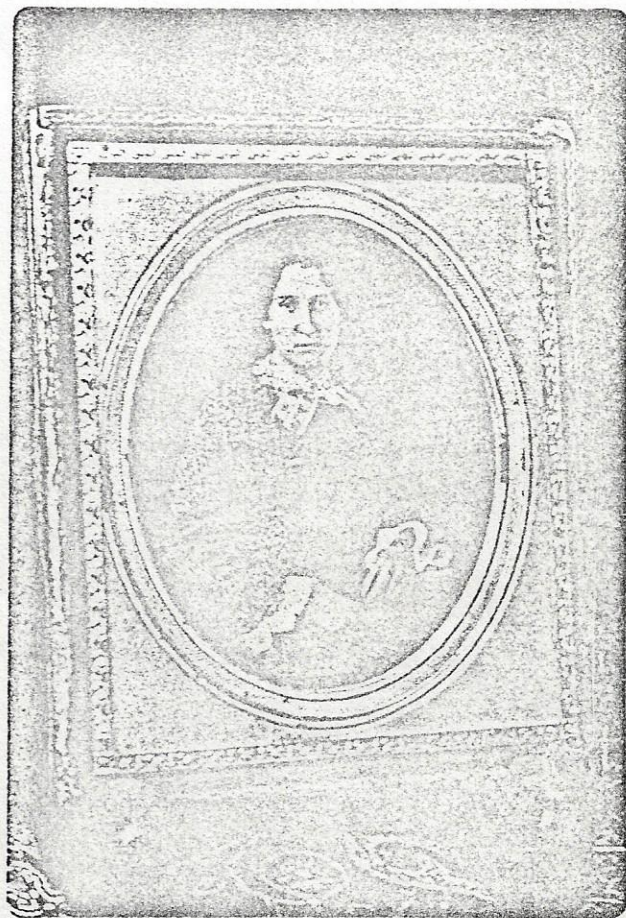


DIARY OF A TEEN-AGER

MOUNT JOY

1853



From a Daguerrotype of
Adeline C. Wykoff
Taken as a young woman.

ABOUT THIS DIARY.....

For any collectors of Mount Joy Americana I am making available to you the diary of a young lady of sixteen. The day-to-day entries may not portray a glamorous picture of being a teen-ager in Mount Joy almost one hundred and twenty-five years ago, but Adeline Wykoff has preserved for us today the comings and goings of one young lady her family friends and acquaintances at a time when Mount Joy had been newly incorporated as a borough.

It has been my pleasure to intersperse the entries with explanatory notes wherever it seemed additional information in my possession would enhance the historical value, or perhaps add to the enjoyment of the reader.

The Leopold Wykoff family had moved to Mount Joy about 1849 when the home on Main Street was purchased with money from an inheritance for Mrs. Wykoff. Daughter Adeline then attended Cedar Hill for several years. This year she is no longer attending classes but finds her friends among the students of the Female Seminary.

Included in the notes is a brief account of Dr. Nehemiah Dodge and Cedar Hill Seminary. To clarify references to the Mount Joy Pattersons a partial outline of their family is inserted. Patterson names mentioned in the diary are underscored in the chart. Some family names are still present in Mount Joy, many are no longer represented. Her account of the Orr wedding at Hogestown contains Scotch-Irish names that mark a westward path of Presbyterian churches thru the state of Pennsylvania and into the Cumberland Valley.

Addie continued living with her parents and later with her widowed mother at Two East Main Street. It was not until 1879, a spinster, she married a prosperous Mount Joy bachelor, a grain merchant at Lancaster. Thus in her mature years she found in great depth the love and companionship that she had been seeking as an adolescent at sixteen.

Virginia N. Lane

Wayne, Pa. June, 1975.

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Adeline W. Hoff

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PRIVATE JOURNAL

Jan. 1st, 1853 Spent the evening at Mr. Dodges the young ladies had a New Year's entertainment.

(Rev. Nehemiah Dodge, a direct descendant on his mother's side of Gov. Endicott of Massachusetts, was born at Londonderry, N. H. Sept. 10, 1794. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1818, received an A.M. in 1824. In 1837 he founded Cedar Hill Seminary in the Seitz stone mansion. New buildings were erected in 1840. Between the years 1840-1861 1200 pupils registered.)¹

(The Dodge Family emigrated from Beverly, Massachusetts to Londonderry, New Hampshire before 1794, Nehemiah spent his childhood and youth on his father's farm there. He liked books, memorizing Psalms, Proverbs and Nehemiah. In 1811 the family moved to Washington, Vermont. There like Lincoln he read by pine knots, walked six miles for Latin lessons and nursing a sick colt to health sold it for \$25 thus starting a college fund. He entered the academy at Randolph, Vermont in spite of his father's opposition. After two years there he was accepted in the Junior class at University of Vermont. At his graduation he gave the Latin salutatory. He died at Cedar Hill, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, July 25th, 1876 aged just short of 82 years. "He opened his mouth with wisdom and on his tongue was the law of kindness." Thus reads the epitaph on his monument in the old cemetery at Donegal Springs Church. Two years after his death the stone was erected by his grateful pupils as an expression of their appreciation of his noble life's work.)²

Jan. 8th, Went down to the seminary this afternoon saw Sade and Lucretia Rutherford, F. & H. Dodge.

(In the spring of 1837 Mr. Dodge having conducted an academy for seventeen years in West Philadelphia came with twenty of his Philadelphia students to Mount Joy. There he opened the Young Ladies Lyceum Institute, afterwards Cedar Hill Seminary, one of the earliest schools in the interior of the state. The school opened in the Seitz stone mansion. New buildings were erected in 1839-40, seventy or more rooms, library, laboratory, etc. To quote from our enthusiastic source, "It was a beautiful grove of varied surface of hill and dell --- a rich botanical district --- affording rare facilities for study and research." The grounds were over thirty acres. "Here was the field of Mr. Dodge's life labors. Unique in many arrangements it reflected the peculiarities of his clear intellect and generous enthusiasm." His assistants were generally taken from the alumni of the school so that the spirit of the principal pervaded all parts of instruction.)²

(The Rutherford girls were cousins of the writer of the diary. They lived near Harrisburg but were attending the Seminary.)

(Frances and Helen Dodge were the daughters of the Rev. Nehemiah. He married Frances Torrey a Vermont girl. They had one or two daughters but the mother died in 1839. He married soon after a widow Belvidera Hitchcock Sampson. This information and much more were compiled by a daughter Belvidera, Mrs. John Morrison of Washington, D. C.)²

Jan. 10th, Went to hear Mr. Christ, preached a temperance sermon. In the afternoon went to our church, and in the evening to the Methodist. They are holding a protracted meeting.

(Mr. Christ was the Lutheran minister. The diarist's family were Presbyterians. A map of Mount Joy dated 1858 shows, in addition, the German Evangelical, the Bethel Church and the Methodist Episcopal.)

15th Ma went to Salunga this afternoon with Susan and Steven Pinkerton.

(The Pinkerton family is commemorated by Pinkerton Road which led to their farm south of Mount Joy. Later this was the Zercher farm and more recently owned by S. Nissley Gingrich. Always a favorite spot for wild flowers in the spring.)

16th Went down to Miss Giberson's on an errand, to Sheller's Store, and called on Rachel Patterson's and Sade Sheller's. Hetty S. came into the Col.'s while I was there. Mrs. McCorcle was over in the evening.

(Miss Giberson, Catherine, was the maiden sister of Mrs. Meribah Patterson. She lies buried at Donegal Cemetery. Died 1881 in the 73rd year of her age.)¹

(Sheller's Store was on the south side of East Main Street, east of High Street, more recently Leaman's Tire Store. Col. James Patterson lived in the property on the north side west of High Street. Daughter Rachel who never married was a much respected teacher in later years. Sister Harriet was the wife of Dr. J. L. Ziegler. Dr. Sheller, father of Sade and Hetty, had home and office several doors west of the Col.)

17th Went to church this morning, Mr. Rodgers preached, spoke to Martha Woods for the first time this session, saw Beck, she has been spending three weeks in Comestoga. In the afternoon went to church and Bible class, went to the Methodist in the evening.

(The Rev. James L. Rodgers was ordained and installed pastor of Donegal congregation by the Presbytery of Donegal, Thursday, the 21st of August 1851. In 1852 the New School Presbyterian organization united with the Donegal members, Old School, residing in Mount Joy and vicinity forming what has since been known as the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy. Mr. Rodgers continued his ministrations to both congregations every alternate Sabbath morning until his resignation in September 1856. He was a successful preacher and a very cheerful and lovable Christian gentleman.)³

18th Ma and Alfred are out spending the afternoon at Mrs. Bogg's. Sibylla Ehrman called here to see if I would go tomorrow to Louella Patterson's.

(Ma, Mrs. Elizabeth Crain Wykoff, daughter of Col. Richard Crain of Harrisburg. Her husband Leopold Notnagle Wykoff was a native of New Jersey and came of Dutch stock which early settled in the northern part of New Jersey. They had bought the property at the corner of Main and Market Streets in Mount Joy in 1849 with money Ma inherited from her parents. Daughter Adeline had attended Cedar Hill. Alfred born 1839 is 13, Willie 11. There is a third son Jacob.)

(Mrs. Boggs — Tombstone inscription #122 at Donegal:
Amelia Jane, widow of Rev. T. M. Boggs
d. 1869 aged 55 years
Rev. T. M. Boggs
d. 1850 aged 57 years)¹

(Samuel Ehrman lived at the corner of Marietta and Delta Streets. On the 1858 map this is the only residence on Marietta Street. It is the location of the home now occupied by Dr. R. M. Thome.)

19th I went down to Smith Patterson's this afternoon and enjoyed myself very much. Sallie has not got home yet, L. walked up in the evening to prayer meeting. It was at Col. Patterson's. Rodgers were not there but Mr. Dodge officiated.

(Smith Patterson's farm was on the south side of pike east of Mount Joy. He had a big family six boys and three girls, the young people always enjoyed gathering there. Somewhere in these notes it seems important to sort out the many ramifications of the Mount Joy Pattersons.)

(Arthur Patterson 1670-1763 Holder of Penn Patent to Little Chichies Farm, large stone house east of Mount Joy, owned much later by C. N. Garber. Married Ann Scott.
An elder at Donegal Presbyterian Church

Catherine married Robert Hayes

Samuel married Martha Agnew

Arthur married 1st Elizabeth Moore of Moore's Mill later owned by Dr. Andrew Garber

Married 2nd Meribah Giberson (Mrs. M. Patterson of diary)

James married Elizabeth Witherow (Old Major Patterson) died, 1834

Samuel Smith married Mary McJimsey

Lived on farm southeast of Mount Joy

Elizabeth Ann

Sarah Mary died young 1853

Martha Rebecca married Dr. Thomas Galt

Joseph M. married Catherine Manahan

James B. Dr. married Sarah Cameron

Frank married Rebecca Fewsmith

Smith married Ella Gifford

John married Carrie Sachett

Samuel married Mary Ann McJimsey Be careful here — his nephew
S. Smith m. Mary McJimsey

John Lived at 90 E. Main Street

Mary Ann married John Schock

Percy Schock

Harry Schock

Clarence Schock

James M. married Mary Hougendobler

Mary Ann married H. Burd Cassel

James married Mary Agnew

James son of James and Mary. Col. in War of 1812
married Mary Watson daughter of Dr. John Watson
Elder at Donegal Church in 1819

John W.

Margaret R.

James A. married Sarah Margaret Sterret

Mary Watson Miss Mary Patterson died 1934

Anna Mary

David W. married Mary R. Slaymaker

Rachel J. single Taught school

Harriet B. married Dr. J. L. Ziegler

James P. Dr. never married Mount Joy's favorite "Doctor Jim"

Margaret married John McConaughy, Gettysburg

James P. McConaughy

Margaret McConaughy (Miss Maggie) a delightful red-haired lady
who boarded with Mary Zeager more than fifty years ago.
She had actually experienced the Johnstown flood. When
the waters receded there she was buried in mud but still
alive.

William married Elizabeth Dysart

Arthur had six children, one of whom is worthy of note in the
annals of Mount Joy history.

Douglas was the much esteemed principal of Mount Joy High School.
In his memory the school paper was named The Pattersonian.
It was a monthly publication during the school term. I
was aware of it between 1916-1924.)¹

20th, Ma spent the day at Mr. Finkerton's, in the afternoon Mrs. Sheller,
Sade and Mrs. M. Patterson called here, in the evening about seven we were
very much surprised by Jacob arriving, we were not expecting him at all.

(Mrs. M Patterson, Meribah, was the widow of Arthur Patterson. She lived
in the property more recently occupied by Dr. Stoner. Dr. Ziegler re-
cords that an upright marble marking her grave at Donegal bears the in-
scription: Born 1793 Died 1859

"And now Lord what wait I for? My hope is in thee.")¹

(Jacob Wikoff born 1830, oldest son of Leopold and Elizabeth Wikoff.
He would have been 22 at this time.)

21st, This evening Sallie and Beckie Patterson, Mary and John Buyers,
Miss Crawford and Joe Patterson were Here, after they were gone Jacob
and I took a walk downstreet.

22nd, Sade Sheller and I walked down to the seminary, we saw Frank and
Mary Ellen, S. & L. Rutherford, Sue Boyle, Mary Gregg and Miss McEntire
In the evening studied my Bible lesson.

(Cedar Hill enjoyed signal prosperity, upward of 1200 young ladies are
numbered in the general catalog, who spent 1-4 years in the seminary
receiving mental, moral and religious culture.)⁴

(James told Maria that he planned to send Jessie to the very best country female school I can find. I have seen enough of the effects of sending country girls whose expectations are moderate to Philadelphia Boarding Schools. He would send her to school at Mount Joy near Lancaster...)

23rd, Sunday, rained all morning did not go to church. Pa and Jacob and Alfred went to Mr. Christ's and to the Methodist Church. I kept house while the rest went to church.

24th, Monday Snowed all day. There was not any person here. (not any person here all day. A great deal of the social life of the town was occupied with the custom of calling. Of this period Edith Wharton comments. The onerous and endless business of calling took up every spare hour. I can hardly picture a lady of my mother's generation without her cardcase in her hand.)

(My own mother, I recall, told me of Aunt Addie giving her very explicit instructions as to her duties as a young married woman in making social calls which were obligatory.)

25th, Tuesday, Mrs. Mateer washed here. It was very cold and snowy. Jacob spent the morning at Col. Patterson's. The Dodges and Hendricksons were there.

26th, Wed. Prayermeeting at Dr. Shellers. None of us went but Pa. I have had a sore eye for some time.

27th, Thurs. Susan Pinkerton called in the afternoon. Dr. Ziegler called here this morning to see Ma's finger and my eye.

(This is Dr. J. L. Ziegler. He must have been a young man at this time. In the dedication of his book, History of Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1902, he mentions "a prolonged and strenuous professional life". He was a member of Donegal congregation since 1845, attending services as early as 1836. Commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Nathaniel Watson 1840.)

28th, It has been very cold all day, Ma had a letter from Uncle Had today

(Six years younger than his brother Leopold, George Harrison Wikoff, Uncle Had was a favorite. He had a wife Matilda and a daughter Julia.)

29th, I was not very well this morning and did not get up till 10 o'clock Frank Dodge, S. & L. Rutherford spent the afternoon here, Jacob and Willie went down home with them.

30th, Went to the Methodist Church in the morning and the Presbyterian in the afternoon and to the Methodist in the evening. Cassy Dickey came up in the morning to stay with me.

31st, I sewed all morning and in the afternoon we started to go to Pinkerton's but it was so muddy we were obliged to turn back, but we went up to Stauffer's and spent the afternoon. Barbara H. came up to see me before we got home. In the evening we went down there.

("up to Stauffer's" A drug store on the corner of West Main and Lumber Streets. Lancaster's own celebrated naturalist was Jacob Stauffer. As a young man he studied art in Philadelphia but at his father's behest, he returned to his home town of Manheim and engaged in store-keeping, at the same time setting up the first printing press in town. Moving to Mount Joy, he opened a drug store and again set up the first printing press in that town. In 1858 he moved to Lancaster and while primarily occupied as a scrivener, he used all of his spare time in pursuing his deepest interest which was natural history.)⁷

(Barbara and Mary Hougendobler were the daughters of Joseph Hougendobler. They lived at 86 East Main Street where they kept a confectionery store. The father was Burgess of Mount Joy.)

Feb. 1st, Spent the evening at Hendrickson's. Helen and Frank, Lucy and Mary Ellen, Mary Lynn, Rachel and Miss Ellmaker, Pat and Jacob were there. Kate spent the evening at Sheller's.

(Okey Hendrickson was one of the first stockholders of the Harrisburg to Lancaster railroad. He was proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel at the southeast corner of Main and Barbara Streets.)⁸

2nd, It rained all day, in the evening went to the Lutheran Church Mr. Christ preached.

(And the groundhog did not see his shadow.)

3rd Casey, Jacob and I spent the afternoon at Rachel Pattersons, Ann McGimsey, Mary Byers, Mary Lynn and Joe Patterson were there.

4th Sallie Patterson and Beckie, Mary Byers, Mary Lynn, Joe Patterson, Sam Hendrickson and Sam Patterson spent the evening here. I received a Valentine today.

5th It rained all day. I received several Valentines from Harrisburg

6th Sunday went to the M. church in morning and the P. church in the afternoon. Did not have bible class.

7th Mon -- Went down to Mrs. Boggs to spend the evening and found Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Cassel, Rachel Patterson and Miss Ellmaker. Jacob came for me at 9 o'clock.

(Mr. J. E. Cassel lived at the southeast corner of East Main and South High Streets. Without streetlights a walk home on a moonless night might be quite dark. I have Mrs. Wykoff's collapsible lantern to be carried by a lady in her reticule for such an occasion.)

(Mrs. Boggs widow of the Rev. T.M. Boggs pastor of the Presbyterian Church from 1837 until his death in 1850. His wife remained in Mount Joy.)

8th, Barr came for Kate today.

9th, Wednesday-- I called for B. Hougentogler and went to prayer meeting. It was at Rodgers.

(Rodgers was the Presbyterian Manse.)

10th, Thursday-- Jacob and I went down to Smith Patterson's and spent the evening.

11th, Mrs. Boggs called here for Ma to take a walk with her. I spent the evening at Sheller's. Jacob and Steven Pinkerton spent the evening at the Seminary.

13th, Sunday--I went to the Presbyterian church in the morning and afternoon, attended Bible Class. Sue Boyle fainted in church.

15th, Tuesday--Ma went to Harrisburg today. Mrs. M. Patterson, Miss Pinkerton, Miss Arndt and Mrs. McCorkle called here.

16th, It rained did not get to Prayermeeting.

20th--Sunday--Went to the Lutheran Church in the morning, to the Presbyterian in the afternoon & to the M. in the evening.

21st, There was preaching in the church this evening but did not go as Ma came home from Harrisburg. They intend having preaching every evening this week.

22nd, Went to church this evening.

23rd, Ma has been sick all day. I went to church this evening.

24th, Mr Dodge preached this morning a sermon to the young. Ann McGimsey and Mary Lynn called here this afternoon.

25th, Ironed all day and went to church in the evening. Mr Baldwin preached. Mr Pinkerton took us there.

26th, Rachel F. called here this afternoon. Went to church this evening have been every evening except one this week.

March 24th Last week I spent an afternoon at Hougendoblers helping Mary to quilt. Barbara was away at Middletown with Lizzie Cassel and Mr. Neisly. They returned in the evening. Lizzie Virden's brother and Helen, Mary Ellen, Liz Townsend and C. Virden were also there. This week before I spent an afternoon at Pinkertons, with Miss Downing, Sarah and Sam Hendrickson and Jacob. Cousin Mag Haines came today and brought little Samy with her. Mrs. Sterrett came today also. I was at church last night and the night before.

(This quilt was no doubt in the making with the hope of marriage in the future. Mary Hougendobler married James M. Patterson, May 1, 1855. Barbara would marry Stephen Pinkerton. Mrs. James Sterrett's husband was a merchant in the Ziegler property near High Street. Their daughter Sarah Margaret married James A. Patterson.)

25th Cousin Sam and Maggie went home this evening.

26th We had sacrament in our church today. Sade Sheller, Sarah Leaman and Mr. Henry Musselman joined the church.

(From old records, April 1, 1830, Henry Musselman, Jr., merchant town of Mountjoy, acquired acre of land from Barbara Sechrist; from part of acre with other land adjoining he laid out 9 lots fronting on turnpike and called them West Mountjoy)

28th I went over to Mr. Moses' examination and on the way up called to see Mrs. Shuck.

30th I went with Mrs. G. to the examination it was well attended.

31st Lou Meck and Barbara Hougendobler called here this morning and after they had gone Beckie Patterson, Sade and John Rutherford came. I went down with them to the Seminary and rode up in the cars with the girls to town and then went with B. Hougendobler to have her daguerotype taken.

When I came home Mrs. Sterrett was here. Mrs. M.--- came over in the evening, received a letter from Sade. Jacob left this morning for New York.

(The Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy and Lancaster R. R. Co. was chartered in 1832, construction began 1834. First passenger coach December 14, 1836. Among those present at the first stockholders meeting: Sam S. Patterson, Secy. Dr. Simon Meredith and Okey Hendrickson. The station was at the Exchange Hotel until 1876 when a station was built at North Market Street.)

(The cut was dug in 1896)

(It was less than fifteen years that M. Daguerre in 1839 had astonished Paris with the demonstration of his photographic invention. By 1850 daguerrotypes were all the rage in America. New York City had 71 galleries, every large town boasted one or more galleries.)⁹

(Adeline does not tell of having her picture taken but if Barbara's was a success she must have wanted to have one as well. There is such a daguerrotype of Addie at this period, a print from it is reproduced for use here.)

April 1 Ma and I ironed all morning -- in the afternoon Ma went down to Miss Gibersons and took tea. Mary Ann was here and Lizzie Boggs. Mrs. Sterrett stayed here all night.

2nd It was a beautiful day --- Ma spent the afternoon at Pinkertons. Barbara was here in the afternoon a little while. I went up to see Sybilla Ehrman in the evening.

3rd Sunday -- I was not out in the morning. Went to church in the afternoon.

4th It rained all day till toward evening. I received a letter from Lizzie Crain inviting me to the wedding. I spent the evening at Barbs.

5 -- Mrs. Sterrett came here this morning but did not stay long. Ma got a letter from Philadelphia. I altered my white dress today.

6th I went to Mrs. McCorcle's moving. Sallie and Beckie Patterson were here in the evening. Ma got a letter from Aunt Agnes.

7th I washed out some things this morning and ironed this afternoon. Tomorrow I expect to go to Harrisburg.

8th Went to H. Alexander was at the cars to meet me.

9th I had the dressmaker at Aunts to make me a dress.

(No shopping for a ready-made dress in 1853 nor for many years after that. Perhaps Aunt Agnes with whom she is staying chose the necessary yards of material then arranged with her own dressmaker to have the dress made when Adeline should arrive. She must have a new dress for the wedding.)

10th Sunday. Went with Silas, Aunt Ag and Till to the Methodist Church in the morning but did not go out in the afternoon.

11th Lizzie Rutherford from the country was in to see me, went to see Mrs. Weir.

(Lizzie Rutherford was a great talker and gossip I have been told by someone who in recent years portrayed her in a skit at the Paxtang Church.)

12th Sallie Sample, Bell Audenreid and Sam Coyle came over from Hougstown and took Aunt Agnes back with them. Mr. Carrier spent the evening at Sades.

13th Eva Drill, Kate Boyd, Alfred Allison, Ben Forster and Sam Lawrence spent the evening at Uncles.

14th Thursday, Sade and I went to Mechanicsburg in the cars and Aunt Ag came over for us, we met Sam Coyle on the road. Aunt Ag went to Kingstown with Bell Audenreid and Mr. J. Coyle to preaching. John Coble and Sallie Sample spent the evening at Uncle Josephs.

(The Crain connections:

Col. Richard M. Crain of Harrisburg

married Elizabeth Whitehall, her will August 5, 1848

Ellen married Dr. Wm. W. Rutherford of Harrisburg

Alexander (Alick)

Silas

Matilda (Till)

Sarah (Sade)

Lucretia

John

Mary Adeline married¹ Dean; married² Vanhorn

Jane Smith Dean

Elizabeth (Ma) married Leopold Notnagle Wykoff

Jacob

Adeline (the diarist)

William

Alfred

Agnes (Aunt Ag) unmarried

Joseph a doctor at Hougstown, Pa.

married the daughter of Squire Wills

Elizabeth W. (Lizzie the bride)

married James (Tim) Orr April 21, 1853, son of Anderson Orr
of Louthea Hall, Hougstown.

15th, Mrs. Coyle was sent for to attend her Aunt's funeral, she was gone two days. Tom Chambers took tea at Uncle's.

16th, We heard today that Squire Wills was very sick. Bell Andenreid and her mother went down to see him and left Sallie Sample to keep house for them --- in the evening Tim Orr came over to see Liz --- and Sade and I went up to spend the evening with Sallie and met Sam Coyle and Will Quinn going in so we all spent the evening together, we had fine times. Sade and I stayed all night.

17th, Sunday ---- Sam Coyle took Sade and Sallie and I to Silver Springs, we sat in Anderson Orr's pew. After church we staid in the vestibule talking to Tom Chambers, Will Quinn, Sam Coyle, Andy Orr and Bob Cathcart till nearly everybody had left the church. In the afternoon Lizzie and Sade and I went up to Andenreid's and stayed all afternoon, after tea Sade and Lizzie went home and Sallie and I went to Prayermeeting.

18th, Lizzie went down to her Grandfather's this morning to see him, but he died a short time before she got there. John Coble, Sallie, Sade, Sam Coyle and I went up to Chambers' in the afternoon to tell that there would not be a large party. Lizzie had intended having five bridesmaids, and a very large wedding, but they thought it would not do. We met Tom on the way coming down to see us, but he turned around and went back with us. We left there about eight o'clock and got to Hougestown about 9 --- I went from there to Sallie Sample and stayed all night.

19th, Sallie and John and I took a sail on the creek this morning. We went over to Mr. Morris' and made a call, we found Miss Nancy McQue there. They have a very handsome house. We got to Uncle Joe's about 12 o'clock. Sade had just got up she had the toothache all night. Aunt Ag had gone to town with Andy Orr, Tom Chambers and Sam Coyle, spent the evening at Uncle's. Dr. Sensamen was thrown from his sulky just as we crossed there but was not hurt much.

20th, Wed. I put down the carpet on the stairs this morning and then went into the parlor to do some sewing for Lizzie and Sade was busy cleaning the silver, when Tom Chambers and Sallie Sample came over and Lizzie had not returned yet from her grandfather's. He was buried today --- she came in the evening. Tomorrow is the wedding day.

21st, Thursday -- Lizzie was married this morning at 10 o'clock. There were about thirty-five at the wedding. Pat Orr and Will Quinn were first bridesmaid and groomsman, and Sade Rutherford and Anderson Orr second, the party left about half past eleven for Harrisburg to take the one o'clock train for Baltimore. They expect to be gone four weeks --- After they had started Sallie and I put up the cake to send away --- about two o'clock Sam Coyle came down for Sallie and I to take a ride so we took the cake around ourselves. We took tea at Agg Sterretts near Carlisle, we found John Coble, there, when we went. We left about eight o'clock. I rode home with John as far as his house and then got in with Sam. We got to Hougstown about nine o'clock. We found Sade waiting for us. She had been home ever since three o'clock --- Sallie staid with us that night.

22nd, It rained all morning but cleared off about dinner time. Tom Chambers, John Coble and Sam Coyle spent the evening at Uncle's we had fine time. It was after eleven when they left.

23rd, Aunt Ag brought Sade and I down to town this morning, we overtook Andy Orr and Will Audenreid on the way down --- they were coming to town. We had not been in town any time before Sade saw Lucinda Rutherford from the country, and their two cousins from the west, came on. To spend the day Silas and Alick took them up to the Capitol. While they were gone Sade and I promenaded through town. Mr. Carrier and Mr. Quinn were there in the evening, and Benjamin Kendig and John and Silas Rutherford. After they had gone ~~gone~~ Mrs. Foulke and Harry Suehlen came and Emma Hammond.

24th, Sunday-- Rained all day-- did not get to church till evening, went with Sade and Mr. Carrier to the German Reformed.

25th, Came to Mount Joy today. There was nobody in the car I knew except Mag Long. She got on at Elizabethtown.

26th, It rained all day did not get out of the house.

27th, Went down street this evening -- called at Hougendoblers and went from there to prayermeeting at John Patterson's.

28th, Went up to see Mrs. McCorkle a while in the evening and Mrs. Stauffer was there.

29th, I went down to see Sade Sheller she and I went to Lizzie Boggs and Mag Longs. It commenced to rain before I got home.

30th, Rachel Patterson and Mrs. Cassel called here this evening.

May 1st, Ma and I went up to Bethel in the morning. I was introduced to Mrs. Breneman. Went to the Presbyterian Church in the afternoon and the Methodist in the evening.

May 2nd, I went down to Mr. Rodgers --Mary Lynn over. I went down to Rachel's and she went with us to Mrs. Ziegler's --- May stopped in at Margaret Dysarts on the way up and Rachel came up home with me. I went up to McCorkles a little while. We washed today.

3rd, Harriet Shafer uncle here this morning.

4th, Ma had intended going to Philadelphia this morning but she is not well enough. I went to Prayermeeting. It was at Mr. Rodger's --- I walked down to Mrs. Boggs before meeting.

5th, Mr. Davidson was here this morning he is a cousin of Ma's from McConnelsburg. She had not seen him since she was seventeen -- Mrs. Whitehall from Marietta was here also, she brought Ma some flowers. Ma and Alfred went to Lancaster this afternoon, Alfred is going to the dentist ---

Mrs. Breneman came over for me this evening to go up to McCorcle's with her. When I came back I found Rachel Patterson, Mag Long and Sade Sheller here, they spent the evening with me. I went with them as far as Miss Giberson's and got some envelopes.

6th, It rained most all day --- I went up to see Mrs. McCorcle in the evening I met Sybilla Ehrman and went into the store with her.

7th, Charlotte Hougendobler and Lizzie Boggs called here this afternoon and after they had gone Mrs. Mac and her sister came to see the garden. Rachel was here in the evening. We went over to see Mrs. Breneman.

8th, Sunday, I went to the Presbyterian church this morning, and to the Methodist in the evening. It rained all day.

9th, I wrote to Ma this morning and sent the letter by Stephen (Sthwen) Pinkerton.

10th, We got a letter from Ma today. Went down street in the evening, and after I came home I went over to Mrs. Breneman's -- Mr. Rodgers was there.

11th, I went to prayermeeting this evening with Mrs. B. and Mrs. McC. it was at McIlvaines.

12th, Thursday -- Lizzie Boggs spent the afternoon here. I walked part of the way home with her.

13th, I started down town this evening but met Beckie and Sallie at Miss Giberson's they were coming up here. We went over to Mrs. Breneman's but she was not at home. I walked down with the girls as far as Cassels where I met Lizzie Boggs. We went up to Mrs. Rogers -- and from there I walked a little way with Lizzie, and came up with Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer.

14th, I expected Lizzie Boggs up this evening to go with me to distribute tracts but she did not come. B-H- was here I walked down with her to Mrs. Boggs -- met Mary Ann Shuck at Mrs. Halle -- I stopped a few moments at H- (Hougendobler's) on the way up. Mrs. Cockley was there. Mr. and

Mrs. Rodgers were here this afternoon. We received our invitations to Mr. Orr's party today. I had a note from Sallie -----

15th, Sunday -- I went to the Lutheran church this morning, and to the Presbyterian in the afternoon. Mr. Moore from Dauphin preached.

16th, Pa is making me a writing desk. Jim Linville called here today. He brought Mary Ellen up to school, she is in deep mourning for her brother Edwin. Lizzie Boggs came up in the evening -- we went to distribute tracts. I walked down street with her. It commenced to rain before I got back.

17th, Harriet washed today. It rained in the afternoon. I went over to Mrs. Brenemans after tea and spent the evening.

18th, I went down to the cars to meet Lizzie (Lizzie Crain Orr, the bride?) she went up today. She saw Ma in Philadelphia. I went to prayermeeting at Hendrickson's.

19th, Today is the infair at Mr. Orr's. (Party given by the groom's parents in honor of the young couple soon after they return from the wedding trip) I would like very much to be there. Beckie Patterson came up in the evening and stayed all night.

20th, Beck stayed till about ten o'clock this morning. I went over in the afternoon to see Mrs. Breneman -- in the evening I went to ~~Bechtolds~~ and Greiners-- Sybilla called here. Daff and I went over with her.

21st, We have a letter from Aunt Charlotte today. Ma expects to be home on Monday. I went down to see Mrs. Patterson this evening and over to the Academy to see Sade Rutherford but met her coming over to town. Barbara H. Charlotte Hougendobler and I walked down to the seminary with them. I saw Mary Ellen -- I called at Rachel Patterson's on the way up -- Dr. Patterson was here this evening.

(The Academy --- The Mount Joy Academy begun in 1850 through the interest of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians was a boys school under the principalship of Prof. E. L. Moore. Prof. Moore conducted the Academy until 1862 or 1863. In 1865 the Academy building together with the grounds which consisted of ten acres was purchased for use as the Soldier's Orphan School.)

22nd Sunday -- This is my birthday I am seventeen today. I went to church this morning and afternoon. Mr. D. McDouglass went up in the cars today but Ma did not come. I went over to Mrs. Breneman's this evening.

24th It rained all day --- stayed in the house and read Reveries of a Bachelor.

25th Wednesday

26th Ma came home today. Mrs. Ziegler called here this afternoon.

28th Aunt Agnes and Richard Crain came down this afternoon.

29th I went to the Lutheran Church in the morning. Aunt Ag was sick all day.

30th Ann McGimsey was here this afternoon --- and Mrs. Breneman in the evening.

31st Rachel called this morning. Aunt Ag went away today. I went down to Smith Pattersons this evening with Rachel and Mary Lynn -- the girls were at Salunga.

June 1st Susan has been sewing here today. Ma and I went over to Brenemans this evening.

2nd Cleaned house today. Susan here. Lizzie Boggs and I distributed tracts this evening.

3rd Finished housecleaning today. We had a dreadful hailstorm today. The hail was as large as hickory nuts.

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weather is very warm and dry

July 24th It has been raining this morning. I wrote to Mary Taylor today and this afternoon Mrs. Sterrett spent here. Mag Long, Sue Boyle, Barb Hougendobler, Mrs. Breneman and the Miss Gammers were here. I walked down street with the girls, and then B. and I went up to Ehrmans.

25th I went over to Marietta this afternoon with B. and M. Hougendobler and Mr. Nissley. We stopped at Lizzie Cassels an hour and then drove around the town --- we called at Suspaschs on our way home --- I took tea at Hougs.. Barb and I walked down to the bridge we met Beckie Patterson and Miss Danah and Walker -- we just got home before a dreadful thunder shower came up.

(The bridge across Little Chiques Creek east of Mount Joy. Conveniently near the Seminary, I have heard this story that the Seminary girls would gather at the bridge singing a song popular in a variety of forms but best known as Buffalo Gals. Written in 1844 it had a 1944 revival in Dance with a Dolly. The Cedar Hill version was:

Academy boys are you coming out tonight

coming out tonight

To dance by the light of the moon)

26th Beckie and Joe and their cousins called here this evening. I went with them to prayer meeting and afterwards Ma and I went to John Pattersons to call on Mrs. Shock and Miss Kaufman.

27th Smith Patterson had a fishing party today down at Ebys. Stephen Pinkerton took Sabilla and I. Sade Patterson and Mrs. McDowell were there Mary Ann Shock and Miss Kaufman and Sam Ferree were down about an hour but had to leave to go to Marietta. We had a very pleasant time. After supper we all went down to Salunga. We left there about half past seven and stopped a while at Pattersons. It was after nine when we got home. Miss Barton, Mrs. Cameron and Col. Clark spent the afternoon here. Mrs. Breneman went to Mercersburg today. Miss Gamber went with her.

28th I called at Col. Pattersons and Hendricksons this evening. Sarah walked part of the way home with me.

29th It rained all day. Mrs. Ricksecker's baby died today. Ma has been down helping all afternoon. Sabilla came for me to go to singing school but I could not go. Willie and I walked down street after dark.

30th Sunday -- Mr. Rodgers is not well and Mr. Dodge preached this morning. Mr. Caulder preached in the evening for the purpose of raising money to educate the Chinaman he has with him. Sabilla and I went to the Methodist Church in the evening.

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