

Diary of Mary Harley Cassel, Lower Salford Township, 1858.

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January 1858 M.H.Cassel

F[riday] 1. to Miks¹ from there to Sam Herleys² took dinner at Jones's [Jonas Harley's] Jopeth Herley here tonight Dadys went to meeting³ at Henry Prices a wery fine day. S[aturday] 2. me and father to Sams⁴ for dinner & to their oction a warm nice day.

S[unday] 3. Sams with there children here for dinner they and Dadys⁵ went to Frank[on]ia meeting⁶ cold and stormy this eving. M[onday] 4. been a sewing Sarah Freed⁷ here a little a fine day. T[uesday] 5. Cleaned out the desk a lonesom day cloudt all day. W[ednesday] 6. Dr. Beaver here for dinner rained and snowd Abram came home from town this eving. T[hursday] 7. been with Abrams⁸ to Jhon Cassels⁹ a fine day. F[riday] 8. me and Elizabeth been to the Stroe [store] with Father bought a olclose [oilcloth] for the table printed 41 bl [blocks or lbs.] butter this evening clear and cold. S[aturday] 9. Bill Moyers for dinner Henry Landes Jones Price here for supper cloudy with snow.

S[unday] 10. been to meeting¹⁰ wrote [rode] with Jones Jhon Cassels boys here for dinner been a wery fine day. M11. rained all day sounder [thunder] and lightend this eving. T12. been ti Miks washd this afternoon Abrams been to Jhonsons a fine day. W13. busy making a Shirt Cloudy this eving. T14. been busy finished the shirt a nice day. F15. baked printed 42 bl [blocks or lbs.] but[ter] Cloudy and rainy all day. S16. Dr. Beaver, Joseph Harley here this eving Jones Delps rainy all day.

S[unday] 17. William Macknet for dinner Sams with Abrams Liady Landes here awile been a nice day. M18. been busy at my black dress Sarah Freed here cold and blosdring [blustering]. T19. Mother and Sus Nicummer been to Isaac Landes I to Sam Harleys, from there to Miks Sustook supper here been cold blostring. W20. went with dadys to the store we came to Sams they had a young Dauther I had to stay and nurce Bethsy a fine day. T21. baked a little got ready for baking Sarah Keller been here, Hannah G[r]off this eving still nice. F22. baked and srobt [scrubbed] cold. S23. Elizbeth and Roods here for dinner Molly Price here for supper cold and cloudy.

S[unday] 24. Timthes [Timothy] Prices¹¹ here awile passt a lonesom afternoon still cloudy. M25. Fathers came to helpt to butcherd got all don till night Jhon Cassel here awile a wery nice warm day. T26. Lettermans wife washd for us rained fast this eving cleard up. W27. Aunt Sally, Makdlena Heglar [Heckler] here for dinner been wery busy a baking, puting up wash Ann Young here awile Father came Sam was wery poorly still cloudy. T28. Sarah Freed came Debroy Moyer Ann Kiser for supper Henry Prices here this [evening] Sam is wery bad still Cloudy with snow this eving

F29. all don with till 10 this morning Katy Kendic and Father here for dinner he was here all day by Sam cold snowing all day. S30. Srobt the house Dadys came to fet[c]h me 7 wemen here this afternoon came home this eving a fine day.

S[unday]31. Dadys been [to] Hardmons Bety Conner here took [dinner] with me Eilza Clemmenc here this afternoon a nice day.

February 1858. M1. busy cuting carppet rags Sarah Freed here a travler here tonight Cold stromy with hail. T2. been with Father to Sams Dr. Beaver was here wile I was gon rainy all day. W3. washd and cut carppet rags cold blostring. T4. Abrams went to Mikcel Hartsel furnral [funeral] I wrote along to Sam Harleys took my dinner at Miks cloudy all day. F5. baked, washed the stairs printed 39 bl butr Father went to meeting at Christian Moyers¹² Cold cloudy. S6. took the carpet up and srobt went to Makneds this afternoon a German woman here a nice day.

S[unday]7. been to meeting home alone Dadys went to Miks been writeing letter [to] Micle Sheleys cold and clear. M8. cut out my bron dress cold blostring with snow. T9. busy at my dress Dr Beaver been here Cloudy this eving. W10. Dads been to Sams and to Bill Kisers old Roberd¹³ here tonight wery cold, blostring. T11. been a sewing the coldes day thats been this winter. F12. bakd printed 39 bl butter¹⁴ Father to meeting at Bill Moyers nice, clear. S13. don the [?] wrote a letter - William Maknet bought a code for Father wery cold and cloudy all day.

S[unday]14. been all at home nobody here all day snowing. M15. washd been wery disgreable. T16. been with Abrams to Samuel Klines this afternoon Jacob Landes moved today we stopt there a little snowd this eving cold and clear. W17. Father been to Sams wery cold. T18. Sord out my rags been to Henry Landes for a cap [?] pattern a beger⁵ here tonight cloudy this eving. F19. baked don up 35 bl butter wery disgreable was to be meeting only 5 Brethren came we had a nice time. S20. snowd on till half afternoon, then cleard up.

S[unday]21. been home all day Father been to meetin and to Sams this afternoon. M22. a sewing at the gloves clear and cold. T23. busy at the gloves old Roberd here tonight Still cold. W24. Father been to Sams a petlar and Roberd here for dinner cold clear. T25. been with dadys to Sams took supper there been to Lettermans awile a nice warm [?] and the snow a going fast. F26. bakd Philp Condaser [?] here for dinner don 33 ble butter Mother made candles Father went to meeting at Miks nice day. S27. don the srobing Philp here at dinner Abram came home from the oction Jones Harley is maired this eving fine day.

S[unday]28. Dadys been to Jacob Landes at the mill to Abram Landes thar for dinner been a nice day.

★ **March 1858.** M1. presst the gloves been cloudy and wery lonesom. T2. wifewashd the room all don till 10 oclok been making a fine

shirt Dr. Beaver been here wery cold blostring. W3. Scouterd puter nurst a sore finger cold blostring snow. T4. Sarah Freed here for supper cleand the pipe a clear day. F5. bakd prind 33 butter meeting at Henry Price cold. S6. cleand house Dady been to William Kisers Sale and to Sams Still wery cold.

S[unday]7. Miks and Andrew Burns came along from meeting Mary Landes been here a wile I been sick all day clear and cold. M8. been wery sick been snowing all day. T9. a travler⁶ here tonight wery disgreable. W10. Dadys been to Sams a nice warm day. T11. been from [one] to [the] other nice and warm. F12. Abrams had sale Betsy Cassel been here with baby, Jhon Cassels, many others they eate dinner and supper in our room Father went [to] meeting at William Kisers been a nice clear day. S13. Cleand don up 4 ble butter Dadys went to Peter Moyers a fine day.

S[unday]14. been home all day Sarah Freed here awile been rainy and lonesom. M15. along with Dadys to Sam Jhonsons been warm and rainy. T16. butcherd our cow Jhon Cassel his Jacob here for supper wery nice warm. W17. along with Father to the Store to Sams been to Dr. Kellars to Lettermans and to Carns put up a pot of beaf nice day Lana Landes here wile I was gon. T18. washd got ready for baking Mother been to Jacob Prices a German here for dinner still nice. F19. bakd don 6 ble But[ter] iond [ironed] got ready for meeting here this eving Sally Kelly here tonight nice, still. S20. presst the gloves Mary Maknet ?senier? nice.

S[unday]21. been home all day Dadys been to meeting old Cafmens wife here for dinner rainy all day. M22. Dadys went to uncel Jhon Harleys and to Bens I been to for dinner clear and cold. T23. all been down at Culps moving Sarah Freed been here been cold and cloudy. W24. Abrams took Mother Roads⁷ to Lukence Mother been to Joseph Moyers, to Sams, Sam Harley been to Henry Landes a fine day a travler tonight. T25. been to Isaac Landes Old Price been here awile wery blostring. F26. don up 3 ble But[ter] took the carpet uncel Jhon Harley been here I wrot with him to Bill Moyers to meeting went to Sams tonight a wery bright eving S27. been at Joseph Moyers for diner there at the sail [sale] wrot home with Abrams bought some blue cups cloudy and col.

S[unday]28. been home all day old Sus Nicummer here Lany Landes here for supper Dadys been to Daniel Prices cloudy. M29. been ^{to} Miks a fine day. T30. Abrams went to town¹⁸ this moring Sarah Freed been here dug a little garden planted 2 beds of oins [onions] a nice day. W31. wash Mother been to Maknets I was alone this afternoon a fine day.

April 1858. T1. been wery busy in the garden till dinner Father helpt me [?] the strawbury bed Abram Anders, Ruben Greble [Kriebel] here for dinner ioned this afternoon Abrams came home this eving brought me a new bonnet along a fine day. Good Friday - been busy most part of the day Sam Harley here Father went with him to Jacob Heglers meeting this eving a fine day. S3. baked, washd house till diner old Roberd here for dinner Hannah Landes

here for supper still nice.

S[unday]4. been to meeting to Jhonsons with Abrams this afternoon a fine day. M5. went to Bill Nices they came along home with me Dadys had gon to Jacob Prices Abram Cassels here for dinner Sams here for supper been wery nice and wram. T6. been to Miks this afternoon and to the store with Father Cold, stormy all day. W7. been with Abrams to Philp Jenkins boys funeral from there to Saml Rhoads for dinner cold and clear. T8. Franke Cassel came Mother went home with him, there tonight I been at Culps Clouty. F9. bakd along made a baby frog [frock] don up 13 ble butr been a hard shower this morning rained till 10 oclok S10. been with Abrams to Samuel Harley at uncel Jhons a fine day.

S[unday]11. Jhon Clemmence been here for me ~~to~~ to waite on Eliza been all at home dull and rainy. M12. been alone Mother was at Clemmence still rainy. T13. Mary Freed here for dinner been helping me at the gloves and setteld up our acound. W14. wash Dadys went to Jacob ?Hayes? Mary Freed came to helpt me sew a travler here tonight Father went to Miks he got hurt by the horse still cloudy. T15. put up the wash Sam Herley came to have a letter wrot iond this afternoon wery blostring. F16. 2 darkes [?] and cleand our chimly a travler here tonight been rainy. S17. been up at Clemmence bakd and washd house been there all day a fine day.

S[unday]18. been to meeting Susan Bean and her girl here for dinner a fine day. M19. fnished the gloves been with Abrams to the store cold, rainy Bill Benners wife been bured today. T20. Dady went to Jospeth Freed I to Clemence this afternoon wery disgreable. W21. Mary Moyer here helpt us boil soupe [soap?] her [?] Old Plice [?] here for dinner Beane Graskes [?] here awile and Eliza [?] cleand up. T22. been to Miks this moring been planding flowers Sarah here the afternoon a beger here for dinner a nice day. F23. Fixt the flower beds at the porch wery blostring cold with rain. S24. Dadys went to Jhon Minsingers tonight I been at Culps making a baby frog [frock] cold stormy.

S[unday]25. Been home all day Dady came home this eving cloudy all day. M26. Jospeth Cassels here for dinner Dr. Beaver this afternoon clear cold. T27. been to Miks wery disgreable. W28. washd still cold and blostring. T29. iond me and mother cleand the garried [?garret] cleand the best room upstairs a fine [day]. F30. Dr. Beaver here to tend Mother ?shrou? I paid him for tending me nice and warm.

May 1858. S[aturday]1. me and Elizbeth walk to William Kisers I went Jonsons a little presst the gloves when I came home Dabro Moyer was for ?urpes [?herbs] Dady been to Sams warm. S[unday]2. Been to meeting Jacob Harleys Jospeth Moyer here for dinner Micels here this afternoon a fine day. M3. Aunt Sally little Sarah and Sarah Freed here for dinner Sarah Harley Laidy Moyer Aunt Sally here for supper Eliza Clemmence came wile I was eating and ? along. T4. went [to] Miks to cut a dress for Mary Pricila came to

fech me Jacob Landes and Sally Landes here for dinner cloudy and cold. W5. helpt Elizbeth clean the entry upstairs and fixt my black stockings wery rainy all day. T6. went with Dadys [to] Abram Sniders from there to Eli Cassels there for dinner bought 2 dress for me and many other things to Abram Beans for supper Stopt at Betsy Culps this eving, then to Philp Bukhams [Bookhamer] there to night been rainy till cleard up this afternoon. F7. Dadys went to see Lida Davis I at Jacob Stovers till they came back from there to Sams for dinner came home half past 2 bakd and washd house yet been wery rainy all day. S8. been with Dadys to Peter Culps childs funeral to Jacob Heglars [Heckler] for dinner Dadys to Jes Cassels Stopt at Ann Youngs a little home, got supper then to Miks a nice day.

S[unday]9. Dadys went to Rebecker Harley I to Eli Stovers to meeting this afternoon Sam Harley⁷ preacd over the worts "many are calld but few are chosen" cloudy, damp. M10. washd cut my ?lone dress rained fast a travler here tonight. T11. busy a sewing rained all day showers this eving cleand out the back room wash the coner cuberd. W12. witewashd the back room and entry hangd up the wash cold blostring. T13. alone Dadys went to Bill Moyers Ascension day clear and nice been to Miks at Culps last night. F14. bakd wery disgreable. S15. Mother and Elizeth been to Henry Landes put the tring? for the wins? at the porch raining fast this morning Showers this eving a travler here tonight.

S[unday]16. home Jacob Waters Henry Creater here for dinner been to Miks this afternoon Henry Cassels were there Jhon Cassel here to fecth me Waters here to night cold and cloudy. M17. been to Miks bakd and helpt there Waters here all day still cold and cloudy a petlar here tonight. T18. Dadys been to meeting Eli Wises were baptizet Mother at Miks tonight still rainy and cold. W19. been with Dadys to Jhon Cassels Sewd for Caty Dadys went on to Sams tonight Uncel Danel Cassels were here wile gon cold cloudy raining this eving. T20. washd been a hale storm cold and clear. F21. been wery busy all day clear and cold. S22. been [to] Miks Mother to Custers clear.

S[unday]23. wencintide [Whitsuntide]²⁰ been home till 3 oclok then to Detwilers Dadys been to Jacob Prices clear today but cloudy this eving. M24. presst the gloves Eliza Clemmenc here awile been cloudy most all day. T25. Dadys and Abram went to Abram Snider biural [burial] I rwot along to Sams there all day a raining fast. W26. been wery busy fnishd a shirt made a vael bonnet rainy all day old Roberd here tonight. T27. made a frog [frock] for Jhons Mary and sourd puter [scoured pewter] cloudy and rainy all day. F28. bakd been with Father to Jhon Cassels this afternoon a nice day. S29. Sarah Freed here took supper Jones Harley tonight cold cloudy.

S[unday]30. been to meeting Ann Kiewser here for dinner went with [?] caried the baby Jones Harley and Ann here for supper cold cloudy till dinner. M31. me and Mother walk to Jhonsons stopt at Kiewser cloudy all day a travler here tonight.

June 1858. T1. washd and been to Miks Cloudy till eving then cleard. W2. been a wery nice day. T3. boild applebutter-over/Sams and Mary Price here for dinner planted beans out in the cornfield Philp Condafer here tonight nice and warm. F4. been wery busy all day cloudy with rain. S5. went with Dadys to Skippak at the Love feast²¹ to Detwilers all night been to Jes Cassels for dinner walk to meeting from there nice till eving, then rained fast.

S[unday]6. went to meeting to Isaac Huncikers for dinner a fine day. M7. witewasht the stairs plan[t]ed some beans been at Mike a nice day. T8. witewasht the room. W9. me and mother been a planting out in the feild Sarah Freed here a fine day. T10. witewasht the fence, the bake house Mary Freed, Sus Nicummer here for supper a nice day. F11. Dadys went to ?Shag? Dedrys [Dettera] biural I bakd and sewd been a wery hard shower rained fast. S12. don the srobing alone Sam brought Mother home rained fast all day creek wery high.

S[unday]13. been to meeting Abram and Hannah Price home for dinner Cloudy all day. M14. washd cloudy all day. T15. been to Miks iond this eving Mother is at Miks tonight Still cloudy. W16. been a lonesom day Father is at Sams Mother at Miks Hannah and Samuel^{*} and a petler here tonight nice eving. T17. Betsy Rudy here for dinner mother is at Miks tonight a nice day. F18. bakd and sewd a fine day. S19. been to Maknets to Jacob Landes for supper Danel Prices wife, Beth Nice here for supper Mother at Miks tonight a wery warm day.

S[unday]20. A Andrew Young, Beke Landes here for dinner Dadys been to Frankiona meeting been to Miks Jhon Cassels were there a wery warm day. M21. washd. T22. been to Sam Harley and to Miks fnished lon[?] dress a fine day. W23. been a sewing Sam here for supper wery pleasant day. T24. Mother been at Miks all day I painting fnishd a dress for Mother wery hard sounder this eving. F25. bakd afternoon to Miks helpt Sarah bake wery warm day. S26. Mother at Miks all day don the scrobing made a west for Jhon Landes.

S[unday]27. been to meeting to Miks this afternoon wery warm with showers Philp Condafer²² here for [?]. M28. went to nursing Abrams got a young dauther this morning washd and sewd Mary Macknet here all day been wery warm. T29. bakd and sewd. W30. we been lonesom Abram went to town been making fine shirt.

July 1858. T1. Mary Price and Sams here awile been a wery pleasant day. F2. bakd all don befor Supper. S3. Srobt house and sewd at the gloves wery warm with showers. S4. Ann Kaiser Elizbeth Keslar Beth Detwilar here for supper a fine day. M5. washd old Sus Nicummer Nany Landes here supper. T6. Cady Cassel here for dinner iond and bakd a cole nice day. W7. been a lonesom day. T8. Dadys went to Jhonsons Hannah Landes here for supper a nice day. F9. busy all day from one to the other cloudy, wery sultry. S10. bakd Mary and Mama Landes here for supper.

S[unday]11. Jacob Landes at Dadys for dinner and Nance Sperry Sam

22. Hannah Cassel Shister

Mary Harley Cassel Diary, 1858 (Part II)

* Harriet Livermore, from New England, was an itinerant independent woman preacher who traveled extensively in the middle East and came to reside ~~at~~ in Germantown among the Brethren, where she was accepted as a preacher (Bishop Peter Kuper welcomed her into the pulpit at Germantown). She was buried at Germantown Brethren Cemetery, and ~~inspired~~ inspired Sarah Righter (Meyer) another Brethren woman from Philadelphia, who influenced Abram H. Cassel to join the church of the Brethren.

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July 1858. T1. Mary Price and Sams¹ here awhile. been a wery pleasant day. F2. bakd. all don befor Supper. S3. Srobt house and sewd at the gloves. wery warm with showers. S4. Ann Kaiser Elizbeth Keslar Beth Detwilar here for supper. a fine day. M5. washd. old Sus Nicummer Nany Landes here supper. T6. Cady Cassel here for dinner. iond and baked. a cole nice day. W7. been a lonesom day. T8. Dadys² went to Jhonsons. Hannah Landes here for supper. a nice day. F9. busy all day from one to the other. cloudy, wery sultry. S10. baked. Mary and Mama Landes here for supper.

S[unday]11. Jacob Landes at Dadys for dinner and Nance Sperry Sam Harleys³ here for Supper. old Brother Young brought 3 himy [?hymn] books. clear and wery warm, the first of dog days. M12. made curnd [currant] chelly. Mother went [to] Miks⁴ with Mama Landes. raining fast this eving. T13. baked. been to Miks. cloudy, rainy all day. W14. washd a ~~big~~ large wash. been to Miks. helpt bake. Sam Jhonsons here for Supper. cloudy most part of day. T15. Abram was at Danel Prices wifes buiral on the Plains.⁵ Mother was at Kooks for cherrys. I been piking rasberys. Father pain[t]ed the room. a pleasent day. F16. Bakd. a Garmon Brother from Langester here to night. a fine day. S17. wery busy. took up the carpets. cleand the rooms. been to Miks. a pleasand day.

S[unday]18. been home all day. reading the book of Harriet Livermore^{*} Sams and old Polly Price at Abrams⁶ Cloudy till eving. M19. Old Mama Freed, her dauther here for dinner. a fine day. T20. been making a shirt. Dadys took Hannah Carl to Henry Cassel. cloudy and rainy, cole. W21. Dadys went to Joepth Haglars [Hecklers]. I

(Hatfield
photo of
Hatfield Miks)

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went along to Sams. Jacob Croups where here wile we where gon.
Eliza Clemmenc here for supper. T22. qui[l]ted a skirt for me.
Eliza Clemmence helpt me. been here for dinner. a nice day. F23.
been to Miks. helpt bake. S24. baked and cleand. Uncel Samuel
Herleys and uncel Jacob Herleys, old Mary Price here tonight. cole
and clear.

S[unday]25. been to meeting. Jacob Markleys, a duch [dutch] ^{German} Brother
here for dinner. Abram Prices⁷ here for supper. Brother Umstead was
at meeting. a fine day. M26. me and Elizbeth been to Miks with the
baby. took supper there. cole and cloudy. T27. fnishd a dress for
me. been to Clemmence for som patrans. ^{Leathers} a fine day. W28. had my
things in the sun. Sarah Freed⁸ here with her baby. took supper.
nice day. T29. made a cap. warm day. F30. Hannah Nice been here
awile. baked. Sam was here for supper. rained and stormd with
thounder. got the gloves. S31. been my birth day. been to Joeph
Frees. Stopt at Nices. been a wery pleassant day.

S1[Sunday] **August**. been home all day. took a walk for blackberys.
Henry Detwilers Sus Nicummer Abram Moyer Caty ?Rut where [here] a
wile. been cloudy all day. M2. Sewd at the gloves. rained all day.
T3. washd. old Roberd here to night. still rainy. W4. bakd. put up
the wash. cleand up this eving. T5. been to the Harvest Meeting.
Jes Cassel and his girls here for dinner. F6. washd and iond. been
to Miks. got ready for baking. old Daniel Price here for dinner. a
nice day. S7. been along to the Harvest [Meeting]. at Jacob Kulp
with Miks. took supper there. Lana Landes, Susanna ?Wessermer,
Rebacka Davis spent the eving here.

S[unday]8. been to meeting. ¹⁰ Tobias Wesler here for dinner. Sally
Kelly here for supper. fine day. M9. a man was here with the
picture of Germny. seen a great sight. Sarah Freed here awile. been
to Detwiler. paide the ?goster? for taking the gloves. a fine day.
T10. Dadys went to Salfford Harvest meeting. ¹¹ to Jacob Harleys for
dinner. been making a weastket for Abram. to Miks. a warm day. W11.
Me and Abram, Mother went to Camp Meeting. ¹² To Jhon Cassel ¹³ for
dinner. this afternoon me and Abram went [to Camp Meeting] but
rained. Soon after the rain I went to old Youngs. then to at Jhons
[Cassel] again tonight. T12. been wery busy a waiting on strangers.
aboute 30 for dinner. ¹⁴ cloudy. F13. Me and Caty went to the [Camp]
Meeting this mor[n]ing early. Seen them take Sackerment. to old
Youngs for dinner. back again to the camp [meeting] and came home
with Sam. been a plassent day. S14. Dadys went to Jes Conners at
the Harvest Meeting. Hannah, Samy Freed here tonight. a nice cole
day.

S[unday]15. wrote ^{Cassel} with Abram to Sams early this moring. back till
dinner. Roselende ^{Cassel} with us home. here for dinner. afternoon to
Jonas Delps. there for super. a nice day. M16. been out in the
feild a picking beans. to Miks this eving. a warm day. T17. to day
Abram started on his joinny [journey]. Dadys took him till to uncel
Danel Cassel. Sarah Freed here awile. Sam fhect [fetched] me to
keep hōuse wile they go to Langester. Sounder with heavy rain. W18.
this moring they [Sams] started [on their trip]. wery lonesom. me

Benj. Herley (1801-1890)
(Herley's Cem.)
Proctor B Indian Park

and Rose went to Ben Herleys¹⁵ awile. a wery wram day. T19. been a sewing and picking beans. a fine day. F20. baked and washd house. quite cole with a slite frost. S21. up early this moring. don the work then on the roade home. then Father met me with the wagkon. bakd and cleand house. nice day.

S[unday]22. been to meeting. Jacob Stouvers there. daughter Elizbeth here for dinner. Gorge Hartmons here for supper. I rowd down to Sams with Stovers. a nice day. M23. up early ?gount ^[church] butter till breakfast. been a sewing. over to Haglers a little this eving. been quite cole today. T24. washd. all done till 10 klok. Sarah Freed sopt in. Sarah and Silly been here for dinner a little. iond this afternoon. W25. been wery lonesom. T26. Mother and Elizbeth¹⁶ came here for dinner. Sam came home after 1 oclock. Sam brought us home. fine day. F27. been to Miks. from there to the beans. baked, cloudy with rain this eving. S28. Cleand house. made a wite skert. rainy.

S[unday]29. me and Elizbeth alone all day. quite lonesom. Dady went to Samuel Herleys. to meeting at Toamencin¹⁷. nice and cole. M30. Me and Dadys been to Uncel Jacobs. there for dinner. to Samuel Roads for supper. been to Youters a little. a plasant day. T31. washd. cut my delain dress. Sams Sarah Freed Beth Damute been here. a nice day.

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been wery busy. baked and washd. Jhon Cassels girl came to ?reain? to sew. a warm day. T2. put up wash and iond. me and Elizbeth been to Isaac Landes. took supper there. cloudy, rainy this moring. nice this eving. F3. me and Elizbeth pictd wild cheeres. Sophia went off this eving. wery sultry with rain. S4. Suse Delp Ann Young here for dinner. cloudy rained a little. ^[earn]

S[unday]5. Wiliam Stinners, Samuel Herleys, Sophia Carn and Georg Long here for dinner. been home all day waiting on strangers. a fine day. M6. helpt take up potaters. Beck Cofman here for dinner and Hannah Freed. a fine day. T7. been to Jhonsons for dinner. Elizbeth to Kisers. all at Jhon Shislers¹⁸ for supper. Sophia here tonight again. a nice day. W8. Mary Price, Roselinda Cassel been here all day. for dinner with Elizbeth. for supper with us. been a warm day. T9. been to Miks. wery warm. F10. Philp Condaffer? here with a blind man. baked. a wery warm day. Father was at Sams. S11. washd house. a basket petler here. Abram came home this eving. been rainy till eving.

S[unday]12. been all at home. nobody here. a cole plasant day. M13. washd. made preservs. pict stortions. printd 4 pounts buter. a fine day. T14. me and Elizbeth been to Jhon Clemmenc. there for dinner. cole and cloudy this eving. W15. Dadys been to Sams. he brought them home. I been to Miks. made a baby bonnet. been wery blostring with a little rain. T16. been busy in the bedroom puting chafe in [the mattress]¹⁹ and cleaning. Jhon Cassels here at Abrams for dinner. raining, blostring, cole this eving. F17. Dadys been to Salford Meeting. helpt Elizbeth wit[wash] the sellar. baked. cold

blostring. S18. Joseph Freeds here. at Abrams for dinner. Supper with us. a fine day.

S[unday]19. been to meeting. Joseph Haglers [Heckler], Jhon Minsingers, Sally Harley here for dinner. Abram Price Micel Freed here this afternoon. Uncel Goerge his Sarah here tonight. a fine day. M20. pict beans and baked. help Mother make candels. a fine warm day. T21. been to the Brother[?] meeting. Old Hannah and Nany here for dinner. Aunt Sally, Ann Kiskser[?] at Abrams. Sally Freed, Eliza Clem[en]s here awile. warm day. W22. been wery busy. Scourd puter [pewter]. pict sup beans, cleand the carriet [garret]. washd the stairs. cold blostring. T23. been along with Dadys to Goerge Bries. Henry Price here this eving. clear and cold. F24. Ann Freed brought a pair of pants to make. cold rainy all day. S25. Abrams went to uncel Jacobs. to uncel Danel Harley. washd. been to Clemences with my sewing, finished a pair of pants. a nice day.

S[unday]26. Abram Rosenberys here with 3 c[h]eldren. Cooks here with 4 and Sam Cassel here for dinner. Michels here this afternoon. a travler here tonight. a fine day. M27. wery busy all day from one to the other. a fine day. T28. baked, washd house. a nice day. W29. 8 strangers here for dinner. Jacob Landes been baptize²¹ went to meeting at 4 oclok, stade till it broke up. 34 here tonight. been a warm clear day. T30. been to meeting. 30 here for dinner. nice warm day.

October F1. me and mother went to the meeting house. helpt to ?Sower niss? this afternoon. Abrams helpt to wash the meeting house. been a little rainy with shours. S2. me and Mother walk to Molly Landes, took supper there. a nice day.

S[unday]3. been to meeting. Sam Roads, Jacob Kils, Jacob Rosenbery at Abrams for dinner. been to Clem[en]es a little. a nice warm day. M4. put a qualt in frame. Eliza Clemence helpt me, here for dinner. Peter Trisboks [?Dreisbachs] at A[brams] for dinner. a wery warm day. T5. been a quilding all day. Sarah Freed helpt awile. helpt Elizabeth iond. a fine day. W6. quilding all day. Sarah Freed a helping. her and Hannah here for supper. nice day. T7. quilding all day. rained fast till dinner then cleard up. a travler here to night. F8. been wery busy. baked and washd. put the stove [?]. old Roberd here tonight. cold, blostring, raining tonight. S9. iond and quilded afternoon. me and father went to Docter Bevears. from there to Andrew Burns. Stopd at old Rusen for Aples. been wery cold blostring.

S[unday]10. been along with Miks to Jonsons. from there to meeting this afternoon. David Garlock, Jacob Rianherd [Reinert]²² spoke. rote home with Jhon Clemence. Dadys went to Ben Herleys from meeting. a nice day. M11. fnished the quild. Eliza Clemenc helpt me. been here for dinner. Cloudy all day. T12. hemt the quild. rainy all day. W13. been to Miks with gloves. Mary helpt me. still rainy. T14. wrote with Dadys to Sams to the store. they went to Knoses little. Jacob Cassel here night. he brought me niting. a nice day. F15. baked and sewd. a plesant day. S16. don the scrobing. blacked the

stove. been to Miks and to Henry Crebbles. a wery nice warm day.

S[unday]17. been to meeting. Sams here for dinner. Samuel Herley here this afternoon. a wery nice day. M18. Brother Ave[?] from the Plains, Hannah Landes, Barber Tison here for dinner. preserved Sitdrons [citrons]. a fine day. T19. been a niting. washd this afternoon. a fine day. W20. been to Miks. a niting all the way I went. wery nice warm day. T21. me and Sarah Freed, Elizbeth wrote [rode] to Samuel Roades. there for dinner. stopt [at] Jacob Cassels store. bought a few articals. a fine moring but cloudy eving. F22. baked and niting. cloudy all day. S23. Srobt [scrubbed] house. to Isaac Landes this afternoon. Dady to Jones Delps this eving. rainy this moring, nice eving.

S[unday]24. been with Miks to Jhon Cassel. been to meeting there. cloudy blostring. M25. been a niting. up to Clemence a wile. a clear cold day. T26. been with Abrahams to Sellerswill^{Enk} Andrew Lehters for dinner. I weght 90, Elizbeth hounderd and 4 [104]. Sopt at Jopeth [Joseph] Hornings. Seen ~~to~~ ween babys. Aunt Sally was here wile we where gon. Mother went to Yunne Bellars. cold and clear. W27. been with Abrams to Jhon Minsengers [Munsinger]. there for dinner. at Jacob Rosenberys for supper. came home at 8 o clock. a beautiful day; had a plassent ride. T28. been to Jones Delps, fecthd punkins. Dadys went to uncel Samuel Herleys. a fine day. F29. Dadys came home this afternoon. bakd and washd a little. cold raining fast this eving. S30. wery busy all day. rain all day, cleard this eving. S[unday]31. Ben Herleys here for dinner. been to Miks. nice warm day.

November M1. washd. made a wesked[?waistcoat] for Yelles. ^{Cassel} a wery nice day. T2. been at Miks for dinner. was fecthd. Polly Harp, Polly Sniwder, Nancy Harb here dinner. cold cloudy blostring. W3. been making pants. wery disgreable. rained and cold. T4. been alone this afternoon. Dadys and Elizbeth went to meeting at Frankonia. ²³ a strang minister. I don up a cap for [?] Hordmon [Hartman]. rainy all day. F5. baked. helpt Mother shell walnuts. cloudy. S6. Sewd. rained all day.

S[unday]7. been to Miks a little. all at home. quite lonesom, nobody here the hole day. cloudy most par[?]. M8. been to George Hordmons. there for dinner. nice and clear. T9. me and Mother to Kisers. Mother to Jonsons. wery changble. cloudy this eving. W10. been to Miks. cut 2 couts and sewd. there for dinner. a nice day. T11. been to Jones Delps all day a sewing. Abram been to Dr. Beaver Sale. a fine day. F12. bakd, put up cabge. cloudy. S13. been a niting. Jhon Clemence here for supper. cold and rainy.

S[unday]14. been in meeting. Andrew Burns, Andrew Young here for dinner. cold and clear. M15. washd. Sam Cassel here for dinner. Snowd all day. nice clear this eving. T16. making pants. wery cold blostring. W17. Sam was here. bake a little. witewashd the backroom. cold and clear. T18. Govern[or]s day. been to meeting. William Kisers at Abrams. been to Henry Landes with my sewing this afternoon. cold. F19. baked. Sarah Freed here awile. old Roberd

here to. cold blostring. S20. Mother and me walk to the store. Sam brought us home. Roselenda here all night. took dinner at Bens wery nice day. Henry Price, Jole Freed here this eving.

S[unday]21. Abram went to Jhonsons. Jhon Cassels here for dinner. been alone this afternoon. went along with them to Miks been a reading. wery disgreable. Snowd and rained all day. M22. been making a wesket for Samuel Cassel. Mother was at Miks. raining this eving. T23. wery busy. finishd a shird and washd. cold cloudy. W24. a sewing. cloudy rained. T25. Mikcel Nihouse here tonight. been wery busy. cold stromy. F26. bakd and sewd. nice clear day. S27. made a baby bonnet for Sarh Culp. Abrams been to Jhon Roads. Clear and cold.

S[unday]28. home all day. wery disgreable. snowd and rained all day. M29. Sewd. helpt Abrams butcher this eving. cloudy till eving, clearer. T30. clear. the snow a going.

December W1. Bethy Herley here awile. a nice day. T2. been making a cot[?] for mother. cold and rained all day. F3. clear nice till eving then cloudy. S4. Sams here for dinner. cloudy all day with rain.

S[unday]5. been at home all day a reading for Abram. rainy all day. M6. been to Miks. there for dinner. little Yelles [Freed] along home here tonight. Samuel Cassel here awile this eving. a wery nice day. T7. busy a sewing. dul, rainy all day. W8. busy a sewing. been rainy. T9. washd a large wash till dinner. got ready for baking. old Plice here for dinner. Sarah Freed here a little. cold and clear. F10. baked and iond. cold and clear. S11. been to Miks and Sam Herleys this eving. Henry Price here. a travler here tonight. cloudy.

S[unday]12. Been to meeting. Sarah Freed here a little. still cloudy. M13. Dadys went to William Kisyers [Keyser]. I been along to Jonsons. rained fast this afternoon. T19. Joepth [Joseph] Freed here. brought me some sewing. got word of Peggy Reiff burial. little Frank Cassel here to night. been rainy all day. W15. been rainy all day. T16. Dadys been to Sams. I to Miks. Sam brought Dadys home. been a wery nice day. F17. bakd. washd house. nice day. S18. Sewd. Mary Freed here a little. been to Detwilers. nice clear

December S[unday]19. Dadys went to Jhon Baktles [Bechtel]. been along to Becth Moyer. there for dinner. at Peter Culps awile. wery cold and cloudy. M20. killd our hog. Henry Young here. still cloudy but not cold. T21. been wery busy all day. been wery rainy all day. W22. Ann Freed fecthd some sewing away. Sam Cassel here. been wery busy. clear and stormy. T23. Jacob Pfautz ~~from~~ from Langester took brakfeast with us. Father took me to Dr. Beaver. a wery fine moring. cloudy this eving. F24. bakd. washd house. clear and cold. S25. Christmas. me and Mary Freed walk to Sams. there for dinner. home with Mary for supper. at meeting there this eving. a wery fine day.

S[unday]26. home all day. Mother is wery sick this eving. a raing.
M27. wery busy making a bonnet. nice day. T28. washd. Sam was here.
Sam Jhonsons here for dinner. a fine day. W29. helpt. Abram to fill
up corn for the mill. iond. cut a pair of paints for Dady. Cold
cloudy with snow. T30. a sewing. geting ready for baking. still
cloudy and cold. F31. baking and scrobing house. cloudy all day.

New Year January 1859.

S[aturday]1. been home all day. sewd part of the day. Joel Freed
here awile. changble, clear and cloudy.

Diary of Mary Harley Cassel, Lower Salford Township, 1859.

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Mary Harley Cassel was the youngest of the five children of Yelles and Mary Harley Cassel. She was born July 31, 1828 in Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, Pa., in what is now know as the Morgan Log House. The life of her older brother Brethren Historian Abraham H. Cassel has been well explored and documented in this community. The life of Mary Harley Cassel is now being explored as the result of the recent donation of her diary to the Mennonite Historians.

The education of Mary Harley Cassel is at this point undocumented but her sister Sarah was probably instrumental in her learning to read. Sarah was the one who taught Abraham to read. Abraham had six weeks of formal schooling and was self taught in his educational endeavors. The fact that Mary Harley Cassel at the age thirty was able to write in English shows that she either was able to benefit from some type of formal education or that she too had that innate desire for the acquisition of knowledge. The luxury of spending the time to write the events of the day down in a diary might be due to the fact that at the time Mary Harley Cassel was a single woman living at home with her parents.

Mary was latered married to Abram L. Moyer in the 1870's. The census records of 1880 show that Mary was Moyer's wife and keeping house. Moyer died June 12, 1880. She was then married to Samuel K. Harley on November 21, 1885; he died August 12, 1895. Mary had no children from either marriage. She died January 17, 1916 and is buried at Klein's Brethren Meetinghouse.

Mary was very diligent in the keeping of the diary. There was an entry for everyday from January 1, 1858 to September 24, 1863. The most consistent item in the five years of the diary was the daily recording of the weather. There is very little evidence of the recordings of her feelings about events. There were a few occasions in which she shares that she is lonesome. The diary was used as a means to record the daily routine of her life.

The reader of the diary feels that they are gaining an insight into the life of a woman who lived in a Brethren home and a Pennsylvania German community. The life of a tremendously ordinary person takes on new meaning because of the fact that Mary Harley Cassel took the time and energy to record her daily events for the future generations to read. [Mary Harley Cassel suddenly becomes ~~very~~ special and in some small way will take her place in history beside a brother that helped bring the Pennsylvania German community out of the ^{90s} ~~dark~~ ~~ages~~ and into the light of the world around them. ~~We will offer a literal transcription of part of the year 1859 from her diary. Mary used no punctuation between sentences, so for easier reading we have used a double space where we think her sentences end. Editorial notes are in brackets.~~

January 1859

S[aturday] 1[st]. been home all day sewd part of the day Joel Freed here awile changble clear and cloudy.

S[unday] 2. a [redacted] for braskfeast Lany Lodes Peggy Daves here awile [redacted] here for dinner that travler tonight a wery fine day. M[onday] 3. busy from one to the other cloudy all day. T[uesday] 4. [redacted] here for dinner cloudy most part of the day. W[ednesday] 5. been making a rice basket Henry Detwilers here this eving [evening] clear and nice. T[hursday] 6. been to [redacted] [Michael Freed's] Sewd for [redacted] been a wery nice day. F[riday] 7. baked cleand my Sleeping room cloudy and rainy. S[aturday] 8. wery stromy [stormy] last night Srobed [scrubbed] house a niting this afternoon wery cold blostring [blustering].

S[unday] 9. been to [redacted] old Andrew Young here for dinner a travler here to night wery cold. M 10. been a niting Jhon Clemence here awile trementhus cold. T 11. been a spinning still wery cold and [?] all day. W 12. Spining old Boberd here tonight a fine day. T 13. washd most butiful day. F 14. bakd Father and Abram went to [redacted] this eving cloudy and rainy. S 15. cleaned the house helpt [redacted] butcher Sarah Freed here awile a travler here tonight rainy till dinner then cleard.

S[unday] 16. me and the children alone [redacted] went to Henry Landes Young Jhon Cassel here awile Roscine Cook here with her children been a wery fine day. M 17. been with Dadys to the store bought a pair of gum shous [shoes] walk up the pike to Miks a begger here tonight a nice day. T 18. went to Clemence [Clemens'] to quilt then Dr Beaver came Father fecthd me he [Dr. Beaver] brought the [redacted] for me after he was gon I went up again [to Clemens'] was ther for dinner and stade till eving clear cold. W 19. been to Samuel Herleys there for dinner a travler here tonight been a wery plassand day. T 20. been to Clemence to quilt till dinner Sams here for dinner a nice warm day. F 21. Father & Sam went to Uncel Gorge Cassel bakd and washd house a travler here tonight rainy. S 22. black the stove and sewd [redacted] at Abrams tonight cold and stormy.

S[unday] 23. home all day Jacob Garges here from meeting Jones Herleys at Abrams this eving clear and cold. M 24. made candels baked a little don up the butter whiteshad [whitewashed] the room Sarah Freed here a wile wery nice day. T 25. been to Miks making Mary a dress a fine day. W 26. washed a largh wash till dinner [redacted] here with her sewing this afternoon nice. T 27. Dads went to young Jacob Landes Dr. Beaver was here put the Calvinic batry agoing for me a [redacted] at Abrams tonight with a nice music cloudy all day rainy this eving. F 28. tryd the Calvinic [battery] Abram and Father went to meeting at Bill Moyers a travler here tonight still warm and rainy. S 29. Andrew Burns wife [?] Cristion here for dinner William Yous gave word of Laidy Davis burial Christion here tonight still rainy.

S[unday] 30. Dadys went to the frunral a beger here took dinner wiht me went with Abrams to meeting this afternoon fine day. M 31. Sarah Freed here a little been spinning wery nice clear day.

February 1859 T1. been to Mik's got dinner for [redacted] when there helpt to bucher Mother and Elizbeth been to Kihsters [Keysters] a wery fine day. W2. Sam was here to try the calvanic batry little [redacted] here for dinner a raining this eving. T3. disgreable snowd and rained. F4. bakd and

washd house a snowing this eving. S5. Sarah Freed here alittle Mary Landes Jones Harley here for Supper he fixt our clock nice clear day.

S[unday]6. home all day writing letter to Elizbeth Raceser a snowing. M7. washd don till 10 oclock Eli Cassel and Abram Bean came in the slay with us for dinner at Abrams for Supper clear and cold. T8. Sam was here for Supper Mical R[?] house here tonight Jhon Swok has meeting this eving all went but me and Elizbeth rainy all day. W9. Father Abram went to [redacted] Swok has meeting there still cloudy. T10. Abram Landes here and Nanny Landes Mary Moyer here for Supper Sam, Ben Herley here a little brought Jhon Zuck he is here tonight Samuel Herley here this eving had a plasand eving clear and cold. F11. bakd in the stove Peter Culp's wife was bured [buried] Father Abram Sarah where ther cold and cloudy. S12. Father Abram went to S[k]ippack Mother and Yelles to Miks to meeting this eving cloudy all day.

S[unday]13. been home all day wery lonesom Roselenda Cassel and Frank here a nice day. M14. Sus Nicumer here for diner been a sewing a nice day. T15. Dadys been to Abram Moyer's rained. W16. Dr Beaver was here to see about the Calvanic batry I been [t]wisting threa[d] rainy till dinner it was a nice afternoon. T17. Dadys went to Jacob Herleys wrote along to Henry Herleys from ther to Sam's there for Supper been to the store a fine morning cloudy eving. F18. bakd twis[t]ed thread cloudy. S19. been a cuting pashes [patches] for Sarah qual[t] [quilt] Sam was here a little a raing fast.

S[unday]20. home all day no body here cleard up wery blostrin. M21. washd don till dinner clear and stormy. T22. been to Mik's Father to Sam's I and Mother cleaned the garied [garret] and iond this afternoon a wery fine day. W23. been with Dadys to Jhon Cassel down at [?]Iaac Zases[?] a wile a wery warm nice day. T24. been to Clemence a little stormy. F25. bakd and sewd Father went to meeting at Abram Price this eving snowd all day. S26. still snowy.

S[unday]27. been with Dadys to Sam Jhonsons I went to Kihsters they where not at home been at Freem[?] till Father's came a nice day. M28. a sewing a nice day.

March 1859 T1. Abram Rosenberg here stopd alittle washd the sellar clear and cold. W2. wrote with Abram to the store then to Sams there for dinner and tonight clear and cold. T3. came home this mor[n]ing been sewing very disgreable hiald and snow. F4. bakd and sewd [redacted] to night rainy. S5. a long lonesom day clear blostring.

S[unday]6. been to meeting Sam and Sally Kelly here for dinner Jes Dretres [Dettra's] Peter Holbuck at Abrams a travler here to night a fine day. M7. washd don up butter Ruben Creble [Kriebel] here a little and Sarah Freed a fine mornig but rainy eving. T8. Docdor Beaver Sale was to day Jhon Culp's moved to day I iond [ironed] and sewd a fine shird sounderd [thundered] and lightend wery hard been rainy all day. W9. been to Miks with my sewing a nice clear day. T10. washd a little been down at the house scrobt the big corberd [cupboard] then ioned [redacted] and Sarah Freed here for Supper a fine day. F11. bakd and sewd at the gloves Jhon Herley was [here] bought a horse of Abram cloudy all day raining this eving. S12. crobt[scrubbed] the house and sewd sallet[salad] seed a wery nice warm day.

S[unday]13. been with Dadys to uncel Jhon Herleys a wery fine day. M14. went to Miks this afternoon Sarah was ready to go to Rudys I went along ther for Supper cloudy all day raining this eving. T15. a sewing at the goves helpt Elizbeth plant a roses stalk Hannah Freed here for dinner cloudy this eving blostring. W16. Sarah Freed here old Roberd here tonight cold and clear. T17. been a planting in the yart Betsy Cassel here for Supper Isacc Landes women at Abrams for Supper a nice day. F18. been raining wery stormy. S19. Sam was here Abrams been to Sam Roads brought old Mother along home got wart of Jams Custer frunral wery blostring cold.

S[unday]20. been to meeting Bill Moyers here for dinner Samuel Herleys at Abram Clear and windy a travler here to night. M21. presst the gloves been to Miks a nice day. T22. been making a shirt rainy. W23. been to Miks washd this afternoon Sarah Freed here a wile a wery fine day. T24. been with Dadys to Sams there for dinner been to Dr. Kellers with Hannah Freed iond, got ready for baking after I came home Old Roberd here tonight been raining most part of day. F25. bakd and sewd old Pllice here tonight cleard up wery nice, warm. S26. washd house put ashes up cold blostring.

S[unday]27. Benjman [?]Cele little [redacted] here for dinner been with Dadys to meeting a fine day. M28. helpt Sarah guild all day a fine day. T29. Jermiha Rode moved got dinner up here Sam Jhonsons here Sarah Freed here a little wery disgeable rained fast. W30. been to Jhon Baktles[Bechtel's] to Miks clear and cold. T31. Father took me to Andrew Burns to see Dr Beaver then he was gon to the Ohio aready we went to Andrew Burns been wery storm and cold.

April 1859. F1. bakd planted 3 beds oins[onions] an more things clear stormy. S2. don all the scrobing planted in the garden been Isaac Landes this afternoon rainy eving.

S[unday]3. home all day Tobis Wisler here for dinner Rudes at Abrams rainy. M4. washd and wery rainy blostring. T5. Uncel Danel Cassel here for dinner Sarah Freed here a wile Henry Cassel fecthd som sewing away wery cold blostring with a little snow flerys. W6. been at Roads with my sewing cold blostring. T7. been to Abram Landes for hieplants staks Betsy Herley here dinner a travler here tonight Sam Kendic here a wile still cold and stormy. F8. bakd Sam was here awile been to Miks brought old Mother Freed som bakd things cold and rainy. S9. Cleand house went to Jacob Landes this afternoon been to Jhon Culps awile Dadys been to Danel Pice cold and clear.

S[unday]10. been home all day nobody here Dadys went to [redacted] beiural[burial] cold cloudy all day. M11. tremt Sarah sqaures off alterd 2 of my frogs[frocks] rainy. T12. Dadys went Jacob Hegklers been along to Ann Young stopt in at Bill Cassels a wile spacd? the wagon cover after we came home cloudy most part. W13. Dadys went to Samuel Benner furnral I been to Jhonsons all day been making a bonnet for Aunt Sally still cloudy. T14. been fast all day the creek was high Sounder [thunder] and lightign. F15. baked been to Miks black the stove took up the carpet Dady is at Sams tonight he is working there a nice day. S16. been with Abrams to Jhon Cassel been to Boms a little Fahter came home this eving wery blostring and cold.

S[unday]17. been to meeting Wilaim Kisher Henry Creaters Sus Bean all here

for dinner Sarah Freed here cloudy this eving. M18. been to Jhon Nice little boys funeral a petler here tonight clear and cold. T19. cleaned the strabery bed and planted pes still cold. W20. washd this fornoon Mother went to Sam Iscinbergs [Eisenberg] Sus Nicummer here a wile cold and cloudy. T21. cleand the graticd[?] room iond planted fixt my flower bed a nice day. Good Friday 22. baked this moring then kept Holerday Mother was to see Eliza Cemence [Clemens] rainy all day. S23. washd house sowed puter till 10 oclock rainy wery stormy this eving.

S[unday]24. been to Miks Sams here for supper wery hight wind clear and cold. M25. been with Dadys to Uncel Jacob Herleys to Jhon Herleys store stopt at Jopeth Bener a going over at Jhon Sniders a coming back cloudy this moring nice wram this eving. T26. been to Sam Herleys took strabery plants up Sam Jhonson here a little Sarah Freed Mame Nice here a wile Abram came home from Norestown warm and rainy. W27. Dadys been Jhon Cline funeral busy a sewing all day a raining all day. T28. home all day a sewing cold and clear. F29. bakd washd house a fine day. S30. been to Miks old Pllice here for dinner Hannah Freed here tonight Mother was at Ben Moyers wery nice warm

May 1859 S[unday]1. been meeting Miks here for supper went to Clemenc[?] to nurse this eving awery fine day. M2. don up butter planted in the garden Sarah Freed and Sarah Landes there for supper nice and warm. T3. bakd and washd Mother was up plan[t]ed in the garden wery nice day. W4. still a planting dug up her flower bed still nice. T5. washd and sewd a fine day. F6. bakd cleand house came home this eving old Roberd here tonight still nice. S7. wrote with Detwilers to Sams there for dinner been to the store came home with Abram then up to Clemence a little nice day.

S[unday]8. been with F[?] to Uncel Samuel Herleys sopt[stopped] at Dr Beavers he gave me som niecene[?] from there to Ben Cassels ther for supper wery warm. M9. whitewashd the back room wery warm day. T10. cleand the best room & sewd Dadys been to Sams cloudy all day a raining this eving. W11. busy all day a sewing rainy. T12. washd cleand the little kichen Sarah Freed here Polly Price Old Mary Price here for Supper cloudy most part of the day. F13. bakd whitwashd the fence a nice warm day. S14. washd house iond this afternoon Mary Freed here a wile.

S[unday]15. home all day me and Abram been up stairs the most part of the fornoon ~~Henry Harley~~²⁰ Henry Harley here dinner Joepth Tices at Abrams a fine day. M16. help to plant beans in the corn field clear and cole. T17. sewd rainy all day. W18. busy a sewing still rainy. T19. Dadys been to Jhon Cassel I been to Miks a little a petler here tonight still rainy. F20. bakd sewd workd in the garden cloudy all day raining this eving. S21. home all day a sewing still cloudy.

S[unday]22 been writing a letter Sam Roads here Mary Freed, Sophia at Jhons here for Dadys been to Frankia [Franconia(Klein's)] meeting I to Miks this eving rained till in the afternoon clear. M23 witewashd the room and entry Sarah Freed helpt a wile wery nice day. T24 washd a fine day. W25. witewashed my room Mother went to Jacob Landes to Ben Prices young Dr Beaver was here been to Clemence this eving a little been a nice day. T26. Caty Cassel little Jacob here for dinner me and Mother went a long with her to Miks a fine day. F27. bakd fnishd a pair of pants showrsers this eving. S28. don the scrobing been to Miks Dadys went to limbrac [Limerick?] to

~~_____~~²¹ been cold and blostring.

S[unday]29. been home all day Sarah Freed here with her baby Sam Cassel here supper plassant day. M30. been to Ben Prices ther for dinner stopd at old Jacob P a little ~~_____~~²² at Abrams to night shoers but no rain. T31. making Yelles a coute cloudy all day a raining this eving.

June 1859. W1. a sewing cloudy and rainy. T2. Assention day home all day Ann Freed was here and old Young wery sultry shouers this eving. F3. bakd and sewd Sarah Freed here a travler here tonight cloudy shouer this eving. S4. been to Abram Moyers there for supper wery cold blostring all day.

S[unday]5. been to Eli Stovers for dinner to meeting this afternoon wery cole. M6. walk to Maknets there for dinner a little at Isinberys clear and cole. T7. hode corn and beans been to Miks to Clemence Sam here for Supper Sarah Culp here a fine day. W8. witewashd the bekehouse and sewd cloudy most part of day. T9. washd Henry Borsh [Boorse] here for dinner still cole and clear. F10. bakd this afternoon Benjamin Halman Jacob Landes here for supper a nice shouer of rain this eving. S11. been to Sams to Jese Heklers a little ~~_____~~²³ here tonight wery cole Abrams went to Morland.

S[unday]12. home all day Ann Kihser here from meeting awile Henry Young here for dinner Sarah Freed here clear and cole. M13. Roselinda Cassel Sall Detwiler here dinner cloudy all day raining this eving. T14. Eliza Clemence

afternoon wery cole. M6. walk to Maknets there for dinner a little at Isinberys clear and cole. T7. hode corn and beans been to Miks to Clemence Sam here for Supper Sarah Culp here a fine day. W8. witewasht the bekehouse and sewd cloudy most part of day. T9. washt Henry Borsh [Boorse] here for dinner still cole and clear. F10. bakd this afternoon Benjamin Halman Jacob Landes here for supper a nice shouer of rain this eving. S11. been to Sams to Jese Heklers a little uncel Samuel Herleys here tonight wery cole Abrams went to Morland.

S[unday]12. home all day Ann Kihser here from meeting awile Henry Young here for dinner Sarah Freed here clear and cole. M13. Roselinda Cassel Sall Detwiler here dinner cloudy all day raining this eving. T14. Eliza Clemence here for dinner been to Miks cut a dress a travler here tonight wery wram amd sultry. W15. Mother been to Jhony Moyers I to Jhonsons wery warm. T16. were moving thinks in the kooe cikgen [cook kitchen] Mother went to Jacob Prices Sam was here a nice day. F17. been with Ab to the store at Sams a little sewd at the gloves Samuel Herley here awile rained all day. S18. bakd washt house Mary Maknet brought me shirts to make cole and clear this eving.

S[unday]19. been with Dadys to the plains meeting²³ [Hatfield Dunkard Meetinghouse] to Jacob Hunsberys for dinner at Abram Rosenberys for supper nice this moring but rainy this eving. M20. presst the gloves Sarah Freed here wery rainy all day. T21. washt old Bobert here to night changeble. W22. Mary Maknet 2 town Ladys here for dinner Aund Sally here for Supper quilded a skirt for Mother. T23. Iond a lage wash hoed beans and sewd Mother been to Sams cloudy som part of day. F24. been to Miks got ready for baking cloudy all day with rain. S25. bakd washt house nice day.

S[unday]26. me and Mother been to Miks this afternoon nobody here all day a nice day. M27. been a sewing raked after hay heeps Polly Price here tonight a wery Plassant day. T28. Mother went to Maknet to Issinberys a blind man his boy here for supper a wery warm day. W29. quild a skirt for me a wery warm day with shours tonight. T30. been picking curnes [currants] and rasberys Dadys went Jacob Shuts child buiral a wery plassant day.

Endnotes:

1. Joel C. Freed, born 1845, was Mary Harley Cassel's nephew, the oldest son of Michael ans Sarah Cassel Freed of Indian Creek.
2. The "travlers" often mentioned in Mary's diary were probably tramps who frequented to farmhouses of Pennsylvania German communities, looking for a place to sleep or a meal.
3. Michael Freed (1812-1894) was married to Mary's older sister, Sarah Harley Cassel (1817-1881) and had nine children. They lived near the Indian Creek in what is now Vernfield, Lower Salford Township; he was a machinist and inventor. They are often referred to as "Miks" or "Mikes" in Mary's diary.

4. "Samuel", also referred to as "Sam", was Mary's oldest brother Samuel H. Cassel (1809-1892) who was married to Elizabeth R. Price. He has a successful general store in Harleysville, Lower Salford and with his brother Abram H. Cassel established the post office there and was postmaster.
5. "Sarah" was Mary's sister Sarah Cassel Freed (1817-1881).
6. "Meeting" was at the Indian Creek Dunkard Meetinghouse, one-half mile from Mary's home, on the Sumneytown Pike by the Indian Creek in Lower Salford. This was Mary's home congregation.
7. It is obvious from this reference and others in the diary that the local Dunkards in this period were having evening meetings for worship and prayer in private homes. These may have been only prayer meetings.
8. "Abrams" was Mary's brother Abraham H. Cassel (1820-1908) who married Quaker Elizabeth Rhoads. They lived just across the lane from the Cassel farmhouse where Mary lived with her parents, along the Indian Creek. Here Abraham Cassel became widely known for his large library of rare books, periodicals and manuscripts and as a respected Brethren Historian. His library on the second floor of his home grew to about 50,000 volumes.
9. "Dadys" is of course Mary Cassel's parents, Yellis Cassel (1783-1863) and Mary Harley (1789-1860), with whom she lived.
10. The galvanic battery which Dr. Beaver brought was a liquid cell battery used in medicine for shock-stimulation treatments. Mary Cassel must have been receiving some kind of shock treatments.
11. Caleb H. Price (1818-1908) was then a Brethren schoolteacher living in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County. He later moved to Knox County, Ohio and was ordained a minister.
12. Mary Cassel Freed, born 1846, was Mary Cassel's niece, a daughter of Michael and Sarah C. Freed. She later married Moses K. Gottshall.
13. John B. Cassel was married to Catharine H. Cassel (1812-1891), the oldest sister of Mary Cassel.
14. Yelles Freed, born 1854, was the son of Michael and Sarah Cassel Freed and a nephew to Mary Cassel.
15. Another example of evening meeting in a member's home, this time at the home of Daniel W. Price (1785-1862), on the Old Sumneytown Pike halfway between Harleysville and Vernfield.
16. Jonas G. Delp (1817-1907) was married to Hannah Bechtel, was a member of the Indian Creek Brethren congregation and lived on a farm on the Old Sumneytown Pike across the Indian Creek from the Dunkard Meetinghouse.
17. Cadty Cassel was Catharine Cassel Cassel (1812-1891), Mary Cassel's oldest sister.
18. Samuel C. Freed, born 1852, was another nephew of Mary's.

19. Christian Meyer-Moyer (1778-1859), 5th generation, lived on the immigrant Christian Meyer Homestead on the corner of Sunneytown Pike and Rt. 113, and was married to Mary Landes. They probably had been Funkites earlier but became Dunkards later in life. Many of their descendants were Dunkards.

20. Here we see Mary and her brother Abram H. Cassel spending time in his well-known library on a Sunday morning, apparently when there was no meeting at Indian Creek.

21. An example of Lovefeast, an annual Brethren religious rite observed with communion, being held at a private residence.

22. The references to the Roads or Rhodes family members in this this diary would be from the family of Abraham Harley Cassel's Quaker wife Elizabeth Rhoads.

23. This was the old Hatfield Brethren Meetinghouse, built about 1851, on the Cowpath Road in Hatfield Township, Moontgomery County. This was an outgrowth of the Indian Creek Congregation and a part of that district.

S[unday]3. been at Sams all day came home wiht Dads rained cole t
 M[onday]4. busy writing a letter Mother went to Sams to pick cherys I
 fecthd her and pick some been wery busy all day wery cole today.
 T[uesday]5. stond cherys been to Miks helpt Mother wead the droug
 pach[truck patch] this afternoon still cole and clear. W[ednesday]6. washd
 been to Miks stond cherys got a new cow a nice day cole eving.
 T[hursday]7. iond went to Miks alnight cole and cloudy Abr came home from
 town. F[riday]8. helpt to clean the Sellar made curne wine a nice warm day.
 S9. bakd Mother, Abr went Jopeth [Joseph] Stovers for cherrys I been to
 Jhon Clemence wery busy a stoning cherrys this eving been a fine day.

S[unday]10. been to meeting Dadys been Sam Harleys for dinner Sus
 Nicummer took dinner with me a nice day. M11. a sewing all day Sarah Freed
 here a wile a fine day. T12. been with Sarah Freed to Jhon Cassels Mary
 Price was here for been wery warm. W13. Mother been to Hen Landes a wery
 warm day with wery hard shows this eving. T14. been to Miks pickd
 blakberys and sewd wery warm. F15. Dadys been to Isaac Clines Childs
 beual[?burial] baked rainy this eving. S16. helpt biole out pots stond
 cherrys rained fast this mornig.

S[unday]17. been to meeting Dadys was at Sam Kentic wery
 warm. M18. washd been to Sam Herleys to Miks this afternoon fine day. T19.
 went to Sams to helpt cook and bake for the work folks been to the store
 cloudy rainy. W20. bakd iond and sewd hard shouner this eving. T21. pult
 the oins up busy from one to the other cloudy. F22. helpt bake then went
 home with Abram washd house and baked this afternoon still cloudy. S23.
 sewd been to Miks a travler here tonight been a plassand day.

S[unday]24. been to meeting Betsy Stover, Andrew Burns wife here for
 dinner Abram Andres here for Supper fine day. M25. been a sewing Molly
 Landes and Sarah Freed here to night. T26. Father took me and Sarah to Dr
 Beavers from there to Jopeth [Joseph] Andres there for dinner Stopt at
 Uncel Danel Cassels cloudy with shouers. W27. sewing picking blackberys
 Mother been to Polly Landes there for supper wery nice cole day. T28. been
 to Miks Mother to Rodes quite cole. F29. baked nice day. S30. Abrams went
 to the Harvest meeting at I been to Miks a petler here for dinner
 a nice day. S[unday]31. my brithday been all home Sam Cassels here for
 Supper cloudy this morning, clear this eving nice and cole little Jacob
 Cassel & Henry here for dinner.

August 1859. M1. Sarah Freed her this moring don up butter and bakd cole
 cloudy this moring. T2. all went to the havest meeting but me and the little
 grils old Young here for dinner took up the little ions wery warm threating
 for rain. W3. fnished a fine shirt Dr Beaver was here took dinner Betsy
 Herley and Duck Phors[?] wife here for supper that women here tonight a
 wery warm day. T4. been with Abr[am] to the stores to Sams a little home

till dinner cut out a dress for me wery warm a good shower of rain this eving. F5. Sarah Freed helpt us wash this afternoon we bakd cloudy all day and rainy. S6. Dadys went to Jopeth Benners buelral[burial] put up the wash washd house been to Maknets to Isenberys for supper wrote home with Dady this eving a nice cole day.

S[unday]7. been to meeting alone this afternoon Dady been to Kokes there [for] supper a nice day. M8. iond don up 5 pounts butter wrote with Abr to Henry Price walk home Betsy Herley was here this afternoon nice day. T9. been Miks for dinner Sarah was alone came home and pickd blakberys been making me a dress a nice day. W10. been busy all day cleand the ions on the gatred[garret] put out the things in the sun made up the beds a nice day. T11. been a sewing and cuting carp[e]t rags Samuel Isenberg here a little clear to day cloudy this eving. F12. busy from [one] to the other all day a raining fast this eving. S13. bakd washd house qualded[quilted] a comfordble this afternoon Sarah Freed helpt Elizabeth, Mother Roads clear and wram made a fly bruch[?].

S[unday]14. Dadys went to Sams I wote along to Bill Moyers there for dinner at Sams a little this afternoon a wery plasant day. M15. been to Miks this moring then to picking beans don up butter Maknets girls brought me 2 fine skirts to make been a nice shower of rain. T16. washd pickd appels for sider a wery nice day. W17. iond been to Miks me and Elizabeth was down at the stown quarry picking elderberys & blackberys a cole nice day. T18. Dadys been to the [redacted] I helpt Elizabeth quild cut out a dress for me been up to Detwilers for eggs a fine day. F19. bakd and washd house Mother been to Billy Nices cloudy raining part of the day me and Abram been talking till 10 o'clock. S20. Dadys went to Jhony Moyers buelral[burial] Jhon Cassel home with them for dinner.

S[unday]21. Eli Cassel here for dinner been to Miks this afternoon talk with Aunt Sally a wile there fine day. M22. helpt to boil aplebutter Mar[y] Freed helpt to cut apples here for dinner got don till half past 12 tonight been a clear wram day. T23. bakd made presevrs been to Henry Detwilers Mike Nihouse here tonight cloudy part of the day. W24. been a sewing rainy all day. T25. washd been to Miks this afternoon a nice clear day. F26. pickd beans bakd and iond warm with shours this eving. S27. Dadys went to the Harvest [redacted] don all the scrobing alone been to Miks a wery nice day.

S[unday]28. been wery lonesome they where all gon but Sarah and Cilly went to Clemence a little been cloudy till afternoon then clear perticlur light this eving. M29. a wonderfull sain[sign] at the skis last night took up the potatoes Hanna Freed helpt here for dinner old Hannah Landes and [?]Dangher also clear and cole. T30. pickd sup beans Elizabeth and Father helpt to fix the strabery bed and sored out potates for them been down at Jerys to cut apples this eving a nice day. W31. me and Mother, Elizabeth, Sarah Freed been to Jhonsons a qualting Dr Beaver came ther to See me Father came along with him to sho him the way went at 8 oclock came home after 6 a raining this eving.

September 1859. T1. me and Father been to the store to Sams for dinner came home went to Miks to quild a nice day. F2. Abrams boild aplebutter bakd got up early this moring oncount of the sine at skys[signs in the sky]

all read and streaky nice day. S3. washd house Philp Bukhammer old Peggy Huncerk here for dinner Sarah Freed a wile don up butter nice day.

S[unday]4. home all day Sams here at Abr for dinner Betsy Herley here awile Sarah Freed a little nice day. M5. helpt cut carpet rags & clean the garied[garret] cloudy and rainy all day. T6. washd and cut apples Mo[?] was at Sam Herleys fine day. W7. Dadys been to Jhon Cassels I been to Clemence helpt Eliza sew a wile at the cots bakd this afternoon sewd at my dress a nice day. T8. been to the [redacted] [?] Aunt Sally Jes Cassel here for dinner Jacob Rosenberys at Abrams iond this eving fine day. F9. sounder[?] puter been to Miks and bakd a little a fine day. S10. busy all day cleand the back room pict [redacted] for market pictd beans Cloudy and rainy this eving don up butter.

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Business
(Council
Meeting)

S[unday]11. home all day Mary Freed here Dadys went to [redacted] Frankia [Franconia] meeting cloudy all day raining fast this afternoon. M12. been to Miks this moring then washd and ioned yet Sarah Freed here a little wery plassand. T13. washd the strase[stairs] cut fly paper for Elizbeth Mother was at Miks all day boiling apple butter wery stormy with rain. W14. cleand and washd the Sellar this afternoon me and Betsy Cassel wrote up to Jhon Cassels wery blostring and cold but clear. T15. cleand the room fixt the beds on the garred Jacob Culps here for dinner Hannah Landes here awile clear and cold. F16. bakd washd house cold rainy all day. S17. sewd this afternoon strangers here tonight rained and blode most pouverful all day the greaks[creek] hight.

S[unday]18. been to meeting 14 strangers here [for] dinner Sally Kelly here night a plassent day. M19. been wery busy don up butter pict strostions put up the beds this eving we put the sider over for applebutter Pressiler[Priscilla] Herley, Sophia Uncovler[Undercoffler], Mary Freed here a helping us to cut apples M Freed here all night warm day. T20. biold applebutter till dinner busy from one the other cloudy all day and rainy. W21. been a niting rain all day wery high water. T22. Dadys went to Jhonsons been along to Bill Kiskers there for dinner wery rainy the creeks hight again this eving. F23. washd blackd the little stove washd house cut apples this eving cloudy the most part of the day. S24. bakd iond don up butter sewd awile cloudy rained a shouer this eving Father was at Abram Price painting wagon.

S[unday]25. been home all day Sam Isinberys here for supper Frecik[?] Isinbery at Abram wery nice morinig rainy this afternoon. M26. made [redacted] ? prese[r]vs been to Miks fnishd my madonno dress a nice day. T27. been with Dadys to Dr Beaver there for dinner from there to A. Vengerns there for supper from there to Uncel Gorecs[George's] tonight nice day. W28. this moring s[t]opt at Aron Wagners from there to Jacob Kiels for dinner s[t]opt at Henry Hopbles and Betsy Abreas home this eving a wery nice day. T29. me and Mother been to the store and to Sams a wile home and made cethup Mary Price here a little this eving been a nice day. F30. Mother was at Miks all day washd house cut apples nice day.

October 1859. S1. bakd don up butter been to Jacob Prices for [redacted] ? Henry Landes Jacob Crobs here for Supper Abrams took Mother Raod[Rhodes] to Jhon Raod Sarah Custerd & Mary, her brother Jacob & Youters, Old Coffaman here tonight all with us for Supper clouty with rainy this eving.

S[unday]2. home all day David Youters Roselenda Cassel here for dinner Ben Price at Abrams rainy morning nice and clear this eving. M3. busy all day bakd a nice day. T4. whort given of 3 funrals, one today all went [to] Charly Herley bieural but me Jacob Snider and Rudy Aldafer wher the other 2 we heard of Dr Beavers wife being dead out in Ohio Eliza Clemenc here for dinner went along with Dadys to the grave yard been a wery nice day. W5. washd and cut apples for applebutter a fine day. T6. biold appelbutter and iond pickd stortions clear and cole. F7. bakd washd house Mother was at Miks all day a nice day. S8. busy all day Dadys went to Miks to set up with Arron cloud all with shouers this eving.

S[unday]9. all at home the hole day old Jacob Price here for dinner wery cold blostring with rain. M10. been sewing Mother was at Miks cold this morning. T11. put up cabeg been to Jacob Price to the young and old and made preservs a nice day. W12. bakd a little Ann Kikser Beth Moyer here for dinner black the stove Abris went to Sams a fine day. T13. been a sewing Mother went to Jhons to night a nice day. F14. bakd this afternoon Mother came home from Johns Beth Detwiler here little rainy this eving. S15. washd house don up butter and sewd wery cold blostring Samuel Herleys & his 2 girls here to night.

S[unday]16. been to meeting Andrew Slehters where batize[baptized] here for dinner Uncel Sam, old Young, old Slehtern here for dinner Uncel Jacobs, Jhon [redacted] at Abris 2 travlers here tohight a nice day. M17. alone all day Mother went Bill Moyers cloudy wiht rain. T18. washd this afternoon Mary Freed here cleard up cold. W19. put up the washd went to Miks with my niting this afternoon nice and clear. T20. iond and sewd old Roberd here for dinner wery cold blostring. F21. bakd Mother was out helping to [bring] in punkins clear and cold October. S22. washd house Mother helpt to put in the apples cloudy and wery cold disagrable all day.

S[unday]23. been to Miks this morning Dadys to Isenberys Suse Bean here for dinner clear and cold. M24. took in the redbeds bined the [redacted] cabg[redacted]abbage] Sarah Freed here awile a nice day. T25. Betsy Cassel here for dinner been to Isaak Landes a fine day. W26. busy all day from one to other wery cold snowing fast. T27. the snow was nearly a food[t] dept this morning cold and clear been a nitting. F28. bakd and nited nice clear the snow went fast. S29. washd house sewd this afternoon down at Rodes M went to Sally Kelly cold cloudy.

S[unday]30. Uncal Jhon Herleys David Cassel here for dinner been to Miks cold blostring. M31. me and Mother been to Jhonsons for dinner took super with Ann Kishser Father fethd us this eving cold clear.

November 1859. T1. been along with Dadys to Uncal Jacob Herleys to Jhon Herleys store bought me a [redacted] dress wery fine day been to Sam Souders seen the sewing Minchane[machine] a going. W2. been to Sam Herleys and to Miks Dadys been there all day a nice day. T3. washd Dadys been to the store this morning been to Isaac Landes this afternoon sheld walnuts and sewd wery nice day. F4. bakd and sewd a fine day. S5. washd house don up butter Jacob Riffe here for dinner a wery nice warm day.

S[unday]6. been home all day Dadys went to Frankoa meeting wery nice day. M7. iond been to Miks made a bonnet for Mother wery nice day. T8. cut out my and Modelien froks been to Detwilers wiht my sewing a wery nice day.

W9. painted the flower pots witewashd the backroom Sarah Freed helpt me still nice. T10. busy all day from one to the other warm and cloudy all day. F11. bakd washd house been to Miks cold and clear. S12. Dadys went to Ben Herleys I been to Sams cold cloudy.

S[unday]13. been home all day wery lonesome wery disgreable rained stormy cold. M14. been a sewing clear and cold Abram went to town. T15. Aunt Sally Jhonson here for dinner Mary Freed here a little been making a wesket for Father a wery nice day. W16. me and Mother Sarah Freed been to up to Jhons Uncel Goerce Cassel his son Jacob and wife here to night been a wery nice day. T17. washd got ready for baking warm and cloudy. F18. bakd and sewd raining fast. S19. washd house paind the coverd and iond Henry Price here for supper Abram Prices at A[brams] for Supper rained powerful this moring nice clear this eving.

S[unday]20. Sams and Jhones Rudes here for dinner Sarah Freed here Charls Sours in here this eving awile nice day. M21. been to see Sophia Caren ar Aaron Lusis[?Lewis] alittle Dadys been along to Jacob Herleys Betsy Cassel along to Carns with me Debroy Moyer brought me niting been a nice moring wery disgreable this eving a raing fast. T22. been to Miks cout out 4 couts, 1 pair pants and wesket nice this eving. W23. been to Benjamin Prices ther for dinner Dadys at Jacob Kazes been to Abrm Price this afternoon awile a nice day. T24. govners day been to meeting Jhons here for dinner Polly Price at Abrms Sarah Freed Aaron here awile Groeg[George] Hartmons where Baptized cold clear. F25. bakd fixt a cout for Yelles and nited cold and cloudy with rain this eving. S26. washd house sewd this afternoon a wery nice warm day.

S[unday]27. been to meeting Wilaim Keiskers[Keysers] Philip Starlys here for dinner Jones Herleys here this eving for Supper a nice day. M28. been to Miks Dadys went to Sniders funeral in Harleysvill a fine day. T29. we washd a large wash don till dinner Duch Chistian here for dinner here tonight and Roselenda Cassel a nice day. W30. bakd and iond fnished a coute cloudy most part of the day.

December 1859. T1. been to Henry Landes Mother to Baktles Sam here a niting a wery nice day pickt nuts. F2. bakd and sewd a winy nice day. S3. washd house sewd been wery disgreable cold and hald.

S[unday]4. been all at home wery lonesom wery [?]ise rain all day. M5. Sarah Freed here fnished [redacted] waistcoat] for [redacted] Sam here a little still rainy. T6. making Jole a coute Isaac Landes here awile still rainy. W7. washd and sewd this afternoon still rainy and cold snowd this eving. T8. Peter Trisbokts[?Dreisbach] here and rented the house [redacted] at Abrams tonight clear and cold. F9. bakd and sewd wery cold. S10. washd house a travler here for dinner Joel fecthd his clothes this eving clear and cold.

S[unday]11. been home all day Isaac Landes this eving a travler here tonight a nice clear eving. M12. me and Dadys been for dinner I rode home with Jones Rudys stopt at Miks been at the store cold clear. T13. busy all day from one to the other cold cloudy. W14. a niting a begger boy here for dinner wery cold disgreable with snow. T15. fnished a pair a stockings crakd walnuts for to sell got ready for baking a nice day. F16. baked a wery

nice day. S17. Nihouse here for dinner Sarah Freed here a wile and Bill Nice wery disgreable a stroming most porerful this eving with rain.

S[unday]18. been all at home Sophia Rode here a wile Abram Landes little Jhon Bender this eving cleard up at noon wery nice. M19. killd our hog old Ik and Jerry here for dinner a wery nice day. T20. wery busy a making our things Sarah Freed here to helpt us a little old Plice here still rainy all day. W21. busy from one to the other all day Old Plice went awy clear and cold. T22. got ready for baking Dady been at Joseth Cassels cold s[?]ederd puter and sewd. F23. bakd printed 11 pound butter nice clear and cold. S24. cleaned the room had much pain in my neck bone wery cold and clear
Christmas.

S[unday]25. home all day Jacob Landes here for dinner Miks at A[brams] for supper a nice day. M26. Jhon Snider Henry Hopples here for dinner Abrams been to Sam Roades a wery nice day. T27. all went to old Jacob Landes beirl[burial] but me and Sarah old Young here for dinner clear and cold. W28. been a sewing wery cold. T29. been making dress for me wery cold cloudy a snowing this eving. ~~was~~ bakd fnished my dress don up butter Dady and Abram went to the ~~Brook~~ ⁵ nice day. S31. don the scrobing Bill Moryers[Moyer's] here for dinner Henry Price here cold and cloudy.

January 1860. New years day. S1. been all at home quite lo[n]som been writing a letter to Dr Beaver wery cold clear.