

Rachel Jester

Her Diary

1887

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Introduction

Rachel Collgan Van Trump Jester's Diary

This document is a restructured transcription of the Rachel Collgan Van Trump Jester's diary of 1887. She kept this diary for a year starting January 14th and ending at Christmas time. It is apparent that the dairy was originally in two volumes. One page from the second volume, was found at the back of the dairy. The page in in very bad condition but appears to be from near Christmas time.

The editor has endeavored to make as close to an exact transcription as possible. This document tries to capture the dairy as closely as she wrote it as possible. The actual transcription document faithfully keeps the pages the same as the original document. This should help any future individual who performs additional work with the diary. The punctuation is retained. For many of her sentences, she uses what appears to be a comma instead of a period.

Not all words are visible as the pages are beginning to age and some of the writing is fading. Those which are guessed at are enclosed in square braces []. These that cannot be interpreted are signified by ellipsis ...

In her diary she speaks of “lesson leaves.” Based on my research, these were Sunday School lessons that had been prepared by the Methodist Episcopal Church to be used each Sunday for the year. They apparently were a complete lesson each week. See http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofsundays00wardrich/historyofsundays00wardrich_djvu.txt for more precise information

The editor was ably assisted by his daughter Amanda in transcribing a portion of the dairy.

The family:

Pen, Penn	Pennell Coombe Jester
Rachael	Rachael Coolgab Van Trump Jester (Pan's wife)
Eddie	Edward Price Jester
Lena	Lena Mae Jester
Mary	Mary Jester – died young no date
Jimmie	James Albert Jester
Anna, Lizzie	Anna Lizze Jester
Charley	Charles Bailey Jester
Walter	Walter Clements Jester
Simmie	Simeon Van Trump Jester

The calendar for the year 1887 is shown on the next page. This should help identify the days when the events were taking place.

Calendar for the year of 1887

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15th I am taking medicine from Dr. Cooper of Chestertown and have been under his treatment for more than two months I am feeling better at this time

23rd had quite a warm day went to church May N, was here and went with us , the roads are very muddy and there were few those

24th It rained most of the day snowed awhile before night and cleared up colder it is just 20 years tonight since we were married and there has been many changes in that time,

25th It has been clear and pleasant, Lizzie(the cook) got her clothes dry today May and I have been sewing

26th Eddie came home today, he said he had a nice time but I was glad to have him back home again

27th Pen took May and I down to Mr J Tucker's spent a pleasant evening

28th took may home staid with [Sister] Lizzie until after dinner I took butter and eggs to Wright's at the Voshal House instead of Mr Hall's

29th Lena has gone to Church-Hill she is a going to stay all night at Mr.ONeil's there is to be a festival to raise money for the missionary cause

30th raining today I didn't go to church have a cold and am not very well Mr. O'Neil is sick could not come to preach Lena did not get home

31st Miss Ella brought Lena home said they did well with the festival although they had a rainy day and dark night Lena said she spent a very pleasant time

February

2nd churned today only made 7 lb have been making more

3rd received a letter from Agnes Quigley it has been sometime since I have heard from her

4th went to Chestertown today took 8 lb butter went to see Dr. Cooper and took Lena was at Lizzie's a short time but got home in time for dinner went to see Mrs Steward in the afternoon Mrs Walls and daughter and Mrs M Walls was there had a nice time

5th I went to ChuchHill this afternoon it has been a cloudy and part of the time a stormy day I called on Miss [Molbe] Thurs back, she seemed well and cheerful I did not stay long for the road are bad and we had to drive slow

9th I have been down to Rolfs Wharf today took supper with Mrs. Taylor Miss E. Colton and Miss Maggie Evans were there we spent a very pleasant afternoon

10th I went to Beckie's today took Annie and Jimmie had a nice time Beckie cam home with me we expect to go to Lizzie's tomorrow we have done some talking tonight but it is bedtime and we will have to go to bed

11th we went to Lizzie's today took her by surprise she was not expecting me for it is my day to take butter I took 5 lb to Mrs Wright Lizzie went home with Beckie, she expects to come here sunday.

12th I didn't go to the Hill today Tommie was here

14th I took Lizzie home today went to see Dr. Cooper he gave me medicine for lena and some for myself

17th very pretty day most like spring but very muddy

18th I went to town today sold my butter eggs and potatoes and went to see Dr. Cooper it rained fast before I got home we had a thunder gust right sharp lightning it is still warm

19th cleared off last night was pleasant all day

20th went to Church had no preaching as Mr. O'Neil is still sick had a nice class meeting

21st took Lena to Dr. for him to see her lip

25th I went to town today Lena and I went to Dr.'s I feel better but am still taking medicine, Lena is better but her lip is not well yet. Becky was at Lizzie's I brought her home with me, Pen took her to Mr Crossleys [store] I went in to see Mrs. C spent a very pleasant time came home to tea

26th Sat this has been a stormy day it snowed this morning and turned to a rain, the wind is

blowing hard tonight it is colder an still raining there is an old saying that the sun always shines some time during saturday but we have not seen it today

27th Sunday went to church Mr Kemp from Chestertown preached and administered the Holy Communion

28th the cook did not come home last night, I have been fixing a bed for the boy we expect tomorrow

March

1st Lizzie came back today but I don't know how long she will stay as she only expected to stay this winter, but I guess she will stay this month the boy came (Walter) we washed I am not very well

2nd I went to Church-Hill Mr. O'Neil is still sick but a little better

3rd I have been poorly all day Pen was going to sit up with Mr. O'Neil but did not like to stay from me all night as I was poorly he went up there got somebody else to stay in his place

4th I did not go to town today Eddie went and got some medicine for Lena and me, she is getting better, I feel better today we had a snow storm last night and today

5th I did not go to Church-Hill today Pen went it snowed right fast before he got home he saw Beckie there, I should liked to have seen her but I was not very well and thought I had better stay home

7th Pen is not home tonight, he has gone to sit up with Mr. O'Neil, I feel lonely without him, he so seldom goes from home to stay all night the woman has gone away and so has the boy, Eddie has gone to bed Lena and Jimmie are waiting for me I must stop and go.

8th) Mr. O'N was not much better this morning Mrs. Toller was here this afternoon

10th) Mr. O'Neil died last night at 11 o'clock, he has left a wife and five daughters they have my sympathy I don't know what they will do, Pen and I went to Miss Jefferson's today spent a very pleasant afternoon

11th) went to town took Lena to see Dr. he thinks I look much better and O feel thankful to the good Lord that I am better he seems to think that Lena will soon be better

12th Saturday I went to the funeral of our departed Minister, the church was near full they took his body to the Phila, Pen was one of the bearers, he only went to the depot, I went in and stayed with Miss Mollie Hurlock while he was gone

13th Sunday I went to Church we had no preaching but had a nice class I spent the afternoon at home

14th We washed today helped Lizzie some and she got her clothes dry

15th I was poorly last night and have been all day but feel better tonight

16th went over to see Dr. he says I am billious I did not get to see Lizzie for Pen wanted to get home for dinner

17th I am still taking medicine I do not fell very well, but went up to see Beckie while Pen went

to Church-Hill we were home for supper May is helping her some

18th Eddie went to town and took the butter

19th I am better but am still taking medicine Lena has gone to see Katie [Howard] and Pen has gone to C-Hill

20th Sunday I went to Church-Hill to hear the prospective preacher today liked him very well, Beckie and May were there, I went into see Mrs. O'Neil she was talking about moving to Baltimore I was at the Union Church in the morning

21st We washed today, but I did not help, I thought it best to be carfull for awhile

22nd we have had a stormy day both rain and snow

23rd Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Catlin were here to spend the day I was glad to see then and we had some talking

24th I went up to Beckies this morning staid until after dinner brought May home with me and took her to Chestertown I went to see Dr.

26th I went to Church-Hill called on Miss Mollie had a pleasant time When I returned home found that Mrs Jimmie Catlin had been to call on me I have never been to see her yet but I have been thinking if doing so

27th Sunday I did not go to church today I was poorly Pen and the children went, they began S. School Eddie and Lena went to Church-Hill to night

28th Lena did not to school today for I am not well

29th I am better today

31st this has been quite a stormy day it began to snow in the morning and snowed all day

April

1st Well this does not look much like spring the ground covered with snow and it is still snowing, Eddie went over to town to take the butter Sister Lizzie came home with him it was so stormy I did not expect her but John was away and she thought it was a grand time to come.

2nd It snowed some this morning but cleared off this afternoon Lena made a snowman Pen and Jimmie went to the Hill Lizzie and I staid home and sewed

3rd We went to Church Lizzie went with us had no preaching, we have not got lesson leaves for the [sholl] (school?) Eddie took Lizzie home after supper. I miss her

4th When Lizzie got home John was there but had not been home long Eddie went to church I have no woman her time is up I will have to look for another one this has been a pretty day

5th Our new minister called on us today I think I will like him Mr. Massy came with him, I got a woman to wash it snowed today but the clothes dried

6th the same one came and [ironed] got done before night

7th I wrote to Pap today there was a woman came to see about living with me I expect I will get her

8th This is good friday, I went to Chestertown saw Dr., went to see Lizzie did not stay long only took 8 lb of butter to Mr. Wright came home in time for dinner, went to Beckies in the afternoon spent a very pleasant time came home for supper I mailed Paps letter today one to Aunt Rachael yesterday.

9th I went to Church-Hill called on Miss Mollie, she was poorly, I had the headach and went I got home laid down

10th this is Easter I went to church I was not well but was anxious to go our new minister preached I think I will like him, he came home with us and took dinner He took his his text in Job /4 ch/ 4 verse (if a man die shall he live again)

11th we sent Walter near Centerville today to bring a woman and her clothes she left her trunk here she is to come tomorrow

12th well the woman came her name is Mary Johnson we washed today I cannot tell yet how I will like her

13th It has been cooler today Mrs Hurlock and Miss Mollie cam to see us and took dinner

14th I have been sewing most of the day went over to see Miss Toller a little while this afternoon

15th this is my birthday. I went to Chestertown May was in Baltimore Lizzie had the headache I felt sorry for her no one to do anything for her and staid with her as long as I could near dark when I got home

16th I went to Church-Hill today

17th I went to Church had no preaching, we had the lesson leaves for the school

18th We have had quite a rainy day, and it finished up with a thunder gust and a rainbow. Clement went to school today for the first I hope he will be a good boy and learn fast, Our neighbor, Mr. Smith is married just brought his wife home saturday the 16th another neighbor Mr Barton lost his wife yesterday

19th I went to the funeral of Mrs. Barton Mr Asters preached it has been cloudy and very cool

20th there was quite a frost this morning but most of the day it has been warm, I made out to see Mrs. Catlin but as she was not at home I went down to J. Tucker's and spent a pleasant afternoon was home in time for supper, Lend wast home with the Austin girls, Eddie went to bed feeling poorly I hope he will be better tomorrow

21st This has been a very pretty day and quite warm

22nd I went to Chestertown today, it was warm this morning but clouded up about noon rained first before I got home I took Lena and Jimmie Dr. C did not give me any medicine I found Lizzie well, Eddie says he feels better and don't want any more medicine soon

23 I wrote yesterday that I went to Chestertown but the Dr did not think I needed any medicine, but I was taken sick in the night had to send Eddie over to see him this morning he got me medicine have been taking it every hour today I have been real poorly all day but I believe I fell a little better tonight

24th I did not go to church this morning for I was not able, Pen and some of the children went, Clement and Jimmie staid home the cook was home too.

25th I am still poorly Lena staid home from school so she could help about the work, it has been raining some today, but we washed

26th It rained again today I felt better today Annie staid home and Lena went to school I hope I will soon be able to go to work, I had some supper they tasted right good I ate more supper than I have since last week

27th I went to Chestertown today to see the Dr. as I had no medicine he gave me some more, I hope I will soon be well, I feel better tonight I went in to see Lizzie a little while she was well had two men white washing

28th I went up to see Beckie she is poorly has a sore eye, I had to leave soon for it began

raining I was sorry to leave for we didn't get done talking

29th I went over to Chestertown today to take my butter did not go to see the Dr. as I have plenty medicine staid with Lizzie until after six O'clock Budd came home with us, Jim went over with me, May was at Mrs. Anthony's sewing that left no one home for Lizzie, I think she has got a lonely time

30th this has been a cloudy week it has rained every day excepting today and has been very cool its warmer tonight, went up to Church-Hill this morning to Mrs Evan's funeral, took dinner with Miss Mollie Hurlock, came home and had an early supper and went down to Rolf's Wharf went to see Mrs [Dunbroceo], Mrs. Riggins and Miss Taylor

May

1st this had been a beautiful day I went to Church today it was not preaching Sunday and there were few there Jimmie Tucker read both prayer meeting and class I think he is a good man and trying to do right Mr. Jefferson was not there

2nd We washed today it was cloudy early this morning but cleared off nice

3rd Jimmie has been poorly all day, I went to see the Dr. and got some medicine for him, I brought May home with me, Lizzie received a letter for Salem, Cousin John has been dead about three weeks, he died very happy, trusting in his Saviour, he said he was a child of a King and was going where there was no night

May 4th this has been a very warm day I have worked all day and I am sleepy

5th Eddie and May have gone to Chestertown tonight. I have been over to see Mrs. Toller she has a little girl baby it was born yesterday it has been cooler today than it was yesterday

6th I have been busy all day I am sleepy and tired

7th I went to Chestertown this evening with May. The roads are muddy it has rained several times today Jimmie came home with us

8th This is the Sabbath, I went to Church this morning. Mr. Arters preached took his text 1st Peter Chapt 5 V 7th Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you, he preached a splendid sermon it rained before we left church, rained some this afternoon and is raining fast tonight

9th Well this has been another cloudy and part of the time rainy day, Hatie came and was here for me we got part of the clothes dry

10th I am getting ready to go up among the hill and to see my [Father] I feel like I want to see them all, Hattie ironed my clothes and some of the fine ones, but the others did not all get done I went up to see Beckie this afternoon, I wanted to see her before I left

11th Well I am on my way to Baltimore, it was very cloudy when we started but the sun came out and I thought we were going to have it clear but it was very foggy and the boat had to stop and let off steam, and that is not very pleasant to hear, they have started again but are going slowly, and blowing often. I hope we will get to Baltimore on time. I want to start for Harford Co. tomorrow, I feel like I want to see them all so bad

At night) I got here safe went up to N. Gay St and Will had just moved yesterday I had to take the cars (street cars?) and come right back to Light St. I found the place with little trouble, Joe went out with me to get a bonnet so went right right back to Gay St I got it and came back found Sammie Trump here, I guess all my family are in bed I would love to see them all good night

12th I left Balt on the 8 o'clock train arrived safe at Pylesville but Seth L was not there to meet me I suppose he had not received my letter I walked up to C Kinsey Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey were away but I found Will's wife very pleasant and have spent a nice time here
At Night) I am at Uncle Elam tonight. Will R. brought me I tell you I was very glad to see them all and they said that they were all glad to see me it seems like old times,

13th I left Uncle Elam's this afternoon went to see Mollie Stewart found them well and took them by surprise I staid until after supper, then we came over to Aunt Margret Quigley's she did not know me for a while, it seemed like old times to be here I want to stay until tomorrow evening, I am having a nice time but would love to see all my family

14th Well this is Saturday night I have got back to Uncle Elam's I left Aunt Margret tonight she looks feble, Will brought me over, I would love to see all of my little ones and Pen tonight this has been a cool day I have been sitting by the stove and have not been warm today

15th I went to church at Slate Ridge today Mr. Smith preached good sermon his text was [Hew] 2nd 10 V Mr Steward took me and in the afternoon we went down to the old house where Aunt Beckie Quigley used to live, it reminded me of old times, Mr and Mrs Steward are very kind and done all they could to make me enjoy myself and Seth L came for me and brought me to Uncle Elam's tonight I have been having a nice time all my friend are so kind, they try to make it pleasant for me. I would like to see all my family tonight.

16th This has been a very pleasant day. I was at Uncle Elam's this morning they washed, I wanted to wash my clothes but they would not let me Seth L's wife took them and done it for me I think she is a very pleasant woman, I am at Beckie [Dampman's] tonight Mrs Stewards daughter brought me over. Aunt Mary Ann came over with me, we spent a pleasant afternoon, I went down to see Priscilla and to see Mr. J Anderson after supper, I had a walk over some of the hills it is quite a sight to see the rocks and hills

17th I left [Dampman's] today Beckie brought me to Beckie Kingey's she and her daughter spent the afternoon Aunt Sarah K was there we spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening. Aunt Mary A Kinsey came up after supper and staid until most bedtime Aunt Sarah came down with us I am at Uncle Elam's tonight

18th Well I spent the morning at Uncle Elam's, after dinner we went down to Delta, called on Mr. B Day he is very poorly she looks thin, met Mr. Smith there spent a pleasant time and got home in time to take supper with Seth L and wife. Aunt Sarah Aunt Ann and Aunt Annie were all there, after supper Aunt Mary A came in we staid until bedtime had a nice time.

19th I have left Harford Co, went from Kinsey this morning Mollie Stewards daughters, brought me to Farm Grove, I went to see Mercy Hastler, she knew me and said she was glad to see me and I know I was glad to see her, we call on several person among them was my old Sunday school teacher Sarah Gay, Sammie came down to meet me and brought me up to Pap's I was glad to see them all, [fond] (found) them well I had never seen Sammie wife before, I have been very poorly all day was taken with those queer feelings last night had a very bad spell after I got to Farm Grove, Mercy was afraid I would die, I have been poorly all day, I received a letter

from Pen and the girls today and sent an answer to them this afternoon

20th Well this is Friday night and it seems like I have been away from home a long while I want to see Pen and all the children so bad, I was very poorly all day yesterday but feel better tonight, but I am not well, Pap thinks I ought to stay up here until I get well, but I know that I ought to go home soon, for I want to see them all and I have work to do

21st Saturday Night, this time last week I was at Kinsey's and now I am at Pap's I hope I will be at home by another saturday, Pap was talking to me this evening he said I had better stay awhile and maybe I will get well, he thinks that would be better than going home soon and getting sick after I got there, but I want to see Pen and the children it seems like a long time since I have seen them all I went to see Adeline today Mother went with me we took supper, after we came home we had ice cream sent a letter to Lizzie and Beckie and Mercy H today, I feel better but very much disappointed I thought I would hear from Pen

22nd I went church this morning heard a good sermon, the text was Heb 6 1st there was quite a large congregation, I feel very much like being home I want to see all so bad. I went out with Pap to see his wheat field this afternoon I expect to go to church tonight

Sunday Night) It has been pleasant today I went to church had prayer meeting, Mollie's girls came up and [sloped] for us Tommy, Annie and Jimmie and myself went for here

23rd I am at Mollie Cussy's tonight Annie and I came this afternoon she has gone home I am to stay all night it has been pleasant today, part of the time cloudy but no rain I was disappointed today when the mail came no letter for me how I wish I could hear from home, I would love to see them all I will be glad to get home, I feel home sick tonight

24th I am still at Mollie's I expected to go to Pap's this evening but it began to rain about supper time and had rained right fast ever since, and Alf said he was going to keep me until morning this is the first rain they had since I came up here, I was disappointed when the mail came and there was no letter for me, I want to hear from home I wish I was there, I have been having a nice time but I am getting homesick

25th I came to Paps this morning from Mollie's it has been raining some today there was a pretty rainbow, I received a letter from Lena and Annie today, sent an answer to them and a letter to Pen, it is just two weeks today since I left home it seems more like a month, I expect I would go home tomorrow but Pap thinks I might stay another day I guess it will not make very much difference only I want to get home. I took pills last night I have had a pain in my side today I wonder some times if I will get well [Tammie] and Annie have gone away. Mother Pap and myself have spent a pleasant evening together Pap has just gone to bed, we will soon have to go

26th It has rained today the ground is wet I have seen some old Ladies since I have been here, I was at Church last Sunday and there was one Lady that is 93 yr old and there is another one that lives close that is 94 and another very near as old, we have had a weighing time today Mother weighed 184 lb Mollie 188 Fannie 162, Annie 102 me 111, I expect to start for home tomorrow,

I do hate to leave Pap but I want to get home, Pap just went out and got weighed his was 160 he says he is going back, I forgot Sim his was 144

27th It rained some today I am in Baltimore tonight, left Paps this morning, I think I never left when I was so sorry to part with him poor fellow we both had a cry, he has promised to come see me this summer and I hope he will I want to see Pen and the children and I did not like to leave him for he seemed to want me to stay with him, I have had a pleasant visit and had a nice ride down on the cars was here in plenty time for my dinner, had strawberries the first I have had this spring, I went out and got some things for Pap for the store

27th Carrie and I went out this afternoon Will Joe and I went to Riverside Park after supper, it was cool and we did not stay out long I have been feeling real well today and I am thankful

28th I am on the boat going home, I went out this morning, called on Miss O'Neil found them well, I went to see Miss [Meridith], she looks bad but I think she looks then she did when I last saw her, Cassie come down to the boat with me George Smith came aboard I gave him an introduction to her I have very companion lady Mrs Evans and Mrs Hurlock it is cool and has been cloudy most all day, it rained a little this morning and has rained fast this afternoon. I am home tonight and I am glad to be here found them all well, and I guess glad to see me.

29th Sunday I went to Church had no preaching, had a nice Sunday school and class

30th I wrote to Pap today and went down to Rolph's Wharf after supper, saw Mrs. E Catlin it is very cool for this time of year

31st I went up to see Mrs Tudler this morning staid until after dinner it look so cloudy that we started home soon, it rained before we got here and is raining fast tonight Mr Tudler has promised me \$1.00 towards the church getting the church organ, Mr. Chapman was there from Chestertown he gave me 50 cts,

June

1st I went to see Lizzie S. yesterday she says she will live with me when her baby is old enough I got a girl today to stay a few weeks with me, I went to church today, we are getting ready for children's day

2nd I went to see Lizzie today found her well, we went after supper we staid until 8 o'clock and had to drive fast to get home without getting wet, we just got home and the horse put away when it rained fast and rained all night the roads are muddy I sent a letter to Kinsey's today

3rd I went up to Beckies today had a pleasant time Willie came today is going back tomorrow, May came home with us and Eddie has gone to take her home

4th This has been a pleasant day I was at Church-Hill this afternoon Mrs. G gave me 50 cts to help get an organ for the Union Church

5th I went to Church today Mr Asters came home with us we were talking about a new church he thinks we ought to have one and I hope we can get it

6th This has been a rainy day Ann done some of the washing but did not put them out

7th It has rained some today clothes still in the tubs Mr H was here today

8th It rained this morning but cleared off this afternoon we got our cloths dry and part of them ironed

9th this was the day to meet out at Church to practice for children's day I did not go as the horses were busy. It rained again today

10th I went up to Beckies today it was George's birthday she had some nice cake, Lizzie was there had been there several day I brought them home with me and Eddie took her to Chestertown after supper, Beckie had fried chicken for dinner the first I have had this season Mr and Mrs Morse were here to dinner,

11th This has been a cool day I went up to Church-Hill this afternoon went to Church out to the Union when we came back they were getting ready for children's day

12th I went to church this morning, had prayer meeting and class, tonight I went to Church-Hill to hear the children, as it is children's day, the church was well filled, some could not get in and everything went off very nice, we are to have ours next Sunday

13th Well this has been a busy day as it is wash day, I went over to Chestertown this evening after May to come and help me sew

14 May is here and we began a dress for Lena

15th May and I went to Church-Hill this morning bought trimmings for Lena's dress and left them in the store, I went back tonight with Pen and got them, and got Annie a hat from Miss Clough

16th this has been a busy day, I want to do all the sewing I can while May is here

17th May went home today Eddie Lena and I went with her we got two dresses made for Lena and another part done I am sleepy I must go to bed

18 I went to church today, we are getting ready for children day, it is to be tomorrow, we trimmed the church but did not practice

19th We had our children day this morning and I think they did real well, We met at the school house and marched over to the church, Mr. Asters went ahead of the boys and we ahead of the girls The small ones went first the larger ones after, Mr Asters talked real nice, he came home with use for dinner Lena Jimmie and me went up to Double Creek Church at night and took Mrs Potts, I think our children did better then theirs

20th This has been a changeable day it rained awhile and the sun shone awhile and it is not right clear yet. Pen began cutting wheat today I wrote a letter to Mollie Steward

21st This has been a right nice day our wheat is not all cut yet, Jimmie staid home to help, the rest of the little ones went to school charlie came home feeling bad, he laid on the lounge and was taken so bad that we had to send for Dr. Cooper he had a very high fever but he gave him medicine to take until after 12 oclock tonight all are in bed a sleep but me and I have been very sleepy Charlies fever is not to high as it was in the early part of the evening we are having a hard thunder gust and rain tonight

22nd This has been another changeable day the sun shines awhile and then it rained we had a hard rain this afternoon, the Dr. came to see Charlie but does not expect to come any more, for he is much better, but has medicine to take I hope he will soon be well, we had boiled Cabbage for dinner today, Charlie wants to know when he can have some to eat

23rd Pen is quite done cutting wheat it rained so much today that they had to give up doing any more until another day Charlie is much better

24th Pen is finished cutting wheat I have just returned from Chestertown, Jimmie went with me it rained a little before we got home

25th This has been a very pleasant day, I went to Church-Hill this afternoon, called on Mrs [Coksie] and Miss Annie Hurlock, Miss Mollie is not at home out dog Dump hadone of his leg broken one of Mr. smith's horses kicked him, poor fellow I feel sorry for him

26th I went to Church this morning we had no preaching, but had a very nice class I had a good time reading this afternoon

27th This had been a busy day the clothes are all day and most of them folded for ironing I am sleepy good night Eddie and Lena have gone to Chestertown

28th I churned this morning spent part of the day sewing, we had an ealy supper, Pen and I took a ride down to rolf's Wharf, I spent a very pleasant time,

29th This has been a nice day Eddie went to Tolchester took May and Carrie, Mrs Loller was over to see me a little while today, Tommie N came while we were at supper he is going to stay all night

30th This has been another nice day, Mrs Townsend came home with the children

July

1st I have sewed most all day, had an early supper and Eddie and I west to Chestertown

2nd This has been a very warm day I went to Church-Hill with Pen this afternoon

3rd I went to Church today Mr. Asters preached a splendid sermon his text was Gen 28 chapt and 12 verse we had a very nice class I guess we all felt that it was good to be there

4th Well another day has gone I staid at home all day until after supper, Pen, Carrie, Jimmie and myself went down to Rolf's Wharf Charlie and Clement went out riding with Pa in the afternoon, Lena Jimmie and Annie went a crabbing in the afternoon, Eddie went to Tolchester and took Tommie Nickerson the girl went home so we were all of us away someplace today but not all at one time,

5th Pen took Carrie and I down to Rolf's this evening, went to see Mrs. Jimmie [Dunbracco] spent a very pleasant time

6th I have been poorly today, Eddie took Carrie and me over to see the Dr. Carrie staid over there, I expect her back next week

7th Pen took me up to see Beckie a little while this morning, I was poorly and we came home in time for dinner

8th We began thrashing wheat this morning but it began to rain and they had to stop we had about 21 besides our family, it has been very warm

9th This has been a damp day part of the time raining but I went to Church-Hill with Pen

10th I went to Church this morning, it was not preaching sunday, but Mr. Baston talked for us, it has been warm today

11th Well this is monday we finished thrashing today, they got done before dinner, and went to Mr Tollers the has been a very pleasant day, we got our cloths washed and dryed Gussie and Carrie Van trump came to see us to a few day, Eddie brought them last night, he and Gussie have gone to take a ride tonight

12th The has been a very warm day I went to Beckies and took Gussie and Carrie and Jimmie with me, we spent a very pleasant day, this was Eddies birthday but he working all day helping Mr Toller thrash he is 19 years old may he grow up to be a good man is my sincere wish

13th this has been a very warm day, I have tried to sew but did not get much done, I went to Chestertown this evening and took Carrie over to Lizzie's, Miss Mollie and Johnie Hurlock came to see me while I was away, I would liked to have seen him

14th Last night was very warm and it has been a warm day, Gussie went down to Rolph's Wharf

with Eddie on a load of grain and lost his pocket book I am sorry for him I hope he will find it

15th This been another warm day I called on Miss G Smith this afternoon but she was not at home, I also went to Mrs Welch a little while, Eddie took the butter over to Chestertown for me

16th I went up to Crumpton with Pen today called on several of my friends but was glad to get home for is was so very warm they say this has been the warmest day this summer I know I felt the heat more

17th I went to church this morning Mr. Asters preached a nice sermon, it is still very warm

18th We washed today but did not get all our cloths dry for we had some rain

19th It is much cooler tonight it rained some today and we had quite a shower last night

20th I went to Brown's Woods today, The ME Sunday school had a picnic they had a nice day for it, for it was cloudy all day I was only there a little while but I had some ice cream and cake we expect to have ours tomorrow

21st Well we were disapointed today for it rained and we could not go out until most night but we had a nice time what time we had there had plenty of ice cream and cake and lemonade there was not so many out as would have been if it had been a good day

22nd I went down to Rolphs' Wharf this morning and spent the day with Mrs. Riggins, Mrs Morse and Beckie were there and we spent a very pleasant time

23rd Well this has been a changeable day it has rained right hard several times, and is still raining tonight – Eddie is not home he went to see Joe [Leverden,] I received a letter from Mother today

24th It rained this morning but stopped before it was time for church, we went but there were only a few there we had a nice class

25th I am tired tonight we washed today

26th I called on Mrs G. Smith this evening, she was sick I did not see her, Mrs M. Catlin and Mamie and Basset were there

27th I went down to Rolf's Wharf today and spent the day with Mrs [Dunbracco] Mrs Riggins cut my dress for me

28th This was the last day of school I went out there this afternoon Lena got the prize offered to the class that she was in it is a nice book

29th I went to Chestertown this evening with my butter, Lizzie came here this morning to stay a few days, she went with me

30th I was busy this morning, but I have not done much this afternoon, Pen took Lizzie and I to Church-Hill

31st we went to Church this morning I wanted Lizzie to hear Mr Asters but he had gone to Camp Meeting and we had Mr. Baston to preach for us we went to see Mrs [Purker] this afternoon she has been right sick but is better now

August

1st We washed and churned today Lizzie has helped in my place for have been sick all day I wrote to Aunt Rachel and Mother

2nd We washed this morning and went to see Mrs. Jefferson this afternoon had a very nice time

3rd Mrs Taylor spent the day with us today, Pen took her home after supper and took Lizzie and me with him

4th I took Lizzie up to Beckie today she is agoing to stay a while with her, Mrs [Mosse] and Mrs Belle Riggins were there, we spent a very pleasant day I brought Lizzie [Ralph] with me, just as I was thinking about going to bed John Nickerson came in I wish Lizzie was here she wants to see him so bad, he will stay tonight

6th Pen went up to Church-Hill today took Lena up to her Aunt Beckies and brought Lizzie home with him, he went after John this evening they are to spend Sunday here

7th I did not go to Church today, for my girl went home and Lena is away

8th Well this has been a busy day we washed and I took Lizzie up to Beckies this afternoon I came right back for lena is still there I have no girl

9th We ironed today and Hattie and I went to look fau a woman we found one, she has a baby and is to come tomorrow

10th Well she came tonight

11th I have had my woman one day but I don't like her I have the work to do I am agoing to send her home

12th Well I sent my woman home today she had a baby and was very slow about the work I went up to Beckies and got lena I have no one to help me but my own family

13 Pap came today I went down to the wharf to meet him I was very glad to see him he looks well

14 I went to church this morning and took Pap with me I was glad to have him to go to church and Mr. Asters preached a good sermen and came home with us for dinner I had one of my spells on church was right sick this evening

15th It has been raining all day Pen took Pap over the Chestertown I have been sick and taking medicine all day I sent after medicine yesterday

16th I am still sick I went over to see the Dr. this evening he gave me more medicine says I have taken cold I hope I will soon be better this has been a cloudy and part of the time rainy,

Pap went to Church-Hill and stoped to see Beckie, but came back here. I got a letter from Kinsey's today

17th I feel better today I took Pap and Jimmie up to Beckies They are to stay until friday

18th I have been canning pears I am still taking medicine, but am better

19th Well this is Paps birthday May Charlie and Clement went up to Beckies with me we spent a very pleasant day I brought Pap and Jimmie home with me he gave each of us girls \$1.00 I told him we ought to give him something but as peaces are scarce money is the same

20th Pap and I started for Salem today, we are now at Delaware City waiting for the boat, it was raining this morning but has cleared off nice This is Saturday night but it does not seem like it to me, I am at Aunt Rachel's, we got here just after dinner, I was very glad to see her, she went with us over to see Cousin Beckie Baily We took supper with her, and she came back to Aunt Rachel with us we are to stay here all night, I would love to see Pen and all the children It seems like I have been away more than a day I met a Lady on the cars today that I knew when I lived at Crumpton she was a Miss Finemore her name now is Plowman There is a house here that is called Robert's folly he began the home and died crazy but the house is not finished yet.

21st Morning

Pap and I went to church with Aunt Rachel this morning the text was Exodus = 34 chap = 29 verse he spoke very pretty about Moses face shining and he knew it not until the children of Israel told him, he said how often we could show by our lives that we were serving Christ and how often we do good by our lives and do not know it, until some one will say it was by such a ones life that I became a christian, I pray God that I may so live that I may do good to some one Miss Wheeler was at church she is an english lace maker 90 years old

21st At Night

Pap and I went to see an old many by the name of Acton he is 88 years old Pap worked for him about 50 years ago, he is a Quaker and is living in the same house that he did at that time he remembered Pap and seemed glad to see him, we went from there to Clem Colgan's staid a short time and then went to Charlie Bailey's (Aunt Rachel was with us) we staid there for supper Lew Eckel came there and we all went to church, to night heard the same minister in another church, he tooks his text Mark/9th/6 verse he preached a splendid sermon about us giving up something for Christ. Pap says if he could hear such preaching as that he would not stay away from Church many sundays we met Harry Bailey and his wife today Beckie B and them live in a double house Harry is the owner it is a very nice house with a pretty flower yard back and front

22nd Monday

Well I have started out this morning to go around We went to Lew Eckel's first she came with us to Mell McDonnols, she went with us out to the old grave yard that Lou and I used to go and play in. We also went to the house that Aunt Rachel used to live and sat on the old steps that we have sat on and went up and down so many times, we then stopped to see a man that takes pictures and knew me when I was a little girls his name is Simpkins, we also saw his father who is 85 years old, and also another man that Pap used to work with he is 95 his name is Peter

Blackwood, We took dinner with George and Mell McDonnol they both said they would have liked Pen to have come with me for they liked him they have but one daughter her name is Carry she said she liked him I told her I would tell Pen I am having a nice time we are going to Lew's for tea.

At night-) we went to Lew's, Charlie and Beckie Bailey and Clem Colgan were there, Mell and her Husband and daughter expected to come after supper but it rained so hard they could not get there, we came home in a cab brought us right to Aunt Rachel's door it is still raining we expect to start home in the morning I want to see all my family

23rd I am now on the boat on my way home, the cab came right to Aunt Rachel's door and brought us to the boat, it is a beautifull morning Pap says he doesnt know when ever he enjoyed himself so well as he has at Salem and I have had a splendid visit- Aunt Rachel says if she can she wants to come and see us next summer Salem is a pretty place so many flower yards but I think Salem Creek is as crooked a place as I ever saw, We are now on the train at Delaware City waiting to start we have to stop at [Porters] and change cars for Townsend, there we will take the cars for Suddlersville, I hope Pen will be there for I want to get home and see them all it seems like I have been away about two weeks

At Night, we arrived home safe Lena had dinner most ready I found them all well

24th Lizzie and Beckie came today and are agoing to stay all night we have done some talking today Pap is to start home tomorrow

25th Pap went home this morning I have been poorly all day was taken sick in the night I did not like to see him go, Beckie went home this afternoon

26th I feel better tonight Lizzie and John went over to Chestertown with Eddie tonight I know I shall miss her but she thought she ought to be home

27th I went to Church-Hill today the M E church is having a festival there was a good many there Pen introduced me to an old friends of his Mr. Roe, Walter took Jimmie Lena and Annie Rolph tonight Eddie has gone I expect he took some girl I received a letter from Mother today telling me that Pap arrived home safe. I also received one from Agness Quigley this time last saturday night I was at Salem New Jersey

28th Sunday Night

It has been cool all day, Pen has just made a fire in the fireplace, I went to Church this morning Mr Asters preached a splendid sermon, his text was Gen 22 chapt 1st to 2 versus I would love to have such faith and I thought as I heard him preach how trifling are our wordly cares compared to eternal life, God grant that I many be faithful and at last dwell with God forever

29th I went over to Town to see the Dr today he says I am billious I called to see Lizzie but could not stay as it was most dinner time

30th I have been canning pears and peaches today

31st I wrote to Pap and Mother today but my fingers hurt me so I could not write with much comfort

September

7th I have had a gathered finger was not able to write it is better now, I took the poultice off today I have been poorly but I am better now

8th Charlie had a chill today

9th I went to Town today got some medicine for myself and Charlie but he had a chill before I got home, I hope he will not have any more I went to see Mrs Loller a little while this afternoon I wrote to Aunt Rachel today

11th I went to Church this morning, there was not many there it looked so much like rain, and it did rain this afternoon

12th I am poorly tonight have been having those queer feelings. Eddie helped me with some peaches I got 9 cans done I have sold my old Sewing Machine to Walter Sister, for \$5.00 she paid me 4.00 cash

13th This has been a rainy day, I am still poorly but have done some preserving and spicing today

14th I went to see Mrs Em Catlin this afternoon she has a baby a month old she was poorly today it was about dark when I got home

15th I have been caning peaches today, Charlie and Simmie are not well I think they have chill

16th I went to Chestertown today Lizzie has moved

18th I went to Church this morning there was not many and we had prayer and class meeting Mr Jefferson was not there Mrs and Mr Trudler were there he led class they came home with us

Sat Night- 24th

I have neglected my diary this week, will try and write a little about the past few day, I wrote to Mrs Oneil 22nd went to Chestertown yesterday spent the day had a nice time, Lizzie and Beckie expect to go to Baltimore on monday, I went to Church-Hill today, it is very cool and so it was yesterday, the fire feels very nice tonight Eddie and Lena have gone to Church-Hill Charlie and Simmie have got better and, Clement is having chills, I got some Humphrey medicine I am agoing to try that on him

25th Went to Church today Mr Asters preached a splendid sermon, it has been very cool all day had fire in church for the first this fall

26th this has been a nice day not so cool as yesterday, I have a new cook, I have had a great time this year with my girls hope I will keep this one until Christmas

28th Clement has missed his chills I hope he will soon be well

29th I took a side down] to Rolph's Wharf today called on Mrs Riggins and Mrs Hendsin, Becki came from Baltimore we took her to Mr Crosley's shore, it rained right fast before we got home

30th Simmie was taken sick yesterday had a chill while I was away I have begun to give him some of Humphry's medicine Mr and Mrs Jefferson spent the afternoon and evening with us today

October

1st This has been a warm day quite different from last Saturday as it was very cool it has been cloudy and part of the time raining for several days, Miss Mollie came today

2nd I went to Church today had prayer meeting there was not many out

7th Well this has been a busy week I have been making boys clothes Hattie white washed for me today I went to Chestertown this morning but I came right back

8th Miss Mollie and I went to Church-Hill with Pen this afternoon

9th I was poorly today and did not go to Church Mr and Mrs Asters and son came home with Pen took dinner with us

10th I went to see Dr Cooper this morning got medicine for myself, Lena and Simmie he has been having chills Hattie and Emily washed

11th It has been very warm for several days but is cooler tonight it rained a little today Simmie had another chill, Miss Mollie said that Clement had one today in school, I will keep him home tomorrow

12th Simmie is still poorly I kept Clement home today but he had no chill

13th Our extra meeting has began Pen went took Lena and Jimmie tonight

14th My woman is sick and had to go home today I have had a time this year about women I expect one on Monday, Jimmie took Miss Mollie and me to church tonight. I feel better but Simmie is still poorly

15th Miss Mollie and I went to Church H with Pen she staid, Simmie was not so sick today this has been a nice day but it is cool tonight I rec'd letter from Aunt Rachel today Pen is done husking corn

16th We had a heavy frost last night, and some ice was formed, but it has been very pleasant today, Pen Lena Jimmie and Eddie have gone to Church, Miss Mollie and I staid home with the little one I went this morning

17th I went to church tonight Mr Asters talked very nice Mrs J [Hendsip] was the only one that was down at the Alter she was converted, God grant that she may be the cause of her Husband being converted

18th it has been cloudy and part of the time raining today I went to Church tonight there was only a few there for it was so dark, it rained before we got home

19th I went up to Beckie's this afternoon and took Simmie. I was home in time for supper there

is no service at Church tonight Mr Asters has gone away

20th This has been a very rainy day we had no service tonight

21st I went to Chestertown to take my butter and spent the day with Lizzie I spent a very pleasant day was home before supper time

22nd Miss Mollie Pen and myself went to Church-Hill this afternoon, hardly felt that I had time to go but they wanted me to go, I am tired as I have been working ever since I came home, Mr J [Levesdon] came here today he and Eddie have going to Town I expect company tonight

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I just finished my old diary tonight; Mr. J. L. Reardon(?) came in the afternoon, he and Eddie went over the Chestertown after supper and brought May and they are to spend Sunday with us it is now time to go to bed, the girls are laughing and having a good time, I hope they will enjoy themselves

October 23rd The girls went to church this morning Joe took Miss Annie and Eddie took Miss Emma and May Penn took the children and me Mr. Aster preached a nice sermon Miss Annie played On the Oregon I think she plays nice In the afternoon Mr. Miller and Mr. Cane stayed for supper Took the girls to church And from there to Chestertown May came back stayed all night Eddie took Emma home

24th Eddie took may home This morning we washed

29th I have neglected writing in my diary We have had cloudy week For our meeting this has not been a very good attendance Mr. Astor has done his part there has been three converts Mrs. G Kindship Mrs. D Wordal and a girl living with her Mary Redmond

30th There was no service tonight as Mr. Arters could not be there

November

2nd I was at church tonight there was a good many out but no one went to the altar Mr. Arters concluded that it was best to bring it to a close as he needed some? before he began one of his other appointments I was sorry there were no more coming But thank the Lord we have 3 more church members God grant that they may hold out faithful

Nov 3rd I went to Becky's today took Jimmy it has been a beautiful all day and I had a nice time
4th I went to Chestertown today took Linnie and it was such a nice day did not intend to stay long but met with an accident and stayed most all day May Annie Linnie and myself all rode out to the paper mill as we started home the carriage turned over threw us all out we were not seriously hurt but very much frightened May was Driving and was a little careless she got a swelled nose and a sprained arm Linnie a hurt on the head And hand me a bruised leg and a broken carriage I had to stay in town longer than I expected getting it fixed I think the mill is a curiosity but I would rather never have seen it then things to turn out that way Lenny thought it was So nice I was sorry he got hurt

Nov 5th I did not go to church Hill today for I was not done my work and was Not very well

6th I went to church today We had a good congregation and Mr. Arters done well It has been a very Pretty day Miss holler went to See Mrs. Hets woman Pen and I went to see Miss Loller a little while this afternoon did not stay long

Monday Nov 7th This has been a pretty day but it is getting cloudy now We got our washing done I am glad of it Eddie went over to Chester town this afternoon to work in the paper mill I did not like to see him go but he thought he would like to make some money for himself this winter now that the work is most done here on the farm I will miss him but I hope he will be a good boy

8th Well one day has passed since Eddie left and miss him very much This is Election Day Miss Holly and I went to Church Hill with Pen this afternoon the ladies of the M E Church held a festival to raise money to pay for getting the parsonage repaired they had a great many things given them and I suspect they will do well I only stayed a short time as Pen wanted to come home

November 9th This has been a very nice day but much colder than it was yesterday We killed hogs today and I am tired I had Lidia Brown and Walter to help me We got along right well Lydia has just finished straining the gut fat and gone to bed She goes right ahead without being told Eliza has worked real well today Walter's mother was there a while she helped while she stayed I must go to bed as I am very sleepy

10th This is been a very busy day and we are not done yet it has Rained most all day I am very tired tonight

11th We have got our hog work done finished about midnight it is cooler than it was yesterday Jimmy took the women home after supper

Nov 12th I went to Chestertown today took Miss Molly and Annie We saw Eddie had a little talk with him I wish he was home for I miss him as much Took Miss Molly too Mr. Registers she is to stay all night and spend Sunday it has been real cool today

November 13th I went to church this morning had prayer meeting there was not many there Pen and I went over to Chestertown this afternoon took a coat to Eddie He went out siding? while we were there I told him he was glad to see the horse and carriage I expect him Home next Sunday

14th This has been a pretty day part of the time but clouded up near night has rained since supper We washed and got most of the clothes dry I wrote to Beckie today

16th Received a letter from Becky Annie has a gathered finger

17th I took some sausage to Mrs. Wright Today at took some butter to my customers I called on Lizzie But had only a short time to stay I don't feel very well tonight I wanted to go out to the mill to see Eddie was afraid I would be late getting home so I didn't go I expect to go over after him Saturday

18th I am not feeling very well tonight I have been sewing all day making Annie a dress Budd N. came over this evening to stay until tomorrow

19th Miss Molly went to Church Hill today I went over to Chestertown after Eddie I went to see the Doctor but he was not in I came home without seeing him I wanted some medicine for I was not feeling real well Eddie came home with me It was bedtime when we got home

Nov 20th We went to church Mr. Arters was away Mr. Chalinger was there in his place Eddie had to go back to Chestertown for this is his week for working at night he has to begin at 12 o'clock tonight I always hate to see him leave

21st My new woman came today just hired her until Christmas I don't know how I will like her

22nd I got up sick yesterday morning and I am still sick had to get Hattie to come and help wash for I thought the woman I had just got would not know how I done, the two got along very well

23rd I am still sick Pen went to see the doctor for me on Monday and again today I have a boil and it is very painful Hattie whitewashed the sitting room panels

24th Afternoon Mrs. R. Caitlin called on me This is the day I was to go to Chestertown for as Lizzie and me where to go to Beckie's but I am still in bed but expect to get up after awhile My boil has broke and I feel better Jimmy went over to Aunt Lizzie's after her to take her to Beckie's I expect they are having a good time talking I wanted to go real bad

24th At night Jimmy brought Lizzie by a while before supper I was glad to see her I am up and feel a little better

25th Lizzie is still here she intended to go home this evening but we talk to her so much she concluded to stay until morning

26th I am so much better that I went to Church Hill this afternoon but I am not real well yet Lizzy went home early this morning The ladies of the Presbyterian Church are having a festival in the hall I was there a little while this afternoon the children have gone tonight Lena Jimmy and Annie, It has been very warm today it seems like spring Miss Mollie went home this afternoon

Sunday Night 27th This has been another warm day We all went to church but Annie, Eddie was not home today I have not seen him for a week I feel like I would love to see him Miss Annie H. brought Miss Molly home this afternoon

28th This has been a rainy day but we washed did not get the clothes out Pen went to Rolphs Wharf Willis Rolph came home with him he took him up home this afternoon He expected to return to Baltimore next Wednesday

29th I went to Chestertown this morning after Annie Lambert but she was not home I brought May home with me Penn and I took her up to Beckie's this afternoon

December

Dec 1st This has been a very pretty day but right cold I have been sewing all day

2nd Penn went to the hill and brought May from Beckie's She says she will help me sew tomorrow morning

3rd May, Miss Molly and myself went to Chestertown this afternoon Eddie has gone to Baltimore tonight

4th This has been another very pretty day and write warm for December I went to church this morning Mr. Arters preached I have not been feeling very well today

5th It was raining early this morning but cleared off nice We got a good many of the clothes dry I have been poorly all day

6th This has been another pretty day Most like spring We have had very little cold weather

7th Another pretty day and I had Company Mrs George Smith called on me this afternoon She looks well And hearty

8th The ladies of the Union Church have concluded to have a nite society We were to meet at Mrs. James Catlin tonight Penn and I went Biston Evans was there But there was some misunderstanding and we were the only ones but have spent a very pleasant evening Miss Evans was there from Sudlersville I hope she will meet next week and make a beginning We need something to awaken the people

Dec 9th This has been a very pleasant day but clouded up near evening we were going up to Church Hill tonight to church but Penn thought as it was cloudy it would be dark I was disappointed for I wanted to go They are having their extra meeting and I hear that they have been having very good meetings Mrs. William Loller called on me this afternoon

10th We have had a very rainy day It began sometime last night and is still raining very fast There is an old saying that the sun shines every Saturday but I have not seen it today although it slacked up about noon but began again as hard as ever before night Penn went to Church Hill after dinner took Miss Molly and Timmy She staid and wanted to keep him but he would not stay Jimmy went over to Chestertown and took the butter for me I done my baking this morning and had one of my strange feelings just before dinner have been laying down most all afternoon I only had one spell I feel better tonight The weather is very warm for December

11th It was very cloudy and damp this morning and as I was not feeling very well I did not go to church Pen and the children went I expected to see Eddie today but was disappointed Jimmy went up after him but he was not feeling well and thought he had better not come Miss Annie H brought Miss Molly down here this afternoon

12th It was cloudy this morning but cleared up nice I went out to Mrs. Wodall to see if I could get her daughter to come and help me sew a few days she is to come tomorrow

13th Miss Alice Wodall came today We began Lena's dress We went up to church at C Hill tonight they are having a nice meeting Mr. W preached tonight The house was near full Mr. Arters said that they had a conversion every night God grant that they may have many more

14th We killed and picked our Turkeys Today have 25 to sell This has been a pleasant day

15th This has been a rainy day It began in the night Pen took the turkeys up to Sudlersville and the children and Miss Molly had to walk to school They had 30 schoolers but some of the schools near Sudlersville had none and the teacher went home

16th This has been a pleasant day Miss Woodall was Poorly and went home she got Lena's dress done and a coat for Charlie Miss Molly is not here tonight She went to Centerville today to the teachers meeting and as it is Friday she will stay At Church H until Sunday It seems strange tonight She away and Lena is at Chestertown she is to stay until Sunday Jimmy took her over today Annie went but came back with Jimmy They are getting ready for Christmas went over to get their presents hope that Eddie will be home by this time tomorrow night I received a letter from Lou Eckul tonight

17th This is a very stormy night It was cloudy all day began snowing this afternoon I want to Chestertown after Eddie It snowed real fast before I got there We left as soon as Eddie could get washed and dressed the wind is blowing hard It sounds like winter

18th We went to church Eddie went home with Mrs. Stenard is to go from there to Chestertown tonight Mr. Arters came home with us to dinner there is some snow on the ground this Mrs Stenard came to church in a sleigh

19th This has been a pretty day but very muddy we got our clothes all dirty

20th This has been a cloudy and part of the time rainy day

21st We met at Miss Catlins to organize a nite society There were 17 there who joined I hope we will have a large society and do much good Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson were here to tea They went with us to Mrs. Caltins This has been a pretty day

22nd I am tired tonight I made most of my Christmas cakes today

23rd I went to Chestertown this morning Miss Molly went with me This afternoon we went to the mill with Mr. Jester She is to stay all night

24th I did not go away today but stayed home and got ready for Christmas I am expecting Eddie home tonight I have the presents ready for the family Miss Molly came home with Pen today

25th Well Christmas is over Eddie came home last night he gave each of us a present Miss Molly

gave us all one and we all gave each other something Pen took Miss Molly at me to Churchill He went to the M. E. church We went to the Episcopal but I like my church the best

26th The children went down to Rolphs Wharf to a party this afternoon they say they had a nice time Miss Molly started to Baltimore today I took Eddie over to town this afternoon My woman left today I want to get someone this winter

29th There is quite a change in the weather It blowed up cold in the night Mr. Loller moved this afternoon Pen helped him this morning This afternoon Pen Lizzie and myself went up to Round Top but we didn't get any thing fixed up for it was so cold and we did not get up there until late we want to go tomorrow

30th This has been another cold day we went up with Lizzie to her new home Got a good many things fixed Got our dinner and left there about 3 o'clock

31st I went to Chestertown this afternoon heard some sad news when I got there Mazie Wright was drowned He was skating in the pond the ice broke they tried hard to save him but could not do it The family take it very hard they just brought him here to his Fathers as I went there with the butter I feel very sorry for them I called on Mrs Armstrong she bought some butter me Miss Molly came home from Baltimore today John N and Johnny are here tonight