| | 9 | Early Cloudy, 9 o'clock clear. This morning ground hard frozen. |
| Meth. Episc. | 9 | Episcopal Methodist New Meeting House Dedicated. One Dow, probably church the son of Joseph Dow the saddler who lived At Tappan just before dedicated today Revolutionary War His text was blank Perhaps of another family. |
| Powers | 9 | Jonathan Lawrence went alone to Day to dress out the timber in Jacob wanted Jon. Concklins wood. Henry Concklin and Jacob Gesner and Peggy to Old Side Law's Cow Meeting. Powers after Jonathans cow. |
| | 10 | Clear, cold this morning. Ground some frozen. Clear afternoon and night still nice day. |
| | 10 | Episcopal Methodist continues. See overleaf. |

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| Nov. 10 Episc. Meth. Meetg. continues 10 | Methodist Episcopal new Church Rockland had dedication sermon yesterday morning by Mr. Dow. It remained unfinished till evening. Morning had About 30 hearers, and evening About 70. Mr. Pots spoke some after Dow had done. This Morning about 29 Hearers. |
| I Recd. of 10 Geo Law 70 Dol | To Day I Received of George Lawrence 70 Dollars to procure Siding and plank from Albany intended for our Protestant Methodist Meeting House near Slote for which I gave him my Note. NB This money is supposed to be Collected from subscribers to pay said George Lawrence. |
| Jon Law 10 Hen Conck. I better 11 11 Old Side Meeting I th. 12 Hen Conk 12 lot Piercy 12 Preachd. Slote | Jonathan Lawrence and Henry Concklin dug the last potatoes below about 3 baskets and picked some Apples in heaps or in Baskets. I sick; the Right foot. The swelling broke in my mouth while a Sleep &c, I got better, I am today considerably better. The pain in side and bones and chills not so severe. Clear, cool this morning. A handsome Day all Day. I went 11 o'clock to Methodist Episcopal New Meeting House, Rockland, tolerably well filled with hearers. Mr. Mosey preached I did not know the man, after Meeting I heard it was him. His text: 1st Epistle of John, 3d chapter and first clauses of first verse. A Middling good discourse but no guest preaching. Mr. Stir was there and Palmer. Most of all of Our Members attended also at this time. Clear all Day I went and Measured Henry Concklins lot. Got of Zebulon Woolsey. Piercy came and preached at Slote at Night very good sermon. Text Hebrews 19th Chapter, the 12, 13 14 Verses. House not very full, our Members mostly there. |

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| | Nov. 12 | Nov. 12 Jonathan Lawrence cut firewood below &c. |
| | John Ges 12 | John Gesner came down here yesterday near Night. |
| | J. Law 70 Dol 13 | Jonathan Lawrence took the 70 Dollars and carried it to Edward Briggs to buy Siding and boards at Albany. |
| | 13 | Clear all Day handsome Day |
| | 13 | Jonathan Lawrence picked the corn below, I went down with team &c. |
| | 13 | John Gesner went home on foot, appeared very much affronted because I went this morning to Jonathan Lawrences. While I was there in he comes at Jonathans, would not tarry, would go home, went off. Being Out doors told Mary Lawrence to ask me to come out. I went out. He appeared mad, said I should send his old Will &c up. I said I would. I told him I was willing to do his business, that the laying out of Henry Concklins lot yesterday and my business this morning was promised before he came down. He answered he knew &c how it was. NB Sunday the whole evening he and I sat alone till near midnight, and Monday morning had every opportunity to relate his business to me, but instead of this he was giving me a History of his Nova Scotia travels and never hinted to me his concern. I expected he would have stay'd 2 or 3 Days Comical Man. |
| | 13 | Piercy and Jacob Gesner out for to get subscribers &c this afternoon. |
| | Piercy 13 | Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrences a most excellent sermon, very affecting. House not Crowded. |
| | Jon Law 14 | Clear |
| | Piercy 14 | Piercy Preached upper landing School House House crowded, good and excellent Sermon. |
| | upper landg. 15 | Clear all Day, very Cold All this Night. |
| | Stephenson 15 | Stephenson from West Point here in search for a place. He went and stayed with Jonathan Lawrence all Night. He is called the Devils Ambassador. |
| | Harris's 15 | Stephenson brought tidings that William Harris's Mother is Dead About a fortnight Ago. |
| | Mother Dead | |

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| Nov. 16 Devils Ambass. Stephenson so called Marg. Rice 16 Yng. Daugh. born 16 | B. Stephenson at West Point was here. Told me that he was called at West Point the Devils Ambassador, for his being a means of handing there a small pamphlet showing 38 Reasons for leaving Methodist Episcopal Church. Margaret (Rice) Smith confined. A young Daughter. I and Mr. Stephenson to Jacob Eckersons to see the House and lot. None home. I to Enquire and to write, he first to write after he has concluded by Brother Piercy. |
| 16 J. Law, Geo L 16 Hen. C. timber John 16 Lydecker Paid 17 | Stephenson to New York. George Lawrence, Jonathan Lawrence, and Henry Concklin, Woods Clarks timber Search. Last night John Lydecker paid me for writing petition and drawing Map to Jersey Legislators. Cloudy this mornng, some like a storm, cold. |
| I Jon L & 17 Signed Note Rain 17 Jon & Geo 17 cut firewood 18 | I, Jonathan Lawrence, George M. Lawrence became a Security on a note from Henry Concklin to Zeb Woolsey of 25 Dollars, payable a year hence. Began to rain little before night. Rained hard in Night. Wind NE. Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence cut firewood for Jonathan below in my wood. Rainy this morning. Cleared off about 2 o'clock PM. Wind SW warm. |
| Meth. Prot. 18 Pray Meeting Hen Conk 18 Got Deed Meth. Prot. 18 Prayr. Meetg. Sch. house 19 | Methodist Protestant. I, Jacob Gesner, Henry Concklin, William Harris met at Jonathan Lawrences sang and prayed. Henry Concklin Received title last night for a lot of land of Zeb Woolsey near the old battery, Snedens fields. Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting, upper School House. About 50 besides some children. Jonathan Lawrence spoke, Jacob Gesner, and Harris, myself a few words. A Good prayer meeting. Foggy, no wind. Moderate this Morning. At night overcast and Rainy a little. |
| Husked corn 19 19 20 Henderson 20 preachd. | Husked corn for me, Jacob Post, Henry Concklin, Cose, Old Cooper, Aurianson, Jacob Gesner, self and Harris. High Wind from NW. Cold, cloudy all day. Samuel M. Henderson came up from New York near night, preached at Jonathan Lawrences. Good sermon, not many. It was late for inspiration. |

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| Nov. 20 | Hendersons text |
| Ja Ges tends 20 store at Larry's | Jacob Gesner, I understood, Went to Larry Snedens this Morning to tend Store. |
| 21 | Clear this morning, nearly still. cold |
| 21 | Henderson stayed with Jonathan Lawrence last night. He came up with steamboat. Henderson preached Slote last Night. Notice had not been given through Slote till Near Dark. In consequence only about 30 Hearers. |
| Henderson | his text, I think, Hebrews, 7th chapter, and last clause of 11 verse "What further need was there that another priest should Arise after the order of Melchisedek and not be called after the order of Aaron" However he took in hand to explain his being without father, without mother, without neither beginning of days nor end of life &c. It was well executed. He was one of whom no Record was made of Parentage, Birth nor Death, and consequently a more perfect emblem or type of Christ the Anointed of God who as it respects to his Divinity had neither beginning of days &c &c. Nilay and his wife the old side. |
| Rain 22 | Cloudy Rainy all Day not cold, wind NE. Afternoon Rains hard |
| Hendn. Wt. 22 | Brother Henderson went from my house having stay'd with me last night to New York about half after nine o'clock. |
| Away | |
| Henderson 22 | Samuel M. Henderson Married his 2nd wife a few weeks ago. Went from New York city to Geneva then married the daughter of one Eckerson. |
| Married | |
| Husked 23 | Nice Day for the time of year. Light wind from NW. Husked corn to Night. |
| Corn | David Concklin and son William, Auryanson, Henry Concklin, old Cooper, Cose came late. Self, Jim. |
| William 23 | This afternoon about 3 o'clock Abraham Harris, father of William Harris, came here. His name is also William Harris. Went away next morning about 8 o'clock . |
| Harris Father came &c | |
| 24 | Cloudy all day. Cool. Quite Clear bed time. |
| A new 24 | Peggy House told me today that there was a Report announced at New York and Slote that Piercy had lied, and that it would be struck up on every post and Rail &c what the lie was. She would not tell. It appears that Mrs. Dobbs' Daughter, the wife of Abraham Cole, brought the news to the Slote. |
| Report | |
| that Piercy lied | Cooper the Taylor and wife Harrised Hannah Concklin by speaking evil of Reform, trying to dissuade her from being a Member. Enquire of her Mother. |
| Hannah Conck | |
| Harrised by | |
| Cooper the | |
| Taylor | |

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| Nov. 24 | Husked my Corn off to Night. Jesse Trenchard, Jacob Post, Auryanson, Jerry Smith, Henry Concklin, Old Cooper, Cose Cooper, Harris, George and Charles Gesner, Self, Jim Miller helped. |
| Sugar 24 not left | Larry Sneden by my request sent 3 1/2 lb sugar to me by David Parcels and did not leave it at my house. We don't know where it is yet. |
| 25 | Clear, cold, Ground frozen some. |
| No Prayr. 25 Meetg. of Ref. | No appointment made for Prayer Meeting of Reform at Jonathan Lawrences a few met 11 o'clock AM, no prayer nor Singing. Some conversation on Religious and other Matters of importance to Moral Duty. |
| Old Side 25 | Old Side Meeting at Meeting House, Rockland. Mr. Ster Preached. about 50 or 60 there. |
| Meth. 25 Protest. Meetg. | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting upper landing School House. About 50 persons. Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Gesner, Harris and self spoke &c. Henry Concklin there the same night Meeting in Baptist Meeting House, appeared not many there. Lucy and David Blauvelt not there. Jacob Gesners wife, Gracy and Peggy not there. |
| 25 | Cold, Clear to Night |
| 26 | Clear all day, moderate night |
| Hen Conk. 26 Moved | Henry Concklin moved today to Shanty, 4 Wagons. |
| Piercy 26 & Hobbs Slote | Piercy and Brother Hobbs came Down Waggon. Piercy preached at Slote. Text part of the 17th verse of the 4th Chapter, 1st Peter. "And if it the Judgment) first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the people of God" excellent sermon, about 60. Harris came and stay'd with me to Night. Henry Concklin, Peg, Jacob Gesner, his wife, Sally. David Blauvelt not there. |
| Siding 26 from Albany | Billy Graham and Edward Briggs back from Albany, brought siding for Meeting house. I understood no plank or boards. |
| 27 | Clear and warm forenoon, Cloudy Afternoon but Moderate |
| Herbert 27 brought Meal | The flour of 2+ Bushels Rye, and 2+ Bushels Buckwheat and 2 1/2 Bushels corn came home. Herbert brought it from John Nagle's Mill. |
| Piercy 27 Jon Law fire in the Bush | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrences at night. Text 3d chapter Exodus, 2nd and 3d verses. Not very many hearers. He considered the church of Christ the Bush, the fire the persecution of the church, the troubles from temptation trials &c, but the church not conquered. He seemed to consider in the conclusion that Reform was persecuted but that God would not forsake them while faithful putting their whole trust in God &c, and that Reform was a Growing people. |

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| Nov. 27 Naut Cooper | Brother Hobbs and Piercy stay'd at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. Horse with me. Wynche and M. Concklin there and Naut Cooper, but Naut hasted out of Meeting when half out |
| 28 | Clear as a Bell this morning, not cold. |
| 28 | Brother Hobbs and Piercy came there about 10 o'clock AM. Went to Slote about 10 o'clock. |
| Piercy 28 Preached | Piercy preached at New Landing School House to Night. House full, mostly women, a great Sermon. Text Isaiah 55 chapter and 6th verse "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." No members from Rockland but Myself and William Harris there. |
| Letter 29 of Piercy John Haring Clark &c | Clear and beautiful, I to Slote to carry Piercy's letter, got of John G. Concklin from New York but saw John Haring at the widow Laurence's, walked with him. Said he was going to Slote. I gave him the letter to leave at Peter Taulman's, telling him to say that Derick Clark from Niack was to send for the letter there, for Piercy who was at his house. I went in to Jonathan Lawrences. |
| Polly 29 | Saw Polly, Spoke with. Weather Handsome at 11 o'clock. &c. |
| 29 | Yesterday Thomas Blanch Second Summons on me from Pete Daunike he had 15 or 20 Summons from Pete Daunike on others. I've had no Dealings at all with him unsettled and never any Dealings hardly. The only thing that may possibly be unsettled may be some liquor had for treating men with empty Waggons going up from Mouth of Creek, who took in Ship lumber to Boss Snedens Yard then belonging to Jonathan Lawrence for Steam Boat Rockland, which is either 6 shillings 6 pence or 7 shillings 6 pence. I'm confident it is less than 1 Dollar. And if I recollect aright after having told Jonathan Lawrence of it, sometime after he told me he had settled it, or would, which has made me content &c. Now Daunike, Pete, I'm told, lives in Pascack. A Question; Why did he not present Accounts before he moved appears like ill craft. Trial to be at Isaac Blanches 6th December next, 1 o'clock PM. |
| Pete Daunike's Summons &c | |
| ill trick | |
| trial when | |
| I Sowed 29 Rye | I sowed 3 bushels Rye this afternoon, Old Orchard. Got of Jacob Post. It did not quite finish it. Cose Harrowed some. |
| 29 | Lucy Blauvelt came on visit here little before night. David came in the Evening a little. Stayed till 11 o'clock night. Jacob Gesner dissatisfied because they stayed with us. I do not know certainly as yet who they intended to come and see, whether us or him and Betsy, But Betsy was out from home when Lucy first came and so stayed with us. He and Betsy would not or did not come in and eat Supper with us. |
| Lucy on Visit and David Blauvt. | |

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| Nov. 30 little Rainy | Thinly overcast this morning not very cold before 12 o'clock. Began to sprinkle with Rain, a little Rainy in Evening. |
| 30 | Cose Cooper done Harrowing Old Orchard |
| Dec. 1 | Rainy this morning, not very hard wind NE. Cleared off before 12 o'clock, a very high Wind this afternoon from NW and very cold. Night very cold. Wind continues brisk. |
| Corn to Crib 1 | Carried Corn from the barn to Crib to Day. Cose and Old Cooper helped. |
| 2 | Little hazy, looks a little for Snow, ground hard frozen, Cold. |
| 2 | Prayer Meeting at upper landing School House. The house was as full as it ever was nearly. There were nearly one hundred attentive hearers. Jonathan Lawrence spoke, Harris, Derick Clark, and self. Jacob Gesner and wife, Henry Concklin and wife not there. Enquiry was made by 2 or 3 Whether Jacob Gesner was not coming and how he did. |
| Episcopal 2 | It is said that Baker, Methodist Episcopal preacher, had only 10 hearers, last week on Tuesday evening. |
| 2 | Looks likely tonight for snow, it is cold. |
| 3 | Ground covered with snow this morning, fairly covered. Misty forenoon and all Day. Rain a little Snow gone by 3 o'clock PM. |
| Corn to Crib 3 | Rest of Good Corn in Crib this Rainy Day. |
| 4 | Clear and moderate. Some cloudy. |
| 4 | Very early Jacob Gesner killed his Hog, which was bought a Pig of Jacob Eckerson last Spring. He did not let me know a word about his killing. He got Obb Cooper and they had done killing before the Sun rose over the Hill. He acts with the greatest disdain imaginable to me. This Pig was fattened in the last part of the pen with one of Mine or Jonathan Lawrences and also in the first place. And when he moved away from my house to Old Cooper at John Willses he took his pig along and I freely let him have Corn etc. Clear as a Bell at 9 o'clock Night. |
| Clear | |
| fetched 4 | I and Cose Cooper with My team fetched Siding boards from mouth of Creek at |
| Siding Boards | end of Dock 175 for church. Brought them to George M. Lawrence. |
| 5 | Pretty clear all Day, fetched 157 boards more today, left at George Lawrences. |

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| Dec. 6 | | Yesterday I fetched 157 boards Siding for Meeting House, left also at |
| Siding | | George Lawrences with the first 175, as may be Seen in the last Momento — |
| Plank took | 6 | 6 Fetched the Plank out of woods of Camp Meeting. There was 40. It appears |
| Out of | | perhaps that the 4 missing may be at David Blauvelts and Jonathan |
| Woods | | Lawrences probably got for to Accommodate our Meeting with Seats |
| | 6 | 6 Clear, partly cold, Still look little hazy, and Snowy. |
| | 6 | 6 I and Jonathan Lawrence Went to Isaac Blanches where I was summoned to |
| I and | | Appear before Adolphus Mabie Esquire for Amount of liquor to the Amount of |
| Jon Law | | 7 shillings 9 pence which I had got on Jonathan Lawrence Account for treating |
| Appeared | | hands drawing Jonathan Lawrences timber for Steam Boat Rockland from mouth |
| to Isaac | | of Creek to Boss Snedens Yard. This 7 shillings 9 pence he Peter Demarest had |
| Blanches | | Agreed with Jonathan Lawrence to be deducted from his account of Vendue of |
| I was | | John L. Van Kleek which Jonathan Lawrence was to collect. Notwithstanding he |
| Summoned | | summoned me. The Matter was settled, he Peter Demarest, paid half costs and |
| | 7 | 7 Jonathan Lawrence the other half which was 2 shillings each. |
| | 7 | 7 Clear and a beautiful day all Day, pleasant. |
| Plank | 7 | 7 I went Slote and fetched 2 loads of good plank brought from New York by |
| Meeting House | | Edward Briggs and William Graham and left them also at George Lawrences. I |
| come | | did not see Edward nor William Graham to Day. It is said that they brought 150 |
| | | Plank for our meeting House and 50 for Elias Kent. There is a good number yet. |
| Ground | 7 | 7 Old Cooper Ground about 25 or little better bushels apples to Day at Peter |
| Apples | | Rikers Mill. |
| Rain | 8 | 8 Rainy this morning and all Day and Night. Still warm and soft. |
| Cider | 8 | 8 I laid up my press. |
| Old Side | 8 | 8 Old Side Methodist Quarterly Meeting began to Day. |
| Quarterly | | |
| Meetg. | | |

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| Dec. 8 | | There appears by the Paper that the State of South Carolina will not suffer certain laws passed by the General Government to be executed within the limit of that State, considering the Measures taken to be unconstitutional Measures. Serious forebodings are brought to consideration, &c. |
| South Carolina | | |
| Rain | 9 | Rained all Night. Rainy all Day till near Sun Set, very muddy. |
| | 9 | Methodist Episcopal Quarterly Meeting continued. Small congregation. |
| Meth. Prot. | | Methodist Protestant first Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts, 10 o'clock AM. |
| first Prayr Meet. | | Only few, Weather Rainy and Muddy Walking. |
| D. Blauvelt | | |
| | 9 | Jonathan Lawrence at Methodist Episcopal Meeting last Night. Banghart Preached Railing against Reformers, said (words to this affect) They have sprung or been picked from the Dirt and filth. Jonathans sister Ginnet understood him that they had sprung from the Dung &c &c. After he had done, William Palmer risen and said "Be ware of them" &c. They are Teachers out of or from their posts or watch Towers and God give Reform Grace to stand undaunted in his cause and have their eyes steadfastly looking unto Jesus their Savior and Redeemer &c. |
| Reform takes the Persecution last Nt. | | |
| Mt. Pt. | 9 | Prayer Meeting at upper Slote Landing Methodist Protestant, about 80 persons, not less. Jonathan Lawrence spoke considerable time and well. Jacob Gesner spoke short but quite well. Harris spoke, and self a little. Went with Herberts Waggon and Sorrel. |
| Clear | 9 | Cleared off a little before Sun Set, ground not frozen any at the hour of 11 at Night. |
| who | 9 | NB At Upper Landing Prayer Meeting Henry Concklin and Peggy not there, nor David Blauvelt and wife not there. Gracy and Jacobs wife not there; and at Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts at 10 o'clock Henry Concklin and wife not there, Gracy and Jakes wife not there. |
| Absent from Meetg. | | |
| Birthday | 10 | My Birth Day |
| | 10 | Cloudy this morning, not very cold, wind NW, not windy |
| Josh Martin & Pete Beaumont joined &c | 10 | I understand that Joshua Martin and Peter Beaumont joined Methodist Episcopal last night. |

NOTE: At the top of this page Nicholas is referring to the Nullification Crisis, a sectional crisis during the presidency of Andrew Jackson created by South Carolina's 1832 Ordinance of Nullification. This ordinance declared by the power of the State that the federal Tariffs of 1828 and 1832 were unconstitutional and therefore null and void within the sovereign boundaries of South Carolina. The controversial and highly protective Tariff of 1828 (known to its detractors as the "Tariff of Abominations") was enacted into law during the presidency of John Quincy Adams. The tariff was opposed in the South and parts of New England.

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| Dec. 10 Piercy Preachd. Rob. Sneden Scandalous Insult given by Banghart & Bil Palmer What horrid inconsistencies | Piercy Preached at Slote an excellent and tender Sermon, house not crowded, good Class Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence and Jacob Gesner told me that Robert Sneden said he was glad that he had not been at the Meeting of his own old side on Saturday evening the 8th Instant and that he would rather give 5 Dollars than to have been there for the Reason that Banghart had let out against Reform in the most scandalous manner. In his Sermon said that they the Reform were picked out of the Dirt and filth &c &c. And Billy Palmer after him united his efforts in justifying Bangharts insults. Some of their members crying that's right Amen &c. Palmer gave strict caution "Beware if them the Reform Beware of them. They are teachers that have left their post or off their watch towers &c &c. Next day all were invited to Lords Supper. |
| 10 | Mr. Piercy and wife stayed Jonathan Lawrences to Night. I took horse and Wagon to My house &c. |
| 11 Rain | A very heavy white frost this morning like a light snow. Clear till about 3 o'clock began to grow hazy. look like for foul weather, began to rain about 9 o'clock Night. |
| Piercy 11 Preachd. Muddy | Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrences tonight, considerable number out. The roads very muddy and night Dark. Jonathan and Sally not there. Abner Concklins wife and Daughter at Meeting from Slote |
| 11 Text | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally to New York to Day. Piercy preached on the passage of St. Paul of "having a conscience void of offense towards God and Man." |
| Cider 11 Made at Peter Rikers | I brought home this afternoon 3 Barrels of good cider and one of water cider. I had a small cheese of Nicholas Ferdon with Mine for water cider. Made at Peter Rikers Mill. |
| 12 | Rainy this morning, Wind not hard from NE. A little Rainy till in afternoon. Still looks likely and Drissels some till 8 o'clock at night. |

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Dec 12 | The Roads are as muddy as I ever saw them. Very Dark in the first of evening, seemed to break away about 9 o'clock. |
| Piercy 12 Preachd. New Landing | Methodist Protestant Preaching Meeting at New Landing School House. Piercy preached, he and his wife went from my house about 4 o'clock PM to New Landing, &c. Text: Say unto the Righteous it shall be well with thee and to the wicked that they shall Receive thee. |
| Jon Law 12 & Jac. Conk from NY | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally went Yesterday to New York, back about Sun set. Young Jacob Eckerson being at mouth of creek brought them home in his Waggon. |
| Herbt did 12 not let me have his Waggn. | I Walked to Meeting to Night Alone very muddy. Herbert Seemed to Hesitate my having his Waggon. I let the horse go home, he told me that I wanted time to let him know whether he could have the lot again for the ensuing year &c &c. NB I borrowed Johnny Lawrences Lantern. There was about over 40. |
| 13 | Had Snowed a little but melted. Very trifling of Snow all Day. Wind NE thick overcast. Remarkably Muddy. |
| 1 Bar. 13 more water Cider | To Day I brought Home from Peter Rikers one barrel more water cider. |
| 13 | George Lawrence, I understand, has begun at Sash frame &c for Meeting House. |
| 14 | Overcast weather looks for to continue foul. |
| 14 To Day I was disap pointed to fetch Plank Jacob Posts I could not have nor Herbts. | This morning I wanted to fetch plank from mouth of creek. Asked Abe Post, he said he wanted to use it to Mill so I pressed on to Herberts with Oxen. As I came to the house Jacob Post came from up the Road. I asked him Whether Abe, his son, was Going to Mill. He answered not as he knew of. I Said I wanted the Wagon to fetch up the Rest of the plank. They said not safe there. Then he said he would Want it towards night. I then asked Herbert for his Waggon. I wanted to know. He said when I ask for the Oxen I want to know too. I Answered I don't think proper to take the team out of My own useful employment Always and forever disappoint Myself. So he gave no consent. I came on home with team And Overtook Jacob Post by the Bridge told him as long as I let My team go and have no pay nor return for it, so long it was well and that some wanted 4 or 5 turns in their favour when one in Return would be too much. NB Jacob Post has had my team a good deal for nothing as yet. |

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| Dec. 14 | I went to Peter Rikers. We went into his mountain, he gave 5 small White Oaks for floor and 1 Butternut. Also a white wood tree for Meeting House. |
| Timber Peter Riker gave 14 | Jacob Riker gave a log of Black oak &c. |
| Rain 15 | Rain all day, wind NE remarkable Muddy and wet. Not very cold. |
| Saturday 15 | NB for the last 7 Days nearly all Raining and very disagreeable weather. |
| Mary Ann 15 | Mary Ann Gesners young son Herbert, 10th child born last Night. |
| Gesner child bn 16 | Clear this morning. Afternoon overcast. Night look very likely again for a storm. Wind south. |
| Mt. Pt. 16 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting David Blauvelts 10 o'clock. Still only a few. |
| Prayr. Meetg. 16 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting Night at upper landing. The School House was very crowded perhaps near 100 persons. Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Gesner, William Harris and Derick Clark spoke; Jonathan Lawrence spoke considerably and very well, so did Harris, Jacob Gesner, and Clark. |
| 16 | Jacob Gesner this morning very ill with side, complaining all day some, still went to Meeting. Not to David Blauvelt's. Sally, Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Concklin, Peggy, Harris, Lucy Blauvelt, Jacob Gesner and self up to New landing Meeting at night. Women and Jacob in George Lawrences wagon, very dark and muddy. |
| Who went from Rockland to Prayer Meetg. Pots had few | NB I've understood by Jonathan Lawrence from John Waldron that Pots Old Side Minister had only 2 men and 3 or 4 boys last Tuesday night at Slote School House. Perhaps there may have come a few more after John Waldron came away as he did not stay. |
| 16 | Paid Cose, Tyne, came 6 shillings. |
| Rain 17 | Rainy and cool. Wind not high from N, began to Rain last Night. Uncommon Wet Weather, in the first of evening it did snow. Ground covered but before 9 o'clock at Night it did Rain very hard. |
| 18 | Overcast, getting Cold Wind West and high black clouds from west. |

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| Dec. 18 Killed Hogs | I killed two Hogs to Day I mean pigs I got of Jacob Eckerson last Spring. The one a sow weighed 135 lb and the Barrow 115 lb. They were very nice but did not grow larger, and they have consumed 1/3 more corn than they are worth, besides &c. |
| High Wind 18 | Wind continues high to Night, at 9 o'clock the ground not frozen Altho Cold Wind. |
| 18 Cose helped Hogs | Cose fetched a small load wood for Jonathan Lawrence today, my Oxen And Old Cooper had them to draw a small jag see Note below also. Cose helped me greater part of time killing in lieu of Old Cooper for oxen. |
| 19 Snow Squalls | Snow Squalls all day, wind in the morning, not high but before 12 o'clock and till and after 11 o'clock at Night wind high, it began to be remarkable cold before Sun Set and clear just in the evening. |
| Plank I 19 fetched & Board | I fetched 2 loads of plank more of the same as the last, one load had 37 and the last 31, and with the last I got 14 good Boards of A. V. Manning for 14 shillings 6 pence and brought all to George Lawrences Shop. |
| 19 | Jacob Gesner quite ill to Night, very painful with his side complaint. |
| 20 | Thinly clouded this morning, wind NW. Cold Ground, hard Roads unparelled Rough. |
| 20 | I cut up my two Hogs to Night. |
| Henderson 20 up | Samuel M. Henderson came up from New York to Jonathan Lawrences towards night. Kept no Meeting tonight. |
| 21 | Cold, Ground Hard frozen. |
| Hendn. 21 preachd. JL | Henderson preached Jonathan Lawrences night, good sermon, quite some Hearers. Richard there. |
| Hend 22 Preached New Landing | Clear Morning. Henderson preached upper landing. Cold not many hearers, good sermon. |
| Preached 23 Slote | Preached at Slote School House 10 o'clock AM. Great sermon "Our God is not like their God" or nearly so. |

NOTE: Jag a load, usually a small cart load of hay, wood etc. *OED*

| 1832 | Momento |
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| Dec. 23 | Clear Day Ground Hard frozen, middling cold |
| We went 23 to Pond Church | Henry Concklin and Harris went Pond Church. It was the 2nd day of the 4 Day Meeting there. Henderson went up too and Derick Clark with Waggon. Henderson rode part of way. |
| I Stayd 23 | Henry Concklin and William Harris came back at night late &c. I stay and sleep with Brother George Smith at Mr. Gill Creasey near the Meeting House a little North. |
| Good 24 Prayr. Meetg. Slote | Clear. I came Down to Slote School House. Attended prayer Meeting about 15 or 16. I, Harris and Brother Clark there. Phebe Sneden, Lucy, Eli &c there, a most solemn and good little prayer meeting as we have had. The Lord was with us. Jacob Gesner, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Henry C. and Peg, and David Blauvelt not there. Jonathan Lawrence had company, young Jacob Eckerson and wife at Night. |
| 25 I Sally & Mary Law Wt. Clarkstown Meetg. there at Night Meeting came back to NY 8 Members joined to Day | Christmas. Clear and handsome day for the season. I filled up blank forms for Lydecker &c. Afternoon I, Sally and many went to Pond Meeting. Got there a little after sunset, 5 or 6 Mourners at Altar &c. The Meeting House full to Night. Piercy preached Text in Kings: Why halt ye between two opinions. If the Lord be God, serve him, if Baal be God, serve him. 8 joined there this day, 2 in the morning and 6 at night while we was there. Mary Ann Remsens daughter at Niack went with us to Meeting. We returned same night. One o'clock when I got home. House all locked up. All asleep. NB Thomas preached Sunday night and Monday morning. |

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| Dec. 26 Jim to NY | Cloudy, pretty cold, begins to Snow in forenoon. Afternoon and Night rain. Jim went to NY to see his Parent. Took bag butternuts. |
| Piercy 26 did not come | Piercy did not come Rain this afternoon and night to preach at upper School House, New Landing. Jonathan Lawrence, Harris, self. Derick Clark conducted the meeting in a prayer meeting. About 40 Hearers. Rain not very hard. |
| Sally & 26 Peggy Conk Visit | Sally and Peggy Concklin to see to Hannah Concklin and her mother to Day, a foul day. Sally concluded that I had promised to come to Meeting with Waggon and so bring her and Peggy back from Meeting, but I did not understand that they were positively a going on this Visit to Day and especially so since it was a foul day. |
| 26 4 Days Meetg. | NB The 4 Days meeting was held at Clarkstown or at the Pond Meeting house, began on Saturday 22 and continued till Tuesday Night following. Consequently the appointments at Rockland and Slote were not attended by Piercy and the foul day to Day probably prevented his coming to Day. |
| Oxen 27 | David Blauvelt had oxen to Day, 3/4 drawing firewood at Swamp. |
| 27 | Clear and warm all Day. Ground thaws all Day, frozen a little by 12 o'clock at Night. |
| David & 27 Lucy visit | David Blauvelt and Lucy his wife to see Jacob Gesner and Betsy. Went away 12 o'clock Night. |
| 28 | Clear and cold to Day, some wind from west, freezes Night. |
| John L 28 VK Died | John L. Van Kleek Died just after Sun Rise this morning. It would appear that his Kidney Complaint was the cause. He seemed to be consumptive too &c. |
| Oxen 28 | Cose cut and Drew one load wood this morning for me Out of Mountain. I helped him load &c. One load from below for Jonathan Lawrence. I gave Cose 6 pence to Day my oxen. |
| 29 | Snow this Morning — Ground covered and not cold — cloud off before 12 o'clock. Moderate cold day. At Night freeze some. |
| J L V Kleek 29 Buried | John L. Van Kleek buried this afternoon. |
| Henderson 29 & wife | Henderson and his wife came up from New York this afternoon and went to Jonathan Lawrences. |

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| Dec. 29 | Jacob Gesner this Evening full of pain Again. Harris went and fetched at Herberts 1/2 pint Brandy for me for him. |
| Tax 29 | Jonathan Lawrence paid my tax. See NB 31 st . |
| 30 | Clear and not very cold, a very heavy white frost this morning. |
| Henderson 30 | Samuel M. Henderson preached at Upper Landing. I never saw a House so full and crowded as this School House. Perhaps there was 150 in besides what were out Doors. The house was filled with seats and everywhere between were numbers standing. The Rockland members that were there all stood, with many others; he preached on these words "I am Joseph your Brother" I there, Sally and Jonathan Lawrence there, Harris, Henry Concklin, Lucy David Blauvelt Jacob Gesner there. |
| Preachd. New landg. | |
| 30 | Cloudy in night. Jacob Gesner full of pain. After got back from Slote to Jonathan Lawrence got better, went to upper landing at Night. |
| Hendn. 30 | Henderson Preached this morning at Slote, 11 o'clock. School house not very full, perhaps between 40 and 50. |
| at Slote | |
| 31 | Henderson and wife came to my house from Jonathan Lawrences at 11 o'clock AM. |
| Hendn. 31 | Henderson preached at Rockland School House Night about 20 perhaps a few more, it may be 25 that "be ye sober and Watch unto Prayer" After Preaching held Prayer Meeting. |
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| 31 | Overcast to Night but middling clear in the forenoon. |
| York 31 | Jonathan Lawrence paid Thomas Blanch my New York tax 2.94 this Monday |
| Tax paid | was received of Larry Sneden for Timber he had of Abraham Mabie or of |
| 2.94 | Jonathan Lawrence. Abraham Mabie owed me 3.50 on Schooling. Jonathan |
| New Year | received the whole 3.50 but paid the tax 2.94. See the 29 th Instant. |
| Jan. 1 | The latter part of Night Rain, and Rain this morning. Wind Southeasterly not high. Cleared off, warm afternoon. |
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| Hend.& wife 1 | Henderson and Wife stayed with me last Night |

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| Jan. 1 | Henderson and Wife here with me all Day and Night. Weather very warm. Clear afternoon, ground thaws. |
| Weather 2 | Thinly overcast this morning. The air moderate and soft. Night clear, still a little Hazy. A Circle around the Moon. |
| Sam Hend at Slote 2 | Samuel M. Henderson preached at Slote to Night about 50 or 60 Hearers. An excellent Sermon. Jacob Gesner gave him the text 46 th Chapter and 4 th verse "There is a River the Stream whereof shall make glad the City of God." |
| Primitive Methht. 2 | Samuel Henderson Received a letter to Night in meeting just before Meeting from President Thomas appointing him for Newark and Bloomfield, Jersey where it is said the two congregations of the primitive Methodist have made affiliation to join the Reform or Methodist Protestant. |
| Hend & Wife at Isemans 2 | Henderson and Wife stayed at John Isemans to Night in returning from Slote Meeting. |
| Oxen 2 | Jerry Smith had oxen to Day draw wood 3/4 Day. John Rice fetched them. |
| Jerry Smith 3 | Clear and a most Remarkably warm Day, very little wind. |
| Hendn & Wife Went Away 3 | John Isemans wagon brought Henderson and Wife to my house this morning about 10 o'clock. And went away with same Waggon to Mouth of Creek just stopt at Sallys to go on to New York and from there to Newark to preach there next Sabbath I gave Henderson 4 shillings when he went away |
| Oxen Cooper 3 | Old Cooper had oxen to Draw one jag of wood out my orchard. |
| Charles Gesner fell & 3 | Charles Gesner fell a few Days ago, injured much in his Body. About 4 Days or 5 ago was bled, at night got Again bleeding by his worrying. The Boy very ill. Inflammation on liver, his side was blistered. Bloody urine, dangerously ill. To Day some little better apparently |
| 4 | Clear and still warm and Beautiful; roads muddy and continues to be warm clear and Beautiful till 12 at Night, at which hour I went to lay down. |
| Sold Cider 4 | To Day I sold and sent 2 Barrels cider to Larry Sneden, I expect at 2 Dollars each. |



Larry Sneden house at Landing, probably built by his father John Sneden in 1800; Larry's store was in the small attached building on the right side of the house. The house looks out towards the Hudson River and the dock was at the end of the road.

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| <div> An extraordinary sight a Singularly formed Cow </div> <div> 5 Very Warm </div> | <div> <p>To Day I hooped Gracy's wash tub and one hoop on Betsy's, Jacob Gesners wife. NB George Mann told me to Night that he came from New York to Day, and saw at New York yesterday for 1 shilling a most singular sight, namely a Cow of large size and moved perfectly well. Had 5 legs, her head and forepart exactly like a well formed creature. But her hinder part Astonishingly strange. Broader than common across her hips and hinder part, had 2 tails. The one on one side of the back bone and the other on the other side the one tail looked like the tail of a cow and the other somewhat similar to a Horse tail. And under each tail the same parts to Dung and make water as another cow had, which he saw her both make water and dung and did make water at both parts at the same time and also did dung from both fundaments at the same time but not make water and Dung at same time. Also where the tail ought to be proceeding from the back bone, there was the fifth leg, did not reach the ground, had a hoof on it, hung there behind and on this leg or part coming down from the back bone about 8 or 10 inches from the top downward was a Bag like a Bulls bag inclosing 2 Stones like a Bull. He said he had felt of them. The size I did not enquire; that she never had had a Calf, yet had a Bag out of which they milked Milk. She moved Regular, Chewed Cud, like any other creature. He George Mann being a man of acuity there is no doubt of its truth. A most singular circumstance in Nature. Was 5 or 6 years old I think he said. And they intended to go to England with her &c.</p> <p>Clear and still, continues warm and is so warm this Day that an over coat is burdensome; its like a summer's Day, air nearly Still, a light breeze from WSW. Ground begins to Settle, at Midnight still warm</p> </div> |

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| Jan. 5 | Got thatching poles for Hovel and Gracy took pork out of leaking Barrell. |
| 5 | The Fuller Demarest brought my full Cloth home. Gracy says that she sent 12 1/4 lb Woolen yarn to Peter Blacklidges in Closter to be woven, that she had the yarn counted and knotted, that she from experience knew the yarn would Run 5 Ells to the pound and when it came from the weaver there was only blank space . After fulling there was 12 1/4 yds by the Bill at 1 shilling 10 pence per yard = 22 shillings 5 pence. Blacklidges Bill for weaving was 18 shillings 4 pence. NB It appears each pound has given one yard fullled was very thin. |
| Full Cloth came home | |
| a Yd. to a lb. | |
| 6 | Very warm and a little Hazy all Day, summer weather. |
| 6 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting David Blauvelts 10 o'clock AM. Henry Concklin, Peggy, Jacob Gesner and wife, Nicholas Gesner, Harris, Jonathan Lawrence and his Daughter Mary and David Blauvelt and his wife and old Ginny composed the Meeting. |
| Meth. Prot. Prayr. Meeting | |
| 6 | Prayer Meeting of Methodist Protestants New Landing to Night, a good meeting. About 70 Meeting also in Baptist Meeting House . Jonathan Lawrence Spoke exceeding well to Night. Jacob Gesner and Harris also spoke well, the people attentive and solemn. Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, Jacob Gesner was quite ill with his side Harris Lucy and Self there from Rockland. |
| Meth. Prot. New landg. | |
| 7 | Middling clear all day, somewhat Hazy, till Midnight when I went to lay down. The air a little cooler, freezes a little to Night. |
| 7 | I, George Lawrence, Henry Concklin, David Blauvelt cut timber to Day in Peter Riker's Mountain for Methodist Protestant Meeting House, and Cose Cooper with my oxen Drew it down into his field. 10 loads, but not all Drawn yet. |
| Cut timber | |
| Piercy 7 | Piercy preached at Slote to Night a full meeting and an excellent Sermon. Text Romans 13 Chapter and 11 verse. He stay'd with me to Night. |
| at Slote | |
| 7 | Jonathan Lawrence had conversation with Griffis respecting the privilege of the Baptist Meeting House for our Quarterly Meeting which privilege we had of William Manning. Both to me and Jonathan Lawrence Mr. Griffis said to Jonathan Lawrence he had no objection, that it was Right what Manning had done, yet it appears that Mr. Griffis had spoke from the pulpit unfavorably yesterday &c. |
| Privilege of Baptist Meetg. Ho. | |

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| | Jan. 8 | Thinly overcast all day, somewhat cold, at Night appears likely for a storm. Wind NE not high. |
| Cut Timber Meetg. Ho | 8 | To Day I, George Lawrence, Henry Concklin and David Blauvelt cut more timber for Meeting House. Got 4 White Oaks 26 feet long for the 2 end Sils, 1 beam and 1 floor sil. Also one very handsome and good White Oak 26 feet long for the other Beam and a fine oak of 2 Logs each 15 feet long for studs of David Blauvelt in his swamp. Cose Cooper today, my oxen |
| Piercy Jon Law | 8 | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. Not many hearers. A Good Sermon. |
| Ja Ges to NY | 8 | Jacob Gesner went to New York to Day. Piercy requested him, he wished Brother Snethen to come up to Quarterly Meeting at Slote Baptist Meeting House. |
| | 9 | A little Hazy, nearly clear this morning, not very cold. |
| Piercy at Nyack | 9 | Piercy Preached at Nyack School House. I suppose at the least there was 250 Persons, so crowded a meeting I never saw, number could not get in. I, Mary Lawrence and Ele widow Snedens Daughter went up. A good sermon but short, preached on the subject of Blind Bartholomew, grew colder on our Return. |
| | 10 | Nearly clear not very cold. Towards Night grew overcast and very cold Wind NNE, a little snow. |
| | 11 | Clear this morning and very cold indeed all Day with high wind from NW. More still in evening. |
| Jim back | 11 | Jim Miller came back from New York. |
| Ja Ges back from NY Books | 9 | Jacob Gesner back from New York about 10 o'clock at Night. Came up with Cose Blauvelts Sloop. We had just past the landing home from Nyack Meeting when he came on shore. Brought 3 1/2 dozen Hymn Books. |

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| Jan 11 | I killed Jonathan Lawrence's Pig yesterday. I fattened it, Sawed it in two |
| Killed pig | equal parts from the tail to the end of the Nose. I had the one half. |
| Cose Rye Ml 11 | Let Tyne have for Cose 7 lb. Rye meal yesterday. |
| Piercy 11 | I did not go to the appointed meeting at upper landing to Night. Piercy |
| upper landg | was to Preach. |
| 12 | Clear Cold all Day and Night. |
| Quarterly 12 | Quarterly Meeting began Methodist Protestant in Baptist Meeting house, Slote. |
| Meetg. | Brother George Thomas preached morning, Piercy at Night. Thomas, Sabbath |
| Thos 13 | morning a most excellent and Remarkable Discourse, a full house perhaps 400 or |
| Preachd. | upwards. Numbers had to stand. Thomas also preached at Night, a very full |
| 2 Members | Meeting. 2 Members joined. I think the husband's name was Smith. A good |
| Expenses | Discourse to Night but by the generosity of the people not so well approved as in |
| see 17th Inst | the Morning &c. See date 17. |
| 14 | Prayer Meeting at upper landing School House. House decently filled. An |
| Prayr. Mt. | extraordinary exhortation by Thomas and Piercy Smith, Wyant, 3 Joind |
| upper | meeting. Abraham Concklins wife and daughter, the wife of Benjamin the Baker |
| landg. | and the other I leave till I know correctly. I there, Sally, Lucy there. |
| 14 | Clear all Day and Night, Middling Cold. |
| 15 | Clear this morning. Afternoon overcast, not very cold. People Drawing Salt hay |
| Salt Hay | with Waggon, began to Snow a little in Evening, turned to Rain before bed time, |
| 16 | a bad Rain storm during the Night. Wind Easterly and cold, Roads very Mudy. |
| | Cloudy this morning. A bad storm last Night. Clear about 9 o'clock AM. Clear all |
| | Day and Night grew cold towards Night. |

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| Jan. 16 | David Blauvelt had oxen to draw John Crum a load Wood 1/2 Day, he brought me |
| Oxen David | 2 Sled Shoes and one poor one for fender, he brought my new Sled also from |
| Blauvelt | Trenchards shop to Night. |
| 17 | Clear and moderately cold this morning |
| Charles | 17 Charles Gesner continues very poorly, has been 3 weeks by a fall. |
| yet ill | |
| Expenses | 17 Expenses at Quarterly Meeting 4 lb candles 1 quart Wine. Cleaning Baptist |
| Quarterly | Meeting House 3 shillings this 3 shillings Jon Law said he had paid. Wine and |
| Meeting | candles got at Houses. |
| Collection | 17 At this quarterly Meeting held the 12 th and 13 th was one Collection taken |
| 6.06 | in money 6.06. |
| 17 | George Thomas, President of New York Annual Conference of the Methodist |
| Thos | Protestant Church came at my house 11 o'clock this morning, horse and Waggon, |
| Preachd | on his Way to Patterson, Thomas preached at Jonathan Lawrence's to Night, |
| Jon Law | pretty good Congregation, a Very Good Sermon. Text "Simon Peter lovest thou |
| 18 | me" &c. John |
| 18 | Clear and very cold this morning. George Thomas stay'd last night at Jonathan |
| | Lawrences, came to my house near 9 o'clock and stayed with me all night. |
| | Clear all day, not very cold. 8 o'clock at night overcast. |
| Sally here | 18 Sally here a while this afternoon. Poor little Charles seems a little easier. |
| Little Charles | |
| 18 | Jacob Gesner quit at Larry Snedens tending store a few days ago perhaps |
| | 2 or 3 Days. |
| Geo Quidor | 18 George Quidor and Old Cooper here till bed times this evening. |
| 19 | Clear and not very cold. |
| Hogs | 19 Raking Hogs out of River David Blauvelt said near Slote, was thrown overboard |
| | on account of being a Ground and Ice, &c. |

| 1833 | Memento |
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| Geo Jan. 19 Tho Wt Away & Harris | George Thomas, President of Methodist Protestant New York Annual Conference, stay'd with me last Night. Went Away to Patterson from my house with Horse and Waggon 10 o'clock AM. William Harris Went with him with intent to bring back his horse and waggon for me to keep 2 or 3 Weeks. |
| 20 | Middling clear all day, very moderate, not cold |
| 20 | Methodist Protestant Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts 11 o'clock. I, Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Gesner, Elias Kent and wife there, and no more but David and Lucy and Old Ginny. |
| Pray Meetg. David Blauv | |
| Do at 20 | Prayer Meeting Methodist Protestant at New Landing, quite a full meeting. 50 or more. |
| New Landg | |
| Griffis 20 | Derick Clark who heard Griffis the Baptist Minister at their Slote Meeting House, he lay out the Reformers in an awful light, for which I here leave Room to insert. |
| persecution of Reform | |

Large space follows



Albert "Obb" Cooper's house, south of Nicholas's house on road to Rockleigh.

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| Jan. 21 | Hazy and foggy all Day. Rain at Night. About 11 o'clock began. |
| 21 | William Harris returned from Patterson near 4 o'clock PM with George |
| Wm. Harris | Thomas Waggon and Horse. Heard Brother Snethen Preach at Patterson, had |
| Returns | asked all the different Denominations (except Roman Catholics) for the privilege |
| from | of a Meeting House. Had got a large meeting house of the Presbyterians. An |
| Patterson | immense congregation convened of 12 or 14 Hundred persons, Great Preaching. |
| 21 | Piercy preached Slote. Text Psalms 119 and 136 Verse. Good sermon, good |
| Piercy | company. Misty to Night &c. I went, Jacob Gesner, Mary Lawrence, William |
| at Slote | Lawrence, Henry Concklin, David Blauvelt and Lucy. Piercy stayed with Phebe |
| 21 | Sneden. Horse at Derick Clark's. |
| 21 | Peggy House came up from Slote Meeting with us in Waggon, stayed with us all |
| | Night. |
| Oxen 21 | Herbert had oxen all day drawing wood. |
| 22 | Thinly overcast this morning. Weather warm. Roads begin to give from frost, |
| | tolerable good going. |
| Oxen 22 | Herbert has oxen again Today. |
| Charles 22 | Charles Gesner son of Herbert seems little easier but Restless last Night. |
| 22 | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrence to Night, about 25 or 30. Good sermon, |
| Piercy | came this morning with Waggon and Horse. Stay'd all night with me. Text space |
| Jon Law | John Concklin and wife and Peggy House there. |
| 23 | Thinly overcast this morning, not cold. Roads grow soft. Piercy stay'd with me all |
| | Night. |
| Piercy 23 | Piercy preached New Landing, full meeting. Text 12 Chapter 10 Isaiah, good |
| new landg | sermon. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Jan 23 | Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Jacob Gesner, Lucy myself to New Landing to Night. Very dark thick overcast. I went with Piercy about 2 o'clock. Jacob Gesner and Jonathan Lawrence each brought a Waggon. One was Thomas's horse and Waggon, the other my horse and Herbert's Waggon. |
| 24 | Overcast this morning, wind NE. Begins to Rain a little towards Night. Very dark to Night. Stormy and Wind middling high with some Rain, now cold. |
| Piercy 24 Niack | Piercy Preached or was to Preach at Nyack School House at Village. Weather foul, none went from Rockland. |
| Plan 24 of Meetg Ho &c | The Plan of floor and doors and windows of our Meeting House concluded on by Jonathan Lawrence and self. My Sally projected the plan of the 2 doors, leaving place for the 2 windows. Foundation 27 by 37. |
| 24 | Cose Drew one load wood to Day for Jonathan Lawrence with oxen. |
| Mary Law 24 | Mary Lawrence came here last night and is here yet to Night. Is not well. |
| Chas Ges 24 | Charles Gesner is getting a little better. |
| Dav Tal 24 White oaks | David Tallman cut the White Oak in Swamp a Day or 2 ago, and the one long the fence above John Willses. |
| 25 | Snowing this morning, very sloppy, Wind from NE to SW , continues snowing all Day a little, not cold. |
| Boards 25 Ja Ges | Jacob Gesner took boards to George Lawrence for a closet of my boards, one very long and broad, one left, and took one off Callon Beams of House. |
| 25 | Roads very sloppy with Snow and Wind. |
| 26 | Clear but Cloudy, wind NW this morning, cold, clear all Day. |
| Mary Law 26 Went Home | I took Mary Lawrence home this afternoon. She came here at Night, 23 Instant. She is not well. The first time my new Sled was used. |
| Chas Ges 26 | Charles Gesner is getting a little better. |
| Trustees 26 Chosen &c | This afternoon Trustees for Meeting house was chosen at Jonathan Lawrences. ie Derick Clark, Jonathan Lawrence, and Nicholas Gesner and David Blauvelt. Jacob Gesner and Henry Concklin were also present. |
| Geo Quid 26 & Wife | George Quidor and Peggy his wife to see Jake and Betsy to Night. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Jan. 27 | Clear all day, not very cold. |
| Pr. Mg 27 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelt's to Day 11 o'clock. |
| Pray Mg 27 | Prayer Meeting at upper landing to Night. Well 150 persons there. The house crowded, some out Doors &c, a good meeting. Jonathan Lawrence spoke well. Derick Clark and Harris and Jacob Gesner also spoke very well. I said nothing. Jacob Gesner took Brother Thomas's Horse and Waggon which being at my house With his wife and Lucy I took Herbert's Waggon for Gracy and Sally and Peggy Concklin. I walked with Henry Concklin and Harris and Jonathan Lawrence. |
| upper Landing | |
| 28 | Clear all Day and to late at Night. Cold in evening. |
| Jon Willse's 28 | John Willse had Eleven Sleds this afternoon Drawing Cedars out of Sam Snedens lot back of Turkey Ridge and on Ridge. I drew only 2 loads, he had 44 or 45 loads drawn had a few hands to cut . |
| Team & cuttters | |
| Jake & Bets 28 | Jake and Betsy out to Night. |
| 29 | Overcast this morning, partly clear midday, overcast at Night. |
| Oxen 29 | Cose Drew 1 load wood for Old Cooper to Day and one for Jonathan Lawrence. My oxen. |
| Gracy to Sal 29 | Gracy to Sally's this afternoon, came back near 11 o'clock night. |
| 29 | John D. Concklin spent an hour or two with me and Harris to Night. |
| 30 | Cloudy and overcast all Day. Rain at Night a little. |
| Oxen 30 | Herbert had oxen this afternoon. |
| Prayr Meetg 30 | Prayer Meeting Derick Clark's to Night. About 16 or 17 there. I and Sally went up in Herbert's Waggon, my horse and Jacob Gesner and Betsy his wife went up in Thomas's Waggon and horse. Rained a little on our Return. We heard that Cornelius Ackerman was buried today. |
| Derick Clarks | |
| Cor. Ackerman buried today | |
| bad storm 31 | Foul weather, wind NE, a bad storm. Rain this morning, cold sometimes a little hail; freezing snow afterwards. |
| Feb. 1 | Ground fairly covered. Cold ground hard but with the Rain just a little soft on the top, soon got solid with cold &c. Clear. |
| 2 | The past Night a very cold Night indeed. Clear, a cold Day. |
| 2 | Cose had oxen to Draw a small jag of wood for himself. |

| 1833 | | Memento |
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| Feb. 2 | | Henry Concklin helped me cut firewood below off of big White Oak, David |
| Hen Conk | | Tallman cut down about 3/4 day and not more. I drew 3 loads home Cose had |
| helped me | | drawn with oxen. Henry had 1 peck corn and was to have one more for this. |
| Calf 2 | | This morning the little Cow has a bull Calf. |
| 2 Days 3 | | Two Days Meeting at Haverstraw. Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence |
| Mt Haverst. | | went to Day. |
| | 3 | Cold, Clear, Wind NW. |
| Prayr. 3 | | Prayer Meeting David Blauvelt's. I there, Henry Concklin, Peggy there, Sally |
| Meetg. | | there, Jacob Gesner and his wife there, Jacob Eckerson Junior and wife there, Ele |
| | | from Slote. |
| | 3 | Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence not back yet at 2 o'clock from |
| | | Haverstraw, but back before sun set. |
| | 3 | NB From Report, Polly Taylor has put in circulation that William Day at |
| Taylors | | Patterson was or likely to be expelled from Old Side Meeting or Society for bad |
| Speech | | Deeds, and that Brother Thomas, President, got it in the nose, posted down to |
| | | Patterson to catch him. Though I don't believe knew any thing of it when he left |
| | | my house on the 19th of January last. Ask William Harris. He went with Thomas. |
| Prayr. 3 | | Prayer Meeting at Upper Landing, full Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence came from |
| Meetg | | Haverstraw before Night. Stayed at Derick Clark's till Meeting George Lawrence |
| upper | | came on home . Jacob Gesners and wife there with Brother Thomas's Waggon |
| Landg | | and horse. I there, Lucy there, Sally there. Good Meeting. |
| | 4 | Clear not very cold. |
| Piercy 4 | | Piercy preached Slote, considerable number out, good Sermon. He stay'd with |
| Slote | | Mistress Sneden tonight. Horse at Clark's. |
| | | I there, Jacob Gesner there, Sally and Jonathan Lawrence there not Lucy nor |
| | | David , Harris there. |
| | 5 | Piercy came my house about 1 o'clock. Horse and Waggon. Preached at Jonathan |
| Piercy at | | Lawrence's at Night. Text: Solomon my son Serve thou the God of thy fathers |
| Jon Law | | with a perfect heart and a willing mind &c. Stay at Jonathan Lawrence's. |
| Snow 6 | | Snowing this morning, wind SW, a light snow, cleared after 12 o'clock, before |
| Cold | | Night wind NW a bitter cold Night. |

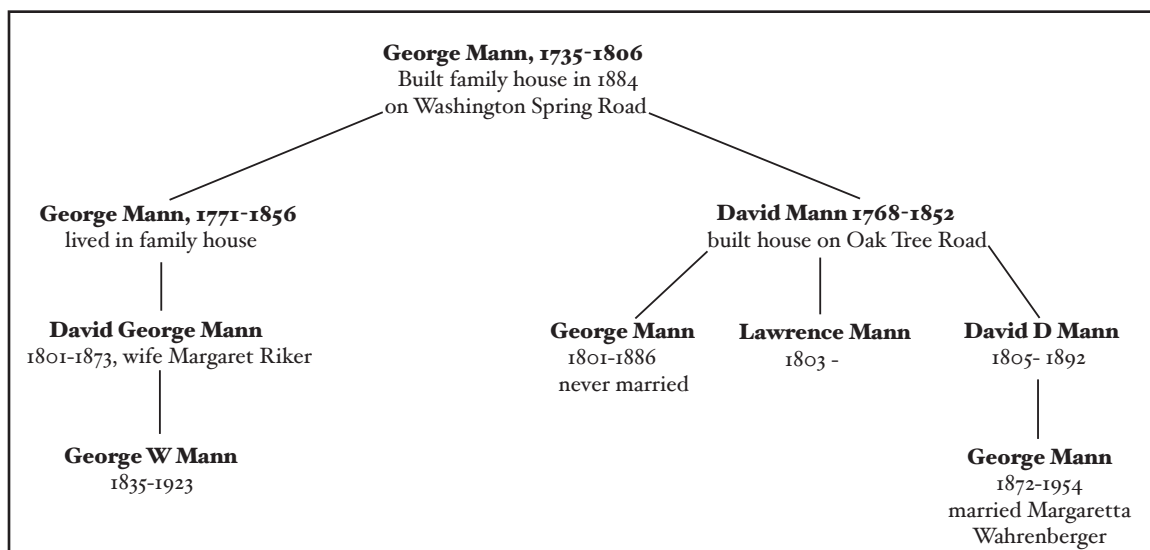
| 1833 | Momento | |
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| Feb. 6 | | Piercy came down from Jonathan Lawrence's to my house just after 12 o'clock. Took horse and wagon, went up to Phebe Snedens a little before Night. |
| Piercy 6 | | Piercy Preached upper landing to Night. About 60. The text like this: "Shall cast off the wicked with all the Nations that forgot God." |
| upper landg. 6 | | The whole Congregation excepting a few stay'd in Class Meeting. James Graham seemed to Raise some controversy when Piercy came to him in Class, interro gating &c. Piercy went to Brother Clark's with horse and Waggon to Night. |
| James Graham | | |
| Very Cold 7 | | Clear with cold fine clouds, immensely Cold this past Night, and this morning not fit to be out Doors, Wind NW. No Sleighing this Winter yet, the few snows that have been produced no Riding of consequence, all with Waggons. |
| no snow to make riding yet 6 | | NB Jacob Gesner and Betsy with Thomas's Waggon and horse, I up alone with Herbert's Waggon and My horse, Lucy went with Piercy. Henry Concklin, Harris and David Blauvelt there. Lucy came back with me. Very Cold indeed |
| who went from Rockland | | |
| Piercy 7 | | Piercy preached at Nyack to Night in Presbyterian Meeting House. Uncommon Cold to Night. None went from Rockland. Derick Clark told me there was a large Meeting. The School House there would not have held them. Good sermon he said. |
| Nyack | | |
| | 8 | Clear and not very Cold, more moderate the past Night. |
| Jon L & Geo 8 | | NB Yesterday Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence went and cut and sawed a few logs more for Meeting House. |
| Law cut timber | | |
| Derick Clark 8 | | Derick Clark drewed 2 and my team one load logs from Peter Riker's to Saw Mill |
| Timber &c | | Slote. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Feb. 8 | Today Jonathan Lawrence Bought a large load Hay of Herbert Gesner. |
| Hay | Herbert fetched it from Closter at 5.75. |
| I viewed the 9 | Middling Clear, a little Hazy and not cold. I went through the lower fields of |
| lower field &c | Neighbours to near Saw Mill of Ferdun to see if Timber could be drawn that way. |
| 9 | I dragged 3 logs off of Ice in David Blauvelt's Swamp on upland And a few Maple logs. I think they were Jake's. |
| 10 | A little hazy this morning, not cold. All day hazy, thawing, wind NE, very muddy on the top of ground that is hard frozen, with last severe cold of the 6 th and 7 th Instant. |
| Prayr Meetg 10 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelt's 11 o'clock, A good time. This is the first |
| David Blauvelts | time Jonathan Lawrence properly led the Class by passing around and enquiring |
| Jon Law first | and encouraging &c. He officiated with merit and Christian love and Spirit. I |
| time led Class | there, Gracy there, Jacob Gesner and Betsy there, Harris there, Henry Concklin |
| Hannah & | there, Ele there, John Bell and his wife there, Derick Clark and his young |
| Clarks Daught. | daughter there and Henry Bell's wife there, Sally and Jonathan Lawrence there. |
| to Sallys aft Mtg | Hannah and Clark's daughter came to Sally's. |
| 10 | Prayer Meeting at Upper landing tonight. About 60. Middling good meeting. |
| Prayr Mg. | From Rockland I, Jacob Gesner and Betsy, Harris, Henry Concklin, Jonathan |
| New Landg | Lawrence, Sally, David Blauvelt and Lucy. |
| 11 | Overcast this morning. Wind about NE by N, pretty cold. Began to snow about 1 o'clock PM. |
| Teams 11 | This morning Herbert Gesner, George Mann, David Mann and John Moore each |
| Timber | took logs to Slote Saw Mill from David Blauvelt's woods for Meeting House. |
| 12 | Done Snowing, Still except snow this morning about 4 or 5 inches. Not very cold, Snow melts. |
| Team 12 | This morning I, Jacob Riker and Jacob Haring each took 1 Log Ferdon's Saw Mill. |
| Lumber | I went the 2nd time with Jim. |



David G. Mann, grandson of the George Mann who built the Mann house on Washington Spring Road in 1784. His father was also George Mann.

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Feb. 12 | I and Jim Went, put a log on Sled. Went 3 o'clock after Jacob Riker and Jacob Haring and Self had once been and brought it to Saw Mill. Back about 1/2 after 7 Night. It Rained. I and Jim got cold, feet wet. |
| 12 | Began to Rain Dusk. |
| 13 | Rains and Hails this morning. Raw cold bad Storm. Wind NE, freezes as it falls. The limbs on trees Icy, continues so through the Day, at Night a little Snow. |
| 14 | Clear about 8 o'clock this morning, middling cold, the Hail, Rain and Snow and Cold make good Slipping this morning. |
| 14 | A few weeks ago and this morning together Received of William Harris for Board 13 dollars, that is first 10 and today 3 = to 13. |
| 14 | Today I and Jonathan Lawrence drew the 2 long Sils to the Road out of George Hagen's Mountain lot. They laid in ugly places, had trouble with My team alone. |
| Snow 15 | Overcast this morning, not very cold, began to Snow between 2 and 3 o'clock, and Snowed hard towards Night. |
| 15 | I and John Renwick Jonathan Lawrence sent him Drew with my team the 5 Chesnut pieces out of Jacob Concklin's Deep Woods to New Road, 2 pieces for posts out of mine and the 2 plates cut in Abram Clarks woods, all gratis. We worked in the Snow, I treated John Renwick, Trenchard and self at Herbert's, very cold. |
| Drew timber | 15 This morning clear, a Snow fall about 5 inches. The bottom being Icy, very good Riding. Very moderate Day, the Snow melts. |
| 16 | I Henry Concklin and Jonathan Lawrence got the but log of the big Black Oak in the Mountain on Sled before 12. I and Henry took it to Ferdon's Saw Mill and afterwards I and Henry went and fetched the 2 Oak pieces out of Jacob Concklin's Woods to My House on Road. Jake used Thomas's mare to Day. |
| Jake used Tho Mare afternoon | |



Short Mann family genealogy (longer one at end of Volume 4)

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Feb. 17 | Overcast this morning but thinly. Little cold. |
| 17 | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally and I expect Mary went this morning to Clarkstown, came for Thomas's Horse early. But they did not go, for after Jonathan Lawrence fetched the horse he got the sick head ache, and George Lawrence and Mary Lawrence went. |
| Prayr 17 Meetg. D. Blauvelts | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelt's, not many. I, Henry Concklin and Peggy, Sally, Ele, John Bell and wife there. Jacob Gesner and Betsy and Gracy not there. |
| Pray 17 Do upper landg | Prayer Meeting Upper Landing, Got to be very Sloppy. About near 50. Jonathan Lawrence better. He there, Sally, I Gracy, Lucy, Henry, Peggy &c. Jacob Gesner and Betsy not there. There is some unknown thing that puts Jacob Gesner and his wife out of order. What it its, I know no cause. |
| 18 | I and Henry Concklin, my team 1/2 Day. Drew the 2 logs out of Jacob Rikers wood, and the one floor sil left before, out of Peter Riker's woods. |
| 18 | Warm today, thaws very much. Snow nearly gone. Grows very Muddy. |
| Piercy 18 Slote | Piercy preached at Slote. Very Muddy. Only about 35 or so. Good discourse. He went to Widow Sneden's. I there &c. NB Phebe Sneden's two twin Girls Sung a most beautiful entry ends |
| 19 | Warm, overcast, very Muddy going. I went to Snedens, got pair shoes on trust, and 1/4 tea 2 shillings 3 pence paid and thread 6 shillings and snuff 7 pence. The snuff for Bets Sneden. |
| I Wt. 19 Nyack | I went from home 12 o'clock nearly to mouth of Creek with Piercy's Waggon and horse to go down with Steam boat Rockland. |

NOTE: Phebe Sneden's daughters, Emalene and Juliet, were 17 years old and known for their beautiful voices. Emalene later married a Dr. Jonathan Edward Smith who practiced in Nyack, and Juliet married John G. Lawrence and lived in Sparkill or Piermont. *Local History*, page 132

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Feb. 19 | William Harris put his school out a little soon, and went along to bring back the horse and Waggon. |
| I at 19 N York | After 1 o'clock I got on board the Rockland. Arrived at New York before sunset. She was heavy loaded &c. |
| 19 I went to see Thomas & Snethen | I went and saw George Thomas, President Van Dam Street no. 17 and Nicholas Snethen, Grand Street no. 414 by request of Brother Piercy to solicit their coming up to Quarterly Meeting Haverstraw two weeks from to Morrow and Sabbath. Snethen Rather concluded to come and Thomas also if their appointments could be filled. |
| 19 | Got at Herbert Lawrence's at Ship Yard in the evening. Stay'd there all Night. |
| 20 | Weather Moderate thawing &c. |
| 20 Saw John Bell | I saw this morning John Bell on the business to purchase lot of him in Sote Orangetown for Meeting House &c. He promised next morning to give answer. He worked for Benjamin Sneden and Lawrence. |
| 20 | I went to see Thomas Pennoyer, Abba Gwefes and William Miller at Night. I stayed with Benjamin Sneden, himself, his daughter Sally, and Jesse Sneden's daughter Eliza, wife of W. Wheeler, were very glad to see me. I ate supper and breakfast with Benjamin Sneden. |
| 21 | Little after Sunrise I saw John Bell. Asked me 300 for a small lot 50 by 70 feet next to Abraham Houses, triangular lot, and said someone had been there the last evening and offered him 200 Dollars for only 25 in front by 100 deep. I told him he should let the man have it. We did not want it. After closely enquiring he |

*Herbert Lawrence,
step brother of Jonathan
Lawrence, who had a ship
yard in New York City.*



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| Feb. 21 | neither knew him nor where he lived. I believe he had hatched the story to get what he could. The lot was not worth more than 30 or 40 dollars. I came away telling him to let the man have it. |
| I from 21 N York | Started from New York 10 o'clock AM in Rockland Steamboat. Came at Mouth of Creek about 1/2 1 o'clock. |
| 21 | This morning Ground hard frozen. Cold all day. Came home, put the horse before Thomas's Waggon and went to Niack to Meeting at night. Piercy preached. Sally, self and Juliet Sneden went. Very cold and miserable. Rough going. A Good Sermon. Text "Prepare to Meet thy God." Back 1/2 after 10 at Night. |
| Piercy at Nyack | Partly overcast cold this morning and all day &c, |
| Meetg Tho | 22 Hazy weather not cold. Roads Muddy. |
| 21 | 22 Partly clear all day. |
| 22 | 23 Clear not Cold. Somewhat froze in Morning. |
| 23 | 23 I, Jonathan , and Sally went Slote near night. We try'd Peter Taulman for spot of ground for Church. We try'd Casparus Mabie. He asked 70 dollars for the Rocky Mudhole south of Slote School House. On the flat joining Taulman's corner he said he would not spare a lot if we would cover it with Dollars, &c. |
| Went Slote to get spot for church | 24 Clear, Some frozen, grew overcast before Night. |
| 24 | Piercy 24 Prayer Meeting Slote School House. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Harris, Henry Concklin, Lucy there from Rockland. Jacob Gesner and wife, Gracy, Peggy Concklin not there. David Blauvelt not there. Had cut his leg. |
| Piercy 24 Slote | |

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| Feb. 24 | Middling good walking to Slote. About 30 at Prayer Meeting. |
| 24 | I and Harris went upper Landing Prayer Meeting about 40 or 45. Jonathan Lawrence sick, not there. It drop some Rain as I and Harris went up alone with Thomas's Horse and Waggon but grew cold. While in Meeting it began to Snow. In our return home it snowed very hard. Wind NNE and immensely cold before we got home. |
| Piercy Mg upper Landing | |
| 25 | This has been one of the coldest Nights and Mornings we have had this Winter. Prodigious cold all day. Snow fairly covered Ground, would have made good riding had the ground been not so muddy and Rough. |
| Cold Snow | |
| 25 | I and Jonathan Lawrence went Slote afternoon to see Derrick Acker for a lot for church, did not succeed. |
| church | |
| 26 | Clear not cold this Morning. |
| 26 | Jonathan Lawrence started to go up to Nyack Alone to see John Gesner for a lot joining Phebe Sneden at Slote near Boss Sneden's Ship Yard on the west side of Road. I understand he only went as far as Derick Clarks. |
| 26 | I wrote a deed for John Lydecker last night, 7 shillings, all Night. |
| 26 | Henry Concklin used my oxen for Jonathan Lawrence drawing wood. |
| 27 | Overcast this Morning, looks likely for Snow, more clear After part of Day, thaws. |
| 28 | Overcast ground frozen hard this morning, Began to Snow about 4 o'clock . |
| 28 | Thompson Presbyterian Nyack had persecuted Reform see over . |

| 1833 | Memento |
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| Feb. 28 Thompsons persecution against Reform | Said, I've been informed by Brother Clark, that they come among the people setting up Father against Son and Son against the Father &c yet this Thompson, I've been told, invited Piercy to this Temperate Society Meeting &c. Duplicity, Duplicity, what is Man! |
| 28 Phebe Sneden Snow | Phebe Sneden here, ate dinner, went after 2 o'clock, a little, to Sally's. Drank tea, Started home about sunset. I offered to take her home with Waggon but she preferred to walk. The Ground had frozen, began to Snow about 4 o'clock PM. Seemed to hold up about 8 at Night. Cold but Wind SE. |
| Henry 28 C. Oxen | Henry Concklin used my oxen yesterday to fetch from New Landing 1 Barrel weight of Corn, he helped me about 2 1/2 Hours yesterday cut Sled Runner tree and about 1/2 Day large today Drawing some fire wood and Sled Runner. |
| Derick 28 Clark NY | Derick Clark to New York to Day to see John Bell again about getting a lot of Ground for Meeting house. He got back Saturday following. |
| March 1 Oxen Snow | Snowing still till just in afternoon. Began to Snow again in the evening. Wind NNE and cold. Jon drew 2 loads of wood from below. |
| 2 Deep Snow | The Deepest Snow there has been through the past Winter. Perhaps as much has fallen these last 2 days as there has fell the whole Winter, very cold this month. Snow about 10 inches that fell. |
| Jacob 2 Gesner & wife out Riding | Jacob Gesner, his wife and old Mistress Cooper went with Thomas's Horse and George Lawrences Sleigh to Thennacamack to Mistress Cooper's Brothers Visit. About 9 o'clock it began to Blow from NW. Sky appears Squally. And Seldom seen that the Snow drifted so, and Remarkable Cold. Snow flew that one could hardly see out of his eyes. |

| 1833 | | Momento |
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| | Mar. 2 | The coldest Weather we have had this winter. |
| | Ja Ges 2 | Jacob Gesner not back this Night. Not fit to return (too Cold &c.) Back next day about 2 o'clock PM. |
| | Back | |
| | VeryCold 3 | Clear, wind not very high this morning, likely the coldest night we have had this past winter by far. All day cold. |
| | Prayr M. 3 | Prayer Meeting David Blauvelt's 11 o'clock. I there, Harris, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Ele, and Mrs. Eckerson the younger there. |
| | Pr Meetg 3 | Prayer Meeting upper landing at Night. Remarkably cold. About 40 there. Jon Lawrence and B Harris walked down or up Mary Lawrence, Ele, who was at |
| | upper landg. | Jonathan Lawrence's and I in his sleigh, very good Sleigh Riding, cold wind NW. |
| | 4 | Clear and very cold indeed. River more Ice in it than any time this past winter. All Day very cold. And exceptionally Cold to Night. |
| | Piercy 4 | Piercy down Preach Slote School House. About 40, good Sermon. First Mark 16 and 20 th verse "And they went forth and preached everywhere. The Lord &c." |
| | Preachd Slote | Jon and Sally, old Sorrel, George Lawrence's sleigh, up to Slote and Nyack. |
| | Jon & Sally riding | Stopped on return at Slote Meeting. |
| | 5 | Clear and still very cold, no wind hardly this morning. Most excellent good |
| | Snow | Riding with Sleigh, none half so good this past Winter, towards night grows overcast and begins to snow about 9 o'clock Night. |
| | Piercy 5 | Piercy Preached a most excellent Sermon at Jonathan Lawrence's tonight from Proverbs 29th chapter and 1 st Verse "He that being often reproved hardeneth his Neck, shall suddenly be Destroyed and that without Remedy" About 35 or 40. |
| | at Jon L. Members | NB Our sister members from the Slote were fetched up to Meeting with a Sleigh and Wood Sled. Jonathan Lawrence went and Henry Concklin, and Jonathan |
| | fetchd from Slote | Lawrence and Harris took them back, snowed at 9 o'clock at Night. |
| | Eley 5 | Eley came with us from Meeting with Oxen &c. Jacob Gesner's wife did not stay in Class Meeting. |

| 1833 | | Momento |
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| Mar. 6 | good riding | This morning Clear and not very Cold. The snow that fell last night about 4 or 5 inches deep and the snow that fell in the first of this month as 10 or 12 Inches and being excessively cold made excellent riding. This last Snow on the top makes beautiful going with Sleigh. |
| Ja Ges | 6 | Jacob Gesner with Brother Thomas's Horse and George Lawrences's Pleasure Sleigh started for New York about 1 1/2 after one o'clock PM to fetch Brother Thomas and Nicholas Snethen up for to attend Quarterly Meeting at Haverstraw on the 9 th and 10 th Instant. I let him have 1 dollar and Brother Piercy let him have one more dollar &c. Most excellent Riding. Not very cold through the Day, wind not high and NW |
| Ja Ges | 6 | Last Night Jacob Gesner After Class Meeting made the best constructed prayer I ever heard him &c |
| good prayer | 6 | Piercy and Jonathan Lawrence went to Slote this afternoon to view the ground of Casparus Mabie, thought it would do. |
| Piercy | 6 | Piercy preached at New Landing School House, an excellent sermon from "Except ye Repent ye shall all likewise perish." Between 60 and 70 hearers, a solemn discourse. I Harris, Eley, Sally, Henry Concklin and Jonathan there. Jacob Gesner to NY. Jacob Gesner's wife and Gracy home. |
| new Landg. | 6 | Gracy fell to Day in front of Kitchen door and hurt her knee, leg and her foot. Seemed a Ha? for a while; foot, leg swollen, full of pain and cripple. |
| Gracy fell | 7 | Sky overcast partly looks like Snow. I and Derick Clark examined Phebe |
| I & Clark | | Sneden's lot. |
| look at Phebe's lot | | |
| lot Slote | | |

| 1833 | | Momento |
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| Mar. 7 | | Jacob returned from New York with Martin Hagen to Closter and had a further opp? quite home I understood But |
| Ja Ges bk | | Brother Thomas and Brother Snethen came up with the Sleigh and Horse |
| Thos & | | Jacob Gesner took down. Came back about 2 or 3 PM. Good Riding. They |
| Smethren | | stayed with me All Night. |
| | 8 | Partly overcast this Morning not cold. Riding still very Good. |
| They | 8 | George Thomas and Nicholas Snethen went away 10 o'clock AM in George |
| Went Away | | Lawrence's Sleigh and Thomas's Horse for Storms's. |
| I went | 8 | I on foot to bring Horse and Sleigh back. Jonathan Lawrence went along to |
| | | Slote. He sounded the Meadow where we thought to erect a Meeting House of |
| | | Phebe Sneden. He said he run a 12 foot Rod of iron Down, found no solid bottom. |
| I Bk | 8 | I got back Dusk with horse and sled. Riding grows poor. |
| | 9 | Clear this morning, Cool. Roads a little Sharp. Icy. |
| | 9 | I, Harris and Jacob Gesner fixing about 9 o'clock to go to Haverstraw |
| | | Quarterly Meeting. But Jacob Gesner did not go. |
| I & Harris | 9 | I and Harris got to Haverstraw with George Thomas's Horse and Waggon |
| Wt. | | about 1/2 after 3 o'clock PM. Started after 10 a little. Heard Snethen preach |
| Haversw. | | at Night. Spoke well. I felt Dull, pretty full Meeting. |
| | 9 | I Stay'd at Rulof Vanhouten's to Night. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Mar. 9 | I drank tea with B. Bishop after Quarterly Conference was over. We came there while Quarterly Conference was sitting. |
| Snethen | |
| Preachd. 9 | At Night at Haverstraw as said before Nicholas Snethen Preached. |
| I lodged | I Went and lodged with R. Van houten, used Well. |
| 10 | Ate Breakfast with Van Houten, his wife a Clever Woman |
| | At 9 to Love Feast, seats nearly filled, a good time. |
| 10 | Snethen Preached 11 o'clock AM. Text Isaiah 25 and from 6 th to 10 th |
| Snethen | verse "And in this Mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people |
| Again | &c." This was truly a Sermon for perspicuity of Language, elegance, |
| at Haverstraw | richness of Expression by figure, beautifully presented to the Mind with |
| | tender and Affecting application. He seemed to pursue a way of preaching |
| | different from the Generality of preachers. A Great and Genuine Sermon, |
| | hearers' bosoms throbbing with tender veneration of its powerful effect. |
| 10 | Prayer Meeting in Church 1/2 after 3. At Night Thomas preached a Good |
| | and effectual Sermon. |
| Snow 10 | Weather Grows hazy, began to snow in evening. After Sermon prayer |
| | meeting. No invitation given for Members. |
| 10 | I went with Van houten, ate Supper. Stayed all Night. |
| 11 | I Ate Breakfast with Van houten. |
| Snow 11 | Partly overcast this morning. A Snow fell to Night about 4 + inches. |
| 11 | I left Thomas's Horse and Waggon at Brother Woods, by consultation with |
| I left Thomas's | him. I and William Harris came home on foot all the way. Clear Midday. |
| Horse &c | Snow melted. Roads full of Water and Mud, a miserable bad trouble. |
| bad travel from | Started after 10, home before night a little. |
| Haverstraw | |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Mar. 11 length of Time I kept horse | Horse of George Thomas I kept from on the 17 th January 1833 until Saturday the 9 th of March 1833, only 2 days absent in the time, 7 Weeks 2 Days. NB The 2 Days being away leaves 7 weeks. |
| 11 Thos & Snethen | We, I and Harris told people in our Return that Snethen could not preach as was proposed to Night, too bad to travel and for people to come out, would come up from New York another Time. We left him at Haverstraw with Thomas intending to go to New York Next Day ie 12 th with the Rockland |
| 12 Muddy | Overcast and a little misty this morning a little frozen. It is Remarkably Muddy. Roads are Still hard with frost under the top Mud, the Ground about half uncovered of Snow, seems to Rain little in Evening. |
| 12 Return of Veal from Jon Law &c | Jonathan Lawrence Gave me 11 shillings 6 pence of the one hind quarter and one fore quarter and skin of My Calf sent to New York. The basket and cloth not yet come. He said he gave me the Calf of his cow &c. I kept one fore quarter and he one hind quarter. NB The 2 quarters and skin by Bill was 18 shillings 6 pence, freight 1 shilling leaves 17 shillings 6 pence of which I had 11 shillings 6 pence, his calf we said before he gave me &c. |
| Conference 13 | Conference set at New York. |
| 13 | A little Rain last Night. Clear 9 o'clock. Moderate Day. |
| ladle 13 | Bought a ladle of Old Man from Haverstraw Mountain. Gave 1 pence. |
| 14 | Froze last Night, ground Hard, Clear and Moderate Day. |
| 15 | Overcast this morning. Ground frozen, looks a little Snow. |
| Cooper 15 Meal frm Mill | Old Cooper fetched meal from Nagles Mill is Buckwheat, Indian, and Rye. The Grain he took there Tuesday 12 th . |
| 16 Whip saw 16 | Clear, Ground some frozen this morning. A Beautiful Day but muddy. I lent Robert and John Renwick my whip saw. They brought it back, said it Ran. I jointed and filed it, spent hours. I went down to John G. Concklin's Saw pitt; it then went good. |
| Peter C. 16 Mabie's Will | I drew Peter C. Mabie's will again. Went down to Peter Riker's, there executed. I, Jacob Haring and William Jacox witnesses, he did not pay, since paid. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| March 16 | On Peter C. Mabie's will. Peter and Abraham C Mabie are executors. |
| 17 | Clear and handsome morning. Ground frozen hard but soon thaws. |
| 17 | Lucy, wife of David Blauvelt has been poorly some Days, but taken worse. |
| Lucy Sick | Doctor Perry was called. Came, Seemed to conclude that it had turned to the Pleurisy. After the third trial could get no blood. I went in, saw her. She was poorly, coughed and Raised Much. Her Mother there and told me the Young child had had 3 or 4 fits — was better then. I endeavored to console the afflicted &c. |
| No Prayr Mg. | |
| this Mornng 17 | No Prayer Meeting this morning. |
| Prayr Mg. 17 | Prayer Meeting at New Landing to Night. About 40. There was Meeting in Baptist Meeting House also to Night, a preacher from New York. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Gesner and Harris there from Rockland. I was told no others from Rockland. |
| at New Landg. | |
| 17 | Thinly overcast to Night, walking by places grows better, not so muddy. |
| 18 | Still overcast this Morning. |
| I went to 18 | I went to view the spot lately belonging to Harvey Hendrix now to Peter Mabie of New York, son of Peter Southwest of Peter Taulman, a little way on Mill Road, to see whether it would answer for a Meeting House. I suppose it will do &c. I went on to see Derick Clark who Concluded to go to New York on Thursday or Friday Next to see said Peter Mabie on the business. |
| view Peter Mabie's lot | |
| Went to Derick Clarks | |
| Eliza Sarvent 19 | I Started about 9 o'clock near Night back Eliza Post Sarvent an ignorant Baptist, blown up &c. I had a conversation with her, Moderate. |
| a biased woman | |
| Pigeons 19 | Clear pleasant this morning. Numerous flocks of pigeons flying this morning. Weather still and warm. Roads begin to Dry |

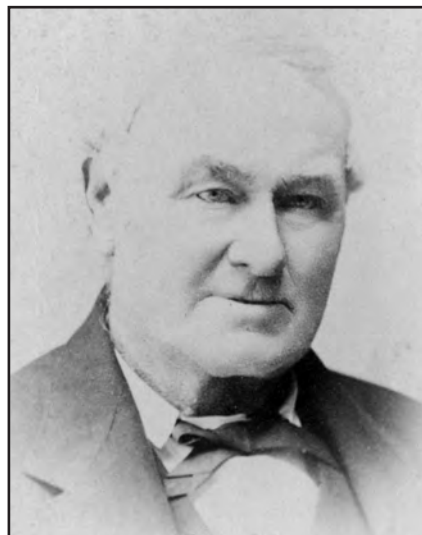
| 1833 | Momento |
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| March 19 | I understand By D. Clark and others that Griffis, Baptist, is exerting himself in the extreme to over throw Reform, visiting from house to house, biasing the people and confusing the minds of young Seekers who were brought under Conviction by the Reform Preaching, it seems that Jealousy and envy has excited him; 14 or 15 years he has preached in the Baptist Meeting house at Slote and Never exerted himself so, until Reform's preaching under God's blessing Awakened many, himself by this preaching is excited. Remains a question whether it is the love of God and of Souls or Jealousy, bigotry, envy and the Spirit of Opposition that has excited him. NB It appears the Man is fighting against the works of the Law &c &c. It further appears by these exertions he has blaxed the Minds of many of weak judgment, on whom Stratagem best operates and whose concerted influence has great effect to Answer his Design in the Neighbourhood. May God subvert every wicked and unchristian Stratagem. |
| Griffs the Baptist very busy against Reform it is said | I went to Slote last Night and heard a strange Minister of the Baptist Denomination preach. About 33 or 34, he preached tolerably well, tainted with Calvinistic sentiments. It appeared to me his discourse was nearly Methodism; but so Much of it as seemed to touch on the Doctrine of Election slightly touched acted in contradiction to the other part. |
| New Baptist Preached at Slote School House | Overcast to Night. |
| 19 | Rain this Morning. Rained a little before 10 last Night, must have Rained a good deal last Night by the Brooks which are high. |
| 20 | |
| Rain | |

NOTE: The most basic definition for the 'doctrine of election' is the belief that God chooses whom He will save and allow into Heaven and whom He will not save and send to Hell. This decision is based solely on God's own sovereign will and purpose and is not influenced by any other person or by anything anyone does. That is to say that this choice is made apart from any action or belief on the part of the sinner. In other words, man has absolutely no role in his own salvation. If God wants a person to be saved, He will ultimately, through His sovereign control over all circumstances and His ability to open the heart and mind of the sinner, compel a person to believe. These people are then referred to as 'the elect.' The bottom line of the 'doctrine of election' is that God picks and chooses who goes to Heaven and who goes to Hell for reasons we do not know. *Abel Ramirez*, youmustbesaved.com

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Mar. 20 | Rainy the greater part of the Day, wind northeast, not high. |
| 21 | Still overcast this morning. Misty or Foggy, brooks full of water this morning. |
| Pigeons 21 | NB I've been informed that the like hardly has been known of Pigeons on the Rockland Salt Meadow, Tappan and also toward Hackensack &c. Numerous flocks &c. This was on the 19 th Instant. Pigeons flew yesterday through rain. |
| Jack 21 Earnest | Today nearly all the while overcast. I mended Jack Earnest's plough and all Settled for peaches had last fall of him. |
| 22 | Cloudy all Day, not Cold. |
| Hen Willse 22 | I and Henry Willse sawed logs to Day a half Day. I paid him 1 shilling 6 pence. |
| Jon L. to 22 NY, Mary &c | Jonathan Lawrence, his Mary and William went to New York. |
| 22 | I went to the Slote on the Night of the 19 th just as said before, heard |
| Baptist & Methodist | Baptist preach. After done, gave out for preaching on following Thursday night and Sunday morning and also Evening. Exertions by them hitherto, here unknown. NB There seems no controversy or doubt but what they urge it on the Minds of the people that Methodists support the doctrine of being able to save themselves when they will by their Works. This Methodists know to be a false Assertion, for Refutation enquire of the truly converted Baptist and Methodist and it will be discovered to be the work of Grace, but perhaps they may assert that no Real conversion can happen to a professing Methodist. |
| 23 | Clear and beautiful this morning and warm and handsome All Day. |
| Jake 23 making ready to move | Jacob Gesner and Wife cleaning and making preparation yesterday and to Day to leave my room and move in George Mann's House near School House, his reasons I know not, but guess &c. |

| 1833 | Momento | |
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| <div> <div>March 23</div> <div>24</div> <div>24</div> <div>24</div> </div> <div> Prayer Meeting upper Landg full Meetg. Methodist believe that God will not condemn Men for doing his Will </div> | 23 | <p>The frost nearly out of the Ground, very bad with Waggon.</p> <p>A beautiful Morning, clear and still. Some white frost this morning.</p> <p>Towards Night get to be Overcast not cold.</p> <p>Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrence's. John Bell's wife, Ely, Hannah Concklin, and Derick Clark's young daughter there. I Henry Concklin and Peggy, Jacob Gesner's wife also there, good little meeting.</p> <p>At Night Prayer Meeting at New Landing. Very full, perhaps 80 or 90. Jonathan spoke well. Jacob and myself spoke little, principally confirming that Methodists did not hold that they could save themselves but of the Gift of God, that Christ did for all that would come, that there was a Day of Salvation proffered to All, that all those who had Arrived to a State of Accountability had at time some Conviction for error, some invitation which if adhered to God would Bless them, that if God had Devised all Mens' actions it would be unavoidable to do otherwise than God had Devised. And then if with Judgment those denominated Wicked would be condemned for doing what God has Devised, that is Condemned for doing his will &c, which seems Absurd &c.</p> |
| | | <p>Partly overcast this Morning not cold, Clear about 9 o'clock and all Day and evening</p> |
| | | <p>To Day I Received 14 Dollars of David Tallman for 2 Trees, yet due 50 cents. This 50 cents I threw in afterwards. Our Agreement was for 17.50. But the large White Oak in Swamp proved hollow in Butt. I agreed to take 14.50 of which he paid me 14 Dollars as said before. When he paid he complained, said he had hardly saved himself. I threw in the 50 cents as before said.</p> |
| | | <p>Sally with all children here this Day, came before 12 o'clock, went home Sundown.</p> |
| | | <p>Wrote a letter for Old Cooper to Jacob Straut, Hempstead for poor money.</p> |

*David Tallman,
born 1802, Old Side
Member who lived
on what is now
Route 9W*



| 1833 | Momento |
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| Mar. 26 | Clear and a little cool All Day. |
| 26 | I went to help Captain Josh at schooner About between 7 and 8 AM. Put in 4 new top timbers dressed and bored the new water way. |
| Piercy 26 | Prayer Meeting Rockland School House. I there, Harris, Jacob Gesner and |
| Mg. | wife, Henry Concklin and wife, Jonathan Lawrence and wife, George |
| Harris to | Lawrence and Old Mistress Cooper good &c |
| N York 27 | Harris to New York. |
| Conference 27 | Clear handsome Weather. I helped Captain Josh again, towards Night gets |
| see below | Overcast cool |
| 29 | Clear, Ground froze some White frost, helped Captain Josh to Day, finished at the Schooner. 3 1/2 Days, he paid me 5 Dollars. |
| 29 | Anderwine Sot poles River. |
| 30 | Clear a little cool this morning. |
| Paid 30 | Paid John H. Zabriskie for cow I bought at Walter Parcel's Vendue, 19 |
| for Cow | Dollars and took his Receipt, near 12 o'clock to Day. |
| John 30 | John Gisner sent Harry Gisner's son to me this Morning to come up to |
| Gisner sent | Harry's. John Gesner was sick. Said I must bring his old Will along. |
| I went 30 | I started between 1 and 2 o'clock PM. I found him not very ill, he put off the |
| nothing | writing of his will till he could get further Information concerning Evert |
| done | Wandles concerns at Albany &c. Oh what a Man to give me a walk so |
| | foolishly. |
| Conference 28 | Conference breaks up this afternoon, began the 13 Instant. |
| over | William Harris back from New York. |

NOTE: Anderwine was setting poles to run nets between them and catch the shad migrating up river in the spring

| 1833 | Momento |
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| March 31 Piercy preachd last & Appoint again Prayr 31 Mg. April 1 1 | NB. Piercy preached his last sermon before Conference on the 6 th Instant at night at New Landing Nyack, he is appointed again on the Rockland circuit. But when he will commence is not really known. Prayer Meeting at Slote School House, only about 14 from Rockland. I, Jonathan Lawrence, William Harris not from Nyack and Slote. Clear pleasant a little Smoaky. I and Derick Clark sounded Phebe Sneden's lot, found the Iron Rod to go down 17 1/2 feet and near George Beale's shop in Marsh it was 18 1/2 feet. |
| Jacob Gesner Moved away 2 Wheeler 2 Settled with 2 Zeb Woolsey 3 Pedlar 3 Tonight | Jacob Gesner Moved Away from my house Again on the 26 th of March, 1 week ago. The reason for moving I know not. Clear, a little Smoaky still. Warm, pleasant. Wheeler and another stayed with me last Night. I and Zebulon Woolsey Settled accounts to Day. I gave him Receipt. I did Receive 62 Cents. Little Cloudy this morning, begins to Rain 9 o'clock. Pedlar McKeene Stayed here last Night. I bought a pair stockings 3 shillings 6 pence and white Handkerchief, 2 shillings 6 pence, makes 6 shillings. Paid. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| <p>April 3 I Went N York</p> <p>Rain</p> <p>4</p> <p>Saw Thomas Mosheims Eccl Hist Agreed</p> | <p>I went Down to New York at Snedens on board of Orange Steam Boat just after 12 o'clock. Got Down before 4 o'clock. I went to N.B. Brower's, he not home. I went then and saw Humbert in James Street. Saw him, he told me the Brower Concern was not yet commenced but did expect the May term of Court of Chancery something Might, that the Lawyers employed by the Committee advised not to press too fast &c and that the Committee has not Made and would not Make Any compromise without calling a Meeting of the Members And having their Approbation &c.</p> <p>I then went and saw Nicholas Concklin in Catharine Street on settling with Elmira, Jacob Concklin &c, that he ought not to pay the money he owed on land he bought until the Creditors would have their due Secured. I then went and Stayed all night with Pennoyre. Ate supper. Got overcast and Rained hard tonight.</p> <p>Clear and Beautiful this morning. I went down Walker Street, left my Great coat at Abba Gwefes and Ate Breakfast. I then went down to the Dock where Steam Boat was. Then I Herbert and his wife Mary Ann went up to Elmira at Master Stephensons's, Washington Street 659, turning in the account against the Estate of Jacob Concklin Junior Deceased. They had no money to Settle. Agreed that although the time of the Advertisement was Run out, he would settle as soon as possible afterwards, that there would be money Due to Estate at 1st May following. I stayed and ate Dinner with them long teeth . I Then went and saw Brother George Thomas our President Methodist Protestant And Engage with him for Mosheims' Ecclesiastical History, 7.50 for one Volume with Plates, neatly bound.</p> |

NOTE: "Long teeth" is an idiom in some cultures meaning that the activity described is not something one would prefer to do. This may be what Nicholas meant, considering his feelings about Elmira.

| 1833 | Momento |
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| April 4 Saw Snethen Stayd at Abba's | Went then and saw Brother Nicholas Snethen in Grand Street 414 at Brother David Ayres's. He Snethen not very well, talked to come soon and preach for us. Went and stayed with Abba Gwefes. Ate supper and stayed all Night. |
| 4 | I also went and saw Master Storms, Dockbuilder about his Spoil Machine, living corner of Greenwich and Worth Streets, making enquiry &c. |
| 5 saw Cousin Helena Manning | Clear and Handsome Weather. I saw Nicholas B. Brower at his house, talked over the Brower concern and went with him up Division Street to see my cousin Helena Manning at No. I think 267 came back with Nicholas Brower. Drank tea about Sunset, went with him to the Watch House back City Hall. He answered to his name. I went back with him. Got John Gesner's Affidavit which he had and went down to Abba's about 1/2 half past 8 or near 9 at Night, Stayed all night. |
| I went 6 to see Abrhm Mabie N York about Lot | Clear and beautiful Day, a little cool. Early I went from Abba's to Abraham P. Mabie in Wooster Street, 204. This was the 2 nd time to his house and came to White Hall to see about getting a lot for Church near Peter Taulman's, Slote. |
| 6 Baldwin's son Died | Came Down to Steam Boat Rockland left New York at 10 o'clock. Got at mouth of creek between 1 and 2, and near night when I got Home. Baldwin's son died yesterday Long Island. |

| 1833 | | Momento |
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| April 6 | | Expenses going to New York, Freight and a little cider, crackers &c 6 shillings 11 pence. |
| Wheeler | 6 | Wheeler and family came down my family said yesterday from |
| Moved | | Haverstraw and went to Old House in Kitchen and hired of Herbert till |
| old house | | May. |
| | 7 | Clear and Handsome this Morning. |
| Pray | 7 | Prayer Meeting at slote School House 10 o'clock about 16 or 18. I was |
| Meetg | | there, Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Conklin, William Harris, David Blauvelt, |
| | | Elizabeth Rice, Old Ginny &c. Lucy is not well yet . Jacob Gesner and wife, |
| | | Gracy, Peg Conklin from Rockland not there nor Sally she is not well . |
| | | Prayer Meeting at 3 afternoon Upper Landing not many, about 25 or 30. |
| | | Brother Wheeler Spoke, Jonathan and Harris and Clark, a little from |
| | | Rockland. And there was Henry Conklin and wife, Jonathan Lawrence and |
| | | Mary Lawrence, myself, Harris and Brother Wheeler. My horse and |
| | | Herbert's Waggon Went. Peggy and Mary in I in when going up. |
| Rain | 7 | Begins to Rain in Evening. Grew overcast this afternoon. |
| | 8 | Rain Storm, Wind SE by E This morning. Clear afternoon, road watery. |
| I & Jon Law | 8 | I and Jonathan Lawrence to Slote, viewed Abraham Mabie's lot near |
| & Derick | | Taulman. Derick Clark came sometime after we were there, approved of |
| Clark met | | the spot if we could succeed with Peter Taulman. He to New York. |
| I Went | 8 | Abraham Gisner came down horseback to fetch me up to Nyack to see and |
| Nyack John | | do business for his father John Gisner being poorly. I went up about 5. |
| Gisner Slote | | Started afternoon, came there in evening. John Poorly. |
| &c | 9 | Clear and cool, Wind high from NW. Clear and cool in Evening. |
| | 9 | Did business between John Gisner and Abraham Gisner. John Gisner took |
| | | Abraham's House by deed for 600 dollars. Abraham still owes 321.00 |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| April 9 | NB Abraham Gisner on Settlement with John Gisner his father and was in debt to his father 921.00. John Gisner had a Mortgage on his son Abraham's place in House and lot in the Nyack Village. Abraham conveyed the lot by Deed to his father and took up the mortgage. Deeded it for 600 dollars. Then Abraham Remained in Debt 321.00 for which he gave John Gisner a Bond payable a year hence and without Interest for any time thereafter. John Green acknowledged the Deed and took the acknowledgement of John Gisner that he was contracted and paid for Bond and Mortgage Abraham took up. Green took another Acknowledgement of John on another Mortgage to have them cancelled. Green took the 2 Mortgages. |
| John pd Perry Deed I 9 Wrote | I wrote the Deed and the Bond executed to Day &c. John paid Dollars Perry 20. |
| 10 | Clear and Beautiful All Day. |
| John 10 Gisner's Will Wrote Witnesses I went up came back Henry Gesner Anne Brush 10 | John Gisner little better, his stomach can't bear victuals. I wrote his Will to Day, had a Most difficult Man to Deal with. I say I never had so many difficulties — crooks to deal with and so contracted and Singularly attached to Worldly concerns as with John Gisner altho sick. His witnesses were William D. Bell, Joseph Hart and Nicholas Gesner. NB I went up Monday afternoon, back 9 o'clock to Night. Henry Gesner brought me with wagon to Slote. I came home 9 o'clock. |
| 11 | Anne Brush came up to see her father yesterday. |
| 12 | Clear and cool this Morning, wind light from NW. |
| Thunder Hail | Clear but Smoaky. Warm this morning, about 4 o'clock PM a Thunder Shower, it blew about 6 or 8 Minutes violently. Rained and hailed, the ground nearly covered with hail, mostly the size of very large green peas, yes larger. |
| Peach 12 Trees &c | Planted 6 Peach Trees, got of Jack Earnest, 4 back of Garden and 2 in yard on front of house and 2 opposite trees behind Barn. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Prayr April 12 Mg. J Law | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences last night. About 12 or 14. |
| Mistress 12 Remsey | Mistress Remsey and Girl down to see Mistress Wheeler, Old House kitchen to Day. |
| Sowed 12 turnip seed | I sowed turnip seed to Day for Jacob Gesner in Garden where he now lives. |
| 13 | Cool, Clear all Day. I used Oxen, had Jacob Post's sled about 1/2 Day. |
| 14 | Clear, cold ground somewhat frozen. |
| Prayer 14 Meeting | Prayer Meeting Slote School House 10 o'clock AM, few, about 20. I went, Jacob Gesner, Henry Conklin, Harris, Wheeler, Matthew Corwine, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, James Briggs, Wife, Lucy and Mistress Rice from Rockland. Good time &c. |
| Matthew 14 Corwine came | Matthew Corwine came down to Meeting to Day, been a few days from the Westward, expects to work at Nyack's quarry. |
| 14 | Prayer Meeting at New Landing 4 o'clock, not Many, in the 20, there. I Wheeler, Harris, Jonathan Lawrence there. |
| Corwine 14 Preachd | Matthew Corwine preached at 4 o'clock PM at Jonathan Lawrence's, preached well. Between 20 and 30 Hearers, I understood. |
| Jesse 15 Trenchard moved house | Cold, Clear, no wind this morning, cold all Day. Jesse Trenchard Moved his house back to Day. Had about 30 Men there. |
| Piercy 15 Slote he has not Preachd down here since 6 March | Albert Piercy Preached at Slote School House at Night, not many. NB Albert Piercy has not Preached here, ie, not at Rockland, Slote nor Upper Landing since the 6 th of March last which was at New Landing which see referring to that Date of Momento) This night is the first down here since Conference which is about 40 Days since he preached down here &c. |
| 16 | Clear and cold All Day. |
| Richard 16 | Richard helped me to Day in heaping dung up by Barn and in Garden. |
| Piercy 16 Jon Law | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrence's tonight an excellent Sermon, house full. Mary Concklin there. Proverbs "The Wicked shall be driven away in his wickedness, but the Righteous shall have hope." |

| 1833 | Memento | |
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| April 17 | | I lent Mr. Wheeler 4 shillings to Day, he went to New York to see Nicholas Concklin to hire Rooms. |
| Piercy 17 | upper landg | Piercy Preached upper landing to Night, came to my house this morning 10 o'clock from Jonathan Lawrence. About 40 or 50 hearers, good Sermon. Text John 6 th chapter and 37 Verse a part, "and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." I went up with Jonathan Lawrence on foot. Sally with my horse and Jacob Post's wagon Bets Scudder in Waggon . |
| | 17 | Clear Morning, some Cloudy, toward Night Overcast, cool. |
| | 18 | Clear all day, nice Day, Little cool |
| Piercy 18 | Nyack | Piercy Preached in Nyack Presbyterian Meeting House not many hearers, it appeared there was not General Notice. Piercy's first Preaching since Conference. About 50 or 60. I and Sally there, had Jacob Post's Waggon. |
| | 19 | Clear this Morning. Nice all Day. |
| | 20 | Clear, little smoaky this Morning. High Wind from the west and warm. |
| | 20 | Jacob Post had my oxen ploughing this week 1 1/2 Day. |
| Hamstrung 20 | | Hamstrung 8 Sheep. |
| Hay of 20 | Jacob Post | Towards night I got about 2 hundred pounds of common Hay of Jacob Post on the use of my oxen. |
| Old Ginny 20 | | Old Ginny Blauvelt here this Afternoon, stayed all Night. |
| | 21 | Clear warm smoaky this Morning. Appears droughty, rain is wanting. |
| Pray Mg. 21 | Jon Law | Prayer Meeting 10 o'clock Jonathan Lawrence's. About 16 or 18, good meeting. David Blauvelt not there. Lucy there &c. |
| Prayr 21 | M at new landing | Prayer Meeting New Landing, house nearly full, about 80 or 90. Wheeler spoke well and Jonathan Lawrence spoke well. I there, Wheeler there, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally there from Rockland. Brother William Harris not there, not very well, neither was he at Jonathan Lawrence's at 10 o'clock. |
| I to NY 22 | | Clear, warm little Smoaky, Ground Dry. I was fixing to go to New York to see Abraham Mabie. |
| Garden 22 | | This morning I Made beds in Garden, ploughed Saturday last, did some at Beds. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| April 22 I went NY | I went New York with Orange just came time enough to Snedens, Came on board about 3/4 after 12. Landed at State Prison 3 o'clock, went to see Abraham P. Mabie, Wooster Street, No. 204, not home this afternoon. I went same afternoon, saw Pennoyre, he was better, Stayed with Abba Gwefes Night, saw Mabie in Morning. |
| 23 | Overcast I went from Abba Gwefes's, saw Abraham P. Mabie between 6 and 7 o'clock AM on business for a lot of ground for church, he could not spare any more Tallman's without his front could be enlarged but said if we could buy Black Tommache's lot, little South of Slote School House for 500 Dollars, he would take the lot at that price and give us a lot gratis. |
| I back 23 | Started 12 o'clock for home with Orange, came to Snedens 1/2 past 2 o'clock, spent with passages 10 shillings 1 pence ie 4 shillings for passages, 3 shillings for Gracy's handkerchief dying or coloring, 1 shilling for Orange, 6 pence shaving, 6 pence Oysters, 3 pence crackers, 6 pence cider, 4 pence for Wine and figs NB. |
| Spent | 23 It rained this morning, a little clear by 12 o'clock. 24 Cloudy, a little rainy this morning. |
| the School of Rockland &c Old Side wants to control | 24 Sam Sneden and Richard Van Wickle from adjoining Jersey met this day Around in Rockland School District No. 1, contrary to any legal process, to Raise a school for one Stir, a Methodist Episcopal Preacher in opposition to William Harris, a Well Approved teacher who had been teaching in said District School House 2 Quarters and approved by all as a good teacher. The said Harris had proposed to give up the School because of an opportunity offered him at New York under the tuition of Nicholas Snethen, gratuitously to be further educated, but on the application of a Majority of employers or their solicitors request, he consented to continue. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| <p>April 24</p> <p>Old Side Want to Get the Rockland School for Stir for their own power &c</p> | <p>The Old Side Methodist Episcopal, determined to have their preacher to Move in the neighborhood, teach the school and preach without saying a word further it is said , they at once employed Ster to come, principally men Residing out of District and out of the State William Herbert Gesner, David Tallman, and Jesse Trenchard was favorable to the Old Side. But the Main part of employers being perfectly satisfied with Harris as a teacher, but dissatisfied in his going away, as soon as they understood his intention, expressed their dissatisfaction to him and therefore he consented to continue.</p> <p>The Old Side having Already, without calling on the trustees or a Meeting of the Neighbors, employed Ster on their own authority. And finding that William Harris has consented to stay, immediately as said before, Sam Sneden and Richard Van Wickle went through the neighborhood to get all the children they could and would make up a school for Ster to keep at Zebulon Woolsey's Shop which created a tumult &c &c. George Mann attacked them on this low business. George Quidor declared, I was told, if they wanted to rule the Neighborhood they should not rule him. David Tallman Signified that he would not send if Ster taught &c. And Herbert Gesner also, besides Jonathan Lawrence, and others, they plead that Harris had given up. Well Harris had proposed to give up, yet on their Application he continued. It is true they proceeded to do as they pleased without taking measures becoming &c.</p> |

*Jesse Trenchard,
who had a
blacksmith shop
across the road
from Herbert
Gesner's store.*



| 1833 | Momento | |
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| April 24 | 24 | One Remsey, a teacher at Greenbush had been word sent to for to apply for the School immediately after Harris Signified to Give up. But they raised a noise in the Neighborhood with this officious proceeding, which manifested their low, cunning and Satanic and Bigoted principles. |
| | 25 | Clear, cold. |
| | 25 | I, Harris and Wheeler with my team Drew 1 Plate and 5 Sils Out of Peter Riker's field to my house in 3 loads 3/4 Day. |
| | 26 | Clear, frost this morning, Cool All Day. |
| Jim to NY | 26 | Jim Miller went to New York to Day. |
| & Harris | 26 | Harris went to New York also to Day, intending to return to Morrow and did Return. |
| Hobbs | 26 | Brother Hobbs came at my house this afternoon. |
| J D Conk | 26 | John D. Conklin and Peggy House here this afternoon. |
| & Peggy | 26 | I had a little Hay of Jacob Post to Day. I weighed it, there was 53 1/2 lb. I had some before About 20 lb. Poor hay. |
| Frost | 27 | Clear Cold like, a White frost all over the ground. |
| | 27 | I got of Jacob Post some old Hay of year before last both poor, fresh and salt with some Stalks, perhaps but little more than 1/3 of a common load. |
| Hay &c | | All of it was old, worth about 4 shillings. |
| Jacob Post | | |
| Paid Casp | 27 | I paid Casparus Wandell in full for Beef 13 shillings 9 pence. |
| Wandell | 28 | Clear, the air cold, no frost this morning. I have seen none. |
| Br Hobbs | 28 | Brother Hobbs stayed with me the past 2 Nights. |
| Prayr | 28 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelt's. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, |
| Mg | | Henry Conklin, Wheeler, Hobbs, Harris, Gracy, Ely, Phebe Sneden there. |
| Corwine | 28 | Matthew Corwine preached, Jonathan Lawrence, 4 PM, not Many. Quaker |
| Preachd | | preached at 3 in Old Side Meeting House which interfered, &c. |
| | 28 | Preaching at New Landing at Night by Brother Hobbs, a very good and |
| Hobbs | | impressive Sermon, text Proverbs, 1 st Chapter, 24, 25 and 26 verses. |
| Preachd | | About 80 hearers. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Harris, Wheeler, my horse and George Lawrence's Waggon. I and Hobbs rode up and Hobbs went to Clark's. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| April 29 | Clear, pleasant, Smoaky, this Morning warm. |
| Piercy 29 | Piercy preached at Slote School House to Night. About 50 or 60, greater |
| Slote | part Women. A Collection made, 12 shillings 4 pence. John Blanch put in I |
| Stay'd | full sensible 4 shilling piece, it fell hard in My hat, out of Rockland I |
| with me 29 | there, Wheeler, Harris, Lucy there of Members. |
| 30 | Brother Piercy came with Horse and Waggon. Stayed with me to Night. |
| Hobbs 30 | Clear and very warm All Day. Smoaky. |
| Wt Away | Brother Hobbs went Away. I took him to Mouth of Creek with my horse |
| Piercy 30 | and Piercy's Waggon. He went Haverstraw with Rockland. I gave him 2 |
| Jon Law | shillings. |
| Collection 30 | Piercy preached at Jonathan Lawrence's to Night, Text "If Christ make |
| 9 sh 7p gave | you free you shall be free indeed." John seemed to touch on different |
| Piercy | kinds of Slavery, support Christian liberty through Christ &c. About 30. |
| 30 | Collection made at Jonathan Lawrence's 7 shillings 7 pence. Also gave to |
| Pamphlets | Piercy. Herbert gave by hand of Mary Ann 2 shillings more, makes 9 |
| Jack May 1 | shillings 7 pence. |
| Martin Paid&c | Piercy stayed with me tonight. He brought pamphlets, I took first 3 |
| Nich Conck 1 | pamphlets, 2 of which the History of the organization of the Methodist |
| Cose moves 1 | Protestant Church at 8 pence each and one the Minutes of Conference 6 |
| Piercy 1 | pence. Then I took one more of the History and gave it to Mary Ann. |
| New landg | Jack Martin paid balance due to me for use of oxen instead of Captain S. |
| Collection | Hagen 13 shillings 6 pence. |
| 2 | Nicholas Conklin up yesterday. |
| | Cose moved today to Tappan, that is May 1 st . |
| | Piercy preached at New Landing about 40 or 50, mostly women. I and |
| | Harris from Rockland. Collection only 3 shillings, gave it to Piercy, he |
| | went to Phebe's tonight. Derick Clark took horse. |
| | Smoaky and foggy, very thick this morning. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 2 I Laid out lot Elias Kent Paid Cooper Tailor my coat | I went laid out lot of Ground for Elias Kent, got of James Briggs, then to Saw Mill, from there to Coopers, the Taylor near Tallman's, Slote, paid him 4 Dollars yet due 1 Dollar NB 1 Dollar paid since on making Surcoat Coat with trimmings Cloth I found from there to Phebe Sneden's, then home. But I saw Piercy at Phebe Sneden's &c. |
| 3 | Very dry and smoaky all day to Day. Clear but smoaky all Day. |
| John 3 Willse's Bey | John Willse had Stone Bey to Day. Had 4 or 5 teams. I there between 2 and 3. It was afternoon Bey, did much work. |
| Frost 4 | Clear frost this morning, white about my Barn. |
| Deed 4 Elias Kent Executed | I went and delivered Deed and Map to Elias Kent about 10 o'clock and had Deed from James Briggs and Wife to Elias Kent executed. I just went laid out the Ground the 2 nd , then wrote Deed and drew Map. He paid me 10 shillings for it. |
| Wheeler 4 Ordered out of House | Nicholas Conklin ordered Wheeler out of house to Day I understand and Objects that he put Cose Cooper out of the house to answer Wheeler's Request and now won't give him the rent agreed on, urging that Wheeler has used this as a Stratagem to get the Rent lower. But Wheeler, it appears, had told him on board of Steam Boat coming up from New York, when Nicholas Conklin asked 30 Rent, Wheeler told him that he thought 25 Dollars would be a Great Rent with the part of Garden and potato patch as was then proposed, with as much Fruit as necessary for family use not Winter. When Nicholas came up, he immediately lets Richard Van Wickle have all the fruit, while use of fruit was understood in the proposition of Wheeler on board, when he Wheeler said that 25 Dollars would be a Great Rent, and now he Nicholas Conklin Reports that he had put Cose Cooper out on Wheeler's Account and would only give now 20. But let the honest Mind remember that Nicholas had let Richard have all the fruit after this talk with Wheeler, and consequently has himself made a violation if Any is made. But Nicholas Conklin told me before Wheeler came down to Rockland that he had given Cose Cooper Notice to go out and that he must be out. Which was the 3 rd of April last. Wheeler came Down afterwards. tol lol! |
| Some Remarks on Nicholas Concklin's Discourse with Wheeler | |
| 5 | Clear |

NOTE: John Willse's Stone Bey was a kind of Bee, a group of people working together to accomplish a task.

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 5 Returns of veal & Skin | Received of Mary Ann Gesner of Platt The Return of Captain Isaac Smith 10 shillings 3 pence, the Return of one hindquarter Veal 5 shillings and Skin 5 shillings 9 pence, the freight of 6 pence leaves 10 shillings 3 pence out of which Jacob Gesner paid at Snedens for me for 3 1/2 lb Sugar and 1/2 lb Chocolate equal to 3 shillings 6 pence leaves 6 shillings 9 pence Received. |
| Prayr 5 Mg | Prayer Meeting David Blauvelt's 10 o'clock. Only I, Harris, Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler, Mary Lawrence, William Lawrence, David Blauvelt, Old Ginny. Jacob Gesner and Bets not there. |
| Sturr 5 New landg | Sturr preached at upper landing School House at 3 o'clock for the first time. Jonathan Lawrence, Harris, and Wheeler there, said he spoke pretty well in a way of exhortation, pretty full Meeting, quite a Number old Side from Rockland there. Not Zeb nor Taylor. |
| Prayr 5 Mg New land | Prayer Meeting at New landing Night, pretty full. Jonathan Lawrence spoke exceeding well. Harris made an address to the young people and spoke well, and Wheeler also, a Solemn Meeting. I there, Henry Conklin, Wheeler, Jonathan Lawrence, and Harris there from Rockland. Also Elias Kent and his wife. |
| Ja Ges pain 5 | Jacob Gesner very ill last Night and to Day with his side. |
| Rain 5 | Rain last Night but not very Much. |
| 6 | Clear all Day, middling warm, nice weather. |
| Wheeler 6 Moved | Wheeler moved to My kitchen 2 loads between 10 and 12 o'clock. Had my oxen and Jacob Post's waggon, moved from old house. |
| 6 | This Day about 9 o'clock I got a most violent Stitch in My hip, was all Day very full of pain, Similar to the Sprit in my back, came instantaneously by just picking a Stone out of the Ground with pick axe. |
| I pain hip | 7 Clear and Warm. Wheeler Made Garden. |
| Heavy Thun 7 | About sunset today Wonderful heavy thunder and lightning, with a handsome Rain, Growing Weather. |
| Rain | 8 Clear this Morning, very Warm in the Middle part of the Day. A shower of Rain towards Sunset with some thunder. |
| Shower 8 | John Lydecker overhauled Richard Van Wickle for his and Sam Sneden's Attempt to take the right of our school trustees in their hands &c. |
| Again | |
| John 8 | |
| Lydecker | |
| Against Richd | |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 8 | Delivered to Sally a Copy of the finished form to Day wherein it is seen the |
| Gave Sally copy | design of the Methodist Episcopal Conference Committee to have an |
| of form | Act proposed to incorporate this Church Discipline &c. |
| 9 | Clear and very warm through the middle of the Day, cool towards Night. |
| Sheared | wind Northerly |
| Sheep 9 | I Sheared Sheep, cut and tore one very much. |
| Oxen 9 | NB Herbert has had my oxen quite lately to plough for himself, not on |
| | Shares, as much as 3 or 4 Days. |
| Rain 10 | Clear but cool this morning. Overcast towards Night. Begins to Rain Dusk, |
| | wind NE, looks very Stormy, cold. |
| Bolt 10 | Today Wheeler gave me an Iron bolt 3/4 Scant. |
| Rain 11 | Rainy this Morning, Wind not Hard from NE. |
| Quarterly 11 | This Morning Quarterly Meeting or 2 Days Meeting begins at 10 |
| Mtg Pond Ch | o'clock at pond Church. Raining nearly all Day. |
| M Corwine 11 | Matthew Corwine came at my house this evening and stayed all Night. Came |
| | from New York with Steam boat, went first to Henry Conklin and came here. |
| Paid 11 | I Paid Anderwine 1 Dollar to Day on fish I had last Spring. Now he has |
| Anderwine | had 3 Dollars and I owe yet 2 Dollars. |
| Rain 12 | Rained a good Deal last Night and rains still this morning 1.3 inches since. |
| None from 12 | None from Rockland went to Pond Quarterly Meeting on account of the rain. |
| Rock Qu. Mt 12 | Matthew Corwine and William Harris went to Old Side Meeting at 10 |
| | o'clock. No preaching. Malaten did not come. |
| 12 | Nearly clear at 12 o'clock. |
| Prayr Mg 12 | A very Dull Prayer Meeting at New Landing to Night, about 45 or 50. Some |
| upper landg | difficulty. Derick Clark seemed to have objected to Corwine's presence. |
| 13 | Cloudy all Day with Sprinkly Rains. |
| I & Jerry 13 | I and Jerry Smith Rolled logs close to Saw Mill from 8 to between 2 and 3. |
| Smith | Good 1/2 Day. I spent 6 pence for liquor for him and Joe Smith. |
| Piercy 13 | Piercy preached Slote to Night "If Christ make you free you shall be free indeed." |
| Slote | Not many I, Harris, Mary Lawrence, Peggy Concklin, Lucy there good Sermon |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 13 | Piercy came to My house after Meeting with Horse and Waggon |
| 14 | Rainy this Morning a While not hard, Cloudy and looks rainy all day |
| Piercy 14 | Piercy Preached Jonathan Lawrence's to Night, about 30. Good |
| Jon Law | sermon. Text: Zachariah 13 th chapter, 1 st verse. An excellent exhortation at the close. |
| 15 | Rainy last Night and this Morning. Sky thick overcast and Rain. |
| James 15 | Jim Miller went to New York the 26 th of April last which see, and Came |
| Miller back | back yesterday afternoon with Orange. |
| 15 | Piercy stayed at Jonathan Lawrence's last Night. |
| 15 | I went to see Casparus Mabie at his message, he being poorly wanted me to Write his Will. I took the Minutes. |
| I Went 15 | I went from Casparus Mabie's about 10 o'clock. Stopped at Mistress |
| to see | Dobbs, got consent to frame church on her front Dock for chips and I then |
| Casparus | stopped at Eleys, from there to Phebe Sneden's. Returned from Phebes to |
| Mabie | Derick Ackers. Asked once more about lot of Ground for Meeting house, he would not consent. I went to Saw Mill, he Was Saw church Timber, from there to Brower's Saw Mill, he had not sawed the logs yet. I came home near Sun Set. Then I and Harris went to upper landing to meeting, no more from Rockland. |
| Piercy 15 | Piercy Preached upper landing to Night. About 35 or 40. Good Sermon. |
| New landg | Stayed Night Phebe Sneden. |
| 16 | Rainy all Day, more or less. |
| Wrote 16 | While Writing Casparus Mabie's Will and Mortgage from Elias Kent to |
| Casparus | Jacob Post, I Received two Messages to Come and take the sawed timber |
| Mabie Will | from Saw Mill being in the Way, Ferdon's Mill. |
| & Elias Kent | |
| Mortgage 16 | I went 5 o'clock PM with oxen and Herbert's wagon to Saw Mill in rain |
| Saw | took one heavy load timber to Mistress Dobbs and help Remove about 3 |
| Mill | loads more out of the Sawyers Way, back at 9 o'clock Night. |
| Rain 17 | Rainy all Night. Rainy this Morning, near Week foul weather. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 17 | Rainy this morning and all night a little. Clearlike before sunset. Roads |
| Muddy | very muddy indeed, long Rainy weather. |
| Drew 17 | I drew 3 loads Timber to Day from the Saw Mill to Miss Dobbs. I |
| Timber | went morning, Returned near Sun Set from Ferdon's Mill. |
| 18 | Nearly clear all Day. |
| Writing 18 | I drew Writing for John Lydecker, filled up Bill of Sale &c paid. |
| 19 | Clear and Warm all Day, but at the pond church About 5 o'clock Rained hard a little while |
| I & Harris 19 | I and William Harris started 26 minutes before 7 o'clock AM on foot to |
| to the Pond | Storms. Got to Storms 9 o'clock. Went to the meeting house. Harris |
| Harris | preached tolerable good. Ate dinner at Storms. Harris preached at 3 PM. It |
| Preached | Rained a smart flow just as meeting went out. We tarried a little, then started for Brother Clarks, went to upper landing Tonight from Clarks. Harris preached well. About 40. Henry Conklin there, Wheeler there. I and Harris from the pond there. Came home little after 11 Night. |
| Quaker 19 | Quaker preached the Second time in Old Side Church today about 3 |
| Preached | o'clock. Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, Peggy Conklin Old Side church tonight to hear their new preacher. |
| Persecution 19 | Brother Storms tells me to Say that there is violent persecution up there, |
| at Pond | has its Rise among other things about Sunday School. |
| 3 Preachers 19 | It is said that they the Old Side have 3 Preachers appointed on their |
| on Old side | Circuit this year, besides their aid from Local preachers. Their circuit |
| Circuit &c | includes Rockland &c. |
| 20 | Some watery clouds appear this morning, about 4 o'clock PM begins to Rain, Wind NE at Night, very Stormy. |

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| May 20 Deed from Lydecker to Angevine | Today I delivered to John Lydecker Jr., 1 Deed from him and wife to David Angevine for the one equal half undivided part of Quarry lot No. 1 and for 400 dollars. And also for securing the payment thereof. I also delivered 1 bond and Mortgage from David Angevine and Rachel his wife to John Lydecker Jr. |
| Elias 20 to Jacob Post | I also delivered to Elias Kent 1 Bond and Mortgage from him to Jacob Post for 200 on his lot &c. |
| Casparus 20 Mabie's Will | I also delivered to Casparus Mabie to Day a will Wrote for him 3 or 4 Days Ago. I and John Blanch and Wandle were Witnesses. |
| 20 | I bought at Taulmans today 1 lb candy 1 shilling 3 pence and 3 1/2 lb rice 1 shilling = 2 shillings 3 pence paid. |
| 21 | Overcast and still Rainy and Misty this morning. |
| Steps 21 | Made steps before kichen door, Wheeler helped. |
| Sally 21 here | This afternoon about 5 o'clock some thunder and a very heavy rain. Sally here. Ground very wet. |
| 22 | Clear and Handsome this morning. |
| Castrated 22 Calf | This morning I castrated my Red calf just 3 weeks old. Comes from the Cow I bought at the Walter Parsels vendue last fall. |
| 23 | Cloudy this morning. Clear Midday, cloudy towards Night. |
| I went 23 Slote to sound lot &c | I went this morning about 8 o'clock to sound the Mud lot at Slote more effectually. But before I could accomplish the same the water came over the lot by the Rising Water &c. |
| Washed 23 Wool | Bets Scudder here yesterday and today. Gracy washed wool. |
| 24 | Clear this morning but still the sky at 12 looks Hazy somewhat |
| 24 Sounded lot of Pe Sneden | I went again this morning and sounded the Marsh of Phebe Sneden and found the same 18 feet 1 1/2 inches Duplicated. The iron rod came on something very solid not like sand but like soft quarry stone. The sound was communicated through the Rod. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 24 Wheeler NY & Aaron 24 | Wheeler went to New York with his son Aaron on trial with Shoe Maker to Day. Steam Boat Orange. To Day a little before Noon a large circle round Sun. |
| 25 Herbrt 25 | Rainy all Day, not much Wind, Wind NE. Herbert planted Corn over Gulley yesterday and to Day, some in Rain. |
| Planted corn 25 1/4 tea | Wheeler back from NY, paid back the pork he borrowed, brought 1/4 tea on account if Money borrowed. |
| 25 | Rained to Night very hard. |
| 26 | Clear this morning and warm from 10 to 5 o'clock. |
| Pray Mg 26 | Prayer Meeting David Blauvelt's 10 o'clock. |
| M. Corwine 26 at Sch Ho Rock | Matthias Corwine preached Rockland School House 3 o'clock. Both these two meetings good, only about 20 at School House. |
| Dav Conck 26 & Wife | David Concklin and Famiche his wife to hear Corwine this afternoon at Rockland School House. |
| Pr. Mg. 26 upper landg good meeting | Prayer Meeting Upper Landing about 60 or 70. I there, Harris, Henry Concklin and Peggy, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally and Lucy there from Rockland. A blessed meeting. Jonathan Lawrence spoke better than I ever heard him, Harris spoke well. It seemed the presence of God was with us, a Soul Revival Meeting. Also the two other meetings today seemed blest to us &c. |
| Betsy Van 26 Orden Baptised | Today Betsy Van Orden was baptised into the River, joining the Baptists. |
| 27 | Partly clear. Cloudy this morning. |
| 27 | Cloudy afternoon. Rain in the Night, Ground very wet. |
| 27 Piercy Slote | Piercy preached at Slote. About 30. Looks very stormy. Rains a little coming home. I there, Henry Concklin, Harris there. Lucy there. Elias Kent and wife there. Pretty good sermon. Text: Genesis 7 th chapter, 1 st Verse, first clause: "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and All thy house into the Ark." |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 27 | Piercy came down with Steam boat after meeting and stayed at Phebe Snedens night. |
| I got 28 | I got I CWeight hundredweight Rye meal of John Nagle to Day. He bought |
| Rye Meal | it for 18 shillings. I paid on it 14 since all paid. |
| Piercy 28 | Piercy came from Jon Lawrences this afternoon. Preached at Jonathan |
| Jon law | Lawrences to Night. Rain and muddy. About 14 or 15. A very good |
| | Sermon, text 1 st Epistle of John 4 th chapter and 10 th verse. Lucy and David |
| | Blauvelt there. Jacob Gesner sick, pain in side. Gracy, Peggy Concklin not |
| | there. |
| 28 | Rainy all Day, a very long Wet Spell Bad planting time. Muddy &c. |
| 28 | At near 12 o'clock Night Clear as a bell. The first in a good while. |
| 28 | Piercy came and stay'd with me all night. |
| 29 | Overcast. Piercy went away about 3 o'clock PM to go to the Upper |
| | Landing. I and Harris started and got as far as Jonathan Lawrences And it |
| Rain | began to Rain hard. So I was not well, we Returned Home and it Rained |
| | considerable, a very Wet time. |
| Piercy he 29 | Whether Piercy preached at Upper Landing I don't yet know. |
| did not 29 | Last night at Jonathan Lawrences, We I, William Harris, David Blauvelt, |
| preach it | Henry Concklin, Isaac Wheeler, Jonathan Lawrence, signed a class |
| rained | subscription paper for support of 2 preachers in our circuit, if sufficient |
| Class | can be raised. There is to be a Young Man One Harris to attend with |
| Subscript. | Piercy in the Circuit. This paper I was to take up to Upper Landing last |
| who signed | Night but I was stopped by the Rain. We signed as follows quarterly: |
| this night | Wheeler 50 cts. Nicholas Gesner 1.75 Jonathan Lawrence 1 |
| | William Harris 75 cts. David Blauvelt 1 and Henry Concklin 0.75 cts. |



Nagle grist mill in 1900

| 1833 | Momento |
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| May 30 | Partly Clear this morning. Looks hazy toward Night. |
| picked 30 | I, Wheeler, and Jim Miller pick stone from 9 o'clock till 1/2 after 12 |
| stone | o'clock in upper field yard. |
| Corn 30 | Herberts hands planted corn over run today. |
| 31 | Clear and Cool this Morning, beautiful Day. |
| 31 | I went to see John Gesner at his son Henry's at Nyack. John Gesner very |
| I Wt. to | poorly, he appears so determinedly obstinate in Selfish opinions, filled |
| see John | with Jealousies and suspicions relative to worldly matters that I feel |
| Gisner | astonished. It appears his violent attachment to the things of time is so |
| the World | interwoven in his nature that he considers himself to have been |
| near his | wonderfully Wronged and Defrauded in his life, claiming Rights and |
| heart | prerogatives to himself, by no mean Willing to grant to others on the |
| Gracy along | same occasion. He charges me with wanting his property alluding to the |
| charged me | Brower concern against the Trinity Church because I was not willing nor |
| wrongfully &c | would not conclude to endeavor to attain his right in that property in the |
| | city of New York on his proposals, seemed finally to urge that at the |
| | Venture, recover or not, to bear all the expenses himself to hold his right, |
| | and I to be bound and my heirs to give him Half of Recovered and myself |
| | no right of Claim from him &c. |
| P. Sneden 31 | I had Jacob Posts Waggon. I and Gracy went up &c. Phebe Sneden came |
| | back with us. |
| June 1 | Beautiful Clear morning. Nice Day, Toward Night hazy. |
| 1 | Herberts Boys and Old Cooper finished planting corn on Shares for me to |
| | Day. |
| Sally Bk 1 | Sally came Back from New York, went yesterday. Could not have the |
| from NY | promise of Money of Abba Gwefes for church &c . She had put her money |
| bought Atlas | out. Sally bought for Mary Atlas and Geography. |
| &c | |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| June 2 | Rain again this Morning. Wind SE. Harris was to have Gone to preach |
| Wm. Harris | Pond Church, was disappointed by the Rain, it Rained Hard, began about |
| disappointed | 6 o'clock AM, held up about 8. |
| Prayr 2 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts 10 o'clock, only few members. |
| Mg | Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, I, Jacob Gesner, William Harris, Isaac Wheeler |
| David | but not his wife. She went yesterday to Nyack. Betsy Jacob's wife not |
| Blauvt | there nor Gracy. |
| Prayr. 2 | Prayer Meeting Rockland School House at 3 o'clock. I, Sally, Lucy, Jacob |
| Meetg. | Gesner, Gracy, William Harris, Isaac Wheeler, old Mr. and Mrs. Cooper |
| Rockd Sch Ho. | there, Wheelers girl Elizabeth there. Betsy is sick. |
| Mary 2 | Mary Ann, Herberts wife very sick with fever, taken 2 or 3 Days Ago. |
| Ann Sick | Intermitting fever. |
| Betsy Sick 2 | Jacob Gesners wife Betsy Sick a Day or 2 some better. |
| No Mg 2 | I, Jonathan Lawrence, William Harris, and Wheeler went up to Night to |
| at New Landg | New Landing. I took light from Abraham Sarvant. School House Door |
| very Muddy | locked and no one there. We returned home again. Ely and Mistress |
| Thunder | Conklin, Abraham Conklin's wife came near there and Returned with |
| Shower Rain | me. It did Rain till near Sun Set. There came up a Thunder Shower, began |
| Hard Wind | to Rain near 6 and got about 7 o'clock heavy Rain and Violent Wind from |
| | SW. A Rainbow near Sun set but thick overcast at 9 Night. |
| | 3 Clear this Morning. Ploughed, Ground all Mud. Wind NW, very cool |
| | towards and in the evening. |
| | 3 Abraham Conklin came this morning to plaister kitchen, Got done before |
| Kitchen | sun set plastering; he first in the morning helped me get sand from |
| plastered | Jonathan Lawrence. |
| | 4 Clear this Morning with a few Clouds, a Nice Day. |
| | 4 Abraham Conklin painted the Kitchen foundation of Oven and around the back |
| | and NE Side of house, 2 Days, paid some time after to his wife. |

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| Mist. June 4 | | Wynchy Abraham Conklins wife here with Sally on visit this afternoon. |
| Conckn from | | |
| Slote here | | |
| Prayr 4 | | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences. I, William Harris, Wheeler, Henry |
| Mg | | Conklin and Peggy there. Jacob Gesner his wife sick not there nor David |
| Jon Law | | Blauvelt nor Lucy. |
| | 5 | Clear a little Cool, a very handsome Morning. |
| John L Van 5 | | John Van Kleeck, deceased, Vendue 10 o'clock to Day. |
| Kleecks Vendue | | |
| | 6 | Cloudy this Morning Begins to Rain at about 10 o'clock AM and Rains till |
| Rain | | near Night not very hard. |
| Vendue 6 | | John Van Kleecks Vendue continued all Day, sold Shop Articles, some |
| continues | | furniture, Grass &c &c. Grass went very high. |
| Jon Law Sick 6 | | Jonathan Lawrence very sick to Day with head cold, Afternoon better. |
| | 7 | Thick overcast this Morning, but didn't Rain, some Rain before 12. Very |
| | | Cloudy all Day. |
| | 8 | Still Cloudy, wind NE, appeared Stormy this morning. Cloudy all Day looks |
| | | Rainy. Cool wind NE. |
| I Worked Rd. 8 | | I work 1 Day on the Road and My team 3/4 Day, altogether 2 1/2 Days. |
| Harris 8 | | William Harris went up to Storms with intent to Preach to Morrow in |
| went to pond | | Pond Church. Started about 3 o'clock PM. |
| Mary Ann 8 | | Mary Ann Herberts wife Getting quite smart again. See June 2 |
| better | | |
| Ja Ges wife 8 | | Jacob Gesners wife Betsy, some better see June 2 nd , but no way Smart. |
| better | | Clear once more this Morning. |
| Thomas 9 | | Thomas Harris to Day preached 3 o'clock at Slote. Thomas Harris is a |
| Harris Slote | | Young Man, it is said, about 19 years of Age. |

| 1833 | Memento |
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| Thos June 9 Harris from N York his first Preachg 9 Thos. Harris at new landing | <p>He has a very Young look, about 19 years old, small Stature. Spoke extraordinary well, house filled with hearers. Text "I have fought a Good fight, I've kept the faith, henceforth &c &c." This is the first time in this place.</p> <p>Thomas Harris Preached at new landing to Night, house full of hearers, both Men and Women. Text: Hebrews, 11th Chapter and 23 and 24 and 25 verses. He preached more Systematic than before, his delivery Rather quick but Sentences distinct, punctuation attended to. Manifested not only a certain degree of literary qualifications, but also a deep sense of Godliness and Christian expression, he went with Brother Clark to Night, he came down from the Pond, had preached there in the forenoon, was brought to Clarks &c.</p> |
| 10 Potatoes 10 Wheeler help Tho 10 Harris Preachd Slote | <p>Clear and beautiful this Morning.</p> <p>I Planted potatoes this Morning along east side of Spring Road. Wheeler helped and Aaron and Jim, begun 8 or 9 o'clock, done little after 12.</p> <p>Thomas Harris Preached to Night at Slote, not many hearers, between 25 and 30. His text was "Remember Lots wife," a smart Discourse, Diversified and considered under various views. I, Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Conklin, Lucy, William Harris there from Rockland. Derick Clark not there.</p> |
| John 10 Gesner Died 11 John 11 Gesner buried Thomas 11 Harris Preachd Jon Law | <p>John Gisner died to Day about 2 o'clock PM after a long illness, could not keep any food in his stomach.</p> <p>Clear all Day but cool, it is said there was frost this Morning.</p> <p>John Gisner buried to Day about 4 o'clock. After 4 this afternoon, good many there. Robert Hart Prayed.</p> <p>Thomas Harris preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. About 40 or 50. Text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation," Hebrews, 2 Chapter, 3 Verse. A Great Sermon extraordinary.</p> |

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| Tears June 11 Systematic preachg by Tho. Harris Rockland | This evening under the Preaching of Thomas Harris at the House of Jonathan Lawrence at Rockland there were many tears. A more Systematic Sermon I have seldom heard, so well calculated to cultivate the Mind, Melt the Heart and Convert the Sinner and leave solemn impressions. |
| 12 | Clear all Day. |
| Planted 12 potatoes | I planted potatoes over Road on hill to Day, begun. William Lawrence helped. |
| Thomas 12 Harris Preachd at New landg &c | Thomas Harris preached to Night at New Landing. About 60 or 70 Hearers. Text: "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." It was an excellent Sermon. By way of an Introduction first proving that the Scriptures are the word of God and then impressing it on the Mind the hearers the Reasonableness and the necessity of searching &c &c. I there, William Harris there, Sally and Jonathan there from Rockland. Thomas Harris Stay last night at Jonathans, went to Night to Derick Clarks. |
| 13 | Clear this Morning. Warm Midday, Afternoon looked for foul Weather. |
| Tho Harrris 13 | I planted more potatoes on hill over Road. |
| Rain 14 | Thomas Harris I expect preached at Nyack Village to Night. |
| warm 14 | Very heavy rain last Night, some thunder, it was wanting. The last few Days very drying Weather. Clear throughout the Day, warm. |
| potatoes 14 | I planted more potatoes over Road on hill. Ground very muddy. William Lawrence helped. |

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| June 15 Old Side &c | Old side Methodists 2 Days meeting commences to Day, Rockland Meeting House. |
| 15 A Pretended Botanic Doctor Along to Day I got plaister for Ja Gesner | A pretended Botanist and Stranger passed my door to Day, pretended to cure Rheumatism and also the fever and Ague in 13 or 14 Hours and never to have it again. Also the Salt Rheumatism, the tooth ache in 2 Minutes with many other complaints. His upper lip was unshorn, had on it long hair. Said he had been educated a Regular bred physician in France, had been in Canada as much as 15 or 16 years Among the Indians there and had acquired a Knowledge of Botanical Medicine. I fancy his long lip beard was a Stratagem to make people believe he knew something and he could speak well; but instead of French I think he is Irish by his tongue. I got a plaister of him for Jake 4 shillings. A man with him who carried his medicine. |
| Platt Gould 14 went away | Platt went away. Platt Gould worked as a baker for Herbert |
| from Herbt. 15 | Clear this morning and warm. Cloudy Middy. |
| Potatoes 15 | Planted potatoes over the Road along Road, about 3 Bushels to Day. |
| Wheeler &c helped | Wheeler and Boy helped from 8 o'clock till 1/2 past 4 PM. Took 3 loads dung long Road and one Above on the upper piece. William Lawrence helped. |
| 16 | Clear all Day. |
| No Prayer 16 Meetg. | No Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts to Day 10 o'clock. |
| 16 | Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Conklin, Wheeler, Betsy, Jakes wife to Old Side Meeting 10 o'clock |
| Wm Harris 16 Ja Ges to Pond | William Harris and Jacob Gesner to Pond Meeting with my horse to Day, ie this Morning. |

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| June 16 Harris preached Pond Prayr. Mg. 16 upper Landg. | William Harris went up to pond church this morning to preach. Jacob Gesner went along, he had my horse and Larry Snedens Waggon, they Returned and was at the upper landing at Night. Prayer Meeting upper landing to Night. About 50. Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler and Harris spoke, Jacob Gesner a little &c. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler, Jacob Gesner and Harris there. |
| Sally Sned. 16 up from NY the daughter of Jesse Sned. | Sally Sneden came at my house from New York yesterday towards Night. Came on Shore at Snedens from Steamer Orange, first went to my Sally's, drank tea, and came Down. |
| Gracy and 16 Sally Sneden Peggy Post 16 had Sorrel | This afternoon Gracy and Sally Sneden went to see Peggy Post. Sally did not Return to Night. Peggy Post had Sorrel Yesterday afternoon to go to Nyack to see Margaret her daughter. |
| 17 Potatoes 17 Sally Sned 17 went NY | Clear and handsome Weather all Day. I planted about 3 Bushels potatoes more just over the Road. Sally Sneden the Daughter of Jesse Sneden went to New York to Day, it appears she came up to get a place to Board a Sick Woman &c. |
| 18 Gracy & 18 Mist. Wheeler | Clear and Beautiful this morning and so all Day. Gracy and Mistress Wheeler to See Betsy Jacob Gesners wife this afternoon. |
| Potatoes 18 18 Prayr Meetg Jon Law | Planted near 2 Bushels potatoes more over Road to Day. Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. Henry Conklin and Peggy, I, William Harris, Ely Sneden, Jonathan and Sally there. But Jacob Gesner and Wife, Gracy, Wheeler and Wife, Lucy and David Blauvelt of Rockland not there. A good little Meeting. |
| Hoe Corn 18 | Herberts hands begin to hoe my Corn on Shares to Day. |

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| <p>June 19</p> <p>I Elias Kent 19</p> <p>potatoes 19</p> <p>20</p> <p>Potatoes 20</p> <p>Wheeler & son</p> <p>helped little</p> <p>20</p> <p>Avery & Sarah Maria Cornell</p> <p>whom it is very Strongly proven was</p> <p>seduced & Murdered by him &c</p> <p>21</p> <p>Avery</p> <p>&c</p> | <p>Clear very Handsome Morning. Warm. Towards Night grows overcast.</p> <p>I not well. I went to Elias Kent to get a pair of shoes Made this Morning.</p> <p>I planted only one bushel of potatoes to Day; one load Dung &c.</p> <p>Rained last Night, held up this Morning. Remains overcast.</p> <p>I planted 2 Bushels Potatoes more over the Road, Wheeler and Son</p> <p>helped me. Wheeler about 2 hours not more his son Aaron about 1 Hour</p> <p>or a little more.</p> <p>NB Much has been written respected Reverend Ephraim K. Avery,</p> <p>Methodist Episcopal preacher in Philadelphia on the subject of his being</p> <p>Apprehended for the Murder of a Sarah Maria Cornell, and from every</p> <p>Circumstance it appears that he was guilty of intercourse with her and lay</p> <p>open to the public under the Strongest Suspicions of Murdering her to</p> <p>Shun Reproach, was apprehended, brought to Trial, and after 4 or 5</p> <p>weeks investigation by numerous Witnesses, the Jury after 16 Hours</p> <p>brought in their Verdict, not Guilty See the whole of the trial in the</p> <p>Courier and enquirer &c.</p> <p>Very heavy Rain last Night and has rained this morning excessively, Wind</p> <p>SE but light.</p> <p>This Avery has a Wife and 3 children. The girl a Native of Woodstock</p> <p>Connecticut. She Resided in Bristol. The Murder was committed in the Edge</p> <p>of the town of Tiverton, near Fall River, seduced by a minister stationed at</p> <p>Bristol near Fall River, named Avery.</p> |

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| June 21 | | Rainy Day all Day, in the forenoon very hard. |
| George Smith from Haverstraw &c | 21 | Yesterday about 4 or 5 o'clock PM George Smith came down to my house with Piercy's horse, left the horse with me and took Wheeler down with him to New York on a Suit against George Smith and others who prevented the Plaintiff Selling Liquor &c at Camp Meeting about 2 years ago &c &c. |
| Smith & Wheeler NY | 21 | George Smith and Wheeler went down to Day with Steamboat Orange. |
| | 22 | Nearly clear this Morning. Ground uncommon Wet. |
| Quart. Meeting | 22 | Quarterly Meeting at Haverstraw to Day and to Morrow of the Methodist Protestant. |
| Jon Law & Sally & Mary to Haverstraw | 22 | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally and Mary Lawrence their Daughter went with my horse and George M. Lawrence's Waggon to Haverstraw to Quarterly Meeting early this Morning. |
| Ja Ges Went | 22 | On Jonathan Lawrence's letter Received, wrote at Slote this Morning, Jacob Gesner went up with Rockland this afternoon. I did not go &c. |
| | 22 | Showers of Rain this afternoon about 4 o'clock, hard Rain a little Thunder. Ground very Muddy. |
| Potatoes | 22 | I planted in the Mud and Wet Ground 4 Rows of potatoes on the North Side of upper piece, Short Sheep Dung, and Near 100 Hills next the Road by the Black Wall Nut tree, planted on Ox Dung cast in the water and Mirey Mud. |
| planted 30 Bush | 30 | I have planted now this year 4 Bushels along Spring road, 14 or 15 Bushels in upper piece, and 11 or 12 in piece over Road, Making 30 Bushels. |

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| | June 22 | Herbert Brought from Nagles Mill 1 Bag of Indian Meal of the 2 that Cooper took down to Mill on 19 th Instant. |
| | one bag | NB the one Bag Cooper took down the 19 th Weighed 135 lbs and the other |
| | Indian Meal | Weighed 146. |
| | 22 | To day Herbert brought one Back, Weighed 117 lbs. |
| | New Bread 22 | On Thursday the 20 th Instant Herberts New Baker came. Platt went |
| | Baker | away the 14 th Instant. |
| | 23 | Early this Morning very Clear, about 9 AM a watery haziness. Hazy towards Night, this Day very warm, especially Midday. |
| | 23 | Matthew Corwine preached to a few to Day at 3 o'clock, an excellent |
| | Corwine &c | Discourse. I was there, Old Cooper and wife, Gracy, Mistress Wheeler, Lucy, Jacob Gesner, wife, Tampy Conklin and his Daughter Peggy, a Solemn Discourse. |
| | Old Side 23 | The Old Side Methodist Protestants have every Sabbath nearly preaching in their Meeting House Rockland. Moses Taylor, Zebulon Woolsey, and their principal associates have done all they can, just or unjust, to Bias the Minds of the people. Amounting to stratagem, low cunning, devising to injure Reform, diffusing in the minds of Some of the most Reputable families of Wealth everything at a venture, true or false, to obtain their ends. Men Generally Regardless to a Sentimental inquiry imbibe the persecuting Contagion and fall in with the unfounded false and deceiving Schemes against Reform, Neglecting to bring in Competition the Subject of difference, go on to raise and propagate false and evil Reports against Reform of far better characters than themselves. But Avery let them behold &c. How necessary it is for men to exercise Reason Judgment and Sound Sentiment. |
| | Remarks on Old side Conduct | |

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| <p>June 24 Jake & Harris Bk kept Meetg upper Landg 23</p> <p>24 Rain We did not go to Slote Meetg. 24</p> <p>Survey the Jersey line</p> <p>Geo Smith 24 lost trial</p> <p>Avery 24 preached &c</p> | <p>Last Night Jacob Gesner and William Harris came down from Haverstraw Quarterly Meeting with Derick Clarks Waggon. Jake and Harris stayed and kept a meeting upper landing. Some had went away before they came Down.</p> <p>Sally and Jonathan Lawrence and Mary Back just in Evening with my horse and George Lawrences Waggon, did not stay to upper landing Meeting.</p> <p>Overcast this Morning, drissels till about 3 o'clock. Then began to Drop and Rain a little, about Sun Set it Rained very hard indeed. Uncommon Wet Weather prevented us of Going to Slote Meeting to Night, it continues Raining very hard when going to Bed about 1/2 after 10 o'clock.</p> <p>This afternoon I and Jim Miller boy of 11 years old Run the Jersey line down from the Mountain with Tunis Smith's Compasses down cross the public Road and continued untill the Line went to John Willse's lot on the edge of the hill in the little point along the Ridge &c.</p> <p>I understand that Brother Smith Wyant &c lost the trial at New York &c.</p> <p>I've understood by Wheeler that Brother Witzel at Boston heard Avery preach since his aquittal. A Mob Raised &c. What daring impertinence and Brass a Man must have in defiance of so much Testimony &c.</p> |



*Picture of an
 older George
 Lawrence,
 Jonathan
 Lawrence's
 younger brother.
 George lived
 across the street
 from Gerbert
 Gesner.*

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| June 24 | This Day being Drisley and overcast in Morning It seemed somewhat to hold up. I took Tunis Smith's Surveying Compasses about 3 o'clock which I had borrowed, went into the Mountain, entered on the Jersey line where a fence had been and brought down the course. Meeting the first mile stone from Hudson River, on a course about N 54° W and crossing the public Road, a little south of My house, continued the course across my land over the Gully until it passed over on John Willse's land on the top of the Ridge. See the last &c. Rained hard just Sun Set. |
| Survey | |
| Jersey | |
| Land | |
| Rained | Rained nearly all Night hard. Rainy this Morning. Ploughed ground all Mud. |
| Rain 25 | Yesterday and to Day James Miller picked the cherries off. Had only few. |
| Clear 25 | About 9 AM Cleared off Wind Westward |
| 25 | Gracy made cherry pye this afternoon. |
| Course 25 | This day I took the course and distance of the upper end of my lower lot. |
| and Distance | I found the course nearly N 20° E and distance 6 chains 9 links and about 2 inches. This line is nearly as my Deed which is N 20° E 6 chains 10 inches. Then as by my Deed I set the Compass N 70° W and found the course by the Compass set at the head of the North side, at the head of the Orchard to go considerably North of the tall White Wood tree in the Swamp 16 or 18 Years Ago Judge Haring, Myself and Samuel Vervalen now the Old Side Methodist tried my lot below and found it too Narrow in two or three places in the Swamp part and also in the lower fields. |
| I tryed | |
| by Compass | |
| & Chain | |
| upper end | |
| Lower lot | |
| My upper lot 25 | I Also tried by the Deed of upper Lot bought of Isaac Gesner the West end and found it 7 links too Narrow, ie it went 7 links past the centre of Nut tree in NW corner. |
| too Narrow | |
| lower end | |

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| June 25 | | I also Tried the Course between me and Obb Cooper, upper lot, setting the |
| Tryed the | | Compass at the SWesternmost corner at the Bars at the end of the Stone |
| line between | | Wall and with the course of my Deed S 70° E I found it would Run |
| Me & Obb | | considerably on Obb, touching the Black Oak Against the Hill &c. |
| 25 | | Thomas Harris came to my house near sun set on horse back and |
| Tho Harris | | Preached at Jonathan Lawrence's to Night, a Good Company out, Phebe |
| Preachd | | Sneden, Ely, Polly Ivers and Peter Fetter's Daughter, John Briggs &c. |
| Jon Law | | David Blauvelt, Lucy, Margaret Smith, Henry Conklin and Peggy, Jacob |
| to Nt. | | Gesner, Jacob Post's family except Peggy, John Willsey's Daughter &c &c |
| | | Nicholas Gesner, Mistress Wheeler and Mister Wheeler, Tampy Conkin, |
| | | Peg House there and a Good Sermon from the Acts of the Apostles 24 |
| | | chapter 25 Verse. Indeed a Great Sermon. |
| | 25 | Gracy Made cherry pye this afternoon. |
| Rain | 26 | Overcast this Morning about 5 o'clock with Sprinkling Rain, Continued |
| Clear | | to Rain till noon almost. Clear about 4 o'clock, very Clear just evening, but |
| Rain | | while in meeting at upper landing about 9 at Night it had got overcast and |
| Clear | | Rained some before I got home. Very clear again at 11 o'clock. |
| Tho | 26 | Thomas Harris preached upper landing, a good Number out. His Text |
| Harris Preachd | | Revelations, 1 st chapter, 5 and 6 verses "And from Jesus Christ who is the |
| upper landg | | faithful witness and the first begotten from the Dead &c," a very good |
| | | Preaching indeed. I there, the only one from Rockland. It appears |
| | | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally both Sick or too Ailing. Lucy wished to go |
| | | but said she could not. It does appear that David Blauvelt her husband has |
| | | objection to her attending Meeting often &c. |
| He Went | 26 | Thomas Harris went with Brother Clark from Meeting to Night, he stayed last |
| | | Night at Jonathan Lawrences, his horse with me. He drank tea yesterday, ate |
| | | Dinner, and had tea to Day with me. |
| | 27 | Changeable Weather, cloudy this morning, some appearance of Rain. |
| | | Clear to Night, lively wind from the Westward. |
| Planted | 27 | I planted White Beans by potatoes on hill over Road. About 120 hills. |
| White Beans | | |

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| June 27 | By my paper Methodist Protestant I find from the writing of Ira Easter of New York that there has been a secession of 37 out of 70 Old Side Members to the Methodist Protestant Church quite lately, and intend to go Right forward to build a Church. |
| Secession &c 28 | Clear till about 4 or 5 o'clock PM, begins to look foul &c. |
| Charles Noe's Opinion on Avery 28 | Charles Noe from New York tells me that at New York the general opinion is that Avery is both the Seducer and Murderer of Sarah Maria Cornell it is his opinion also. |
| Work 28 | This Day I worked 1 Day on Jersey Road, and William Gesner 1/2 Day for Me and 1/2 Day for his father. So my time is little more than worked out, as I had 1 1/4 Day to work. |
| Jersey Road done 28 | Gracy and Mistress Wheeler visiting Peggy Henry's Conklin this Afternoon. Back Dark. |
| Visiting 28 | Clear this Morning. |
| To Day is Sat 29 | John Nagle brought the other Bag of Indian Meal, Weighed 115 lbs and the Indian Bran Weighed 15 lbs. |
| My Corn sent to Mill Weighed meal Back Weighed Indian | Now there was sent June 19 1 Bag weighing 135 lbs |
| | Ditto Ditto 1 Bag Ditto <u>146</u> |
| | Sent 281 |
| | Came Back Ground 1 Bag June 22 117 |
| | to Day 1 Bag Nagle Brought 115 |
| | and the Bran <u>15</u> |
| | 247 |
| | Allowing him the 1/10 it will be $281 \div 10 = 28$ lb. is the toll added to 247= 275, short of 281 which was sent 6 lb. I think Nagle an honest Miller. |
| | The Reason of trying this experiment is, I having a good opinion of J. Nagle, in order to see if this would be as great lack here as with others whom I have heretofore tried. |
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| <p>June 29 Avery it was told by 2 Men from Boston to Geo Mann ought to be hung</p> <p>30 Harris 30 Pond Church Pr Mg 30 D. Blauvt.</p> <p>Pr. Mg. 30 New landg</p> <p>July 1 1 Corwine Seemed to Resent &c</p> | <p>George Mann told me this Morning that a Boatman came on shore and up to his house Yesterday for Bread. Said they were from Boston, had been to Albany for Lumber, and was on their Return &c. Mr. Mann asked them if they lived near where Avery lived or was &c, the one who Appeared like the Captain answered yes, not far from there. George Mann asked him what his opinion was respecting the concern of Avery. The answer. "My opinion, Why he ought to be Hung."</p> <p>Clear and beautiful this Sabbath Morning.</p> <p>William Harris went alone this Morning to preach Pond Church.</p> <p>Prayer Meeting David Blauvelt 10 o'clock AM, a few. Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Derick Clark, Wheeler and wife, Gracy and Myself there and David and Lucy and Ginny. A good little Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence held Class &c.</p> <p>Prayer Meeting New Landing to Night somewhere about 65 or 70. Jonathan Lawrence spoke well and lengthy. Wheeler spoke little, good Meeting. From Rockland I, Wheeler, Jonathan Lawrence, Lucy there. William Harris there, came from pond, did not speak to Night. Harris said a Good Company out to Day at Pond. Mat Corwine was not invited to take a part, seemed to express an affront. Sat back on seat (as he did in Old Side Meeting House at Rockland .</p> <p>Clear and Warm this Morning.</p> <p>It ought to be Remembered that a few weeks ago Matthew Corwine Entered the Old Side Meeting House, Rockland. Sat down on the Blacks seat, there was no Old Side Preacher. Corwine was not invited to come up higher nor to take a part in the Meeting. It appeared in a discourse at Jonathan Lawrences in Meeting he Resented this treatment &c &c. Also it was agreed on with Corwine and others that since the Old Side made appointments interfering with Reform that it would perhaps be best for Corwine's appointment to be in School House.</p> |

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| July 1 False Report &c | This was concluded on and with Corwine's Approbation Since which the Old Side have Reported ask John D. Conklin that Jonathan Lawrence would not allow Corwine to preach at his house Because Corwine was a Stillwillite &c &c, false Report. |
| Herbert 1 Hoed Corn | Herbert hoed corn for the first time in Orchard between House and Spring. |
| Eclipse 1 Moon | Moon Rises Eclipsed about 3/4 off, passing the earth's Shadow on the North side. The south Circle of the Moon eclipsed. |
| Warm 1 | This has been very warm Day indeed all Day, clear &c. |
| Poke 1 | Today made a poke and put it on Buck the off Ox. |
| | 2 Overcast this morning. It appears like a Scud, clear most all Day. |
| Henry 2 Gisner I as Witness to Will | Henry Gisner, one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of his father John Gisner, Came down to my house this Morning at about 8 o'clock to cite me as a Witness &c before the Surrogate. John Van Houten to appear 29 th Instant 10 o'clock AM. |
| Rain 2 | A Small Rain, just evening. |
| Potatoes 2 Rotten | My Potatoes, over and along the Road, the wettest Ground, nearly half of pieces are Rotten and don't come up by Reason of so much Rain when planted. |
| Rain 3 | Cloudy this Morning, clouds move from SW. Begins to Rain about 7 o'clock and very hard by turns. Wind lightly from NE, nearly stops Raining about 5 PM. Clear in Evening, Ground very wet. |
| Cabbage 3 | I Planted Cabbage plants in garden, about 36 to Day. Some plants had lumps &c. |
| 4th July 4 | Clear and Beautiful at sunrise, and all Day and in Evening |
| Made fence 4 | I made fence upper field to Day, began Yesterday in afternoon after Rain. |
| Sally Sneden 4 & Horse | Sally Sneden Jesse's Daughter and Let Post had Sorrel Slote yesterday afternoon. |
| | 5 Clear and Beautiful this morning and so all Day. |
| Planted 5 &c | To Day I planted potatoes where they went Rotten by Wet weather, over Road. Not quarter done. |

NOTE: A "poke" was a device 19th century New England and other American farmers used to prevent unruly animals from crawling through, breaking down or leaping fences. It consisted of a yoke with a pole inserted, pointing forward.

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| July 5 Returned Shoes | Returned the Shoes to Elias Kent which he made me. They were too Small or Rather quite too Short. |
| 6 | Clear and Very Handsome Morning, no Wind, nice all Day. |
| Planted 6 Potatoes in | I Planted more potatoes in where they were Rotted in the Ground by Reason of Wet weather to Day I got more than 1/2 bushel of Jacob Riker, but not near 1/2 bushel of Jacob Post and planted &c. |
| 6 I planted at Barn &c | Today I ploughed the spot by the Barn where the Hay Stack had been and planted of the potatoes got of Jacob Riker 60 Hills, two in a Hill, they were Handsome potatoes. I wish to know the kind &c &c. Looked some like Shockoo's. |
| Peggy Horse 6 | Peggy Post had Horse to Slote this afternoon, at near 10 Night I happened to find him on Road. |
| Sugar at 6 Taulmans | Today Jim fetched from Taulmans 10 1/2 lbs sugar 6 shillings 9 pence. Gave Jake 3 3/4 lb. Unpaid. Since paid. |
| Decamp 6 to Taylor's did not stop &c | Aaron Decamp and wife just stop on Road with Waggon. Promised me faithfully if he stayed in the place he would come and stay with me to Night. Perhaps 4 PM Taylor Went up with his wagon or Chaise and Decamp just behind. He had told Old Cooper that he wouldn't stop to stay all Night, was then going on a visit with Moses Taylor. Enquire &c. |
| Ploughed 6 potatoes | Ploughed potatoes along Spring Road Midday. |
| 7 | Cloudy all Day, when the Sun shone between Clouds very hot. Looked rainy by turns. |
| Piercy 7 Preachd Slote | Piercy Preached Slote 10 o'clock AM but few, about 30. Text "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee." Good Sermon. |
| Prayr Mg. 7 or Rather Wm. Harris Preached upper landg, | Prayer Meeting upper landing. But William Harris preached a very good Sermon indeed on these words "and what and if a Man gain the Whole World and lose his own Soul, or what will a Man give in exchange for his Soul." A full Meeting, perhaps 70 or more this evening. |

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| <p>July 7 Piercy did not Preach at Nyack &c Opposition</p> | <p>NB after Piercy Preached at Slote School House he went with Derick Clark and William Harris and Isaac Wheeler went along. They all went to Nyack. Piercy had given out an appintment to preach at 3 o'clock. But when they came there was Singing School in the School House, and a Presbeterian preached in the church, so Piercy did not preach, but then in Presbeterian Meeting when out Piercy gave out an Appointment for following Thursday Evening. It seems to be said that one Isaac Post put up by his Wife, a trustee of that school, is violently opposed against Piercy's preaching there I have understood.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Very warm, nearly clear by turns sometimes, quite clear in forenoon. About 4 or 5 PM Showery, some Rain with thunder.</p> |
| I & Wheeler | <p>8 I and Wheeler about 9 AM went in upper field, shifted old fence. Altogether not 1/2 Day, was there in Afternoon but little while perhaps an hour.</p> |
| Prayr. at Slote Scho. Ho. Piercy there Good time | <p>8 Prayer Meeting to Night intended for a General Prayer Meeting, only I there and William Harris from Rockland. Derick Clark, Phebe Sneden and Ely, Abraham Conklin and his Wife, Elias Kent and wife and his Mother, and Brother Piercy. Piercy gave the most beautiful exhortation I ever heard, a most affecting prayer. I Believe the Lord was with our few, a Blissful time. Isaac Blanch was also there, 11 besides Piercy.</p> |
| Rain with some lightning & thunder I & Harris Wagn. 4 Candles | <p>8 Sunset looked some like another thunder Shower. Rained just as Prayer Meeting went out, only little for a while, none need to have got wet without, Isaac Blanch and Clark. Piercy went with Phebe and I and Harris came home in Piercy's Waggon with Cover. Uncommon Dark and put the horse and Waggon in Barn. Cut grass &c. Got 4 Candles of Sally for Meeting, left them. Ely took care of them.</p> |

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| <p>July 9</p> <p>Piercy 9</p> <p>Piercy 9</p> <p>Preachd Jon L. & Prayr. Meeting</p> <p>10</p> <p>10</p> <p>Singular Phenomenon</p> | <p>Rainy this morning till 9 or 10 o'clock, warm.</p> <p>Piercy came here on foot About 1/2 after 2 o'clock, his horse And Waggon I and Harris came in last night.</p> <p>Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrence's to Night, house not crowded. Text Isaiah 40th Chapter 1st Verse "Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people, saith your God." a most extraordinary and affecting sermon.</p> <p>Lawrence Mann and Richard Van Wickle there. Prayer Meeting after Preaching Meeting.</p> <p>Very Clear and handsome this Morning and all Day.</p> <p>This Night at the hour of 11 o'clock or little after a very singular PHENOMENON in the firmament, the sky clear, and while on the Road coming up Slote Hill homeward from upper landing meeting in Company with Henry Conklin and William Harris, a white narrow Streak seemed to Start up in the North East and Raise to an elevation of about 300 Degrees. Presently there appeared a very close white Streak not quite connected with the upper end of the former, and Run from thence South eastward passing a little south of the Zenith, continuing almost to the Southeastern Horizon. Indeed it was one of the most Singular appearances I ever saw. It was no Cloud, apparently about 1 yard or 1 1/2 yards wide. Not perfectly in a Direct course on line but overhead inclined little Southward from the Zenith, seemed nearly as high as the Galaxy, but more clear and bright without comparison than any part of the Galaxy. At the Southeasternmost end it sharpened to a point, astonishingly singular. In about 2 minutes it began to break into columns, thus and then closed again, connected with former. It assumed various changes still preserving the same line and position with the stars. Lasted 1/4 of an hour.</p> <p>NB There was in the North Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights, as a Twilight, which continued Afterwards.</p> |

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| July 10 Piercy Preachd. upper landing | Piercy came to My house last Night from Jonathan Lawrence's and went with his horse and wagon to upper landing and Preached, only between 30 and 40. A very good Sermon from the Same text in Isaiah as last Night at Jonathan Lawrences. I there to Night and William Harris and Henry Conklin from Rockland. |
| Rain 11 | Clear this morning and all Day till in the Evening a Shower of Some Rain. |
| Ja Ges 11 | Jacob Gesner went to New York Monday to market. Took for me currants 3 shillings, Harvest Apples 12 shillings. And he went again |
| to Market twice | yesterday. Apples 6 shillings clear. Back today. |
| 11 | I Drew Stone off of New Yard to Day, yesterday and the Day before. The fence finished first of this week. |
| Piercy 11 | Piercy to Preach up at Nyack Village to Night. |
| Nyack Village 12 | Clear all Day and moderately warm. I Drew Stone and finished Drawing. |
| Ja Ges NY 12 | Jacob Gesner went to New York again, took nothing for us. |
| Gracy 12 | Gracy went to Slote with Sorrel and Herbert's Waggon. Bought Sugar 4 |
| to Slote | shillings 9 pence and 4 yds Muslin 13 pence &c paid. Bets Scudder went from my house. |
| 13 | Partly overcast this morning early. Afterwards warm and clear all Day. |
| Potatoes 13 | I Ploughed little in upper field yard. Ploughed potatoes over Road on Hill. |
| Wm Harris 13 | William Harris went New York yesterday. Back to Day. Say Brother |
| sd Br. Thos | Theodore has Returned from his 4 or 5 Months tour visiting the |
| bk sick | Methodist Protestant churches and he seem quite unwell. I think Harris said Lacost told him he came back yesterday. |
| Ja Ges 13 | Jacob Gesner went New York yesterday, back to Day. Market not for us, others. |
| Betsy 13 | Betsy, Jacob's Wife, came on Visit July 10 My house. The first since they |
| Ja G's Wife | Moved away last to George Mann's house. She has been once or twice here, just on an Errand for Vinegar &c. She was friendly. |

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| July 14 Rain Thunder | Early a little foggy, soon clear and very warm indeed. About 1/2 after 2 o'clock a thunder Shower from the SW, some hard thunder with a Smart flow of Rain and a most violent gust of Wind for about one minute, broke away 1/2 after 3, and at Sunset another Shower from the SW, not much thunder. |
| 14 Prayr. Mg. Dd . Blauvelts | Prayer Meeeting at David Blauvelts. I not there, my Shoes very bad, was disappointed. E. Kent was to have my shoes done the preceding week. Jonathan, Sally, Jacob Gesner and wife not there. Corwine there, Wheeler, and wife, Henry Conklin and wife there, Mary Lawrence there. An excellent good Meeting I was told. |
| Matthew 14 Corwine Preachd. Rockd Sch. Ho. Persons There Report Related that Jon Law would not have M. Corwine &c | Matthew Corwine Preached Rockland School House 1/2 after 3. About 20. Text Matthew 5 th chapter and 4 verse "Blessed shall they be that Mourn for they shall be comforted." Spoke very well. Jonathan Lawrence spoke well. Wheeler spoke a little but to the purpose. Jacob Gesner gave out Hymns and Prayed a good prayer at the Meeting. Lucy, Ginny, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, George Lawrence, Margaret Rice Smith, Peggy Post, Jacob Gesner and his wife, Lucas Cooper, wife and Naut, Nicholas Gesner and Gracy, William Harris, Wheeler and Daughter Elizabeth, James Miller, Aaron Wheeler. After Meeting Corwine openly contradicted the Report that was put in circulation that Jonathan Lawrence would not let him preach at his house and would not go to hear him. But that this preaching at School House was by himself and others consulted to be best as the old side had made appointments at the same time &c. And that the members at one time did not go to hear Him for the Reason that Thomas Harris was to preach at Slote and as he, Thomas Harris, was intended to travel the Circuit with Piercy, the Members wished first to hear him preach &c &c. A Wicked Heart what will it not invent. |
| 15 Ploughed 15 | Clear all Day with Some flying clouds. I Ploughed little in upper field and cutting a small cedar, bending it with one hand and lightly cut it with |

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| July 15 Spit or Spasm in My Back & Bowels | An Axe in the other hand, took a Stitch or Spasm in the Small of my back, had hard work to put out oxen and Get Home. It Grew worse and Generated a Violent pain through my Bowels with flying pain of Sympathy in every direction of my Body. |
| 16 | Clear this morning. |
| 16 | I am so ill with my back and Spasms through my whole body. Pains even up to My Stomach that I can scarcely turn in or get out of Bed all Day. |
| Quite ill &c | |
| Rich Mowed 16 | Richard Van Wickle came 9 o'clock and Old Cooper, cut off my Rye Old Orchard. Cooper Raked, not tied. Done a little before Sunset. |
| Cooper Raked | |
| Wheeler 16 | Isaac Wheeler and son Aaron hoed about 3/4 of my potatoes on hill &c. |
| hoed potatoes | Not 3/4 Day each I think |
| Ja Ges 16 | Jacob Gesner back from New York, went yesterday, got 13 shillings 6 pence for 9 Chickens and 4 shillings 9 pence for Harvest Apples &c. |
| Market | |
| Phebe 16 | Phebe Sneden and Juliet here most sundown, stayed a little while, had been to Larry Snedens, brought Will of Boss Sneden, left it for me to read &c. |
| Sneden Will | |
| Pr. Mg. 16 | At Jonathan Lawrences Prayer Meeting, I did not go, could not get along, very ill with Spasms &c. Mistress Wheeler and Gracy did not go. |
| Jon Law | |
| 17 | Clear and Beautiful all Day. |
| Wheeler 17 | Isaac Wheeler ploughed my potatoes over Road. His son Aaron drove horse, had done before 9 o'clock. Then he and Aaron and Jim went below in Old Orchard and bound into the Sheaves of Rye those Raked together yesterday. |
| & Jon potatoes | |
| for me | |
| then bound rye | |
| to Black 17 | Gracy, Sally and Mistress Wheeler &c to Black Sand Bey this afternoon. |
| Sand Bey | But Sally went home from my house, did not go. |

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| sowed July 17 Buckwheat | Yesterday Herbert had my Buckwheat and his over Gulley, Sowed. And today worked in Corn in front of Barn for 2 nd Time. |
| 18 | Very handsome. Some what Cloudy this morning, a Small sprinkling from the Clouds this afternoon. |
| Wheeler 18 Ploughed | Wheeler ploughed up in upper field yard, best part of a Day. Aaron drove oxen. William Lawrence hoed potatoes to Day. |
| Robt. 18 Sneden horse | Robert Sneden had my horse for his wife to go to Nyack up to Edy Lydecker to Day, see Hyley &c fetch early, paid. |
| 18 | Jacob Gesner back from New York. |
| I am a little better | I am a little better this afternoon with my back, The pain with frequent and bad Spasms seems to have seated in my left Kidney, sometimes the turning my Head or least movement will excite new Spasms, and very painful, |
| Herbt J. G. 18 Conck. sowed Buckwheat | Herbert sowed Buckwheat over Gully yesterday or Day before. John G. Conklin sowed. |
| Sally 18 Bey | Sally went to Saras 2 nd day quilting to Day. The children all here after School was out. |
| 19 | Clear and Pleasant, very handsome this Morning. Afternoon Cloudy. |
| Wheeler 19 Ploughed | Wheeler ploughed again in upper field. Aaron drove some and Harrowed near Day. |
| Killed Lamb 19 apples & pears | Today I killed a Buck lamb, the first this year, good. Jacob Gesner to New York, took the 4 Quarters and Skin, White lamb, took some pears and Apples to Market. |
| I'm some 19 better &c | I am much better in my back but am miserable in the Kidney, frequent Spasms, Bowels very sore and painful. |
| Wm. Law 19 helped | William Lawrence helped some to Day, gathering apples, hoeing etc. Went to River to take things down with horse and Jacob Posts Waggon. |
| Stouted &c 19 | Stouted my Rye in Old Orchard. I, William Lawrence, Jim &c. |
| 20 | Cloudy all Day. Rained hard last Night Ground wet. |
| Sowed 20 Buckwheat | I Sowed and Harrowed in my Buckwheat on upper field yard to Day. |

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| July 20 Market Return &c Shoes 20 letter 20 21 Thomas 21 Harris preachd. Slote | Jacob Gesner back from New York, got 13 shillings for lamb and skin, 3 shillings for sugared pears, 1 shilling 6 pence for Apples and 1 shilling 3 pence for Beans. Sally Went landing Mill with Sorrel, brought my shoes from Elias Kent Received letter and 2 Newspapers from Nicholas B. Brower Overcast this morning Again or yet but clear afternoon, warm. Thomas Harris preached Slote School House 10 o'clock AM only few, a Baptising of Peggy Graham at New Landing same hour by Griffis the Baptist (No doubt this Girl has been persuaded contrary to her first intention. Stratagem seems in full operation, this one Soweth and Another Reapeth his, ie Thomas Harris text: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the Sons of God." John 1 and 3 Chapter and part of 1 st Verse. An excellent sermon, went up to preach at Nyack this afternoon. |
| Prayr. Mg. 21 upper Landing | Prayer Meeting upper landing to Night about 60, a good Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler, and William Harris. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler and William Harris from Rockland. |
| 22 | foggy Early this Morning, soon clear and Remarkably warm all Day. |
| 22 | Thomas Harris at Prayer Meeting, Slote. Very few 12 or 15. Only Myself, William Harris from Rockland. Thomas Harris gave a very excellent discourse by way of exhortation. Ellen Taulman there I think. |
| Prayr. Mg. Slote | 23 Clear all Day and Night, not so warm as Yesterday. |
| 23 | I ploughed Potatoes on hill over Road and some just over Road. |
| Thomas 23 Harris Preached Jon Law | Thomas Harris came from Slote last Night to my house with Horse. He preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night, not very many hearers, was between 20 and 30 perhaps 25 or 26. His text: "Watch me pray lest ye enter into Temptation" Matthew. All our Rockland members were there except David Blauvelt, Tampy Conklin there. This was a remarkable and learned discourse. |

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| <p>July 23 Naut Marian Cooper Ja Ges ill 23 Casparus 23 Mabie Died</p> <p>24 Thunder Shower no Rain here</p> <p>24 Thomas Harris Preachd. New Landg.</p> <p>Ja Ges 24 to New Y sick last Night</p> <p>Collection 24 at upper landg. T. Harris Recd. 6 sh. I paid 1 sh 2 p &c at Collec.</p> | <p>No one from Herbert's family nor Jacob Posts there. Marian Conklin Cooper and Naut Cooper there &c. Elias Kent there. NB Jerry Smiths Sisters Daughter at the Meeting with Margaret Rice Smith.</p> <p>Jacob Gesner very ill with his side before 12 to Day.</p> <p>Casparus Mabie living at Slote died about 2 o'clock of this Morning, that is about 2 1/2 hours after Midnight of Monday Morning and buried the 23rd Instant.</p> <p>Clear this Morning, afternoon thunder showers on the North and on the south of Rockland, some Rain at Slote, not more here than Drops which could be distinctly counted as fell on Stones and heavy thunder. After Showery at Sunset.</p> <p>Thomas Harris Preached New landing, only few, perhaps about 22 or 23. His text the same as Jonathan Lawrences, a very learned and applicable Discourse. I the only one from Rockland. William Harris went only to the Slote to Doctor. Thomas Harris went with Brother Clark to Night. He stayed one Night with me and one with Jonathan Lawrence. I kept his horse Piercy's &c.</p> <p>Jacob Gesner was ill last Night yet went to New York to Day, took for us 2 1 Bushel Baskets with Harvest Apples and one of pears, 1 Basket of Chickens with 8 in it, he returned clear, he got 3 shillings a pair, 4 shillings pears, he got 3 shillings and 2 shillings 6 pence apples, 20 shillings.</p> <p>This Night a Collection at New Landing. The few there made up 5 shillings 3 pence. Thomas Harris took 4 shillings. 1 shilling 3 pence Remained in My Hands, he would take no more then than 4 shillings which Made 6 Dollars with what He Received of Jonathan Lawrence of Subscription and other Collection Money: of this Money I Paid 12 shillings to Jonathan Lawrence to Night on Subscription Money as I went up to Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence gave it to Thomas Harris. I gave 7 shillings at Said Collection.</p> |

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| July 25 | Sun shone this morning. But the Sky looks for a Storm, soon becoming Clear, pleasant, ground gets Dry. |
| 25 | A Clumsy very Stout Dutchman with Spelling books to sell applying to School of which he says he is the author. He seemed to be a man of extensive information. Yet seemed full of Vanity. He seemed to speak much against Preachers as not necessary at alone &c. I Rather conclude him to be a Deist or Universalist. |
| Dutchman with Spelling Books &c | |
| 25 | Finished ploughing my potatoes, the 2 nd time, to Day. |
| 26 | Very Clear this morning and all Day. |
| Ja Ges NY 26 | Jacob Gesner to New York Again. I sent nothing to Market this time. |
| 26 | The Dutchman above exclaimed hard against William Harris for not sending the full Number of his the Dutchman's Spelling Books ie 15 with the Scholars to their Parents, to see if they would not buy them. Said Harris had promised to send them and had only sent 3. Told me I would find the young man Out, for he was a Hypocrite, he would deceive me &c. I believe the Dutchman is an Atheist. |
| The Dutchman &c | |
| 26 | I bought one for 1 shilling. Nothing alluding to Religion in it. |
| 27 | Clear, Warm and Windy, very Dry indeed. |
| Richd. Ver= 27 | This Evening I received a Cover letter from my friend Richard Vervalen requesting a Settlement by the 12 th of August next of the Note he holds against me &c. |
| valen love letter | |
| Ja Snedn. 27 | Jacob Sneden up this Evening conversing on the Brower Concern. |
| 28 | Clear Warm Day. |
| Prayr Meetg 28 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts 10 o'clock, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Henry Conklin, Peggy, Wheeler and wife, Jacob Gesner and Myself there. |
| D. Blauvelt | |
| Corwine 28 | Matthew Corwine there and Mistress Briggs there, good Meeting. |
| Preachd | Matthew Corwine Preached Rockland School House. About 20, on the subject of Stewardship. |

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| <p>July 28</p> <p>29</p> <p>I went to 29</p> <p>Surrogates</p> <p>Henry gone</p> <p>&c</p> <p>3 Hours to go with good team about 9 or 10 Miles</p> <p>Henry Gisner Went to Surrogate I was to Go with him. Went and left Me. I came home. The Women Said he was in a terrible hurry he secured</p> | <p>Prayer Meeting upper Landing about 50 or 60. I, Wheeler only from Rockland. Wheeler spoke very Well and Corwine spoke a little, well.</p> <p>Clear, still a little Haziness on the Sky.</p> <p>I Started about Sun rise for Nyack to Go with Henry Gisner up to Surrogates above New City, John Van Houten, Surrogate. When I came up on foot to Henry Gisner's House this morning about half after 7 o'clock, he was gone already with the other 2 Witnesses to John Gisner's Will, namely Robert Harts son and one William Bell, both living near Henry's Henry Gisner came down to my house the 2nd of this Instant see the 2nd of July to require my attendance as a Witness to John Gisner's Will on this 29th Day of July before John Van Houten Surrogate. He then on the 2nd presented me with an instrument from under the Surrogates Seal for the County of Rockland constituting me a Guardian in behalf of minor children that were heirs in said Will and earnestly soliciting me to consent to it and by no means to fail in attending at the Surrogates at the hour of 10 o'clock AM: that the Surrogate said the Business would not be settled without I was there.</p> <p>I consented to Go up and would consider on my Acceptance of the Guardianship. We then divided the plan of my getting up, he Henry said if I would come to his house I could ride in his Waggon. Concluded to be there between 7 and 8. I walked up in considerable misery with pain in my back and Bowels, came there 1/2 after 7, and he was gone. Annie Brush and his wife said he went at 7 &c. I returned home.</p> |

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| <p>July 29</p> <p>Some Remarks on the Preceding</p> <p>Rain 29</p> <p>Trenchard 29</p> <p>Shoes 1 sh 6 p</p> <p>Dry 30</p> <p>Ja Ges 30</p> | <p>I think the preceding Account somewhat Singular And deserves a few observations. Stronger solicitation could not be made than he made to me and very pressingly insomuch that the Surrogate should have said the Will could not be proven without me. I had Wrote the Will and a Witness) yet He hurries off before the time was elapsed for my being up to his house. Still saying it would not be worth While to go without me so his Wife and Anne Brush said to me . He further told me on the 2nd Instant that John Perry son of Esquire James Perry Deceased said I must not fail coming and also to accept the appointment as Guardian John Perry was the other Executor. Not withstanding this he went off before the time &c. What may have been his object in all this leaves Room for Conjecture. I must confess in all my Dealings with him and whatever I have heard, I always had the strongest Confidence of his being An honest man. John Gisner the Testator died in his house, was supposed to have considerable of money, athough always Complaining and therefore the Strictest Attention ought to have been paid, in giving full Satisfaction, both to Will and to Minor heirs.</p> <p>About 9 o'clock Night it Rains a little.</p> <p>This Evening Mr. Trenchard set 2 old Shoes on my horse. I paid 1 shilling 6 pence.</p> <p>Cloudy this Morning, a little Sprinkling last Night, Cloudy all Day, some thunder Southward, no rain here. Ground very dry.</p> <p>Jacob Gesner to New York yesterday, back to Day.</p> |

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| <p>Ja Ges July 30 got me Jane for trousers</p> <p>31</p> <p>31</p> <p>David Concklin & his Son John stated to let me draw My Grain across his field he use My Mountain</p> | <p>Jacob Gesner brought me Stuff (Jane) for trousers. Gracy had Sent 2 pair Chickens, some beans and apples. The Jane cost 2 shilling per Yard.</p> <p>Clear and Cool this Morning, Wind very light, from NW.</p> <p>I went to Day to ask David Concklin the privilege of Drawing my Grain over his Ground. Saw him in the Nursery field in hay with his 3 sons, John, David and William. He strongly hesitated, his son John seemed to hesitate. I answered I would wish to know, I did not want to beg the privilege. I was willing to pay what was Right, still both him and John evaded a Direct Answer. I told them it appeared they had objections to my passing over their land, a thing never yet had entered my mind to hinder any one when no Damage was sustained. There was no other Remedy I said but for me to Stack it. Old David Answered the Grain ought to come in. Give a Quart Rum and you can take your Grain over. I said I would Give the Money and he could do what he wanted with it John answered, I am going to cross plough and I won't have any Riding over it then. As Remark, the whole discourse implied an objection. I thought proper to tell him that his oxen that he cannot live with and his horse or horses had been in My Meadow through his own fence, he wanted to lay the blame on me because they had come through a place where I had privilege last year of his wife Tampy, for which I gave her 2 shillings. I told him and he knew I had put up the fence better than I found it, but I told him he well knew that Good and bad fence was alike to his off Ox. I was going off — he said I could go over this once to draw my Grain.</p> |

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| <p>Aug 1</p> <p>Charles Gesner's leg 1/2 cut off</p> <p>Grain 1 in</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>The Manner in Which Charles Gesner son of Wm Herbert Gesner got hurt August 1 1833</p> | <p>Clear all Day, cool Morning, Warm Midday Dry.</p> <p>This Day Poor Charles Gisner had his right leg half cut off by Henry Willse mowing in Jacob Posts Meadow. Barto was immediately sent for.</p> <p>I Drew 2 Loads Grains Yesterday and One to Day over David Conklins Land, all in, Dry and Good. William Lawrence helped and Jim.</p> <p>Cloudy. Red Eastern Sky before Sun Rose, Clear 9 o'clock AM.</p> <p>I went in to Herberts, saw the unfortunate Charles. The account of this misfortune given by Herbert is as follows. Henry Willse was Mowing Grass in Jacob Posts Meadow was, I suppose, about 16 years old . Charles about 12 years. He, Charles, was there, had just tried a Cut or 2 to see whether he could Mow: When giving the Scythe to Henry he made a cut immediately. While Charles was about Stepping away quartering behind Henry, the Scythe caught Charles on his Right instep, and in the Circular Sweep of the Scythe, cut the poor boy deplorably just at the joint of foot and Ankle, the cut likely extended about Alike on each side, cut of the Sinews so as to Stick out of the incision and the Bone stopping the Scythe on the front of the leg and foot Henry has said that as he made the cut, Charles Stepped that instant towards him. This is a plea that is not possible to be true. The position of Henry in Cutting, the Circular Motion of the Scythe, and the part injured or wounded evidently</p> |

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| <p>Aug. 2</p> <p>Continued with Remarks</p> <p>Aug. 2</p> <p>Jacob Ges Sick</p> <p>2</p> <p>Notice from Manning that I could have Salt Meadow Lot &c</p> | <p>Confirm to the Contrary. It would have been utterly impossible to have cut him on the front part of the foot or instep, as Charles was not coming towards him in that instant backwards. Charles says he was stepping out of his Way quartering on the left of Henry, but instantly making the cut, in all probability he has made him a Miserable object &c. Charles is innocent as to his Approach, and the Assertion of Henry is no doubt false.</p> <p>The Carelessness, thoughtlessness and unconcernedness of some seem to forbid their use of Gun or Scythe or any instrument of Danger, and are constantly to be feared and Guarded against.</p> <p>Jacob Gesner seems very ill, 2 or 3 Days feverish, pale, weak, yet thinks of going to the Market to Day, very Wrong: I've understood that he had given up going and did not go.</p> <p>I saw Mr. Manning from the Slote to Day at Trenchards Shop this Morning. Said he had heard I wanted a lot of Salt Grass. I answered Yes, he said one Smith had Spoke for a lot of him and was to let him know, he would understand the case and let me know to Night. George Lawrence brought word I could have it this morning, he said he would hire it or let it on Shares, he said last year he asked 10 Dollars. He further says there is 2 1/2 acres in it, being the one half of the 5 Acre lot which Briggs bot of Thomas Ludlow some years ago</p> |

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| Aug.2 | | Clear from 7 AM all Day &c. |
| began 2 | | To Day I began to Cut Grass in Bottom. I got Sneath of Trenchard for new |
| Grass Sneath | | one of Herberts for which Herbert said he must have paid 3 shillings. I |
| of Herbt. &c | | think 2 shillings 6 pence enough, one Nib broke and no Wedges at all. The |
| | | Sneath wanted a good deal of work &c. |
| William 2 | | William Harris went up to West Point last Saturday and Returned to Day. |
| Harris bk. | | |
| | 3 | Clear all Day cool in the Morning. |
| Hay 3 | | I cut little Grass to Day by the Spring, took that of Yesterday and to Day all |
| | | in. |
| Chas Ges 3 | | Charles Gesner not much pain. |
| Ja Ges 3 | | Jacob Gesner in poor State of Health, sick. |
| | 4 | Overcast this Morning, about 3 or 4 o'clock Thunder Shower. Severe |
| Rain | | lightning and Thunder, One nigh by with considerable Rain till Sun |
| Thunder | | Set. It continued to Rain more or less after the lightning and thunder |
| | | ceased. |
| Ja Ges Sick 4 | | Jacob Gesner bled to Day by Doctor Barto, bled free, he was very ill last |
| was Bled | | Night and this Morning. |
| No Rain 4 | | No Rain at vicinity of Rockland from July 14 to present Day. A good Rain, |
| from &c | | the ground was dry. |
| | 4 | No Prayer Meeting to Day nor to Night of Reformers. The Reason is this: |
| No Preachg. | | Appointment was made 2 weeks ago for Preaching by Piercy at |
| nor Prayr. | | Slote School House 10 o'clock. But since that a 4 Days Meeting was |
| Mg.to day | | appointed at Haverstraw there being an Awakening Jonathan Lawrence |
| nor night | | Received a letter that there would be no Meeting at Slote at 10 on that |
| | | Account Requesting all the Members to come |

NOTE: A Sneath or snath was an S shaped handle for the knife blade of a scythe. The earliest scythes had straight poles for the sneath but then farmers began to use naturally bent wood, because a curved handle allowed the user to swing it more easily. The sneath of a scythe was roughly five feet long. Two 'nibs' or hand grips, made of wood and fastened on with iron or leather straps, were attached to the sneath.

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| Aug. 4 | up to Said 4 Days Meeting. This prevented our Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts and the Rain our attendance at upper Landing to night. |
| I went 4 | I went Slote 10 o'clock to tell if any should have come to Meeting the |
| Slote &c | Reason of no Ministers Coming. |
| To Old 4 | Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler and William Harris to Old Side Meeting |
| Side Meetg. | 10 o'clock. |
| Ministers 4 | I've understood that Brother Thomas Piercy and 2 or 3 more came up |
| up to 4 Day | with Steam Boat Rockland on Saturday the 3 rd Instant to attend the 4 |
| Meetg. | Day Meeting which began on Saturday. No members went up but Brother Clark to Haverstraw. |
| Drank tea 4 | I and Gracy, Old Cooper and his Wife for the first time happened at Jacob |
| at Jac Ges | Gesners and Drank Tea &c. |
| Charles 4 | Charles Gesner seems to have but little pain in his leg and foot that is cut |
| Gesner not | I say leg and foot because the cut is in front of the Ankle joint Among the |
| much pain | Sinews which seem all cut off and in the Bone.) |
| Mary L. 4 | Mary Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence and Little Sis here to Day before dinner, |
| Sarah & little | I and Gracy went to see Jacob. While there it Rained and detained us |
| Sis here | while the children were here &c. |
| 4 | Piercy not down, no preaching at Slote 10 o'clock. |
| No Prayr 4 | No Prayer Meeting at upper landing on account of mud and water, having |
| Meetg upper | Rained and at Sun set appeared still Showery &c. |
| Landing | |
| 5 | Overcast all Day appears very Rainy all Day in the Night Rained Considerable. |
| I drew off 5 | I drew off in a book from my Momento the times and places that Ministers preached in Rockland and Slote &c. |
| Rain 5 | Thick overcast this Morning with some Sprinkling. About 2 PM it began to Rain hard. |

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| I went Aug. 6 salt Meadow got wet | I Went on Salt Meadow between 1 and 2 o'clock to view Mannings Salt Meadow Lot. I got very wet, began to Rain hard while on Salt Meadow. I got wet. Rained this Night. |
| 7 | Weather appears foul this morning. Rain last Night. |
| Piercy 6 not come | Piercy not down. No Preaching at Jonathan Lawrences. The 4 Days Meeting at Haverstraw dont close till to Night. |
| Appoints. not filled | NB I think their Supply of Ministers was sufficient to have sent a preacher to fill our appointment here. But No. However this afternoon Rainy. |
| 7 | Weather appears foul this Morning. Clear in the Afternoon. |
| Jakes Wife 7 to Mist. Wheel | Jacob Gesners wife Betsy to see Mistress Wheeler this afternoon. |
| James 7 Post here | To Day James Post, Son of Peter Post, came to My House. I think hire him, he went to Bets Scudder to Night. |
| 8 | Clear But Cloudy this morning. |
| I was taken 8 with Cholera | I was taken before Day light this morning with Cholera Morbus. |
| Morbus 8 | Cose 1/2 Day Grass paid. Began by Willows, paid. |
| 9 | Rain this Morning, Cleared off. Cose 1/2 Day paid. |
| James 9 Post | James Post came from Mistress Scudder 10 o'clock AM. Went to work with Cose in Grass by Month, 10 per Month. |
| I am 10 very Sick 11 | Clear. I am very sick. Vomiting and Purging. |
| 11 | Clear. Meeting David Blauvelt 10 o'clock. M. Corwine there. |
| M. Corwine | Matthew Corwine Preached Rockland School House 3 o'clock, congregation I was told increases. |
| Wm Harris 11 Corwine | William Harris and Corwine upper landing to Night. A full and good meeting I was told. |

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| Aug. 14 John Renwick | Cose and John Renwick here early this Morning, Cose paid. John Renwick for the first in Grass. Jonathan Lawrence sent him. Cose only 1/2 Day paid. |
| 14 | Got in 2 Loads. |
| Herb Ges 14 & Rain | This Day a Stranger helped named Tappen. Herbert and George and I expect Renwick all Stopped at 3, began to Rain hard. Got in 2 big loads. The last caught in Rain at Obb's Shop. |
| Rain 16 | Cloudy, poor Day, thunder Shower. Rained hard at 5 PM. |
| Renwick 16 | Renwick all Day till 5 one load in not Dry. |
| 16 | I am Getting better. |
| Geo Ges 16 | George Gesner came in Afternoon until it Rained. |
| 17 | Cloudy, poor Hay Day. |
| Renwick late 17 | John Renwick came late. George Gesner afternoon, got in 2 loads, not very |
| Geo Ges. after. | Dry. |
| 17 | To Day got in over the same Ground what I cut alone in less time with the |
| Very Busy | Assistance of Raking and Drawing by 2 Hands who helped Rake the Quarter part — Last year There has been 4 or 5 Different Mowers &c. |
| | NB It was begun the 8 th of August, done the 17 th . |
| I'm worse 17 | This afternoon I feel worse, very Sick Stomach. Am very weak. |
| 18 | Very clear, Wind W. |
| Wm Hars. to 18 hear Romn. | William Harris up to Nyack to hear the Roman Catholics, but was |
| Calothics &c | Disappointed. |
| Thos. 18 Harris | Thomas Harris preached Slote 10 o'clock to Day. I was told about 25 hearers, but an excellent Sermon. Text Isaiah 63 Chapter and 9 verse I think. |
| Pr Mg Clark 18 | Wheeler went to Derick Clarks from a prayer Meeting at 3, only few. |
| Pr. Mg. 18 upper landg. | Prayer Meeting upper landing to Night, a full Meeting I was told. Wheeler and William Harris there, none other from Rockland. Also a good meeting. |

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| Aug. 19 | Clear and Handsome |
| I am better 19 | I am considerably better. My Appetite is better. I use circumspection. |
| Aaron 19 | Aaron Wheeler boy took down the Waggon with apples and pears to |
| to Snedens | Snedens Jacob Gesner went to New York . Aaron brought it back. |
| Jim to NY 19 | James Miller went with Jacob to New York and and Edward Miller came |
| Wheeler to | up with Jim and Jacob Gesner 20 th . Wheeler went down. |
| NY | |
| John Ren 19 | John Renwick All Day Grass. He was employed a while getting fruit by |
| | Gracy. |
| Relax 19 | My Relax Stopped Yesterday Morning for the first after 3 passages quick |
| Stopped | after each time in the morning. |
| first out 19 | To Day first out of Big Room in little room. |
| Room | |
| Wheeler 20 | Clear and Cool. Wheeler had team to go to Snedens to fetch flour &c. |
| Oxen | |
| John Ren 20 | John Renwick all Day. Buckwheat field grass. |
| 20 | NB James Post is every time along &c. |
| Red East 20 | Red in the East early this morning. Sign of foul weather. |
| Robt Ren 21 | Robert Renwick came John Renwick sick a little late. |
| Tamarinds 21 | Paid Jane Willse for 2 pounds Tamarinds at 6 shillings per lb. John Willse |
| Paid | brought me. |
| Thos 20 | Thomas Harris Preached Jonathan Lawrences to Night a full house and an |
| Harris | excellent Sermon I was told, being yet sick and weak in bed. He stayed at |
| | Jonathan Lawrences to Night also his horse. |
| 21 | Middling Good Day. They cut Round the Old Orchard coarse Stuff. |
| Thos Harris 21 | Thomas Harris came here from Jonathan Lawrence to my house about |
| My house | 11 o'clock. Ate Dinner, went away at 4 PM to preach upper landing. |
| Wt. Away | |
| 21 | Thomas Harris Preached upper landing to Night. I've not yet heard. I don't |
| | know of one from Rockland there as yet. |
| Scud 22 | A flying Scud from SE this morning, by turns overcast all Day. Was Red at |
| flying Red East | Sun Rise &c. |
| Ren no work 22 | Robert Renwick came. Went back. Weather looked bad. |

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| Aug. 27 smoak beef | Jacob Gesner back from New York, bought for me a piece Smoak beef of our produce sent. |
| Hay 27 Bottom | To Day James Post took in the last load in Bottom. There has come 3 Large Waggon loads and 2 Sled loads from the Bottom this year all together. |
| Hay 27 lower field | There has been 2 Small Waggon loads of Good Hay cut in lower field this year on Buckwheat stubble and 1 load round edge of old orchard within 3 or 4 Days past. |
| Larry Sneds 27 child sick &c | Larry Snedens child very low with Scarlet fever. |
| Camp 27 Meetg. ends Sept. 2 | Camp Meeting Methodist Protestant at Anville, 2 Miles from Peekskill. Jonathan Lawrence, Sally and George Lawrence went up the 31 st , Returned September 1 st . Said It was supposed there were more than 6 or 700. Great preaching. |
| 28 Neighbors cut my Salt Meadow | Clear this Morning and Cool. Jonathan Lawrence came here last Night proposing to ask a few Hands to help as a gift to cut my salt grass. George Lawrence, David Manns son George, David Blauvelt, Abraham Post, George Manns son, and James Post Went this afternoon and cut the 2 1/2 Acre lot of Manning for me Gratis. I sick, back while before Sun set, had it off soon. Cose Cooper went too. I was told he only mowed 2 or 3 little swaths, went off half drunk, got in the Ditch. |
| 28 Bought pig of David Blauvelt | Bought a Nice Sow pig to Day of David Blauvelt, 7 weeks old, he told Cose so Cose said he must have a Dollar for the pig, he said to me he sold them for 1 shilling per inch but this pig I think worth 1 Dollar. Cose fetched the pig from Big House to My House for me. David Blauvelt had made a coop to send it to New York, Not paid to Day. |
| Rain 29 | Clear and Beautiful Morning. At 11 look showery in the West. About 12 o'clock begins to rain. I now at Tappan Village. |

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| <p>Aug.29</p> <p>I sworn as Witness to John Gesners Will at Tappan</p> <p>29</p> <p>Jacob Post is paid the 3 1/4 Bush. I borrowed last Novr. I not home, he took 3 1/2 Bush Went Salt 29 Meadow to spread & rake, Rain hindered</p> | <p>Henry Gisner came to Day about 9 AM to fetch me with his one Horse Waggon Evert Wandell with him over to Tappan Village at Snedekers. The Surrogate John Vanhouten Surrogate of the County of Rockland was to meet there with me a Witness to John Gisners Will. And the Executors, John Perry and Henry Gisner to finish proving said will. The other two Witnesses William D. Bell and Joseph Hart both of Nyack had been up a month ago to Surrogates. I was left at the time appointed. I was to go with him and witnesses on the 29th of July last to be at Henrys House between 7 and 8. I came up there on foot 1/2 after 7 and Anne Brush and Henrys Wife said they himself and 2 Witnesses had started at 7 AM. I had this walk for my trouble. My getting sick and not having been up at that time, and now unable to go so far, was the cause of the Surrogate coming Down &c.</p> <p>Jacob Post sent Abe his son this Morning, he and James Post threshed Rye for him for seed While I was at Tappan, Jacob Post and son cleaned it up in my barn and took 3 1/2 Bushels. I had last year 3 1/4 Bushels. I spoke to him about it, he said I had 3 1/2 but I told him I knew better. Jim Miller fetched the packs, he could not have carried 1/2 Bushel from my Old Orchard to his house, and I know it was 3 Bushels and 1 Peck and no more. But that I was Satisfied as they had help thresh and clean it. But Wanted it well or Right understood.</p> <p>James Post went this Morning with Jim Miller to spread and Rake Salt Hay but the Rain prevented &c. I at Tappan see head of page James Post and Jim in Barrack, not work to Day because of Rain.</p> |

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| Aug. 29 Crystal of watch breaks | Wiliam Harris broke the Crystal of my Watch to Day, went to Night to have a new one put in over to Tappan, had the new one the 30 th Instant &c. |
| I a Witness 29 on Casp. Mabie Will to Meet 20 Sept. | William Lawrence, the Executor of Casparus Mabie's Will on which I was one of the Witnesses told me to Day to meet John Blanch and Wandel the other Surrogate at Casparus Mabies late Place of Residence 20 th of September next. |
| 30 | Clear and Handsome all Day, wind SW in Afternoon. |
| 30 Rake cocked Salt Hay Geo Gesner | I, James Post, Jim Miller and Aaron Wheeler went Sted salt Grass, Rake and Cock it, repaired the Staddle of Manning 2 1/2 less Acres Salt Meadow. George Gesner came 2 o'clock, helped. |
| I weak 30 still did &c Geo Gesner | I am very Weak yet, did some work with inconvenience. Help stir the Hay, helped rake 1/3 and put up About 55 Cocks George Gesner put up the rest to 97. James Post and 2 Boys Raked. |
| I had not 30 half &c | NB I paced the lot I cut, at mountain 50 paces, at head 75, length 250 Paces. The other on South 110 at Head, 36 length 250. NB These two lots Make a five Acre lot. The one I cut is not half. The South lot Jim Iserman cut is much the largest. |
| 31 | Partly overcast this Morning. |
| Went to stack 31 Salt Hay hindered by Rain | I, Isaac Wheeler and son Aaron, a boy, William Harris, and James Post went on Salt Meadow, began to Rain mostly before we got there, we intended to Stack. We had the oxen and Sled there, left Sled. James Post went over Meadow with the oxen and the Rest came home through the Woods, was there 1/2 hour, back between 10 and 11. |
| Ja Post fish 31 | James Post went fishing this afternoon, Wheeler, Jim &c to Snedens. |
| Ja Ges 31 | Jacob Gesner and Wife to Training to see Colonel Eckerson line missing but few warm Nights. |

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| Sept. 1 | Middling clear this Morning |
| no prayr. 1 | No Prayer Meeting appointed to Day in Rockland. |
| Meetg. | |
| Paid to James 1 | Paid James Post on account 2 Dollars, he went to Bets Snedens. |
| post 2 | |
| Jon Law 1 | Jonathan Lawrence and his wife Sally and George Lawrence none |
| Sally Camp | else from Rockland Went yesterday to Camp Meeting at Peekskill |
| Meetg. at | with Rockland Steam boat. This Camp Meeting was held about 2 miles |
| Anville | Distant from Peekskill at a place called Anville. They Returned this |
| 6 or 7000 | Evening, Say that there was great sermons Preached and was calculated |
| there | that more than 6 or 7 thousand persons were there this Day. |
| Singing 1 | Singing School at Rockland School House to Day, several there I was told |
| School | but not many Singers, at 3 o'clock PM. |
| | 1 Prayer Meeting intended to be at Rockland School House, only few to |
| | Night. |
| | 1 Prayer Meeting upper landing. William Harris alone from Rockland. I did |
| | not feel able to Walk the distance to Night. |
| Ja Ges NY 2 | Jacob Gesner to New York. Edward Miller went down too. He came up |
| & Edward | with Jim August 20, which see, back the 3 rd , &c. |
| Miller | |
| 2 | Clear and Beautiful this morning and all Day, wind N, no tides, windy. |
| 2 | I, James Post, William Gesner, Isaac Wheeler went about 8 o'clock to |
| Stack | Stack Salt Hay. Jacob Post came 12 o'clock. the Hay in good order, got it |
| Salt Hay | stacked about 4 o'clock, a Stack said to be the Nicest on the Meadow. I |
| | was indeed too Sick to Stack, but did it. Came back through woods. |

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| Sept. 3 | Weather looks good this morning, a little Cloudy and somewhat Red in the East this Morning, at Night overcast for Rain. |
| Went with 3 | I went with Wheeler this Morning below, showed him and helped little |
| Wheeler cut | to Cut 4 Maple Strait small trees about between 18 and 24 feet long for |
| Way pieces | Quarry Ways. Had my oxen to Draw them. |
| Sign Ja Post 3 | Yesterday at Herberts a Small Glass for Jacob Post came out Salt Meadow |
| Small Bread | yet unpaid and I had a heavy stale Small loaf Bread unpaid. |
| Continue 3 | I am quite unwell this Afternoon, weakness, head and Stomach very Much |
| Weak | out of order. Seems I cannot Recover Strength. |
| James Post 3 | James Post no Work to Day, took Jacob Posts Gun &c. |
| no work &c | |
| Tho. Harris 3 | Thomas Harris came down dusk with Piercy's Waggon and his own horse |
| Jon. Law | to my house. Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. Text Haggai 2 |
| | Chapter 6 th and 7 th verses "For thus saith the Lord of Hosts yet once it |
| | is a little while and I will Shake the heavens and the Earth" &c. About 20, |
| | very Good Sermon. He stayed at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. I there, |
| | Gracy, Wheeler, William Harris, Henry Conklin and Peggy, Lucy, Margaret, |
| | her Sister from New York, Herbert Gesner, and a few of neighbors. |
| David 3 | David Blauvelt as I am told continues very bad in his conduct towards |
| Blauvelt | Lucy at any hour of the Night: ask Rachel, Lucy's sister from New York, |
| ill conduct | who has stayed there at Nights, a few Nights. |
| Continues | |
| Camp 3 | Camp Meeting ends at Anville near Peekskill yesterday Morning. |
| Meetg. ends | |
| Not Many 4 | Dark Heavy Cloud about the sun at Sun Rise, passes on eastward. Clear |
| Warm Nights | about 8 AM and a Very Warm Day and Night. This season that is past |
| this Summer | there has been but few warm Nights. |

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| <p>Sept. 4 Thos Harris upper landg.</p> <p>Clark thinks Thos. Harris flies from his text &c Clark Much out with Piercy</p> <p>4 Lucy flew from</p> | <p>Thomas Harris preached to night at upper landing to Night, better than 30. It appears from Derick Clark that it had not been Rightly understood to have preaching at this place to Night but to Morrow Night. This is a Mistake, our appointments have been neglected on the account of 4 Days Meeting. Camp Meeting likely the cause of the misunderstanding. No one from Rockland but Myself and Gracy to Night. The preaching a far better Sermon than from the same text as last Night at Jonathan Lawrences. It appears however that Clark thinks that Thomas Harris flies all over the World in his preaching and don't keep to his text. But I certainly think different. However the manner in which he explains his text seems in learned language and Refers to circumstances derived from good Authors, which perhaps few are acquainted with &c, he stayed with Phebe Sunday Night. Derick Clark seems much put out with Piercy for neglecting his appointments and Declared he would go and his family somewhere else. I encouraged him to faithfulness Remembering that a Ministers Neglect ought not put us against a Good Cause, but &c &c, and meant to tell him his Mind, if he did not do better he could stay away &c and he would not pay a cent. Altho very willing if good Attention be paid &c</p> <p>On our Return home I and Gracy with My horse and Piercys Waggon left with me by Thomas Harris, about 1/2 after 10 at Night, Lucy, without Bonnet or Shoes or handkerchief, frock hanging on her, flew out of their potatoes where</p> |

NOTE: Mr. Gilman wrote here, "page apparently torn out." We will never know exactly why Lucy was hiding in the potato field without her shoes, bonnet and kerchief. David and Lucy lived somewhere near Nicholas. The next page describes a meeting between James Ivers, Nicholas Gesner and David and Lucy Blauvelt, undoubtedly the result of the crisis that drove Lucy out of her house.

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| <p>Sept. 6</p> <p>David and Lucy's troubles continued</p> | <p>The Matter however is truly serious, he seems to say he intends no harm to us, Ivers and Self. Yet has spoken in strong language to others, he seems to have no concern in the final Result of Separation, is Ready to consent in a Moment if she will, says to us it must go better, or otherwise might as well be apart; And what that better means or what his desires are upon her Deportment or carriage toward him, I cannot tell. It would appear if she Relates something to him about the mischief of creatures or wanting wood &c &c gives irritation. It must be understood that he does not work on his farm this summer, but for Lawrence J. Sneden; and wants often happen in a family, and creatures getting in mischief, troubling neighbors, complaints to her, fences want repairs, and a relation of it made to him sets him cursing and swearing. The least then said inflames his immoderate mind, fills the heart with indignant feelings and Dangerous Abuses. Ivers declared to him that if they parted that he in 3 years would be a castaway, a notorious drunkard and despised by all the Neighborhood. He answered and said he did not doubt it.</p> <p>We Ivers and Self left them about 3 or 4 o'clock PM under the Condition of living agreeable, setting aside what was past. Remembering their Christian obligation to their Society, to their God, and their own Happiness and welfare of children, entreating David totally to avoid threatments and by his carriage towards her to restore again to her that confidence she had lost as the least word excites suspicion anew. And to Lucy to treat him with respect and Agreeableness, that she may be blameless, and live happy. Thus leaving them, Ivers saying again that he would not come again on that errand, but they must after settle it by Law, which David Assented to Again.</p> |

NOTE: David Blauvelt, born 1810, married Lucy Rice in 1828 or 1829. By 1833 they had 2 children, Ann Eliza, born in September 1830, and Charlotte, born in May 1832. Later on in the Diary we will hear again about their marital difficulties.

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| Sept. 7 | Clear with some little hazing this Morning, continues to Grow more hazy towards Night, appears stormy, about 8 begins to Rain. |
| Rain | |
| Cut in 7 | I and James Post cut the coarse part of Grass in the Swamp, brought in 2 loads from there with the sled. |
| Swamp Grass | |
| Ja Ges 7 | Jacob Gesner Came from New York. Made out very Bad with fruit, cast 1 Basket of pears in the Street &c. |
| from Market | |
| Rain 8 | Rained all the past Night and Rains hard this Morning. Wind NE. Stops Raining about 10 or 11, begins to clear about 5. |
| Matthew 8 | Matthew Corwine preached at Rockland School House 3 o'clock. Text Hosea 13 th Chapter, 12 verse "Sow to yourselves in Righteousness, reap in Mercy, break up your fallow Ground, for it is time to Seek the Lord till he come and raise Righteousness upon you." Spoke well on the Subject. Wheeler spoke very well on same subject after Corwine and Jonathan Lawrence also. About 20. Wynchy there, had Rained, Muddy. |
| Corwine | |
| &c | |
| Jon Law 8 | Jonathan Lawrence, Isaac Wheeler, and Corwine to New Landing to Night, that is all from Rockland. I was not well Stomach and Head &c. the house was well filled and attentive. Good Meeting, I was told. |
| Wheeler | |
| Corwine | |
| upper landg. | |
| Ja Ges & 8 | Jacob Gesner and his wife both very ill. |
| Wife sick | |
| Ja Ges NY 9 | Jacob Gesner not well yet went to New York. Abram Clark and others prevailed on him. |
| Threshed 9 | Cloudy and overcast all Day. I and James Post threshed 5+ Bushels of Rye to Day and cleaned it. |
| Rye | |
| 10 | Overcast this Morning, looks very like for Rain. Clouds move from the S or SE towards Night, a flow of Rain, also just in the evening. Clear 8 o'clock Night. |
| Rain | |
| James Post 10 | James Post lost 1 graiter this afternoon, he went to Jacob Post to Sauther sodder? Kettle or &c. |
| lost 1 gr. | |
| 11 | Clear all Day, wind westward. |
| Gracy to 11 | Gracy went to New York. Took 3 Barrels and 4 or 5 baskets of very handsome and large Summer Pippins, a basket with Chickens and 2 small Third quarters of lamb. Henry Conklin had one fore quarter, paid 2 shillings 6 pence. One quarter I kept, Jim went along. |
| N York | |
| Market | |
| Jim along | |

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| Sept. 11 Cut Grass Old Orchard Sally Lucy 11 Mary Law Cleaned &c 11 My papers not come Rain 12 | <p>Afternoon I and James Post cut Grass in Old Orchard where Rye had been cut this last July. It had not been seeded but still some part was Stout Clover. It cut very bad over old Stubble.</p> <p>After Gracy was gone, Sally came in afternoon and White washed the Bed Room below Stairs. Mary Lawrence had also been a while and Lucy came 3 o'clock and helped file up and Clear &c. Went Away quite dark.</p> <p>My paper, the Methodist Protestant did not come last week, neither my paper of this Week, twice before that it did not come at all. NB they come, (or ought) every Week on Wednesday at Tappan Post office.</p> <p>Partly Clear this Morning. Rains before 12 o'clock, not much wind. Stopped Raining about 3 o'clock or rather 4. Clear at Night.</p> |
| James Posts 12 month out 12 Gracy back Gave Sally for Ham 12 My papers got wet 13 Money 13 James Post has I Raked 13 Clover | <p>James Post's time out, ie his Month to Day he made some lost time, near 3 Days.</p> <p>Gracy and Jim Miller Back from New York. James Post fetched them with Oxen and Waggon, made 41 shillings and expenses and laid out 23 shillings 8 pence, leaves 17 shillings 4 pence of which gave Sally 16 shillings to get a Ham for us &c.</p> <p>My papers of last Week and this Week came to Night. Jim Post Gracy. his hat fell off, the papers fell in the Gulley brook, got so thoroughly wet, had a job to Get them Apart and Dryed, he had just on the evening took oxen below.</p> <p>Clear, wind NW, cool.</p> <p>Gave Jim Post on account 4 shillings to Day, he went 9 or 10 o'clock to Closter Dock, now he has had 22 shillings 6 pence. Did not return to Day as he had Said at 2 o'clock to help in Hay.</p> <p>I Raked up the Clover out on Old Orchard Stubble this afternoon.</p> |

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| Sept. 13 | Albert Piercy came down little after 5 PM on horse back to My house; I was busy Raking and working till near Twilight off. Was called by William Harris. Piercy went to Jonathan Lawrences before I came home. I ate supper, Phebe, I Gracy, and William Harris went to Jonathan Lawrences, it appears that some notice had been given for a Meeting. |
| Piercy came down this Aft. | Piercy Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night to about 18 or 20. Text 3d Chapter Philippians 13 and 14 Verses "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and Reaching forth unto those things which are before, I Press toward the Mark for the Prize of the high Calling of God in Christ Jesus," tolerable good. Came and stayed with me to Night, went Away 4 PM the 14 th . |
| Preachd. Jon Law to Night | |
| Frost 14 | Clear cold a very white Frost this morning, bottom white heavy frost. I did not discover either corn or Buckwheat having any on; But being a Warm Day I could easily perceive the Corn leaves a little Shining and hanging, the Buckwheat in low Ground turning Redish &c &c. |
| Hay 14 | I took in the coarse Grass in the Swamp, 1 sled load and 2 Small loads of Clover Old Orchard to Day. Jim Miller helped. |
| Wheeler 14 NY and Bk | Isaac Wheeler went New York Yesterday, back this afternoon. |
| Ja Post Bk 14 | James Post Went Closter Dock yesterday about 10, back to Day near Night. |
| 15 | Clear handsome Morning, no frost here. |
| Prayr Meetg. 15 | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock AM. A very good prayer meeting about 12, Ely there, Juliet to Old Side. |
| Jon Law 15 | Prayer Meeting upper Landing, Wheeler, William Harris, Corwine there see above. |

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| Sept. 15 Pr. Mg. Jon Law Pr. Meetg. 15 New land. Corwine Wheeler & Wm. Harris And Ja Gesner | The Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences there was Gracy, Wheeler and wife, Jacob Gesner and wife, Eley and son and Old Ginny, Sally, Jonathan Lawrence, and Myself, Mary Lawrence &c &c. Black Clause came in. At upper Landing Prayer Meeting about 40 or upwards. I there, Wheeler, William Harris there and Spoke Jacob Gesner Spoke and lastly made an acknowledgement of his past Wicked life and how he had served the Devil; how he was converted and fled to Jesus and found peace &c. Admonishing the hearers to forsake sin and seek to make their peace with God and finally made eternally happy &c. |
| 16 | Clear cool, I see no frost here this morning. |
| 16 I fetched 105 Boards from old Bridge for Jon Law &c | I went with Herberts Waggon to old Bridge about 1/2 after 9 this morning. Bought for Jonathan Lawrence 100 Boards and 5 for myself at 15 cents each. Jonathan Lawrence gave me 20 Dollar Bill, his Boards came to 15 Dollars, my 5 came to 75 cents, he allowed 1 Dollar for my fetching them with my oxen. I gave him the change in 4 Dollars, these boards are intended for his Barn but first for Camp Meeting. I got back a few minutes before day light off. |
| 16 Tent Made | Sally, Wheeler, and William Harris Making tent to Night At my house for Camp Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence came &c not quite done, took good thick sheets. |
| 17 | Clear till 12 o'clock and warm, Afternoon gets overcast and appears in the evening likely to rain. |
| 17 Piercy at Slote | I took the boards up to Camp Grounds. Piercy came down and Preached at Slote to Night, came to my house with horse and Waggon after meeting. William Harris was there. I was not there, not Any from |

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| Sept. 17 Piercy Slote | Rockland that I know of but William Harris. Text Luke 14 th Chapter and 18 th verse or part of 18 th . Piercy told me there was a nice little congregation. |
| Rain 18 | Rain this Morning very hard by turns Wind SE not much Rain in the afternoon, still looks Rainy. |
| Ja Ges 18 to NY &c | I gathered apples, sent 2 Barrels and 1 Basket to New York with Jacob Gesner, nice Summer pippins. |
| Piercy 18 again preached at Slote | Piercy and William Harris to the Slote to Night. Piercy with his horse and William Harris with Thomas Harris's mare, came back before 9. It appeared very Rainy, there was William Harris told me only about 15 Men, a few or no Women. |
| 19 | Foggy this morning. Clear about 10 AM. Rain from the West a shower, no thunder about 3 o'clock. |
| Fixed 19 Camp Ground tents | I with oxen took plank from George M. Lawrences of Meeting house to Camp Ground, I, Jonathan, Piercy, David Blauvelt, James Post, fixed Camp Ground. Afternoon William Harris came fixed Seats. Also Derick Clark brought tents down, 4 in Number, put up 3 to Day |
| Tho. Harris 19 came up from NY no other Ministers expected | Thomas Harris came up from New York to Day on the Camp Ground near Sun Set, poor encouragement for Ministers from New York at our Camp Meeting at Rockland. |
| Mist. Childs 19 fell & Died about 90 years | Old Mistress Childs fell last evening, spoke sensible after the fall, put her hip out. She died in one half hour after she fell, said it would be her end. Was about 90 years old. |

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| Sept. 22 Collection | Collection at our Camp Meeting at Rockland near the Slote in Orangetown made in the Morning and on the Afternoon, Together was 12 66¢. |
| 22 Clear | At Night |
| 23 In Big Tent Prayr. Meetg. the Lord there Ja Gesner spoke & tears Jon Law &c | Not Many all in Big Tent or nearly all. Prayer Meeting this morning, the Lord was present, this Prayer Meeting continued the greater part of forenoon perhaps. I never was at so Glorious a Prayer Meeting, began at 8 AM. Jacob Gesner came in About 9 or 10 o'clock, spoke in such Affecting Manner that they were all in floods of tears. He had to go to New York on business of marketing for others, went and Gave the Brethren and Sisters the parting hand and with a tender farewell, left all in tears. Jonathan Lawrence, being filled with the Divine presence, spoke with such Sympathetic sensations of divine love and Christian tenderness that the Tent was filled with the love of God and Joy and Gladness filled My heart in true humility, tears of Joy &c watered every Cheek. Mary Lawrence and Elizabeth Ann Wheeler, Girls, came last evening as Mourners. Jonathan Lawrence Rejoicing &c. Corwine spoke after Prayer Meeting, had spoke in tent on Egyptian bondage and the Israelites travel to the promised land Spiritualized. |
| 24 Joy in 24 the Grove | Cloudy this Morning Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock, a joyful Morning in the grove. |

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| <p>Sept. 24 2 Members gave the 24 parting hand</p> | <p>Mistress Clark wife of Derick Clark and Elizabeth Scudder joined as probationers to the Society. After Marching in procession and Giving the parting hand our hearts Seemed Melted in tender love, and the Lord blessed us in a Wonderful Manner. May God Continue his blessing to us.</p> |
| <p>Camp 24 Meeting to a Close</p> | <p>Camp Meeting broke up about 12 o'clock and we dispersed.</p> |
| <p>24 Tents took down &c</p> | <p>Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Conklin, Wheeler, David Blauvelt, Brother Clark took down tents, brought them to David Blauvelts Barn for a while till they can be sent up to West Point &c. Stacked up the Boards and Plank of the Seats, leaving the Altar and the Stand Remaining, with intent to have preaching there &c.</p> |
| <p>They had Prayr. Meetg. &c</p> | <p>Before they came away they had an excellent prayer meeting I was told, not being present. I had to go when first broke up &c.</p> |
| <p>Prayr. 24 Meetg. Jon Law to Nt.</p> | <p>This first Night after Camp Meeting broke up Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences, the Bounties from our Lords Table gave us refreshing Supplies again. Quite a large number met and felt the presence of the Lord</p> |
| <p>Tho Harris who were present &c</p> | <p>Thomas Harris at this Prayer Meeting at this Meeting Jacob Gesner spoke well &c. Emaline, Juliet, Eley there, Brother Clark there, stayed after Camp Meeting. Lucy, David, Henry and Peggy (Peggy got a fit but was put to bed soon came to I there, Gracy there, Jacob Gesner there, Margaret Rice or Smith there, Jonathan, Sally, Mary &c &c.</p> |

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| Sept. 25 boards to Jon Law | Clear and warm all Day. I fetched a load of Boards from Camp Ground to Jonathan Lawrences belonging to him. |
| 25 Prayr. Mg. Slote Thos Harris | Sent with Jacob Gesner 3 Barrels of Summer pippins to New York. Prayer Meeting at Slote to Night with exhortations. Thomas Harris an excellent discourse commencing the Meeting. Also Jonathan Lawrence and Wheeler. Between 40 and 50 and very Attentive Meeting with Solemnity &c. Isaac Wheeler, wife and son, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally, David Blauvelt and Lucy, Mary Lawrence and myself there from Rockland. |
| 26 I laid out 26 lot for Hen. C of D Blauvelt | Clear and very Moderate all Day. I laid out lot for Henry Conkin a lot of Ground of David Blauvelt. Ivers is strongly opposed to this same. |
| Piercy 26 Preachd Slote & 4 joined | Piercy came down, preached at Slote to Night, a pretty full Meeting. Text John 4 and 35 "Say not ye there are yet 4 Months and then Cometh Harvest," 4 Probationers to Night John Waldron and wife, a light colored Girl, and tears and Mourning. |
| Piercy 27 came | Piercy came with Horse not Waggon to My house to Night after Meeting. |
| Wt. Away 27 Bro. Tho. 27 Harris Horse with me | Piercy went Away for West Point about 9 o'clock. NB Thomas Harris came to my House about the 11 th or 13 th , I not, and left his Horse. Went to New York to see about getting help for Camp Meeting, did not Return till the 19 th , took his horse the 26 th . I had the Horse about 2 weeks. |
| Ja Ges 27 Hen Conckn to Tarrytown | Clear and Handsome all Day and warm. Jacob Gesner and Henry Conklin went this Morning |

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| Sept. 27 | to Tarrytown and brought over Ambler, Thomas Pane and Cliff, all Preachers, Methodist Protestant Church, also Brother Woods, to Jonathan Lawrences. |
| 27 | Thomas Pane Preached an extraordinary Sermon at Jon Lawrences to Night. |
| Thos Pane at Jon Law Preaches | Bedroom and Entry, large Room nearly all full. Text Luke 14 on the Prodigal Son. This indeed was great Preaching, Learned, beautifully connected and diversified, the connection of the three parables in said Chapter harmonized and Spiritually Illustrated &c. Solemn &c. |
| Cliff | Exhorted after Sermon this Night. He is a great Singer, he is considerably noisy in his devotion. |
| Ambler | Said nothing. He is very agreeable in his deportment. |
| 28 | Clear all Day very nice Weather. |
| Ambler & 28 | Brother Ambler and James Woods came to my house last Night after Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences. Ate Breakfast. |
| Woods at my house Nt. | |
| 28 | Jacob Gesner took Ambler and Cliff over the River to Willsey's this Morning. Then they took Steam Boat to Tarrytown. |
| Wt. away | |
| I Gave 28 | I gave Ambler and Cliff each 2 shillings to bear their passage &c. |
| T. Paine 28 | Thomas Pane preached New Landing to Night, excellent indeed. It was not much known, about 50. Text Romans 6 and 23. Pane is much approved of, he indeed is a Great preacher. He came back to Jonathan Lawrences to Night in George Lawrences Waggon and my Horse |
| at New Landing | Thomas Harris came Down to Night at this meeting. |
| Thomas Harris there | |
| Thos Pane 29 | Thomas Pane Preached on the Camp Ground at Rockland to Day about 100. Text Hebrews 6 and 18. This Sermon exceeded all |
| Campground | |

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| Sept. 29 Tho Pane at our late Camp Ground | I ever heard, is a most beautiful Connection, Sublime oratory, brought down to any common Capacity. The 4 Cities of Refuge under the Jewish dispensation in their Relative connections in their typical import was here ingeniously illustrated and their Spiritual signification beautifully contrasted and applied. This was truly great, every bosom must have been sensibly affected in which the Savior in his Respected office was conspicuously exhibited in the most engaging Manner. |
| 29 Tho Pane 29 to Pond church | Beautiful Day a little Cloudy Wind a little Sand flying. Thomas after Sermon in Woods ate Dinner at Jonathan Lawrences and William Harris took him with my Waggon and George Lawrences Waggon to Preach at the Pond at 3 o'clock, from thence to Haverstraw to preach to Night. |
| 29 Prayr. Mg. 29 upper landg. | William Harris Back, said a Good sermon there also, William Harris back to Night at upper landing. Prayer Meeting at upper landing to Night, about 80 hearers. Jonathan Lawrence Spoke, Wheeler, and William Harris &c from Rockland. I was there, Wheeler, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Mary Lawrence, Henry Conklin, Peggy. |
| Ja Ges 30 to NY &c | Clear and Warm delightful Weather somewhat Dry. I sent with Jacob Gesner today 4 Barrels summer Pippins. |
| Phebe 30 Sneden here | Phebe Sneden here before 12 o'clock to enquire respecting the Will of her Husband Deceased &c. She stayed till after near Sun Set. |
| 30 Praise &c | Jonathan Lawrence informed me that Larry Sneden told him that Thomas Pane was a Great preacher, that if Cornelius Acker thought Stur old side the greatest preacher he ever heard, he Larry had been to hear Thomas Pane on Camp Ground at 10 o'clock and had been at Night to hear Stur and that there was no |

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| Sept. 30 Larry Sneden admires Pane's Preachg. | Comparison to be Made, that he thought he was a judge of Preaching, that there was 3 kinds, there was preaching exhorting and Praying; having passed upon Pane high encomiums, it was added that the Captain or one of owners of the vessel now ready to launch said that it was the Greatest Preaching he ever had heard. |
| 30 Cut apples | Cut apples to Night, Mary Lawrence, William Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence, Betsy Gesner, old Mistress Cooper, Wheeler and wife, Elizabeth Ann Wheeler, Aaron Wheeler, William Harris, Gracy, Myself and Jim Miller. |
| Oct. 1 Rain | Some appearance of foul Weather this Morning, not quite clear. Wind High from the eastward, thickens for a storm. Rains hard at 4 o'clock PM. |
| cut Buck. 1 Rain 1 | I cut Buckwheat in upper field yard to Day. Rain to Night and all Night. NB there was to be Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. Rained very hard and prevented it. |
| Rain 2 Wrote 2 | Rain, Wind SE this morning. Clear in the afternoon. I wrote 2 Deeds to Day, one from Henry Conklin and wife to James Remson and the other from David Blauvelt and wife to Henry Conklin. |
| 2 Deeds Tho Harris 2 exhorted Slote &c to Night | Thomas Harris at Slote School House to Night, about 20, he exhorted, Jonathan Lawrence exhorted, Sang and Prayed. Charles Tallman and sister there. I, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Mary Lawrence, Henry Concklin there. Thomas went to Phebe Snedens, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally Rode up in his Sulky, I brought the horse and Sulky to my house to Night, brought his horse below. |
| 3 Gracy's Birthday 3 | Clear and Beautiful this morning. Gracy's birthday, also Jim Millers, also Isaac Wheelers. |
| cut Buckwt. 3 Launched 3 Vessel | Cut this morning the remainder of my buckwheat in upper field yard. Larry Sneden launched his vessel to Day. |

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| Oct. 3 Thos. Harris exhorted upper Landg. | Prayer Meeting at upper landing to Night, between 30 and 40. Thomas Harris exhorted well on the necessity of prayer. Jonathan Lawrence exhorted very well, very good Meeting, a nice Night. |
| 4 my Apples 4 | Clear and a Beautiful Morning, handsome all Day and Night. I took one load of apples of Mine from below to Peter Rikers Cidermill to Day. |
| Ja Ges Apps 4 T Harris 4 went away &c | I took 1 load with Jacob Posts Ox cart of Apples for Jacob Gesner, to Do Do Thomas Harris came here this morning, took his Horse and Sulky, went away to Storms. |
| 5 I & Wheeler 5 to Pond | Clear yet and Beautiful All Day, about 12 to Night grows Cloudy. I and Brother Wheeler to Quarterly Meeting this morning to Pond Church, got there half after 10. Door not yet unlocked. |
| Thos Harris 5 Quarterly Meetg. Pond License Hobbs Preached Nt. | Thomas Harris preached this Morning at Pond Church. Not many. Held Quarterly Conference. I paid 14 shillings quarterage. Isaac Wheelers license granted to be Renewed. At Night Brother Hobbs preached, Text Revelations 3 rd and 2 nd "Be watchful and strengthen the things which Remain that are Ready to die." A full Meeting and good Sermon, one or two mourners. Piercy exhorted. |
| I & Wheeler 5 came home to Nt. | I and Wheeler came home from Pond Meeting House, started after 12 to Night, got home a little before 3 o'clock AM, being the 6 th . |
| 5 Cliff & Wife came over &c | Brother Cliff and wife came over from Tarrytown this afternoon with a boat a man with him . Jon went with my horse and George Lawrences Waggon to Nyack Village, expecting Cliff and wife to cross over from Tarrytown to said village, as was understood, Stayed there waiting till 4 o'clock, Returned and found them at his house. |
| 6 | Cloudy this morning, afternoon less overcast, a little Rain about 11 o'clock to Night. |

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| Oct. 6 John Cliff Preached on late Camp Ground | Cliff Preached this forenoon on the Camp Ground, the stands and seats were then Remaining since Camp Meeting, his text Ecclesiastes 9 th chapter and 14 th and 15 th verses. "There was a little city and few men within it, and there came a Great King against it. Now there was found in it a poor Wise man, and by his wisdom he Delivered the city." This was a Great, yea truly Great Sermon. I've understood that John Blanch has said it was the Greatest Sermon he ever heard by Counting there was better than 300 persons. |
| Miss Cliff 6 preached Aftn. Text in John | Cliffs Wife Preached in afternoon, not cold but overcast. Cliffs Wife preaches this afternoon, about 450 persons, there was more than 400. By looking over and Counting and comparing there is but little doubt of the Number of 450. This Sermon was generally admired and well spoken of, great solemnity. |
| 6 Cliff & Wife New landing | At Night I had Jacob Posts Waggon and my horse, Mistress Cliff, Sally and Jonathan Lawrence to New landing. I, Wheeler, Matthew Corwine, William Harris and John Cliff walked up to New landing. The House was just full, all the Seats were filled. Brother Cliff gave an excellent exhortation, also his wife an affecting exhortation and Counsel, a Solemn attestation, also Wheeler and Corwine and Jonathan Lawrence, tears were multiplied, solemnity pervaded the Meeting, and I've no doubt but that many went home carrying with them powerful impressions. |
| a happy Sabbath 6 Collection | This Day may be noted among our happiest Days. The Lord blessed us. Collection to Day 25 shillings 9 pence Jonathan Lawrence said and gave it to Cliff. |
| Rain 7 Cliff & Wife 7 Wt. Away | Nearly clear this Morning; Grew overcast afternoon. Rain in Night. John Cliff and his Wife with a young looking Man with them went away from Jonathan Lawrences this Morning for Tarrytown, they did not come to my House. Stay'd at Jonathan Lawrences. |
| Gracy to NY 7 also Ja Ges | Gracy to Market to Day, 4 Bushels apples, 4 or 5 fowls, cleaned, &c. |

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| <p>Rains Oct. 8 very hard Deeds executed by David Blauvt. & Wife And also by Henry Conck & Wife</p> | <p>Rained very hard this Morning, very hard indeed. Cloudy all Day, stopped Raining by 12 o'clock. Gracy has a terrible Bad Day in Market. Yesterday Afternoon, a deed drawn by me from Henry Concklin and wife to James Remson for the lot below Snedens under the Mountain and one from David Blauvelt and his wife Lucinda Maria to Henry Concklin executed at David Blauvelts this afternoon. John Green Commissioner there and acknowledged them. Henry Concklin paid for his lot 25 Dollars down to David Blauvelt. Henry Concklin went and met Remson at Slote, Received 40 Dollars and John Green there drew a Note from Remsen to Henry Concklin for the Remainder 30 paid May 1 next.</p> |
| <p>Piercy 8 did not come Prayr. Meetg. to Nt. Jon. Ja Ges bk 8 Gracy stay'd</p> | <p>Piercy did not come to Preach at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. I expect that Rain the whole forenoon and wind this afternoon hindered him. Had a little Prayer Meeting instead. I, Wheeler, William Harris, Henry Concklin and wife, Margaret Smith there with the family, a Good Meeting. Jacob Gesner came up from New York but left Gracy there, the Day being so bad on account of Rain that much of the freight was not Sold. She stay'd to sell &c.</p> |
| <p>9 9 Eliz Rice here on the concern of Lucy on David Bt. late abuse of her &c</p> | <p>Clear handsome morning. Wind NW by N, salubrious Air. Elizabeth Rice mother of Lucy came here Early this Morning, induced to come by the account of David Blauvelts Abuse of her Daughter Lucy. She felt much concern Respecting her Danger. Related that Lucy had been Abused since our Camp Meeting and since myself and James Ivers had been to see him and Lucy on the business, when he promised to use her well and she also said she would give no occasion, promised to live in peace with each other, has Mistress Rice said attempted to choke Lucy by putting his thumbs on each side of her throat, Margaret, she said, being there that Night, Ran down Stairs out of Bed, undressed, hearing the trouble and enquired &c &c.</p> |

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| Oct. 9 A scrap between David Blauvelt & Jacob Ackerman Dog dead Piercy at 9 New Landing | I've understood by Jacob Gesner that Jacob Ackerson Son having had his young horse shod at Jesse Trenchards this afternoon and letting her loose before him on his way homeward, at David Blauvelts the Dog came out and put at the Horse, which let fly with both heels and Killed the Dog on the Spot. David, by the Story of Jacob Gesner from Jacob Ackerson, flew out in a Rage at the Death of his Dog, clinched Jacob Ackerson and down with him in the Road. Piercy preached upper landing to Night, a Goodly number, 40 or 50, good Sermon. Text first Peter 1 st Chapter and 8 th verse "When having not seen ye love, in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing ye Rejoice with Joy unshakable and full of Glory." Jacob Gesner, myself and William Harris from Rockland. |
| 10 | Clear with morning Clouds this morning. Through the Day sometimes Cloudy and sometimes Clear. At Evening Wind changes from SW to NW with a Gust of Wind and a little sprinkling Rain. |
| Cut Apples 10 | Gracy came up from New York this afternoon. Cut apples to Night the 2nd time. Aaron helped cut Stalks 3/4 Day, but many left. |
| Aaron 10 | Very Clear this Morning and cool, no wind hardly. |
| 11 | Killed Gracys old Ewe to Day, sent 2 Hind quarters and 1 fore quarter to New York with Jacob Gesner. NB Gracy was mistaken, this Ewe was not more than 5 or 6 years years old. Jacob Gesner had killed the old Ewe &c. |
| Killed 11 Gracys old ewe | Wheeler and son Aaron helped me cut corn stalks from between 1 and 2 PM till sun about 3/4 Hour high. About 3 1/2 Hours. |
| Wheeler 11 Aaron helped cut some 11 more apples | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally here to Night a little while. I, Wheeler, Gracy cut some apples to Night for me. Likewise Mistress Wheeler, Aaron, and Jim a little while. |
| Rain 12 | Cloudy all day. Close overcast afternoon, began to Rain 4 o'clock. |
| Stalks 12 | I Bound up before the Rain Stalks by Barn and over Run. |
| Rain 13 | Rainy this Morning, Rained last Night. Training yesterday the 160 th Regiment York State, Rockland County. |

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| Oct. 13 Mat Corwine at Rock Sc Ho | Matthias Corwine Preached at Rockland School House this Afternoon 3 o'clock. Only about 15 or 16 Hearers, Preached on the Shunamites Son Raised 2 Kings 4 Chapter. Wheeler exhorted and William Harris exhorted &c. |
| 13 Prayr. Meeetg. New landing | Exhortation at New landing and Prayer Meeting. Wheeler spoke well on the Subject "And yet there is Room." Matthias Corwine Spoke very well and William Harris Spoke exceeding well to Night. Jonathan Lawrence spoke some, a full House, about 60 or 70. A very solemn and attentive Meeting. There was from Rockland Myself, William Harris, Isaac Wheeler and his son Aaron and Daughter Elizabeth, Jonathan Lawrence, Lucy and Peggy Concklin and Jim. My Horse and Herberts Waggon took Lucy and Peggy and Jim and Elizabeth. |
| Abner 14 Concklin | Clear this Morning and Cool, all Day Clear and Night cool but nice. Abner Concklin helped me from Breakfast in Stalks to Day. |
| Sheep 14 Skins Dear | Jacob Gesner to New York. Sheep Skins are very high, they fetch from 7 shillings to 8 shillings apiece. |
| 15 | Overcast, looks for a Storm Again this morning. Afternoon nearly clear but in Evening overcast. |
| Abner 15 | Abner Concklin helped again to Dry Stalks and apples. |
| Isaac 15 Wheeler moved from My house | Isaac Wheeler and family move from my house to Day, he had my oxen and Waggon, took his potatoes and goods down to the Shanty below Snedens, the place where Henry Concklin had lived one year, he Raised about 34 Bushels potatoes in the upper field yard, he went 3 times with Potatoes and furniture. |
| letter of 15 Corwine to Wm. Ogbourne | I wrote letter for Matthias Corwine to William Ogbourne at 30 Thompson Street, New York and sent it yesterday with Jacob Gesner with a Direction to Western Country. |
| 16 Sowed Rye for Herbt. | Overcast all Day, sometimes drops a little Rain. I hooped casks to Day. I Sowed in afternoon 2 Bushels Rye for Herbert in my land below School House. |
| has Rained 17 | Cloudy this morning, has Rained last Night. Cloudy all Day. Clear in the Evening. A Brisk Wind in the Evening from the Westward but cold, for several Days past the Wind has been S and SE and cloudy and Rainy. |

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| Oct. 17 | To Day I bought of Peter Riker 23 1/2 lb of Beef the Englishman at 5 pence per lb = 9 shillings 9 pence I paid him. |
| 17 | I and Jonathan Lawrence from Rockland none other to Slote School |
| No Meeting | House to Night. The Members of Reform were requested to meet for |
| at Slote | Prayer Meeting and to Collect a Quarterage for preachers. John Waldron |
| Sch. Ho | and Anne his wife there &c I and Jonathan Lawrence, none other. |
| 18 | Clear after much overcast and Rainy Weather, nice and still this morning. |
| Buckwt. 18 | The Buckwheat not threshed just begins to Grow on the field. I saw |
| just begins to | yesterday a few grains Sprouted. |
| Sprout | |
| Gracy 18 | Gracy to New York, took 5 Barrels Apples, back the 19 th near Night. |
| to NY | |
| Ab. Conck 18 | Abner Concklin to Day helped Gather Apples for Market and threshed Buckwheat. |
| 19 | Cloudy this morning. Afternoon nearly clear, in the Evening overcast. |
| Abner 19 | Abner helped me gather cider Apples forenoon. Afternoon helped Herbert |
| | thresh his little Buckwheat, had about 3 Bushels only in all |
| paid Abner 19 | This Evening I paid Abner Concklin for all his work in 3 1/2 Days at 2 |
| in full | shillings per Day. We are now square. |
| Rain 20 | Rain this Morning. Cold wind NE. Rainy all Day &c. |
| Prayr. Mg. 20 | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences, only a few. Wheeler, Myself, |
| Jon Law | Peggy Concklin, Hannah Concklin are all excepting Jonathan Lawrence, |
| | Sally his wife, Mary his Daughter and rest of his children, a Good prayer |
| | meeting, it is a Rainy Day and cold. |
| Piercy did 20 | There was to be preaching this afternoon at Slote School House at 3 |
| not come to | o'clock. I did not go on Account of Rain. Piercy did not come. Rainy Road. |
| preach Slote | |
| No Prayr. 20 | At upper landing no Meeting. Rain all Day and to Night. |
| Mg. upper | |
| landg. | |
| Rain 21 | Rain all Night and Rain this morning. Wind NE but not high, cold, wet |
| Rain | times. The Surface of the Ground seems Covered with Standing Water &c. |

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| Oct. 21 | Rains All Day and Continues all Night |
| Paid 21 Obb Cooper | Paid Obb Cooper by Old Cooper 5 shillings 6 pence on account for Blacksmiths Work, his amount to Day brought by Old Cooper was 7 shillings 6 pence. Now 2 shillings Remains unpaid. |
| Rain 22 | Still Raining, uncommon Wet time. The wind seems still this Morning. Sky thick overcast and Rain, not very cold this Morning. Continues to Rain a little till about 3 o'clock, begins to be clear at sunset. |
| Tho Harris 22 at Jon Law no Preaching but Prayr. Meetg. | Thomas Harris came on Horse back to Jonathan Lawrences Dusk. The going being very Wet and Muddy under foot, and people not knowing certainly whether there would be a preacher, there was only to Night at Jonathan Lawrences Isaac Wheeler, William Harris, Jacob Gesner and Myself with Jonathans family. It was turned to a Prayer Meeting, his Horse I brought to My house. He stayed at Jonathans. |
| Long Wet 23 Times Ice | Clear and cool this Morning, frost and ice. We have had a Cold and tedious Rain From the 16 th Instant till this past Night or the afternoon of the 22 nd , there has been almost entirely Rain, the 18 th was clear. |
| Ja Ges 23 to NY | Jacob Gesner to New York. I sent 3 Barrels and 2 Bushels Apples. |
| 23 | Thomas Harris Came to my house about 10 o'clock AM and went away 3 PM to Slote. |
| Tho Harris 23 at upper landing | Thomas Harris Preached upper landing to Night about 30. Text in Matthew "And these shall go away into everlasting Destruction." He spoke very well indeed. I, Jonathan Lawrence, Henry Concklin and Peggy there from Rockland. William Harris to Night to Dr. Perrys to say his lessons, studying Latin. |
| 24 | Clear this Morning and all Day. |
| Wm Law 24 helped me | William Lawrence helped me to Day and yesterday pick apples, came about 9 |
| 25 | Overcast this Morning. Clear afternoon. Smoaky and pleasant. |
| 25 | Bought of Doremus's son 10 1/2 lbs beef and paid 5 shillings in full for this piece. |
| Herbert 25 gathered Corn | Herbert gathered Corn in front of my barn to Day and husked at night in my barn. |

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| Oct. 25 I pd Jersey tax | Today I paid Jersey tax 93 Cents to Harry Voorhees, Jersey Collector. |
| 25 | I made Cider to Day, Old Cooper helped a little. |
| Tyne Conck 25 & Hannah here today & Peggy Conck. | Tyne Concklin and Hannah from Slote to see Gracy this Forenoon, went away dusk. William Harris took them home with my horse and Herberts Waggon. Peggy Concklin was with them. |
| Paid Wyney 25 | I Paid Wyney Concklin to Day one Dollar on work her husband Abraham had done. Now 1 Dollar is yet due. |
| 26 | Clear and Beautiful this morning and all Day, cool at Night. |
| Made Cider 26 | Ground Apples Yesterday and laid cheese in part and finished laying up this morning. Got home 5 Barrels nearly and 3 yet at Mill at Peter Riker. After I came from the trial of Jacob Ackerson with David Blauvelt in the Night, William Harris helped me empty the Barrels and went to Cider Mill and quit about 11 o'clock at night. |
| 26 Trial Between Jacob Ackerson & David Blauv. | This Day Jacob Ackerson had his trial against David Blauvelt for David Blauvelts striking him, Jacob Ackerson Swore the PEACE against him. The Substance of which is as follows: At Rockland Jacob Ackerson in his Return from the Blacksmith, namely Jesse Trenchards, let his Horse go loose before him. At David Blauvelts According to David Blauvelts Account Jacob Ackerson, Slapping his hands to drive his horse out of the lot of George Mann, the fence being down, David Blauvelts Dog came out and put after the Horse which kicked the Dog instantly dead. David Blauvelt came on the Road toward his dog and found his Neck broken, then said: Mr. Ackerson it's a wonder that you had your horse down to the Blacksmith and Drive him or let the creature go loose and Run &c. A Child Might been on the Road and Might be killed. Jacob Ackerson Answered: they've no business on the Road. David Blauvelt: A grown person might be run over. Jacob Ackerson: They can get out of the way. David Blauvelt after saying something About the Dog, Jacob Ackerson said You son of a Bitch, go in the house and Kill your Wife. David Blauvelt: Do you mean to call me a son of a Bitch. Jacob Ackerson: You son of a Bitch, go into the house and Kill your Wife. Then David Blauvelt struck him side of his face. |

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| <p>Oct. 26</p> <p>Jacob Ackerson and David Blauvelt Trial</p> | <p>David Blauvelt Relates this to Jacob Ackersons son Jacob and James Ivers, Jacob Ackerson had his son Jacob at the trial for a witness who related it as David had told me. Jacob Ackerson at the trial made oath that in his peaceably passing by David Blauvelt his horse he let go loose before him thought the horse was injured by being shod. The dog came out he did not call him he said with this David Blauvelt came in a Violent Manner over the fence and abused him a most miserable he Repeated it &c Came up to him and Struck him and Kicked him and abused him very much. This said before the jury of 6 and 3 Justices and about 40 Persons present. Lawyer Frashen Questioned him and at the Astonishment of almost all present, after the lawyer Asked him what David Blauvelt as the defendant said in giving the Abuse, and being called a half-dozen-times, finally replied he could not Recollect. Astonishing, said the lawyer, not Recollect one word in the Abuse &c &c. The lawyer Asked him where the Defendant had kicked him. He Answered he could not tell &c &c, he asked him if he had not told the Defendant to go in the house you Son of a bitch and kill your wife. He first punctually denied it. But the lawyer pressed him close 3 or 4 times not less on his Oath to Relate the truth he stammered and paused and finally concluded not — that he knew of that is he did not Recollect that he had told him. The Lawyer Replied that he did know that he had called Blauvelt a Son of a Bitch.</p> <p>The Lawyer then addressed the Jury, told them what the case was they had to try, that it was for breaking the peace and not for any damage the plaintiff had Sustained, that the plaintiff himself had broken the peace and gave the insult to Call the Defendant a Son of a Bitch, which he will not finally deny. He himself would have knocked the man down to the Ground if his Mother should be called a Son of a Bitch, if he had nerve sufficient for it. The lawyer abused him in the most Cutting manner.</p> <p>David Blauvelt was fined 5 dollars. It was paid. Jacob Ackerson said it should cost him 500.</p> |

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| Oct. 27 | Clear but Smoaky this Morning. Afternoon Cloudy and Smoaky. |
| Prayr. Mg. 27 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts 10 o'clock. M. Corwine there, I, Wheeler |
| David Blauvt. | and wife, Jon Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Henry Concklin and wife, Black Charles, Davids family there, not himself. Good prayer Meeting. |
| Corwine at 27 | Corwine preached at Rockland School House 3 o'clock, a few. Text 1 Peter |
| Rock Sch house | 4 th Chapter and 7 th verse. "For the end of all things is at hand" &c. |
| 27 | Prayer Meeting at upper landing near 50 to Night. There is the Night |
| Prayr. | Meeting at the Baptist Meeting House, still we had about or near 50. |
| Meeting | Willam Harris spoke exceedingly well. Jacob Gesner spoke better than I |
| upper | ever heard him before a little Sharp in the beginning, closed it in the |
| Landing | most solemn and engaging manner. His Prayer also seemed truly with the |
| | Spirit offered up principally for the people, that they might return to the |
| | Lord and find Salvation. Corwine Spoke a little, very good. Among our |
| | meetings this may be Numbered with the most solemnly engaging. A good |
| | time, from Rockland I there, William Harris, Henry Concklin, Jacob |
| | Gesner there. |
| Jon Law 27 | Jon Law and Sally at Old Side Prayer Meeting to Night at their Meeting |
| & Sally to Old | House, he told me that he felt desire and full freedom in the meeting &c. |
| Side Jon | Gets up without invitation and gives an animated exhortation and ardent |
| exhorts & Prays | Prayer. Sally got scared at the Venture but he was not interrupted. All |
| &c | seemed still and attentive. |
| frost 28 | Clear, frost this morning, overcast afternoon; clear at Night. |
| Made cider 28 | I at cider mill, brought home 4 barrels more of the same press |
| | see the 26 th last This makes 9 Barrels. |

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| <p>Oct. 29</p> <p>Mistake in Grinding apples at Peter Rikers cider Mill. Jacob Ackerson lets fly the Arrow of Abuse before he suffers himself to know the Case tells old Cooper it was just like the Protestants &c. I paid the Mistake back before Jacob Haring and Jacob Ackerson Son And Black Man</p> | <p>Jacob Ackerson told Old Cooper that I or Jacob Gesner had Ground his Apples, and that it was just like those Protestants.</p> <p>The truth is this: Jacob Gesner had apples at Peter Rikers Cider Mill laying there more than 2 weeks. He, Jacob Gesner told Jim Miller that he was coming down to Grind his apples a little before Sun Set. I and Jim went down to look at my press &c. Jacob Ackersons Black Man came there late in afternoon before Jacob Gesner came with a load of Apples, before he went off he must have put a Basket full or 2 in the hopper, but I did not see him, but Jim was there at the time. Jim went home for to fetch the cows. The Black Man went off with his team. I was at work at my press, fixing for water cider. Near Sun Set Jacob Gesner and William Harris came down with the Old Sorrel, my horse. Jacob Gesner found apples in the hopper, concluded they were of My Apples, for I had some there to be Ground with his. Asked me if I had put them apples in the hopper I said no. Now as he had told Jim that he was coming down to Grind Apples, concluded that Jim had put them in the hopper, not knowing anything about Jacob Ackersons intention to Grind in the morning, and examining the apples and tasting some of them, these were 2 kinds, exactly in taste and colors like those of mine, and looking at my heap and those in the hopper, they really had the same looks. William Harris was present, concluded Jim had put them in and went and Ground his apples. Jacob Ackerson then in the morning finding the box full of Pummis told at a venture it was just like the Protestants Grinding Other peoples apples &c. NB I there discussed the necessity of conducting ourselves more prudently before we pass Judgment or Shoot the Arrow. I came down and paid the Apples back.</p> |

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| Oct. 29 No Prayr. Mg. | No Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. |
| 29 | Clear Morning. Ice plenty and frost. Afternoon overcast. |
| Ja Ges 29 & My cider | I brought 2 Barrels of cider for Jacob Gesner and 2 Barrels water cider of my press. I had about 4 big pails of the cider Jacob Gesner made from my Apples, not full proportion. I helped him. |
| Snow Squall 30 | Clear Morning, Cloudy Afternoon, a Snow Squall from the west about 3 o'clock, not Much Snow, this is soon, Cold at Night. |
| 1 Barr Cider 30 | I Brought of Mine to Day one Barrel 1/2 Water Cider and 1/2 Good. |
| Made ladder 30 | I made a ladder to pick apples. |
| Ground froz. 31 | Very cold this morning, Clear, Ground frozen an Inch. Ice frost. |
| Ladder 31 picked pippins | I made a smaller ladder. Picked pippins to Day. William Lawrence helped me. |
| Old Cooper 31 Oxen | Cooper had Oxen to Draw load Wood to day. |
| Nov. 1 | Clear and Cold, Ground frozen, part ground very hard frozen. |
| 1 | Jonathan Lawrences best Hog injured by George Manns Horse Yesterday. |
| Geo Manns | His back Scraped very much with the Horses teeth. To Day he killed the |
| Horse hurt Jon | hog. It appears that the Right thigh joint was injured, it being heavy and |
| Laws. Hog | fat a pig, it could not walk. They dressed it And weighed 182 or 183. Nice |
| &c | pork. |
| I picked 1 pippins | I picked Winter pippins again today, I and Jim. |
| Herbert 1 husked corn | Herbert Gesner Husked Corn in My Barn to night again. |
| Old Sorrel 1 | Old Sorrel and Old Cooper to Derick Clarks to Day for Jacob Gesner &c. |
| 2 | Clear all Day, pleasant Ground not frozen this morning. |
| Wheeler & 2 | I picked Pippins again about the barn. Wheeler and his son Aaron helped |
| Aaron helped | about Each 3/4 day. William Harris helped some. |
| No potatoes 2 | No Potatoes dug yet on account of other work. |
| Dug yet | |

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| Nov. 3 | Sabbath Morning. Clear, Moderate through the Day. Cold, sunny. |
| Prayr. Mg. 3 | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts to Day, 10 o'clock or 11. Jonathan |
| at David | Lawrence there, Isaac Wheeler, William Harris, I there, Black Charles, |
| Blauvts. | Aaron Wheeler there and Henry Concklin and Wife lives there in David |
| | Blauvelts Garret &c. |
| Piercy 3 | Piercy Preached at Slote School House 3 o'clock this afternoon. Text in |
| at Slote | Daniel, a Good Sermon. |
| Prayr. Mg. 3 | Prayer Meeting upper landing to about between 60 and 70. Piercy |
| Upper landg. | exhorted. Jonathan Lawrence and William Harris Exhorted a very good |
| Piercy there | Meeting. I there, Jonathan Lawrence there, Gracy and Peggy House from |
| | Rockland. |
| 4 | Clear and Cold this morning, ground frozen, middle of Day moderate. Cold |
| | at Night. Ground frozen hard. |
| 4 | My Potatoes yet undug. |
| Pippins 4 | I picked up pippins under the trees to Day. |
| Prayr. & 4 | Prayer and Class Meeting by Piercy at Slote to Night, only Myself from |
| Class Meetg | Rockland there. John Waldron and Wife, Eley, Phebe Sneden, Abraham |
| Slote, Piercy | Conklin, Bird, And blank there, only a few. |
| 5 | Very Cold Morning, Ground hard frozen. Clear all Day. |
| 5 | I picked pippins up that laid under trees. |
| 5 | Herbert had oxen all Day Dung or Corn. |
| Piercy 5 | Piercy preached Jonathan Lawrences. About 20 Good Sermon to Night. |
| Jon Law | |
| 6 | A Very White frost. Weather not quite so Cold. Cloudy all Day. |
| I to Nyack 6 | I went to Nyack to Settle Jacob Gesners Bill of Medicine with Doctor |
| Settled Ja Ges | Cornelison, he had a Summons Served on Jacob Gesner for 10 shillings. |
| Doctor | Jacob Gesner considered this bill an extravagant Charge for a trifle of |
| bill with | drops. Jacob Gesner had offered him pay at the time When he got the |
| Cornelison | Medicine but he, the doctor, Refused to take it then. |
| Ja Ges 8 sh | The cost was 6 shillings 6 pence but the Doctor Agreed to take 6 shillings |
| | and the Cost 5 shillings = 11 shillings. This I paid. Jacob gave 8. |

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| Nov. 6 I and Piercy in to see Molly Eckerson | In my Return from Nyack with my horse and Jacob Posts Waggon, I and Piercy met in front of John Briggs house where Molly Eckerson lay with the Palsy. On her desire we Went in. Piercy had good Conversation with her and Prayed &c. She appeared sensible and desired to find peace to her Soul. |
| Piercy at 6 upper Landg. | Piercy Preached upper landing to Night. About 23. Text Pauls Epistle to blank "If ye do these things ye shall never fail." A most excellent Discourse. This text was given to him. I went home with Waggon and Horse after leaving Molly and just Ate. I and William Harris walked up to the Meeting. No other from Rockland from my house to upper landing School house meeting is good 4 miles. |
| Herbt Oxen 6 7 | Herbert had my oxen to day getting in his Corn at School House. Clear Cold and a white frost this morning, but a moderate and pleasant Day. |
| I went as 7 far as Miss. Houses &c | This afternoon I started to go to Nyack on the business of Meeting with the Executors to John Gisners estate, namely John Perry and Henry Gesner. I had amount Against John Gisner, and he Against Me. I got as far as Houses, found it was too late and I felt fatigued. I wrote a letter to John Perry and Henry Gesner left it with or at Abraham Houses to send or deliver &c. |
| 8 | Clear all Day and Warm. |
| began to dig 8 Potatoes &c | I began to Dig potatoes, William Harris helped about 4 hours. |
| J. Law 8 thatch poles | Jonathan Lawrence got thatch poles of me for his Barn and drew them with the oxen and waggon. |
| 2 Barrels 8 | Old Cooper took 2 Barrels pippins down to Snedens for me to go to New York with Jacob Gesner. |
| Jim took to 8 Nagels Mill &c | Jim Miller went to Day with Sorrel and Herberts Waggon to Nagels Mill with about 2 1/2 bushels Corn and about 1 1/2 bushels Buckwheat. |

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| Nov. 8 Obb Shod | Obb shod Sorrel the Day before yesterday, My shoes |
| Rain 9 | Cloudy this morning Wind SSW but moderate, not cold. Afternoon Sky Close overcast. Began to Rain in fine drops about 3 o'clock, and did rain but not hard; Clear 9 o'clock Night. |
| Dug potatoes 9 Wm Harris, Geo Gesner Ch. Gesner & Jim Miller | I dug potatoes. William Harris helped me all day. Gerorge Gesner and Charles came to help At 1/2 after one. When it began to first Mist we all turned to picking up the potatoes &c. Jim Miller smart to Dig and pick. |
| J. D. Conck 9 10 | John D. Concklin up tonight to see about having the little room. Clear as a Bell this Morning. Moderate clear at Night, not cold. |
| Prayr Meetg 10 David Blauvelt | Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts to Day 10 AM, I was there, Jon Lawrence and Mary Lawrence and Isaac Wheeler there; Lucy and old Ginny and Peggy Concklin and Black Charles, and Aaron Son of Wheeler was all that composed the Meeting. |
| Reform Members Went to hear Malasen Old Side 10 | Henry Concklin and David Blauvelt not there But today Jacob Gesner, Henry Concklin, William Harris at Old Side Meeting House and John Waldron and wife from Slote to Old Side also. Malasen preached there. Matthias Corwine preached at Rockland school House 3 o'clock PM. About 20 or more there. Text 2 Peter 2 Chapter 20 verse. Spoke pretty well. |
| Mat Corwine preach Rock. Sch Ho | Jacob Gesner spoke very well, also Wheeler. I there, Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Lucy, Peggy, Henry Concklin, Jacob Gesner, Wheeler, Eley, Gracy. |
| Henry Conck left the Room 10 | NB When Jacob Gesner began to speak, Henry Concklin instantly left the house and did not Return, for what reason I know not. |
| Prayr. Meetg. upper landg. | Prayer Meeting upper landing to night. There was also Meeting in the Baptist Meeting House to Night, not withstanding at our Meeting were near 60 mostly young Men and Young Women. William Harris spoke principally to the youth. Wheeler, Corwine and Jonathan Lawrence all spoke well. Jonathan Lawrence spoke very affecting, from Rockland I, Jonathan Lawrence, Wheeler, Harris Aaron Wheeler there. Good meeting. Derick spoke a little well. |

| From | Miles |
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| Nyack to Pierson's factory | 15 |
| from Pierson's to Parmaleys factory | 9 |
| from Parmaleys to Foshes checkered Tavern | 5 |
| from Foshes to Brother Jonathan Stephens | 3 |
| from Jonathan Stephens to Goshen Village | 7 |
| from Goshen Village to Mount Hope Village | 13 |
| from Mount Hope to Carpenter's Point at Delaware | 5 |
| from Carpenter's Point to Milford Village | 7 |
| from Milford Village to Canan's Corner | 33 |
| from Canan's Corner to Mount Rose | 34 |
| from Mount Rose to Oswego Village | 32 |
| from Oswego to Newtown Village | 22 |
| from Newtown Village to Painted Post | 18 |
| from Painted Post to Baldwin's Tavern | 10 |
| from Baldwin's to the Widow Davis at Troopsburgh | 22 |
| from Widow Davis to Elder Thorpe | 9 |
| from Elder Thorpe to Matthias Corwine's | <u>5</u> |
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Town of Andover Allegany County
State of New York

Given by Matthias Corwine
October 13 1833 to
Nicholas Gesner

A Copy of Which Corwine sent to William Ogbourne
at New York. Thompson St., No. 38
he was at our Camp Meeting a Young Man

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Nov. 11 Rain | Clear this Morning and Moderate. Hazy about 12 and at 3 it Rained and at Night. |
| Dug 11 Potatoes James Westervelt came Wagn. Hurt | Dug potatoes over the Road. William Lawrence Came about 9. I and Jim. James Westervelt the Son of Eley came to help about 12 o'clock, the small potatoes got wet before they were picked up. |
| 12 | Today George Gesner was unlucky with my Waggon got of George Lawrence, bolt got out the Running Works with load of corn &c Overcast and Misty this morning. Clear afternoon. Wind mostly W. Night a little Cold. |
| Dug 12 potatoes | Dug potatoes, James Westervelt, Jim and Self. It was a little Rainy forenoon. Large potatoes. |
| Husk Corn 12 | Husked Corn for Herbert on Shares to Night. |
| Dug 13 potatoes | Clear and not very Cold this Morning. Dug potatoes. William Lawrence and James Westervelt helped. |
| 13 | A Phenomeon A Singular Appearance this Morning between 3 and 4 o'clock AM was seen and by several Related to me, it being very Clear the Sky, and a Continual Shooting of Stars or Meteors, Sometimes having a bright tail behind them, Sometimes Sprangling in every direction and Astonishing to the behold. The firmament was incessantly illuminated and there Meteors were so full as Comparatively to be as Numerous as when large flakes of Snow were flying very numerous, sometimes they cast their luster into Rooms through the Windows so as to Make it very light. This continued till after daybreak and were yet seen a little before Sun Rise. This truly was an astonishing sight. I did not see it but I have been this Day informed by Trenchard, David Haring, Nicholas Ferdon, William Lawrence, Jonathan Lawrence and Sally his wife. Jonathan Lawrence went to his Brother George Lawrence and awoke him to see the Terrific Sight, there saw it. And this Seen and Related at Rockland Orangetown Rockland County and the State of New York. The day previous to this event was very windy, not very Cold, Wind about W or W by S. This Day the Wind More Moderate on the Same Course. |

NOTE: "Sprangle" is a United States dialect word meaning to spread out in branches or ramifications, according to the *OED*.

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| Nov. 14 | Nearly Clear, a little Cloudy, still a fine Day. Clear night. |
| Dug 14 potatoes | Dug potatoes, James Westervelt, self, Jim and William Lawrence. Cose Cooper came near 12, quit about 3/4 of an hour before sunset. |
| Pranks 14 performed at Jos. Briggs | At the Slote at New Landing, at John Briggs's, a certain man performing some pranks. I was told by them seeing it this night: taking melted lead with an Iron Spoon in his Mouth and so forth. William Harris there. |
| Husked &c 14 15 | Husked corn for Herbert Again. Did last Night also and two before. A little hazy and Cloudy this morning, not cold. It Rained about 10 o'clock. Cleared off in Afternoon. |
| Potatoes 15 | Dug Potatoes today, hindered Some by Rain, finished over the Road and Just began on the Hill over Road. |
| Ja Ges pain 15 | Jacob Gesner Ill with Pain in his Side. |
| Wm Harris 15 Paid me | William Harris paid 10 Dollars to me to Night for board, had had 6 Dollars. |
| 16 | Clear and Cold All Day. Ground hard frozen this morning. My potatoes yet Remaining undug are considerably injured. |
| Dug 16 potatoes | Dug 10 or 20 Bushels to Day. I James Westervelt and Jim, and got them in. |
| Worked 16 on the Road &c gave Cose | Cose Cooper Worked today on the Road for me 1/2 day, now I've done for this Year. Gave Cose 6 shillings Again this Morning and 2 shillings to Night. |
| 17 | Ground hard this morning. Clear Wind SW by W. |
| No Prayr. 17 Mt. at D. Blau or Jon Law | No Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts nor Jonathan Lawrences this Morning |
| Tho Harris 17 did not come at Slote | Piercy had Appointed Preaching Meeting at Slote School House 3 o'clock this Afternoon for Thomas Harris to fulfill, but Harris did not come. |
| Mg. 17 upper land. a very good Meeting | Meeting at upper Landing, house full, men and women, about 60 or 70. Isaac Wheeler Preached an excellent Sermon, After Reading the Whole Chapter containing these Words, faith hope and Charity, these three of Which Charity is the Greatest. The last verse in this Chapter is "But yet I show you a More excellent Way" on Which he principally did discourse, the people very attentive. |

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| Nov. 17 | I and Wheeler Only from Rockland to Upper Landing. No Preaching at |
| No Preachg 17 | Jonathan Lawrences to Night as was appointed by Piercy for Thomas |
| at Jon L. | Harris. William Harris spoke at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. NB The |
| to Nt. | probability is that Thomas Harris will leave the Circuit. |
| Very Cold 18 | Clear and Very Cold All Day. Wind Westward. Ground very hard. My |
| Potatoes | potatoes on the hill one load. Just enough. I suppose about 80 Bushels yet, |
| frozen fast | brought in those by Spring Road, some frozen. William Lawrence, James |
| in hill | Westervelt, I and Jim took them in. James came about 1/2 after 9, William |
| Amelia 19 | Lawrence about 10 o'clock. |
| Harings child | Amelia's Harings young Daughter born. |
| 19 | Clear and Cold. Ground hard and frozen. Deep pond with Ice to bear. |
| 19 | Drew stack by the barn &c. Yesterday Sally and Peggy Concklin went to |
| Tho Harris 19 | Derick Clark's on visit. |
| | Thomas Harris came there and Stay'd all Night. Came this Afternoon to |
| | My house on horse back. |
| Thos 19 | Thomas Harris Preached Jonathan Lawrences to Night, only few, about 14 |
| Harris | in all. Text 3 Chapter Genesis and part of 19 Verse "Dust thou art and to |
| Preached | dust thou shalt return." This was truly an extraordinary Sermon, a |
| at Jon Law | beautiful preliminary and in all its parts so eminently animated, tenderly |
| to Night | offered — And Worthy the Solemn and Serious Attention and |
| | consideration of the Greatest Audience and Literature and piety, |
| | calculated to every State and Condition of Man: Stayed at Jonathan |
| | Lawrences to Night. |
| 20 | Clear, Somewhat Cloudy all Day, at Night Clear. Cold, freezes hard. |
| 20 | Thomas Harris came here about 10 AM from Jon Lawrences. Went up just |
| | Sun Set to New Landing on his horse. |
| Tho 20 | Thomas Harris Preached at New Landing to Night. I there, William Harris |
| Harris | and Wheeler there, none other from Rockland. Text the same as at Jon |
| Preached | Lawrences. Most excellent and Affecting Discourse, number of tears, only |
| upper landg. | about 35, mostly women. |
| Apples 20 | I sent 3 Barrels apples to NY with Jacob Gesner. James Westervelt went |
| to N. York | with team to John Harings for Jacob Gesner. |

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| <p>Nov. 21 Amelia's 21 Child born the 18th at Herb. Ges.</p> <p>21 Griffis's Sermon at Derick Clark's who had told him at a Neighbours house one Night After Meeting there held by Griffis, the people were asked when the Next should be, No Assurance I was told Derick said My door is open</p> <p>Rain 22 22</p> | <p>Cloudy to Day Raw cold Wind SE looks for Rain</p> <p>Amelia confined the 18th Instant with Young, to Day. I saw I went in &c at Herbert Gesner's. Amelia the Daughter of William Herbert Gesner and Mary Ann Mann also the Wife of David Haring.</p> <p>I and William Walked up to Derick Clark's who had Invited Griffis the Baptist to preach at his house, we heard him. There were somewhere about 33, mostly women, his text the 1st Chapter Philippians 6 Verse "Being confident of this very thing that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Christ," his sermon was truly Calvinistic, and yet in his definitions, it was Methodist. Some evident Contradictions in Consequence. Insisted that there was no falling away, that God who had begun the work knew his own, drew his own plan in Eternity, and would finish his own purpose and perform his own work &c. There was in my opinion much of his sermon very good. The Scripture quotations where Altogether to Corroborate his Argument there were none Advanced, like this nor cleared up "Who would have all Men to come to the knowledge of the Truth and be Saved" "Christ tasted Death for every Man "As I live Saith the Lord I have no pleasure in the Death of a Sinner" &c &c" It would be impossible for those who have once tasted of the Good Word of God &c "Make Shipwreck of faith &c &c no such texts produced nor with his Discourse reconciled.</p> <p>Rain this morning. Rain Cold Wind NE, clear Night. Being a bad Day James Westervelt did but little tackling.</p> |

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| Nov. 23 Potatoes Dug | Clear this Morning. Ground a little frozen but a Nice Warm Day, Smoaky Sky, the frost out of My potato Ground. I, James Westervelt and Jim Miller began to dig about 10 AM got out and in 16 Bushels: some hundred potatoes considerably injured |
| Jims Shoes 23 I got made at Larry's 23 | Jim got his new shoes from Last at George Mann's, 7 shillings Jim fetched from Larry Snedens for me 7 lbs wheat flour, 3 1/2 lbs. sugar 4 shillings 6 pence paid. |
| 24 Prayr. Mg. 24 Jon Law Molly 24 Eckerson at Jon L. | Smoaky, Ground a little frozen this morning. Smoaky all day. Prayer Meeting Jon Lawrence 10 o'clock. I, William Harris, Wheeler and Wife, Lucy, Old Ginny there and Matthias Corwine there. Yesterday Molly Eckerson Moved to Jon Lawrence's. She has the Palsy on the left Side, seemed little better. Jonathan Lawrence at his Request fetched her. |
| 24 Prayr. Meetg. upper Landg. | Prayer Meeting upper landing to Night, also in Baptist Meeting House. I took my horse. Jonathan Lawrence had Spoken to George Lawrence for his Waggon Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, William Harris, Corwine there. There was a full Meeting about 60 or 70 a Solemn Meeting. Jon Lawrence Spoke by way of exhortation Remarkably well and feelingly. Mat Corwine Spoke well on the Subject of Jacob and Esau. Harris Spoke some indicating his object obscurely in his going to See the exploits of the fire King at Slote. Derick Clark (not withstanding Griffis's preaching at his house) had not been prevailed on to embrace the Doctrine of Election and final persuasions for he gave his opinion plain and gave a good but Short exhortation. |
| Matthias 24 Corwine preachd. Rockland Sch Ho 3 ock Farewell | Matthias Corwine preached his farewell sermon at Rockland School House 3 o'clock this afternoon, only few, about 12 or 14. Made Collection 8 shillings 2 pence of only 4 or 5 who put in. I gave 2 shillings. Collection 8 shillings 2 pence Gave Matthew Corwine this Night. Corwine is perhaps sometime called Mathew in the Momento. |

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| Nov. 25 Snow, Rain | Very bad Storm. Ground White with Snow this Morning but Raining at Sun Rise. Wind NE. Cold Rain Storm all Day and in the Night. |
| James 25 Wt. | James Westervelt came at 11 o'clock and could not do anything of advantage. |
| Snow 26 again | Overcast this Morning, Ground White with Snow which fell after 8 o'clock last Night. Scud seems flying from the NW. Raw Cold yesterday, it rained hard all day. The little Snow was soon Gone but it is replaced this morning It has been a very cold storm. Sloppy |
| Pr. Mg. 26 at Ja Ges | Prayer Meeting at Jacob Gesner's at George Mann's House near School House to Night only few I, Jonathan Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, William Lawrence, William Harris, Old Mistress Cooper and Jacob Gesner and his wife composed this Meeting, good &c. |
| 27 | Clear this Morning, Ground Some frozen, some Remains of Yesterday's Snow. Snowfall gone by night, somewhat Windy and cool, moderate in first of evening). |
| a beautiful 27 red at Sunset | A Most Beautiful Red upon the Clouds at Sun Set, Singularly |
| 27 | Jacob Gesner to NY took for me 5 Barrels pippins and one for Jim. |
| Jim to NY 27 | James or Jim Miller went to New York to Day . |
| Love 27 Letter | To Day I Received another letter from Jacob Ackerson for payment for the 2 pigs I had of him not withstanding his wanting and could have both Black Lamb and Ewe &c. I sent him the cash and got his Receipt. |
| 28 | Clear this Morning. Ground but a little frozen, not very cold to Day. |
| Potatoes 28 | I and James Westervelt Dug potatoes to Day from 11 o'clock till Night. I expect about 14 or 15 Bushels. |
| 29 | Hazy and Cloudy all Day. Ground hard this Morning. |
| Potatoes 29 | Dug about 6 Bushels Potatoes this afternoon. |
| Rain 29 | Rain in Evening, Wind NE. |
| Jake 29 Moved | Jacob Gesner Moved to My house to Day from George Mann's House near School House. |
| Rain 30 | Rain all Night. Rain in the Morning. Rainy all Day. |
| Potatoes 30 took to Barn | I moved potatoes off of cellar floor to the Barn to Day. Water in cellar. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Nov. 30 Deed | I wrote Deed for Obb Cooper to Robert and John Renwick. |
| Dec. 1 | Partly Clear early this morning, quite clear afternoon and all Night. |
| 1 | Prayer Meeting 10 o'clock Jonathan Lawrences, good Meeting. I, William Harris, Wheeler and wife there besides the family. |
| Piercy 1 did not come | Piercy not at Slote this Afternoon. According to Appointment I, Jonathan Lawrence, William Harris Wheeler and Henry Conklin there from Rockland, only few others came. No Meeting. I Wheeler and William Harris stayed and went to upper landing. |
| Prayr. 1 Meetg. at upper Landg | Meeting at upper landing to Night called Prayer Meeting, about 70, house full. Wheeler Spoke. William Harris Spoke well. Derick Clark Spoke some and self spoke by way of exhortation, a Good Meeting. Some Whispering Among the Young Women. |
| Prayr. Mg. 1 Jon Law to Nt. again | Also Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence to Night. Jacob Gesner, Jon Lawrence, Henry Conklin, Peggy, Lucy, Gracy &c there. I was told they had a Blessed Meeting. May God prosper us |
| 2 | Clear a very white frost this Morning, overcast Evening. |
| Potatoes 2 | Dug 11 Bushels of potatoes to Day, no frost in the Ground. |
| Deed &c 2 | Gave Obb Cooper the Deed I drew from him and Wife to Robert and John Renwick. I charge him 5 shillings and he charged me 3 shillings for one and 2 shillings for Another Hooker for digging potatoes, makes it equal. |
| 3 | Overcast this morning. Wind NE. Raw weather. |
| 3 | Jacob Ackerson, Notwith standing his having engaged a Ewe and lamb of me on the 2 pigs, and which would put him in Debt, He sends Menacing Notes for payment. He is a Man of Worthless principles. See the letter a copy of which I sent him this morning by James Westervelt. I also sent him the 20 shillings due for the pigs and the interest &c. |
| Piercy 3 preached J. L. | Piercy came here near Sun Set. Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night, only few, very Muddy. text Held Class Meeting. |

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| Dec 4 | Cloudy all Day. Snowed a little this Morning. The Ground very Muddy, snow was little, did not lay. |
| Piercy 4 | Piercy stayed with me last Night. Went away about 2 o'clock PM to Preach |
| Preached at | at upper landing to Night. It being very Muddy and Jacob Gesner was very |
| New landing | bad with pain in his side and Cramps in his legs, I did not go up either. I |
| to Night I | told Piercy I intended to come. Jacob Gesner was Ill all Day but toward |
| expect | Night he went to the Woods with team and got Wood which I expect |
| Ja Ges poorly | made him so very ill he got better a little in the Evening. |
| Potatoes 4 | I dug 14 Bushels Potatoes to Day. James Westervelt picked them up &c. |
| 5 | Cloudy the Greater part of the Day, warm, at Night more thick overcast, looks like for Rain in the Evening. |
| Potatoes Got 5 | To Day I dug 17 Bushels Potatoes. James Westervelt picked them up and |
| done to Day | got them in the Barn by a large heap already in the Barn Now I've |
| 240 Bush. | done digging. I've dug about 240 Bushels this year, the last 100 Bushels |
| 6 | very much Injured by hard frozen Ground, sometimes black. |
| | Cloudy, yet this morning Clear about 10 o'clock and Warm and Dry, freezes a little by 9 o'clock to Night. |
| Sort potatoes 6 | I and James Westervelt sort potatoes in the barn &c. |
| Benjamin 6 | Benjamin Scudder Died with Small Pox at Newark New Jersey |
| Scudder Died | grieved Much to see his Mother but she living at Slote Orangetown |
| Betsy Scudder | Rockland County she Received No word. Betsy Scudder came here to Day. |
| Old Side 6 | Old Side Quarterly Meeting Commences to Day. |
| Quartly. Mg. | |
| Jim Mil bk 7 | Jim Miller back from New York. |
| Potatoes 7 | Clear and handsome morning. Ground some frozen and cold air. I and |
| James West. | James Westervelt Sorted potatoes good from bad in barn. |
| | I made another potato box for best small ones. |
| Jim bk. 7 | Jim Miller back from New York to stay till April. |

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| Dec. 7 | | Overcast to Night, Wind NE. Raw cold, the Ground frozen a little. |
| Rain | 8 | Bad Cold Storm, Wind NE With Rain this morning. This storm continues all Day, and near Sun Set it became violent. The wind blew excessively hard with hard Rain, Cold Rain, brooks full and high. |
| Bad Day | 8 | No Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences. I went up. Peggy Conklin there, Wheeler and Wife also, but they went to Old Side Meeting. Mr. Force preached. They said very good Sermon. No other Denominations but there own except for Seekers were invited to be in when their Doors were closed &c. I was not there. Jon and Wheeler Said there was quite a goodly number but the Greater part were strangers from a Distance. I've understood that Peggy Parcels joined them to Day. I thought she had joined a good while ago. |
| Old Side | | |
| Qurlly. Meetg. | | |
| Peggy Parsels | | |
| Joined old | | |
| side | | |
| Rain | | |
| No Prayr. | 8 | No one from Rockland went up to upper landing to Night. The Storm was very bad indeed so I expect no one has been there. |
| Mg. upper | | |
| landg. | | |
| | 9 | Cloudy all Day, not very Cold, Ground not much frozen this Morning. |
| | 9 | James Westervelt came to Night brought a pig from Toms, one that George Lawrence had engaged for Jacob Gesner and Jacob let me have it. I gave Jacob Gesner 10 shillings which he gave to James Westervelt and James said he gave 9 shillings 6 pence to Tom so there is 6 pence in James's hand |
| Pig of | | |
| black Tom | | |
| Ja Ges NY | 9 | Jacob Gesner to NY, I sent 4 Bushels Pippins and 4 Bags potatoes. |
| | 10 | My Birthday, no one has named it to me. I'm now 68 Years Old. |
| | 10 | Cloudy and Raw all Day. Clear in the Night. |
| George | 10 | George Quidor poorly, has been a long time. |
| Quidor poorly | | |
| | 11 | Clear this Morning and Moderate for the Season. |

| 1833 | Momento |
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| Dec. 11 | Ground a little frozen but a Handsome Day. |
| I & James 11 | I and James Westervelt sort apples in Barn again. |
| Dec. 12 | Clear and Cold Ground frozen this Morning midday pretty nice Weather, cold towards Night freezes clear Wind NW by N |
| James apples 12 | I and James Westervelt sort apples in Barn again |
| Sent Sally corn | I sent 1 Barrel pippins picked Apples to Sally's to Day, pretty good and a 2 Bushel Basket full of Specked Apples, pippins, some Domina apples and a 1 Bushel Basket of Yellow Corn gratis. |
| 12 | Sorted 1 Barrel pippins picked, for Jacob Gesner. |
| Old Sorrel 12 | Jonathan Lawrence, Old Sorrel to Derick Clark's to Night. |
| 13 | Clear, Ground hard and Rough this morning. |
| 13 | Jonathan Lawrence oxen and 2 small jags wood out of mountain with Waggon. |
| I & James 13 | I and James Got Apples in Barrels in Cellar, very Cold. Apples began to freeze in Barn. |
| Cold 14 | Overcast All Day and Very cold indeed. Wind Northerly, towards Night more easterly and very cold. Sky still appears Rather black for Snow, but it is very cold, freezes in house. |
| James Wt. 14 & Jim Miller helped Rack cider | Today I Racked my cider on North side of House and put it in the cellar. Cellar covered with Water and mud, trouble plenty. This was a Cold Job till after 8 o'clock at Night with lanthorn outdoors and 2 candles in cellar. Jim Miller and James Westervelt helped me &c. |
| Ja Ges to 14 Haverstraw | Jacob Gesner to Haverstraw with Steam Boat Rockland with intent it Appears to go to Queensboro Above Haverstraw, there is a 2 Days Meeting. Weather very cold. |
| Wm Harris 14 to Derick Clark's &c &c, Jon Law &c | William Harris to Derick Clark's this afternoon with intent to go with Clark to Morrow Morn to Pond Church. Jonathan Lawrence is to go also in the Morning if the Weather will permit also with Clarks's Waggon. |

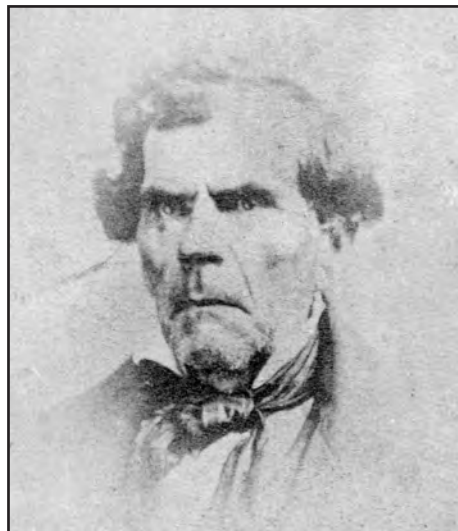
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| <p>June 23 Statement of trial, witnesses and Attornies</p> <p>Page 1st of the trial</p> | <p>I here enter a correct statement of the trial between Jerry Smith plaintiff and David Blauvelt defendant with the causes of the trial and the testimony of the Wiltresses William Fraser Attorney for plaintiff and George Cesady Attorney for defendant.</p> <p>At the house of Bier Rireson Tappan Village</p> <p>The causes of the trial</p> <p>Lucinda Blauvelt, wife of David Blauvelt, left her home with her 2 small children (Girls) on the evening or little before sun set of the 23 of March last the manner in which she came away was this way: I had word from Margaret Lucy's sister, that Lucy wished to hear Albert J Piercy preach his farewell sermon, who was to preach this night at Jonathan Lawrences, She (Lucy) not being very smart, just got about after being confined of an unfortunate child Feb 27th 1834 which died and was buried March 11th following. And as I intended to go with waggon (Piercy's having a covered top) as Gracy intended to go &c I went down. David was home. I told him I had heard she wished to hear Piercy's farewell sermon. She said she did. David thought the weather a little too damp, being but a short distance of little better than 1/2 mile, she said she did not think [following several pages missing]</p> |

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| June 26 Pedlar Gracy check apron | Pedlar Stay'd here to Night, went Away next Day. Gracy Got check apron (besides his victualling and lodging) I gave 1 shilling 9 pence |
| 27 Wm. Law. 27 Sidney finished potatoes | Clear, very still the wind this morning but afternoon sky grew hazy. William Lawrence help'd me about 3/4 Day, & Sidney did a little came in forenoon — and finished planting potatoes |
| Wyney 27 & Hannah Hannah came here gave me 26 sh 4 p to pay Vendue of Widow Parsels | Wyney and Hannah Concklin at Sally's this afternoon. Hannah came here to bring me the Vendue money due to Widow Parsels Vendue for feather bed Abraham Concklin bought; but returned back to Sally's. She, Hannah, said Gracy should put 5 shillings by for knitting a pair stockings would make the sum. I took the money but Peter Riker had the vendue book; She wished at her Mother's request a receipt, which I told Hannah I would get of Peter Riker. She put in my hands a 3 dollar note, a 1 shilling piece, a 10 cent piece and a 6 pence= 24 shillings 4 pence |
| Rain 28 ploughed corn &c Season 28 Wet &c uproar 28 among neighbours | Overcast in morning. 9 oclock begins to Rain by turns it Rains quite smart, notwithstanding I ploughed my corn next to Richard's side hill today and half again over the Road The Season till now has been very wet indeed, Low Ground Sometimes all Mud where the plow ought to go in corn or potatoes The most of neighbourhood in an uproar about David and Lucy, the devil is busy too |

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| <p>June 29 Rainy No Prayr Mg 29 Jon Law Watkins did not come to Preach 30 Abba 30 Gwefes at Ja. Posts &c Ja Ges 2s 30 Wm 30 Lawrence July 1 Tuesday Gilbert Fostic 1 first day Wm Law .</p> | <p>Continues overcast with some Rain this morning very dull, wet weather, looks very Rainy all Day No Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrence's to Day. I went up, no one there but family None went to upper landing to Night as I know of, It appears very Rainy Mr. Watkins did not come, I expect he has not yet returned from Cherry Valley with his family Very clear this morning, and clear all Day, not very warm Abba Gwefes came up from N York Saturday, went away to Day, never came here; it is said the child she brought with her of one of her Daughters was sick at Jacob Posts Let Jacob Gesner Have 2 shillings he wanted to get a Vest cut &c William Lawrence came late this morning about 11 oclock helped his Grand Mother in Garden. I ploughed corn a while but there was none hoed to Day Sky looks hazy with some clouds and quite cool this Morning early; the wind light from the Southwestward continued so all Day, at night appears for foul Weather. Gilbert Fostic helped to Day put ashes on & hoe corn he is about 12 years old, is quite indifferent at work. William Lawrence helped me afternoon he helped Gracy a little before 12</p> |
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| <p>July 1 Lafayette Died his Death commemorated at city of N. York Nathanl 1 Watkins not come at Jon Law. &c Rains very 2 hard Warm Ja Ges. to 2 N.Y. I sent &c Wm Law 2</p> | <p>The tidings came from France, I've understood by a sloop of War of twenty four Guns, that the Renowned Lafayette who in the Revolutionary War came over from France & afforded the Great Washington assistance, being about 19 or 20 Years of Age at that time Died on the Day of and on the of June last, at the city of New York there was held a solemn commemoration of his Death and Burial. I was told the Greatest day almost ever seen, perhaps by Account there has been 10 or 12 thousand troops out &c — [Lafayette died May 20th] Watkins not at Jonathan Lawrences to Preach, he was not much expected, as he is gone to fetch his family see June 29 last Rains very hard by successive flows this morning, holds up about 6 AM — continues overcast. Midday Clear and all Day and Night very warm & muggy Jacob Gesner went to New York. I sent Old Buck & a lamb 6 chickens & 3 Baskkets Potatoes, and the 2 Skins William Lawrence helped me some this Afternoon</p> |

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| July 3 | | Nearly clear this morning, it was very warm in the first of last evening, but now |
| Thunder show | | this morning cool, the past night much lightning and thunder and also Rain |
| last Nt. | | |
| Jacob | 3 | Jacob Gesner lost this night past 23 Chickens the size of a large quail, most |
| Gesners | | handsome & thrifty. Killed by a Weasel all lay dead in a coop Made over the |
| nice chickens | | Road, the old hens escaped; a Most irritating sight. Their necks all cracked out |
| killed by a | | &c. This was a very small opening in one of the shutter boards, the pen was shut. |
| weasel | | And Jacob Gesner at N York — |
| Gilbert | 3 | Gilbert helped about 3/4 and no more, came late quit early |
| Ja Ges | 3 | Jacob Gesner Back from New York, 3 Baskets potatoes 15 shillings and the lamb |
| Bk &c | | and Basket made it 2 pounds 1 shilling 8 pence after freight &c was taken off |
| Betsy | 3 | Betsy Scudder here I paid her the 2 Dollars borrowed Some time Ago — |
| Scudder paid | | |
| Ja Ges ill | 3 | Jacob Gesner to Night is all Night very bad with his side, Betsy his wife up |
| with his Side | | greater part of the Night. Gracy up and Myself &c |
| | 4 | Cloudy and overcast the Whole Day, a little rain towards Night. Midday warm |
| Much firing | 4 | Much firing at New York and other places this 4th of July, a very good Day for |
| | | troops &c |

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| | July 4 | Gilbert stay'd all Night last Night, he only helped in uncovering the Corn as I ploughed to Day— |
| | Gilbert &c | |
| | Paid Abm 4 | Paid to Peter Riker 30 shillings of Abraham A Concklin for feather bed of |
| | Conckn Vendue | Widow Parsels Vendue see 27 June last. I took his Receipt for Concklin |
| | to Peter Riker | |
| | took Receipt | |
| | Paid Wyney | NB in paying this to Peter Riker I put by the 5 shillings owed to Wyney |
| | for Knitting 5 sh | for knitting — |
| | Obb Cr Oxen 4 | Obb Cooper Oxen not quite 1/2 Day with Waggon |
| | Warm 5 | Cloudy this morning; quite early thick overcast; Sky appears in an |
| | | unsettled State — very warm all Day. Sun shines clear about 11 oclock and |
| | | till near night — |
| | Jon & Sal 5 | Jonathan Lawrence & Sally had my horse to go to Slote, they went up to |
| | to Haverstraw | Haverstraw with Steam boat Rockland — William Lawrence took them |
| | | down with Wagon to Slote |
| | Gilbert 5 | Gracy went up to Jonathan Lawrences to Night to stay with children |
| | | Hoed corn next Richards. Gilbert here all day |
| | Sugar paid 5 | Gilbert got for me at Larry Snedens 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence paid |



Albert "Obb" Cooper who lived just south of Nicholas with his wife and children. Obb was a blacksmith and was illiterate.

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| July 6 | Foggy this Morning; clear with hazy clouds and warm all day |
| Prayr: Mg 6 Jon L. | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence 10 oclock, a Good little Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence & Sally up to Haverstraw — those present were, Isaac Wheeler & wife, Margaret Smith; Jacob Gesner and a Woman who some time ago was confined with twins at John Isemans, she made a very good prayer, said to be a Presbyterian &c and myself & Gracy — Lucy not there one of her children Sick |
| Crowe 6 discharged from circuit see 11th last | Crowe found to be a universalist dismiss from circuit last Week |
| Prayr: Mg 6 exhortations upper Landg Remark | <p>Prayer Meeting upper Landing to Night very few, I and Wheeler only from Rockland — there was 20 and a few Small Children, not lap children, Brother Clark read 2 Chapters the 2nd & 3rd of James, Spoke Some, Pray'd, likewise Wheeler</p> <p>NB the Spirit that not long since existed at this place, seems to have in a Measure perished, there used to be very full Meetings not only at the times of Preaching but also at our Prayer Meetings, there is but little doubt, but what the joint efforts of old Side Methodist with the profane World are opperating with much energy against Reform; unprovoked prejudice, calumny & Slander engages the enemy of Reform, little Regard is paid to truth and duty.</p> |

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| July 6 Remarks on unchristian dealings towards Reform | 6 | It appears however when the leading characters of the old Side, have the profane World employed against Reform as agents in the service of the Prince of Darkness, they seem in a Measure to lay neutral; to support ecclesiastical power in their Ministry, which even Militates against the Christian rights of their Members, their determined bigotry and ungrounded prejudice carry them into any extreme of violent measures to suppress the progress of Reform, Who in every point of the difference existing between Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal discipline is incontrovertibly against them and made the Subject by Meddling with characters far their Superior, by false representation, yea and evidently Many palpable falsehoods circulated to bias the people generally. Straining at a Gnat and swallowing a Camel; But fear not little flock (be faithful to the end) it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom |
| | 7 | Somewhat hazy and very warm this Morning, and all day |
| Gilbert paid in full | 7 | Gilbert Fostic Boy of about 12 Years has worked 4 1/2 Days Scant. I paid him (about 2 oclock to Day with a 10 cent piece had before) 5 shillings more than he earned in hoeing Corn |
| Jon Law & Sally Bk from Haverst. not Molly &c | 7 | William Lawrence hoed a little while this morning, took the horse and went to Slote to fetch his father Mother and Molly Ackerson up from Haverstraw with the Steam Boat, but Molly did not come |

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| | July 7 | Jacob Gesner bought 4000 Clams again at 2 Dollars per thousand at Snedens. Sent Dobb's boy for Waggon about Sunset brought them home &c |
| | Jerry, 8 | Jerry Smith my horse & plough this morning, Back about 2 oclock. |
| | My Horse 8 | Clear and Warm this Morning, excessive warm, I hoed potatoes Road side of Spring Road |
| Abm Gesner & daughter Maria here from Novascotia Annapolis Granville | 8 | Abraham Gesner My Brother from Novascotia and his daughter Maria came to my house this Afternoon, came up from New York with Steam Boat Orange, landed at Snedens, he came up to my house. I sent my horse, and William Lawrence with George Lawrences Waggon fetched up Maria. My Brother came on Surprise I had no expectation, he was Well near 78 years old; had no bodily complaint, some thinner in flesh than when I last saw him. He was here in the Year 1817 being 17 Years Ago, at a time when I was building Vessels at Snedens Landing. He left Henry my Brother not well troubled with the Asthma, his family and Henry's Well; his daughter |

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| July 8 | Maria perhaps about 30 to 28 Years of age, appears to be a good and lively disposition, middling sized and good looking. |
| 9 | Remarkably warm all the past Night. Clear and very Warm this Morning. |
| Abm Gesr 9 & Maria &c | Abraham Gesner and Daughter Maria to see Sally and Jonathan Lawrence with Gracy this afternoon. |
| 9 | William Lawrence fetched Wheat flour 7 lb tea, together 5 shillings paid at Larry's |
| Obb Horse 9 | Obb Cooper the horse to Day & 2 or 3 Days ago together about 1/2 Day |
| 10 Shower Rain | Overcast this morning, thunder shower about 12 oclock, a Smart Rain this afternoon. |
| Planted 10 Cabbage &c | I planted Cabbage plants this Morning got of Peter Riker. I had planted about 30 a few Days Ago of My Own |

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| July 10 Abm Gesnr to See &c how used | Abraham Gesner this morning went from my house to See Betsy Sneden, Fampy Concklin &c down Road, was not very respectably Received nor invited it appears from what he said But before he went away, both himself & Maria were friendly treated. NB John Willse never came to see him |
| II | Cloudy and More cool this Morning, not very warm all Day clear Midday & till Night &c |
| Crowe II discovered the week previous to 6th Inst to be a Universalist and discharged from circuit a Deceiver | Crowe who Received his appointment to preach in the Rockland Circuit with Nathaniel Watkins was considered a very good preacher but no revivalist nor not to closely apply his subject, being very circumspect, his religious tenets was not discovered in his preaching; but in private or family conversation it appears from communications that he became suspected for a Universalist; A Meeting being called he was examined and Confessed that he was a universalist upon which he was dismissed from the Circuit. Brother Richard Clark told me last Sabbath that in the then past week he Mr. Crowe and Stephenson came at his house; Stephenson had direction to inform the Members at Niack Slote and Rockland not to Receive him; it appears Mr. Crowe intended to preach (perhaps not) but this Message; made Brother Clark examine him and he (Mr. Crowe) owned himself a Universalist and proceeded on to New York He certainly was a deceiver to Conference and the circuit |

NOTE: Christian Universalism is a school of Christian theology which includes the belief in the doctrine of universal reconciliation, the view that all human beings and all fallen creatures will ultimately be restored to right relationship with God in Heaven. As a Christian denomination, Christian Universalism originated in the late 18th century with the Universalist Church of America. Methodists, however, believe that the wicked are doomed to hell and endless condemnation and for this reason in the 19th century considered Universalism a kind of heresy.

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| July 11 Abm Gesnr to Nyack Molly 11 Eckerson bk from Haverstraw to Jon Law Rice 11 Plaister got 11 3 shillings | <p>Abraham Gesner and his Daughter Maria fetched by Henry Gesner's boy Sylvester with horse and Waggon to Nyack just after Breakfast</p> <p>Molly Eckerson returned from Haverstraw, there under the care of Doctor Lapham and came to Sally's this afternoon, Miss Lapham came with her in Steam Boat Rockland to Mouth of Creek, fetched up with my horse & Herbert's Waggon</p> <p>Jacob Gesner Got for me 3 1/2 lb Rice, paid at Larry's</p> <p>William Lawrence brought 1 Back plaister from Slote today, Sally Gave him Money to pay for it, and is paid, I owe Sally</p> |
| 12 | Cool, clear & handsome this Morning, the past Night cool Moderate all day — |
| Hoed Corn 12 upper field yard Wm Law & Horse Market Sug. 12 Wheat flour | <p>I hoed my Corn in upper Yard to Day, William Lawrence helped about 3 hours not more, then took Horse about 4 oclock PM to plough their potatoes</p> <p>Jacob Gesner Got for me at Larry Snedens to Day 20 lb Wheat flour 7 shillings — 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings. NB there has been a Mistake made, Jake had paid 2 shillings too much.</p> |

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| July 13 | Cloudy Appears for a Storm began to Rain before 12 o'clock, Wind NE Stormy and hard Rain all Afternoon |
| No one 13 from here to Prayr. Mg. at J. L | I did not go to Prayer Meeting at Jon Lawrences: not very well neither Jacob Gesner nor Betsy nor Gracy, perhaps no one of them, it appeared Very Stormy and began to Rain before 12 |
| Jon Law & 13 Geo. Law. to Pond Church No Preacher &c | Jonathan Lawrence and George Lawrence up to Pond church, he, Jon Lawrence, had Received a letter from John Storms he should come up that he had got a preacher to come to preach there in the Morning and at Slote Afternoon. Very hard Rain But no Preacher had come — |
| None to 13 Slote this Aft. no preacher | None from here to Slote this Afternoon, Rains and very bad storm |
| No Pr. Mg. 13 upper Landg. 14 | None to upper landing to Night Rain Clear All Day, Midday Warm and all Day |
| Ab Ges & 14 Maria his Daughter &c | Abraham Gesner and Maria fetched from Phebe Snedens to My house this Morning. My horse and George Lawrences Waggon |
| Ab Ges to 14 N York | Abraham Gesner to New York to see When there will be an opportunity to go home to Granville Novascotia |

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| July 14 Ja Ges Clams | Jacob Gesner 4000 Clams, took Oxen and Waggon |
| Gracy, Maria 14 Gesner & Betsy | This afternoon Gracy, Maria (Abraham Gesners daughter) and Betsy Jacob Gesners wife to see Betsy Sneden |
| 6 p 14 Will. Law. | Gave William Lawrence 6 pence to help him get a Jack-Knife |
| Last Wednes 14 20 persons died and Horses & it is said | We have very warm Weather; it is said that 14 Died last wednesday being excessive Warm and drinking Cold Water New York city and Some Horses — Also it is said thaat 6 Men Died not far from Yonkers in like manner and at Greenbush Orange Town 2 Oxen and some Cows died with the heat. |
| Abm. 14 Concklin Square | Paid to Abraham Concklin the 1 shilling 4 pence which Hannah gave on Widow Parsels vendue more than due |
| 15 | Clear Warm and all the Night warm, windy before 12; high Wind from SW in Afternoon |
| J. Ges 15 sold Clams &c | Jacob Gesner Went to Day as far as John Perry's, sold his Clams, he sold last evening about 1000 and to Day About 3000. |
| 16 Thunder in the North &c | Looks very Rainy this Morning. Clears away before 12 And is very Warm Day, Thunder Showers pass around in the North West and South West, no Rain here. |
| Mary Ann 16 Post &c went Home | Mary Ann Post came to Rockland from Yonkers about 2 weeks Ago, Went Home to Day, her Daughter Mary came Monday last with James Post and he got boat and took them over. |

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| July 16 | Abraham Gesner and Daughter Maria, Gracy and Betsy Jacob Gesners Wife to Herberts this afternoon About Sun Set. I and Abraham Gesner to see Peter Riker They all were friendly. Peter Riker came and Accompanied us back as far as head of the lane. |
| Watkins 16 down &c. | Watkins to Jon Lawrences towards Night, intended to preach at Slote I understood by William Lawrence. None from here Went; I went with Abraham Gesner to Peter Rikers this evening According to Promise. |
| 17 Rain | Foggy this Morning. Clears away about 9 o'clock and very Warm, 12 o'clock appears Showery. Two Showers after some thunder. |
| 17 Abraham Gesner & his daughter Maria and Self to see where Maj. Andre's grave was &c. | This Morning about 8 o'clock Abraham Gesner and his daughter Maria being desirous to see the place where Major Andre a british Officer in the time of the American Revolution was buried, as also hung as a Spy &c I took my horse and Jacob Posts Waggon and Went over to Tappan, and the height of Tappan Ridge: I brought them to the Identical Spot where was a Small Stone heap, and a small Red cedar Stake in it to retain the Spot where he was buried — It should be Remembered that in the year 1826 and I think in the Month of June he was dug up. |

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| <p>July 17</p> <p>Maj Andre was hung and where buried</p> <p>was dug up in the year 1826 &c.</p> <p>his Death Regretted</p> <p>I saw the Army formed round Gallows</p> | <p>The Box or Coffin wherein his body had been put was not Rotten, Although it was upwards of 40 Years in the earth, his Remains which lay in its natural position was collected and put in a Box, and Also the Cedars which had grown on his grave, were put in a Cariage taken to New York and carried to England &c. The place has since been dug up, been ploughed, however there is this day a very discernible appearance of a hollow as well as a different look in the colour of the earth Where the Grave was. Brother Abraham and his Daughter took out of the earth where the Coffin had been deposited 3 or 4 Smooth-like Stones between the Size of a Small hens Egg and small Goose egg. Also a Square-like (free stone) a little yellowish or faint Red coloured Stone about 3 by 4 and About 1 1/2 inch thick Intending to take them along to Granville Nova Scotia near Annapolis Royal, where Abraham Gesner lives — he Owns there About between 15 and 17 hundred Acres of land a part of which of excellent Dykelands.</p> <p>I saw Washington's Army formed in solid columns Around the Gallows when Andre was hung — his death was regretted by all the American officers and men — Washington desired nothing but traitor Arnold to be given up, and Andre would have been set free, but the Commander in chief of the British then at New York city refusing to do that, Washington as it was (no doubt) truly said, Shed tears at Andre's destiny, had to abide by the Articles of War. This Andre was beloved because he was humane and kind to our prisoners. He was of Great family.</p> |



Abraham Gesner took the stone home and engraved it. It was found in the 1990s by an antique dealer at the site of Abraham Gesner's house in Granville Nova Scotia and bought for \$10 by George Stevens, who contacted me to learn about its history. The stone has the date wrong - it was 1834.

Picture of Abraham Gesner stone, copyright George Stevens

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| <p>July 17 Rain</p> | <p>Two Showers of Rain this Afternoon with some thunder, Ground very Wet Thick Cloudy this morning and all Day, Sometimes the sun came through and was warm</p> |
| <p>18 Abraham Gesner and Maria his daughter bidding friends Farewell</p> <p>going away to their place of Residence at Anapolis Royal at Granville Novascotia</p> | <p>I went with my horse & Jacob Posts Waggon to Slote and took Abraham Gesner & his daughter Maria to Phebe Snedens, Eley's & Anne Waldrons to bid them farewell after the Solemn parting. Returned to Sally's, took breakfast, came to my house, Where Tampy Conklin and her Daughter Peggy House (young Widow) was to bid Abraham & Maria farewell, Betsy Sneden (Samuel Snedens wife) had just gone a Way after parting with all at my house. My horse and Jacob Post's Waggon took their trunks &c down to Snedens Landing — I walked down with Abraham and Maria, Went off the Waggon at big house corner with Gracy and Went to Sally's, Sally My Daughter fixed and Went down also to Snedens, Abraham Gesner and Maria his Daughter and Sally ate Dinner with Larry Sneden, then went in Larry's boat to Steam boat Orange to New York. Sally also went down; There at the Landing seemed a last Farewell. When ties of Consanguinity, the vast distance of 7 or 8 hundred miles and Old Age, seemed to impress solemn emotions and heart rending sensations of never More to see each other Again on this side the Grave My Brother Abraham is now near 78 years, Myself past 68. Maria perhaps 28.</p> |

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| <p>July 18 Ja Post took Nancy Low & down My Horse Lucy & David Bt.</p> | <p>Jacob Post went also to Snedens, brought horse and Waggon back and took from his house Nancy Low and 2 other Women down to landing for New York</p> <p>It is strongly reported that Lucy and David Blauvelt are going to live together Again</p> |
| <p>Sythe of Regnaws 19</p> | <p>Jacob Gesner brought a Sythe from Regnaw's for me if I liked it, otherwise return it — price 7 shillings unpaid</p> |
| <p>19</p> | <p>Clear in the Morning but through the day hazy and Moderately warm</p> |
| <p>To direct letters to Ab. Abm Gesner & Maria gone home got passage The Reason Why the sons of John Gesner went to the British in the Revolutionary war</p> | <p>Direct letters to Abraham Gesner &c To the care of Mistress Longmire at St. John, New Brunswick, this Afternoon I have understood Abraham Gesner & his daughter Maria got passage to sail for home</p> <p>NB It may not be improper here to Note, that our Father and Mother, namely John Gesner and Famiche Gesner (Brower) wished to remain neutral in the war of the revolution, he refused to sign the Association dreading consequences, was called a tory but truly he was a peacable man in every Respect, threatenments were Made, and his sons grown up, were Menaced to be taken and brought to New England and confined in dungeons (or mines), violence was used in Many places and with many: Father Gesner Now about 52 or 53 years old admonished his sons, Jacob, Isaac, Henry & Abraham to take opportunity and go to New York now in possession of the English, with some others, after Father Gesner admonished them to be good boys, went off with an</p> |

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| <p>July 19 their employ= ment and Bayards Stratagem to form himself a Regiment went to Halifax</p> <p>Jacob Gesner our Brother lost at sea</p> | <p>open Small Pettiauger belonging to Dennis Sneden who went also from Snedens &c — After they got there, having been Advised by their Father to apply to one Bayard, known to Father Gesner, to assist them for getting employment (Isaac was a Taylor). Bayard directed them to Staten Island to cut wood, and would give them a dollar a day, which Jacob Henry & Abraham accepted — After then some time and there were numbers who came in like Manner, And there were apprehensions of being in danger of being Routed or taken by the Americans, they with all those that were there, were directed to defend themselves, by Bayard who it appeared had the Overseeing of the Men employed, and then Arms were provided and continued at Work for Some time, in this time they were exercised, and were finally enrolled and gradually increased and formed a Regiment, Commanded by said Colonel Bayard, and in this manner was this Regiment formed. Afterwards taken to Powlis Hook to guard that, and some time after was taken to Hoboken — And eventually taken to Halifax, I do not recollect the year. However they were first taken to Fort Washington now at this time called Kniphausen already in possession of the English. After peace they Jacob Henry & Abraham remained a While. Jacob in returning no doubt got lost at sea, his wife having went to Shelburn came before and Arrived safe at N York. Henry and Abraham remained there, Married and Settled, Henry at Cornwallis & Abraham at Anapolis Royal at Granville, doing very well having acquired large farms and stock &c each having 12 children.</p> |
| <p>How to direct Letters to Abm. Gesner</p> | <p>In directing letters to Abraham Gesner Say Abraham Gesner Esq at Granville Anapolis Royal Novascotia, to the care of Miss Longmire at the city of St. Johns New Brunswick</p> |

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| July 23 Peggy Post Old Sorrel | Peggy Post had Old Sorrel to go up to Nyack to see her daughter Mag, about or near 7 oclock AM not back at Night |
| Catharine Van Houten went Away | Catharine (Wandle) Van Houten and her child about 3 years old Girl Went to Sally's to Night |
| 24 Rain with a little thunder | Red this Morning at Sun rise, dark cloud in east nearly clear — This Afternoon a Nice Rain, thunder shower, the ground Grew dry — Very hot day — |
| Sally took 24 Catharine Van Houten &c | My Horse & George Lawrence's Waggon took Catharine Van Houten to Mouth of creek for Haverstraw, Sally Went and drove |
| 24 Cose fetched Grindstone | Cose Cooper fetched Jonathan Lawrence's Grindstone from John Van Ordens Shipyard, without asking Jon Lawrence and brought it to My House with My Oxen & Waggon. I paid Cose 1 shilling for which he was to do it |
| Charles 24 Gesner & Wm Law. | Charles Gesner & William Lawrence helped hoe corn on hill above Road. William went away with the horse before 12 to take Catharine &c, hindered Afternoon by a Shower |
| 25 Excessive hot | A Thin fog this Morning otherwise clear & Warm, very hot Day |

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| July 25 | This has been a Scorching hot day & clear |
| Cose 25 Mowed & paid | Cose Mowed the Grass by the Barn & Garden half mowed, less than 1/2 Day, I paid him 2 shillings |
| Wm Law 25 & Charles Ges: | William Lawrence and Charles Gesner help me this afternoon hoe potatoes and Rake up hay |
| Corn. 25 Ackerson Died | Cornelius Ackerson died about half after 7 PM last Evening After laying sometime with the Consumption |
| Jacob G & 25 Wife out | Jacob Gesner & Wife out this Afternoon |
| Very Warm 26 no want of Rain | Clear all Day and excessive warm, the Weather is considerably warmer than is common and for Some length of time, Nights very warm no covering Required for Some time |
| Wm Law: 26 | Ground has not wanted this season, as yet, for Rain, William Lawrence helped me hoe and in getting in one load Hay more than 1/2 Day |

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| July 26 | Cornelius Ackerson buried this afternoon |
| Sabbath 27 | Clear and Warm this Morning very warm but not so warm as Several days past — |
| Prayr Mg 27 Jon Law | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrence 10 oclock AM a few in, Wheeler, Brother Clark, myself and Gracy, Margaret Smith, James Iseman, and the family, Jacob Gesner & wife to Old Sides Meeting |
| Watkins 27 Preachd: upper Landing to Nt. | Nathaniel Watkins preached at upper Landing to Night, there were 40, the people do not attend as usual. Watkins is a great and Systematic Preacher, he delivered an extraordinary Sermon from Mathew were Peter denied his Lord thrice before the cock did crow, and Went out, and Wept bitterly, describing the nature of his sin, and his repentance, and [big blot] applied, this truly reached almost every circumstance connected with the Subject — a Solemn time. Mistress Conklin & Hannah & Eley not there; I and Jon from Rockland |
| We have had but little Preaching as yet &c when preached Last | Watkins was down the 16th Instant but it being little known, there were only 6 or 7 attended at the Slote I've understood — We have had but little preaching this season as yet, Crowe being discharged — see 11 July — And Watkins having been up to Cherry Valley to fetch his wife has deprived us of preaching see his last preaching here the 2nd 3rd & 4th of June last |
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| July 27 Much Evil devised Against Reform | There is among our Members an inattention to Meeting, Much has been Said by the Adversaries of Reform to prevent their prosperity, there is not any doubt but every stratagem is practiced to effect the Wicked purposes; ungrounded prejudice, Bigotry and sectarianism Seems to sum up all the properties almost constituting Old Side members, and While Reform bears with it, its adversaries are multiplying and Votaries increasing, the unchristian measures practiced are truly shameful; its Venom in this place extends itself in every concern of life were Reform may be injured, unmanly and unjust in almost every attempt where Reform may Sustain injury or derogate from worthy ? The Old Side conduct in getting Styrr a preacher to teach the Rockland School is truly Sordid and mean &c &c |
| 28 | Clear this Morning, about 9 oclock grew very Warm, & warm all Day, not equal to friday and Saturday last. Clear all Day, some Clouds |
| Wm: 28 Law: Sorrel for Ja Post &c | William Lawrence helped me hoe some corn in upper yard & next Richard About 2/5 of a Day he had Sorrel and Jacob Posts Waggon, took from Jacob Posts Abba Gwefes to Snedens, Went to New York, he hoed a little before he took the horse, and a little after he came back |

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| July 28 | Nathaniel Watkins stayed at Phebe Snedens last Night, came to My house about 3 oclock PM. |
| Peg Post 28 & Eliza Gwefes | Peggy Post and Eliza (Gwefes) Cunnagin on Visit here |
| Done 28 ploughing corn | I ploughed the corn upper field yard last saturday and to Day next Road & Richards; now done |
| Rain 29 | Overcast early and begins to Rain Smartly little after Sun rise, looks for Settled Rain — ground begins to Want some Rain — holds up before 12 |
| Watkins to 29 Wheelers | Watkins went before 12 oclock to Jonathan Lawrence and after 12 to Isaac Wheelers |
| Watkins 29 Preached Jon Law to Night | Watkins preached Jonathan Lawrence to Night, about 26 in all. He again as usual preached an extraordinary Sermon from Psalms 3 Verses part of which is, “He took my feet out of the Horrible pit of Miry Clay and set my feet upon a Rock and put a New Song in My Mouth even praises unto God” a Most solemn Discourse, handled in the Most able Manner and closely Applied. [Three lines deleted.] These crossed lines ought to have been over leaf at Slote preaching |

| 1834 | Momento |
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| July 30 | Clear and quite cool early this morning |
| ground Wet 30 Rain | Moderately warm through the day, cool evening, Ground is quite wet, had hard Rain yesterday forenoon |
| Wm Law: & 30 Charles Ges. | William Lawrence helped me hoe a little corn this afternoon, he came about 9 AM but I was fixing a nose Jewel for My ox Buck, till near 2 o'clock, Charles helped also this afternoon each about 2 hours |
| 30 | Sally & Miss Scudder here this afternoon |
| Nathl: 30 Watkins preaches Slote to Night Text Remember Lots Wife | Nathaniel Watkins preached at Slote School House to Night about 20 or 30 his text was in Luke "Remember Lots Wife" he was somewhat tedious on some points, but again in his usual way made an excellent Sermon of it, diversified in various ways, Shewing forth that as Lot and his Wife &c was hurried and directed to flee into the Mountains, to escape the awful destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and not to tarry in all the places nor look back, so the Servants of God and all the various ways appointed to Admonish Sinners to flee to the Mountains of Gods mercy and find Salvation in the Redeemer, nor look back &c &c, an important discourse, life & death set forth &c |

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| Augt 2 | Gracy's two Boarders Came this Evening of which I knew no agreement till they came |
| Betsy Scud: 2 Ja Ges & Betsy | Betsy Scudder helped Clean Kitchen to day and Betsy Jacob Gesners Wife helped also |
| 3 | Clear and a handsome morning and all Day |
| Prayr. 3 Mg. J Law: Led Class &c | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock AM, a few, Miss Wheeler & Mr Wheeler, Peggy, Margaret Smith, Jacob Gesner & wife, Myself, William F Harris and the family there, a good Solemn Meeting Jon led Class |
| Wm F 3 Harris Preached Slote 3 ock Jon Law concluded | William F Harris came up from New York yesterday, he preached at Slote School House 3 o'clock PM, his text in the Psalms of David, he spoke very well but not many hearers, about 25 perhaps a few more. An Old Baptist of 90 Years of Age An Old revolutionary character it is said, Preached in the Baptist Meeting House in the forenoon and Afternoon, which probably prevented many at our Meeting — Jonathan Lawrence concluded with an affecting conclusion |
| Prayr Mg. 3 upper Landg: to Nt: | Prayer & Exhortation Meeting to Night upper Landing. Harris spoke well. Jonathan Lawrence also very well indeed, nearly 30. Jonathan Lawrence, Sally, Mary, Peggy & Harris there from Rockland — Eley not there. John Waldron & wife & twins there |
| 1834 | Momento |
| Augt 4 | Somewhat foggy this Morning no wind stirring Clear above the fog — warm Day |
| I cut Grass 4 | I cut Grass in bottom 23 Cocks, to Day I felt very bad weak, pain all around my body |
| Wm Law: 4 Mary Ann Cooper & Mother J Ges. Clams 4 | William Lawrence helped spread it Rake it &c 3/4 Mary Ann Cooper & Mother to see Betsy this Afternoon |
| 4 | Jake Oxen this Afternoon to fetch up Clams about 4000 |
| | A Further Account of the Manner of David Blauvelt and Lucy his Wife coming together (see July 20th last) |

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| Aug 8 a little Rain Ground Dry | Clear and very warm till 4 o'clock PM, a thunder shower with a little rain only a large sprinkling, then more cool, the Ground is very dry |
| David 8 Concklins Oxen Damages done to Me | David Concklin's ungovernable Oxen has almost totally destroyed My Grass Meadow Old Orchard & lower field, breaking down fence & without a doubt let in his Cows &c by the variety of tracks, and as long as 10 or 12 Days! this with My being sick last Week, and this Week engaged in Hay in upper Meadows — this I consider the turn of a Wicked neighbor, for 3 or 4 Years these Oxen have done incredible Damages through his own fence, although at this time I concluded that there were 2 places they had broken down of My fence, as also of his. No fence can stand before the One Ox, 2 or 3 years Ago they Destroyed a Nice piece of Corn in Milk in the after end of Old Orchard, through his own fence and Repeatedly Since &c this all Knowingly. |
| Friday Wm. L. 8 Cose 2 sh 8p stood on Waggon | William Lawrence and Cose helped in one load hay to Day catched in little Rain. Cose only helped Load but William helped unload 2, one stood on Waggon. [page or pages missing here] |

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| Aug. 9 | pain and almost exhausted, thus passing through 4 days labour that about 12 o'clock of this 9 Day of August I gave up just before 12 having brought in One load of Hay from little field, grew very sick at the Stomach and much Weakness, the family having thought it best, sent for the Doctor. |
| Doctor 9 Hopson sent for, came, Sally stay'd all Nt. | Dr. Hopson came in the evening to see me. He saw it necessary to Administer Medicine, I thought in short time the pain in My back and &c, seemed to diminish. This was Saturday Evening (perhaps some laudanum) rested middling easy that Night. Sally stayed all Night. |
| 10 | Clear the weather continuing Very Warm indeed all Day |
| Griswold 10 Prd. upr. Landg. to Nt. | Brother Griswold Preached (in Watkins Stead) at Upper Landing to Night Probably not one of the Rockland Brethren has been up, I've had no particular account yet. |
| Dr. Hopn 10 the 2 nd time and was to pass stopped | Dr. Hopson here early; saw me more favourable, Early in the afternoon was going up in the point to see David Parsels Arm, stopped in, Whether this will be counted I Know Not. |
| Aftn My 10 Pain very great no sleep to Nt. | This afternoon my pain (not by way of spasms) increased to a great degree all round my body down each thigh and leg so as to render me really miserable, had draughts to feet Morning miserable |

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| Aug. 11 Rain | Overcast began to Rain about 8 o'clock AM, a smart Rain for about 2 Hours, The Ground Required it, very Warm notwithstanding |
| Doctors 11 3 rd proper visit | Doctor Hopson this Morning after hearing my situation the last Night left Physic it appeared good as a purge however I was some easier before He came — |
| 11 Wm Concklin Mowed My Oats ½ d paid | Herbert Gesner Sent William D. Concklin here this morning to Mow my oats which then Remained. I had mowed about the 5 th part last Saturday morning. After he Mowed a while it began to Rain, he quit, in the afternoon he came and finished. Herbert told me he called it about ½ Day, and Herbert told me since that he had settled with William Concklin for this work — |
| An 11 Astonishing Sweating natures effort very warm | This Night I did sweat in an excessive degree, began to feel moist on the Skin before evening, the sheet under and over me was Wet as water as far as it could Spread; My Shirt, drawers and the Bed-tick under me and on each side also wet to an astonishing degree. This seemed natures effort for no medicine for this purpose had been administered, all the time very wet weather. My pain ceased with the sweating. |
| Griswold 11 Prd. at Slote to Nt:. | Brother Griswold Preached at Slote to Night: being sick I could not attend I know no particulars. He came to see me on Wednesday following this date, being sick I could have but little conversation with him, however on enquiry he told me there were some out. |

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| Aug. 12 Tuesday | Very warm Weather and Mostly clear all Day |
| Doctor's 12 4 Regular Visit, last night very warm I sweated uncommonly wet clothes shifted | Doctor Hopson visited me this morning, considered the sweating would be of much service, admonished me to be careful and not venture outdoors too soon, left nothing to take, since I appeared so much better. I was shifted. Shirt, drawers, sheets and even from the bed, being now straw bed. In all this time eat little or nothing, using some brook Mint tea. But retained great thirst. However I felt quite comfortable in the forenoon. |
| James 12 Miller &c came up | James Miller and his Brother Edward came up from New York to see us, brought with him an under Jackcoat for me. |
| Griswold 12 at Jon Law | Griswold Preached at Jonathan Lawrence to Night. Jacob Gesner Went, there were some out, preached tolerably well Jacob said. |
| Jon L 13 Bloody dissentery | Jonathan Lawrence after Launching the pettiauger on Saturday last, soon felt not well, so by Monday and Tuesday now, terminates in a Bloody Dissentery. |
| Ja. Ges. 12 & Wife Sick | Jacob Gesner with the fever and Ague this Week and his wife with her usual complaint a Great Affliction. |
| Wednesd 13 | Clear and Warm all Day warm Nights. |

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| Aug. 13 | I did not sweat any the past Night but hot and Restless and scarcely any sleep. |
| Hopson's 5 th Regr. visit | Hopson visited me Again to Day, thought I was doing well. |
| Br. 13 Griswold came to See me &c | Griswold Methodist Protestant Preacher came to see me to Day and Returned towards Evening to Jon Lawrence, with intent to go to Morrow to Camp Meeting with Steam boat Rockland, the Camp Meeting of the Methodist Protestant Near Glassy Point above Haverstraw |
| some better 13 to Day | Today I enjoyed a tolerably good Day, as to sickness |
| Wm. Law. 13 James Miller | William Lawrence James Miller and his Brother Edward Rake up my Oats. |
| Thurs:y 14 | Clear and Moderately Warm all Day and Night. |
| Sweated 14 Again | I sweated the Bed shirt and Wet again the past Night But not quite equal to Monday Night. |
| Wm Law 14 James Miller Ed. Richd. Oats in | My Oats were bound up with a little assistance of Richard Van Winkle by the boys William Lawrence James Miller Edward Miller — and brought in the Barn |
| Doctors 14 6 th Visit | Doctor Again to Day |

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| Aug. 14 | Jacob Gesner and Wife both continue Sick |
| Jon Law 14 Poorly dissentry | Jonathan Lawrence poorly; Dissentry. Sally comes every day almost helps a little. Herbert comes to see Also almost every Day and his wife |
| 14 Camp Meetg. | Camp Meeting Methodist Protestant commences to Day a little above Haverstraw not far from Glassy Point |
| Friday 15 Cool I Rested &c | Clear and Moderate more cool; towards night the wind from the Northward, and quite cool in the Evening. I rested very well the past night |
| Peter 15 Riker came | Peter Riker came in to Day (it appears) to see me &c |
| 15 Doctors 7 th Visit | Hopson came in While Peter Riker was in, left 12 powders to be taken at the interval of one hour, this being in the afternoon. I had Grown worse taken with a smart chill while Peter Riker was in, and left me very sick. I have a constant and insatiable thirst. NB the powders to be taken the next Day beginning at 7 AM. |
| J. Law & 15 Sally came to see Me | This afternoon Jonathan Lawrence had got little better he and Sally came to see me and Stay till near Night. I was very sick. |
| Saturday 16 | Clear and quite cool this Morning Northerly wind. |

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| Aug. 16 | Doctor paid no visit to Day, concluded the 12 powders left on the 15 th would terminate the fever |
| 16 | Saturday afternoon I was quite sick, light headed some |
| Sunday 17 | Middling clear all Day, Air, cool |
| Jon Law 17 Sally, Margt. Geo L to Camp Mtg. | Jonathan Lawrence, Margaret Smith and George Lawrence to camp Meeting to Day, was put across the River to the steam Boat up to Glassy point. |
| 17 | I am some better to Day |
| No Mg. 17 Jon Law | No Meeting Jonathan Lawrence. Some Methodist Protestant Members went to Old Side I was told. |
| Hen C. 17 & Wife | Henry Conklin and wife to see me Afternoon |
| Ja Ges 17 & wife | Jacob Gesner is up and down. Betsy keeps close in a Sick house |
| Doctors 17 8 th Visit | Doctors 8 th Regular visit |
| 18 | Clear and cool, and Nice day. |
| Herbt & 18 Hands helping mow | Herbert Gesner, his William and George, Cose, mowing in old Orchard (that is 3) by way of lift, came at 9 AM, Obb a few hours bent his scythe went home, Old Cooper said Richard Went near 3 o'clock to help Rake, James Post a While after Rake |

NOTE: "Lift" in the last entry seems to refer to a free gift of work — see next page as well.

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| Aug. 18 pd | At Larry Snedens 14 lb. Wheat flour 3 shillings 6 pence. Half Gallon Rum 2 shillings and Mackarel All paid Jim fetched |
| Tuesday 19 | Clear and still cold but handsome weather, Wind seems Northerly Cloudy Midday |
| Herbt. & 19 hands Mowing 4 loads in Obb &c | Herbert and George Gesner, Richard, Cose, After taking Breakfast which was $\frac{1}{4}$ after 8 AM, went to Mow upper Orchard, Herbert. However Rode in with George Gesner 4 loads from Old Orchard and lower field. Is this Day a lift Ask — Obb about 10 Minutes Richard said. |
| at Larrys 19 Liquor paid | James Miller at Larry's, first fetched $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Tenneriff wine, nothing had been given him to get Liquor for hands, although he was directed to bring it. Larry had no Jug he Was sent Back Again got 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Quart Rum 1 shilling 6 pence and the Tenneriff 6 pence = 2 shillings all paid — this is double work |
| Doctor 19 here Evening I think no visit | Doctor in this evening enquired into my state left no Medicine. Said he would call tomorrow and leave me some tonic Medicine for the Stomach; I expected he had done; this should not be called a Medical Visit |
| Wednesy. 20 | Very Clear this Morning Wind NW and cool, Afternoon Cloudy, appearance of Rain; But Clear in Evening |
| Geo. Ges. 20 Coses, & Richd. | George Gesner and Cose are here by $\frac{1}{2}$ after 6 this Morning to Mow; but unloaded the Waggon. Ate Breakfast about $\frac{1}{2}$ after 7 and went below upper Orchard. I've understood Richard went and they worked till Evening. Better than $\frac{3}{4}$ each. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ loads in to Day. |
| 20 I'm little better | I am a little better |

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| August 20 Docts 9 th | Doctor Hopson here about 11 o'clock this Morning left some tonic Medicine. I had not expected him Again, and therefore he Ought not to make charge — |
| Jon Law 20 & Sally Bk from Camp Meeting George L. & Marg. Monday Some Rain at Camp Mtg. none here Camp Meeting ends What 20 Hay was got in before I was Down sick | Jonathan Lawrence Sally Returned from Camp Meeting this Afternoon with Steam Boat Rockland — and Margaret Smith and George Lawrence came down Monday, Jonathan tells me Great Preaching and a numerous attendance, 17 Tents. Brother Piercy, Thomas, Pierson, Witzel, Ambler, Watkins [space in MS] present: some Rain there Sunday Afternoon and Night was a hindrance to the work then going on, as also a Collection, at one time it was said About 20 Mourners, and at other times, he could not say, no invitation being given from members, was Reserved for a Meeting at DeCamps &c Camp Meeting ended this Morning. NB 11 Loads Hay in before I was taken entirely down Sick — Since then till now, under Herbert's care and in this Week About 6 ½ the last 2 loads not too Dry. But the Whole gotten without a Drop of Rain excepting one load near loaded, a little sprinkling, not too wet. |
| Thursday 21 | Clear as a Bell this morning and handsome, wind from the Westward. At 9 AM a few Clouds. |
| Cose had 21 Rum | Cose here near all Day, Mowed about Willows, and the narrow strip along the little field, he put it up says 17 cocks, had ½ pint, has had ½ pint or more every Night &c. |

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| Aug. 21 at Larrys unpd. | At Larry Snedens yesterday 1 ½ Quart Rum 1 shilling 6 pence and to day 1 quart Rum 1 shilling = 2 shillings 6 pence unpaid |
| Friday 22 | Clear cool and wind still this morning, a Nice day |
| I'm better 22 | I feel something better this morning |
| Cose 4 22 Hours had 2 sh Wm Law 1/2 d Geo Ges 3 Hours | Cose helped to Day, cast off a Small load of Hay in the Meadow by the barn to dry better, opened 16 or 17 small cocks below. George Gesner helped turn Midday and William Lawrence. Cose not more than 4 Hours Work, and was Sick he said. William Lawrence about ½ Day helped get some apples for Market. George Gesner About 3 Hours Did not help any in only turn Went unexpectedly home. Gave Cose 2 shillings to Night. |
| Sally and 22 J. L. here | Sally and Jon here late Drank tea |
| Geo. Law 22 Old Sorrel | George Lawrence Old Sorrel to go to Slote for Indian Meal — 2 or 3 Hours |
| Saturday 23 | Continues clear and Handsome, warm all day |
| Cose & 23 Oxen on Road | Cose with oxen, Herberts Waggon on Road today; Oxen answers for me 2 Days, and Cose for himself — worked ½ Day |

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| Aug. 23 At Larry's paid | Bought at Larry's, Jim Miller Got 3 ½ lb Sugar 2 shillings 8 pence and ½ peck fine Salt 8 pence = 3 shillings 4 pence paid. |
| Cose 2 sh 6 p | Cose had 6 pence worth of potatoes, and 2 shillings Tyne fetched for him |
| Mary 23 Ann's child died | Herbert Gesner's child a Son died today about 10 o'clock AM was born |
| Ja Ges 23 & Wife to Haverstraw & Mary Law. | Jacob Gesner and his Wife Betsy went this afternoon to Haverstraw with Steam Boat Rockland, and Mary Lawrence went also |
| Gracy wool to Catharine &c | Gracy sent 2 lb Wool to Catharine Van Houten of Bucks Wool |
| Sunday 24 very dry | Clear and a beautiful Morning. Ground dry very Dry, clear and Warm all Day. |
| Prayr. Mg. 24 Jon Law | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence to Day 10 o'clock. I was not there. I thought myself hardly well enough. |
| Herbts 24 Child Bu- ried. Lawrence Grave Yard Jon Law Exhorted | Herbert Gesners and Mary Ann Gesners Baby (a boy) buried to Day between 3 and 4 PM, there was a large attendance. Jonathan Lawrence spoke and prayed in the graveyard. |

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| <p>Aug. 24 Johnson Preached Sote 3 PM — his first Sermon here</p> | <p>Brother Johnson Preached at sote School House 3 PM, I being not yet able to Attend can give no particular Account of the Meeting. Only Ive understood there was in Attendance a respectable congregation. Brother Johnson I have understood is to be an Assistant Preacher on the Rockland Circuit — this is his first Sermon here.</p> |
| <p>Br. John- 24 son at upper Landg.</p> | <p>Brother Johnson Preached upper Landing to Night I can give no particulars</p> |
| <p>Mon. 25 Dry Dry</p> | <p>Cloudy this Morning wind seems stormy. About 9 o'clock Clear and a Beautiful Day: Ground excessive Dry</p> |
| <p>Ja Ges 25 & Wife back from Haverstraw a Revival numbers Watkins a good Class had</p> | <p>Jacob Gesner and Wife back from Haverstraw also Mary Lawrence, he informs that Nathaniel Watkins took in 7 Members at Haverstraw yesterday. There is a great Revival he says, Many more expected. It is said that Brother Watkins is an excellent Class leader — I'm sensible of his being an able Preacher.</p> |
| <p>Plumbs 25 from Catharine Van Houten &c</p> | <p>Jacob Gesner brought plumbs from Catharine Van Houten for Gracy, wool was sent see 23rd Instant.</p> |

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| Aug. 25 Herbert Oxen | Herbert Oxen to Day not returned at Night. |
| Tuesday 26 | Cloudy, has the Appearance of foul Weather, this Morning About 10 AM seems to incline for fair Clear from 11 all Day |
| George Ges 26 helped Mow &c | George Gesner About 8 AM Mowed Grass swamp. I mowed Spread and Raked Some, with much fatigue and trembling, Weakness — Jim helped spread Rake — |
| At 26 Larry's | At Larry's ½ pint Tenneriff Wine 6 pence 1 pint Rum 6 pence 1 shilling worth Mackerel — 7 pound Sugar 4 shillings 6 pence = 6 shillings 6 pence Paid. Jim fetched |
| Johnson 26 did not Preach at Jon Law to Nt. | No Preaching at Jonathan Lawrences to Night. It appears by information, that Brother Johnson, who has been at a Quarterly Meeting at Camp Meeting was appointed an assistant to Nathaniel Watkins on the Rockland Circuit, had no Direction to preach at Jonathan Lawrence on this Night, and went to New York &c |
| Herbt. 26 Oxen | Herbert Oxen to Day, not home at Night. |
| Wed. 27 | Cloudy, a Similar Sky to yesterday Morning. Clear all the Afternoon |
| I in Swamp 27 Jim Wm Law came after 2 ock | I and Jim in swamp opening 15 cocks. I mowed after dinner 7 large Cocks and some in Swaths, at Night I am some fatigued. |

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| Aug. 27 | At Larry Snedens William Lawrence Got 3 ½ pounds Sugar Paid |
| Apples 27 sent | Sent 3 Baskets Apples to New York — Sold at 4/ each — got returns next Day 9 shillings 9 pence. |
| 27 | Herbert Oxen to Day returned near sun set |
| Herbt. Oxen Thursd 28 | Clear this Morning and very cool Night last Night clear all Day |
| Cose 28 helped 2 loads Gave him 1 sh. | Cose helped draw in 2 loads from Swamp this afternoon, came About 2 o'clock. I gave in his bottle about near 1 Gill Rum and a ten cent piece; say I 1 shilling |
| Wm. Law 28 | William Lawrence helped some to Day, and Jim |
| Obbs Wife 28 Mary Ann a Young Son | Obbs wife Mary Ann brought to bed with a young Son yesterday Morning I am told — |
| 28 | Mistress Hannah, Peggy Post and Old Mistress Garreck here to see |
| Mist. Hannah Mist. Garreck Peg Post here | Gracy this Afternoon. Hannah came after, Drank tea &c |
| Wine 28 Larry's | ½ pint Tenneriff Wine at Larry's. Paid, William Lawrence got |
| Friday 29 | Clear and Cool. No Rain yet Ground very Dry |

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| Aug. 29 James Miller & Brother went Away | James Miller and his Brother Edward came up from New York the 12 th Instant and Went Away this morning half after 11 o'clock, the boys were very industrious, James to assist me, Raking Oats, Spreading and Raking Hay &c and Edward to fetch Water and Assist Gracy &c |
| Herbt. 29 Oxen | Herbert Oxen most all Day drawing dirt in barn yard |
| Sat. 30 | Clear and Dry, cool evenings, about 8 AM grew overcast wind Eastward, scud flying has an appearance of a storm — in the Afternoon sky grows thinner, clear at Night |
| Wm. Law 30 | William Lawrence helped in with a ½ load of Hay from swamp and a little in quite lower field, the coarse threw in the yard. |
| My old 30 school bible new bound & Recd. | This afternoon I got my old School bible from New York, Thomas Pennoyer bound it a New for me. Jim Miller got it and put it on board the Orange according to his promise. Jacob Sneden brought it to my house — |
| J. L. Oxen 30 | Jonathan Lawrence Oxen drew 2 loads Wood from below |
| Sabbath 31 | Partly overcast this Morning; continues so all Day |

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| Aug. 31 Cose 1 sh | Cose 1 shilling Worth of Green Corn |
| Prayr. Mg. 31 Jon Law who there | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrence 10 o'clock. Jacob Gesner and Wife, Isaac Wheeler and wife, Margaret Smith, Lucy Blauvelt, Henry Concklin and wife, Myself and Gracy. Brother Clark with Jonathan Lawrence family there. Wheeler held Class &c the first I was to meeting since Sick. I feel poorly, Clark went With Wheeler to Dinner. They returned Drank tea at Sally's, they went to New Landing, Jonathan Lawrence too — I was not Able |
| Prayr. Mg. 31 at upper Landg But Wheeler Preached | Jonathan Lawrence, Isaac Wheeler, with Clark, from Jonathans went New Landing for Prayer Meeting. Jonathan Lawrence told me there was quite a good Meeting. Isaac Wheeler he said preached a good Sermon from Revelation 1 Chapter and 7 Verse perhaps 50 hearers. Jonathan and Wheeler only from Rockland. I being quite Sick Again with ague and fever — John Waldron and Eley there |
| Sept. 1 Rain | Overcast this Morning and Wind easterly but light, began to Rain between 8 and 9 AM very Moderate, continued Raining More or less till about Mid-afternoon. Remains overcast without Rain all the following Night. |
| a turn of 1 ague & fever Being a little in Rain and Damp Gave me Ague | However Yesterday afternoon at Jonathan Lawrence I had a turn of it. Necessity of looking at house to prevent Mischief induced me to be some in the Rain, and Making a little fence by the Barn, and being very Weak and tender, late in the afternoon brought upon me a severe Ague, with fever &c |

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| Sept. 2 Tuesd. | 2 | Overcast Still, begins to Rain about 12, Rains very little, nothing more than just wet the top of the Ground, but continues Overcast |
| at Larry's | 2 | At Larry's ½ pint Tenneriff Wine and 1 shilling Mackerel = 1 shilling 6 pence paid Jacob Gesner Got — |
| Beef paid | 2 | Of Cornelius Doremus beef 2 shillings worth paid |
| I've again the Ague & fever | 2 | This afternoon between 2 and 3 I got Ague followed with a hot fever and light-headedness, this is the 3 rd attack of the Ague, after I thought had got some better of my first illness |
| Herbt. Oxen | 2 | Herbert Oxen, what he did I've not understood |
| Wed. | 3 | Thinly overcast this morning, wind perfectly still. Sky thinly overcast all Day |
| New Metho. Prot. papers 12 | 3 | Last evening was brought in 12 papers of the Methodist Protestant, there having been no proper Communication Made to Baltimore to the Editor requiting them since the Sitting of the General Conference, till lately by Nathaniel Watkins, our Circuit preacher. |
| Cose 2 sh | 3 | Cose 2 shillings to Day fetched by Tyney |
| I Ague & fever | 3 | This afternoon Another hard turn of Ague and fever. It came on me between 3 and 4 |

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| Sept 3 Herbt. Oxen | Herbert Oxen to Day Drawing Cord wood, I expect |
| Thurs. 4 | Overcast and Misty this Morning, gets clear with some Clouds about 10 AM. |
| Herbt. 4 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |
| I've 4 Ague & fever again | I've had Another hard turn of the fever and Ague, the first chill about 20 minutes after 4 PM, when the fever goes off in the evening, a great Sweating begins and continues all Night nearly. Shirt Wet as Water, very Weakening |
| Friday 5 Rain | Began to Rain very hard about one the past Night, just before Day it poured down and Still Raining this Morning, continues to Rain hard till near 12 — at Night nearly clear |
| Ague again 5 | Another visit of the septentrional Shivers, I am Getting very Weak, also costive, came on 10 minutes after 3 PM |
| Herbt. 5 Oxen | Herbert Oxen, how long he used them I know not, it Rained |
| of Herb 5 1 lf Bread | A loaf Bread at Herberts, very poor, I could not use it |
| Sat. 6 | Clear and Handsome Day not much wind |
| Letter to 6 Esq. Mabie | Wrote and sent letter to Adolphus Mabie Esq |

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| Sept. 6 Fever and Ague | I have Another turn of fever and Ague, perhaps not quite so hard as the last before; but hangs on late; come on between 3 and 4 PM |
| at Larry's 6 | At Larry's 7 lb of black Dirty Sugar 4 shillings 6 pence — $\frac{1}{4}$ tea 1 shilling 9 pence and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Chocolate 10 pence = 7 shillings 1 pence this unpaid William Lawrence or Jake got |
| Herbt. 6 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |
| Sunday 7 Rain | Overcast this Morning, Rains in Afternoon, stops evening but continues overcast |
| 7 Cose corn 2 sh. | Cose had of my Soft corn (Jacob Gesner got) 13 Ears 1 shilling — he had one shilling worth a few Days Ago. I got for him. |
| Geo. Law. & 7 Jon. Law to Jocky Hall old side Camp Meeting Bk by 5 ock PM | George Lawrence and Jonathan Lawrence to Old side Jocky Hall Camp Meeting this morning. It being somewhat likely for Rain when they started; they were back perhaps a little before 5 PM. It Rained — |
| Fever 7 and Ague | Another turn of fever and Ague. Came a little sooner |
| Nathanl. 7 Watkins at the Slote | Nathaniel Watkins Preached at Slote School House this Afternoon Jacob Gesner there. Good Sermon, not Many Hearers, Weather appears foul, a very Good Sermon, Stayed with Derick Clark to Night |
| Herbt. 7 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |

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| Sept. 8 Rain | Overcast and Misty this Morning; but Rained very hard last Night — Misty all Day. Rains to Night — |
| Herbt. 8 Oxen | Herbert Oxen to Day |
| Watkins 8 at Jon L. | Watkins came to Jonathan Lawrence this Afternoon — William Lawrence brought his horse here |
| fever 8 and Ague | I had another turn of the fever and Ague this Afternoon but considerably lighter, began about 4 o'clock PM |
| Tuesday 9 | Water Dropping from the Roof this Morning; but don't Rain at sunrise, a Scud from SW clear in Afternoon and Night |
| Fever less 9 Wm. Law with Wag. took me Watkins 9 Preachd. J. Law to Night See 11 th | I've had Scarcely any Ague this Afternoon nor fever, towards Night William Lawrence took me up to Jonathan Lawrence to Meeting, I felt Rather Weak, Stomach Sick — taken with Herberts Waggon and Sorrel |
| I stay'd at 9 Sally's | I Stay'd All Night at Sally's, was good care taken of |
| Herbt. 9 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |

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| Sept. 10 Wed | Clear all Day and cool |
| I still at 10 Sally's | I at Sally's all Day. Jonathan Lawrence and Sally gave me some Medicine, which vomited me a little and purged me thoroughly. I continued there all Night |
| Watkins &c 10 | Watkins went little after 12 o'clock from Jonathan Lawrence to Clarks |
| 10 | No Ague nor fever but Sick Stomach and Weak all Day. I stayed all Night, had to get up About 11 o'clock at Night, had grips not sharp |
| Herbt. 10 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |
| Thurs 11 Weak & faint | Clear and Quite cool, wind NW, I was hastened out of bed by the Stuff taken, Worked me faithfully, but Remarkable Weak and faint no Appetite |
| I came 11 home from Sally's | William Lawrence fetched or took me home About 11 AM with Herberts Waggon and Sorrel — |
| Watkins 11 &c at upper Landg. | Watkins went from Jonathan Lawrence 12 to Preach at upper Landing last Night. No one from Rockland |
| 11 | Sarah Ann Moison Baptized at Jonathan Lawrence the 9 th Instant after Sermon at Night. Also her two Brothers |
| J & Geo 11 Law | This Evening Jonathan and George Lawrence Settled and arranged all our Small Accounts see above |

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| <p>Sept. 11 I Gave Geo Law Note for \$60 Settled Accts</p> <p>The Balance</p> <p>Manner of Arranging Our Accts What Money I Recd. of Geo Law &c</p> | <p>This Evening I gave George M. Lawrence a Note of 60 Dollars with this date, at six per cent payable 1st May next following (I wanted to Settle with Richard Vervalen) But there were several accounts unsettled between us in our Dealings; Such as on his part Carpenter Work at Waggon &c &c. And on my part his use of Oxen horse, pasturage Corn &c. After balancing these accounts they stand thus</p> <table> <tr> <td>Nicholas Gesner on dealing Accounts to George Lawrence</td><td>\$ cents</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>21.85 ½</td></tr> <tr> <td>George M. Lawrence on use of Oxen pasturage &c to N. G.</td><td><u>16.04</u></td></tr> <tr> <td>this balance due to George Lawrence —</td><td>\$5.81 ½</td></tr> </table> <p>Now this balance here due on Settling our Running Accounts hitherto of \$5.81 cents was included in the Note ie George Lawrence Gave me 50 dollars in cash on my Note of 60 Dollars — this balance is included in the principal of the note makes the sum \$55.81 Now there is yet \$4.19 cents to Make this Note 60 Dollars — This is fixed in this manner, as I owe some Interest on Another Note held by George Lawrence Against Me; this \$4.19 cents is to be indorsed on said note as so much Received on its Interest, And for which he has given Me his Receipt this 11th September 1834. Jonathan Lawrence present in this Arrangement. I being sick in bed.</p> | Nicholas Gesner on dealing Accounts to George Lawrence | \$ cents | | 21.85 ½ | George M. Lawrence on use of Oxen pasturage &c to N. G. | <u>16.04</u> | this balance due to George Lawrence — | \$5.81 ½ |
| Nicholas Gesner on dealing Accounts to George Lawrence | \$ cents | | | | | | | | |
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| George M. Lawrence on use of Oxen pasturage &c to N. G. | <u>16.04</u> | | | | | | | | |
| this balance due to George Lawrence — | \$5.81 ½ | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Herbt. 11 Oxen</p> <p>Friday 12</p> | <p>Herbert Oxen</p> <p>Clear this Morning</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Jon Law 12 Went to settle Rich Vervalen Note &c I sick</p> | <p>Jonathan Lawrence for Me went over to Adolphus Mabie Esquire to Settle the Note of Richard Vervalen in his hand, also 4 shillings to pay A. Mabie Esquire for Matting 2 Chairs.</p> | | | | | | | | |

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| Sept. 12 I continue Sick | I continue very weak, the Ague and fever light this Afternoon but sick stomach, strange and unequal palpitations, faintness, strange trembling feelings |
| Herbt. 12 Oxen | Herbert Oxen |
| At Larry's 12 pd | At Larry Snedens 1 Gallon Molasses 3 shillings paid, to Make pears up |
| Sat. 13 | Sun Shines dim this morning; Hazy and cool; wind Still |
| Sorrel in 13 Corn &c | Sorrel got in Obbs Corn last Evening dusk, soon discovered, no yoke on |
| Jon. L. 13 Sally & Ja Ges to Quarterly Meetg. Pond Cose 1 sh. 13 | Jonathan Lawrence and Sally with Sorrel and George Lawrences Waggon to Quarterly Meeting at Pond. Jacob Gesner Went up with Orange to Nyack and to walk up from there Let Cose have 1 shilling |
| Herbt. 13 Oxen Geo Ges got me some brush Sabbath 14 | Herbert Oxen till 5 o'clock PM. George Gesner brought them home and fetched Me a little Brush with my Oxen and Sled to burn by little after Sunset oxen home Nice Morning. Sky a little Hazy, with few Clouds thus all day |
| No fever 14 | I no fever and Ague to Day |
| Phebe 14 Sned here &c | Phebe Sneden here, and Relates that Emaline her daughter can't bear Watkins not even to hear him preach. Josh Martins Wife has her by the Nose &c &c |

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| Sept. 14 Cholera | Cholera at New York for 3 or 4 Weeks past, Many are Swept away, by account about 30 or 40 per Day |
| 14 | Jacob Gesner back, also Jonathan and Sally to Night from Quarterly Meeting. Stopping at New landing holding prayer Meeting and exhortation |
| 15 | Clear similar to yesterday Morning, nice Day |
| Jon Law 15 Collected church timber | Jonathan Lawrence collected the church timber which had been driven off Mistress Dobb's Dock the 17 th December 1833 in that terrible Storm, the highest tide almost ever known, this timber had been at My expense drawn up in different places, and some no Doubt Stolen since the great storm. William Lawrence said there was 38 pieces collected, whereas there was about 50 took on her dock — Jonathan had oxen |
| Ja Ges 15 exceeding poorly Doctor Hopson sent for came almost 10 at Nt Jacob was then better and in a dose | To Night in first of Evening Jacob Gesner exceedingly poorly with his Side, attended with faintings, and violent Cramps, and Seemingly several turns like fits. the Neighbors called in and Some happened in. This was truly a Mournful sight; the extreme Agony, the faintings, the Cramps, and apparent lifeless turns could but excite the Sympathy of the hard-heartedest enemy truly a deplorable and pitiable condition, the Doctor sent for |

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| Sept. 15 | I no Ague and fever, yet sick stomach &c and Weak |
| Tuesd 16 | Beautiful Day all Day clear |
| Ja G Oxen 16 | Jacob Gesner Oxen 1 Load of Apples from Larry Sneden to Mill, 2 boys helped him pick, he Ground this load towards Night |
| Geo Ges 16 helped &c At Larry's paid | George Gesner Repaired my fence below a little to Day to prevent John G. Concklins horse to eat up my pasture old Orchard lower field &c he knowing that I was not able to do any thing — George Gesner at Larry's for Me 3 ½ Sugar 2 shillings 8 pence &c 7 pounds, Wheat flour 2 shillings = 4 shillings 8 pence paid |
| No Ague 16 | I no Ague and fever this Afternoon |
| Wed 17 | Overcast all Day. Rains a little toward Night |
| Jacob Ges 17 Made cider | Jacob Gesners Horse and Herberts Waggon fetched some apples from Snedens Made 3 Barrels cider on shares for Larry |
| Wyney 17 Conck & Hannah here | Wyney Concklin and Hannah here about ½ after 10 AM. Ate Dinner. About 3 o'clock looked so lively for Rain they hasted away before tea, perhaps near 4 PM when they went |
| Cose 17 ploughed | Cose ploughed by barn near ½ Day pd |
| Juliet & 17 Emaline | Juliet and Emeline took just a run to see me a few Minutes about 3 PM — Josh Martins Girl with them |

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| Sep. 17 at Larry's | At Larry's 14 lb Rye Meal 2 shillings 10 pence paid Jacob Gesner got |
| Thurs. 18 | Overcast all Day |
| Cose 18 ploughed | Cose ploughed about 3/4 Day |
| 18 Cose 1 sh. & 1 pt Rum | He, Cose went to Regnaws, got 1/2 Gal Rum. I gave him the 2 shillings Old Cooper Gave to have Oxen and Cose to Draw Wood for him the next Day, one of which is Cose's money therefore paid Cose 1 shilling and to Night 1 pint Rum. |
| Bread 19 and Cake | Of Herbert 1 loaf Bread to Day and two more since I've been sick and some poor Cake 6 pence worth |
| Friday 19 | Rainy this Morning, Misty and foul All Day |
| Wood; 19 Old Cooper | Cose with Oxen drew the load for Old Cooper (see the 18th) |
| Cose 19 Ploughed had 2 sh. | Cose after drawing Old Cooper's wood, ploughed a little, perhaps 1 - 2 hours. Gave him 2 shillings. |
| Thos. 19 Blanch & Son here | Colonel Blanche's Son Thomas with his son here to Day to see the Old titles of William Graham's to the property. He wishes to know whether the Deed covers to the Sparkill or to the Edge of pond, he is about purchasing. I let them see the old title, but it did not properly satisfy |
| Sat. 20 | Still overcast this Morning. Clear to Night |
| Cose 20 &c 2 sh | Cose ploughed over Run about 3 or 4 Hours to Day till dinner, would not fetch a little Wood, had done. Gave 2 shillings. |

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| Sept 20 Ja Ges Clams, got Ja Posts Oxen | Jacob Gesner Got Clams this Afternoon, My Oxen been to Work and Cose had not quite done over run, Got Jacob Posts Oxen for 4 shillings for ½ Day, to sell &c, Jacob Gesner let John Nagel have 200 Clams, on my account, I owed John Nagel 9 shillings, I paid for Jacob Gesner the 4 shillings and owe Nagel yet 5 shillings |
| Sabbath 21 | Clear and Beautiful this Morning. Afternoon overcast with a little sprinkling of Rain about 4 and 5 o'clock |
| Prayr. Mg 21 J Law | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock. I was not well enough did not attend. I've understood there was quite some of our Members. Gracy not there — but Jacob Gesner and Wife, Wheeler and Wife, Henry Concklin and Wife, Margaret Smith, Lucy, Phebe Sneden, John Waldron and Wife |
| Wm Hervey 21 Johnson Preaches Slote, Aft. | Johnson assistant preached on the Rockland Circuit. Preached Slote 3 PM. Text John 3 and 16 "For God." I not there, but was told it was a very good Sermon About 50 Hearers, Our Slote Members and friends mostly there. Brother Clark Mistress Concklin and Hannah Mistress Sneden and Girls. |
| Johnson 21 at upper Landg. | William Hervey Johnson Preached to Night at upper Landing a full House I've understood well filled; particulars I know not; but a Strict Mention paid, this is now to answer for Wednesday Evening, at Sunday Nights |
| Monday 22 | Clear and Nice this Morning Overcast towards Night |
| Cose &c 22 had 1 sh | Cose Harrowed about 3 or 4 Hours then about 4 PM pretended to be very poorly, he came 10 or 11, had no one &c Gave 1 shilling, Must go to Regnaws for Rum |

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| Sept. 22 | Jacob Gesner to New York with Some Market produce of his own &c |
| Tues 23 | Overcast and Rains a little early. Cloudy all Day and Night, about 10 or 11, two or 3 short but smart flows of Rain |
| Johnson at 23 Jon Law | William Hervey Johnson Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night, about 27 or 28. An extraordinary good Sermon. I was there. Jacob Gesner and Wife, Gracy, Mistress Cooper, Mistress Wheeler, Margaret, Henry, Peggy there |
| Cose &c 23 & had 10 cts | Cose Harrowed the rest and finished Harrowing by barn and over Run, worked a few Hours perhaps 3 or 4 Hours, gave him 10 cents. |
| Wed. 24 | Partly Clear all Day. Sky unsettled |
| I came 24 home &c Johnson Wt. away | I stayed last Night at Sally's, came home with Brother Johnson after Breakfast. He got his horse which ran in the little field and started soon for Brother Storm's about 10 o'clock |
| Ja Ges 24 NY | Jacob Gesner to New York, 4 Baskets and a little one apples for Me. He took freight for Neighbors, his side bad |
| Cose &c 24 had 8 p | Cose ploughed most all Day over Run gave 8 pence |
| Thursday 25 | Clear with Clouds. Weather has an unsettled appearance, thus all Day |

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| Sept. 25 | Jake back |
| Cose Pld 25 had 2 sh | Cose worked $\frac{3}{4}$ Day nearly. Went Tappan about 1 and not back till quite late. Ploughed over Run and began behind the Barn, had 2 shillings; perhaps not quite $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Peggy & 25 Miss Wheeler | Peggy and Mistress Wheeler here this Afternoon |
| Hen. Quidor 25 & Wm Law | Henry Quidor near $\frac{3}{4}$, Cutting stalks, William Lawrence in Afternoon quit soon had the flat done, helped Jacob Gesner pick Nuts |
| Prayr Mg 25 at Br Clarks | I've understood Jonathan Lawrence went from his Work at Slote to Clarks last Night Prayer Meeting |
| Friday 26 | Clear this Morning, still a little Hazy |
| Hen Quidor 26 Wm Law | Henry Quidor here this Morning, he and William Lawrence went between 9 and 10 (in very heavy dew) to Cut Stalks over Road, cut up to Holland Apple tree then I tied up the stalks cut yesterday on hill with a little of Coses help, the boys carried together |
| Cose &c 26 had 2 sh | Cose ploughed back of Barn about $\frac{3}{4}$ altogether, had 2 shillings, helped a little in tying stalks. Must go for Rum |
| 27 | Foggy this Morning looks foul |
| Cose paid 27 in full & 4 overpaid | Cose overpaid see This Morning. I and Cose Cooper Settled I gave him 4 shillings He is over paid in Hay Work by Herberts account of his time 7 shillings. I being sick but according to My time he is overpaid exactly 4 shillings Paid |

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| Sept 28 | Cloudy all Day and in the evening a little drisling |
| Prayr Mg. 28 Jon Law | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrence 10 o'clock, Brother Clark there, he also led Class. Jacob Gesner and Wife, Henry Concklin and Wife. Lucy, Margaret, Isaac Wheeler (not wife) Eley, Sarah Ann Moison and I expect Mistress Cooper there &c. I was not there not well, good Meeting I was told |
| Pr. Mg. 28 upper Landg. | At upper Landing to Night I not there — Jon Lawrence and Sally and Wheeler from Rockland |
| Tunis Depew28 Cholera | Tunis Depew it is said has the Cholera is better |
| Mond 29 | Clear and cool this Morning, brisk wind W begins about 10 and ceases before Night. Sky very blue Now for a frost to Night |
| 29 | Jacob Gesner to New York to Market |
| Cholera 29 | The Cholera at New York I'm told rages worse |
| Heavy 30 Frost | Clear and Still but a White frost covers all over. Seldom a White and heavier frost seen, also Some Ice — this is the first frost I've seen this fall, however I've heard there has been a little back in Country |

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| Sept 30 Cut Buckwht | Obb cut my Buckwheat, Gratis |
| Ja Ges 30 bk. sick | Jacob Gesner back from New York appears not well Seems Sick on Stomach |
| Will L. & 30 Henry Qur. | William Lawrence and Henry yesterday and to Day, Henry early |
| Tunis 30 Depew worse & Buried to Day | Tunis Depew (of Nyack) it is said to Day is not expected to live but a Short time After this word came that this day he was buried |
| Oct. Wed. 1 Rains | A Send this Morning from SW cool. About 1 or 2 PM a Smart Rain and drisling and Raining a little all the Rest of the Afternoon and in the Night — very Dark and Stormy, high Wind from SE |
| I at Sally's 1 | I at Jon Lawrences before 12, Rained, I came home At 4 PM |
| Thurs 2 | Cloudy all Day Wind SW, Moderate And warm |
| Wm. Law 2 | William Lawrence picked Apples About 1 ½ hours came quite late |
| Nuts 2 Charles Ges helped | Jacob Gesner gathering Nuts this Afternoon, Charles Gesner helped and Shelled About 1 Bushel to Night with some that was Shelled to Day |
| Friday 3 | Nearly Clear and pleasant All Day |

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| Oct. 3 Gracy's birth Day | Gracy's Birth Day Jacob Gesner to New York Market |
| Hen Quidr. 3 | Henry Quidor helped, came 9 o'clock, and William Lawrence to River |
| Sat. 4 | Overcast looks for Rain and is Rainy more or less all Day |
| 4 | Jon Lawrence Oxen this Morning to draw Wood, 2 loads from below |
| Ja Ges back 4 | Jacob Gesner back through the Rain, sold Nuts 10 shillings for 1 Bag Chestnuts 1 shilling 3 pence — And for my Apples 8 shillings for 2 Barrels each — 3 Baskets 4 shillings each |
| Sabbath 5 | Clear, first Apples which was cut Friday last out to dry |
| 5 | Meeting at Jon Lawrences 10 o'clock. I not there, Isaac Wheeler and Wife, Henry Concklin and Wife. Jacob Gesner, Gracy, Wyney Concklin and Hannah there I was told, and family — |
| 5 Watkins Preached at Slote Aftn. | Nathaniel Watkins did not preach at pond church this Morning, he begun but having much pain in his body and Relax he had to Quit, However he came down, And being some better he preached at Slote, began between 3 and 4 PM. I was told a full Congregation, I've understood a very good Sermon |

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| <p>Oct. 5 Sturr Old Side Makes Appointments to interfere with that of Reform</p> | <p>Sturr the Episcopal Meeting has made his appointment lately to Preach at Slote School House on Tuesday Night, The Night of the Appointments of Methodist Protestants at Jonathan Lawrences. This is the Methodist Episcopal Genius, trying to prevent Reform from having a Congregation. Low cunning, false constructions and if that wont do, willful misrepresentations, and lies are Assumed, to conceal the success of reform. They do not dare to bring into contest the difference of Separation, even the right of Lay Representation embraced by Reform.</p> |
| <p>Watkins 5 did not Preach upper Landg. See NB in this place Monday 6</p> | <p>Watkins did not preach at upper landing to Night being Rather unwell. Wheeler and Jonathan Lawrence went up. NB The Appointments for preaching at upper landing has lately been altered, instead of Wednesday Night made to every other Sabbath Night — I've understood the School House was full &c</p> <p>Clear and a Nice Day</p> |
| <p>Watkins 6 at Jon L to Nt.</p> | <p>Nathaniel Watkins preached at Jon Lawrences to Night About 25 Hearers, his text Acts 17 and 23. An uncommon Sermon, his introduction Division of the text, And Application in the Most engaging and impressive Manner — He is truly a Remarkable Man in Sermonizing &c</p> |

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| Oct. 6 | Jacob Gesner to New York, took 2 Barrels Apples for me, got 8 shillings for one and 9 shillings for the other — |
| Tues 7 | Sky appears All Day for foul. The Sun shone faintly through the Haziness and Clouds |
| Pedlar 7 | Pedlar Stay'd at my house to Night, went to Meeting too |
| Watkins 7 Again at Jon Law to Nt. | Nathaniel Watkins Preached Again to Night (the Regular Appointment) at Jon Lawrences, About 30, text in Luke "What will it profit a Man if he Gain the Whole World And lose his own Soul" this with the Rest of his Sermons can only be considered as hardly to be excelled by Any, a Solemn Attention paid — Eley and Phebe Sneden there. |
| Wed. 8 | Appears foul this Morning and so through the Day |
| Watkins 8 Went Away | Watkins came here About 10 AM from Jon Lawrences, at 12 got his Horse and Went up to Brother Clark's |
| Molly 8 Eckerson Moved from Jon Law | Molly Eckerson moved from Jon Lawrences About 12 to Day and Went to New York with her Son John and Daughterinlaw who came to fetch her at her request, she concluded that she would not be Able to pay board &c. Her son lives in first Street No. 70 |

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| | Oct. 8 | Jacob Gesner to New York to Market, had for me 1 Bushel Apples and one Basket |
| | Thursd 9 | Weather an unsettled appearance, Cloudy, this Morning Red in the East And by turns Rainy and Misty through the Day |
| | 9 | Jacob Gesner back |
| | Letter from Wm. F. Harris 9 | Last Night I Received a very lengthy letter from William F Harris now at Geneva New York detailing many particulars, The Rail Road, the Canal, the Locks, the Situation, the country, the churches and Denominations. And his Manner of living and his Studies at the Seminary, the letter Dated |
| | Letter from Maria Gesner the Daughter of Abm Gesner the brother of Nich Ges 9 | This Evening Received a Letter from Maria Gesner at Granville: Anapolis Royal Novascotia Dated August 31 1834, Informing that she had been well treated in her travels after leaving here with her father — that her Father had not been very well since they left here, being better was gone to Cornwallis to see Henry Gesner &c |
| | Friday 10 | Clear Wind NW this Morning, cold evening. |
| | Ja Ges to NY 10 | Jacob Gesner to New York |

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| Oct. 10 Price got | Sent with Jacob Gesner 1 Barrel Apples and 2 Baskets, back 11 th 9 shillings for the Barrel and 6 shillings for 2 Baskets |
| Saturd. 11 | Clear, a White frost, ground some frozen and some Ice |
| Cholera 11 Abated at NY Rages at Halifax Nova | Cholera seems Abated very much at NY I understand by a letter Dated August 31 of my Brother Abraham Gesners Daughter Maria at Anapolis Granville Novascotia that the Cholera Rages at Halifax Novascotia, Citizens Alarmed |
| Sabbath 12 | Clear and a White frost. Cloudy the After part of the Day |
| Prayr. 12 Mg. Jon Law | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock AM. Wheeler and Wife, Jacob Gesner, Myself, Peg, Margaret, Lucy, Sarah Ann, Brother Clark, and Jon Lawrence family present &c |
| Pr. Mg. 12 upper Landg. Put off to Nt. by Br Clark & Cole Preached | Prayer Meeting at upper landing put off by Brother Clark. Cole was to have preached at Henry Bells this afternoon but it is said that he had to preach a funeral Sermon; and let them know that he would Pray to Night. So Brother Clark put off our Prayer Meeting and Attended Cole's preaching — This I think was wrong — Jacob Gesner went up, and I expect Wheeler; this is dishonorable in Cole &c |
| Mon 13 | Foggy this Morning — the wind Still, Breaks away about 9 o'clock AM but Sky Hazy, a little Rainy in Evening — cold |
| Bills 13 All squared with Ja Ges | All Market Bills squared up previous to this Date. What Jacob Gesner took. |

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| Oct. 13 Ja Ges to NY | Jacob Gesner to NY. I sent a Barrel and 2 Baskets and 2 Handle Baskets, A Bubble about Oxen and Waggon Clams, Return 10 shillings for the Barrel, 5 shillings one Basket big Apples and 3/6 the other But freight off. |
| Tues. 14 | Early Cloudy. They move from Westward little after Sun rise Clear and cool; very little rain last Night, cold to Night. |
| Blasting 14 Rocks | Lucas Cooper Blasting Rocks for me north of the House — Last week (I think) 5 Blasts |
| No Pr. Mg. 14 at My House &c | Prayer Meeting Appointed at my House; only Wheeler and Son came and Mistress Cooper, it was Omitted to Night — Cold for the Season |
| Paid 14 Jersey Tax \$1.02 | Paid my Jersey tax \$1.02, Sent with Obb Cooper to David Doremus where Henry Forbes the Collector would be at their Election — tax lower than usual this year |
| Wed. 15 | Clear some frost this Morning, Nice Day cold at Night |
| Ja Ges NY 15 | Jacob Gesner to NY took for me 2 Small Baskets Apples |
| 15 Hen. Quidor Wm. Law. | I Gathered Some Winter Domany Apples, picked Henry Quidor and William Lawrence came 10 o'clock, they helped |
| Frost 15 &c | Clear and an uncommon heavy frost, like Snow Ground a good Deal frozen also Ice |

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| Oct. 16 | I Threshed My little Buckwheat in Barn to Day |
| Killed &c 16 | I Killed a Black lamb to Day |
| Fri. 17 | Overcast this Morning and no Wind |
| Gilbert 17 | Gilbert came after Sun Rise, no More than ½ Day, (Afternoon other things) helped in about 2 Bushels Apples picked |
| Ja Ges NY 17 | Jacob Gesner to New York, Gracy sent 1 Basket Apples |
| Sat. 18 | Clear and handsome this Morning; afternoon appears somewhat for a Storm |
| Henry 18 & Gilbert | Henry Quidor and Gilbert: About 9 came and picked apples. Gilbert's working is on the principle of an Eye Servant, cut him ½ Day, he did not earn his Victuals. Gathers Nuts where he was forbid and cracking them, throwing apples and Idling his time. I don't Want him and told him so, But Henry ¾ |
| Sabbath 19 | Weather foul. Rained off and on all Day. |
| Rain 19 | No Prayer Meeting at Jonathan's, It's Rainy, I and Wheeler only there |

NOTE: Eye Servant — This is an archaic expression meaning “one that attends to duty only when watched.”

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| October 19 Johnson Preached at Slote Buckskin shoes &c | Brother Johnson Preached at Slote this Afternoon, he came through a smart Rain; However, I was there and Jon Lawrence and Wheeler from Rockland, there was only 14 in all. He preached a very good Sermon from Numbers 14 Chapter and 24 Verse "But my Servant Caleb &c" He went with his horse to Brother Clarks. He brought down several pair of Buckskin shoes, from Brother Watkins wife for Sale &c. |
| I to Slote first time &c | NB This is the first in a long time that I was up to the Slote Meeting; on Account of Sickness |
| No Preachg 19 upper landg. | Brother Johnson did not preach at upper landing to Night, the Weather was foul Rainy and Muddy, he did not go from Brother Clark's |
| Monday 20 | Clear Clouds from the NW this forenoon but a handsome Day |
| Ja Ges 20 to NY | Jacob Gesner to NY Gracy sent I pair large chickens |
| Tues. 21 | Clear and handsome all Day cold at night |
| I had 21 help to dig potatoes | Jon Lawrence and son William and William Gesner and Charles Gesner helped me dig potatoes all day nearly. And Jacob D. Concklin and Sons David and Jacob helped in the Afternoon, Potatoes comed out Very poor |

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| Oct. 21 Johnson Preachd. at Jon Law to Nt. | Johnson Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night, there was about 30, Several Old Side members namely Joseph Dubois, John D. Concklin, Joshua Martin, Wynche Cooper — Also Phebe Sneden and Eley, Hannah Concklin from Slote and Sarah Ann and Mother &c. His text Thessalonians 4 Chapter and 18 Verse “Wherefore comfort one Another with these Words” A very good Sermon, he was much engaged, And a Solemn congregation. He kept Class Meeting — Henry Concklin went out. Peggy, Hannah and Mistress Sneden, not Eley. We had a happy Meeting. |
| Wed. 22 | Sky overcast this Morning broke away with Smoaky Sky |
| Jon Law 22 helped | Jonathan Lawrence helped dig potatoes near all Day or About, 10 began |
| Johnson 22 Wt. Away | Johnson came About 10 AM and got Storm’s Horse (black) and hasted Away, Storms Wanted the horse |
| Mary L. 22 School Slote & Wm. Law. | Yesterday Mary Lawrence commenced School at the Slote; under the tuition of John Hahagen and to Day William Lawrence began |
| Gilbert 22 | Gilbert here helped $\frac{3}{4}$ Day |
| Thurs. 23 | Frosty Morning Clear Nice Day and Night. |
| Herbt. 23 Oxen | Herbert Oxen 1 load Sand, Cose went, had them Yesterday |

| 1834 | Momento |
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| Oct. 23 J. Law Oxen & Helped 23 | Jon Lawrence Oxen 2 loads Wood from below Jon Lawrence helped in potatoes late afternoon |
| Gilbert 23 | Gilbert here very early, was digging potatoes before Sun Rise, 1 Day |
| Frid. 24 | Frost ground frozen but Nice Day |
| Jon help 24 Again | Jon Lawrence helped Again but part of Day. Shot 8 or 10 Robins |
| Gilbert 24 ¾ Day | Gilbert there early but loitered away time. Went with Jon Lawrence after dinner to see Jon shoot birds. ¾ Day this makes |
| Ja Ges 24 NY I sent | Jacob Gesner to New York. I sent 2 Baskets apples, 1 handle Basket and 1 Bag potatoes, got 6 shillings for potatoes and 6 shillings for all the apples |
| 24 | Betsy out soon after Jacob was gone, she not home All Night |
| Potatoes 24 very poor | Potatoes yield very poor this season |
| Sat. 25 | Frost this Morning. Ground Some frozen but handsome Day, cool |
| Dug Po 25 today had help Gilbert | Dug potatoes, Wheeler and son, about 8, Jon and William about 9, and George Gesner and Charles about 10 o'clock Dug faithful, but poor Yield — Gilbert all Day, he stay'd last Night |

| 1834 | Memento |
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| Oct. 26 Rain Storm | Began to Rain last Night and Rained all Day to Day, Wind NE till towards Night, a Cold storm near Sun Set, a short but violent Gust of wind, Smart Rain from the WSW, Clear just in the Evening |
| No Pr. 26 Mg. Jon Law | No Prayer Meeting at Jon Lawrences, hard Rain |
| None 26 upper Landg. | No Prayer Meeting at upper Landing I Expect; very Muddy and looks Still Rainy About Sun Set |
| Mon. 27 | Clear this Morning, Wind SW by W, cool but Nice Morning |
| Ja Ges NY 27 | Jacob Gesner to New York, Gracy sent a pair of fowls or chickens |
| 27 | Political party Spirit Runs very high |
| Tues. 28 | White frost with some Ice this Morning and Clear, at Evening Overcast |
| Gilbert 28 | Gilbert near a Day, got apples out barn, small potatoes being set in |
| 28 | I've 60 Bushels large and 46 small potatoes in a few yet to dig. Poor Yield |
| 1834 | Memento |
| Oct. 29 Wed. | Heavy frost, Clear and cool or rather Cold |
| 29 Subpeona | I was Subpeoned by the under Sheriff as a Witness in the censure of David Blauvelt and Wife to be at New City 6 th Nov. I say I was Subpeoned Tuesday the 28 th Instant. |
| 29 Lucy to Lawyer Fraser's | Lucy David Blauvelts wife went Yesterday up to Lawyer Frasers on the business and brought a few lines from him to me, Saying I and other Witnesses need not Attend, expecting to have David Blauvelt freed from the indictment; But if we should be wanted he would Send a Civil Officer &c. |
| Margt. 29 Smith here | Margaret Smith to See Gracy this Afternoon |
| 29 | I saw Lucy at Jon Lawrences to Night and Admonished her |
| Thursday 30 Gilbert ½ Day | Cloudy all day and in Evening too. Gilbert helped with Apples. He asked for 6 pence unpaid |

| 1834 | Momento |
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| Oct. 30 Ja Ges poorly | Jacob Gesner poorly to Night with his Side. Cramps got some ease after an hour and half |
| Lent 30 Mary Grammar | Sally and Mary here to Night, lent Mary My Murrays's English Grammar to Night |
| Friday 31 | Weather foul, wind NE with Some Rain, Mist, and Rainy all Day |
| J. G corn 31 in | Yesterday Jacob Gesner brought his corn in from upper field Yard |
| Ox chain 31 I & Obb square | I had my Oxen chain Mended 4 links and 1 Hook (broken by others) Paid Obb 2 shillings 6 pence We are square |
| Beef 31 from Ja Ackr | Paid Jacob Ackerson Junior for 8 lb Beef the day before Yesterday; got and paid then |
| Paid 31 Stephen Law. on Acct | Paid about a fortnight Ago 2\$ to Stephen Lawrence; there Remained yet 3 shillings 9 pence Due him |
| Paid 31 Corn Doremus | Paid Cornelius Doremus a few Days Ago for Beef then Got and paid with a piece of liver, About 7 shillings — We are now Square |
| 31 Political Controversy | The Political Controversy runs High Respecting the united States Bank. General Jackson our present President is for putting down this Bank and has numerous friends and the Opposition is also Numerous. |

| 1834 | Momento |
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| Nov. 1 | Still overcast and Misty and Rainy all Day |
| Meth. 1 Epis. Quart. Meeting Sabbath 2 | Methodist Episcopal Quarterly Meeting at their Meeting House Rockland Commences. Cloudy and cool all Day, mostly clear. |
| Pray Mtg 2 Jon Law | Prayer Meeting at Jon Lawrences to Day 10 o'clock, Wheeler and Daughter, Margaret, and Self there and the family with Brother Clark |
| Watkins 2 at Slote | Nathaniel Watkins Preached Slote School House 3 o'clock PM only About 25, In his accustomed Manner he preached An Excellent Sermon from the 12 th Chapter and 1 Verse of Hebrews, I was there, Wheeler, Jon Lawrence and Mary Lawrence, Lucy from Rockland |
| Ja Ges bad 2 with his Side | Jacob Gesner bad with his Side. Cramps this Morning |
| Nath. Watkins Preached Upper Landg. to Night house full | 2 Watkins Preached Upper Landing to Night, the house was crowded. Seats [ink blot] and placed on the floor and all closely filled. The Strictest Attention Paid by the hearers Solemnity seemed to pervade the Meeting. The Discourse truly solemn, striking figures, the Infinite Importance of being prepared to Meet Death, seemed to calm their Attention in humble thoughts and Solemn exercises of Mind — his text 2 Samuel 14 Chapter and 14 Verse &c. Watkins went with Brother Clark. |

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| Nov. 3 | Clear this Morning, a Very Heavy Frost like a Small Snow. Ground frozen, clear all Day, not much Wind which is Northwesterly |
| Political 3 flame Election | Election begins to Day, papers of opposition well Circulated. The political flame runs high &c |
| Watkins 3 here – to Old Side Meetg. &c | Nathaniel Watkins came here this Afternoon, his horse William Lawrence brought first. Jacob Gesner and Wife, also Watkins to old side Meeting to Night |
| 4 | A great Frost again, somewhat overcast this Morning, nearly clear all Day |
| Watkins 4 Pr. at Jon Law to Nt. | Nathaniel Watkins Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night between 25 and 30 hearers (the Old side closes their 4 Days Meeting to Night, prevented a greater number) his text Genesis 4 Chapter first part of 7 th Verse “If thou doest well shall not thou be Accepted, and if thou doest not well, Sit without the door” — Good Sermon &c, from Slote there was Phebe Sneden, Juliet, Emaline, Eley — a Girl with Juliet &c — Sarah and all our Members at Rockland. He stayed at Jonathan Lawrences. |
| I Recd. 4 Mosheim | this Night I Received Mosheims Ecclesiastical History from Brother Pierson at New York \$8.50 |
| Wed 5 Rain | Rainy this Morning and Overcast all Day, not much Rain |
| Watkins 5 Wt. Away | Watkins came here About 10 AM, Went Away About 1 with his horse |

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| Nov. 5 Great work in Old Side 4 Days close of Meeting | The Close of the Methodist Episcopal 4 Day Meeting last Night I have been informed was Attended with Great Shoutings. Abraham Sturr, their Local Preacher, and present School Master in District No. 1 He is Among the people pulling and haling a few Young people into the Altar. Jesse Trenchards wife fell; the Whooping and Screaming in the Meeting House was Never equaled in this place. I was credibly informed they (the Episopalian) Spoke Against the Noise of the Methodist Protestant camp Meeting but I was told that a Credible person not united with either church, Said the Camp Meeting noise was Nothing to this &c |
| Geo Ges 5 | George Gesner helped some Thresh Oats 1/2 Day |
| Thurs. 6 | Clear and Cold Wind NW this Morning |
| 6 I Recd. Mosheims Eccl. Hist. The price &c | Last Night at Jonathan Lawrences Emaline daughter of Phebe Sneden brought with her and her Sister Juliet Mosheims Ecclesiatical History Sent up some Way from Brother Pierson at New York. It is a Well executed Book in the Binding and Printing and Gilting, in One large 4 volume, The price he Writes is \$8.50 the same as I Subscribed for in Stephensons Prospectus; but in his papers I find \$6.50 Advertised for this Work &c |

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| Nov. 6 Political Terms of Reflection | The Appelative Political terms Assumed by the Opposition just previous to the Election was Whig and Tory; the Jacksonite party (or Rather the Van Buren) Call the opposition Tories, friends to the United States Bank; also the Monopolizing party &c. And the Clay party And friends to the Candidate Seward for Governor &c Call the Jacksonites friends to a limited Monarchy, friends to Jackson who they say Violates the Constitution — Aristocrats I find the parties have become mixed. |
| Friday 7 | Clear this Morning and Warm all Day |
| Oats 7 | I finished threshing Oats, and cleaned next day had 14 Bags |
| Paid 2 sh 7 to Gilbert | Paid Gilbert 2 shillings on Work; he did not come to Day |
| Saturday 8 | Clear with Clouds all Day |
| Geo. Law to 8 Hackensack Wm Law &c Gilbert 8 ½ Day | George M. Lawrence to Hackensack, took William Lawrence along, here nothing more Said Gilbert came About 9 or 10 AM not ready to pick Corn. Only ½ Day, he helped a little in cleaning Corn |
| Ja Ges pain 8 | Jacob Gesner bad with Side this Morning |

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| Nov. 9 Sabbath | Clear and very handsome Morning white frost |
| 9 Pr. Meetg. at Jon Law | Prayer Meeting at Jon Lawrences 10 o'clock, Brother Clark there, also Phebe Sneden, Maria, Aaron and Elizabeth Wheeler, Margaret, Henry Concklin and Wife Peggy, Jacob Gesner and Wife, Mistress Cooper, Gracy and Self there and family, good Meeting Jacob Gesner good Praying Jon Lawrence in the Work of exhortation &c |
| 7 Prayr. Mg. upper Landg. | Prayer Meeting upper landing to Night, about 35 or 40 (Meeting at Baptist Meeting House also to Night) Jacob Gesner opened the Meeting, read a Chapter sung and Made an excellent Prayer, gave after Reading an affectionate exhortation. Jon Lawrence Gave a very pressing and insisting exhortation and Prayer (rather lengthy) with Much energy, Also Wheeler and Clark, this was a Meeting of energy &c — Jacob Gesner in a Second Discourse in the Most Solemn and insisting Manner pressed the necessity of fleeing to Jesus for the pardon and Remission of this Soul, he seemed very Much Affected with the Value of Souls — Jon Lawrence again Exhorted, very tenderly, the Matter appeared too Closely pressed, and with voice highly toned, the people (Some of them) appeared worried and Went away After it appeared about time to Close — I, Gracy, Sally, Jon Lawrence, Wheeler, Mary, Jacob Gesner from Rockland |
| Monday 10 | Overcast this Morning, some breaking away, and a Very Warm Smoaky Day, at Night overcast |

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| Nov. 10 Herbt. Oxen | Herbert Saturday and to Day Oxen together $\frac{3}{4}$ Day Drawing wood |
| Charles Ges 10 helped Wm Law helped Corn | Charles this Afternoon brought Oxen 2 o'clock and helped me draw in 2 loads Corn, William Lawrence came before 12 picked &c |
| Rain 11 | Rain this Morning, breaks away after 12 |
| Wed. 12 | Cloudy forenoon, Middling clear Afternoon frost and Ground some frozen this Morning. |
| Ja Ges 12 poorly all day | Jacob Gesner poorly with Side, been to River, in Return had to Stop at Zebulon Woolsey's, walk home after a while |
| 12 | Bought and paid of Abraham Clark 9 lb beef at 5 pence |
| apples to 12 Sally's & big pot home | I took some Apples to Sallys, brought big pot home |
| Wm. Law 12 | William Lawrence helped pick and bring in a small load Corn |
| Herbt Sick 12 | Herbert Gesner Sick some Days, and confined |
| Vendue at 12 B. Nagles | Vendue at Old Barnet Nagles Closter, he died some little Ago, I did not Go |
| Thurs 13 | Clear and Cool White frost and Moderate all Day |

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| Nov. 13 | Gathered Corn on hill over Road to Day |
| Wm Law 13 | William Lawrence helped but part of the Day |
| Subscriptn. 13 for Whitfields Memoirs | Yesterday a Man with a prospectus, about for Subscribers for the printing of Whitefields Memoir &c at 20 shillings. I subscribed |
| Husked 13 Corn | Husked Corn to Night, Jon Lawrence, George Lawrence, William, Charles Gesner and Sidney and Self |
| Friday 14 | Overcast this Morning, Rained a little afterward all Day |
| Ja Ges 14 to NY | Jacob Gesner to New York, I Sent 2 Bags potatoes |
| Sat. 15 | Overcast and very cold this Morning. Wind N looks for Snow, cold wind |
| Hickory 15 pole let Wm. Ges. have | Let William Gesner have a nice nut pole, he wanted to Raise it home for a Jackson hickory. He promised to work &c |
| 15 | I got the last of the corn on hill above Road in very Cold |
| Mary Van 15 Winkle | Chattering Mary VanWinkle came here this afternoon near Night — Stay'd all Night |
| Sabbath 16 | Very Cold, overcast, has snowed a trifle, Ground hard as a Brick this Morning &c |

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| Nov. 16 Pr. Mg. Jon L. | Prayer Meeting at Jon Lawrences this Morning, very cold, only a few. Lucy, Wheeler and Daughter, My self and family of Jon Lawrence. |
| Johnson 16 Prd. at Slote | Johnson Preached at Slote School House 3 o'clock only 10 or 20, I, Jon Lawrence, Jacob Gesner, and Wheeler there, a Very good Sermon |
| 16 Johnson Preachd. at upper Landg. his wife down | Johnson Preached upper landing to Night from Isaiah 3 and 10 and 11 Verses "Say unto the Brethren" a Very excellent Sermon between 50 60 (very Cold) Jon Lawrence exhorted also, also Jacob Gesner. Some went out before this last exhortation. I believe this Sermon Wounded the feeling of some while it may be that some were hardened. Mistress Johnson down to Day at this Meeting — I, Jon Lawrence, Jacob Gesner and Wheeler from Rockland. |
| Mond. 17 | Stormy, Some hail with little Rain this Morning. Very Raw and Cold, about 11 AM altogether Rain and continues All Day and Night |
| Sugar 17 | Got sugar 3 ½ lb, George Gesner got for me at Larry's, paid |
| Tuesd. 18 | Rain continues till the Afternoon but overcast |

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| Nov. 18 Johnson Pd. J. L. | Johnson Preached at Jon Lawrences to Night, the members of Rockland all there except Lucy, very Muddy; He preached from 2 Corinthians 13 Chapter 5 Verse "Examin &c" a very close as well as Genuine Sermon, a little Rainy in Evening. 10 or 20 only — |
| Wed. 19 | Overcast near all Day, not very cold |
| Johnson 19 & Wife to Jon Lawrence | Brother Johnson and wife came Yesterday to Jon Lawrences, William Lawrence with My horse and George Lawrence's Waggon fetched Wife and Johnson from Derick Clarks, he came down with Clarks Mare, I kept him |
| Thursday 20 | Cloudy this Morning not cold, Afternoon nearly Clear, at Night Clear |
| Rejoicing 20 & Jacksonians | At Abraham Houses a great Rejoicing by the Jacksonians, firing and feasting continued late at Night or Bed time |
| Johnson 20 was &c but did not Prch. at Slote | Johnson was to have preached at Slote to Night but no Regular Notice having been given it was Mentioned at upper landing, He and Jon Lawrence went down but no one came; the Rejoicing probably prevented a few &c — |
| Jon L 20 to Court | Jon Lawrence went to New City as a Juror on Tuesday and back this Afternoon |
| Friday 21 | Clear the past Night, Cloudy this forenoon not cold |

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| Nov. 21 Johnson & Wife here | Johnson and Wife came from Sally's to my house on foot about 10 o'clock |
| 21 Johnson Preachd. My house | Johnson preached at My house to Night from Hebrews 2 and last clause of 2 Verse "But the word preached did not profit them &c" There was no Mixture of untempered Mortar in this discourse. The purpose of which to irradicate if possible, pride hatred Animosity, bigotry, backbiting, evil Speaking, And lacerating the feelings of professors, christians &c that any person belonging to any Society practicing these wicked Measures could not be right and if continuing and dying in this Way could not see God in heaven in peace &c &c That it was the duty of all Christians to love all those who loved the Lord Jesus Christ — There was Betsy Sneden and daughter Phebe Ann, Mary Ann Cooper, Wynchy, these Old side Members — and Jon Lawrence, Sally, Mary Lawrence, Sarah Ann Moison, George Lawrence, Henry Concklin, and Peggy, Margaret, old Mister Cooper and Mistress Cooper, Jacob Gesner and Wife, Myself, Gracy, Mistress Johnson, were those who Composed this Meeting — an excellent Discourse — Jon Lawrence exhorted very Affectionately after Johnson had done — Closed with a little Prayer Meeting |
| Sprinkle 22 | Overcast this forenoon and Sprinkles |
| Br. Johnson 22 Wt. Away &c | Brother Johnson went Away About 10 o'clock with Clark's mare, his wife stay'd |

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| Nov. 23 | Cloudy not Cold all Day |
| Sund. 23 Pr. Mg. Jon Law | Prayer Meeting Jon Lawrences 10 o'clock, I there, Wheeler, Margaret, Lucy, Jacob Gesner and Wife, Mistress Cooper and Mistress Pearse (she prayed) Gracy, Mistress Johnson. Jacob Gesner seemed much in the possession of an Assurance of enjoying a peace with God and Willing to Depart and be with Christ, he Spoke and prayed well, Also Jon Lawrence and Wheeler. A good Meeting |
| 23 Prayr. Mg. upper Landg. | Prayer Meeting upper landing. About 20 in all. There was Meeting in Baptist Meeting House — I went with Waggon of Herbert and Sorrel, Wheeler with Me — Jon Lawrence and Sally came a little After on foot — he (Jon Lawrence) had before I started concluded not to come; but afterwards he and Sally came — We heard a Very Good Discourse both from Wheeler and Jon Lawrence, a Solemn Attendance was paid &c, Sally and Jon rode back — |
| Mon. 24 | Cloudy early, not Cold, but About 9 Grew Cold |
| Jon Law 24 Killed Hogs | Jon Lawrence killed his 2 fat Hogs this Morning. I Jacob Gesner and George Lawrence helped him, The One Weighed 244 the other 272 lb very nice hogs — |
| Ja Conck 24 Moved NY | Jacob D. Concklin Moved back to New York again |
| Got last 24 corn in | I got My corn in upper field Yard, the last. William Lawrence fetched Herbert's Waggon, I picked it, he helped it in. Very Cold and Windy from NW this Afternoon. |

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| Nov. 25 | Cloudy, Windy and Cold. Wind NW at Night very cold |
| Tues. 25 Johnson Pd. Extra Serm. J. L. | Johnson came down with Waggon to fetch his Wife, he Preached at Jon Lawrence's to Night, truly a Great Sermon from Revelations "Behold I stand at the doors and Knock &c" about 30, Doctor Hopson, Mistress Ivers, Madalin there, but Wheeler and wife and Lucy not there. This was an Extra Meeting |
| Wed. 26 | Cloudy and Cool all Day |
| I Hooped 26 J. L. Barr. | I Hooped Jonathan Lawrence 2 Neat Barrels to Day, in Afternoon William Lawrence came and helped 1 load Stalks in |
| I Recd. 26 Gen Jacksons Biography | Today I Received the life of Andrew Jackson for Which I had Subscribed some time ago price 14 shillings but could only pay 12 shillings, he took 2 shillings in Oats, Was with Waggon. |
| 27 | Clear and a little cold this Morning ground frozen |
| Thurs. 27 | Pedlar came which Gracy owed and Stay'd all Night but Gracy could not pay him, she that Morning had lent the Money saved to Jacob Gesner. |
| Storms & 27 Johnson down boy & Mare | Brother Johnson and John Storms came here to Day with Waggon purposely, to bring me a boy and a Mare. I bought the Mare for \$17.50 payed next 1 st of May. The boy from New York I kept &c |

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| Nov. 27 This day I got a boy & Bought a Mare of Storms | This Boy (it appears) was removed from his Fathers abode on Account of the Severity of his Step Mother, William Storms got him from New York and having not much Need of him, hearing that I wanted a boy as well as a (Mare) Horse, he came Down with Brother Johnson with Waggon and the Boy on the Mare. So I kept both boy and Horse. |
| Friday 28 | A very handsome Day all Day, at Evening grew thinly Overcast from SW |
| 28 Wm Gesner Helped cut fire wood & Cose | William Gesner came with Cose whom he had persuaded to come with him to cut some fire wood, in Afternoon Cose complaining in his usual way did nothing hardly, Went off and left William Alone. William Gesner said he would cut a little firewood for the Hickory pole I gave him to Raise in honor to General Jackson &c at Herberts his father. They cut in Mountain |
| Deed 28 for Phebe Sneden | Yesterday I wrote Deed for Phebe Sneden, the Boy of Eley (John) fetched it sunset. She had sold her house and lot from her father John Gesner to Garret Vervalen |
| 29 | Overcast And is Raining all Day, was clear at 10 o'clock at Night wind NW |
| Ja Ges 29 Killed Sheep | Jacob Gesner Killed Gracy's Ewe which she owned and was fatted in Sheep Stable very fat |
| Sabbath 30 | Cloudy early, still, yet clear with Clouds, very Clear After a While and in the Night cool |

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| Nov. 30 | Prayer Meeting Jon Lawrences 10 o'clock. Myself, Gracy, Jacob Gesner, Lucy, Margaret, Wheeler and Daughter Elizabeth, Sarah Ann went with the family there |
| N. Watkins 30 Pd. at Slote | Nathaniel Watkins Preached Slote 3 o'clock, only About 12 or 14. I there, Jon Lawrence, Sally and Lucy from Rockland, a Good Sermon from Hebrews 4 Chapter and 9 Verse "There remaineth therefore a Rest to the people of God." |
| 30 Nathaniel Watkins Preached upper Landg. | Nathaniel Watkins Preached upper landing from 1 Peter 4 Chapter and 7 Verse "But the end of all things is at hand be ye therefore Sober and Watch unto Prayer." This also Must receive place among the catalogue of excellent Sermons; indeed an extraordinary Sermon. If the feelings of any human being were Susceptible of impression this Sermon must have exerted sensibility not only of the immediate necessity of seeking Salvation as the Most important but also comprising an Illucidation of Doctrinal points, there were present About 60 perhaps near 70, Myself and Daughter Sally with Waggon of George Lawrence and My New Horse (mare) Went from Slote School House Meeting to upper landing, no other from Rockland |
| Dec. 1 | Clear with some Clouds all Day, in Evening grew thick overcast |
| Ja Ges 1 to NY | Jacob Gesner to New York. I Sent 3 Bags potatoes and 1 Basket Holland Apples — Gracy sent 3 fowls |
| Watkins 1 at J. L. | Brother Watkins came to Jon Lawrences to Day from Brother Clark |

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| Nov. 27 Written on wrong page | | This Boy Storms had got or taken from New York his Name Henry Alfred Miles. his step Mother being Severe, his Father thought best to Remove the Boy &c. The Boy About 13 Years &c |
| Dec. 2 Rain | | Has Rained some last Night and still a little Rain this Morning and some all Day, at evening cleared up Moderate |
| I Made 2 Cider no Apples &c | | I Made about 1 Barrel cider to Day, that's all I've made this Year. No Apples hardly — some of the neighbors have Made none who used to Make Much, Peter Riker and John Haring Made some of their own Apples |
| 2 Watkins Pd. at Jon Law to Night | | Nathaniel Watkins Preached at Jonathan Lawrences to Night, only About 10 or 12 beside family, The Roads are Very Muddy indeed — Watkins was Afflicted with the tooth-Ache. He Preached from John 11 and 28 Verse last clause "The Master is come and calleth for thee." This Sermon was short, probably on Account of Tooth-Ache, but certainly it must be much Admired and a Most Singular and feeling discourse — I, Gracy, Wheeler, Old Cooper, Lucy, 3 from Abraham Clarks &c — Jacob Gesner and Wife, Peg and Henry and Margaret and Mistress Wheeler, Mistress Cooper Not there — |
| 1834 | | Momento |
| Dec. 3 | | Cloudy this Morning But clear and very handsome Day for the time of the Year |
| Jacob 3 Gesner had a Boy to cut cord wood | | Jacob Gesner had a Boy this Afternoon to cut wood, I had given him to cut. and I Would draw it, then each half to promise Some Beef, he said that he had asked his Brothers (Meaning Methodist Protestants) not one of them came; but Obb, John Willse, John G. Concklin and one of the Renwicks, There is a Shame existing in this Account especially on his fellow Members who were Asked — even Herbert Boys none came — |
| Thurs. 4 | | Clear and Cold this Morning, Ground hard frozen, Midday Moderate |
| I Killed 4 Hogs | | I killed My 3 Small Hogs, 1 Weighed 102 lb one 114 and one 136 lb, Nice young pork. Jacob Gesner helped, Alfred My new boy and William Lawrence a While |
| Frid. 5 | | Clear Morning all Day Clear: hazy towards Night a Nice moderate Day |
| I Hooped 5 for Sally | | I hooped a Small Meat tub for Sally to Day |
| Eley 5 | | Eley came at Sally's last Night went away home this Evening |
| Sat. 6 Rain | | A bad Storm this Morning, hard rain, Wind SE, Clear before 12 o'clock, Wind changed NW not Cold |

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| Dec. 6 Obb & Wife Ja Ges Wife &c | Yesterday Obb Cooper and Wife went to New York Jacob Gesner and Wife Went there to keep house until they Returned from New York |
| Cut 6 Hogs up Sabbath 7 | Cut up My hogs to Night Clear and handsome this Morning and all Day |
| 7 Pr. Mg. Jon Law good Mg. J. L. led Class | Prayer Meeting At Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock. Jacob Gesner exhorted and prayed seemingly in the Spirit, Made an excellent Prayer. Jon Lawrence and Wheeler Also. This was a good time: those who Attended were Wheeler, Margaret, Peggy, Rachel Gravestine, Myself, Jacob Gesner and Brother Clark and family. Jon Lawrence led Class; The Lord Seemed in the Midst. |
| 7 Prayr. Mg. upper land John Waldron Went to Bap- tist church to Sing | Prayer Meeting at upper landing to Night. Jon Lawrence Sally and William Lawrence With My Mare and Herberts Waggon, I and Jacob Gesner went on foot. John Waldron told me he had to Attend with the Singers to Night in the Baptist church. They had no one to lead them, and Would be bad if there was no one to go before to lead the Singing; this saying of his to me I think but little of it, as he being Attached to our Meeting. We wanted Singing also. This Reply he Made, (I being in his house) on My Asking him if he was not going Along to Meeting — Very good Meeting, About 40, Jon Lawrence, Jacob Gesner and Clark exhorted |

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| Dec. 7 I & Gracy took Dinner | I and Gracy Were Invited to take dinner with Herbert and Mary Ann to Day. We took Dinner with them on a Very fat Goose Stuffed, About ½ After one to Day |
| Some 8 Rain | Stormy Again this Morning and Rain, wind SE — Clear but Cloudy about 10 o'clock. Wind changes to the NW and blows a Gale still not very cold, very Windy at Night also |
| David 8 Haring Oxen | David Haring Oxen About 10 or 11 AM to Draw Stone for the foundation of his Shop at Tappan just beyond the Meeting House: or near John Harings Mill |
| Bot 8 3 Almanacs | I Bought 3 Almanacks to Day of an Almanack pedlar, the One Hutchins &c one Jackson Almanack, The other Whig Almanack. Political opposition Runs High, it has crept into our almanacks with Awful pictures of human beings, cut and slash, Self-Interest exists more than the public good &c |
| Tuesd. 9 | Clear this Morning and all Day and cool |
| I laid 9 out lot of Ground for Hen C. | I Went to Day and laid out a lot of Ground for Henry Concklin of John Iseman who came for me — a lot just above Lawrence Snedens at Ludlows Road of not a half Acre quite, a very Strong lot. |
| Cut Sau= 9 sage Meat | Cut Sausage Meat to Night, William Lawrence helped Alfred &c — Mary Lawrence came here too. |
| Wed. 10 | Clear this Morning and All Day and at Night |

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| Dec. 10 Birthday | My birthday, I am now 69 years of Age |
| Sausage 10 | Stuffed Sausages to Night. Jacob Gesner helped some. |
| from 10 Mill &c | Cooper and Alfred fetched My Bucket Meal and Jake's Indian Meal from Nagles Mill this Afternoon |
| Thurs. 11 | Clear this Morning, Ground hard frozen and all Day clear and not very cold |
| Ja Ges & 11 wife out &c | Jacob Gesner and Wife with My Mare at David Tallmans to Night on a Visit |
| 12 | Mostly clear all Day, not cold, more overcast towards Night |
| Jerry 12 Smith Oxen | Jerry Smith with My Oxen fetched after Sun rise — back About Sun Set |
| Helped 12 out Herbt. beef &c | I helped Herbert cut up his beef to Day. The quarters Weighed About 114 lb, it was very excellent beef, he gave me 6 ¼ lb a Roast piece |
| Ja Ges 12 had Horse &c | Jacob Gesner to Slote with My Mare &c he said before he Went, but he was soon back this Evening with his Wife. She had Went out this Afternoon. |
| J. Law 12 Sally Betsy Scudder here | Jon Lawrence and Sally and Betsy Scudder here to Night. Betsy stay'd |
| 13 | Cloudy this Morning |

| 1834 | Momento |
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| Dec. 13 Died &c | John Willse's young Child Died this morning About 5 o'clock. Buried between 2 and 3, at John Gesner Burying Ground |
| Sund. 14 | This Morning a Snow Squall from NW, cold high Wind at 10 Clear. Cloudy Cold and Windy |
| Pr. Mg. 14 Jon Law | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences this Morning, a good little Meeting. Jacob Gesner, Myself, Mistress Cooper, Lucy, Margaret Peggy, with the family composed this Meeting, it was very Cold and Windy |
| Johnson 14 at Slote Sch House no Preachg. | Johnson at Slote School House little after 3 PM, only John Blanch, John Capagen, Cooper (the tailor) and Myself and Eley there; it being late and exceptionally cold; John made only a Prayer and each Went their Way. I went Home, Johnson went to upper Landing; whether he preached I know not — |
| 14 | Johnson at upper Landing |
| Mond. 15 Excessive cold | Uncommon cold all Night and all this Day. I hardly ever Saw Ice frozen so thick in so short time, all Day partly overcast, and excessive cold |

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| Dec. 15 I Paid to Br. Johnson \$8.50 for Mosheims Eccl Hist. | Brother Johnson intending not to Preach at Jonathan Lawrence's on Tuesday Night (to Morrow Night) but to go Down to New York with Steam Boat from Nyack Landing, And as I was to pay the \$8.50 for Mosheims Ecclesiastical History and by him to be paid to Brother Pierson at New York and by him to be forwarded to Baltimore to John J Harrad Methodist Protestant Book Agent, This Day I paid the \$8.50 to Brother Johnson who came down in haste from Brother Clarks this Morning to Receive it, I gave a half Joe and 50 cents. |
| uncommon 15 Cold &c Tues. 16 | This has been an excessive cold freezing Day, Wind About WNW More Moderate this Morning and all Day. Hazy and Cloudy Wind SW but cold at Night, wind about N clear |
| 16 | Peggy Concklin here to Day |
| Sheep 16 Dead &c | This Morning My best Ewe was dead, yesterday I found her Alone and brought her home and put her in the pen, Skinned her this Morning, was in excellent good order, I expect has been chased by dogs &c. |
| Johnson 16 did not Preach at Slote | Johnson did not preach at Jon Lawrence to Night, was gone to NY; had prayer Meeting, Jacob Gesner Spoke uncommon Well. Jon Exorted Well |

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| Dec. 16 a good Meetg. Ja Ges almost preached | Our Meeting was Small, people knew Generally that Johnson would not preach: I, Gracy, Jacob Gesner, Jacob Post and Wife, Jerry Smith and Margaret, Henry Concklin and Peggy, Elizabeth Wheeler and the Jonathan family comprised the Meeting. Jacob Gesner almost preached to Night, a Good Meeting — grows very cold again to Night |
| Wed. 17 | Thinly overcast all Day, not very cold — But early in the Morning it was very cold indeed till 10 or 11 — |
| Ice prevents 17 Boat at Snedens | The boat yesterday from Snedens was prevented to go out to the Steam boat Orange &c |
| Thursd. 18 | A little Snow this Morning. Wind NE raw cold drissley and freezing. The Roads in good order. |
| Ja Ges 18 took wood to land. &c | Jacob Gesner had My 2 Teams, David Concklins and John G. Concklins Waggons drawing cord wood. My Oxen took down 6 Loads to Day, horses 4 and Abe Post with his Oxen and cart 2 loads to Snedens landing — I and Jacob Gesner each half. |
| Singing 18 School J. G. Nich Conk 18 Returned Order &c | Jacob Gesner commenced Singing school to Night at Rockland School House Nicholas Concklin Returned the Order I wrote from Herbert to him for William Sneden to pay 50 Dollars of Wood Money. Nicholas concluded the Receipt drawn would endanger his other Note held Against Herbert. I examined it and found it good in every Respect. I would not draw another. No doubt he had been counselled &c |



*House at the
Landing owned by
William Sneden,
son of Boss Sneden,
who built it
around 1820, but
lived at the Slot.*

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| Dec. 19 | Overcast this Morning and Appears for foul — Clouds seem to break about 10 and partly clear the rest of the Day, not cold |
| Ja Ges 19 wood &c | Jacob Gesner took one load of Cord-wood to Snedens and back before sun rise; took 3 to Day including the one Mentioned — Now 15 loads is drawn |
| Alfred 19 to NY | Alfred Went to New York to Day. I gave him 6 pence to see his Father; he and his Father (William Miles) came up Tuesday following |
| Obb Oxen 19 | Obb Oxen drew 2 Loads Wood yesterday |
| Stove 19 put up in Big Room the 16 th Sat. 20 | Stove put up the day before yesterday on Wednesday, the 16 th Instant Jonathan Lawrence cut hole through the front of chimney for the pipe the Same Day — in Big Room — Overcast the Sky does not Appear for foul, The Wind is from the westward; at Night colder |
| Corn 20 | I took in the last of my good Corn from barn |
| Bot 20 Willets Arithmetic | Mary Lawrence bought for Me at Taulman's Willetts Arithmetic yesterday for 2 shillings 6 pence |
| Rich ox 20 | Richard Oxen Yesterday 2 Loads Wood |
| Sabbath 21 | Clear and Cold this Morning |
| Book 20 | Margaret Smith handed me a book as a present to Me from her Sister Rachel |

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| Dec. 21 Sun | Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock, a good Meeting. Wheeler, Margaret, Peggy and Henry Concklin, Mistress Pierce (She prayed) Gracy and self were there with family |
| Pr. Mg. upper Landg. &c | 21 Prayer Meeting upper Landing to Night, only 9 or 10, Jon Lawrence was the only one from Rockland, a Scheme seems to be laid to break up our Meeting here. The Scholars belonging to the Singing School are invited to Griffis's Night Meeting in Baptist church which draws our former Congregation Away &c — Eley, Garret Onderdonk and Wife, John and Henry Bell, Clark &c were at the Prayer Meeting &c |
| Mond. 22 | Hazy all Day, not very cold, at Night a little Snow |
| David 22 Blt. & wife here | David Blauvelt and Wife here to Night on Visit, Sally came with Lucy — |
| Salt Meadow 22 for J. L | Fetchd 1 load hay for Jon Lawrence Salt Meadow. I and William Lawrence |
| Tues 23 | Thinly Overcast all Day not cold |
| Salt 23 Hay | I and William Lawrence 2 loads to day, one of Which a Small one I took home |

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| Dec. 23 | Jonathan Lawrence to New York Yesterday and back the 24 th |
| Wed. 24 | Overcast, looks somewhat likely for snow all day |
| Pr. Mtg. 24 at Jon Law | Christmas Eve Prayer Meeting Jonathan Lawrences, only a few, looks for Snow — I, Wheeler, Margaret Henry C, and the family only there, a good little Meeting |
| Thursday 24 | Christmas Day still overcast, looks snowy. Cold at Night, some little Snow at Night. |
| 25 | Jonathan Lawrence oxen 1 load Wood from below |
| Friday 26 | Ground fairly covered with Snow this Morning and cold, snows a little again afternoon |
| Henry 26 C. & Peggy here &c | Henry Concklin and Wife here. Peggy in afternoon Henry at Night. Drank tea in Evening. They wanted to get a piece of ground &c |
| Young 26 Creatures | I fetched My 2 Steers and Heifer up Yesterday from below |
| Saturday 27 | Cold this Morning Clear, not much Wind. Clouds from NW |
| Sun 28 | Overcast All Day, Clouds somewhat broken Wind nearly NE not very cold |

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| Dec. 28 Pr. Mg. Jon Law | Prayer Meeting at Jonathan Lawrences 10 o'clock, only a few, Walking somewhat Slippery with a little snow and icy places underneath. I there, Wheeler Henry Concklin and Peggy, Margaret And Mistress Pierce, and family, good little Meeting, Mistress Pierce praying |
| No 28 Preachg. at Slote | I and Wheeler to Slote School House, none came Nor the preacher at the appointed time 3 o'clock |
| Watkins 28 Preachd. upper Landg. | Nathaniel Watkins Preached at upper Landing text from Luke 16 and 23 "And in hell he lifts up his Eyes being in torment." This text was handled in the Most Judicious Manner and the greatest solemnity pervaded the Meeting about between 50 and 60. He proved that the Rich Man could not be considered as an Atrociously Wicked Man, but was in torment for want of a New heart, the cleansing power of Jesus blood &c. He went to Brother Clark's to Night, had Walked Down from the pond, left his horse there being unsafe to Ride her Shoes Smoothed. I and Wheeler at this Meeting and Eley, Mistress C and Hannah but neither Phebe Sneden nor the 2 Girls (they being home) Nor John Waldron And Wife Anne only there. There is an indifference lately the cause I'm not Acquainted with only Conjecture |
| Indifference in some Members | |
| 29 | This Morning a Cold Snow Storm wind from NE by N; Snow about 10 or 12 Inches Deep |

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| Dec. 29 | Continued Snowing a little all Day and Evening, there now lies on the Ground a Snow near 12 Inches deep |
| 29 | I sent 1 Bag potatoes with Jacob Ferdon on his sled to Snedens — Jacob Gesners Wood and Mine on board of Larry Snedens Pettiauger for New York; Gracy sent 4 Chickens cleaned, the Boat did not go today; More Wood to be put on board |
| 29 | I got 7 lb weight flour 2 shillings and 3 ½ lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence at Larry Snedens, Makes 4 shillings 6 pence Paid — |
| Watkins 29 Pd. at Clark's | Watkins preached at Brother Clark's to Night, Clark said that Watkins preached uncommon well, I was not there — |
| Tues 30 | Continues Overcast (not very cold) all Day |
| 30 | Brother Clark brought Nathaniel Watkins down to Jonathan Lawrence's to Day — Snow plenty, roads poorly broke |
| Watkins 30 at Jon Law | Watkins Preached to Night at Jonathan Lawrences, about 25, his text "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give your Rest." A Very good Sermon; he is truly an excellent Preacher, and forcibly impressive &c. I, Gracy, Jacob Gesner and Wife, Cooper and Wife, Wheeler, Margaret, Henry Concklin and Wife, Dr. Hopson, Mistress Ivers, Richard Van Dean and Wife and Anne Briggs with family composed the Meeting — |

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| December 31 | Jacob Gesner and George M. Lawrence to New York with my mare and George Lawrence's Sleigh, went about 8 o'clock AM, Jacob expects to meet the Pettiauger with our Wood at New York |
| Wed 31 | Cloudy but not very cold |
| David 31 Blt. Oxen | David Blauvelt's oxen drew 2 loads from Matthew Corwines |
| Watch 31 Night Jon Law | Watch Night at Jonathan Lawrence's, Brother Watkins there, Met between 8 and 9 at Night. Brother Watkins preached an excellent sermon from Revelations 7 and from 13 th verse to end of Chapter. I, Gracy, Betsy Gesner, (Jacob Gesner NY) Mistress Cooper and Mr. Cooper, David Blauvelt and Lucy, Jerry and Margaret Wheeler. Henry Concklin and Wife were sick and home, Cooper and Jerry Went Home after Watkins Sermon, a Good Time continued till a little after 12 in prayer and Singing. Wheeler exhorted (then Jerry left Room) |
| 1835 | |
| Jan 1 | Clear but middling Cold all Day, excellent Sleigh Riding |
| Jacob Ges 1 & George Law Back | Jacob Gesner and George Lawrence back from New York. I got for the bag potatoes 7 shillings (see Dec. 29) Gracy 7 shillings for 2 pair large Chickens. Jacob Gesner bought me 36 lb beef Neck pieces at 4 pence per lb = 12 shillings |

INTERESTING EVENTS

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- 16, May 17, 1830: Deed from Elizabeth Rice to Jerry Smith
- 21, August 7, 1830: Herbert Gesner fell out of bread wagon
- 24, Sept. 6, 1830: Nicholas wrote will for Dorcas Conshot
- 27, Oct. 8, 1830: Nicholas wrote articles of agreement for John Van Kleek and Peggy Van Kleek,
Nicholas worked on road
- 29, Nov. 1, 1830: Discussion at schoolhouse about Brower estate
- 33, Dec. 10-13, 1830: Nicholas searching for Brower information
- 35, March 24, 1831: John Van Kleek's Vendue
- 37, April 1, 1831: Richard Van Wickel's attempt on Elmira Concklin's chastity
- 40, April 13, 1831: Girl stole Mrs. Trenchard's frocks
- 69, Dec. 9, 1831: Jupiter's occultation with the moon
- 72, Jan. 9, 1832: Nicholas chosen class leader for Reform Methodists
- 73, Feb. 1, 1832: Polly seems to have moved to Phebe's
- 75, Feb 7, 1832: Meeting at Nicholas's house to persuade Gracey to welcome Polly
Feb. 10, 1832: Gracey and Polly shook hands after prayer meeting
- 78-82, Feb. 25, 1832: Nicholas defends himself concerning his behavior to Gracey and Polly
- 96-99, June 3, 1832: Nicholas answers accusations against him by Jacob Gesner
- 102-103, June 19, 1832: Herbert Gesner's accident
- 104-106, June 20, 1832: John G. Concklin attacks Cose and Nicholas
- 109, July 18, 1832: Cholera rages in New York City
- 113, August 18, 1832: Cholera spreads, someone dies in Closter from cholera
- 121, Oct. 2, 1832: Jacob Concklin dies, Nicholas suspects poisoned by his wife Elmira
- 146, Dec. 28, 1832: John Van Kleek dies of kidney complaint and consumption
- 149, Jan. 4, 1833: George Mann saw cow with two tails in New York City
- 157, Jan. 30, 1833: Cornelius Ackerson buried
- 185, April 24, 1833: Controversy about Ster teaching at schoolhouse
- 188, May 4, 1833: Nicholas Concklin makes Wheeler leave Old House
- 196, May 31, 1833: Difficult character of his brother John Gesner
- 199, June 10, 1833: John Gesner died
- 201, June 15, 1833: Pretended botanist visited Nicholas
- 203, June 20, 1833: Reverend Avery tried for murder of Sarah Cornell
- 214, July 10, 1833: Phenomenon in the firmament
- 220, July 23, 1833: Casparus Mabie died
- 221, July 25, 1833: Dutchman selling spelling books visits Nicholas
- 222, July 29, 1833: Nicholas left behind by Henry Gesner
- 225, August 1, 1833: Charles Gesner cut by scythe swung by Henry Willse
- 237, Sept. 4, 1833: Nicholas and Gracey find Lucy Blauvelt hiding in potato field
- 238, Sept. 6, 1833: Nicholas and James Ivers visit Lucy and David Blauvelt
- 244, Sept. 22, 1833: Glorious prayer meeting at Camp Meeting
- 252, Oct. 9, 1833: Lucy's mother reports that David is still abusing Lucy
- 253, Oct. 9, 1833: Joseph Ackerson and David Blauvelt get into a fight
- 257, Oct. 26, 1833: David Blauvelt's trial
- 260, Oct. 29, 1833: Jacob Ackerson accuses Nicholas of grinding his apples at cider mill

266, Nov. 13, 1833: Remarkable meteor shower
 273, Dec. 6, 1833: Benjamin Sneden died of smallpox at Newark
 276, June 23, 1834: Record of trial between Lucy and David Blauvelt begins
 279, July 3, 1834: Jacob Gesner's 23 chickens killed by a weasel
 283, July 8, 1834: Nicholas's brother Abraham Gesner and daughter Maria visit Nicholas
 285, July 11, 1834: Preacher Crowe dismissed as a Universalist
 289, July 17, 1834: Nicholas takes Abraham and Maria to see Major André's grave
 291, July 18, 1834: Abraham and Maria leave
 292, July 19, 1834: Nicholas explains why his brothers left for Nova Scotia in 1775.
 295, July 25, 1834: Cornelius Ackerson died of consumption
 301, Aug. 8, 1834: David Concklin's oxen destroying Nicholas's fields
 302-306, Aug. 9-Aug. 16, 1834: Nicholas sick
 311, Aug. 23, 1834: Herbert Gesner's young son died
 315, Aug. 12 to Aug. 29, 1834: James and Edward Miller visiting Nicholas
 316, Aug. 31, 1834: Nicholas has ague and fever, also Sept. 2-7
 355, Dec. 27, 1834: Brother Johnson brought Nicholas a boy and a mare