HEADQUARTERS AND MUSEUM

THE FINLEY HOUSE

113 WEST BEECH TREE LANE
WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA 19087

VISITORS CORDIALY WELCOME. TELEPHONE MURRAY 8-2668.
ATTENTION HISTORIANS!

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE AT THE RADNOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY


"Comfortable Homes in the Suburbs on the Hillsides at Wayne and St. Davids," pictorial poster of 1890. (Reproduction) $.50

"Map of Radnor Township Showing Ownership in 1776", research by Katharine H. Cummin, drawn by Herbert S. Henderson (1976). $3.00

"Rural Homes," Wayne advertising pamphlet of 1890, illustrated. (Facsimile). $.50


A Rare and Pleasing Thing: Radnor, By Katherine Hewitt Cummin, Owlswick Press, 1977, $19.75.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

During the past year I am pleased to report that, as well as our usual requests for genealogical and historical information and the visits by school and scout groups, more people seem to have become aware of the local significance of our Society. It has frequently been my privilege to explain the history of the artifacts and memorabilia to our visitors to the Finley House and to tell them of the outstanding collection of old photographs of early Wayne which are not usually on display.

We were delighted to be a part of Radnor Day on April 14, sponsored by the Memorial Library of Radnor Township under the able direction of Mrs. Salvatore Calibiano, Mrs. George Amman III, and Mrs. Edward Veitch. Mrs. Robert Cummin was the guide on the bus which toured Radnor Township for over an hour. It ended at the Finley House where an opportunity to see our exhibits was afforded, followed by a buffet luncheon.

We are continuing in our implementation of plans for the refurbishing of the Wagon House and its exhibits and the restoration of the basement kitchen with its great fireplace and baking ovens. A departure from the past, the Finley House now remains open all summer on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 5. Special appointments for research, etc. may be made by calling either the President or Vice-President.

Sincerely,
DOROTHY H. THERMAN

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

October 24, 1978

Mr. Charles E. Alexander, one of the Directors of the Society presented a paper entitled "The Playing Fields of Wayne," at our meeting Tuesday, October 24, 1978 in the Society's rooms at the Finley House. Mr. Alexander drew his title from the Duke of Wellington's well known remark that the Battle of Waterloo had been won on the playing fields of Eton and based his very interesting summary of the lives of some of our recent illustrious military leaders on their experiences at St. Luke's School in Wayne and its successor, The Valley Forge Military Academy. We will be pleased to present a copy of these remarks in a forthcoming issue of this Bulletin.

January 4, 1979

The Society met on the evening of Thursday, January 4 in the General Wayne room of the Main Line Federal Savings and Loan Association in Wayne. We were privileged to hear a talk by Ms. Nancy Webster and Ms. Susan Lucas on "The Pennsylvania Campaign of 1777-78," which was illustrated by slides of the reenactment of some of the action of this phase of the Revolution. The effectiveness of their presentation was heightened by the costumes of the time which they wore and by the many interesting accoutrements and military paraphernalia of the day which they had on display. They are both members of the First Continental Regiment, the organization which participated in the reenactment of the battles which were illustrated. Besides this activity, Ms Lucas is Curator of the Massey House on Sprot Road in Delaware County and Ms Webster is the Chairperson of the Sites Committee, which meets under the auspices of Historic Delaware County, Inc.

March 7, 1979

Mr. Seymour L. Green, of Havertford, whose wife, Frances E. Hunter, is a collateral descendant of John Pechin gave a talk on the John Pechin Diary before the Society in the General Wayne Room of the Main Line Federal Savings and Loan Association on Wednesday, March 7, 1979. Because of its interest and the fact that it has never been published before we are reproducing it in full in this issue of the BULLETIN.
RADNOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Annual Treasurer’s Report  
May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979

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JOHN TODD STEWART,  
Treasurer

Membership is open to all persons interested in the Society. Minimum dues are $3.00 per year. Contributions to the Society are tax deductible.

Contributing Membership .................. $10.00  
Sustaining Membership ................... $25.00  
Student Membership ...................... $1.00  

ACCESSIONS

September 1, 1978 – May 20, 1979

Mrs. Robert I. Cummin:  
Membership application blanks.

Francis James Dallett:  
Miscellaneous Photographs and clippings.

William P. Hutton:  
Books:
- Dictionary of Phrase and Fable  
  by E. Cobham Brewer (n.d.)
- Genealogical and Personal Memorial of Chester and Delaware Counties  
  by Gilbert Cope and Henry Ashmead (1904)
- Mr. Carrier and Mr. Ives by Russell Crouse (1930)
- Select Cases and Other Authorities on the Law of Property  
  Vols. I-III by J. Chipman Gray (1889 and 1906)
- Old Silver of Europe and America  
  by E. Alfred Jones (1928)
- American Pewter  
  by J.B. Kerfoot (1924)
- Historic Houses of Early America  
  by Elsie Lathrop (1927)
- Along the Western Brandywine  
  by Wilmer W. MacElree (1912), two copies
- New Hampshire Beautiful  
  by Wallace Nutting (1923)
- Old Silver and Old Sheffield Plate  
  by Howard Pitcher Okie (1928)
- Annual Report of the Smithsonian Bureau of Ethnology  
  edited by J.W. Powell  
  1880-1881, 1881-1882, 1882-1883 (three volumes on American Indians)
- History of Philadelphia  
  by J. Thomas Scharf and Thompson Westcott (1884)  
  Volumes II and III
- History of Delaware County  
  by George Smith (1852)
- Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Chester County  
  by Samuel T. Wiley (1883)

Mrs. Virginia Pechin Keen:  
Water color, copy, early scene at Morgan's Corner

Warren Lengel:  
Two straight razors, printed proclamation of Andrew Jackson, glass plates, Radnor High School pictures (sports), miscellaneous Beadle papers.

Miss Isabella Auld McKnight:  
Miss Caroline Robbins: Book, End of the Line  
by Patricia T. Davis (1978)

Oscar Robertshaw:  
Baseball used in the last game of the Main Line League, Wayne vs. Devon, 7 September 1914

Mrs. Edward Ten Broeck:  
Picture of the Winsor sisters, award given the Tri-County Concert Association.

NEW MEMBERS

September, 1978 — May, 1979

Mr. John J. Dziedzina  
Mrs. Eric F. Schwalm

Mr. John M. Groff  
Mrs. Peter A. Sears

Mrs. Virginia Pechin Keen  
Mr. Albert Spedlove

Ms. Dorinda Liebert  
Valley Forge National Historical Park

Main Line Federal Savings & Loan Association

NECROLOGY

September, 1978 — May, 1979

Mr. Harry C. Creutzburg  
Mrs. Henry Ecroyd

Mrs. George Vaux
John Pechin's Diary

On the evening of March 7, 1979, Seymour Green Esq. introduced the Radnor Historical Society to the diary of John Pechin of Radnor. At the close of his talk he presented the thin, leather-bound notebook to the Society as a gift from his wife in whose family it had descended. It is a pleasure to print the text verbatim.

The diary covers the year 1844 and portions of 1845, 1848, 1849 and 1850. Writing for himself, Pechin skimmed on punctuation and made no attempt (why should he?) to be consistent in capitalization. He undertook agricultural activities in season, traveled, served as local assessor and auditor, participated in the temperance movement and supported the Whip party. He marketed goods in Philadelphia, attended to family financial interests, phrased legal documents for others and spent his winter evenings attending meetings of the Radnor Lyceum, the Delaware County Institute of Science, the Singing Society and the local Debating Society which took five weeks to resolve the question of Abolition.

The unmarried son of Peter and Rebecca (Hunter) Pechin with whom he lived, John was a grandson of merchant J. Christopher Pechin of Philadelphia and of Squire Edward Hunter of Newtown who was murdered in 1817. Peter Pechin had bought his Rosemont property (22 acres) in several pieces beginning in 1807 when he moved to Radnor to settle near his widowed aunt, Mrs. George Gyger. He also owned other Radnor property and extensive acreage in Lower Merion. Now, the diary:

(amount of assessment in Radnor for 1844)

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(amount of assessment in Radnor for 1845)

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Pages 2 and 3
Dr. Columbia Bank & B' Co, act. with Lindsay & Pechin, Cr.

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Union School house the following question being continued over from previous evening "Is party spirit beneficial?" but amended so as to read Is political party spirit as existing in this country beneficial.

11 Went to store for newspaper etc. in morning, at home remainder of day.
12 Assisting to fill ice house, in evening wrote advertisements for Jacob Gyger for the sale of goods etc. of B. Yard dec.
13 Went for newspaper etc. to store then to Sam'l Lindsay, attended lyceum in evening which was addressed by Doct. H.S. Patterson on the varieties of the human species it being the last of a course of lectures on that subject before that institution.
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14. At home until evening then went to baptist Merion Church.
15. Afternoon went to Kinzie’s to see a grizzled bear from the rocky mountains, attended Singing Society in the evening.
16. Went for newspapers, got my hair cut by J Oliver.
17. Intended going to the funeral of Rebecca Ann Garrett who was to be interred today meet at 10 O Clock but was prevented by the incessant rain, attended debating Society in the evening the question discussed was: Which has received the worse treatment at the hand of the whites the Indians or Africans and the same question was continued.

Page 9
Jan 17 Went to a lecture at Delaware County Institute Hall by Dr. Bryan on anatomy etc. illustrated by the magic lantern.
18. Went to a lecture at Delaware County Institute Hall by Dr. Bryan on anatomy etc. illustrated by the magic lantern.

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24. Uncle Thomas and Aunt Alice Cornog & Aunt Hannah Hunter dined with us,11 I went to debating Society in evening same question continued.
25. Went to John Taylor’s sale.
26. Went to store in evening.
27. Helping to fill ice house. Attended lecture in the evening at Radnor Lyceum by Dr. H. Corson in opposition to Phrenology and craniology.
28. Went to Church in the morning.
29. Attended Sale of goods etc of Benjamin Yard dec’d and served as clerk.
30. Attended (at place of sale yesterday) as clerk.
31. Attended debating society in evening same question discussed as previous evening which was decided.

Page 11
Feb 1. Went to John Moores & took tea and spent evening there in company with several more.
2. Sleighbing to W. Kuglers W. McKever & Dr. J. Andersons.
3. Went to Delaware County Institute Hall where there was to have been a lecture delivered by the Rev. Mr. Moore but he did not attend, stoned at Mrs. Bishop’s and took tea, on my way home.
4. Attended Church in the evening.
5. Attended Singing society in the evening Mr. Kendall not present.
6. Took tea and spent evening at John Dunwoody in company with a number of others.

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February
7. Attended debating Society in the evening “Would it be advisable immediately to abolish slavery in the United States” was discussed.
8. At home excepting for newspaper.
9. At home until evening spent part of evening at Caleb West’s.
10. Attended Lyceum in evening with Sister but no lecture, stoned at Mrs. Kinzie’s on returning.
11. Went to church in morning & with Sister to Sam! Lindsay’s in evening.
12. At smith shop in morning attended Singing society in the evening with sister.
13. Attended the funeral of Susanna Hibbard at 2 O Clock P.M. at Whiteland.
14. Attended debating society in evening the same subject discussed and continued.

Page 13
15. At home except for Newspaper.
16. Engaged at home most of the day.
17. Went to a lecture at Delaware County Institute Hall by Dr. Bryan on anatomy etc. illustrated by the magic lantern.
18. Went to church in forenoon took tea and spent evening at George’s.

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Feb 22. Attended in the evening at “White Hall” a Clay Club meeting & supper of which more than 100 partook.
23. Engaged at home & to store.
24. Do, do in the evening attended lecture before the radnor lyceum on the character the rights & the wrongs of the Aborigines of N. America by Col. Thomas L. McKenny.
25. Went to church in morning.
27. Went to T. Taylors sale in afternoon and in evening went to Mr. Mc Kenney lecture on the Origin, History etc of the Indians of N. America before the Radnor Lyceum.
28. Attended debating society in the evening at which the same question was discussed and continued.

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Feb 29. Went to J. C. Evans & store etc.
March 1. Attended J. Gygers sale of 38 a 68 p (B Yards Estate) which sold for $1335 to Henry Finigan of Philadelphia stoned with Jesse Brooke to tea & went with him to the election reading class taught by Mr. Lamburn.
2. Engaged at home.
3. Went to church in morning.
4. Went to A. Johnson’s sale in afternoon.
5. Attended lecture on temperance by the Rev. J Chambers at Methodist Church.
6. Attended debating society in evening abolition question as before discussed and decided that the affirmative had produced best argument.
7. Went to Philadelphia left E. Lewis ac.met with H. Leach Esq for Collection.

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8. At home & newspaper.
9. Called on to go and invite to the funeral of T. Childs who is to be buried on the 11th at 10 O’clock A.M. went to easttown Chester County inviting.
10. Went to church in morning & to J. Evans’ tea in afternoon.
11. Went to funeral of T. Childs in morn and to Kinzie’s sale in afternoon.
13. At home until evening then attended debating Society at which the following question was discussed “Would it be an advantage to the State to sell the public improvements to the highest bidder.”

Page 17
14. Engaged at home until evening then attended Township meeting for nominating candidates for the various township offices.
15. Went to the election in afternoon.
16. At home except to store.
17. Went in company with W.B. & J. M. Lindsay to Mr. Crawfers to tea stoned on our way at singing school.
18. At home.
19. Went to vendue in the afternoon at Sam! Garrigue’s.
20. Attended debating society in the evening “Which has the greatest influence on mankind Hope or Fear” was discussed after which the society adjourned for the season.

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March
21. At home hauling hay (illegible).
22. Weighing hay etc.
23. Do, do in the evening attended a lecture on animal magnetism etc with experiments in clairvoyance etc which appeared to me to be deception.
24. Went to church in morning & to R. Phipps in afternoon.
25. At home plowing etc.
26 Went to Marple for discription of Yards property
27 Wrote deed for Henry Finigen
28 Engaged at home
29 Writing Bonds, Mortgage etc
30 Went to Jacob Gyer & smith shop in morning at home rest of day
31 Went to Lower merion Lutheran church in afternoon

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April
1 Assisted Robinson Phipps to move
2 Filled judgment Bond for R. Phipps
3 & 4 Engaged at home
5 & 6 Do do
7 Went to Merion Baptist church in the morning and to Merion Lutheran in the afternoon at which Mr. Finkle delivered his farewell address to a crowded house
8 Went in the afternoon to shop to get my carriage mended
9 Engaged about home
10 Assisted Mrs. Rudolph to move
11 Engaged about home
12 Went to J C Evans & T Humphreys in morning and to A Lewis Esq. in evening

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April
13 At home until evening then attended the Lyceum meeting
14 Went to Baptist church in the morning and to the same place in the afternoon to a concert of instrumental and vocal music which was attended by a large number of people -- It has been very warm all day uncomfortably warm with the windows and doors open
15 Attended a meeting of the auditors at Sorril horse hotel to settle Supervisors & treasurers of the school directors accounts Wm. Siter & Jonathan Tarrance supervisors & Jonathan P Abraham treasurer Mark Brook Jos. McCall & myself auditors

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1844
June
10 Arrived home after a tour of six weeks; to Pittsburg down the Ohio to its mouth then up the Mississippi to Fever river up that to Galena and then to Chicago by stage then by the Lakes to Buffalo thence by Niagara fall, Rochester, Seneca lake, Pottsville Philadelphia & home having traveled nearly 4000 miles
11 Engaged mowing in evening went to a lecture on animal magnetism
12 & 15 Mowing, making hay and in the afternoon of 13th went to sale of Mrs. Cleavers lot opposite which was bid to 830 Dols. not sold
14 & 15 Making hay etc weather dull
16 Went to church in morning and to Christopher's in the afternoon
17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Mowing, making hay etc

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1844
June
22 Went to Radnor Church to the funeral of Lewis Moore, to White Hall and paid car agent for carrying newspaper and to Mrs. Lindays to tea
23 Went to baptist church in the morning and to temperance lecture by Dr. H Cerson in temperance grove in Lower Merion in the afternoon The Doctor explained the effects of alcohol on the human system
24 Hauling hay & plowing corn
25 Dressing corn in the forenoon went to Philip Sheaff in the evening some persons in Radnor have commenced cutting their wheat which is ripe
26 Making fence & went to Brother George's in the afternoon and took tea there
27 Went to Wm Hunters in the afternoon
28 & 29 Engaged about home

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June

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April
14 Went to Methodist church in morning at home remainder of day not being well
15 Went to store, Wm. Esrey & Mill very hot when walk
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Engaged most of time about home
21 Attended Baptist church in forenoon and went to Mr. A Johnston & Mr. S Lindsay afternoon
22 Brought load of lime from Sam's. Coats
23, 24, 25, 26 Engaged hauling and spreading manure
27 Attended temperance meeting in the afternoon at Conshohocken and a whig meeting at Radnor school house in evening
28 Went to Merion church in morning and to Coopertown in the afternoon
29 Preparing ground & sowing turnip seed
30 At home until evening then went to store & Lindsay
31 Attended whig meeting at White Hall at which a banner was presented by the Lady's to the Clay club of L. Merion & addressed by David P Byron

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August
1 & 2 Engaged about home
3 Attended Whig Convention at Chester said to be the largest ever held in the county addressed by Josiah Randel, Charles Gibbons & Judge Conard of Phila.
4 Attended Methodist church in morning
5 Engaged about home at harrowing etc
6 Hauled two loads of lime from Hughes
7 Engaged about home
8 Went to temperance harvest home at Hawkins on west chester road which was attended by a very large number of ladies & gentlemen
9 & 10 Engaged about home
11 Went to Baptist church in the morning and to J & W Hoskins in the afternoon
12 & 13 Engaged about home
14 & 15 Hauling lime from Shelly & Hughes
16 Engaged about home

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Aug
17 Working on road
18 Went to baptist church in the morning
19, 20, 21 Mowing & making hay
22 Mowing etc
23 & 24 Taking plank out of vats at tanyard
25 Went to Brother Edw'd & spent afternoon
26 Inviting to the funeral of Sam's. Humphreys who died yesterday afternoon
27 Attended the funeral of Sam's. Humphreys at 10 O'Clock interred at Radnor friends
28 Went to Philage with Rebecca
29 & 30 & 31 Engaged about home, flooring stable etc

Sept. 1 Attended the opening of the Chapel at the catholick college which was performed by bishop Kenrick in the afternoon at 2 O'Clock attended the funeral of James Crowley, interred at Haverford Chapel
Russell & Whitaker, Publishes, Philadelphia.

27 Oct. Engaged about home.
28, 29, 30 Attended a great whig meeting at Norristown which was addressed by Addison May. At the Baptist church in the morning and at Mr. Ashbridges' to tea.

31 Went to brother George's in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Coombs of Ky. & Gen. Rogers of T, & others.

30 Attended the native meeting at Whitehall which was addressed by Mr. Spencer D. Chaner.

29 Attended a Baptist church.

28 Hauled load of lime from Hughes' kiln.

27 Engaged about home.

26 Assisting Christopher to bucher.

25 Went to J. Jones.

24 Copying the assessment for the Assessor of Radnor township etc.

23 Went to Mark Bartleson to assess damage done his sheep by dogs. Allow 21/2.

22 At Baptist church.

21, 22 Engaged about home and went to uncle T Cornelius' in the afternoon.

20, 21 Engaged at home until evening then attended cotillion party at White Hall Hotel.

19 Engaged at home.

18, 19 Hauling corn from McNeil's.

17 Assisted Christopher to bucher.

16 Assisting to thrash oats.

15 Engaged about home.

14 Hauling corn-fodder, attended lyceum meeting in the evening.

13 Called upon by J. Maul Jr. to appraise his sheep killed by dogs. Damage $9.

12 Engaged at home.

11 Went to store.

10 Attended Baptist church.

9 Called upon by James Cochran to appraise his sheep killed by dogs. Value $9.

8 Attended Baptist church.

7 Assisted to bucher in the morning and went to the election in the afternoon.

6 Engaged about home.

5 Engaged about home.

4, 5 & 6 Engaged about home.

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2 Attended Baptist church.

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19 Engaged at home.

18, 19 Hauling corn from McNeil's.

17 Assisted Christopher to bucher.
Jan 1, 2 Appraised sheep for J Maul and assessed damages at $17
3 Thrashing wheat
4 Engaged about home until 11 O Clock Then went to Institute at which a lecture was delivered by Mr. J. Bowen of West Chester on the bounds of science; then went to John Pattersons in Middletown

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5 Left J Pattersons and came home
13 Assisting to butcher in the morning afternoon appraised sheep that was destroyed by dogs for I Palmer $6
March 16 Attended funeral of Hannah Litzenburgh wife of Horatio Litzenburg
Mar 18 At the wedding of Isaac C. Black and Elizabeth C. Lindsay at her father's Married by Rev. Mr. Cross

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April 14 Settled the Supervisors and the Treasurers accounts of school fund $57.21 remaining in Supervisors hands & $323.84 paid over by JP Abraham to M. Bartleson of school fund
April 23 Attended the funeral of Elenor L Wife of Charles Kugler interred at the Lutheran Church L Merion
June 21 The harvesting of the wheat has commenced which is very good except in some low places which has been injured by frost whilst in blossom June

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27 Commenced cutting our wheat
Page 43 contains one paragraph:
Emily Pechin daughter of E H Pechin died December 11th, 1848 between the hours of 11 & 12 P.M. in her 22nd year. The body deposited in the vault at Lutheran church in Lower Merion on the 14th. and removed from there to the Baptist Church and intered on the 11th, of April 1849

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Jan 7, 7. Thrashing wheat went to smith shop then to A Lewis Esqr then met board of school Directors
2 Went to A Kinzies two miles above Yellow Spring Chester County and returned good sleighing.
3 Thrashing went to lecture at Radnor Lyceum by John Curwen M D
4 Thrashing went to mill stor etc.
5 & 6 About home
7 At Baptist church to George Pechins in evening
8 Wrote to J C Walker prepared apples for market
9 Went to market Phild with apples & potatoes
10 Attended lecture at R Lyceum by Dr. Curwen
11 Went to smith shop in afternoon
12 Went to West Chester in respect to Alexander Kinzies business, stopped at J Pattersons
13 Fixing pump, afternoon went to J Dunwoody thrice to John Moors to tea
14 & 15 About home
16 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sibley

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Jan 27, 17. Went to market with apples & potatoes and to lecture at Radnor Lyceum by Dr. Curwen
18 Attended John Leverings sale
19 & 20 About home filling ice house etc.
21 Attended Methodist church morning at home
22 Engaged at home until evening then went to Hoskins
23 Hauling and packing ice
24 Preparing apples for market until noon Then went to Uncle W. Hunters then to lecture at R L
25 Went to Phil. with apples & potatoes & to exhibition of the Mississippi painting at the Masonick hall & to uncle J Pechin to sup. & lodge
26 Returned home from Phila.
27 Trimming apple trees etc

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28 Attended funeral of Abner Lewis Esqr
29 & 30 Engaged about home went to mill
31 At home, signed a petition to prohibit the sale of spiritous liquors in Delaware County went to lecture in the evening at Radnor Lyceum
Feb 1 At home until afternoon Supt. at Edw
Page 47
2 About home at store
3 Met the Delaware Co Institute of Science
4 Attended church in the morning
5 Attended meeting of school directors at central school in respect to establishing a high school which a majority was in favor of by each pupil paying $1.50 per quarter Snow fell to the depth of 10 inches this morning
6 Preparing to take apples to market etc.
7 Went to market & to lecture in the evening at R L
8 At home until noon, went to J Ashbridge
9 Hauling ice etc.
10 Went to A Bakers Esqr to tea
11 At home reading etc.
12 Attended funeral of Dr Jenkins infant Laurel Hill
13 Hauling ice & preparing apples for market and attended lecture on insanity by Doctor Curwen
15 Went to market with apples attended to business for Aunt Hannah Hunter etc.

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16 Thermometer 3 deg. below zero at sunrise
17 Therm. 3 deg. above zero went to store and Dr. Jenkins
18 Therm 6 deg. do attending Methodist church 2 times
19 Therm 9 deg do
20 Therm 13 deg attended T Formans sale
21 Attended Lyceum meeting in evening
22 Visited radnor central school afternoon
23 & 24 About home, at mill & store
25 About home
26 J Phillips paid me amt. of R E A Bond & Mortgage
27 Attended sale at J Notes dec!
28 Hauling hay, at mill went to Mr. Lindseys
March 1 Went to Uncle W. Hunters to see Aunt Hannah Hunter, on business started for Washing City by railroad to Philadelphia Settled Aunts bill with Doct Baugh Then went to unclie J Pechin and lodged (ineffable) transferred state loans
2 Left Philad in cars went to Chester Subscribed for Pamphlet laws for Lyceum

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March 4 Engaged to take apples to market etc
March 5 Preparing to take apples to market etc
March 6 Preparing to take apples to market etc
March 7 At home until evening at home
March 8 At home until afternoon went to J Ashbridge
March 9 About home
March 10 At home about going to store & to lecture in the evening at R L
March 11 Mr. Morgan visited town
March 12 Engaged to take apples to market etc
March 13 Arrived at Baltimore at 3 A.M. lodged at the American hotel for 2 hours took cars again at Chester for Wilmington then steamboat to New Castle then railroad to Frenchtown
March 14 Attended Institute of Science
March 15 Attended Presbyterian Church
March 16 Attended theInauguration of Prest. Taylor, went to a fair in evening
March 17 Went to Treasury Department then to Cockran & Rigg and rec'd interest on U S loan, visited Patent office and Mr. Campbells, dined at Mr. Underwoods then went to Presidents House and to Mr. Middletons
March 17 Took cars at 6 O Clock arrived at Salt Lake Spa in steamboat for Frenchtown

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12 Appraised T Davis sheep destroyed by dogs Damage $55
13 & 14 Engaged about home
15 Attended church in morning went to Georges to tea
16 Went to W. M. Morgans in evening to have my account of school fund settled & audited by Mr. Morgan & T (homans) Davis
17 Cutting rails at E H Pechins wood
Snow fell to the depth of 5 or 6 inches
Engaged about home splitting rails etc
Church in morning & Saml. Lindsay to tea
Weighing hay & visited Central school (Mr. Hall) teacher
The snow that fell a week ago is still in places
Went to Phil. with father & transacted business
May 8 Wrote to J Sill Jr. register at Chester Visited E B Wetherells' school, met school board
Planting corn
Engaged about home splitting rails etc
At church in morning
Saml. Lindsays to tea
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11 & 12 Planting corn
Roofing house at Whitesides
Paid last installment on 10 shares of Montgomery Co Bank stock also on 10 shares for Rebecca and rec'd new certificates
Went to Philad. with Mother and Mrs. West rec'd interest of R W Pechin J C P note rec'd, dividend at Penn Township Bank
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May 31 Attended the funeral of Elizabeth McNally
June 4 Met the school directors at Central school
Went to Mark Brooke's to levy school tax
Went with Mother & uncle J Pechin to J Ash
Commenced cutting grass, hired James McNally for 7 1/2 per month

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March 9 Signed an article dated 8th of March of agreement with George Hart for a lot, two shops, counting house and turnout on the P & C R road for which I am to pay him the sum of $30 per annum for the term of three years with the privilege of three years more at the same price per annum the said “Hart to pay all taxes the terms to commence on the 1st of April next, I give a tailor the privilege of occupying a portion of the counting house for three months from the first of April next.

FOOTNOTES

1. The firm of Lindsay and Pechin seems to have been that of Samuel Lindsay and John Pechin. What the firm sold or manufactured has not been ascertained. Samuel Lindsay did own a lumberyard in Lower Merion.
2. The Union School House stood on the Goshen Road, where Radnor and Newtown Townships meet, on land given by Mordecai Lewis in 1827 for the use of a school for the inhabitants of those two townships. (Delaware County Deed Book R-198.)
3. Probably J. G. Henderson's store in what is now the Conestoga Mill Restaurant, a short walk from the Pechin House. Henderson was also the local postmaster, leaving Radnor
a while later when made ticket master in Harrisburg. (Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County IV-3-199.)

4. Jacob Gyger, first cousin of John Pechin’s father, lived on the Conestoga Road in Rosemont. His aunt Catherine (Gyger) Yard died one week before her husband, Benjamin Yard. Both in their eighties when they died, this couple lies in the Radnor Methodist Church burying ground.

5. In 1870 a building was erected for the Radnor Lyceum at the corner of what is now Lancaster Avenue and North Wayne Avenue. This building stands, where the Lyceum met in 1849 has not been ascertained.

6. Henry W. J. Carter, M.D., 1815-1854, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, became physicians for the Alms house in Philadelphia and professor in the medical school from which he graduated.

7. Daniel Kinzie lived on 165 acres which fronted on Roberts Road in Radnor Township. He was perhaps the man who had the bear.

8. The Union Library Company, chartered by Pennsylvania’s Governor Denny in 1759, later merged with the Library Company of Philadelphia. (See Watson’s Annals of Philadelphia (1887) 1-462 and III-335.)

9. Pechin’s uncle, John Pechin, Gentleman, lived at 157 South 10th Street in Philadelphia (See McElroy’s Directory for 1849). Living with him was John C. Pechin who was employed in the Customs House.

10. Possibly Samuel, son of Joshua, who may have been the Samuel who, with Thomas and Benjamin Humphreys, bought eight acres of land off Roberts Road in Radnor (Delaware County Deed Book N-410). The purchasers lived in Lower Merion. Rebecca was Upper Merion’s sister (1791-1889). She later married Joshua Ashbridge of Lower Merion.

11. Hannah Hunter and Alice (Hunter) Cornog, wife of Thomas Cornog, were sisters of John.

12. Dr. Henry Corson does not have a 120 acres on the Conestoga Road in Radnor Township.

13. Probably the John Taylor who owned 112 acres on the Conestoga Road in Radnor Township.

14. John Moore, son of Elisha, who ran a tavern on property now owned by Wyeth Laboratories.

15. The sleighing party took place in Lower Merion, not Radnor.

16. The Delaware County Institute of Science was founded in 1833. Its headquarters still stands at 11 South Avenue, Media.

17. Caleb West owned a house and small piece of land just west of the Pechin property on the Lancaster Turnpike. They were close neighbors.

18. Susanna Hibberd, daughter of Josiah and Susanna (Owen) Hibberd died 11 February. (See the Sharpless Genealogy - 1892 - p. 194)

19. John Pechin’s brother George (1796-1859) and his wife Mary (Broades) Pechin lived in Upper Sisler (1841-1889). She later married Joshua Ashbridge of Lower Merion.

20. Robert Phipps, hardware merchant of Philadelphia, bought 110 acres in 1838 (Delaware County Deed Book T-350). He sold 171/2 acres to Henry Lawrence in 1837 (U-25) and the remainder to Alexander Johnson in 1844 (Y-735). The land began at the county line and ran along Roberts Road.

21. The White Hall hotel, a summer boarding house, stood in Lower Merion where that township meets both Radnor and Havertford.

22. John Taylor sold 112 acres on the Conestoga Road in 1844 (Delaware County Deed Book W-255, 570). The land lay just beyond Five Points, across from the Kinnter property.

23. Benjamin Yard’s property lay in Merion. Jesse Brooke owned mills on Ithan Creek by Clyde Road.

24. Samuel Garrigues lived in Haverton Township on the Haverton Road.

25. Thomas Humphreys owned the Windom Farm now part of the Bryn Mawr College campus.

26. The Sorrell Horse Hotel, a venerable hostelry, stood on the Conestoga Road a short distance east of Spring Mill Road. It was owned by Philip Kirk.

27. William Siter (1798-1857) was son of William and Emily (Washington) Siter. West Wayne Avenue was once considered the lane leading to his house. Jonathan Tarrance lived at the corner of Sproul (then Spring Mill) Road and Lancaster Avenue. Jonathan P. Abraham was the son of Daniel and Eliza (Phillips) Abraham. Mark Brooke, son of

Nathan and Mary (Jones) Brooke operated a gristmill and sawmill on Gulph Creek.

Joseph McElderry, who had married Hannah Hunter, daughter of James and Martha (Lewis) Hunter of Radnor, lived near Jonathan Tarrance on the opposite side of Lancaster Avenue.


29. Christopher Pechin (1800-1876), brother of John, married to Christiana Righter, lived on a large farm his father Peter had bought in 1816 on the King of Prussia Road.

30. Philip Sheaff, son of Philip and Mary (Tangier) Sheaff, owned a farm part in Radnor and part in Haverton.

31. William Hunter, brother of John Pechin’s mother.

32. John Maule, son of Jesse and Mary (Mattick) Smedley, lived on the Dundurn Farm. The land began at the county line and ran along Roberts Road.

33. Horatio Littenberg and his father Henry lived in Lower Merion, operating the

The land began at the county line and ran along Roberts Road. (See Watson’s Annals of Philadelphia (1887) 1-462 and III-335.)

34. William Erys owned four acres of land on Roberts Road.

35. Samuel Coates lived in Upper Merion.

36. Joseph R. and William G. Hoskins had inherited a farm of 192 acres on Roberts Road.

37. Again, those sources of lime lay in Merion.

38. Edward Hunter Pechin (1798-1858) also lived on his father’s property on the King of Prussia Road.

39. James Crowley, one of Radnor’s earliest Catholics, owned property in Radnor from 1813 until his death. The Haverton Chapel became St. Denis’ Church. The Catholic Church, of course, is now Villanova University.

40. Maria Ingle was the daughter of Peter Pechin’s sister.

41. What property James Cochran occupied in 1844 has not been established.

42. Charles Kugler, son of Abram and Hannah (Jones) Kugler, was married to Julia Ann Cornog, daughter of John Pechin’s Aunt Alice (Hunter) Cornog.

43. John M. Graham, long a tavern operator on property near Villanova College, closed his tavern in 1844. He was later a County Commissioner.

44. Isaac Palmer owned 104 acres which now contain Sears, Altman’s, and other development. (See the bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County IV-2-96 ff.) Horatio’s wife was Hannah, daughter of Aaron Johnson.

45. Elenor, first wife of Charles W. Levering, was a daughter of Abraham Livinger.


47. John Dunwoody lived in Merion.

48. Ann (Bevan) Sibley, wife of John Sibley of Lower Merion, died 13 January 1849 in her fifty-seventh year. She was buried at the Lower Merion Baptist Church.

49. James Jenkins M.D. of Lower Merion bought a Laurel Hill cemetery lot between 1 property in 1844 and 1 May 1845, probably for the purpose of this burial. Ashmead, page 260, says that Dr. Jenkins lived in Radnor in 1837.

50. A John Phillips owned Caleb West’s property before West.


52. Where Thomas Davis lived in 1849 has not been established.

53. William, son of Thomas and Patience (Miller) Morgan, lived on a large farm at Morgan’s Corner (now Radnor).

54. Edward B. Wetherill, called “Schoolmaster” in the 1844 assessment list, owned property near the Radnor Methodist Church.

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