

Rachel Jester

Her Diary

Part 2 – 1888

Contents

Introduction.....	ii
Calendar for 1888.....	iii
January	1
February	3
March	5
April	8
May	10
June	12
July.....	14
August	16
September.....	18
October.....	20
November.....	21
December	23
Last Page of Diary.....	25

Introduction

Rachel Collgan Van Trump Jester's Diary

This document is a restructured transcription of the Rachel Collgan Van Trump Jester's diary of 1888. She kept this diary for a year starting October 22, 1887 and on the last day of the year. This is the second of 2 books she kept.

As with the first book, 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 ...

The calendar for the year 1888 is shown on the next page. This should help identify the days when the events were taking place.

Calendar for 1888

Calendar for Year 1888 (United States)

January							February							March							April							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4																
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						
May							June							July							August							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2																
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		
September							October							November							December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1		1	2	3	4	5	6															
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30																					30	31						

The data below is the inside cover of the second diary. She kept the totals of the butter she made, how of it she sold and how much money she made from it. She made \$0.24 per pound in 1888

Inside Cover of the 2nd diary It is included here as this is the physical location of the page in the original diary.

Inside Cover

Butter made in 1887
582 lb.

Sold butter in the amount
..... \$76.97
[Chestertown] 22.00

1888

Butter Made 668 lb
sold 452
Amount \$109.37
Sold in
Chestertown \$22.10

1887 & 1888

January

Jan 1st 1888 Well This is the beginning of another year and it has been a sassy day We all stayed home from church has it rained so fast we thought no one would be there it stopped before night and John took Lizzie up to his home I hope they will do well there and be happy God grant that we may all live better lives this coming year than we did last year

Jan 3rd This has been a nice day but I have been poorly all day I feel better tonight I had my strong feeling last night and one today

Jan 4th The ladies night society met here last night there were 17 members present \$23 was collected we had a right nice time they never left until after 12 o'clock I went down to Rolphs Wharf this afternoon a little while

Jan 6th I went over Chestertown this afternoon to take my butter went to see Eddie He was a sleep but I awakened him and had a little talk with him This was his week for working at night He will not come home this week I have written to Pap and Aunt Rachel

Jan 7th I went to Church Hill this afternoon

Jan 8th I went to church there was not many there Lena went home with Laura Fasber

9th Miss Alice Wordel came back today to finish her weeks serving

12th It has been right cold yesterday and today Pen and I went to Mr Stearns night Lizzy Loller is staying there helping him get fixed up

Jan 14th This has been a very pretty day Pen went to Church Hill took Miss Molly I went to Chester town stayed at Mrs. Anthony's for supper took Eddie home with me The roads are very muddy I received a letter from Annie Trump tonight

15th Pen and I took Eddie to Lizzie's this afternoon He is to go from there to Chestertown the roads are very muddy

16th We washed today Hattie helped me

17th It has been snowing most of the day

18th This was the night for the night society to meet at the Jefferson's but it was very cold and the roads are so slippery that Pen thought we had better not go Lena started to take music lessons today from the parson

19th Mr. Jimmy Collins was here for supper He and the Mr Catlin went to the Jefferson's last night There was not many there but he says they had a nice time

21st I did not go to Church Hill today I have been busy all day I have not seen Eddie since last Sunday Pen took the butter over to Chestertown yesterday This has been a cold day

22nd This has been a very cold day I went to church but there were only a few there Mr. Stern had class We had company tonight Mr. Sterling and Mrs. Stevens and Lizzy Loller She and Miss Molly played on the Organ We spent a very pleasant evening

Jan 23rd We washed today it has been cloudy but we got most of our clothes dry by bringing some in the house

24th It has been just 21 years tonight since we were married we had company today John and Lizzie Becky and Sam Pen and I went to Mrs Leonards tonight This is been a very pretty day

Jan 25th This has been a cloudy day and it is raining fast tonight I am not very well Pen has been getting wood today

26th When we got up this morning the ground was covered with ice And after the sun was up it was a pretty sight The fields and the trees look like crystal We have been having it cold for several days

27th This has been a cold day the ground is covered with ice It is hard to travel

28th It is still very cold I think that last night was the coldest night that we have had this winter Water froze in our bed stand and it has been very cold all day and the wind blows cold tonight I got a letter from mother today Pap poorly with a bad cold

29th I went to church town today Mr. Asters preached a missionary sermon Over \$27 was collected

30th This has been a warmer day and part of the time cloudy we washed and Pen and I went up to see Lizzie a little while this afternoon we also went to see about a woman to live with me this year

31st It has been warmer today I wrote to Pap and Mother tonight

February

Feb 1st Pen I went to Mrs Caitlin's for tea Mrs and Mr. Jefferson were there Mr. and Mrs. Artors were there We spent a very pleasant time went from there to Mrs. Crossley's to the night society we had a nice time

2nd Mrs. Cattlin and Miss Taylor came here today to spend the day Suzy Welch, Ethel Richards and Helen Kendall came to stay all night and they had company tonight

3rd I went to Chestertown today with my butter Called on Eddie he is well I was glad to see him it has been a very nice day

4th This has been a rainy day Miss Molly and I did not go to Church Hill I received a letter from Kenzie today Tommy and Johnny came to see us tonight They did not stay long Tommy came from Wilmington yesterday

8th This has been another rainy day it cleared off about night

9th It has been cloudy part of the time today

10th It snowed last night and most of today

11 Feb 1888

This has been another stormy day snowed and rained, but I went over to Chestertown to take my butter and get Eddie. I received a letter from Salem today. Pen received a letter from New Castle stating his Auntie Vining was dead. Now he has no near relations but cousins excepting our own family.

12th We went to church this morning Mr. M Wallace came home with us It began snowing before we left church snowed all day is still snowing All have gone to bed but me I am waiting for Eddie He and Mr. Wallace went to see some girls they will be here before they go to Chestertown Eddie will come to leave his horse and then go over with Mr. Wallace

13th The ground was covered with snow this morning and I have had a grand time all day Went to Lizzie's in the morning down to Jimmie Tuckers in the afternoon and up to Mr. Jeffersons at night So I have had one good day sleighing but don't know when I will have another as the snow does not last long

14th This has been a very pleasant day and there is plenty of mud no snow to go sleighing now so I am glad that I went yesterday but I have not stopped going I went to Mr. Registers tonight to an entertainment Had a splendid time

15th I went up to see Becky today took Jimmy had a nice time The roads are very muddy and it is getting colder

16th I have stayed home today but had company Mrs Register and then Miss Chambers called on us this evening one of them is a mute but she seems very pleasant

17th I went to Chestertown to take my butter Went to see Eddie He seemed well I called him up as it was time for him to get his supper and go to work

18th I had one of my poorly spells today I went to Church Hill this afternoon

19th I felt better this morning and went to church

20th It was raining this morning and we did not get to do the washing

21st We washed this morning and I went to Chestertown this afternoon to take Miss Molly to see the Doctor I have not been to see him for some time but I was not very well and he gave me some medicine

22nd There was no school today Miss Molly went away two girls came to see Annie we all stayed home we expected to go to Beckies but the roads were too muddy

23rd This is been a very pretty day looks like spring

24th I was working right steady this morning and about dinner time was take with one of my sick spells

25th I had the headache in the night did not get up this morning when the rest did have had several of my spells today and other sickness

26th As I was not well I did not go to church

27th We washed today

29th Well this is the last day of the winter I have not been very well for several days

March

March 1st This is Annie's birthday she is 11 years old

2nd I went to Chestertown today with my butter saw Lizzie I went to see Eddie and had a little talk with him

3rd I went to church Hill with pen this afternoon it was a pretty day and I'm enjoyed the ride I went to church Hill with pen this afternoon it was a pretty day and I enjoyed the ride

4th I went to church today we had a nice prayer and class meeting

5th Well we have had a snowy day it began early this morning We washed but did not get to put our clothes out I went a sleighing up to see Lizzie this afternoon My woman came today

6th this has been a very pretty day We put our clothes out this morning and Pen I started down to Rolf's Wharf in the sleigh but only went a little way had to come back and go in the carriage

7th I stayed home today and sewed but went to Mr. Tuckers after supper to attend the nights society there was a good many there and we had a nice time had plenty of ice cream and cake

March 8th well I went away today for a change Lizzie and Tommy came here on their way to Beckie's and took me with them We spent a very pleasant day and there was some talking done But coming home we met with an accident the horse choked coming up Brownie Hill and fell over throwing us out We did not get hurt but was badly frightened and had a broken carriage wheel We had to go up to Mr. Browns and get a carriage to come home in

9th I went to Chestertown today Took my butter and went to see Doctor Cooper He gave Lena some medicine for her lips

10th This has been a very pretty day Made me feel like doing spring work Miss Molly and I went to Church Hill with Pen

11th When we got up this morning it was raining but it stopped and we went to church There was no one there but Tuckers and Jester's It began raining again this afternoon and it's raining very hard tonight Walter and Cassie our boy and girl came home very wet

12th This has been a very stormy day It began snowing about bedtime last night blowed hard all night The snow was drifted very much this morning Miss Molly started to school in the carriage but could not get there Had to come back It has blowed hard all day and is still blowing and very cold We have not had such a day this past winter It does not seem much like spring tonight

13th It was very cold tonight Has been cold all day snowing part of the time and blowing all the time We have not had our back shutters open since Sunday The storm is drifted very much Miss Molly did not get to school today I do not know how the roads are but they could not get out of the road gate

14th March the wind is still blowing But I don't think it is quite as cold as it was in yesterday miss

Molly did not get to go to school Pen went out to see the roads he says of the snow is drifted as high as the hedge in some places there has been no school this week I had one of my poorly spells today I wrote to Kinsey's and Aunt Rachel and Cousin Beckie today

15th This has been a very pretty day Miss Molly and Charlie went to school Mr. Townshend was there but they had no school The snow has melted some today but we cannot see that it has melted much where the drifts are There is one pile in the garden that goes over pails

16th This has been another nice day Miss Molly and Charlie went to school but there was not enough there to have school so they came back There is plenty of snow yet and mud too it has rained since supper it has been warmer today then it was yesterday

17th Well, we are still snowed in but to look out on the fields it looks as though the snow was about gone but not so on some of the roads Pen went out to try and break the road out as far as the church so we could get to town but he could not do it he had to ungear the mules the snow was so deep Eddie came home tonight Jimmy and Walter went over to town on horseback after him then they went to go across the fields Eddie has come home to stay He likes the paper mill but it is time to begin to work on the farm I got a letter from mother today

18th This has been a beautiful day but we could not go to church I will be glad when the road gets clear I went over to Mrs. Pollins today

19th March This has been another very pretty day We washed and the clothes dried nice

20th We have had quite a change in the weather since yesterday It has been raining hard all day

21st This has been a very changeable day It rained this morning then cleared off nice and was real warm and had a thunderstorm this afternoon The first one of the season

22nd We have had another changeable day it snowed right fast for awhile and blew up very cold towards night

23rd This has been a very cold day for this late in March It froze very hard last night and I have sat very close to the stove when I could today

24th When I got up this morning it was snowing right fast but it cleared up very pretty this afternoon Miss Molly Jimmy and myself all went to Chestertown this morning after the storm was most over Came back in time for dinner then went to Church Hill with Pen

25th I did not go to church today for I was poorly and was also taken with my bad feelings Had two Right bed spells in a good many light ones

26th I am still sick we did not get to wash for It has been raining all day

27th This has been another damp day and is raining fast tonight I have not been out in the kitchen since Sunday

28th I am still poorly and it has not cleared off yet Lena has been home this week on my account They washed today but could not dry them

29th The sun came out this afternoon for the first time since Sunday they got the clothes dry

30th This is Good Friday Miss Molly went to Baltimore Doctor Cooper came to see me today left me medicine Said he would be back Sunday

31st It seemed strange for me not to do any cooking today but I am still poorly

April

April 1st All of the children went to church this morning Pen stayed home with me Doctor came this afternoon he says I am better I hope he will not have to come anymore but he wants me to go see him Mrs. Polts came over to see me tonight

2nd I am up and rest today and feel better miss Molly came home this afternoon

April 3rd This has been a very pretty day I went out in the yard and walked about I feel better

4th This is the night that our night society meets but I did not go Eddie went I paid and Mrs. Pierson to day for lean as first quarter in music lessons I want to take another one, she is of going to try to teach Annie

5th We had a thunderstorm today

6th This has been a very warm day it was so warm that I let the fire go out

7th This has been another very pretty day but not so warm as yesterday Miss Mollie and myself went to Chestertown this morning called on Doctor Cooper I went to Church Hill with Pen in the afternoon I feel better than I have been feeling

8th We have another pretty day I went to church They organized the Sunday school I am to be teacher of the infant class Mr. Artor's and Laura Tucker came home with us this Annie Thurlock came in the afternoon

9th We washed today and had a nice day for it

10th It was raining when we got up this morning and it has rained all day H Tucker came after Laura

11th This has been a pretty day I have been busy all day sewing

12th We had a shower today and it blew right hard for awhile and got cooler

13th It has been much cooler today There was some ice this morning Mrs Polts and myself went over to Mr. Welsh's this afternoon Lena went home with Dora Austin this evening Is to stay until Monday

14th Miss Molly and I went to church Hill with pen she stayed up there

15th This is my birthday God grant that I may live better the coming year than I ever did before I received several presents Mrs. Garthorp gave me a handkerchief Pen a new dress Eddie a silver thimble Annie a milk pitcher

16th This has been a cloudy day we did not wash

17th We watched today and it has been a pretty day

18th Miss Molly and I called on Mrs. R Catlin this evening Spent a very pleasant time Lena was poorly today

19th I have been cleaning Eddie's room today but haven't been very well Charlie and Clement are not well

April 20th Cool and cloudy today Mr. Hurlock and Miss Annie spent the afternoon and part of the evening with us Miss Molly went home with them

21st Cool and cloudy all day some ice and frost this morning Pen and I went To Mr. Story's funeral and this afternoon Went to Church Hill Took supper at the W Hurlocks

22nd Another cool and cloudy day we went to church and Sunday school this morning Mr. Arters preached and we had a nice class meeting It is raining tonight

23rd It rained most all morning the sun shone awhile but it clouded up again before night

24th Cool today part of the time cloudy Frost last night We washed Got the clothes dry I am not very well tonight

April 25th There was ice and Frost this morning but it has been a very pretty day not very cold tonight the children and myself are poorly Have bad colds Doctor Cooper came to see us Pen is done planting corn

26th Frost this morning but it has been a very pleasant day Seems warmer tonight Set 3 turkeys this evenings

27th This has been a pleasant day Much warmer than it has been I wrote to mother and Honsey today

28th As this is Saturday I went to Church Hill (of course) it has been very warm all day I got my large straw hat and had the pleasure of wearing it Miss Jennie came home with us

29th This has been a very warm day I went to church Mr. Barton talked some for us Miss Molly took Miss Jennie home this afternoon

April 30th we washed today I did not help had one of my poorly spells It has been warm all day

May

May 1st I am better today hope I will get along alright

2nd Went a visiting up to Beckie's had a nice time and went to the night society tonight

3rd This has been a nice day But we had Frost last night We whitewashed

4th It has been cloudy part of the day but we finished white wash

5th I did not go to Church Hill today stayed home and made my new carpet It has been warm all day

6th I went to church we have a nice Sunday School it has been warm today

7th Another nice day and have our clothes all dry

8th This has been a cloudy day but not cold

9th May came last night to make us a visit Lizzy came early this morning and she, May and myself went to Beckie's Had a nice time

May 10th This has been a pretty day May and I went down to see Mrs. Riggins She is sick We also went into see Mrs. Dunbrace

11th This has been a rainy day

12th It rained some this morning and the sun shone for awhile and was very warm this afternoon We had a thunder gust about night It is raining hard tonight I went to town this morning and Church Hill this afternoon

13th I went to church and Sunday school I have a nice little class

14th We washed today it has been a nice day

15th I have been poorly today Had my strange feelings in the night May [it?] come yesterday to help me sew

May 16th I am still sick Doctor Cooper came to see me today

17th This has been a nice day May, Eddie, Lena Jimmie and Annie all went out to Church Hill tonight to an entertainment that some of the young folks of the Union Church have been getting up I was poorly and could not go

18th This has been a cloudy and part of the time a rainy day The entertainment that they had at Church Hill was a success The folks want them to have it at the Union Schoolhouse on Monday night

19th This is Saturday night I feel better hope I can go to church tomorrow May has gone home I

received a letter From Kinsey's today the Alderney cow had two calves this afternoon

20th I feel better tonight went to church this morning

21st This has been a pretty day It is a holiday Was no school My woman went away yesterday on a visit The young folks had their entertainment at the school house tonight I went and enjoyed it very much May N came home with us To help me sew

22nd This has been a nice day we have been sewing

23rd Wednesday This has been a rainy day

26th It has been raining and cloudy ever since Wednesday The corn looks nice and the ground is muddy Had a taste of strawberries today I will be glad when we have some for the table I do not feel very well tonight

27th I went to church this morning there was not many there and it was cloudy it looked like rain but cleared off nice Eddie took Louisa Tinker? home from church

28th We washed today and I am very tired

29th This has been a very warm day Pen took me up to Beckie's this afternoon I had a nice time

30th This has been another warm day it has rained a little tonight Miss Mollie and me went to Chestertown after school Was home in time for supper

31st This has been a rainy day but it did not keep me home Pen took me up to Lizzie's to spend the afternoon we had a nice time May came home tonight

June

June 1st Well this was the first day of summer, but it has not felt much like it to me May and I went over to town this morning and took the butter and Pen and I went up to Mr. Jeffersons this afternoon I think I have put? in this week but I will have to stay home awhile now I went this week because it suited Penn to go with me Auntie went home sick today

June 2nd This has been another cool day. I staid home today.

3rd This has been another cool day Mr. and Mrs. Astors and Johnny were here for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were also here

4th I have worked hard all day it has been a nice day for washing

5th I have tried to sew today

6th This has been a very nice day Tommy came here last night we went down to Captain Riggers to attend the night society Willy (Willis?) Rolf was there also May N and Connie Trump

7th May and Connie came this afternoon to stay until tomorrow Mr. Townshend came here from school He stay all night

8th I went to Chestertown early this morning to take my butter

9th I went up to church Hill this afternoon

10th We met at the schoolhouse to have Sunday school today We are getting the church painted

12th We washed today May and Cassie came to stay a few days

16th The girls went up to Round Top this morning I am not very well but I went on to church this afternoon to help trim for children's day

17th This has been a nice day we all went to church excepting Miss M and Kate It was children's day and the church was full, we had nice music but I have been poorly this afternoon and had one of my strange feelings

18th We washed today but I didn't help any for I have not been well all day but feel better tonight I think this has been the warmest day that we have had this summer

20th I had said news today Mrs. Crossly and Mrs. Lizzie Catlin are dead It is sad for their friends But for them I trust it is happiness forever more

21st This has been a warm day Pen and meg went to Mrs. Crossly funeral. Mr. Arters spoke very nice John Casden was buried yesterday He professed conversing before he died and I trust he is now happy

22nd This has been a warm day Cassie and May were here today but went home since supper

23rd Another very warm day but very pleasant tonight Pen is most done cutting wheat, we went to Church Hill after supper I enjoyed the ride, I went to town early this morning to take my butter went before I ate any breakfast, my butter was nice and firm when I got there and I had a nice ride

25th Went to church this morning Mr. Barton talked to us, it has been very warm all day

25th Miss Molly was taken sick last night has been in bed all day but is better tonight We are done cutting wheat

26th Pen and me went to see Mr. Crosley this evening I am sorry for him he says he is lonesome

27th Miss Molly left us to day I know I shall Miss her but I guess the children are glad that school is over for awhile because it is so warm

28th It began raining last night and has rained most all day it has been cool this evening we have had a fire

29th I wrote to [Rinsey Follower?] and Aunt Rachel this has been another cool day and raining part of the time

30th The Union School had a picnic today up in Browns Woods we had a nice time had all the ice cream and cake we wanted

July

July 4th Jimmy and Lena went down to {Town Wharf?} crabbing had some success Pen and I went to town to see Mrs. Riggins a little while after supper

5th I went up to Beckies took 4 children it has been very warm part of the day and ended with a hard gust I had to stay until it was over left Annie J up there and brought Annie Rolf home with me

7th This has been a very warm day I went to Church Hill

8th I went to church this morning and after supper went down to see Mrs. Taylor Mr. Taylor is very sick I feel sorry for her she has so much troubles it has been very warm today

9th This has been a rainy day it began in the night we did not get to wash

10th It has been raining part of the time and very cool all day had the doors and windows closed

14th I went to church Hill had one of my bad feelings on the way up there

July 15th I went to church this morning in the Presiding Elder preached I was poorly and had to go out before the service was done

16th We began to thrash wheat this afternoon Mrs. Plundered and Catlin came over and helped me get supper but would not stay to help eat it

17th They got done the wheat this morning and we washed after I got done I went to Mrs. Jeffersons with Mrs. E Catlin We stayed for dinner and supper and I had only been home a short time when Mrs. Meredith came up from Rolphs Wharf with Eddie

18th We went down to Mr. J Larkin after supper stayed until bedtime

19th I went to Lizzie They were thrashing wheat She has very much surprised to see Mrs. Meredith

20th Mrs. M Eddie and me went over to town after supper it rained before we got home

22nd I was poorly in the night had my strange feeling Have had them all day Had to send after medicine

23rd Mrs. M&I went to see the doctor he gave me more medicine I saw the eclipse of the moon last night she called me up at 11 o'clock to see it

24th I have not been very well all day and have been getting ready to go to Tolchester tomorrow morning

25th Mrs. Meredith and all our family except Pen went to Tolchester this morning we had a nice day I wanted him to go but he said he did not care about going and he thought someone ought to stay home I had a nice time

26th Mrs. M, Lena, Jimmy and myself went to Beckies this morning I left Lena and brought Lizzie

Rolf home with me

27th I stayed home today and worked

28th I have been working most all day and have been feeling very well

July 29th There was 2 tramps came today and asked for something to eat It is the first time that have been here We went to church Eddy stayed home and kept house and got dinner for me He fried chicken and had most everything ready when we came home Mr. Arters came home with us it has been cool all day

30th This has been a cool day we washed and I have had on my thick clothes and am not too warm

August

Aug 1st Mrs. M, Pen and myself went to Mrs. Kibbler's for the night society had a nice time

2nd May came today and took Mrs. M to their house to stay a few days

3rd I went to Chestertown this morning took Anne and Clement it has been warm today

4th This has been a very warm day I worked all morning and went to Church Hill with Pen this afternoon

5th Aug Eddie started early this morning to go to Why Camp Meeting has not returned yet Mrs. Taylor and children spent the day with us She expected to go home this evening but we had a thunder gust and she concluded to stay all night I did not go to church This is been a very warm day I have felt the heat more than any day this summer

6th We washed today and it has been very warm Mrs Taylor went home early this morning we have been picking Peaches Had 5 extra men today

7th This has not been another warm day

8th It has been warm but had a nice breeze today Had a gust just before sundown Men had to stop work we had 9 extra hands today I find it takes some cooking

Aug 9th I went up to Beckies this morning and bring she and Julie home with me to stay a few days I am not very well It has been warm all day

10th Becky and I went to town this morning and out to Lizzie's this afternoon I got a bottle of Doctor Kleins [Nisve?] Restorer and have began to take it I hope it will do me good

11th Pen took Beckie home today I did not get to Church Hill today went down to Rolphs Wharf after supper

12th Went to church this morning Had no preaching had Sunday school and class I went up to church Hill this afternoon They have had their church repraiced had preaching morning and afternoon and are to have it tonight

13th Very warm today I am tired

14th It has been cool to day I went down to Rolphs Wharf after supper and when I came back Finsey was here

15th Pap Will and Joe came tonight on the road I was glad to see them they all look well

16th This has been a warm day Eddie took the folks up to Beckie's after supper they will stay there a few days

17th I took Finsey out to Lizzie s this afternoon She is to get home tomorrow Mrs. Meredith is there she is sick abed

18th I had one of my 6 spells this morning while I was making bread Lena went to Church Hill with her Pa this afternoon

19th It was raining when we got up this morning but Penn, Eddie Annie and myself went to church There was three besides ourselves We had no service I was sorry for Mr. Walton It has been much cooler today we had a fire in the room this morning and Pap sat right close to it for awhile

24th It was cool early this morning and we had to use the fireplace again Pap left us this morning to go home I will miss him Always hate to part with him Will and Joe went home with Lizzie last evening they also started for Baltimore this morning Mrs. Meredith and me went down to Jimmy Tuckers and stayed all day

25th This has been a very pleasant day I made my grape Jelly I suppose Pap is home now

26th This has been another nice day We went to church but had no preaching as Mr. Asters is sick We were very much disappointed as we have had no preaching for four Sundays I hope he will soon be well

27th We washed today The clothes got dry but it rained this afternoon

29th This has been a nice day I began drying peaches this afternoon Miss M. went home this morning I will miss her very much I sent a letter to Aunt Rachel and Tommy N. today

30th I have worked hard all day I am tired they are still busy with peaches

31st It has been cloudy part of the time today I have worked hard all day and I am tired

September

Sept 1st Lena and I white washed the kitchen stairs today I went to Church Hill late this afternoon it rained some before we got back

2nd I went to church this morning there was not many out but we had a nice prayer and class meeting

4th We washed today but did not get all dry for it has rained I sent a letter to Pap And Nora

5th I went to the night society last night there was not many there

6th Penn went to Mr. Stories sale this afternoon He took me to Lizzie's I stayed until he came back from the sale He bought a horse It has been cool all afternoon We have fire tonight

8th This has been another rainy day I am not very well and had one of my strange feelings

9th I was poorly and did not go to church It is still cloudy and raining part of the time

12th I have been cutting peaches today and have canned 20 1/2 gallon cans of Heath and Newington this has been a nice day

13th I went up to Beckies this morning to take her some peaches and pears I did not stay long I have been drying peaches this afternoon

14th I went to Chestertown this morning to take my butter when I got back I pared peaches to dry

15th We white washed the hall and sitting room today I went to Church Hill with Penn this afternoon

16th I went to church this morning Had a very few there

17th It rained today we did not get our washing done

18th We washed today but it was not very clear did not get all dry

19th We had company tonight Penn invited his Sunday school class here to supper they stayed until 12 o'clock There was 14 of his class and 2 strangers 2 of his class was absent

20th This has been a nice day I am still preserving

21st I took my butter to Chestertown in this morning I am done making Jelly for this year I am not sorry

23rd We went to church heard Mr. Asters preach May N. M Willow and her brother [Park?] here in the afternoon Did not stay long two of Kindele girls and Miss N. and was here to supper They came to see Lena after supper Miss Molly and I went over to Mrs. Welshes to see a lady friend of hers but she was not out

26th I am sick had my strange feeling early this morning and had them all day

27th This is Penn birthday Lizzie came this morning and spent the day I am not well yet but I'm getting better Have just written to Dr. Klein tonight

28th I went to Chestertown this morning to take my butter and went down to Rolphs Wharf to meet Pen He went to Baltimore this morning it seemed strange without him

29th Miss Molly Pen and I went to Church Hill this afternoon we took supper at Mr. Hurlocks

30th We went to church this morning had no preaching it has been very cool all day it hailed this afternoon

October

Oct 1st Jimmy started to school today Pen began putting in his wheat

5th I sent a letter to Kinsey's today I am not very well

6th It is raining very hard tonight and the children are not home They went to a festival at Church Hill

13th I went to Chestertown to see the doctor this morning I am real poorly

14th I did not go to church today because I was sick

15th I went to see Lizzie a little while today took Lena with me

16th I went to see Becky today I feel better and expect to go to Baltimore tomorrow

17th I came to Baltimore today There was several of my friends came over and I enjoyed myself very well Cassie came to the boat to meet me Joy and I went out with Miss Taylor shopping

18th Cassie and I went to see Mrs. Meredith today She went out with me to do some shopping at night Will took me to see Uncle Hugh today

19th I had one of my poorly spells early this morning had one during the day I feel a little better tonight

20th I went out and bought my bonnet today and am now on the boat on my way home Gus and a friend of his are with me

At night

I am home Eddie was very surprised to see Gussy and Frank they all seem to get along very well while I was away

21st May and Mary Wallace came home with us from church Our extra meeting began tonight They all went I was not very well and did not go Mr. and Mrs. Register brought Miss Molly home they had 2 little children with them I hope I will feel better tomorrow

November

Nov 6th Our extra meeting came to a close tonight We have had nice meetings and I have gone every night that we had service except two There were several rainy nights Mrs. Loller, Will Wordall and Budd Nickerson joined church There was 2 others that were converted and I think the members enjoyed and were benefited by the meeting I feel that I want to live better than I ever have before

7th It seems strange not to go to church tonight

8th I have worked all day and have worked this evening

9th This has been a cloudy and part of the time rainy day It is raining very fast tonight We killed a pig today. I neglected writing in my diary when I went to church every night this night work Mr. Asters his wife and Johnnie, Mrs. E. Catlin and Miss Katie Tucker took supper with us then we all went to church

10th Miss Molly Lena and me went to Chestertown today I got Lena a merry hat

11th I went to church today had a nice class

12th This has been a nice day we washed

13th Mr. Thurlock and Miss Annie came and took dinner with us today

14th Lena stayed home from school today Her lip is sore I went to Beckies a little while today had a nice time

15th It rained fast today I have sewed most all day

16th I went to Chestertown this morning and took my butter and then went on to Lizzies it rained before we got home

17th I went to Church Hill today

18th I went to church this morning Mr. Asters preached a good sermon there were three more that joined the church Mr. D Loller by certificate and Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Anderson Had a nice class meeting

19th It rained most all day and we did not did not get our washing done

20th It has been clear we washed got some Ironing done

21st We killed hogs today it has been cool we got our gut fat done

22nd I am tired have been to work all day we have our sausage done but not done the lard yet

23rd We got the Lord all done by dinner Cooked The liver for the chickens and got my scrapple all ready to grind in the morning Pen and Eddie white washed the room Eddie and Walter the kitchen I am not very well tonight

24th I stayed home all day my scrapple is made so we have all day Miss Molly went home today

25th I stayed home from church today for I was not well there were few at church

26th This has been a stormy day Began last night we have had hail and the first snow storm of the season

27th This has been another cloudy and part of the time storming

28th We did not get washing done until today but it has been cloudy and some of the clothes did not get dry

29th Part of the time cloudy

December

Dec 1st Lena any and me went to Chestertown got Annie a hat Jimmy went to Church Hill expects to go to Beckie's to stay all night it has been cloudy most of the day

2nd I went to church Mr. Arters preached

3rd We washed today

4th I have been trying to sew some making Lena a flannel dress

5th The night society met here tonight May N., Mary W. and Blanch Wallace are going to stay all night

8th Lena Jimmy and myself went to town

9th I went to church had no preaching

10th Miss Gizelle came to help me sew this morning I expect to keep her all week

13th We have been busy sewing this week Mrs. Mosse and Beckie came to spend the day with us today we had some talking as well as sewing It snowed real fast for awhile after they left but it was soon over

15th Well this is Saturday night and I am tired for I have worked hard all week

16th I went to church Mr. Asters preached he came home with us for dinner Mr. Story was here for ...

17th This has been a rainy day

18th This has been a nice day we got our clothes dry Pen and I went down to Captain Riggins tonight had a pleasant time

19th We went out to see Katie's mother about one of her girls I guess I will not get one of them

22nd I was taken sick Wednesday night had a hard spell they had to send for the doctor Cutler came Doctor Cooper was not home but he did not do me any good Had to send to Doctor Cooper to get medicine I am a little better

23rd I did not go to church today

24th It does not seem that Christmas is so near for I have not made much preparations Lena has made most of the cake

25th Well Christmas is over I got several presents Pen gave me an album, Eddie a white silk muffler, Lena a breast pin, Jimmy a pair of gloves and hairpins, Annie an indelible pencil, Charlie a Cream Cup and Clement a lead pencil Went up to the church

26th I went up to Beckie's this morning and took all the children but Eddie He and Pen kept house It has

been a pretty day and we had a nice time I left Annie up there and brought Annie Rolph home with me She and Jimmy, Lena and I went up to Church Hill tonight to see Mr. Hazell and Emma Heffecker married They look very nice I hope they will live happy together

27th I fell better tonight hope I will get stronger It has been warm today It rained fast just before night I think it will get colder

28th This has been a pretty day I am not very well Lena and Annie Rolph went to Mr. Perkins today

29th I got more medicine from Doctor Cooper today I think I feel better This has been another nice day

30th This has been a lovely day I went to church Mr. Asters preached a good sermon He appointed me class leader for the children of the neighbor hood who are not members of the church I don't understand how we will manage to have them to meet unless it is in Sunday school. I will have to have a talk with him to find out what he expects me to do. I went to see Mrs. E. Caitlin today She is sick

31st Well I have come to the end of my diary and also to the end of the year This has been a cloudy and part of that a rainy day I went down to see Mrs. Kibbler a little while this afternoon My girl has left I don't know who I will get next year Kate expects to stay home

Last Page of Diary

S. K. Kinsey's
930 Mulberry St
Between Poppleton and Flanders

A. C. Kinsey
2010 W. Saratoga St

Mrs. K. Seton
No. 3 Carpenter St.

Dr. Kline
P.O. Box 1066
Phila. Pennsylvania

Letter No A 29994

W. A. Trump
No. 401 Wehage St.

Mrs. M 430 N. Gilmore St.