

The diary of Susan Burkholder:

Ridgeville Corners, Ohio:

July 20, 1844-December 29, 1914

by Susan Burkholder

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Corvin's Grandma WAS One Of A Kind!

by Del Gasche

Sitting quietly in the Lauber Hill Cemetery north of Pettisville is a massive, simply engraved headstone bearing this inscription:

SUSAN
WIFE OF
JACOB
BURKHOLDER
JULY 20, 1844
DEC. 29, 1914.

Below this stone lies the body of Corvin Mull's maternal grandmother.

"I can remember how cold it was on the day of her funeral," he says, gazing at the granite stone.

"She was active right up until she had a stroke and died.

"I was just a little boy, but I can remember the long line of buggies in her funeral procession.

"It seemed like every buggy from Fulton County was there. And in the middle of it all was one Model T Ford.

"It was so cold that we little kids stayed at the house instead of going to the cemetery.

"We stood at the windows and watched the procession leave for the 10-mile drive."

As Corvin talks, a breeze moves lightly through the graveyard ... touching this and that, whispering, flowing around the static stones.

"The people who had come for the funeral procession heated soapstones to help stay warm in the buggies," he continues.

"The stones had holes in them and they'd insert wire handles to pick them up. They were about the size of a writing tablet ... and maybe an inch or two thick.

"They'd stay hot for a long time and ladies would put their feet on them while they rode in the buggies during cold weather.

"The funeral procession stretched a long ways. I watched it leave and thought about grandmother Susan."

Though Susan Burkholder has been gone since 1914, Corvin's memories of her remain very strong.

In fact, she still seems very much alive as she speaks through the many volumes of diaries she kept.

"She was always there when people had trouble and needed someone," he says.

"And not just local people, either. She traveled all over and would take the B & O railroad from Defiance to get to places too far to drive to in her horse and buggy."

Susan was a very independent widow at the turn of the century.



Corvin feels a special attachment to his grandmother's house, which is located northeast of Ridgeville Corners, just south of the Fulton-Henry County line.

She owned and managed farms.

She spoke fluent German and English.

A Rupp, her parents were among the original settlers in the area.

She liked fine trotters and kept a record of the miles she traveled in her buggy ... 1,226 in Fulton and Henry Counties in one year alone!

"She belonged to the Lauber Hill Mennonite Church, but that was irrelevant when it came to helping people," Corvin says.

"She went everywhere and helped everybody."

And she never asked for anything in return. Those she helped provided board and room for her and her horse ... Jesse ... but that was all she expected.

"I remember once, when I was about eight, my cousin Harold Burkholder and I hitched Jesse to the buggy," Corvin says.

"Harold said he could drive and he started out using only one line. He finally pulled Jesse around against the buggy and nearly upset us.

"Grandma Susan came out of the house, gave us a good scolding and straightened out the buggy.

"Then she climbed in, flicked Jesse under his belly with the blacksnake whip she always carried, and set off down the road at a fast trot.

"She loved to go at a fast trot."

Susan was a good cook and a good story-

teller and she often kept Corvin and the other grandchildren well fed and well entertained with the stories of her travels and the people she'd met.

"She was always busy," Corvin says.

"She was a very unusual woman for her time ... and she'd still be an unusual woman in today's world.

"She was a very interesting, independent person!"

How Would YOU Like To Meet Her?

We agree.

We also believe Susan Burkholder was the kind of person whose influence still asserts itself in subtle ways none of us will ever realize.

So now, we'd like you to meet her through the pages of her diaries.

They begin in 1898 and end in 1912 and there are some gaps in continuity. But all in all, we feel they recapture the experiences of an unusual woman and a bygone time.

With Corvin's permission, we invite you to meet and relive during the next few months the experiences of Susan Burkholder.

Jacob and Susan were the parents of 10 children: Catherine, born in 1860; Sarah, 1863; Samuel, 1865; Mary, 1868; Joseph, 1870; Elizabeth, 1872; John, 1873; Susan, 1874; Jacob, Jr., 1875 and Andrew, 1881.

Susan was widowed in November of 1882 when Jacob died at the age of 41.



Just to keep everything straight, Corvin carefully makes some notes concerning the dates of his grandmother's diaries.

**The Diary Of
SUSAN BURKHOLDER**

Ridgeville Corners, Ohio

July 20, 1844 - December 29, 1914

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January 1, 1898 - Jake and I went from Katie's to Joseph's place. It is bitterly cold and we stayed the night.

January 5 - It is still very cold. I have stayed three nights at Sam's in Archbold. Today we took Andrew to Wauseon to catch the train for Osborn.

January 6 - I am home again. Made two pillow cases in which to put feathers and ironed clothes. Also made the baby a dress and received a letter from John Mouk of Osborn.

January 12 - I went to Sam's to help with butchering.

January 13, 14, 15 - I fried meat for Sam.

January 16 - Jake, the baby and I are home alone. Henry and Lizzie went to meeting. Tomorrow we begin to help Ben butcher.

January 17, 18, 19 - I fried meat for Ben. We've had nice weather.

January 20 through 28 - I sewed, patched and Lizzie and I cut out our dresses. We also finished a quilt and made a comforter. Jake helped.

January 29 - I and Jake went to John Rupp's for dinner and then to Dave Rashley's for overnight.

January 30 - We went to meeting, then to Brother Binders for dinner and to Joe's for overnight.

February 6 - Jonathon Burkholder's have a sick child.

February 9, 10 - I was at Jonathon's to help care for their child.

February 13 - I went back to Jonathon's. Their baby is very sick.

February 15 - I returned to Jonathon's again.

February 16 - I remain at Jonathon's.

February 17 - Jonathon's baby died today. Her name was Herma and she was

three years of age.

February 18 and 19 - Sara Miller and I are helping with the work at Jonathon's. We have baked for the funeral.

February 20 - Today was the funeral of Jonathon's baby.

February 21 - I have come home to catch up on my sewing.

The Personal Diary Of Susan Burkholder 1844-1914

Susan Burkholder was an independent, turn-of-the-century woman. Widowed in 1832, she raised ten children on a farm near Ridgeville Corners and then devoted the rest of her life to helping others. She was the maternal grandmother of Corvin Mull of Wauseon and we thank him for sharing her diaries with his fellow Farmland News readers.

March 1 through 11 - I have been sewing at comforters and have finished five of them.

March 14 - I made soap and did the washing.

March 15 - I cleaned the summer kitchen, hemmed handkerchiefs, baked and received a letter from Margaret King.

March 16 - I sewed at Lib's brown dress, churned butter and received a letter from Sara Pollinger.

March 17 - I took some butter and eggs to Napoleon. I was back at three o'clock and joined Christ Lance's for supper.

March 18 - I finished Lib's brown dress and made her an apron and cape. I also colored rags for carpeting ... yellow, blue and green. It rained hard most of the day.

March 21 - I cut the grapevines.

March 22 - I traveled to Archbold and the roads are wonderfully muddy. Sam has a new, 11-pound baby boy. I bought a toothbrush and powder for 35 cents.

March 23 through March 28 - I took care of Sam's wife, Lib. Several ladies came to visit her.

April 6 - I sewed and had the toothache very bad.

April 7 - I got ready to go to Canada. Sister Lana Weckesser came to go with me. Sam took us to Napoleon to catch the train to Whitehouse but Brother Studer's boy has the whooping cough so we never got any farther.

April 14 - We had supper with Brother Studer, then took the train to Toledo and stayed the night in the depot.

April 15 - We started from Toledo at 4 a.m. on Lakeshore for Detroit. We arrived in Detroit at 5:40 and at 7:55 took the Grand Trunk to Port Huron and arrived at 9:55. Left at 12:10 and went through tunnel. Arrived at Shakespeare, Ontario at 4:31 where brother Jon Cook met us.

April 16 through May 2 - Met many brothers and sisters in Ontario and shared with them.

May 3 - Arrived back at Archbold train station at 1 a.m. Stayed rest of the night at Dan Wyse's and Sam picked me up later in the day.

May 4 - Did not feel well in the morning; but was well enough to clean closets in the afternoon.

May 6, 1898 - I went to Ridgeville Corners and bought a bedstead, then to Wauseon and paid debts of \$7.50.

May 7 - I and Lizzie cleaned the upstairs and put up the new bed. We made a new straw tick, emptied out two old ones and filled them fresh.

May 12 - I started nine dresses for the children.

May 13 - Finished those nine dresses. It was fair weather and I worked in the garden.

May 16 - Made Katie a black dress.

May 17 - Made a pair of pants for John.

May 18 - Made a calico dress for Katie.

May 19 - Made a night dress for Edna, an apron for Katie and two more shirts for John.

May 20 - More sewing.

May 21 - Helped Katie with her Saturday work. I and Jake went to Brother Harmon Spangler's for overnight.

May 22 - Went to meeting and then to Brother Moses Rupp's for dinner.

May 24 - Gave Andrew \$100. Traveled to Archbold and received a package of linen goods I had ordered for \$1.35.

May 25 - I put up the screens and did all kinds of work.

May 26 - Made a kettle of soup.

May 27 - Washed my buggy.

May 31 - Lizzie's little baby boy arrived at 2 o'clock this morning.

June 1 through 3 - Waited on Lizzie.

June 6 - I went to see for a girl for help and got Ada Berer. Went to meeting, then to Kibler's overnight.

June 7 - Did not leave for home until noon. Mary is very bad.

June 8 through 11 - Waited on Lizzie and put in garden.

June 12 - Lizzie was up today. □

June 17 - To the funeral of Sisters Mary and Mathi. They were both laid in one grave. Mary was 51 and Mathi 59.

June 18 - I went to the doctor for myself then stopped at Cas Bear's and took her to Ridgeville to get her pension money.

June 22 - I sewed a little but did not feel well. Emma Burkholder was here to visit.

June 26 - Feeling better. Went to meeting. In the evening I went to Joe's. Lidie is sick.

June 27 through July 1 - Waited on Lidie.

July 2 - Lidie's mother came to stay with her.

July 6 - Fanny Zimmerman and I canned 20 quarts of cherries.

July 7 - Took Jake to Napoleon where he left for Huron County. Came home at 3 o'clock and at 4 I went to George Miller's. At 5 o'clock his baby arrived, a girl.

July 8 - Stayed at Millers until noon. Did all kinds of work.

July 11 - Made a cheese in the forenoon. After supper checked on George Miller's wife and went on into Ridgeville. There was a letter waiting for me from Jake.

July 14 - Went to Napoleon with butter and eggs.

July 15 - At 11 in the night, George Miller came for me. His baby is sick.

July 16 - Waited on George Miller's baby. It rained a little in the evening.

July 17 - Went to meeting and then returned to Millers.

July 18 - We had the funeral today for George Miller's baby girl. It rained all day.

July 19 - Went to Ridgeville and then to Ben's to stay for the rest of the week.

July 20 through 23 - Sewed and ironed.

July 23 - Went to meeting in Henry County and to Brother Adam Mull's for dinner. Stayed the night with Brother and Sister Roth.

July 29, 1898 - Helped Lizzie in the morning. Went to Napoleon in the afternoon and picked up letters from Jake and Kate Copenhoffer. Still raining all the time.

July 30 - Finished Lizzie's suit of linen.

July 31 - Went to church, then to Joe's for dinner and to Katie's for all night. Still raining.

August 1 - Wrote a letter to Jake. Weather cleared up and I worked in the garden.

August 4 - Went to Archbold and shipped some plums to Jake.

August 7 - Visited by Uncle John Rupp and his five children; Ben Zimmerman and his five children; John and his two children; Sam and his five children; and my baby Andrew.

August 11 - Anna is sick.

August 13 - Went to Lucas County and visited with several Brothers and Sisters. Stayed the night with Christ Buehrer.

August 14 - Went to meetings in Lucas and Wood Counties.

August 17 - Attended Christ Lances' sale.

August 19 - I was preparing pears to mix in with applebutter when I learned that Sister Lizzie Kibler passed away. The weather is fair again today.

August 20 - I made 11 gallons of applebutter.

August 21 - Went to Sister Lizzie's funeral, then to Brother Sam Lauber's for dinner. I also called on Brother Adam Mull and their baby is sick.

August 23 - Went to Archbold and took my watch to Dan Wyse to get it fixed. I also stopped and had some medicine put on my head. Fair weather.

August 24 - I went to Napoleon and got some sugar to can my plums. It's raining again.

August 25 - Peeled plums all day and into the evening, then took some applebutter to J. Bailies and to H. Spangler. □

August 26, 1898 - Raining again today.

August 28 - Went to meeting and then to Brother John Rupp's for dinner and then home. Went to evening meeting also.

August 29 - Finally finished canning plums.

August 30 Made a cheese. Went to John Leininger's over dinner and to Christ King's over supper, then called on J. Rupp and H. Spangler. Fair weather today.

September 1 Went to Sam's all day. They threshed. I made a shirt.

September 2 Canned peaches.

September 3 - Went to the funeral of Henry Ganer.

September 4 - Katie's baby is sick. Rain this morning.

September 5 - Stopped at Jacob Kisels for a hired girl. Got Sara.

September 7 through 10 - Sewing all the time. Fair weather.

September 13 - Christ Rupp's wife is dead.

September 14 - Went to cousin Christ Rupp's in the evening.

September 15 - Helped at Christ Rupp's in the forenoon and in the afternoon for the funeral. Went to Sam's in the evening.

September 19 - I went to the funeral of Katie, the wife of Jacob Bomgartner. She was 27 years and 3 months old when she died.

September 20 - I finished making my dress from the material I got in Canada in April.

September 21 - I cooked for threshers. Fair weather.

September 23 - I worked at grapes for making jell and peeled apples and pears today.

September 24 - Made jell. It rained very hard today.

September 27 - Went to Napoleon for the train to Huron County. My brother, Mose Rupp and Lidie Rashley went along.

September 29 - We all arrived in Huron County and hired a team to take us to Brother Fred Wagner's for the night. It cost us 20 cents apiece for the team and wagon.

September 30 through October 11, 1898 - Visited with friends in Huron County.

October 12 - We traveled to the train station at Lexington and took the Lexington to Chicago train home. We got home at 1 in the afternoon.

October 18 - It rained until noon. I made Ada two pairs of drawers.

October 21 - Ada took me and Mose to brother Dan Pollinger's where I spent the night. It rained all day again.

October 24 - Made Jake a shirt and in the evening went to brother Harry Crooks for the night. Fair weather today finally.

October 25 - Stayed with the Crooks for dinner, then went to brother John Miller's for the night.

October 26 - I am home and it is raining again.

October 27 - It was fair today. I and Sara went to Miller's after quince. Then we baked quince pies.

November 2 - Fair today. We butchered. I helped fry meat and sausage and made a kettle of soup.

November 3 - Commenced working on Lizzie's dress in the forenoon but was sick in the afternoon.

November 4 - Finished Lizzie's dress and apron.

November 5 - Patched Jake's underclothes.

November 7 - Helped Sara can quince.

November 8 - I and Sara went to brother Harry Crooks awhile and cut grape vines.

November 19 - Joe's and I took Katie and Susan Rupp over to John Rupp's for dinner and then we went on to Dave Rashley's to visit awhile. We went to Katie's for the night.

November 20 - We had communion meeting and 11 received. We learned that Johnny Leininger's baby died.

November 21 - Stayed with Johnny Leininger's awhile.

November 22 - Today it is stormy and the weather has turned cold.

November 24, 1898 - Andy Myers and Mattie Beaverson were here for dinner. I went with them to C.D. Roth's and then to Dan Myers and helped put down carpeting all day.

November 28 - I butchered chickens then went to Wauseon in the afternoon. It was dark and snowing by the time I got home.

December 4 - Went to meeting and then to Joe's for dinner. It snowed all day.

December 14 - Butchered the beef. Adam Mull helped. His wife was here and we went to meeting in the evening. It was very, very cold.

December 15 - Fixed the meat.

December 17 - I helped Libby fry meat.

December 19 through 24 - Sewing dresses and skirts.

December 25 - We all went to Andrew Myers for dinner. The weather is very stormy.

December 26 - Finished the dress for sister Spengler. We spent the night at brother Will Bander's. It is still storming.

December 27 - We went to Christ Smith's over dinner and then brother Spengler took me to Joe's for the night. It is still storming and the weather is very bad.

December 28 - The weather has cleared up. I helped Joe butcher 35 geese.

December 29 - Lidie took me to John's in the afternoon. I made two pair of drawers and two waists for Albert. The weather has remained fair.

December 30 - I made Ethel a dress and two aprons.

December 31 - Andrew Plettner's baby died today. I spent the day with them at their house.

January 1, 1899 - Went to meeting. It is very, very cold. In the year 1898 I received 43 letters.

January 2 - I was to Andrew Plettner's all day. We buried their baby. It was very cold outside. I stayed with them until into the evening.

January 3, 1899 - A recipe for cough syrup: 1 pint strong horehound tea, 1 pint strong cherry bark tea, 1 pint cider vinegar, 1 pound sugar, 1 pint pine tar. Steep all together in a new earthen jar for one day. When cold, add enough whiskey to take out the tar taste. Take one teaspoonful at a time.

January 4 through 7 - Sewing. Made 5 dresses, 4 waists and 1 pair of pants.

January 8 - Went to meeting in Henry County then called on Steinman's for dinner. Stopped at Mohr's and Crist Miller's on the way home.

January 10 through 14 - Made 5 pair of pants, 1 waist, commenced sewing on several dresses and made 5 aprons.

January 15 - Stayed home all day.

January 16 - I did not feel well today.

January 17 through 19 - I made 2 shirts, 2 night dresses, 3 waists, 6 sheets and 5 pillow cases.

January 23 - Commenced piecing Mary's comforter.

January 24 - Finished the comforter.

January 25 - Butchered chickens.

January 26 - Took chickens to Wauseon for Henry. Spent \$1.64. Lizzie bought me a dress.

January 27 - Made mince.

February 7 - I didn't do anything.

February 8 - We butchered. Ben was here to help.

February 9 - Fried meat.

February 15 - Commenced two suits, one for me and one for Lizzie.

February 16 through 18 - Worked on the suits.

February 21 - Went to Lances in the forenoon and made a dress in the afternoon.

February 22 through 26, 1899 - Made six shirts, four dresses, four aprons and 12 pillow slips.

February 27 - I went to Joe's. Lidie is not well.

February 28 - Joe took me to Archbold. Sam picked me up and took me home. In the afternoon I made 13 pillow slips.

March 1 through 4 - Made three pairs of drawers, one shirt, six waists, two night dresses, three night caps, six pairs of pants and hemmed two handkerchiefs.

March 5 - Snow all day. Cleared off some in the evening.

March 6 - Made button holes all day. Made 50.

March 7 - Made button holes all day. Made 51.

March 11 - Went to Jacob Kissil's over dinner then to Joe's overnight.

March 12 - Received a letter from D. D. Pollinger.

March 13 - Went to Joe Eicher's and to Ridgeville and to C. D. Roth's for supper.

March 15 - I did house work. Lib was here to help. Lizzie and Lib began papering the summer kitchen.

March 16 - I did house work and we finished the summer kitchen.

March 20 - Commenced working on the carpet rags.

March 21 - Worked at the rags.

March 23 - I and Lizzie and Sara went to Ben's to quilt. Lizzie went home. Sara and I stayed the night.

- March 24 - We quilted all day.
- March 31 - Worked at carpet rags some more and wrote a letter to Sara Pollinger.
- April 4 through 8 - Worked at carpet rags.
- April 10, 1899 - Went to John Neuswander's. Aaron Meet is there and very sick.
- April 11 - Fair weather today. I went to Napoleon with butter and eggs.
- April 12 - Colored 20 pounds of rags.
- April 14 - Mixed the rags and started sewing.
- April 18 - Got a letter from Barbara Wilhelm from Ontario, Canada.
- April 19 - Mary, Fanny and Estela were here to help sew rags.
- April 21 - Went home with Ben Zimmerman in the evening. Their baby, Morris, is very sick.
- April 22 - I was at Ben's. Morris died at noon. He was 18 months old.
- April 23 - I stayed at Ben's. Sara and Jake came home for Morris's funeral.
- April 24 - We all went to the funeral of poor, little Morris. It rained all afternoon.
- April 28 - Fair weather. I got a card from Kate Copenhoffer.
- April 29 - I went to Ben Zimmerman's to stay while Ben went to visit his brother in Indiana.
- May 1 - I came home from Ben's and sewed on rags.
- May 2 - George Miller and Henry Roth worked for me. Each worked two days.
- May 4 - Three masons came to work for me.
- May 5 through 6 - Masons worked all day.
- Mary 7 - We had communion meeting.
- May 8 through 13 - I had three masons, three slaters and two carpenters working all week for me.
- May 15, 1899 - Made a kettle of soap.
- May 19 - I went to Sam Burkholder's over dinner, then to Amos Burkholder's over supper and then to Jacob Basinger's overnight.
- May 20 - I went to Saturday meeting and to Christ Heer's for supper. Stayed the night at David Brosingers.
- May 21 - Went to communion meeting. Four of the boys expressed a desire to join the church and are given up to the Lord. Spent the night at Jacob Zimmerman's.
- May 22 - Started from Jacob Zimmerman's for home. Came as far as Ben's and spent the night. Paid \$2.50 for carpet warp.
- May 23 - Went to Napoleon with eggs. Paid \$5.25 for wall paper.
- May 25 & 26 - Cleaned in house.
- May 27 - Made pies.
- May 29 - Papered one of the bedrooms.
- May 30 - Papered the sitting room. One carpenter worked in the forenoon.
- May 31 - Prepared my bedroom. One carpenter worked from ten o'clock in the morning on for the rest of the day. Paid \$3.00 for papering.
- June 1 - Done all kinds of work.
- June 2 - Went to Ridgeville after paint.
- June 3 - Painting.
- June 4 - Went to meeting, then to Saloma Wyse's over dinner.
- June 5 - I went to see Elie Noffzinger, who laid a corpse.
- June 6 - Painted and went to Ridgeville twice after paint. Dave Cameron was here painting.
- June 7 - Went to Napoleon with eggs.
- June 8 - Cleaned my room and moved my bed.
- June 9, 1899 - Started making soap but did not finish it.
- June 10 - Finished making soap. This is the first night I sleep in my newly decorated room.
- June 13 - Painted porch.
- June 16 - Went to the funeral of Simon Kreiger's child, eight months old. Visited David Noffzinger on the way home. He is very sick.
- June 19 - Made soap and worked in the garden.
- June 22 - Helped Katie can cherries. She was hurt by a cow and is having difficulties.
- June 24 - Put down my carpet.
- June 26 - I and Lizzie went to Napoleon. Stopped for dinner in Ridgeville and then went to Sam's.
- June 28 - Sam butchered a hog and I helped Lib fry the meat.
- June 29 - I helped Lib fry meat until two o'clock, then went to Joe's for supper and to Katie's to help her sew.
- July 4 - Helped Lizzie can cherries.
- July 5 - Went to Napoleon for Henry Mull in the forenoon and in the afternoon made window curtains.
- July 10 - I had the toothache all day!
- July 12 - Made two dresses and a cushion for the rocking chair.
- July 15 - I and Lidie went to George Miller's. They have a new baby girl.
- July 19 - I and Saloma Wyse went to Lucas County. We stopped overnight at John Moseman's.
- July 20 - Visited sisters and brothers in Lucas County.
- July 21 - Paid a call on sister Kutzley. She is in bed with a broken leg. Went to Ben Bucher's for dinner and spent the night at brother Garber's.
- July 28 - Started home from Lucas County at seven o'clock. Got to Napoleon at noon and to Adam Mull's at four and stayed for supper. I got home about eight in the evening after 9 days visiting brothers and sisters in Lucas County.

July 29, 1899 - Went to Napoleon after Mary Roth. Got back at noon and hemmed carpet.

July 30 - Took Mary Roth to John Rupp's and then to David Rashley's for the night.

July 31 - Took Mary to visit Banders, Clings and Ruleys. We went to Joe's for the night.

August 1 - Took Mary to visit Christ Laubers, Guy Beversons and D. Wyses. Went to Archbold and got my horse shod.

August 2 - Filled the bake oven with apples in the forenoon and worked in the garden in the afternoon.

August 3 - I made four hearths to be used for drying apples in the oven.

August 4 - Dried apples.

August 5 - Mowed the yard by the door.

August 6 - Went to meeting. Christ Rupp's wife is very sick. Called on George Millers.

August 7 - We all went to Sam's to thresh.

August 9 - Came home and snitized apples in the evening.

August 11 - Took Henrys to Napoleon for Huron County.

August 12 - I went to Wauseon to Dan Leininger's funeral. He was killed on the 10th in the evening.

August 14 - I went to Dave Leupp's where they are threshing, then to Ridgeville after oil.

August 16 - I canned 10 quarts of crab apples, 9 quarts of pears and made 2 quarts of pear preserves.

August 17 - Made jell and did other work.

August 18 - Baked bread.

August 19 - Baked pies and cakes.

August 20 - Went to meeting and to Sam's for dinner. Brother Garber, his wife, daughter and mother-in-law were with me.

August 21 - I went to Napoleon after Henrys. Also got my teeth pulled.

August 24, 1899 - Made playthings for the children.

August 29 - I and Susie Myers went to Mr. Murdock's, then to Frank Keiger's over dinner, then to Clint Bear's, then to Mr. Pauven's, then to Andrew Donlap's over supper, then back to Myers for the night.

September 2 - Went to Ridgeville after my mail.

September 4 - I and Mattie went to Napoleon to get more of my teeth pulled.

September 6 - Picked up apples for applebutter.

September 7 - Made 20 gallons of applebutter. Ana Rupp came and stayed the night.

September 8 - I and Ana Rupp went to Wood County.

September 9 & 10 - I and Ana visited with brothers and sisters in Wood County.

September 11 - Ana and I came home from Wood County.

September 13 - Made 12 gallons of apple butter.

September 14 - I'm waiting on Lidie, she had a baby boy.

September 15 through 18 - Waiting on Lidie. She has had lots of company.

September 19 - Waiting on Lidie and went after tomatoes.

September 20 through 26 - Waiting on Lidie. She has had many visitors.

September 27 - Waited on Lidie, worked on a dress and mashed the grapes for wine.

September 28 - Made 18 gallons of applebutter.

September 29 - Made 14 gallons of applebutter.

September 30 - I and Mary Zimmerman made 24 gallons of applebutter.

October 1 - Went to meeting and then to Joe's for the night.

October 2 - Made Joe's wine and then went home.

October 9, 1899 - I got the things ready to make the mattress and put part of it in the frame.

October 10 - Fana Zimmerman came and helped me work at the mattress. My horse needs a shoe.

October 11 - We finished the mattress and Fana went home.

October 16 - Went to Napoleon with 58 dozen eggs. Got 18 cents a dozen for them. Got a cart from Jake on the way home.

October 19 - I and Lib went to Lucas County. We started at noon and got as far as Gotlib Crouses and stayed the night.

October 20 - We started on with 10 miles to go and got to meeting on time. We stayed the night with Garbers.

October 21 - Stayed the night with Aunt Susan Rupp.

October 22 - Went to meeting and stayed the night with Fred Studer's.

October 23 - Came home from Lucas County.

October 26 - Went to Archbold to the doctor, then to Wauseon, then to Joe's overnight.

October 27 - I went to John Leininger's then to Moses Rupp's over dinner and then to Katie's for the night. It rained all day.

October 31 - Staying at Katie's place. I went to three different places looking for a hired girl.

November 1 - Went to Archbold with butter and eggs.

November 2 - Cleaned two stoves.

November 3 - Did the washing.

November 4 - Did Saturday work and ironed.

November 5 - Visited Grandma Leininger. She is sick.

November 6 - Went to Burlington for medicine for Grandma Leininger.

November 13 - Made sauerkraut.

November 14 - I was called to go to Katie's.

November 17 - I got up at midnight and by one o'clock a little boy had arrived for Katie.

November 18 through 27, 1899 - Waited on Katie and her new baby.

November 28 - Helped wash and went to Sam's for the night.

November 29 - Made a coat and stayed all night again.

November 30 - Went home. Cousin John Rupp is here. We planted trees.

December 4 - It snowed about four inches.

December 5 - Went to Wauseon with Ana and stayed all night with brother Moses Rupp. It is very, very cold.

December 6 - Paid a call on Grandma Leininger and then went to Joe's for the night.

December 7 - Went to Katie's in the afternoon and stayed the night.

December 8 - Finally went home.

December 10 - Went to meeting and then to C. D. Roth's for dinner.

December 11 - Went to Sam's and made applebutter for brother Mauk in Osborn, Ohio.

December 12 - Went to Napoleon and sent the applebutter to Osborn, Ohio. Went to Ben's to be with Mary.

December 12 through 19 - Helped Mary with the housework.

December 20 - Lizzie came in the afternoon. Mary has a baby girl born about 11 o'clock in the evening.

December 21 - Waited on Mary and baked bread.

December 22 through 24 - Waited on Mary. Edwin and Ameal Zimmerman were here. Katie Myers, Emma Miller and Lizzie Myers came to visit.

December 25 - Sam's were here for Christmas.

December 28 - Mary was worse. The doctor was here and she has neuralgia.

December 29 - Mary is taking medicine every two hours.

December 30 - Waited on Mary.

December 31 - Waited on Mary. Sam's were here to visit.

January 1, 1900 - Mary and Ben had 10 visitors today.

January 4 - Went with Ben to Archbold. Bought four ironing boards for \$3.00.

January 5 - Waited on Mary in the morning. In the afternoon Sam and I went

to the funeral of my friend, Melcher Waltvogel. Brother Binder held the sermon.

January 6 - Waited on Mary in the morning then went to my friend Harmon Kline's where he laid a corpse.

January 7 - Waited on Mary. Erven Rupp and his wife, Lee Rashley, Lidie Rashley, Ela Rashley and Joe Rupp were here for dinner.

January 10 - Mary was up for awhile today.

January 12 - Went with Ben to Napoleon where they took an impression for my teeth. I spent 60 cents.

January 13 - Went with Estela to Wauseon. It was misting and snowing all day. I spent \$1.75.

January 15 - Helped Sam and Lib butcher. Ben Zimmerman, David Camron and Joe Smith helped.

January 17 - Henry went with me to Napoleon and I got my lower teeth.

January 18 - Helped Henry Mull and Lizzie butcher. Adam Mull and Andrew Miller helped.

January 20 - Went to Napoleon after the rest of my teeth. They cost \$6.15.

January 25 - I and Henry tied three comforters. Two of them had 224 knots each and the third one had 330.

January 26 - We tied another comforter today with 346 knots and a small one with only 50.

January 28, 1900 - It's very cold. Joe's baby has the whooping cough. I am staying with them until the sick are all well.

January 29 - Lidie is in bed sick and the baby has the whooping cough. It is very cold. I did the housework and waited on the sick.

January 30 - Lidie is getting better. The babe is not.

January 31 - The babe is the same. The house is very cold.

February 3 - Lidie is gaining but the babe is not. Warmer today.

February 4 - Done the housework. It snowed all day. The babe is no better.

February 5 - I went in the afternoon to see mother Leininger. She is bad off.

February 6 - I and Moses Rupp went to see uncle Tobias. He is sick.

February 10 - Done Saturday work. Lizzie and Mattie came just at dark and stayed the night.

February 11 - Went to church. David Rashley and family were here and so was brother Roth and his wife for dinner. I went to visit mother Weichesser in the evening.

February 16 - Took care of the baby and did other work. The baby is better. It is very cold again.

February 19 - Made two shirts. Aunts Anna and Emma Rupp of Tedrow were here in the afternoon.

February 22 - Prepared apples all day for to dry and to can. Joe went and helped John Graber move.

February 26 - I made Joe a pair of pants and commenced working on a dress for Lidie.

February 28, 1900 - I was sick all day. It commenced to snow about four o'clock and snowed all day and until midnight, when I fell asleep.

March 1 - It was snowing yet this morning. About nine o'clock it quit snowing. The rest of the day was nice and I felt some better.

March 2 - I felt not so good today. The weather is fair and people are sleighing.

March 3 - I am the same as yesterday.

March 4 - I am not so good. The doctor was here. It is snowing again.

March 5 - I feel a little better today. My sister Kate Rashley was here. Lizzie, Sam and Sarah came in the evening and stayed the night.

March 6 - I am gaining some. The children left this morning. Sarah went home with Lizzie and Sam.

March 8 - I am gaining more strength. Wrote a letter to Jake. Lidie's mother and her brother Henry Miller were here to visit.

March 9 - I am gaining every day. I washed the baby today. Sister Sara Rashley was here to visit.

March 10 - I think I can go home next Tuesday the 13th if nothing more happens. Sara and Ada George, Stella Zimmerman, Lidia Barnet and Andrew were all here today.

March 11 - I did not go to meeting. Sister Weichesser, John's mother, died this evening at seven o'clock.

March 12 - John and Katie, Sara, Ada and my brothers Christ and Joe, sister Lauber, brother Spangler and his wife, Ada Rupp and Estelle Zimmerman were here. I got a letter from my sister-in-law in Texas telling us that my niece Perla, age 17, died on March sixth. She was their only child. Katie read the letter to us all and it was most like a funeral.

March 13 - Joe took Sara Pollinger and Ada to Wauseon and they went on home. Blanche Basinger died at two o'clock in the afternoon. It is Tuesday but I am not well enough to go home yet.

March 14 - I am staying at Joe's yet. Joe and Lydia went to the funeral of sister Weichesser.

March 15 - I took care of the baby and Joe and Lidie went to the funeral of brother A. Basinger's child.

March 17, 1900 - Took care of the baby and did patching. Got a card from Sara and sent a letter to Barbara McGowan in Houston, Texas. Paid 70 cents for horse shoeing.

March 18 through 21 - Did patching and took care of the baby. Made a new cover for the rocking chair cushion.

March 22 - I am finally well enough to go home.

March 23 - It is quite pleasant to be home.

March 26 - Dr. A.J. Murbach died today.

March 28 - I went to the rag sewing for Fanny Earnst.

March 29 - Dr. A.J. Murbach was buried today in the Archbold cemetery.

April 1 - Went to meeting with sister Mattie. I and Mattie went to visit mother Leininger in the evening and stayed the night.

April 2 - From Leiningers we went to visit Christ King and to see uncle Tobias who is very sick.

April 3 - Went to the doctor's after medicine. Paid \$11.00 for my teeth.

April 6 - Wrote a letter to Sara Honderich. Went to visit uncle Tobias. He is very sick.

April 7 - Stayed at my brother John's all night. Received \$10.00 sale money.

April 8 - Went to meeting and then to my brother Moses' over dinner. We went to Christ King's over supper where my uncle Tobias Schock is lying a corpse. He died this morning at four a.m. at the age of 87 years and 22 days.

April 9 - I and Joe went to Leiningers and then to King's where my uncle lies a corpse.

April 10 - Uncle Tobias' funeral was today. We had a service at King's house at nine o'clock and at the meeting house at 10 o'clock. Brother Ben Bucher preached the funeral sermon.

April 12 - Went to the sale of George Rollin.

April 14 - Baked pies and done other work.

April 16 - Made bonnets and did sewing.

April 17 through 20, 1900 - Went to John and Katie's. I helped cut grapevines, worked on the raspberries and helped Katie fry meat. It is very windy and the roads are bad with mud.

April 22 - Tony, Andrew and Frank Barnet were here for dinner. I went to visit Grandma Leininger in the afternoon. Stayed the night.

April 23 - Stayed with Leiningers until evening then went to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

April 24 - I went to Napoleon in the

afternoon and spent \$1.69 and also paid the doctor \$5.00.

April 26 - I and Mattie went to cousin C. L. Rupp's. His wife is lying a corpse.

April 27 - I and Mattie went to Rupp's house for the funeral of his wife and then to friend Will Veness's house where his son is lying a corpse and then to Ridgeville to get the mail.

April 30 - Back to aunt Susan's over dinner. Andrew and I started home at three o'clock and arrived home at eight. So far this year through April, I have visited Katie and John 8 days, Sarah and David no days, Sam and Libbie 5 days, Mary and Ben 14 days, Joe and Lidie 50 days, Lizzie and Henry 27 days, and other visits are 16 days. I have received \$159.36 and spent \$36.97. The youngest three boys ... John, Jacob and Andrew are all well.

May 1 - Washed my buggy in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Joe's and then to Ben's over supper.

May 7 - Visited Christ Miller's and then stayed the night with Mary and Ben. Paid \$1.43 for medicine. Rained all night.

May 10 - Lizzie took me to Napoleon to take the train to Huron County. Paid \$2.51 train fare.

May 11 through June 21 - Stayed with Sarah and David and went to meeting. After meeting, visited with those in Huron County. Helped Sarah wallpaper. Helped with the strawberries. Did sewing.

June 22 - Left Sarah and David's at 11:00 a.m. and arrived in Archbold at 8:00 p.m. Andrew met me at the station and we stayed the night with Sam and Libbie.

June 26 - Went to Wauseon and bought goods. Bought one single harness and paid \$17.15. Wrote a letter to Jake.

June 28 - Sam came after me. He and Elizabeth have a new baby boy.

June 29 through 30 - Staying with Sam and waiting on Libbie and the baby.

July 1 - Went to the funeral of Simon Leininger's boy.

July 2 - Waited on Libbie. She is getting along well but the baby is not. It has

inward spasms. I went to the doctor's for medicine for the baby. Stopped at Ben's and learned Mary and the baby got hurt in a horse runaway. Mary don't know what happened.

July 3 - Waited on Libbie and the new baby. Went to Ben's and waited on Mary and her baby. Mary is better and so is the baby. Sister Lantz took care of Libbie's baby while I was at Ben's. Raining all day.

July 4 - Waited on Libbie and the baby. Made a shirt and painted the milk trough the first coat.

July 5 through 6 - Waited on Libbie and the baby. Made two shirts and did the sweeping. Painted the milk trough a second coat.

July 9 through 12 - Waited on Libbie and the baby. Made soap.

July 13 - Andrew took me to Katie and John's. Libbie and the baby are getting along.

July 14 - John and I went to Andrew Plettner's after fruit cans. Spent 35 cents for a horse shoe.

July 15 - To Ben and Mary's overnight. Their boy Willie is sick.

July 16 - Came home and went to Napoleon with Henry Mull with our eggs. Spent \$2.65 for medicine and shoes. Took my gasoline stove to Ben's and stayed the night.

July 23 and 24, 1900 - Stayed at John's and helped Katie cook for the threshing. John sent me to get my brother Moses and also to get Joe to come and help raise a building the next day.

July 25 and 26 - Joe and Moses stayed the night. The building took two days but is up.

July 27 - Worked in garden at home. Went to town and spent \$6.50 for a bedstead and springs.

August 2 - I and sister Myers went to the funeral of friend Ben Olion's wife north of Zone.

August 3 - Paid \$3.60 for a linen dress for myself!

August 6 - Learned that Andrew Plettner died in Colorado. He was 36 years, 3 months and 25 days old.

August 8 and 9 - Stayed at Sam and Libbie's. Took Ralph to the doctor. He is very sick with spinal fever.

August 10 - Went to the funeral of Andrew Plettner. He went to Colorado for his health and was there only three weeks before dying. His body was sent home to Archbold and arrived on the train at three yesterday afternoon. We had services at nine o'clock at the house and eleven o'clock at the meeting house.

August 11 through 13 - Staying with Sam and Libbie and waiting on Ralph.

August 20 - Worked for myself.

August 24 - Cut off sweet corn to dry and peeled apples to dry.

August 27 through 30 - Lizzie and I picked and canned plums. We had to go to both Ridgeville and Archbold for cans and sugar.

August 31 - Went to Ridgeville and spent ten cents for bolts for my buggy.

September 1 - We was going to thresh. Ben and Mary, John and Katie were here but we had a breakdown and couldn't thresh.

September 4 - We threshed.

September 10 - Took train from Waldron, Michigan to Battle Creek. Expenses were \$2.27.

September 11 - It stormed in Battle Creek and tore up most all the corn shocks around. Took train to Shelby, Michigan and arrived at 8:30 p.m.

September 12 through October 5 - Visited brothers and sisters in Michigan. Helped parch corn. Visited in Battle Creek, Shelby, Chesaning, Pontiac and took streetcar from Detroit to Toledo and train to Wauseon. Joe met me in Wauseon at noon and I went to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

October 9, 1900 - Went to Ridgeville and got my horse shod. It cost 70 cents. Went to

brother Aaron Basinger's sale and to Ben and Mary's for supper. Then went to Joe Smith's for the night. The Smith's baby died.

October 10 - I made a shroud for the Smith's baby's corpse.

October 25 through November 10 - I did sewing and visiting and made soap. I sewed eight nightdresses, six pillow slips, six shirts, six dresses, four skirts, two under-

waists, two aprons, two caps, two capes, one waist, one blouse, one pair of overalls and one quilt.

November 12 - Went to John and Katie's to help butcher. Painted her kitchen floor.

November 13 - Went to Wauseon and bought a stove for \$6.25. I also paid ten cents for medicine and ten cents for my dinner.

November 19 - Went to the funeral of Christ Spangler.

November 23 - Took care of John's children and churned butter.

November 26 - I and Mattie went to Katie Plettner's to help care for her sick baby. It died this evening at ten o'clock at age nine months and fourteen days.

November 27 and 28 - Helped Katie Plettner and her husband and went to their baby's funeral.

November 29 through December 2 - I went to Columbus Grove and visited with brothers and sisters and went to meetings.

December 3 - Came home from Columbus Grove and wrote a letter to Jacob.

December 6 through 8 - Helped Mary and Ben butcher and fry meat. Sister Mattie Beverson also helped.

December 16 - Jake arrived from Chicago and we all went to Joe's for dinner.

December 25 - We all went to Mary and Ben's for dinner. We had oysters.

December 31 - Jake went home today. I stayed with the children while Henry and Lizzie took him to the train. During the year, I received \$482.32 and paid out \$467.80 in connection with the farm and other business. I made 365 visits with my children, church brothers and sisters, relatives and others.

January 1, 1901 - I went to Sam and Libbie's for dinner then paid a call on Ben and Mary, then home. It was eight miles in my buggy.

January 2 and 3 - Covered a rope for Henry.

January 6 - Went to meeting. Andrew and Emma were here for supper. John and Lydia were also here.

January 9 - Fryed 11 gallons of beef and made mincemeat.

January 14 - Helped Henry dress chickens in forenoon and helped John dress chickens in the afternoon. Stayed the night at John and Katie's.

January 15 - Went to Archbold for John. Then to Wauseon and back to John's for the night. Drove buggy 24 miles. Fair weather.

January 21 - Lizzie and I tried to paper overhead with oilcloth.

January 22 - Len Peters was here to put the oilcloth on. We finally got it on alright.

January 29 - 31 Helping Sam and Libbie butcher and fry meat. Drove buggy 101 miles in January.

February 2 - Received \$164.75 farm rent from Henry and Lizzie.

February 9 - Spent \$1.00 for chimney pipe. It is very cold.

February 14 - Waited on Lizzie. She and Henry have a baby boy.

February 27 - Waiting on Lizzie. She got up today. Her sister Mattie Burkholder and Ben and Mary were here for supper.

March 6 - I donated \$10.00 for gravel for the road.

March 14 - Went to the sale of Jacob Myers and stayed the night with Ben and Mary. It is storming and raining.

March 17 - Went to the funeral of brother Barnet Lieupage. He was 71 years, 5 months and 13 days old.

March 21 - Henry went to help Dave Leupp move.

March 23 - I went to the funeral of Jake Barnet's little girl, Ida.

March 28 - Papered the chimney, ironed the clothes and swept the upstairs.

March 31 - My brother Joe Rupp, H. Spangler and his wife, and Sam Earnst were here for dinner. I drove the buggy 106 miles in March.

April 2 - Staying at Ben and Mary's. Their boy, Willie, is sick.

April 5 - Took John and Henry's eggs to Napoleon and bought wall paper.

April 11 - Helped Katie with her work in forenoon and trimmed grapevines in afternoon.

April 24 - I am helping Mary. Willie is still very sick.

April 27 - Got a letter from Dave saying Jake is sick.

April 29 - Went to Napoleon and took the train to Chicago, Ohio to help Jake. Arrived safe and sound but have a sore throat.

April 30 - Did not do anything. I am sick.

May 1 through May 6 - Both Jake and I have been sick but are better now.

May 15 - Jake and I went to Plymouth for some things.

May 17 - I took the train from Chicago, Ohio to Lexington, Ohio to visit with Sam Lantzes and Fred Dukermans.

May 20 - Returned to Sarah and Dave's. Jake is well.

May 21 through 26 - Sewing for Sarah, Dave and Jake.

May 27 - Returned from Sarah and Dave Pollinger's to Defiance. Train fare was \$3.10 and I spent ten cents extra.

May 28 - Staying with Mary and Ben. Willie is very low.

May 29 - Helping Mary. Willie is not getting better.

May 30 through June 4 - Helping Mary and Ben. Willie is very low and not gaining.

June 5 - Willie died this evening at nine o'clock.

June 6 & 7 - Staying with Ben and Mary.

June 8 - Willie's funeral was today. Sarah came on the train for the funeral.

June 17, 1901 - Helped Lizzie in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Christ Short's, where he is laid out as a corpse. Received \$50 from son-in-law Henry Mull for rent.

June 19 - Waited on Katie. She and John have a new baby girl. Eichers were here to visit.

June 27 - Waiting on Katie and the baby. Worked at cherries and made a kettle of soap.

June 30 - Went to meeting and then to brother Binder's over dinner then to brother John Rupp's for the night. I drove the horse and buggy 94 miles in the month of June.

July 8 - Grafted peach and cherry trees.

July 13 - Threshing.

July 16 - Went with Lizzie to Ben and Mary's to pick raspberries. I did not feel good all day.

July 17 - Went back to Ben's to help with the threshing and cooking.

July 20 - I was to Sam and Libbie's for threshing until noon. Andrew took me to Archbold in the afternoon for my linen goods.

July 24 - I and Joe went to the funeral of Dan Spangler's baby. Then to brother Binder's for dinner and also to Moses Rupp's for a call before going back to Joe's for the night.

July 29 - Done nothing all day.

July 30 - Went to the doctor. Spent 50 cents for medicine.

July 31 - Went to Otto Schroeder's then took a ride around two sections or more. It was a nice fair day. I drove the horse and buggy 302 miles in July.

August 1 through 13 - Sewing and doing some visiting.

August 14 - We threshed oats and wheat. We got 439 bushels of wheat and 218 bushels of oats.

August 18 - Went to meeting at brother Adam Mull's.

August 19 - Went to son-in-law Ben Zimmerman's for a rag sewing with Mary. In the evening I visited friend Joe Steinman. He is very sick.

August 20 - Went back to Steinman's in the morning and stayed until three in the afternoon. Came home and at nine o'clock and got word that he had died.

April 29, 1901 - I and sister Katie Lauver went to aunt Susan Rupp's in Lucas County.

August 30 - We called on Dan Rupp, Fred Olin, Ezra Morningstar and Peter Garber in Lucas County.

September 2 - Returned from Lucas County and spent the night with Joe and Lidie.

September 3 - Helped Lidie can pears until four o'clock and then went to my home.

September 4 - Commenced working on plums. Made a call to Ben Eicher's in the evening. They have a baby boy.

September 5 through 7 - Worked at the plums until I finished with them.

September 12 - Went to Jonathan Burkholder's. They have a baby girl.

September 16 - Went to Ben's and helped Mary can peaches.

September 18 - Helped Lizzie can peaches.

September 19 through 21 - Helped Katie can and dry peaches.

September 25 - Andrew took me to Wauseon to take the train to Maryland. We changed trains at Toledo and again at Cleveland. From Cleveland to Pittsburgh, I had a sleeping car.

September 26 - We arrived at Pittsburgh at 7 o'clock in the morning and changed trains for Harrisburg. We arrived in Baltimore at 6 o'clock in the evening. Stayed the night with brother Stoner and his family.

September 27 through 29 - Visiting brothers and sisters and going to meetings.

September 30 - Left for Hagerstown. Sister Mary Laman met us at the train and took us to visit sister Musey over dinner. Her maiden name was Wackler. Then we visited sisters Lizzie and her daughter, Sarah Beyer. They tend the toll gate at the pike.

October 1 - Visiting brothers and sisters in Waynesboro and New Franklin.

October 9 - Visiting in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

October 13 - Visiting brothers and sisters in Palymra in Dauphin County.

October 14, 1901 - Brother Meno Harshey of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania took us to call on brother Samuel Gegerise over dinner. His wife is a member. Then we went to brother Euria Hogen-douglar's for a call. His wife and his father are members. They live in a stone house that used to have the Indians around it and then it had only two little windows. Then we went to visit with the three sisters Shafer and then to sister Lydia Harshey's for the night.

October 16 - Took the train at 12:30 for Lancaster, Pennsylvania and arrived

there at 5 p.m. where brother John Kohr met us and took us to his home for supper.

October 20 - We went to a meeting. Rev. Levi Wiaver served. Then to brother Abe Cassels over dinner and supper. We were 24 members together. Brother Rev. Shank served at the evening meeting. Then we went to brother John Curtz's for the night.

October 21 through 24 - Visiting with brothers and sisters around Lancaster.

October 24 - Took the train to Paradise, Pennsylvania. Brother Jacob Wanger met us and we stayed the night with his family. He is a carriage maker by trade and has a large shop.

October 26 through November 13 - Visiting with brothers and sisters near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Went to meetings at Longnaker meeting house. Saw the farm where brother John Herr used to live. There is a large stone barn that still stands but the house has burned down and rebuilt with brick. Visited brother John Herr's grave. Visited Ana Miller, 92 years old. Visited and went to meetings in Lancaster, Manhime, Witmer, Lemonplace, Paradise, Strasburg and Lampeter.

November 14 - Started from sister Mary Snider's and took train for home. Changed trains at Reading and again at Allentown. Crossed the mountains in the afternoon. There is H. G. Spangler, Susan Spangler and myself. We arrived at Niagra depot in New York at 11:50 p.m. and there was no one to meet us. We stayed at the depot. No food and no sleep. We are tired and hungry.

November 15 - We took the streetcar to Buffalo and arrived at Hettie Graff's at 6:30 in the morning. We ate, then slept into the afternoon.

November 19 - We left sister Hettie Graff's at 5 a.m. and took the Lakeshore train to Wauseon. Arrived at 7:30 p.m. Amos was there to meet Spanglers, but no one to meet me. I stayed the night with Aaron Basinger and his family.

November 20 - Jake came after me and I got home safe and sound. I unpacked my clothes and that was the most work I'd done in eight weeks.

November 21, 1901 - Helped Lizzie a little and we talked until I got tired.

November 26 - Made a pair of pants for Henry. Started a kettle of soap and washed dishes. It snowed today for the first time this year.

December 1 - We went to meeting and then to sister Saloma Wyse's over dinner and then to Katie and John Weichesser's for the night.

December 2 through 7 - Katie and I sewed all week. We made three skirts, three aprons, four waists, one tablecloth, six dresses, three night dresses, five comforters and four pillowslips.

December 9 through 14 - Sewing and patching at home.

December 19 - Baked and took care of the children while Lizzie and Henry went to Katie and John's to help with the butchering.

December 21 - Went with Andrew to Wauseon and bought \$1.67 worth of goods

December 23 - John and Ben came over to help Henry and Lizzie butcher. It was a nice day. Not too cold.

December 25 - Didn't do anything. John and Lydia were here for the night.

December 26 and 27 - I and Jake and Henry fried sausage. Andrew and Emma came to visit.

December 28 - Emma helped me do Saturday work. In the afternoon Andrew and Emma went home and Jake and I went to Wauseon to pick up his new suit.

December 29 - Went to meeting. Jake was published for his marriage to Barbara Garbers.

December 30 - I and Jake went to Ridgeville with Lizzie's baby to the doctor and then made a call on Christ Burkholder.

December 31 - Done house work. George Miller is here working on the porch. I drove the horse and buggy 1,386 miles this year and rode 2,000 miles on trains and streetcars. My children and their families are well: Katie and John Weichesser, Sarah and David Pollinger, Sam and Libbie Burkholder, Mary and Ben Zimmerman, Joe and Lidie Burkholder, Lizzie and Henry Mull, John and Lydia Burkholder, Jacob Burkholder who will soon marry Barbara Garbers, and Andrew and Emma Burkholder.

January 1, 1902 - Jake and I went to Libbie and Sam's for dinner. Mary and Ben, Lidie and Joe, Emma and Andrew, and Lydia and John were there.

January 2 - Recipe for grape ketchup from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Stew five pounds of grapes over a slow fire until soft. Strain through sieve. Add 2½ lbs. sugar, 1 tablespoon cloves, 1 tablespoon allspice, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, ½ tablespoon salt and 1 pint vinegar. Boil until a little thick. Makes an excellent sauce for cold meats.

January 9 - Went to Fayette to visit brother Louis Held. He is 82 years old and has been in bed the past 18 months.

January 14 - Henry Mull took me and Jake to Napoleon to go to Whitehouse. Brother Garber met us at the station and we stayed the night.

January 15 through 18 - Visited brothers and sisters in Lucas County and stayed with Aunt Susan Rupp.

January 19 - We all went to meeting. Brother Rev. John Miller from Huron County was here to unite Jake and sister Barbara Garber in marriage. The meeting house was full. John, Joe, Mary, Sarah, Andrew and Lizzie were here to see their brother married. We went to brother Garber's for dinner.

January 22 - I and Jake and Barbara came home. Henry met us in Napoleon..

January 29 - Made a strawtick.

February 6 - I and Lydia cut 18 sheets and hemmed 6 of them. We also cut blocks for a comforter for Katie.

February 12 - Jake and Barbara moved to Whitehouse to live today.

February 26 - Visited brother Joseph Eicher's wife. She is very sick. Received a letter from uncle Michael Schrock.

March 3 - I stayed home all day. Henry and Lizzie went to brother Eicher's. His wife died this morning.

March 5 - Went to the funeral of sister Eicher and to brother Sam Lauber's over dinner.

March 6 - Went to Wauseon for carpet tacks and a new halter for my horse in the forenoon and went to Wauseon again in the afternoon for more carpet tacks.

March 13 - Wrote a letter to Jake and Barbara in Whitehouse.

March 17, 1902 - Went to stay at Joe's. Lidie is sick.

March 18 through 23 - Waiting on Lidie and helping Joe get his garden ready.

March 28 - Got word that cousin Aaron Rupp died at three o'clock this morning.

April 1 - Took Emma to Archbold. She went home to visit her folks.

April 10 - I worked cutting Johnny's grapevines. Andrew took Sam's boys to Aaron Rupp's sale. I went home with Andrew after the sale and spent the night.

April 11 - Andrew and the Bernath boys are cultivating for oats. Got a letter from Jake and Barbara.

April 12 - Went to Springhill and then to Eckley Station to do some trading. Stayed with John and Lydia for the night.

April 16 - Lidie is still sick. I finished planting Joe's garden. Went home through Pottsville looking for a girl to do work for me.

April 17 - Got word that brother Abraham Miller has died in Rochester, Michigan

April 27 Sister Susan Meister was here for dinner.

April 30 - Went to Jake Hauenstines. Their boy is sick.

May 3 - Washed my buggy then visited Hausentines. Spent the night with A.M. Burkholder family.

May 6 - Lizzie and I stayed inside and did the work. It rained and stormed all day. The storm took Bill Miles' barn from the foundation.

May 9 - There was a big fire in Ridgeville but I don't know anymore about it.

May 12 - Burned worm nests off the trees.

May 20 through 25 - I and sister Mattie Burkholder went to visit with brothers and sisters in Lucas County.

May 31 - Went to meeting and then I and Saloma Wyse went to visit Grandma Leininger over supper and stayed the night at Saloma's place.

June 4 through June 13 - Stayed with daughter Sarah and David Pollinger in Huron County and visiting brothers and sisters and going to meetings.

June 23, 1902 - Henry Bernath came after me. John and Lydia have a baby boy but it was born dead.

June 24 - John and Lydia's baby was buried this afternoon.

June 25 through 30 - Waiting on Lydia. She has had many visitors. Also made soap and done other chores.

July 1 - Visited Will Feathers. He is sick. Also visited old Mrs. Leupp. She is very low and ill. Went back to John and Lydia's for the night.

July 2 through 6 - Waiting on Lydia.

July 7 - Went to Dave Leupp's. His mother died this forenoon at ten o'clock.

July 9 - I and Katie went to the funeral of Dave Leupp's mother.

July 10 - Tacked mosquito bars on doors and windows.

July 14 - I and Sam Beck's wife went to see old lady Werder. She laid a corpse.

July 21 I went to Wauseon to get my glasses made over. Then to Joe and Lidie's for dinner and then home.

July 25 - I and sister Anna Rupp went to Putnam County. We went to Napoleon, Holgate, Leipsic and close to Pandora to Peter Basinger's house. We arrived at eight o'clock and it was 45 miles.

July 26 through August 1 - Visiting and going to meeting with brothers and sisters in Putnam County.

August 2 - Anna and I left for home and stopped at Jacob Bailey's over dinner. We came through Keefersville and Standley. It was sundown when we got home and Anna stayed the night.

August 5 - I grafted a cherry tree and done other work.

August 6 - Ben was here to tell me that Ray Miller died. I went to Ben's, then to Archbold, then home. Then Henry and I went to visit Grandma Leininger and didn't get back home until midnight.

August 7 - I, Lizzie and Mary went to Huron County for Ray Miller's funeral. Sarah and David met us at the train.

August 11 - David took us to the train station and we got back home about 4 in the afternoon. I went to Ridgeville after meat and then home.

November 24, 1902 - Helped with the morning work. Wrote a letter to Sarah and David. Washed and ironed my dress. Got a sore throat at 10 in the forenoon. Worked until 4 p.m. The husking machine is here. Went to bed with chills and fever.

November 25 - I am very sick with the chills and a fever. In bed all day.

November 26 - Up for about an hour then had to go back to bed.

November 27 - Still can not get out of bed.

November 28 - I got up for awhile but had to lay back down. We had three inches of snow today.

November 29 - Up all day but didn't get much work done.

November 30 - I'm not gaining much.

December 1 through December 7 - I'm still not doing any work. Jacob Myers, Louise Waltfogel and Fred Wigner and his wife and sister came to visit me.

December 8 - I feel some better and commenced sewing.

December 9 through 14 - I am staying home and sewing some. Feel better some days and not good on other days. I can't work very long without getting very tired.

December 15 - I patched a little but can't do much yet. John and Lydia were here to visit. Got a letter from Sarah and David.

December 16 - Henry started butchering and I helped a little.

December 17 through 20 - Sewing and patching.

December 21 - Went to meeting and to A. M. Burkholder's for the night.

December 25 - Sam's were coming for dinner but it was too cold.

December 27 - I footed some stockings. Sister Mary Laman was here.

December 29 and 30 - Painting on the house water tank.

December 31 - This morning at 1 o'clock I got a call and had to go to Henry Roth's to wait on his wife. I was there all day and all night. They have a new baby girl to start the new year.

January 1, 1903 - Waiting on Henry Roth's wife and new baby girl.

January 2 through 23 - Sewing, painting in the house and helping with the butchering.

January 24 - Painted the sink and some chairs. At 9 in the evening Andrew came for me and we went back to his home. It is very stormy.

January 25 - Andrew became the happy papa of a baby girl.

January 26 through February 10 - Waiting on Emma and the baby girl.

February 13 - Sister Katie Plettner took me to Adolph Brahms over dinner. Then we went to Fayette to visit brother Held. Then to Oly Earnst's overnight.

February 14 - Brother Earnst took me to brother Harmon Spangler's for the night.

February 15 - Brother Spangler took me to brother John Rupp's for the night.

February 16 - Brother Rupp took me to brother David Rashley's for dinner and brother Rashley took me to John and Lydia's for the night.

February 17 and 18 - Stayed with John and Lydia and did sewing.

February 19 through 22 - John took me to Andrew's and I waited on Emma and the baby.

February 23 - Home helping Lizzie and Henry.

February 26 - I went to grandma Mary Leininger's. She is very sick and not expected to live. I stayed the night.

February 27 - Grandma Mary Leininger died at noon today.

February 28 through March 2 - I stayed at Leiningers until grandma Mary's funeral then went home with Mary and Ben after the service.

March 8 - Went to Sam Beck's. They got a baby boy.

March 9 through 24 - Sewing clothes and cutting rags.

March 25 - Helped Sam and Libbie get ready to move.

March 26 - We packed fruit cans.

March 27 - All kinds of moving work.

March 28 through 31 - Helped Sam and Libbie pack things to move.

April 1 - Sam and Libbie moved two miles east of Wauseon. I and Lidie went early in the morning and started dinner until the rest of them came with the wagons to the new house.

April 12, 1903 - Went to visit Joe and Lidie and they were not at home. Stopped at Tom Porter's over supper. Drove horse and buggy 26 miles.

April 16 - I and Mary Laman went to the funeral of old sister Susan Bernath. She was 83 years and 28 days old. Went to Ben and Mary's for the night.

April 20 - Got paper to paper my room in Archbold. Commenced tearing up my room and cleaning it.

April 21 through 24 - Cleaning and papering my room.

April 26 - I didn't go to meeting. Henry and Lizzie have a baby boy and Lizzie is sick. I also went to Rome Smith's. His wife died.

May 5 - I and Mattie went to Simon Leininger's to help. Their boy died on May 3 and was buried today. They have another child who is also very sick. Dan and Estella Myers were here all night.

May 7 - Lizzie got up today for the first time since the baby. I washed my buggy and cleaned my harness and oiled it. Fair weather. It was a nice day.

May 8 - I and sister Mary Laman went to John Eicher's. They have a sick boy. Stopped at Wauseon and took streetcar to Delta. Streetcar fare was 40 cents to go and come back.

May 9 - Cleaned out the tank by the well and went into Ridgeville. Stayed the night with Ben and Mary.

May 10 through 13 - Stayed with and waited on Fanny Earnst and her new baby.

May 16 - I went to Archbold and got my teeth filled. Then went to brother Basinger's over dinner. Sister Katie Buehrer was there and she is very poorly.

May 21 - Went to Wauseon with Libbie then back to Sam's and left for Whitehouse. Stayed the night with Jake and Barbara.

May 22 - Took streetcar from Whitehouse to Waterville and to Monroeville, then the train to Chicago Junction. Jake and Barbara went with me and Pollingers were there to meet us.

May 23 through June 16 - Visiting with Sarah and David Pollinger. Visiting with brothers and sisters in Huron County. Nearly everyone seems to have the measles.

June 17 - Back to Jake's in Whitehouse then to Katie and John's. Katie stepped on a nail and needs help.

June 22 through July 3 - Staying at John and Lydia's helping them paint and paper their house.

July 4 - I went to Ben and Mary's but they weren't at home. It stormed and the wind blew and their milk pails were all over the yard.

July 5 - I and Barbara Steinman went to visit cousin Christian Friemburg. A horse ran away with his wife and she is hurt.

July 6 through 11 - Back at John and Lydia's helping them paint.

July 14 through 16 - Went to Katie and John's to help them paint and paper.

July 17 - Went to the funeral of Seth Nofzinger's wife. She dropped dead.

July 20 - I and Lizzie went to Napoleon with Henry's eggs.

July 21 - I went to the funeral of Mattie Evans, the daughter of brother Dan Zimmerman. She was buried in Primrose cemetery. Age 41 years, 19 months and 5 days. We all went to Christ Zimmerman's over supper.

July 25 - I left this morning at six o'clock and ate breakfast with John and Lydia. I got to Wauseon at nine o'clock and to Joe and Lidie's at ten o'clock. After dinner we made soap and grafted two plum trees.

July 27 - I didn't do much of anything. I didn't feel well. Henry and Lizzie went to Adam Mull's. He got hurt with a runaway horse.

August 4 - I went to the funeral of Christ Miller. He was Lidie's father. He was buried in our cemetery. Age 69 years. Then to Lidie and Joe's overnight.

August 5 - Went into Wauseon to get my glasses fitted then back to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

August 10 - Lizzie and I canned 28 quarts of plums.

August 11 - Helped Mary cook. They are threshing at Ben's. In the evening called on Ben Eicher's. They have a baby girl. Then I went home.

August 13 - Took plums to the express office to send to Sarah and David Pollinger in Huron County. Done trading for Lizzie. Went to Sam and Libbie's over dinner and to John and Katie's over supper. And then home.

August 19, 1903 - I and Lidie canned plums and made jelly. I went to Eckley after sugar and stayed the night with John and Lydia.

August 20 - Went to Andrew's and helped Emma can plums and make jelly. We canned 35 quarts of plums and made 5 quarts of jelly.

August 25 - I went to John and Lydia's over dinner. Then took butter and eggs to Wauseon for John and Andrew and then went to Joe and Lidie's for supper and to John and Lydia's overnight.

August 28 - Went to Andrew and Emma's to see Emma's new stove bake.

August 30 - Went to meeting in Pettisville at brother Martin Winters.

August 31 through September 5 - Doing pears, peaches and elderberries with Lidie.

September 9 - John Kibler died this morning.

September 18 - Picked up hickory nuts.

Peter Marilot, Jr. was killed under the railroad cars today.

September 24 - John and Lydia have a baby girl.

September 25 through October 8 - Waiting on Lydia and the baby. We have had many callers.

October 9 - Picking up hickory nuts. Called on Jacob Zimmerman. He is sick.

October 22 - I went to Ben Weitcher's sale. He sold his property and is going to live in Arizona.

October 28 - Done some sewing and had bad news of friend Joe Lauber's death which was very sudden.

October 30 - Went to the funeral of friend Joseph Lauber. His age was 43 years and seven months. He was killed by an explosion of carbon at the generator.

November 1 - We all went to meeting.

Elmina Lauber was married.

November 2 - Got my horse shod.

November 7 - Blackened Katie's room stove and made soap.

November 10 - Got ready to go to Clark County. Went to Pettisville and stayed the night with Simon Richer's.

November 11, 1903 - I and Mary Binder and brother Sauers and his wife and Mattie Beaverson took the train from Wauseon to Springfield and Clark County.

November 12 through November 22 - Visiting and going to meetings with brothers and sisters in Clark County. Took trolley car from Springfield to Dayton and walked through their marketplace. Also took trolley car to Cincinnati for a visit with J.H. Mouk.

November 23 - Got home safe and well and went to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

November 25 - Made a buggy quilt.

November 27 - Cleaned at Katie's coalstove most all day.

November 30 - I went to Archbold and bought a bedroom suite which I owed to Katie for a long time. Then to Ben and Mary's for the night.

December 2 - Went to Sam's and helped Libbie cook for the corn huskers.

December 3 through 11 - Sewing and made two mattresses with the help of sister Anna Rupp.

December 13 - Didn't go anyplace. It is very cold and icy.

December 20 - Went to meeting and to brother Dan Burkholder's over dinner and then home. Martin and Susan Winter are both very sick.

December 21 - Got ready and went to Winters to help and stay the night.

December 22 - Helped wait on the sick. Sister Susan Winter died this morning at seven o'clock. I stayed until noon and then went home.

December 23 - Wrote two letters then went back to brother Winter's to help care for him. He died this evening at six o'clock.

December 24 - Stayed to help at Winters. Finished sister Winter's dress then stayed the night.

December 25 - Called on Simon Richer and on brother Kriegers.

December 26 - I went back to brother Winter's and to their funeral. This afternoon we laid them both in one grave. He was 82 and she was 72 years of age. It is very cold.

December 31 - I and Sarah went to Katie's to help the sewing. It is snowing and we stayed the night.

January 1, 1904 - I and Sarah are staying with John and Katie.

January 2 through 10 - Sarah and David are staying with me. Sarah got sick and needed the doctor but is all right now.

January 11 - David and Sarah left to go back to Huron County. John and Katie went with them and Etta and I will keep house until they return.

January 16 - Etta and I worked at fixing up old dolls.

January 20 - John and Katie came home from Huron County. I baked bread and fixed cakes. The hay balers were here all day.

January 21 through 23 - Helped Katie cook for the hay balers.

January 25 - Went to Andrew's. Emma is sick and the hired girl left so we got along without one. Henry Mull and Lizzie were here for dinner. Now he wants to buy

the farm but I had given up on that a long time ago.

February 5 - Lizzie and I went to Katie's to help butcher. It is good sleighing weather.

February 12 through March 2 - Went to Whitehouse and visited and worked with Jake and Barbara. Went to Waterville on March 1 to look at the river. The river is so high that part of the bridge swam away with it.

March 31, 1904 - Henry Mull and Lizzie moved from the house today. I could not bear to see them go.

April 7 - Worked at quilts. Ben went to Ridgeville and got four sewing machines and we run them sewing quilt blocks. They worked all right.

April 17 - Went to meeting and to Ambrose Miller's where he is very sick.

April 23 - Cut grapevines.

April 28 - Setta got married today.

May 3 - Waited on Mary. She and Ben have a baby girl.

May 5 - Friend Ambrose Miller died in the afternoon. I visited with him in the forenoon. He was very sick.

May 8 - I have been very sick. Ambrose Miller was buried today. Brother Ben Bucher preached the sermon.

May 10 - There was a frost this morning.

May 16 - Sister Susan Spangler died this morning.

May 17 - Friend Cunrad Mohr died this afternoon.

May 18 - I and Emme went to sister Spangler's funeral today.

May 19 - Cleaned the cellar. It took most all day.

May 20 - Done what work came to hand and went to Cunrad Mohr's funeral.

May 23 - Katie and John have a baby girl.

June 1 - Went with Jake to Pettisville to see Henry Feltman's wife. She took treatment for her cancer.

June 9 - Went to Jake's in Whitehouse to take care of Barbara. She is sick.

June 10 - Put a poultice on Barbara.

June 11 - Barbara's canker came off with the poultice.

June 17 - I and brother Garber and his wife went to Toledo and in the store we saw brother Lauber but he would not speak to us.

June 19 - Visited with brother Ben Moseman. He has a canker on his neck.

June 20 - I left Jake and Barbara in Whitehouse, ate my dinner on the road and stopped when I got to Sam's but didn't get out of the buggy. Got to Joe and Lidie's at four o'clock and stayed the night.

June 29 - I cleaned out the smokehouse and then cleaned out the old house which ought to have been torn down a few years ago. Then made a kettle of soap.

July 9 - Went to Joe's. Then changed buggys and sister Steiner and Lidie went with me to visit Henry Mull and Lizzie.

July 10 - Started for Swanton. When we got almost there we heard they had the smallpox and we turned around and went back to Dan Spangler's over supper and to Sam's for the night.

July 16 - Cleaning the plum orchard.

August 1 - Went to Ridgeville after gasoline.

August 8 - Went to Whitehouse to the funeral of brother Ben Moseman.

August 18, 1904 - Cunrad Sigg's wife was buried today.

August 23 - Got the screwjacks from Peter Nofzinger. We had four men working and they put a cement floor in the stable.

August 26 through September 1 - Delivering plums in the neighborhood.

September 8 - George Miller was here and fixed the hogpen. I am drying apples and plums.

September 12 - Made peach butter.

September 16 - Something is wrong with the telephone and I can't use it.

October 9 - Gathered peppermint.

November 6 - Went to sister Katie Rupp's wedding in Whitehouse. Stayed the night with Jake and Barbara.

November 12 - I went to John Leupp's and made the coffee while the men raised a barn.

November 21 - Commenced a kettle of soap but did not finish it because I did not have enough lye.

November 22 - Finished my kettle of soap and did sewing.

November 26 - Made covers for two of Sam's buggy seats then went to visit Joe Eicher's. Joe got his arm tore off in the cornhusking machine.

November 29 - Andrew put in a new pump. I husked beans all day.

November 30 - Joe Eicher is doing well.

December 7 - Made a rope over for Andrew. It took most all day.

December 13 - Cut rags and patched sacks.

December 20 - Andrew and Emma went to Wauseon. I did the housework and took care of Fanny.

December 25 - I stayed home all day. Ben and Mary, John and Lydia and Louie Barnett's family were here.

December 28 - Canned apples.

December 31 - Pieced comforter.

January 1, 1905 - I went to meeting then to John and Katie's for dinner then home. Weather isn't very cold.

January 7 - Helped Emma cook. We had workmen here to haul corn fodder.

January 9 through 14 - Patching and writing letters.

January 17 - Dressed a doll.

February 1 through 8 - Quilting with Katie and Emma.

February 24 - Dressed Mable's dolly. The weather is warm and it is thawing.

February 28 - George Miller done the work. I waited on Lidie. She has a baby boy.

March 1 through 10 - Waiting on Lidie and the baby.

March 18 through 20 - I was home sick with sore throat. Didn't do much work.

March 26 - Went to meeting and then home with Henry and Lizzie for the night.

April 1 through 8 - Painted on my upstairs room.

April 11 - Ben took me to Napoleon and I took the train to visit Jake and Barbara in Whitehouse.

April 12 - Jake and I took Barbara to the doctor in Waterville. She has asthma.

April 17 - Left Jake's. Took streetcar to Waterville to Toledo to Wauseon. Sam came after me and I stayed the night with Sam and Libbie.

April 19 - Sam took me to John Cameron's where old Mrs. Mohr is lying a corpse.

April 27 - I and Andrew went to Archbold. I got seven teeth pulled. It was fair and warm. A nice day.

May 8 - I went to Will Feather's. He died last night.

May 12 through 27 - Waiting on Libbie. She and Sam have a baby boy.

May 28, 1905 - Went to the funeral of sister Emma Bailey.

May 30 - Went to the funeral of friend George Beaverson's infant.

June 5 - Commenced Stella Myers' quilt.

June 7 - Painted the kitchen floor in the forenoon and in the evening Emma had twin babies.

June 8 through 25 - I waited on Emma and the babies. There were 79 people here to see the babies in that time.

June 27 - Set out cabbage and celery plants. Went to Archbold to visit Mrs. Jacob Nofzinger. She is very sick. Also visited friend Herman Spangler who is also sick. Mrs. Nofzinger died later in the day.

July 5 - Washed my buggy and went to Ridgeville.

July 6 - Painted my buggy the first coat.

July 8 - Painted my buggy the second coat.

July 27 - Went to visit Jake and Barbara in Whitehouse.

July August 15 - Got things ready to poultice brother Suder's canker in Whitehouse.

August 16 through 28 - Commenced the poulticing and continued until the canker come on the 28th.

September 1 - Went to the funeral of sister aunt Margaret Rupp. Age 82 years and 5 days. Sam's and Joe's were here over dinner and left at five o'clock for home.

September 6 - Left Jake and Barbara's for home. Stopped at aunt Susan Rupp's for dinner. Got to Sam's about 3:30 and to Joe's for supper and the night.

September 18 - Helped Andrew and Emma take care of the twins. They are not so well.

September 24 - Still taking care of Emma's babies. The doctor was here. They are not well.

September 25 - The baby boy named Harry Wilson Burkholder died today. The other, Harold Louis Burkholder, is getting worse.

October 1 - The funeral of our baby Harry was held. Age 3 months and 10 days. I did not go but stayed home and took care of the other baby boy. He is getting some better.

October 2 through 18 - Taking care of the baby. He is almost well.

October 19, 1905 - Sister Fanny Mull and I drove to Columbus Grove and then to Pandora. We arrived there about two o'clock and Jacob Zimmerman took us to visit the overall factory.

October 20 through 23 - Visiting with brothers and sisters near Columbus Grove and Pandora. Fanny and I left for home on the 23rd and arrived home safe and sound.

October 24 through November 6 - Taking care of Emma's baby boy.

October 25 through November 7 - Andrew and C.D. Roth hauled bricks for me.

November 8 through 20 - Took care of Emma's baby.

November 21 - I had two tinners and two carpenters here working.

November 23 - I puttied the windows.

November 27 - Picked up trash that was left from the new buiding I had done.

November 28 - I went to Fred Schroeder's. Their baby died.

November 30 - We had chicken roast for dinner.

December 1 - Helped care for the baby

and did other work.

December 10 - Sister Mattie and I went to meeting and then to brother Moses Rupp's over dinner and then home.

December 13 - Helping Emma slice beef steaks and lay them in crocks. Also made side curtains for my buggy.

December 15 - Went to Joe's and helped Lidie clean her coal stove. Went on to Sam and Libbie's for the night.

December 20 - Sewed for Libbie all day then went to Joe's for the night.

December 24 - Went to meeting and then to John Weber's over dinner and then home.

December 25 - It's Christmas. I stayed at home all day.

December 26 - I kept house and took care of the baby for Andrew and Emma while they went to visit her folks.

December 31 - I and Lizzie went to meeting then home for dinner. I drove my horse and buggy 1,226 miles in 1905: January, 28 miles; February, 18 miles; March, 97 miles; April, 174 miles; May, 87 miles; June, 126 miles; July, 184 miles; August, 69 miles; September, 105 miles; October, 152 miles; November, 104 miles; and December, 75 miles.

January 1, 1906 - Went to Henry Miller's for dinner then called on Eona Burkholder's family.

January 9 - Mrs. Joel Schmucker was buried today.

January 24 - We quilted all day. Katie Rashley, Anna Rupp and Mary Spangler were here to help.

January 26 - Showed sister Myers how to make soap.

February 7 - Went to C.P. Miller's sale and stayed the night with John and Katie.

February 16 - This morning I got the word that cousin John Augenstine's wife died.

March 4 - Went to the funeral of Cass Bear.

April 3 through 10 - Sewing for Sam and Libbie.

April 11 - Went to Fred Leininger's sale then back to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

April 23 - I went to Archbold to Joel Plettner's where their oldest girl laid a corpse. Then a visit to Peter Nofzinger's who is bad after having had a stroke.

April 25 through May 24 - Visiting with Sarah and David in Huron County. Also visited brothers and sister in Wayne County.

June 23 - Went to the funeral of Samuel Meister. Then to Jake Barnet's for dinner and we all went to see the new work done in the creek and then back for supper. We had ice cream.

June 30 - Canned 14 quarts of cherries and made a kettle of soap. Got home from Lizzie and Henry's at midnight.

July 1 - Went to the funeral of Joseph Roth.

July 20 - This is my birthday. I am 62 years old. Went to Dan Garber's and helped them thresh.

August 1 - Went to John's after endive plants.

August 4 - Estella Beach, daughter of brother Daniel Myers, died this morning.

September 20 - Snitized apples for apple butter.

October 28 - Jonathan Burkholder's baby was buried today.

January 17, 1907 - Staying with John and Lydia. I got up at three o'clock in the morning. Lydia had a baby boy.

January 19 - John and Lydia's baby is sick. Both doctors were here this afternoon to look at him.

January 20 - The baby is worse. He can't have his bowels move. The doctors say there is a growth blocking them.

January 21 - The baby died this morning at five o'clock.

January 30 - Waited on Lydia then went to Jacob Leu's. Their baby died this morning.

February 5 - John Yoder died this morning in the prairie.

February 8 - I went to Whitehouse to help Barbara. My boy Jake is sick with the brain fever.

February 9 - I waited on Jake. He is no better.

February 10 - Jake is worse. Joe and Lidie and Sam and Libbie came today and are staying.

February 11 - Jake is no better. Andrew and Emma, John and Lydia, Ben and Mary are also here. Sarah and Dave also arrived from Huron County.

February 12 - Jake is getting worse.

February 13 - Jake seems better.

February 14 - Jake seems some better.

February 15 - This morning at seven Jake's fever commenced to rise and at five in the evening he died. My Jake was age 31 years, 8 months and 10 days.

- February 16 - You may know how I feel.
- February 17 - I feel the same.
- February 18 - A sad day. The funeral was this forenoon.
- February 19 - You all may know how lonely it was when everyone left and went home.
- February 20 - I am most sick in my heart.
- February 21 - I feel the same.
- February 22 through March 7 - Helping Barbara.
- March 8 - Christ Studer's wife was buried today. Three of my boys are here helping Barbara to get ready for her sale.
- March 9 - Barbara had her sale. I am staying with her yet awhile.
- March 10, 1907 - We went to meeting with Barbara and her father, Peter Garbers, then my boys left Whitehouse and went home.
- March 11 - Commenced a dress for Barbara.
- March 12 - We visited brother Ferdinand Gotgies. They have a sick girl. Then to sister Anna Neuenswander's for dinner.
- March 13 - Didn't do anything.
- March 14 - Barbara and I cut out comforter blocks.
- March 15 - Barbara and her father, Peter Garbers, and I went into Toledo.
- March 16 - Helped with the work then went to aunt Susan Rupp's to visit.
- March 17 - We stayed home. Brother Ben Bucher and wife and brother Joe Franks were here.
- March 18 - I and Barbara went into Toledo on business.
- March 19 - Barbara and I didn't go anyplace.
- March 20 - We went to brother A. Kinicker's over dinner. Then Barbara and I went to Whitehouse after her father who is working on Barbara's lot.
- March 21 - Barbara and I were getting ready to go to Whitehouse and work on Barbara's lot with her father, Peter Garbers, and he was currying the horse and dropped over dead. It has only been six days past a month since Barbara lost Jake and now her father lies a corpse.
- March 22 - All the children were here and it was sad.
- March 23 - You may know it is still very sad here.
- March 24 - The funeral of brother Peter Garbers was here today. Brother Christ Herr gave the sermon as he did for Jake only 34 days ago.
- March 25 through April 17 - I helped Barbara. It is very lonesome here and sad. Brother Gortgies little girl, Estela, died. Barbara moved to her lot in Whitehouse. I helped but it is all very sad.
- April 18 - Left Whitehouse for home. Stayed the night with Joe and Lidie.
- April 19 - Staying with Sam and Libbie. Wrote a letter to Barbara.
- May 20, 1907 - I went to the funeral of Henry Spangler.
- May 26 - Went to the funeral of Emma (Wyse) Eicher.
- May 29 - Helped Katie plant her truck patch.
- June 12 - Andrew and Emma went to the funeral of brother John Bucher. I took care of the children.
- June 29 - Made a cheese in the forenoon then Andrew took me to Napoleon to get the train for Whitehouse. Barbara met me. I will stay with Barbara for awhile and do what I can.
- July 10 - Left Whitehouse for home. Barbara and I did much work and visiting and went shopping in Toledo while I was there.
- July 31 - Made noodles for Lidie and stayed the night.
- August 2 - We all went to the barn raising at Jonathan Burkholder's place.
- August 26 - The tanners are here working on the roof.
- August 29 - Picking up shingles.
- September 27 - Went to Napoleon after Barbara at the train. She is visiting us for awhile.
- October 5 - Daniel Burkholder in Pettisville died this morning.
- October 8 - I and Barbara and Sarah and Mary helped Emma cook. She and Andrew had a crew of corn cutters at their place.
- October 14 - Ben and Mary took Barbara to Napoleon to the train.
- November 1 - I took train to Whitehouse. Got on at Gerald and changed in Napoleon. Barbara met me. It is so lonesome I just thought to myself I have to see Jake's burying place.
- November 5 - Came home from Whitehouse after visiting with Barbara and talking of Jake.
- November 6 through 19 - Trying to learn to knit. Practicing knitting when not doing other work.
- December 7 - We had the fodder shredders here working today.
- December 24 - Rudie Buehrer was hurt and died today.
- December 24 - We all went to John and Katie's for dinner.
- December 31 - Well, this is the last day in this year and many sorrowful things have happened. We don't know what will happen in the next year but we must hold out faithful to the end.
- January 1, 1908 - Lizzie and three of her children were here. We made popcorn pudding. Use three pints of milk and three pints of popped popcorn, two egg whites and ½ teaspoon salt. Bake ½ hour.
- January 26 - Done my work then went to meeting and then to Steinman's over dinner. Friend Joseph Keller died last night.
- January 31 - I don't know where to commence, so many are sick. Joe Hush's mother was buried today and also one of the old Miller maids was buried.
- February 1 through 9 - I am sick myself.
- February 24 - I went to stay with Henry and Lizzie. She has a baby girl.
- March 26 - Went to cousin John Rupp's. His wife died this morning.
- March 30 - I and Grandma Lauber paid Lizzie a call. Then to Adam Mull's over dinner and to Archbold for some trading.
- April 6 - Emma, Ida and I papered the bedroom and the ceiling of another room.
- April 11 - Jake's Barbara and her cousin came from Whitehouse for a visit. We all had supper at Joe and Lidie's then they stayed the night with Sam and Libbie.
- April 19 - Quite a surprise on Emma. Her brother Charley Bernath got married today.

April 26 - Went to the funeral of Mrs. Theobald Graff.

April 28 - Went to the funeral of friend Harmon Spangler. Age 82 years and 13 days.

May 1 - Emma took me to Wauseon to catch the train. Went to Toledo then back to Whitehouse where Barbara met me.

May 2 through 21 - Barbara and I visited with Sarah and Dave and brothers and sisters in Huron County.

May 22 - Took train from Whitehouse to Wauseon and Lidie met me. Went to Joe's for the night.

June 2 - Emma and Andrew went to Joe and Lidie's for their barn raising. I stayed with the children and done the work.

June 12, 1908 - Waited on Mary. She and Ben have a baby girl. She is getting along well so far.

June 19 - Went to Sam and Libbie's barn raising.

July 15 - Went to Ridgeville and had my horse shod and then then to Ben and Mary's for dinner. Their girls took my horse and buggy to go visiting. They took me to my lane and I walked to the house and they went off visiting.

July 27 - Ben and his three girls went to the funeral of Fanny, Jacob Zimmerman's daughter, today.

August 13 - Went with Sam and Libbie to Ottokee to see some of the poor staying in the country house.

August 23 - Peter Short's wife died today.

September 17 - Andrew and Emma went to the county fair. I took care of their children.

September 25 - Ben and Mary's baby is sick and so is Henry and Lizzie's baby.

September 28 - Ben and Mary's baby

died at five this afternoon. Age 3 months and 16 days.

September 30 - Henry and Lizzie's baby Sadie died at ten o'clock this evening. Age 7 months and 7 days.

October 1 - I went to the funeral of Ben and Mary's baby at one in the afternoon and then to Lizzie and Henry's for the night.

October 3 - We went to the funeral of Henry and Lizzie's little Sadie. Sarah and Dave Pollinger are here from Huron County.

October 15 - We all went to Lucas County and stayed with Barbara and aunt Susan Rupp.

October 31 - Planted the winter onions.

November 3 - Mrs. Peter Zigler was buried today.

December 1 - Cooked for the corn shredders. Then went to Archbold for some flour and some gingham. It was after dark and windy by the time I got back home:

December 11 - I got ready to go to Sam and Libbie's. I stopped at Henry and Lizzie's and gave them the stocking I had fixed. Then they sent some sausage with me for John and Lydia and also for Henry's sister, Susie Kauffman. That made two more stops. Then I met Albert Nofziger on the road and talked awhile. Then I stopped at Eager's store. Then I stopped at Wyse's for my clock. I didn't get to Sam's until in the afternoon and stayed the night.

January 2, 1909 - Made fried cakes. Mary Wyse was buried today.

January 4 - Helped John and Katie butcher. Andrew and Emma are here and Henry and Lizzie too.

January 5 - Fried sausage all day.

January 6 - Fried sausage until noon and then washed lots of dishes and scrubbed the floor and got the baking ready.

January 7 - Cooked breakfast and mixed the bread then Andrew and Emma and I went to Andrew's and cut and sliced beef. I fried the best of it and put it in jars. We ground the rest then cooked the boney meat for mince.

January 8 - Finished the mince and washed the dishes and floor.

February 1 - Recipe for dandelion wine: Use 6 quarts of dandelion blossoms. Let

stand in 4 quarts of cold water for 3 days and 3 nights. Strain and add 4 pounds white sugar, 2 lemons and 1 cup good yeast. Let stand 3 more days and nights. Strain through a cloth and bottle.

February 12 - Left home at noon. Called on Ollie Hauenstine then a call on cousin Susan Nofzinger and then to John and Lydia's for the night.

February 13 through 20 - We quilted and made two quilts.

March 10 - I went to the funeral of sister Levina Myers. She died last Saturday evening at eleven o'clock. Brother Christ Herr served the funeral sermon. Her age was 66 years, 9 months and 11 days.

March 11 - I and Lidie went to a comforter tying. There were 7 of us and we made four and hemmed one.

March 23 - I and Lizzie paid a call on brother Dan Wyse. Then to sister Morningstar's and then to John Bernath's over dinner. Then we went to the store to trade and got back home at 6:30 in the evening.

March 25 - I went to the funeral of sister Beca Zimmerman. Age 76 years, 6 months and some days.

April 1, 1909 - Got comforter lining ready for three comforters and commenced to cut out blocks.

April 9 - I went with Lizzie and Henry to the funeral of Ira Earnst's little boy. He was 18 months old. Brother Herr served the funeral.

April 16 - Made one comforter and then went to Archbold after currant sprouts.

April 19 - Cut grapevines. I have a grape butter recipe: Use 3 bushels grapes, 1½ bushels apples and 25 pounds sugar. Put grapes in cold water not quite deep enough to cover them. Bring to a boil and press them out. Grind the apples and boil to suit. Mix and add sugar. Makes about 9 gallons grape butter.

May 3 - We all went to Jake Bernath's for dinner. After dinner Andrew and I went to Burlington and I bought a buggy.

May 12 - I went with Henry to Peter Short's. He died Monday the 10th and is lying a corpse.

May 18 - Went to Henry's and Lizzie and I made soap.

May 21 - Cut seed potatoes.

May 22 - Went to Ridgeville and then stopped to visit Hanna Fethers and then to home.

May 28 - Went to the funeral of Guy Beaverson's oldest daughter. She was 12 years, 7 months and 15 days.

June 2 - I was to Oliver Hauenstine's to wait on his wife, Ida. They have a baby girl.

June 3 - I was back to Hauenstine's. Ida died at noon today. I stayed into the evening.

June 5 - I went to Hauenstine's and stayed at the house. Ida was buried by the Amish and I stayed with the baby until they came back from the funeral.

June 6 - I and sister Mattie Burkholder went with brother John Rupp to visit friend Katie Shad. Her daughter is lying a corpse and leaves behind a husband, two children, a mother, a brother and a host of friends.

June 24 - I went to Oliver Hauenstine's sale. Katie Lauber and Saloma Wyse stayed the night.

July 1, 1909 - Worked in my drug patch part of the garden where I have medicinal plants.

July 4 - Went to meeting, then to John and Lydia's for dinner. Saloma Wyse was there too. I took Saloma home and then stopped at the Amish cemetery and then went home.

July 6 - I went to brother C. D. Roth's to see Fred Beaverson wash with a new washing machine.

July 7 through 10 - Worked in my drug patch and did other work.

July 12 - Andre and Emma have a little girl. She arrived at 1 a.m. so I have been up all through the night.

July 13 through 25 - Waiting on Emma and the baby.

August 3 - Canned pickles.

August 4 - Trimmed raspberries.

August 11 - Helping Lizzie and Henry cook for the threshing.

August 19 - I am waiting on Lizzie. She had a baby boy this morning.

August 23 - Waiting on Lizzie and cutting off corn to dry.

August 28 - Waited on Lizzie until four o'clock then Sam telephoned to come to his house. Got to Sam's at 15 minutes past six o'clock. He and Libbie have a baby boy.

September 10 - Cleaned tomatoes for making ketchup and washed up all the milk cans.

September 12 - There are brothers and sisters visiting from Canada. After meeting, I got my rig and C. D. Roth took his rig and we called on Dan Burkholder's over dinner and on Adam Mull's over supper. Then we divided up and part stayed the night with Jerry Henry and part with C.D. Roth.

September 14 - We all went to Ben Eicher's over dinner, then a call to Ben Earnst's. Then I took some of the company and Ben Eicher took the rest and we took them to Napoleon to take the train for Columbus Grove.

September 29 - We canned 8 quarts of peaches and filled the bake oven with peaches to dry and in the evening got apples ready for applebutter. We got 40 gallons of snitz ready.

September 30 - We made 32 gallons of applebutter.

October 6, 1909 - We threshed. Katie and Mary and Lizzie were here. Katie brought sewing for me and I did her sewing. Simon Richner's little boy is sick.

October 9 - Went to Pettisville to Simon Richner's to help with their boy and had dinner there. Then went to Wauseon to trade and came back to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

October 12 - I went to the funeral of Simon Richner's son. Age 3 years and some months.

October 16 - Bertha Zimmerman came to stay with me for the night.

October 20 - Commenced to gravel the lane.

October 28 - Took trolley car from Pettisville to Wauseon and got dinner at Joe's. Then Joe took me to Napoleon to take the train to Whitehouse where Barbara met me.

November 2 - I and Barbara and her mother and her sister came back on the train. We went calling in the buggy.

November 7 - Febie Nighthart died last night. She is a sister to Henry Mull.

November 8 - I got ready to go to Huron County and visit with Sarah and Dave.

November 16 - I am in bed at Dave's. I have the grip. Got a letter from Andrew today and he said that Audrey Wintzler died. Mrs. George Emery of Ridgeville also died and so did Amos Seitner of Pettisville.

December 4 - Paid my doctor bill from the grip. It was two dollars.

December 10 - Done some knitting in the forenoon. This evening Ada Deviney's baby died at eleven o'clock. Sarah and I were there until midnight.

December 19 - Frank Keifer's mother lies a corpse today. Age 92 years, 5 months and some days.

December 23 - Got a letter from home stating that Maria Bucher died on the 21st.

December 27 - Sam's and Andrew's arrived. We have quite a tablefull.

December 28 - The men went hunting and got a few rabbits.

January 1, 1910 - Still praying with Sarah and Dave in Huron County. Ray Deviney took sick and died. Ada and the two children left were sick in bed and the house was quarantined with scarlet fever. Dave went over 30 minutes before Ray died and had to stay until the house was fumigated.

January 2 - We all were here but none could go over and help Ada because of the quarantine. They buried Ray this afternoon. The undertaker took no one with him. We watched from the window but that was all we could do.

January 7 - Ada and her children are getting better.

January 9 - We held no meeting this Sunday because of sickness around.

January 15 - Ada and her children were here all day. They fumigated her house for scarlet fever and diphtheria.

January 17 - Made some hop salve. Recipe: 1 handful hops and 1 pint vinegar. Boil awhile. Squeeze the hops out and strain juice. Add 1 teacup lard and 1 handful salt and boil until dry. It's good for swelling, body sores, sore breasts and so forth. It's also good for lumpjaw and sore bags on cattle.

January 23 - It snowed all day. We tried to go to meeting but we had to give it up. The snow was banked up so high we could not get through. We had two shovels and two men to shovel but we had to turn around and we was lucky to find a place to turn around.

January 28 - Brother David Miller got sick at ten o'clock in the forenoon and died at three in the afternoon. He was 93 years, 8 months and 6 days old. He had been living

with Sarah and Dave the past two years. He was poor and the church kept him.

February 9 - It is snowing again. I hope it will quit soon for I am ready to go home.

February 10 - Arrived in Wauseon at four o'clock in the afternoon and Sam met me and I stayed the night. I have been gone to Huron County over three months and am glad to be home.

March 10 - A boy of Jacob Leupp's got killed by his team running away. He lived in Michigan.

April 23 I got sick early in the morning.

April 24 through May 14 - I have been resting and my children have taken care of me. I am better now and can work some again.

May 19 - I made soap for Lizzie.

June 6 - Done some trash work then went to John's and helped them cut potatoes.

June 10 - Took the train to Whitehouse and stayed with Barbara. Her mother is very ill and staying with her.

June 14 - Left Whitehouse and got back in time for Henry and Lizzie's barn raising.

June 17 - Danny Zimmerman's baby was buried today. They live in Morenci, Michigan.

July 5 - Got word today that Ada Deviney died in Huron County. I am not going to the funeral but Katie and Lizzie are going.

July 11 - I was doing cherries when I got word that Barbara's mother had died in Whitehouse.

July 12 through 14 - With Barbara in Whitehouse. Christ Herr had the funeral.

July 22 - Went to Springhill after groceries and got caught in a rain storm.

July 31 - Went to John and Lydia's over supper. I had the rheumatism so bad they had to lift me into the buggy so I could drive home. Now I will have to use a cane

October 5, 1910 - Picked up apples for cider. Baked bread then filled the oven with snitz. Before dark we snitized some 30 gallons of apples for applebutter.

October 14 - Made four pillowslips and a shirt for Corvin.

October 28 through November 4 - Cooking for threshers and for carpenters.

November 5 through 8 - Took train from Gerald and went to visit Barbara in Whitehouse. Train was three hours late at Gerald and I missed the afternoon train at Napoleon and had to wait for the eight o'clock evening train. Got to Barbara's at 8:45 p.m.

November 9 - Brother Hershy, sister Steiner and brother Nusbaum and his wife and myself took the trolley car from Waterville to Columbus Grove.

November 13 - After visiting in Columbus Grove we went to Bluffton and stayed the night with Robert Bernath's.

November 14 - Took the evening train from Bluffton to Pandora and stayed the night with Jacob Zimmerman.

November 17 - J.W. Basinger took us to Columbus Grove. We took the train to Wauseon and Joe came after me and I stayed the night.

November 19 - Katie came to help Emma and I cook for corn shredders. They got out 1,100 bushels.

December 1 - Commenced knitting but the machine balked. I took it apart and cleaned the needles but could not make it work and I quit.

December 12 - Got word that brother Christ Herr of Bluffton died with the small pox on the 3rd and his daughter died on the 7th and his son died on the 9th and his son's wife died yesterday. All with the smallpox.

December 19 - Peter Burkholder's daughter died this morning.

December 25 - We all went to meeting and then to John and Katie's for dinner.

December 27 - Washed dishes and done some knitting.

December 30 - I am staying at John's and helping Katie with her sewing.

January 1, 1911 - I went with John and Katie to meeting and then to brother C.D. Roth's over dinner and then back to John and Katie's.

January 15 - I and Andrew went to Archbold to see the doctor about my eye. He said there is nothing to be done for it.

January 21 - Sam and Libbie came and Barbara was with them. Barbara is staying with me awhile.

February 5 - Barbara and I visited brother Jacob Bender. He is sick. Then we visited my brother Moses Rupp who is hurt.

February 16 - Barbara and I are both sick with the grip.

February 28 - Sister Lizzie Meister died this evening.

March 6 - Lizzie came after Barbara and took her to Napoleon to take the train to Whitehouse.

March 31 - Charley Winzeler and Gidion Keifer both died at the same hour today.

April 9 - I went to meeting and then to brother Moses Rupp's for dinner.

April 24 - I went to Dan King's and got some trees and then a visit to cousin Katie Frienberg. She is very sick.

May 7 - Went to meeting with Sam and Libbie and then to dinner at cousin Christ King's and to Sol Leininger's over supper and then I went home.

May 21 - We went to meeting and had communion. Lora Kreiger was received into the church. Went to Katie and John's over dinner and then a call on Christ King. He broke his leg.

May 25 - I went to Henry's to help Lizzie paper and was called home. Emma has a new baby girl.

June 12 - Called from Andrew and Emma's to Ben's because Mary has a new babygirl.

June 20 - Back home working in the garden and in the cherry orchard.

June 23 - Elmer Bailey was killed today by a train.

July 15 - Cousin Katie Frienberg and friend Edie Zimmerman both died today.

July 16, 1911 - Waiting on Lizzie. She and Henry have a baby girl.

August 10 - Robert Leininger's baby died today.

August 22 - Cooking for the hay balers.

August 26 - Tried crocheting at some slippers.

September 6 - Helping cook for the threshing.

September 11 - Canning peaches and plums.

September 23 - Waiting on the sick. Andrew and Roy are both sick.

October 7 - Took Saloma Wyse to the doctor and then we visited aunt Mattie in the evening.

October 13 - Took Saloma to Defiance and we stayed the night with brother Simon Krieger and his family.

October 16 through 19 - Helping Lizzie and Henry with the butchering and frying meat.

November 1 - I had company. My cousin Lizzie King and her daughter were here from Wayne County.

November 15 - I took care of the children while Andrew and Emma went to Uncle John Rupp's. He is sick.

November 17 - Grandpa Daniel Pollinger died today.

December 2 and 3 - Andrew and Emma went to Sam and Libbie's for the night and then to Joe and Lidie's for the night. I kept house for them while they were gone.

December 10 - Isaac Peters was buried today. Henry Roth and his wife were here for dinner.

December 18 - Andrew and Emma went to the funeral of Clarence Rice's baby.

December 19 - John came after me to come and stay with him and Lydia.

December 23 - John and Lydia got a Christmas baby at nine o'clock this evening. A pretty baby girl.

December 26 through 31 - Waiting on Lydia and the baby.

January 11, 1912 - Sarah and Dave are here from Huron County.

January 15 - Sarah and Dave left for home and I commenced quilting.

January 17 - Stuffed Herma's doll then went to Sam and Libbie's for a few days.

February 1 through 17 - Cutting quilt blocks and making quilts.

February 29 - Cutting and coloring rags.

March 3 - Went to visit Joe Eicher's. They are moving away.

March 7 - My mailman died.

March 10 - After meeting we all went to Noah Kaufman's over dinner and then to Henry and Lizzie's over supper.

March 23 - I helped paper my sitting room. Sister Fannie Neuen-schander helped me.

March 29 - Friend Jacob Siege died today.

April 7 - I and Joe and Lidie started to go to meeting and then we got a runaway. After we calmed the horse we went back home. Peter Nofzinger was buried today.

April 8 - I went to town to get my glasses fixed.

April 14 - I and Libbie went to see sister Morningstar, then a call to Henry Leininger, then a call to Fred Tomkins over supper and then to Joe and Lidie's for the night.

April 16 - Called on Simon Rychner's in Pettisville and stayed the night.

April 21 through 23 - Cutting grapevines and trimming and tying raspberry bushes.

May 3 - Washed my buggy.

May 10 - Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman died this morning.

May 16 - Ben Eicher's have a baby boy, 8½ pounds.

May 20 - Made a kettle of hard soap.

May 22 - Made two kettles of soap. One hard and one soft.

June 1, 1912 - Went to meeting and then to brother Ora Shafer's.

June 6 - I went to Joe and Lidie's over dinner. Then to Simon Leininger's over supper. Then spent the night with brother David Rashley and his family.

June 13 - I and sister Myer took the trolley car from Pettisville to Wauseon and then to Napoleon and then to Whitehouse to visit with Barbara.

June 23 - Barbara, sister Myer and I all went to church to see brother Ben Bucher and sister Anna Neuenschwander united in marriage. We took dinner with them.

June 25 - Brother Ben Bucher took his new wife and Barbara and sister Myer and I to visit brother Christ Studer. He took us with his automobile.

July 1 - Sister Myer and I returned to home.

July 4 through 10 - Worked in the garden and with the cherries.

July 19 - Jacob Zimmerman died today.

July 20 - Went to the funeral of friend William Mock.

July 24 - Stopped to visit at John Merilot's. His uncle Christ is here from Kansas. I was well acquainted with him.

July 26 - Left home for Huron County to visit with Sarah and Dave.

July 27 through August 2 - With Sarah and Dave.

August 3 - Got home safe as usual and stayed the night with Henry and Lizzie.

August 14 - Didn't do much today. The well cleaners were here. I canned 11 quarts of plums then went to John and Katie's in the evening. Katie is sick.

August 24 - I went to Elmira and got horse shod and then to sister Katie Plettner's for the night.

September 3 - Had men here to make me a sidewalk.

September 17 - Picking and canning plums.

September 26 - Went to Joe's and got grapes to make grape butter.

October 3, 1912 - Making quince jell.

October 7 - The threshers are here.

October 9 - Went to John Rupp's sale.

October 12 - Done different works.

October 18 - A call to Simon Leininger's. His wife Christina is sick.

October 25 - Elger Mull got hurt and I went to Henry and Lizzie's to help.

October 28 - Christina Leininger died today.

November 1 - Left for Columbus Grove. Katie and I and Sarah and Dave went.

November 4 - Went to Bluffton and then to Lima. Stayed the night with brother David Bassinger and his family.

November 7 - Came back home and John came after us at the depot.

November 14 - Killed and dressed two chickens.

November 18 - Made liver pudding.

November 25 through 30 - Cooking and doing housework.

December 8 - John and Lydia were here for dinner.

December 18 - Helped Emma make dolls.

December 19 - I didn't feel well and Emma stayed the night.

December 20 - Still not feeling well. Sam and Libbie came to visit for awhile.

December 23 - Friend Harrison of Wauseon died today. He was found dead in his bed this morning.

December 24 - I don't feel any better.

December 24 - I am feeling worse.

December 26 through December 31 - I am not feeling good at all. The children are caring for me.

January 1 through 19, 1913 - I am sick but gaining some every day.

January 20 through 31 - Cutting comforter blocks and working on quilts.

February 10 - David Merilot's son was buried today.

February 14 - Sister Martha Morningstar died this morning.

February 17 - Friend Adam Sweinhart died today. Age 76 years, 6 months and 14 days.

February 24 through 28 - Helping Emma sew and taking care of the children.

March 2 - Sam and Libbie and the children were here. We quilted and Ella stayed the night with me.

March 9 - Johnny Bernath's wife, Estela, died. Her maiden name was Zimmerman.

March 18 - Hemmed seven towels and one nightie.

April 4 - David Merilot was buried today. Age 72 years, 9 months and some days.

April 30 - I went to Archbold and bought a pair of shoes.

May 5 - Andrew took me to Napoleon. I went to Mrs. Reinkin's over dinner then took the train to Whitehouse and went to aunt Susan Rupp's over supper and then spent the night with brother Ben Bucher and his family.

May 5 through 12 - Visiting in Whitehouse and with aunt Susan.

May 13 - Took the train to Napoleon. Fana Mull met me and I went to Ben and Mary's over dinner then a call on brother Ben Earnst and then a call on sister Mattie Burkholder and then supper at my place.

May 20 - I went to friend David Cameron's funeral. Age 75 years.

May 25 - Andrew and Emma have a baby boy and I am waiting on Emma.

June 6 - Lidie and I went to Huron County to visit Sarah and Dave.

June 6 through 30 - Visiting in Huron County and doing much sewing for Sarah and Dave's family.

July 1 - Sam met us at the Depot in Wauseon and we stayed the night at Sam and Libbie's.

July 2 - Went to Joe and Lidie's for dinner and supper then took the trolley car from Wauseon to Pettisville and Andrew picked me up and took me home.

July 7, 1913 - Took Mrs. Keller to Katie's then went to visit Mrs. Jacob Manly over dinner. She is very sick. Called on Henry Miller and then back to John and Katie's over supper. Took Mrs. Keller home and went home myself.

July 20 - Mrs. Manly died today.

July 28 - I went after Mrs. Keller. She lost her sweater today.

August 5 - Staying with Henry and Lizzie helping cook for threshers and also making soap.

August 24 - We went to meeting and then to Joe's over dinner. Then we went to town to the hospital to see Mrs. Keller and then back to Joe's for the night.

September 2 - Drying sweet corn and working on the pears.

September 10 - Helping Lizzie with peaches and apple butter.

September 16 - I didn't do anything. My eye bothered me too much.

September 26 - Christ Nofzinger was buried today. Age 65. He was married to Anna Bernath.

October 1 - Drying peaches.

October 11 - I went to Pettisville to pick up Sarah and Dave who come visiting from Huron County. They were on the 4 o'clock car.

October 20 - Cousin Christ Rupp died last night.

October 24 - I went to Whitehouse and Barbara and I went to Columbus Grove.

November 2 - Barbara and I went to church in Columbus Grove. Two were wed. One that had give way for a few years was received back as a full member. Two were published for a future baptism. If only more could come and join us.

November 3 - Returned to Whitehouse and then to home.

November 10 through 15 - Sewing and knitting.

November 27 - Put down a new dining room carpet.

December 17 - Sister Olion was buried today and Gertrude Weckesser died this morning.

December 25 - We all went to John and Katie's for dinner then I went back to Henry and Lizzie's for the night. Friend Jacob Buehrer died this forenoon.

January 8, 1914 - Old mother Gasche, wife of Jacob Gasche, died today. She was 91 years and 7 months in age. Jacob Gasche used to be a schoolteacher.

January 26 - I and Andrew went to see Johnny Weber. He got kicked by a horse and is bad off.

January 27 - I and Andrew took rags to the weavers.

February 2 - Brother Joseph Eicher died today. Age 77 years and 1 day.

February 15 - Friend Peter Zeigler died today.

March 9 - Barbara came from Whitehouse to visit and is staying with me. I am not feeling well.

March 17 - Lizzie came after Barbara and took her to the train.

March 23 through April 9 - Sewing and working at piecing comfort blocks.

April 10 - Went to Martin Keifer's funeral. Age 84 years.

April 18 - Working in my garden.

May 5 - Sister Saloma Wyse is staying with me.

May 16 - The doctor was here for me.

May 22 - Friend Dan Wyse's wife died today. Age 71 years, 5 months and some days. I do not feel well.

May 27 - Sarah and Dave came to visit me. Moses Rupp and his wife, Adam and Henry Mull and their wives were here also. Brother David Basinger came from Putnam County to visit me.

June 2 - I am feeling better and gaining strength.

June 17 - Picked up vans for honey then made a nightdress for me and worked at a rug.

June 27 - Took Mary Keller to the dentist then visited Sam and Libbie and Joe and Lidie.

July 3, 1914 - Swept my room then went to Albert Wyse's after cheese and then to Joe Smith's after honey.

July 13 - Helped with the cherries and took some to Archbold.

July 20 - Friend Joe Nofzinger is lying a corpse today.

July 27 - Had my horse shod. Stayed the night with Adolph Brehm and his family.

August 1 - I have been away from home for four days paying visits and do not feel well today. I am at home doing nothing.

August 6 - I went with Ben and Mary to Whitehouse to visit Barbara. We went in the automobile. We had good luck and were on the road for only an hour and a half.

August 15 - Brother Jacob Binder died this morning at three o'clock. Age 88 years and 4 month.

August 19 - Meno Rupp was buried today. Age 44 years, 11 months and 13 days.

August 31 - Helped Lizzie at plums and peaches.

September 6 - Staying with John and Lydia. They have a sick girl and I am caring for the sick.

September 17 - Made 9 gallons of grape butter and thickened it with peaches. Lydia and I made it. I am staying with John and Lydia.

September 19 - Ben took me and Bertha to Holgate and we took the train to Chicago Junction to visit with Sarah and Dave in Huron County.

September 29 - Went to town with Sarah and broke my glasses.

September 30 - Didn't do anything. Had no glasses.

October 14 - Bertha and I left Chicago Junction at eight and got to Pettisville at noon. Called on Hauensteins and Spanglers and then went home.

October 29 - Helped Andrew and Emma butcher a hog. I helped work up the meat.

November 3 through 8 - Visiting with Barbara in Whitehouse.

November 9 - Staying with Joe and Lidie. Sewing and working on comforters. Lidie is due soon.

November 10, 1914 -Made a call to brother S. Kreiger's. They have a very sick boy.

November 14 - Went to Sam and Libbie's and made Sam a shirt and stayed the night. Commenced to piece a comforter.

November 17 - At Sam's and worked at the comforter all day.

November 18 - We went to brother Kreiger's. His son laid a corpse.

November 19 - We went to the funeral of brother Kreiger's son and then back to Sam and Libbie's.

November 20 - Worked at the comforter.

November 21 - Finished the comforter for Sam and Libbie then went to town and then back to stay with Joe and Lidie.

November 22 - I and Joe visited Frank Deitz.

November 23 - Made Herma an apron.

November 24 - Worked at celery to can.

November 25 - Commenced piecing a quilt.

November 26 through 30 - Worked at piecing the quilt.

December 1 - Worked at the piecing. Lidie has a new baby.

December 3 through 14 - Waiting on Lidie and the baby and doing some piecing on the quilt.

December 14 - Pearl McIntosh died.

December 15 - Waited on Lidie and the baby.

December 16 - Waited on Lidie and the baby.

December 17 - Waited on Lidie and the baby.

December 18 - Started on some sewing and mending.

Editor's Note: That December 18, 1914 entry is the final one in the Diary of Susan Burkholder.

She died of a stroke on December 29, 1914.

And we don't doubt that there were many other diaries in this area that contained the following entry:

December 29 - Friend sister Susan Burkholder died today. She cared for the sick. Age 70 years, 4 months and 9 days. □

An End ... And A Beginning!

Just as the old year comes to an end, an extremely popular Farmland News feature since the summer of 1989 is winding up this week, too.

The last installment of the Diary of Susan Burkholder ... written by a truly remarkable turn-of-the-century woman who lived near Ridgeville Corners and spent years traveling by horse and buggy to area homes to help with household and medical chores ... appears on page 8. You won't want to miss it.

Meanwhile, however, the new year begins. So ... Happy New Year!