Symbols denoting days of the week used in Single Brethren's Diary.

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
I. First House, Single Brethren in Bethlehem.

1744

Also beginning of this Choir since 1742, since the blessed settlement of the congregation in Bethlehem and the building of our houses of peace, a Single Brethren’s Choir was also added. Since not also various members of the choir were here, since 1739 from the European congregations, and as 20 more arrived in June 1742 with the first Sea Congregation, but also meanwhile more and more single persons from near and far came here, who preferred the life in the congregation where the Savior lets them prosper among His people; so that now already this choir numbers 50.

Therefore according to the Plan of our single choirs in European congregations, already in the presence of our beloved Brother Ludwig, it was considered to have as much as possible a separation of the sexes in our community project, and decided for this purpose to erect their own single Brethren’s institution, also July 7th, 1742, a site for it selected and marked off. Although there immediately seemed no opportunity or time for building it with the big amount of business and other work: the matter was diligently presented to the Savior by the entire Board of Directors and the workers, and waiting for the time and opportunity, as soon as the affairs of the community would show a means and a way for it. The Savior against all expectation opened the way since July, 1744. For Aug. 8th the cornerstone was laid.
The affair continued thus:

After some singing, a few remarks were made, some additional names added to list on paper to be put in cornerstone, then they marched in pairs from chapel to site of future house, and with the words "When the walls fall, which surround our people" - they stood around the cellar hole of the house. After appropriate remarks by Br. Boehler and some singing, cornerstone was laid. Single brethren, who are preparing to be warriors in the Lamb's battles, are to live here.

This choir, begun about 4 years ago in Pennsylvania, consisted of the following, who however eventually all entered married people's choir:

Anton Seiffert, at that time Elder of congregation, now Vicar General of the Moravian Bishop in America, and at the same time pastor and teacher of the local congregation.

Peter Böhler, at that time teacher and pastor of congregation; now Vicar General of Moravian bishops in America, also pastor and teacher of this congregation.

John Büner, once designated vice-Elder in Bethlehem, now pastor in negro congregation on St. Thomas, and

John Martin Mack, now ordained teacher of newly converted heathen congregation of Mahikans and Wompanos tribes in Chekomoko, Patgatgoch and Potatick.

At present choir consists of following 40 brethren:

2. John Gottlieb Pesold, Vice-Elder.
3. John Georg Hantsch, a member of Pennsylvania group.
5. Leonhard Schnell, ordained country pastor and to serve single brethren.
7. Joseph Müller, destined heathen messenger.
8. Georg Schneider, fisher (Luc. 5:10) in Pennsylvania.
10. Michael Schnall, destined heathen messenger.
12. David Zeisberger, destined heathen messenger.
15. Christoph Heyne, assistant in boys' boarding school, Nazareth.

These were all sent from the European congregations.

The following were gathered from this part of the world:
17. Abraham Böhniger from Purisburg, South Carolina, pastor and destined heathen messenger.
19. John Josephus from Oley, destined heathen messenger.
22. Peter Bertholet from Oley (obit. mense Sept. h.a.)
23. Jacob Adolph from Tulpehocken.
24. Ludwig Hübner from Oley.
25. Mattheus Hoffman from Oley.
27. Samuel Mau from Oley.
28. Friedrich Schauss from Macungie.
29. Peter Petersen from Long Island.
30. John Garrison from Staten Island.
31. Benjamin, an Indian from New England, of Wampnoco tribe.
32. John Tanneberger from Germantown.
33. Peter Lehnert from Philadelphia.
34. Friedrich Becker from Philadelphia.
37. Wilhelm Werner from Philadelphia.
38. Michael Ruch from Philadelphia.
40. Snowshoe (Schneeschuh) an unbaptised Indian.

Already 20 of these brethren in Bethlehem choir have entered married peoples' choir since Bethlehem was settled and the congregation set up.

**BETHLEHEM**

started and built up in March, 1741 by David Nitschmann, Bishop of Moravian Brethren. Named Bethlehem by dear brother and angel of Congregation, Nicolas Ludwig Zinzendorf of Philadelphia, when he arrived here Christmas Eve 1741, and only the one big house, which now is the Gemein house, was standing, on shore of big Lehigh.

The Brethren's Congregation was arranged in June 1742, and since then this rather small brethren's choir has grown in number and grace.

A blessing pronounced on house.

Meanwhile these names have been added to choir:

Ludwig Meimung.
John Bischoff
Nathaniel Michsch
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Peter Rice
Andreas Sensemann. obit.
Anton Peter Böler
Paulus Brizelius.

Already 2 of this choir are lying on the Hutberg:
John Müller from Leinbeck, New york, and
Georg Heidecker, who came from Europe, and died on his Plan as fisher in the Falkner Swamp.

After reading this article, Nathaniel Seidel, Elder, knelt on cornerstone to pray. Followed by prayer and lovefeast in which leaders of congregation joined, some very solid thoughts and speeches presented, many uplifting discourses, until the evening.

Then congregational Sabbath lovefeast.

The erection of house made such progress with all other work going on, that this institution was ready for occupancy by beginning of Decemeber, therefore, in about 16 weeks.

The moving in and consecration of house was set for Sunday, Dec. 6th. It was a Congregational Day. At its close, at 8 p.m., a lovefeast was given in its chapel for the choir. 2 Spangenbergers, Anton, 2 Huërs, Boelers, Adolph Meyer, Pyrleus, Reinke, Bischoff, Hagen, Miesch, and Father Mitschmann also were present. Among other discourses, one by Spangenberg.
After some music, singing of a cantata by Br. Neisser, composed by Br. Pyrleus, some hymns, a solo by Spangenberg, a closing hymn. Br. Nathaniel Seidel read how brethren were to be assigned to rooms. A total of 50 single brethren and several boys moved into house.

Dec. 7th the brethren were busy moving in. In evening dormitory consecrated by Br. Nath. Seidel.

II. Laying of Cornerstone and Consecration of second Single Brethren's House in Bethlehem in 1748.

1. History.

Cornerstone laying of this new house occurred in following manner on March 27th. All single brethren and large boys interviewed separately by pastors at 7 a.m. concerning purpose of cornerstone laying, each asked if he wished his name included on paper placed in stone. Then it was done.

In afternoon entire brethren's choir and large boys' choir gathered in our chapel, and after an address, in pairs, with music, marched to building site and surrounded it. The little brethren from boarding school were in middle, and around on outside of as many of other people of church.


Concerning entry and consecration of this house, the following was done: After a communion service Nov. 14, 1748, our choir solemnly
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proceeded. First, with music, we marched around our old house three times, and then to our new house, also marched around it three times. Then entered it where our dear Johannes awaited us in the chapel, welcoming us with several verses. But we still slept in our old house this night. On the 15th, everyone was busy with moving out and in, beds as well as other things. Brethren were also assigned their rooms. Dormitory was not all arranged, but we slept there. The evening of Nov. 16th was the actual celebration of the consecration of this our new house with a charming lovefeast. The chapel decorated by many candles, and the choir, almost 110 strong, sat around it. Some heartfelt verses sung by Br. Johannes, folleted by delightful discourses on building of house and on brethren's affairs here in country, and other matters. Some more singing, admission of two big boys, Martin Hirt and John Fr. Lesty into brethren's choir, so that now brethren's choir had increased to 72. After all services were completed, our beloved Johannes consecrated our dormitories, each brother standing by his own bed.

Names on Document Placed in Stone.

Joseph Spangenberg, at that time American General Elder.

Frederich Cammerhoff, co-Elder and co-Bishop.

Adolph Meyer, at that time Vice-Pilgrim, Elder and custodian of boarding school in Friedrichstown.

Martin Mack, Heathen Elder.

Heinrich Antes, Custodian and Building Director, and other congregational pastor in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Gnadenthal and Gnadenhütten.

Names of Single Brethren (present here):

1. Nathaniel Gottlieb Seidel, from Leibnau, Upperalausitz, Pilgrim Elder in America.

2. Gottlieb Fezold from Bischofswerde, Meissen, Elder of single brethren.
3. Johannes Krichson Westmann from Copenhagen, Denmark, custodian for single brethren and boys.

4. David Zeisberger from Zauchtel, Moravia, helper and servant in single brethren's choir.


8. Matthias Gottlieb Gottschalk, helper in single brethren's choir and country preacher.


11. Jacob Loesch from Tulpehokin, born in Schocharray in Albany.


13. Ludw. Hübner from Oley, born in Gellnhausen, messenger to the Quakers.


15. Peter Sachner from Mode-Creek, born in Upper-Ulm in Maynz Country, helper in Small Children's Boardingschool, Bethlehem.


17. Peter Braun from Lancaster, born in Creuznach, Palatinate, assistant pastor of single brethren and sick nurse.

18. Andreas, the negro from New York, born at Ippo in Africa, messenger to the negroes.

19. Johann Levering from Friedrichs-Town, destined to be Children's Brother.


22. Abraham Andreas from Friedrichstown.
25. Johannes Merk from Raffo, Lancaster County, born in Wallessel, Switzerland.
27. Martin Lik from Oley, born in Rundsfield, Neuwied Area.
30. Georg Huber from Warwick, Lancaster Co., born in Blankloch in Durlach District.
32. Gottlieb Robbins from Phila.
33. Phil. Transu from Macungie, born in Mutterstadt, Palatinate.
34. Wilh. Boehler from Warwick, born in Genheim, Palatinate.
35. Adam Schneider from Friedrichs-Town, born in Miertesbach, Sachenburg District.
36. Johannes Born from Schippach.
37. Valentin Hoyer from Warwick, born in Genheim, Palatinate.
38. Georg Schmidt from Lancaster, born in Kierchen, Kornberg.
40. Chr. Tannewald from Lancaster, born in Stockholm.
41. Jacob van der Mark, from Sohnes in New York.
42. Jacob Rudel from Mode-Creek, born in Dierdorf, in Runkel County on the Mesterreich.
43. Heirn. Müller from Mode-Creek, born in Freudenberg, Nassau-Siegen.
44. Georg Keiter from Phila. born in Pfastanhofen, Württemberg.
45. Valentin Führer from Reinbeck, born in Sopi.
46. Johannes Scheffler from Warwick, born in Niederbrunn, Elsace.

47. Andr. Bez from Lancaster, born in Ittingen, Palatinate.


49. Johannes Beroh from Creuta-Creek, born in Oppen, Palatinate.

50. Friedr. Ziegler from Lancaster, born in Riedeshofen.

51. Jacob Weiss from Lancaster, born in Grieben See, Switzerland.

52. Johann Wesel from Sarkenau, born in Germantown.

53. Jac. Kapp from Donnigall, born in Basel, Switzerland.

54. Hermanus Loesch from Tulpehokin.

55. Thomas the Negro from Long Island.


The names of the boys who were present at cornerstone laying of Single Brethren's House.


2. Timothy Horsefield, Vice-Custodian of big boys, born in Long Island.

3. Friedr. Antes, born in Friedrichstown.


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14. Johann Lesly from Mose-Creek.
15. Martin Hirt from Heidelberg.
16. Carridon, the Negro, from New York.
19. Abr. Bless from Oley.
21. Loren Hartmann from Phila.
22. Friedr. Pfeiffer from Friedrichstown.

The Little Candidates for this House.

1. Abraham Meiming
2. Nathanael Mickach
4. Peter Rice
5. Sebastian, the Negro
6. Joh. Schaab
7. Dav. Beck
8. Anton Bonner
9. Johann Macke
10. Joseph Otto
11. Abr. Hessler
12. Sam Mixdorff
13. Adolph Jorda
14. Abr. Leinbach
15. Gotth. Anders
16. James Noble
17. Joh. Bruce
18. Gottl. Sensemann
19. Sam Utley
20. Fr. Boehner
21. Ant. Hagen
22. Elias Klox
23. Thomas, the Indian
24. Own, the Negro
25. Johann Arding
26. Benjamin Leinbach
27. Dav. Mickach
28. Johann Biefel
29. Joach. Sensemann
30. Nath. Vetter
31. Gottlikb Mack
32. Gottfr. Grabs
33. Ludw. Fr. Cammerhoff

b. A song by Br. Cammerhoff.
REGULAR DIARY, SINGLE BRETHREN.

Immediately upon blessed settlement of Bethlehem congregation and building of our huts of peace there were plans for a Single Brethren's Choir. Since not only various members of the European Choir were here since the year 1739, and in June 1742, 20 joined them from the first Sea Congregation; but also shortly single men arrived to join them from near and far, who deemed to find the salvation of their souls nearer and easier in the congregation; whom the Savior also permits to prosper among his people; so that this choir already has reached the number of about 50.

According to the Plan of single choirs in our European congregations, it was also considered during presence of our precious Brother Ludwig to have as much of a separation of sexes as possible in our communist affair, and decided on erection of a special single Brethren's Institution, also a site selected and marked off for this July 7th, 1742.

(Then follows what I have already translated from program of procedure.)

On Dec. 7th, 1744, the pastors of choir held a conference concerning the arrangement and order of house.

1. It was decided, that a proper diary should be kept from the time on of moving into this house, and all notable events, outer and inner, be regularly recorded. Br. Neisser was given the task.

2. There is to be an overseer appointed for each room, to diligently look after the set up rules and arrangements.

3. There is to be punctual obedience to all regulations by all the brethren, towards the worker or several other brethren, who are
employed in the service and supervision of this institution.

The following points were decided upon at this time, which as a whole were considered necessary for the regulation and arrangements of the institution and must be watched over by the overseers of it.

a. After the customary quarter hour service, all the brethren must go to bed unless they have some important reason for staying up longer.

b. Although no slovenly work (Opus operatum) in public meeting and church services is to take place among us; even less are we to compel the brethren and others who may be staying in the institution, to attend all our church services; yet it is to be a grace for them that they may have so many opportunities for broadening and uplift with the congregation, and according to the situations and the persons it will be endeavored, that no one remains away from the services without a good reason.

c. The brethren are all to get up in the morning when the first bell is rung, and gather in the large room between the first and second ringing; and after the second ringing go to the chapel together for morning prayers.

d. The cleanliness and natural neatness in and around the house, especially in the rooms, must be observed most punctiliously.

e. Lights and fires must be used carefully and with order and economy.

f. During all church gatherings there must always be a staid, trustworthy brother remaining in the house; and interchangeably. Each time the room overseers will appoint the brothers to this duty from room to room.
g. No lone brother, or several, are to remain in an unlighted room, and if all leave, the last one to go must put out the light.

h. No brother may leave the plantation without the knowledge or consent of a pastor, and the brothers must give notice and get permission at the proper place.

i. The brothers may not lie down on the benches in the rooms in evenings to sleep: and if there are any who have nothing planned to occupy themselves, they are to be given something to do that will keep them awake.

k. The brethren are not allowed to smoke in the rooms.

l. When the brothers need clothing or other things, they must let the room overseer know about it in good time; and these also must watch, that nothing disappears, and whatever clothing needs repair, gets to/darning shop in good time.

4. Br. Pezold is to look after the dormitory.

5. Br. Schnall is the sacristan of the institution: Br. Henke is made his assistant.

6. Every week there is to be a conference for the room overseers: at which time it will be decided what rules are to be introduced as a result of happenings. By rule it is to take place every Thursday.

David Zeisberger went to Tulpohokken today to Justice Conrad Weiser in connection with an inheritance. Most of the brethren were busy today putting their things in order, and made everything as comfortable in their rooms as was necessary for the present time. The dormitory was also arranged, and all the bedding moved in. And because the dormitory was just about ready today, the usual quarter-hour service before retiring was held there. Br.
Seidel was the speaker. Special advice to those not yet free from earthly lusts.

Dec. 8th.
1. Levering, who had been on business of his own on the Schulkill, returned today.
2. Our dear little brother, Anton Peter Böler, blessedly departed to the Lamb today.
3. Kaske drove to Philadelphia with the Spangenberg.
4. Br. Pezold conducted the first quarter-hour service in our chapel.

Dec. 9th.
1. Today, burial service for Anton on our Hutberg. A very respectable act, services before and after interment, with memorabilia, and verses composed by other boys in his choir.
2. In the evening a conference with room overseers was held, at which decisions of Dec. 7th were discussed and with them and explained regarding house regulations, and they were given copies to acquaint brethren with them for the time being, until there would be a public announcement made at an appointed time.
3. Brother Seidel conducted ½ hr.

Dec. 10th.
1. In the evening there was a general lovefeast in the big room for the choir. At this the statutes of Dec. 7th were publicly presented to the choir and explained. Br. Schnall was given Br. Hencke as assistant in his sachristian service, and to latter his office made very important,
before the public lovefeast. The Brn. Anton and Böhler were also present.

Dec. 11th.
1. Heyl went on private business to Falkner Swamp. Neisser conducted the ¼ hr.

Dec. 12th.
1. During the regular congregational Sabbath lovefeast, the cantata composed for consecration of Single Brethren’s House, Dec. 6th, Cantata Mutatis Mutandis was musically sung by Pyreus.
2. Neisser & Schnall went on a visit to Nazareth, took Harding along, and stayed there till Sunday afternoon.
3. Br. Petersen had a lovefeast for his room company in the afternoon.
4. Br. Seidel conducted the Quarter Hour. For first time it was accompanied by music.
5. Br. Hantsch had a very blessed night watch with his company.

Dec. 13th.
1. Brother Kaske again returned from Philadelphia with the wagon.
2. A young single fellow, Philipp Transu, also came from Macungie, of French extraction, to remain here.

Dec. 15th
1. Little Michael Schafer unexpectedly went to the Savior after several days' illness, as brethren present sang for him.
2. At the same time Br. Zurlos baptized the son of Br. Schauss across the river. Br. Weisser and Pezold from our choir, latter as godfather, were present.
3. Br. Jacob Adolph was sent to Tolbehocken to let little Schafer's parent know of his death.

4. Heyl again returned from Falkner Swamp.

5. Nicholas Schäfer was today admitted into the company for the first time.


Dec. 16th.

1. Harding was told today by House Conference to go away to some other order, because his behavior up to this time had been very insolent, at any rate one would take the old former measures.

2. Our sick brethren: Lischar, Schnall, Johann Garson, and Schneeschu entered sickroom today in our house.

Dec. 17th.

1. David Zeisberger returned from his errand to Tulpehocken and Falkner Swamp.


3. At 4 o'clock our little Michael Schafer was buried. Br. Boehler held interesting on child's sincere life, beforehand in chapel to congregation.

4. In the evening after a private 1/4 hr. service the room overseers and pastors held a house conference in which the following took place:

   1.) Inexperienced persons were not to make fires, overseers to see that a proper person is appointed.

   2.) Because up to this time in building fires, the long pieces of wood endangered persons by flames coming out of stoves, it is necessary to prepare short pieces of wood for fuel, according to length of stove, and several special brethren are to be
3.) The ashes also must diligently be removed from the stoves.

4.) Tomorrow Father Nitschmann will move into our house.

5.) The overseers are to decide on their private affairs among themselves, when something happens, without the assistance and knowledge of the room companies under their care.

6.) The overseers are principally to see to it that their charges do not mix into affairs in other rooms, or even to enrol with another overseer.

7.) They must become well acquainted, inwardly as well as outwardly, with the brethren under them, so that they can deal wisely with their needs, and treat them according to their circumstances.

8.) If they discover any confusion and erring among their brethren, let the pastors know about it immediately and not let things continue thus.

9.) Provisions must be made that in each vestibule every night a lamp is burning.

5. When Brother had returned from his visit to Philadelphia today, he visited our house, and inspected all the rooms, one convenient for lodging strangers, who soon may often be expected here on visits, to be selected. He found No. 1 the most convenient for this. As a consequence the brethren assigned to this room for the present immediately were apportioned into other rooms until the departure of the strangers. The strangers who had arrived, 5 in number, also moved in today.

7. Jacob Adolph again returned from his errand to Tulpehocken today.

Dec. 18th
1. Father Nitschmann moved into our house today.

Dec. 19th
1. Brother Spangenberg today held our regular ¼ hr. very smoothly with music.
2. The heathen messenger had the night watch preceded by a lovefeast; at which time the music Board also were present. Br. Spangenberg announced the litany to be sung tomorrow. There was a special feeling of grace in it.

Dec. 20th
1. At the congregational Council Harding was placed in charge of Br. Jacob Adolph.
2. Single Brethren were assigned to sit on the benches farthest back.
3. Friedrich Schauss was today injured by a horse in stable.
4. The workers had a conference at the close of the day. Joh. Graf and Philipp Transu were accepted as visitors. Special notice was taken of fact, that the death of little Mich. Schaefer had a blessed influence on the hearts of his bigger brothers. In connection with the recent journey of Levering there was a discussion regarding the journeying of the brethren into rural sections as to ways of guarding against future harm to souls, or whether under pressing need it could be omitted. In regard to light discourse it was remembered: that weak-minded people, from lack of light and knowledge, could as yet not bear some things.
To give no cause for stumbling to man servants and unnecessary descriptions of the geniuses of this land, and entirely avoid all conversations of such a nature.
Dec. 21.
1. The heathen messengers began to eat at a separate table, so that in engaging in a table discourse they might practice the Maquaash language.
2. Benjamin the Indian was injured today in the work at the oil mill, and smashed a joint on a finger.
3. Mother Spangenberg visited our single Brethren's House before dinner; and because she noticed the lack of things in all directions; she this time presented us with some new tablecloths.

Dec. 23.
1. Levering, for reason of his birthday yesterday, had a lovefeast for his room company. The brothers present discussed the various ways in which the Savior had brought them to the congregation. All the workers of the choir were present.

Dec. 24.
1. There was a blessed Christmas Eve Vigil. Brother Neisser's Cantata composed for the occasion was sung.

Dec. 25.
Today the rooms of the choir had their house conference.
1.) First the running back and forth of several brethren into other rooms was discussed.
2.) The brothers who are to oversee the rooms are as follows: In No. 1 is Brother Christian Werner. In No. 2 is George Schneider. In No. 3, George Ender; in No. 4, Mathes Wutcke; in No. 5, Joseph Miller; in No. 6, Pezold.
3.) Decided, that when a brother begins to ail, the room overseer is to let Brother Petzold know of it immediately, so that one can prevent serious illness right away, and find out what is its cause.

4.) Br. George Schneider was appointed, to sweep the entries and stairs, and to keep everything orderly and clean.

5.) The light on the stairs and in dormitory must be lighted at proper time, as soon as it begins to get dark, and not burn beyond the necessary time, -- it is the sacristan’s business.

*6.) There must be hand basins for washing ordered for each room.

7.) Because the house watch often comes during the time of church services, it is to be taken care of during the early and evening service by the brethren who have the hours.

8.) The appointment of the watch, of the brethren selected for it must not occur in the presence of the other brethren.

Dec. 26

1. This evening room company No. 3 had a lovefeast given by Br. Ender. All enjoyed it.

2. Döling arrived from Philadelphia, to remain here assigned.

3. To Brother Hantsch were the 2 boys Christoph and Christian Demuth and little Friedrich Kliom, in Room No. 6, under his supervision.

4. Philipp Transu went to fetch his things.

5. A single person named Funcke came from Germantown to visit here, his soul was much blessed here, and he would have liked to stay.
Dec. 27. 

1. Brother Neisser went to Macungie today to preach.
2. Philipp Transue returned with his possessions.
3. At Congregational Council the night watch of the Single Brethren in their house was determined and planned. The brethren who were to do this were immediately appointed.
   - Seidel.
   - Petzold.
   - Orter.
   - Josephus.
   - Zahn.
   - Company watch.
4. Brother Hancke came to live in the Single Brethren's House today, and was assigned to No. 3.
5. Brother Nathanael Seidel had today's watch, his closest friends had a lovefeast with him after the Visitor's Conference. Brother Huber also was there, who had the night watch in the Congregational Hall. At the Workers' Conference it was decided on the visiting this week. We were together much worried until 2 o'clock. Finally they went and sang 2 stanzas before the Spangenberg's door, and before that of the strangers in No. 1.

Dec. 28. 

1. Today the single person Funcke again left for Germantown.
2. Our Harding was bathed today in the mill ditch.

Dec. 29. 

1. Bruder Petzold and Nicolaus Schäfer both burnt their faces this evening while cooking a beverage, but the Savior prevented all injury to their eyes, which could easily have happened, and they might have been injured in other ways.
2. Brother Nathanael had an especially blessed gathering with the new Brethren today, all of them being together, they reminded themselves of the 11 disciples of the Savior, when the Savior appeared in their midst with locked doors and brought them peace.

3. This evening after the half hour Brother Peter Petersen held a lovefeast for his room company. The Brethren Anton Seidel, Neisser, Hantsch were also present. The brethren related how they had come to the congregation, and how often in confusion and planning to leave again, yet were held fast by grace so that it would have been impossible, to tear themselves loose, one for they rejoiced in their calling and election to grace.

4. A very thorough interview was held today with Döling regarding the sinful condition of his heart.

Dec. 30. 8

1. Johann Bürstler arrived from Oley for a visit, and asked to be allowed to stay here.

Dec. 31. 24

1. Today Brother Baus came from Falkner Swamp with his entire Single Brethren's Choir for a visit.

2. Hermanus Lösch and Weiser's son of Tolpehockin came here for a visit.

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Jan. 1 8

1. Our choir honored first wound of Jesus today. At the close of the day a lovefeast was held, also attended by single brethren from Swamp. Verses composed by several brethren were read, The Brethren Joseph, Anton, Böhler, Huber, and Adolph Meyer were also present. Brother
Nathanel spoke on purpose of this day. Brother Joseph then spoke on how to overcome one's desires, that all should follow way of New Testament.

2.

Jan. 2.

1. Today Brother Schneeschu was baptized during last service, and given the name Joseph. The sponsors were the Brethren Seidel, Petzold, Neisser, Hantsch, Schnall, Kaske, Wutcke and Abraham. Brother Böhler baptized him.

2. After our ½ hour the sponsors of our baptized Brother Joseph had a love feast with him, and at the close Brother Seidel composed some verses suitable to each one.

3. Brother Seidel had a talk with Ludwig Hübner on the state of his heart, and found him pretty bad, but from that hour on he felt very repentant and tearful.

Jan. 3.


2. Peter Müller again left today with the remaining Germantown people. Br. Anton and some other brothers spoke with him before that and referred to his former feelings, and the proof of grace upon him.

3. In church council single brethren designated, who soon were to go beyond Blue Mountains to fell wood.

4. This noon the single brethren of Swamp held a love feast for our choir. It was blessed. Brethren Joseph and Anton also were present. David Zeisberger's journey to Frieholl was announced to him. Br. Joseph recounted many uplifting matters for our choir, closing with some
verses, and Br. Nathanael concluded the lovefeast, and brethren felt the blessed nearness of our Head.

5. Heinrich Frey and Friedrich Kleppert asked for permission to come and stay in Bethlehem, and they were allowed to do it.

6. The workers of the choir had a lovefeast in the evening, the Brn. Anton and Hagen also being present, after which much also was discussed concerning the arrangement of the choir, and considered various outstanding conditions of the brethren.

7. Today the still present single persons were separately interviewed, there being much concern about their hearts.

8. Hermanus Lösch and Weiser's son returned home, greatly moved in heart.

9. Our Martin Lick much worried in heart, work of grace going on.

Jan. 4. D

1. The Brethren Christoph, Baus, Klappert, and Frey returned home, the 2 last named, who had begged to come to Bethlehem to stay, were told to let their hearts decide. Klappert wrote a letter to the congregation about it, and Frey on account of situation of his majority, in which the congregation does not want to mix, or give him advice, he has to decide it with his father.

Jan. 5. F

1. The brethren are not to throw the sweepings into the ashes, and are to wipe their feet in front of the housedoor, and not in front of the fireplaces.

4. All the strangers who come here, must be told, that our house is not a place of staying and leaving for strangers, much less may our house be used for smoking tobacco. Brother Schnall, as sacristan has the duty,
to let them know.

5. Because various room overseers are soon leaving, others must be appointed for the present. The ones to leave are Christian Werner in No. 5, in No. 4 Daniel Osterlein.

*6. At each house door a few irons for cleaning shoes are to be placed on the right side.

7. The brethren must be informed to remove their hats at lovefeasts, and before services, according to the custom of our congregation.

8. When brothers come to rooms, where they see that they are locked or bolted, as for parties or special discussions, they are not to knock as vehemently as has often occurred until now.

9. The single brethren, because in the future their laundry is to be done with that of the married brethren, must have their things all marked, and each one will be given a number for this purpose which he must have sewed on his laundry. In consequence each one was given a number which with his name was to be written on his laundry.

Jan. 6

1. This evening the brethren connected with affairs of the heathen had a lovefeast around supper time, those present from our choir being: Seidel, Petzold, Hantsch, Zeisberger, Buninger, Josephus, Schmahl, Jos. Miller, Neisser, Orter as musician. A cantata, composed for today's festival was sung. Much was discussed concerning the Heathen Plan, and the members were counted who already had worked among the Indians. We reminded ourselves of the footmarks of our first members who had been in Wyjomick, Schomokin and Otstonwakin. Br. Ludwig's 2 songs about this journey were read. Afterwards Br. David Zeisberger, who is to start his
journey tomorrow to Friehold and to the Maqua country, with Posts, had the plan of his journey clearly explained to him and given plenty of instruction concerning their stay and return, and the blessing of the congregation bestowed upon them.

2. This evening after the ¼ hour several brethren had a very hearty gathering. Brothers Joseph and Anton were also there. We stayed until 1 o'clock. Various matters concerning future plans of the Brethren were discussed.

Jan. 7

1. Early before break of day those Brethren who are to leave for Blue Mountains had a lovefeast. Brother Joseph and the workers of our choir were also present. Brother Hantsch, Jr. was placed in charge, and they were given instructions as to where they were to stay and their livelihood. Altogether there were 14 single brethren, and they departed happily and joyfully.

2. At noon Br. David Zeisberger and Posts were started for Freehold. A lovefeast was held before that in the conference room, at which the Indian brethren were also present. They departed with the blessing of the congregation, placed into grace, very happy and humbly at 1 o'clock. Brother Nathanael accompanied them as far as our plantation.

Jan. 8

1. This evening Brother Joh. Tanneberger, who had gone beyond the Blue Mountains with our brethren yesterday, returned again. He had left them ¼ miles from the place where they expect to go: and he brought us news that they would not get to that place until noon today on account of the high water.
Jan. 10. 

1. Today two single brethren came from New York with Br. Garrison for a visit; named Abraham Florentin and Johann Hopsen.

2. The still present workers of our choir prepared a lovefeast for the brethren's visit. They discussed how to help people concerned about their souls. The only ones present were Nathanael, Petzold, Neisser, Schnall -- the others were with the brothers beyond the Blue Mountains.

Jan. 11. 

1. Today around noon, the Brn. Anton and Nathanael started out to visit the single brethren beyond the Blue Mountains.

2. Today also the little Werner, our Wilhelm Werner's brother, left for Philadelphia.

Jan. 12. 

1. Today Brother Schnall went to Macungie to preach, and to baptize two children, and returned today.

2. This evening the Brn. Anthon and Nathanael returned from their visit to the single brethren beyond the Blue Mountains. They reported that the brethren were very happy in their work, regardless of their uncomfortable living conditions, and that they had settled themselves according to congregational ways. They kept up their hours and night watches among themselves as here, they sent the message to the brethren in Bethlehem wishing them to be as happy as they were up in the wilderness.
Jan. 13.

1. Brother Neisser and Brother Joseph and the English brethren from New York and Staten Island went to Nazareth today. They took the brethren around a bit on the land and pointed out to them where a town would be built in the future, and came back in the evening.

2. This evening house conference took place after the 1/2 hour. Br. Anton was also present. The following came up:
   1.) Brother Schnall today moved into Room No. 3 with his weaving chair.
   2.) Because a change has occurred in this room, it was found necessary to lodge several brethren in other rooms.
   3.) The up to this time assistant of the sacristan Hancke has left. His place must be filled. Br. Orter was unanimously appointed to it by the conference members. He is willing to do it.

Jan. 15.

1. Today Br. Petzold went to visit the brethren beyond the Blue Mountains.

2. Friedrich Klappert arrived from Falkner Swamp with a testimonial from Heinrich Antes, to remain here.

3. Little Wilhelm Okly came to stay here.

Jan. 16.

1. Brother Christian Fröhlich was sent to our brethren beyond the Blue Mountains, to bring them some of the lovefeast that the New York brethren had given for the whole congregation.

2. In the evening Brother Petzold returned, confirming the well being of our brethren there.

Jan. 17.

1. In church the night watch was decided as follows: Orter. Neisser.
2. Bruder Christian Frohlich returned from the Blue Mountains, and at an English lovefeast given by Brother Noble, gave us very gladdening news about our brethren there. Br. Kaske and Br. Hantsch each wrote a letter, the first, that Suriname always stayed in his mind; the latter that they were all living happily and blissfully together. Br. A. Böninger and Josephus had gone up higher to visit some savages who had come to see them since they were there, and had been very friendly. They also expressed their gratitude for the lovefeast sent them by the congregation.

3. Brother Höyl went to Philadelphia to straighten his inheritance matters.

Jan. 18.

1. Today the two New York single brethren Joh. Hopson and Abraham Florentin left here, much possessed by grace with the remaining brethren.

Jan. 20.

1. Because Böling is much upset in his heart, and therefore he does not benefit by the hourly prayers, Br. Nathanael interviewed him, and advised him to stay away, which he was willing to do.

Jan. 21.

1. This evening our dear brethren returned from their job in the Blue Mountains. They had chopped over 300 saw blocks into boards. A lovefeast had been planned for them before they arrived. The lovefeast was held in the conference room. The Brethren Nathanael, Petzold, Neisser, Schnall, 2 Spangenbergs, 2 Hubers, Hagen and Father Mitschmann were also there. The brethren recounted various things about their blessed housekeeping there, and how they had become acquainted with several Indians who had
been friendly towards them. Brother Spangenberg reported to them what had occurred in the congregation during their absence, and finally all separated very happily and cordially.

Jan. 22. ♀

1. Willhelm Werner and Jungman both became sick today.
2. Old Father Gold moved into Father Nitschmann's room.

Jan. 23. ♂

1. In a house conference today the following matters were discussed:
   1.) The brethren are not to pour any water in front of the house doors.
   2.) In observation of natural cleanliness around our house, in future stricter watch must be kept that, as has sometimes already happened, the ground is trampled down.
   3.) In the future the single brethren are to use the toilet under the hill during daytime.
   4.) The ditch around the house at the back side of the house must be cleared and kept open.
   5.) For further cleanliness in the house a patch could be paved to the big house, on which two could walk abreast, because with the present muddy weather much mud is dragged into the house.
   *6.) Br. Ender will this week fasten boards in front of the hand basins.
   7.) The house furnishings, which belong to the brethren, shall at their departure from the choir, remain in the house and commune of the single brethren.
   8.) Levering will prepare a board for every room next week so that the sweepings can be carried away.
   9.) Brethren whose duties do not necessitate to enter the kitchen must stay out of it entirely.
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10.) Brother Orter will take over entirely all the fetching of water.

11.) Brother Werner will keep the house clean.

*12.) Brother Haucke will in the future sleep in the stable.

2. Transu went to Macungie to bring the rest of his things to Bethlehem.

3. Brother Pezold had night watch with his company today, the workers were all there. They were very much blessed together, very frankly discussed everything concerning their hearts and conduct.

Jan. 24. O

1. The night watch of the brethren for this week: O Hantach. D Wutcke. 

2. Br. Nathanael had very blessed meetings with his Brethren today. The 2 Schäfers were especially touched to tears, their hearts much impressed by the observance of the faithfulness and love of Jesus.

3. Brother Höyl returned from Philadelphia, and brought along Adam von Erd, who plans to remain with the congregation.

4. Döbling begged today to be taken back into the hourly prayer.

5. Brother Joseph spoke today with Brother Neisser regarding certain conditions.

6. The Brother Workers this evening arranged the visiting for this week: Okly, Hancke, and Adam von Erd for the first time were included in the visiting.

Jan. 25. D

1. In the general helpers' conference Adam von Erd was discussed, that he is to be observed for a while, how he would get along in the congregation, and how one might possibly feel about him, before he may
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have full permission to stay here, and meanwhile look upon him as a
visitor.

2. Brother Lischer today went to Heidelberg, as he would like to get his
affairs in order there.

3. Transu finally brought all his things from Macungie.

Jan. 26, O

1. Today Brother Nathanael felt somewhat unwell.

Jan. 27, O

1. Brother Nathanael still had a sore throat today.

Jan. 29, O

1. Brother Lischer returned from his trip to Heidelberg today.

2. Brother Mathes Hoffman had the night watch, a very blessed one for him, as
it was just a year since he had been re-accepted into the congregation.

Jan. 30, O

1. Brother Neisser with Brn. Anton and Böhler for the Sabbath Lovefeast
there, and returned again in the evening, reporting an enjoyable,
blessed time of the members with them.

2. In the evening after all the meetings, our choir also had a lovefeast.
Brother Mathes Hoffman provided it, because it was a year since he was
reinstated. Justice Conrad Weiser was also there. Also Brn. Joseph,
Anton, Böhler, Huber, Hagen, Christian Fröhlich. Senseman from the
married choir. Various things were related about the Indians; Justice
Weiser spoke with our Brethren in Maquaash to find out their progress.
We thought of our dear members, who for the first time had traveled as
Messengers among the Nations. At this time 2 hymns were read, and some of the Brethren were at the close of the lovefeast, very blessedly together until 1 o'clock.

3. Brother Nathanael also had a blessed night watch with his company.

Jan. 31. 

1. The night watch of the Brethren was assigned to the following for this week: O Christian Werner. J Kaske. S Heil. A Abraham.


2. The transference of Brother Neisser was today announced to the congregation in church council. Br. Orter was made his successor in secretarial work up till now.

3. The following matters were decided on in today's house conference:

1.) Brother will in the future, when it is necessary, wake the Brethren for the first bell, to get up, and see to it that this house regulation made for us will not be neglected.

2.) The room overseers, because they are anyhow to be regarded as workers by those under them, could occasionally when they have the Brethren together, have a cordial and open discussion with them; it might prove a blessing.

3.) The Indian brothers must be treated according to their ability and dealt with in a loving forward coming manner. Grace must place them into the form and behavior, which is proper for them as Brethren. This advice came for the reason of differences between Josephus the Indian and Petersen.
4.) Because there is lime on hand, and it must be used up soon,
before it spoils, all the rooms could be whitewashed anew.

5.) Bruder Lischer will go into the stable again tomorrow.

6.) The Brethren are not to spill so much water around the water
barrel when they dip it out.

7.) The ashes are to be taken out of all the stoves at the same
time and disposed of.

4. Hancke gave a lovefeast to his Philadelphia Brethren today. They
reminded one another of their saved condition and regretted their
former erring ways.

5. At noon a lovefeast was held for our heathen brethren in the conference
room. Those from our choir present were: Nathanael, Petzold, Neisser
Hantsch, Jos. Muller, Josephus, Schnall, A Büninger, Benjamin and Joseph.

FEBRUARY 1745

Feb. 1  D

1. Today the worker of the choir-visitors had a conference. Brn. Anton
and Böhler also were there, we were very happily together until after
12 o'clock and were happy over the work of grace we noticed among the
Brethren. Br. Kaske had night watch.

Feb. 4  D

1. The single brethren were decided on in the house conference, who are
to go to Gnادenthal next week to work.

2. Brother Nathanael had some interviews with several Brethren concerning
their heart's conditions.

3. Brother Rauch brought us letters and news from Brother David Zeisberger,
that without any hinderness on his journey he had reached Checomeko, and
from there left for Freehold January 21st.
4. Brother Neisser was given suggestion today, which he accepted in a modest manner.

Feb. 5 ᵉ
1. Joseph Müller was sent as messenger to Sackana and Macungie.
2. Brother Neisser notified the choir in a letter of his transfer to the Married People's Choir, asked for their loving remembrance, and asked, to be dismissed from the choir with a blessing.

Feb. 6 ᴵ
1. We were quiet, it was Sabbath.
2. During the night 2 sons of Br. Garrison, Sieyer and Benjamin, arrived and were lodged in our house.

Feb. 7 〇
1. In Church Council the night watches of Brethren came as follows:
   〇 Ender ᵈ Schnell  Zahn ᵈ Schnall  ᵄ Ort  ᵆ Jungmann
   ᴵ Company Watch.
2. The church began in the afternoon. Klappert and Graff wrote to the congregation to be received as members.
3. These were received: Casper Schäfer, Nicolaus Schäfer, Jacob Kinnerley, and Jacob Lösch, the interviews by the Brn. Nathanael and Gottlob with them on account of their reception was very blessed. Lösch shed tears.
4. Neisser, Kaske and Ender were by Elders through right hand of fellowship accepted into Fighter Class.
Feb. 8

1. Lampertus Garrison today was made an apprentice to Br. Böhringer in cobbler craft.

2. 12 single brethren all joyfully went to Gnadenhal to do farm work, namely Brother Kaske as overseer, Josephus, Jos, Adolph, Jos, Müller, Wuttke, Schnall, Ludwig Hübner, George Schneider, Becker, Caspar, and Nicolaus Schäfer, Mich. Ruch: for this time.

Feb. 10

1. Today Brother Nathanael went to Gnadenhal to interview the Brethren there on the approaching communion.

2. Augustin Neisser, brother of our George Neisser, came from Germantown with another person for a visit.

Feb. 11

1. Our dear Brother Nathanael again returned from Gnadenhal, found the brethren there blissfully happy.

2. Our Brother A. Buninger had a high fever and was quite ill, so that he was unconscious.

3. Our Brother Christian Werner came to several sick children, and they were placed in Room No. 3.

Feb. 13

1. A single person, Philipp Wersa, came from Old Kusche Huppe, to stay here. The Brethren in Falkner Schwamm sent along a letter, recommending him to the Brethren.

2. Brother Lösch went to Gnadenhal to remain there several days.

3. The Brethren all returned from Gnadenhal, well and happy.
4. Brn. Nathanael and Gottlieb interviewed Friedrich Becker and Joh. Tanneberger, whom the Savior permitted to go to communion tomorrow, their hearts very humble. A general calm and inner desire for communion prevailed.

_Feb. 14_ ☁

1. Our communion took place. Footwashing among Single Brethren had been divided into two classes, as the other choirs; also the 1/4 hour, conducted in our big room, this time 33 single Brethren participating in communion, some not permitted to attend, and 2 new ones, who had been consecrated for it by laying on of hands by their Elder, a blessed occasion in all.


_Feb. 15_ ☁

1. Brother Nathanael interviewed various Brethren, happily realizing care and faithfulness of Holy Spirit.

2. Br. Matheus Hoffman received permission to go along to Helper's Conference.

_Feb. 16_ ☁

1. Today entire Choir had a lovefeast on account of the departure for Europe of our beloved members, Anton, Böhlers, Prylaeus, several stanzas composed for them read. Afterwards bade farewell to each one with kiss of love in Church Chapel, tearfully, left immediately, the Brn. Joseph and Nathanael accompanying them as far as the river, both returning in evening.
2. Augustin Neisser, feeling that he belonged to congregation, returned to Germantown.

3. Brn. Hanoke and Tanneberger drove to Staten Island with the wagons.

4. Our Brethren went to Gnadenthal to split shingles. Br. Hantsch went along, and Brother Kaske remained at home, because he has to prepare himself for his journey to Suriname.

Feb. 17
1. We held visitors conference. Various matters were discussed, guidance of souls, how to deal with them, Philipp Wersa again attended.

Feb. 18
1. Brother Reinecke, who had been in Gnadenthal, brought report of Brethren's well being and happiness there. Br. Nathanael also interviewed several Brethren today, with joy. He also had a blessed conference with Brother Joseph on several matters.

Feb. 19
1. Early today Brother Schnell went to Sackana and Macungie to preach and visit, he had written to the Helper's Conference who approved, he plans to return Monday to Tuesday.

Feb. 20
1. Early in the day our Brethren came from Gnadenthal for the Sabbath.
2. Brother Hantsch celebrated his birthday, which had occurred yesterday. He held a lovefeast for the Gnadenthal Brethren at 4th in afternoon. Every felt blessed and happy, the Brethren declaring they enjoyed being in Gnadenthal. Br. Nathanael spoke of near coming of
Savior, Reading of stanzas, uplifting discussion.

3. Brn. Zahm and Öter made a mistake, laid a cloth on the stove, which was strongly fired, causing cloth to burn, and fall on the floor. But Brother Nathanael just then had a dream, as if he had been cut open, which frightened and awaked him. Then he noticed smoke, and when he came to big room, found the flaming cloth had already burned a hole in the floor. May the Savior be praised and adored for this great favor and faithfulness.

Feb. 21

1. In Church Council, night watch of single Brethren was thus arranged:

\[\text{Öter } \heartsuit \text{ Peter Lehner } \text{ Wutoke } \text{ Schnell } \text{ Düling } \text{ Zahm}\]

\( \text{Company Watch} \)

2. In the evening after the hourly prayer, the entire Choir had a lovefeast. The Brn. Joseph and Johannes Huber also attended, Brother Joseph speaking beautifully.

1.) Usefulness of Brethren.

2.) Explained our night watches, to consider welfare of everyone in congregation.

3.) That sleeping together in congregation important.

4.) Awake at night, be able to plan things ahead.

5.) Working together for Savior.

6.) Single Brethren free for use of Lamb.

7.) Read off the future arrangement of Brethren in companies:

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3. Today Brother Joseph Müller became ill.

Feb. 22)

1. This morning early our Brethren again left cheerfully for Gnadenthal.
   But Br. Müller had to remain here on account of his illness.

2. The Brn. Lischer and Schauss went of Philadelphia with the wagon.

3. Brother Schnell returned with Father Demuth this afternoon from his preaching and visiting.

4. In the evening Brother Nathanael talked with Benjamin, the Indian, found he was involved in some improper things, may the Savior help him.

5. Brother Müller was very sick today.

6. Graf said to Brother Nathanael, that he would like to visit his mother, he was not forbidden to do so.

Feb. 23

1. Early after breakfast Graf went to visit his mother, but returned in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, after having gone 46 miles, was taken sick on route, did not know how he felt, finally had to sit down on the
road. After lying down a while, almost unconscious, but when he came to his senses, decided to turn around, gradually felt better, so that one could see the Savior had helped him recover, we received him affectionately. He said that already this morning before he left, he had a feeling that he should not go, and that the Savior did not wish him to do so, but he went anyhow, and if we had advised him not to go, he would have been peeved, but now he could himself realize, that it was against the will of the Savior.

2. Brother Nathanael went to Gnadenhal to visit our Brethren there.

3. Today also our Brother A. Böninger again began to walk around in the room with a cane.

Feb. 24

1. Our Brother Joseph, the Indian, was taken very ill today.
2. Br. Daniel Österlein was put in Henoke's place to take care of Harding.
4. The Brn. Hanoke and Tannenberger returned from Staten Island with the wagons.

Feb. 25

1. Our dear Br. Seidel returned from Gnadenhal in the afternoon. Everyone there, well and happy.
2. Henry Vleck, Br. Noble's bookkeeper came from New York to stay here for a short visit and also brought the news, that our Brn. Zeisberger and Post had been taken to New York from the Maoquaa territory by soldiers and delivered to City Hall. But they were blissful and happy through it all.

Feb. 26

1. Some Checomesko Brethren arrived here at noon, among them a single person
1. After our Sabbath lovefeast our Br. Jac. Løsch had a lovefeast for the Brethren working in Gnadenhau. Spangenberg also were present. Right after it Br. Jacob Løsch was sent by the congregation with letters to Conf. Weisser.

2. The Brethren also realized that the Savior had given us very proper texts, which just suited the Brethren captives in New York, from which one can see, that He alone reigns, and nothing happens by chance.

3. Jacob Kummerle was today confined to bed with a high fever.

4. Br. Seidel conducted a blessing on newly arranged companies, Brethren pledging themselves to act unanimously leaving everything to the Lamb.

5. The workers conducted night watch, after a cordial lovefeast. Joseph and Maria also were there. Various workers' matters discussed, including need of calling in some new workers, to replace those who have left.
March 1745

Mar. 1
1. Early this morning several Brethren returned to their work at Gnadenthal.
2. Henrich Vleck also returned to New York. He assured us that he was happy and appreciated it very much, to have been able to visit the congregation.

Mar. 3
1. In the evening Br. Joseph spoke with Geo. Schneider concerning his Plan to go to Alle Mangel.

Mar. 4
1. Br. Seidel spoke with Döling concerning his condition and found him in quite a Labyrinth.
2. Geo. Schneider, very lively and happy, went to his Plan at Alle Mangel
3. Br. Kümmerle was very ill today, his head was very hot.
4. Br. Abraham Buninger left the sickroom today after his severe illness.
5. In the Helpers Conference the following Brethren chosen to attend Synod at Falkner Swamp.

Mar. 5
2. In the House Conference it was decided that the Brethren working in Gnadenthal should remain at home the following week, because many of them would go to the conference.
3. During the evening 1/4 hour our Brethren joyfully returned from Gnadenthal.
4. It was decided how the Brethren should travel to Synod.
Mar. 6

1. We held a house conference in the forenoon, during which the following occurred:

1.) Because Geo. Schneider is away, Ludwig Hübner is to be overseer in the tailoring room until he returns.
2.) Matth. Tofmann is to take Joseph Müller's place for the present.
3.) Lischert is to take Schnell's place in the weaving room as overseer.
4.) The watches were also decided, as they are to be in the following week.
5.) Br. Henke is to be Sachristan in Br. Schnell's place and look after the water and sweeping of the house.
6.) Br. Witke is to be House Father for the present.

2. Today also our Br. Kummerle was very sick. Br. Seidel had to go to him during the night. Some hearty verses were sung for him. Today was a very blessed Sabbath. Everybody felt blissful.

3. Br. Seidel held a very blessed 1/4 hour in the evening.
4. In the evening the Workers held a soul's conference.

Mar. 7

1. Our night watches were planned in the church council.
2. In the forenoon Br. Seidel had a conference with the sachristans of the parties traveling to the Synod, discussing the route and other circumstances.
4. In the afternoon Br. Joseph spoke separately to each traveling party.
5. Br. Joseph conducted the evening 1/4 hour very blessedly.
6. Br. Seidel spoke with Dülbing concerning his condition, found he was very much afraid, but not in the proper manner.

Mar. 8

1. Early in the morning Br. Seidel started off with his party, namely, Joseph, Maria, Reinke to the Synod.
2. In the afternoon Br. Kaschke also left with his party, namely, Benjamin, Joseph, Bartholomäus, Josephus & Schnall. Beforehand they had a small lovefeast together.
3. Br. Adam von Erd was meanwhile put in Br. Zahn's place with the little boys, until he returns from Synod.
4. Br. Lisochert today moved into the weaving room in Brother Schnell's place as overseer.

Mar. 9

1. Br. Schnell left early to day with his party for Synod.
2. Right after the Brethren had left, Br. Pezold went to the sick Br. Kümmerle, who said he was going to the Savior today. Asked Br. Pezold to sing for him, could see he was happy to go. Br. Pezold had Br. Huber summoned, and he also sang. The invalid seemed much stronger.
3. In the evening, Br. Pezold conducted meeting of Br. Raschke's company.

Mar. 10

1. It could be seen that end was near for sick Brother. Br. Huber sang a few verses for him, much appreciated. About 2 hours before his decease, he was first asked if he were quite happy in his heart, and he said he was. 2ndly, wether he had anything further to say, but he said he knew of nothing else. During singing of some stanzes, he fell asleep.
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2. This evening Br. Witke conducted our 1/4 hour.

Mar. 11 ×

1. Br. Pezold conducted meetings for the Brn. Seidel and Hantsche’s companies. Everybody was impressed by Jacob Kämmerle’s happy death.

Mar. 12 ⊗

1. There was a quiet blessed interment for the departed Br. Jacob Kämmerle at noon.

2. In the evening 4 of our Brethren, namely, Schnall, Benjamin, Joseph and Bartholomäus returned from Synod.

Mar. 13 ⊗

1. In the morning a party of our Brethren returned from Synod and gave us pleasure with their accounts.

2. The remaining Brethren returned from Synod at noon.

3. A very quiet blessed Sabbath.

Mar. 14 ⊗

1. Our night watch appointed at church council.


3. At noon Br. Huber held a lovefeast for the workers, the theme being, loving one another.

4. Br. Martin Mack arrived from Cheoomeko, bringing along son of Christian Führer, who wished to stay here if he would be permitted to do so.


6. In the evening our beloved Nathanael returned with his party from Synod.
7. In the evening while Br. Mack was visiting in our house Br. Josephus held a lovefeast for all workers. Br. Pezold also interviewed Michel Ruch, who finally showed some feelings for the first time.


9. After the Workers, a conference on many choir matters.

Mar. 15

1. Br. Hanke became very ill this morning.

2. In afternoon, Br. Pezold had lovefeast for all Brethren who had been ill. Br. Müller had composed some verses of thanks for Br. Pezold.

3. This evening, Visitors' Conference. Valentin Führer allowed to take part, may remain here.

Mar. 16

1. Willhelm Antes came here to stay. A House Conference, at which the following was decided:

1.) The chests are to be removed to the attic from the rooms.

2.) Graff goes into tailor's room and Willhelm Antes into the leather graining room.

3.) A lantern has to be made for the house.

4.) Wersa remains in Br. Witke's room.

5.) Strangers will not be permitted to smoke tobacco in our house. Because many, when they come here, make a practice of it.

6.) Geo. Schneider given duty, to always keep gutter around house clean, so that water can flow off.

7.) Anyone who has to go to top floor in evening, must always carry a lantern, not an uncovered candle.
Mar. 18

1. Br. Hanitsch went to Gnadenhal to visit Samuel Man. He was well, and happier there than in Bethlehem.

2. Decided that Indian Br. Bartholomäus pf Shecomeko might remain here.


4. The single Brn. Workers a meeting in the evening.

Mar. 19


2. Willhelm Antes apprenticed to Br. Hüpner to learn leather trade.

Mar. 20

1. A quiet Sabbath, all Brethren interviewed.

2. In evening Br. Pezold had company watch with lovefeast. Br. Joseph and Maria also were there.

Mar. 21

1. Br. Joseph interviewed Brethren who are to go to Gnadenhal tomorrow.

2. Night watches selected in Church Council.

3. In the evening in sick room, Br. Hanoke unknowingly had stuck a burning sponge into his coat, which had burned a big hole. But it was soon discovered by the steam, so that a big calamity was avoided.


Mar. 22

1. Early in morning Brethren left for work at Gnadenhal.

2. Today at a lovefeast Br. Joseph talked with Br. Kaschke concerning his journey to Suriname, that he would leave for there tomorrow.
3. In evening, Br. Kaschke conducted our 1/4 hour, and afterwards held a farewell lovefeast for his dearest friends. Br. Nathanael and other Brethren presented appropriate verses.

Mar. 23  
1. Br. Kaschke started for Suriname. Br. Seidel went with him to New York to attend to necessary and important matters, and at same time to visit imprisoned Brethren.

Mar. 24  
1. The Brn. Lischert and Schaus went to New York.
2. Casper and Nicol. Schäfer came from Gnadenthal.

Mar. 25  
1. Early in morning Jac. Lösch, Nicol. and Casper Schäfer drove with wagon to Tulpshooken to fetch little trees.

Mar. 26  
1. A single man came from oly, a smith named Geo. Shaller, for a visit.
2. In evening Gnadenthal Brethren arrived here.
3. Father Gold very ill today, feared he would die.

Mar. 27  
1. Br. Joseph visited all rooms in house, all meetings held.
2. Samuel Heberlein of Ephrata came here on business. He lodged with us in Room No. 4, and meanwhile, the Brethren of room were lodged in the big room.
3. Br. Hanitsch conducted the evening 1/4 hour.

Mar. 28 0

1. In Church Council our night watch was decided.
2. Today Sam. Heberlein again left.
3. We had House Conferences during which occurred:
   1.) Because it is the rule, that the Brethren are to get up at first bell and meet in our big room, and go together to the hourly meetings/ this has been neglected and overseers are to see about it.
   2.) Because tobacco smoking has been introduced into some rooms, it is to be prohibited anew.
   3.) Br. Schnell is to fetch milk for entire house at Sister Payne's, Br. Werner his assistant. Then each brother who needs milk to get it from him, no one in future fetch it himself.
   4.) No one but room overseer to get necessary candles from sachristan.
   5.) Moreover, the overseers are to be more particular about the order and cleanliness in the house.
   6.) Br. Schnell is chiefly to see about order, and will be given free time to do reminding where he sees need.
4. Br. Joseph held very impressive Choir 1/4 hour. He also conducted our evening 1/4 hour. After 1/4 hour he interviewed Brethren who would have night watch this week. In the evening, Visitors' Conference.

Mar. 29 0

1. Early in morning Brethren leave for work in Gnadenthal. Benjamin, the Indian placed in sick room to be nursed. At noon, at 11, Church Council

Mar. 30


Mar. 31


April 1745

April 1

1. Jac. Lœsch, Mic. and Casper Schäffer returned from Tulpehocken, the Schäffers bringing along their bedding.

April 2

1. Gnadenthal Brethren returned in evening.

April 3

1. All the Brethren received into congregation, except Heil, came to evening prayers.

2. Br. Laur. Antes and the other Falkner Swamp members inspected our entire house.


April 4

1. Watches for week decided in Church Council.

2. Congregation Day, Brn. Adam von Erde, Willm, Okely, and Lampert Garri-
son wrote letters applying for membership, and Adam von Erde, Phil.
Transue and Friedr. Klapper were received into the congregation.


April 5

1. Early this morning Brethren returned to work at Gnadenthal. Br. Witke
went along to replace Br. Hanitsch. Abr. Buninger went along for first
time.


3. Br. Nathanael bade farewell to imprisoned Brethren in New York and to
those leaving for Europe, Anton, Boles, Brycius and the others, and
started for Bethlehem again.

4. The 3 Brethren Adam von Erde, Phil. Transue and Friedr. Klapper came
to evening prayer with us.


April 6

1. Illig, a Philadelphia boy, came here for a visit.

April 7

1. Br. Hanitsch left today for his Plan in Heydelberg, and Döling also
went there with Br. Joseph.

2. Br. Pezold interviewed the boy Illig, who declared he would like to
stay with congregation, could not get along in outside world.

3. Towards evening our dear Nathanael Seidel returned with Br. Rauch from
New York. Related to us much about our imprisoned Br. Zeisberger, who
is very happy.

4. Br. Pezold wrote to Communion Brethren in Gnadenthal, notifying them of
Bethlehem Communion for next Sunday.
5. In Helpers Conference, announced to Congregation that Br. Oerter was to be married.


**April 8**

1. Will'm Okely, ill, came back from Gnaden~tal, and was put in sickroom.

2.  

**April 9**

1. The Brn. returned from Gnaden~thal.

2. This evening old Father Gold joyfully died in Father Mitschmann's room, during singing of a verse.

**April 10**

1. This forenoon the communion Brethren were interviewed together in their rooms by Nathanael, Pezold, Huber, and Bishoff.

2. In evening after all meetings single Brethren, for the first time since they are in house went singing. First in a circle in front of house, then around in Bethlehem and up on Hutberg with music. A great impression made on newly arrived Brethren, who had not done this before.

**April 11**

1. Night watch for our house assigned.

2. Johannes Pürstter of Oly came to us for a visit.

3. A feeling of love among the Brethren.

4. Candidated at Communion lovefeast: Nicol. Schäfer, Casper Schäfer, Jacob Lüscher and Joseph, the Indian. 28 single Brethren partook of communion.

5. Samuel Man wrote note to Nathanael, expressing repentance.

**April 12**
April 12

3. Johannes Pfrößler put in physical and spiritual charge of Joseph Müller, and lodged in his room.
4. A single man, Shaller of Oly, who had recently visited here, came, had been permitted to come and see how he would like it here.

April 14

1. Brn. Pezold and Josephus via Gnadenthal went to Blue Mountains to interview man, who is to take our James Anders into his home.

April 15

Maundy Thursday

1. Johannes Graff, a single man, who has been staying here for a while, was advised to leave here again, also left in afternoon very sad in heart.
2. In evening very blessed lovefeast of congregation in memory of Jesus' sufferings. Br. Bishoff also sent some of lovefeast to Gnadenthal Brethren, letter to them telling purpose of lovefeast.

April 16

Good Friday

1. At noon, Br. Pezold returned from Blue Mountains. His expedition there successful. Man decided to fetch our James in 8 days. Brought along Br. Ludwig Häbner from Gnadenthal, ill, and he was immediately put in sickroom.
2. In afternoon, our dear Br. David Zeisberger arrived with his fellow prisoner Br. Post, to all our great heart's joy and happiness, from New York where he had been imprisoned 7 weeks. In evening Br. Nathanael washed his pilgrim feet for him.
3. In evening during song service our beloved Br. Joseph arrived with Düling from Heydelberg, also brought along Br. Stiefel from Falkner Swamp for a visit.

4. In evening Gnadenthal Brethren returned home.

April 17

1. This afternoon Br. Spangenberg had very earnest talk with Düling.

2. Interviews with many of our members.

3. Our little Segerius had a lovefeast for the little children.

4. In evening Br. Brownfield arrived from Georgia, and was lodged in Father Nitschman’s room in our house. He also brought a boy, John Edmunds, along, son of our English brother in London, who had been in the Whitefield Orphanage, he will keep him under his supervision for the time being.

5. This night Br. Nathanael had company watch.

April 18

1. House conference this evening. Following occurred:

1.) Room overseers to see to it, that Brethren do not go out in the evening without knowledge of overseer, or proper preparation, so that Brethren will always know where they are. One of the most weighty points, to which they must hold.

2.) Brn. Lischert and Hanke are not to leave the other Brethren down in the stable alone, and on the whole have anyone stay as little as possible in the stable on Sabbaths and Sundays.

3.) Going to the mill is to be entirely omitted on Sabbaths and Sundays.

4.) Sabbath and Sunday fishing strictly forbidden.
5.) The overseers should not for the Savior's sake be quiet, until they have seen all their Brethren go to the hourly services, and are to see to it that no one stays out without a good reason.

April 19  
1. The Brethren returned to work at Gnadenthal. Br. Witke stayed at home. Brothers Josephus and Geb. Schneider were given the oversight. Düling went along to work for first time, because in his present condition it is best thing for him.

2. Br. Hanitsch returned from his pilgrimage today.

3. In the evening our workers had a lovefeast. Br. Zahm was present.

4. Phil. Wesa had a profitable talk with Br. Pezold today.

April 20  
1. Br. Jungmann went to Oly to visit his sick father. Br. Hanitsch went to Gnadenthal, on his old post, to look after the Brethren there.

April 22  
1. Br. Nathanael went to Nazareth and Gnadenthal to visit Brethren.

April 23  
1. Schaler, the smith from Oly, again left, asking us to allow him to return, and live here. But right now we could not promise him that, but advised him to think over carefully what he should do.


3. Hanke and Daniel Österlein came to Helpers' Conference today for the first time.
5. Br. Schnall in Helpers' Conference was appointed Sachristan for strangers.

April 24

1. The company meetings held today, Brethren visited and interviewed.
2. Jungmann returned happily from visit with parents.

April 25

1. First Married People's Conference. All members received were present.
2. Br. Joseph conducted our choir 1/4 hour.
3. Br. Joseph interviewed Gnadenthal Brethren, decided it would be well to stay here a while because they miss so many meetings, being away.
4. In prayer hour of congregation, prayer on Br. Schnell's transfer to Married Choir.
5. After prayer hours our entire Choir had a lovefeast. Purpose was to decide on a Worker, several of our Workers having been transferred. Br. Joseph said each one should consider for himself who would be best. Then voting began, each one naming his choice, 3 to 4 getting the most votes, as Br. Joseph Müller, Michel Zahm, Joh. Josephus, David Zeisberger. Several other Brethren also were suggested, namely Jacob Adolph, George Schneider, Johann Lischert, Jungmann, Matthes Hofmann, Alex. Bühning. Blessed experience in the hearts of all Brethren.

April 26

1. Congregation Day--Valentin Führer, Philipp Wesa and Joh. Henx. Illig wrote to be accepted, and Willhelm Okely and Phil. Wesa were received into congregation. Br. Zeisberger and Johannes Josephus were accepted
as workers among single Brethren, and Benjamin and Joseph among the Indians, with the hand shake.

2. Visitors' Conference in the evening with lovefeast, when new workers were instructed about their visiting.

April 27
1. Today Br. Stiefel joyfully returned home.
2. In early morning Gnadenthal Brethren returned to work. David Zeisberger went along for the first time. Br. Schnall was assigned grazing of cows today. Br. Joseph interviewed him especially on this account.

April 28
1. Today the man came from Ble Mountains for James Anders. We sent him to Gnadenthal where he was at work to fetch him. He left Brethren very tearfully.

April 29
1. Today Br. Joseph returned from Gnadenthal, all Brethren there happy except Döling.
2. John Garrison went to Nazareth and Gnadenthal as messenger.

April 30
1. Our Brethren returned from Gnadenthal this evening.
MAY 1745

May 1
1. Interviews with Brethren, company meetings held.
3. Workers for Single Brethren, company watch with lovefeast, were together through night until morning, also held Visitors' Conference. Some new ones appointed.

May 2
2. In evening Br. Nathanael had a lovefeast for his friends, because he was to make a journey to Checomeko the following day. We together composed verses for Br. Hagen in Checomeko.

May 3
2. Br. Joseph, Maria, Pezold and Hanitsch accompanied them part of the way and sang a farewell stanza for them.
4. Br. Schnall went to Unadenthal to tend cattle there.

May 4
1. Br. Joseph spoke with Nicol. Schäfer, because his father wants one of the Brethren, whether he would not be willing to go and help him with his outside work. He asked to be allowed to stay in the congregation, which he was permitted to do.
2. At evening House Conference, following decided:

1.) That during every congregational meeting a reliable Brother should stay home.

2.) The attic above dormitory where clothes and chests are, Br. Hanitsch is to take in charge and is to see that everything is kept in order.

3.) Because oil is to be burned in all the rooms, Br. Müller is to get it and bring it to the rooms every evening.

4.) The Brn. Joseph and Bartholomæus were lodged in Room No. 5, and Jungmann and Josephus in No. 6.

May 5

1. This evening Br. Joseph return from Blue Mountains.

2. Started to furnish Little Boys' Boarding School. Br. Christiaan Werner came to them, with Br. Lehnert as assistant.

3. The workers for Single Brethren had lovefeast this evening.

May 6

1. Brethren of our Choir who are going to Philadelphia lovefeast this time, were announced at Helpers' Conference, Namely, Schnell, Orter, Abraham, Zeisberger, Josephus.


May 7

1. In early morning the Brethren Zeisberger, Josephus, Hofmann, Ljasch and Nicol. Schafer went beyond Blue Mountains to bring felled lumber there
down by water.

2. Br. Baug and Henr. Frey returned to Falknew Swamp with the wagon.

May 8

1. John Garrison, Levering and Henke upset canoe in very deep water on the Lehigh, but Savior saved them and helped them swim to shore.

May 9

1. Brethren returned from Blue Mountains and brought along most of lumber. Had lovefeast together, thanked Savior for protecting care through all dangers.

May 10

1. At noon Brn. Orter, Schnell, Dav. Zeisgerger and Josephus left for lovefeast in Philadelphia. Jacob Lösch and Tanneberger also went there with wagon.

May 11

1. Single Brethren went to Gnadenthal and began to clean new 50-acre plot of land.

May 12

1. Brn. Lischert and Schauss went to Gnadenthal to plow the new land.

May 15

1. A very blessed Sabbath, Brethren all thoroughly interviewed.

2. In evening Single Brethren's Choir went around Bethlehem with music.
May 16


May 18

1. Br. Joseph and Maria, also Josephus and Orter returned from Philadelphia.
2. Workers' Conference in evening.

May 19

2. House Conference in evening when following decided:
   1.) A barrel to be set at our door to be filled with water by water wagoner.
   2.) The gutter around our house to be paved, Br. Hanitsch to attend to it.
   3.) Nobody is to sit down outside the door in daytime.
3. In the evening Br. Schnell returned from his visit in Cohansy and Henr. Frey came from Falkner Swamp to stay here and was lodged in Room No. 5.

May 21

1. Br. Baus came from Falkner Swamp to stay here and was lodged in Room No. 2.
2. The Gnadenthal Brethren returned.
3. Br. Schnell had a small lovefeast for some of his friends because he moved from our dormitory this evening. Br. Mack was also present.

May 22

1. A very affectionate Sabbath.
2. Dav. Zeisberger returned from Philadelphia lovefeast by way of Tulpehock.
3. A single person named Graff came from Coshekoppe to visit here. He begged and longed much to be baptized.

4. Jungmann came along as an assistant for the little children in boarding school.

5. In evening in church services the 3 Brothers Schnell, Werner and Ortter were married. Br. Joseph spoke on married and single estate and purpose of this wedding.

6. Soon after that Single Brethren's Choir had a lovefeast, purpose to show importance of their choir and blessing of living together in one house in congregation.

7. Br. Josua arrived from Checomsko, brought letters from Br. Nathanael. He will return to us soon.

8. Br. Läsch lamented to Br. Hanitsch that things were not going according to the mind of the Savior among the Stable Brethren.

9. Many dear souls had a blessed lovefeast, lasting late into the night.

May 23

1. A single person Joh. Nicol. Walbert came from curiosity to have a look at the congregation, and was so taken ahold of by everything could hardly leave again. He stayed entire day, attended all the services.

2. It was Congregation Day. During it Abraham Graff was baptized by Br. Joseph, and received his name, Abraham. Among Single Brethren the sponsors were the Brn. Gottlieb, Hanitsch, Zeisberger, Josephus, Witke, Abraham, Zahm, Joseph Müller.

3. After the Litany Br. Joseph conducted the 1/4 hour.

4. The sponsors had a lovefeast with the baptized Abr. Graff.

5. The Workers' Company had their conference. The Brn. Baus, Burnside, and Henr. Frey again were taken into visiting.

6. The Brn. Gottlieb and Hanitsch talked with Br. Tanneberger concerning his
disobedience towards Brethren in stable very seriously. He wept and promised to do better. Likewise they also spoke with Br. Lischert that he would not be a stumbling block, but a joy, to the Brethren.

May 24

1. The Brethren who had been selected in Church Council yesterday, 25 in number, went to work in Gnadenhal.

2. Br. Abraham Graff returned home to his father. Beforehand several Workers held a small 1/4 hour with him and consigned him into Savior's care.


May 26

1. Brn. Baus and Burnside go to work at Gnadenthal.

May 27

1. The Boarding School Boys of Nazareth, who are going to Falkner Swamp, came here, and were lodged in our house for several days.

2. A single person, a Catholic, Peter Sohner came from Moden Creek to stay here.

May 28

1. Today the cobbler moved into our house into Room No. 4.

2. Br. Werner with the Little Boys' Boarding School moved out of our house into the Gemeinhaus.

3. The Brethren returned from their work in Gnadenhal and reported that they had planted 60 acres with Indian corn.
May 29

2. In evening about 20 Single Brethren enjoyed a lovefeast on his account. He told us much about Checomeko Brethren. Some verses rec'd in his honor.

May 30

2. Workers' Conference. Much discussed concerning Brethren's souls. Some new Brethren present.

May 31

1. Brethren returned to their work.

JUNE 1745

June 3

1. Br. Heyne went with several boys to boarding school in Falkner Swamp.

June 4

1. Our Brethren returned from Gnadenhal.
2. Today the top of the brandy still fell off, and the hot water spilled on little Warner, but the Savior preserved him much harm.

June 5

1. Br. Abraham Graff came from Coshehoppe to visit us.
3. Br. Baus for the first time attended the prayer hours.
4. Br. Nathanael had company watch. Maria also was there, and Henr. Frey for the first time.

June 6

1. Entire Brethren’s Choir, a lovefeast. Purpose, the lodging of Brethren in different rooms, that Big Boys would in future have their 1/4 hour for themselves on Sunday, and would also live together in one room in our house, under supervision of Brn. Zahm and Huber.

2. House arrangement read to Brethren anew, emphasized. Dear Maria also present, pleased over growth of Choir.


4. Big Boys had 1/4 hour in Single Brethren's large room, conducted by Br. Nathanael.

5. After all services completed, Single Brethren’s Choir walked around Bethlehem singing with music.

6. Followed by lovefeast in room, given by Phil. Transue.

June 7

1. Brethren returned to work at Gnadenthal.

2. Brethren who arrived at Philadelphia in the country 3 years ago, had a lovefeast. 22 when they arrived, only 6 of them left.

June 9

1. Friedrich Antes and Abraham Andres came from Falkner Swamp to stay here.

June 10

1. Remaining boys moved from our house to Falkner Swamp boarding school. Br. Zahm accompanied them as far as that place.
2. Daniel Dissmann arrived for a visit.  

June 11

1. All the Brethren returned from Gnadenhal. Danieling for first time allowed to come along to Bethlehem.
2. Jacob Brigon of Matesha came for a visit.

June 12

1. A blessed Sabbath. A single person, Jacob Hafner, of Philadelphia came for a visit.
2. House Conference: Following matters discussed:
   1) Brs. Baus, Hubner and Hoffmann present for first time as future overseers.
   2) Very necessary to keep cobbler's room clean and orderly. Br. Baus to see to it.
   3) Brn. Hubner and Kahn interviewed, told to ask for grace from Savior, how to deal with children, so that they can live happily together in one room.
   4) The word "lovefeast" not to be misused in ou house, and when there is one, always one of Elders to be present.
   5) Overseers to see that Brethren don't wear shoes out too badly, but get them to cobbler's in time.
3. The single Brethren went to sing and formed a circle on the God's Aore.  
   Br. Nathanael prayed to the Lamb.
5. A boy, Johann Minier of Heidelberg, came to visit awhile.

June 24

1. Big Boys a lovefeast in connection with arrangement of their rooms.  
   Many things discussed about order. Mother Marie present.
3. Daniel Dissmann left, much benefitted by visit here.

June 25

1. Brother Petersen, a lovefeast for his roommates.
3. Jacob Haffner returned to Philadelphia, would like to come here to stay.
4. 18 Brethren cheerfully to Gnadenhal to work.

June 26

2. The dear Mother visited Brethren in Gnadenhal, gave them lovefeast.
3. Several Brethren went to Gnadenhal to hoe Indian corn.

June 27


June 28

1. Br. Lischert drove to Friedrichstown with wagon, to bring 2 New York
children to boarding school.

June 29
1. All Brethren returned from Gnadenfel, all work there completed for the present.

June 30
Very late we went to bed.

JULY

July 1
1. Communion Day. 31 of single Brethren attended. New ones: Jacob Losch, Joseph, an Indian, Christoph Baus, Friedrich Klapper, John Levering. Blessed by laying on of hands by their Elders.

July 2
1. Brethren went into bush to make hay. The stable Brethren went to Gnadenfel to plow.

July 5
1. Br. Gottlieb went to visit Brethren making hay.

July 7
1. The Brethren in Br. Nathanael's room a lovefeast in evening. Dear mother also visited us.

July 8
2. Peter Sohner and Abraham Andres for first time attended Br. Gottliebs company service.
3. Workefs, Visitors Conference.

July 9

July 10
1. A large iron nail pierced Br. Wesa's foot.
2. Br. Nathanael visited Brethren making hay in the bush, it was raining so brought them all home.

July 14
1. House Conference.
2. Br. Hantsch, company watch, with lovefeast decided to place on every door in house a verse from Wound Litany.
July 15

1. Brethren who so far had worked in Gnadenthal a lovefeast.
2. Workers, Visitors Conference.
3. Company services held.

July 16


July 17

1. Br. Lischert stepped on a snake, Savior kept him from harm.

July 18

1. Some workers small lovefeast with Brn. Haffmann and Frey because they are to go to Friedrichstown the next day, the first to help our members and the latter his father in haymaking.

July 19

1. 2 English single Brethren of Philadelphia came here to visit, Joseph Moor and Cornelius Sturgis.
2. In tying up corn, Br. Levering was twice bitten in trousers by a snake, protected by Savior against harm.

July 20

1. Jacob Stager with his boy, Jacob Gunter, came from Matetsch, wanted to stay here.
2. Br. Nathanael selected verses from Wound Litany to be placed on the doors.
3. Brethren began to cut corn.

July 21

1. Br. Witke had lovefeast for his Brethren in No. 6. The overseers from other rooms were there. His aim: to see them all together, all very scattered during week. Mother Maria there, too.

July 22

1. Br. Nathanael interviewed Jacob Strigon concerning his baptism, should not be in too much of a hurry. Regarding his desire to live in congregation, advised him to stay on his farm, and worship Savior there.
2. A single person, Johann, came from New York to visit and inspect congregation, had heard much about it.
3. Workers, Visitors Conference.

July 23

1. Br. Lischert drove to Brunswick with wagon to fetch Checomoko things there.

July 24

July 25

1. Nathanael a lovefeast with his friends, 3 years since he was consecrated an Elder for single Brethren by Br. Anton.

July 26

1. 2 single Brethren, John Moor and Cornelius, returned to Philadelphia.

July 27


July 28

1. House Conference:
   1) Overseers to watch that clothing and shoes of Brethren be kept in order.
   2) Because so much disorder about shoes, Brn. Klappert, Adam v. Erd, and John Garrison early every Sabbath clean shoes for entire choir, observe if any need repairing, and announce it.
   3) Decided on account of laundry, that Friday evening when ours is brought in, after 1/4 hour one Brother is to give it out according to numbers.
   4) No stranger can lodge in our house overnight, now no room available for that.
   5) Another reliable Brother must be lodged in Room No. 1. Br. Klappert was suggested.

2. On account of the pending Congregation Day, choir 1/4 hours were held today. Ours was held by Br. Joseph.


July 29


2. Workers, Visitors Conference. Jacob Stager's boy, Jacob Gunter, whom he is leaving with congregation, came for a visit.

July 30

1. The single New York person, Johann, left again. Asked Br. Nathanael whether he might be allowed to stay with congregation. Br. Nathanael advised him to return to New York, there think matter over carefully, then write and tell how he felt about it, he would then get answer as to whether he would have permission.

2. Jacob Stager returned home, leaving his boy with congregation.

July 31

1. Br. Führer was assigned to stable with horses.

August

Aug. 1

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Aug. 2

1. He returned home. Also this evening new duty was explained during a lovefeast to the Brn. Klappert, Adam v. Erd and John Garrison. Agreeable to them to clean shoes for Savior's sake.

Aug. 3

1. Our Brn. Hoffmann and Frey returned from Friedrichstown, reported that our members there had accomplished harvest.
2. A single Brother, John Moor, came from Philadelphia to stay here. Lodged in Room No. 2.

Aug. 4

1. Peter Bühner gave his room and stable brethren a lovefeast.
2. In evening Br. Lischert gave his brethren a lovefeast, Br. Joseph and Marie were present. Purpose: to suggest idea started by several Brethren to lengthen our promenade through the big field. Br. Joseph for his part was willing, but first wanted to present it to the Housekeepers' Conference. During this opportunity Br. Joseph also proposed a kitchen and a washhouse because it was needed and fitted in with the congregational plan. All the Brethren were agreeable and they were willing to help.

Aug. 5

1. Workers, Visitors Conference. Discussed company services, must be changed again. Bürstler anxious to be baptized. Decided, speak plainly with Henke things not progressing properly with him. Other Brethren all right.
2. 10 of our Brethren went to Nazareth to help Brethren with harvest work.

Aug. 6

1. Many of our Brethren went to Gnadenenthal to cut Indian corn.

Aug. 8

1. Br. Gottlieb went visit Brethren working in Nazareth and Gnadenenthal. All well and happy.
2. Jacob Stäger came here to visit a while.
3. In evening 1/4 hour announced that all Brethren who wish to attend communion should report to Brother Nathanael.

Aug. 9

1. Our Martin went to Philadelphia to bring back Sr. Klemm's horse.
2. Samuel Man came from Gnadenenthal to chop straw in stable.
3. Br. Gottlieb returned home bringing along Brethren from Nazareth who had finished work there.
4. Brethren who want communion reported to Br. Nathanael today.

Aug. 10

1. Brethren returned from Gnadenenthal, harvest there completed.

Aug. 11

1. John Moor left Bethlehem, not telling anyone about it.
2. Brn. Adam von Erd and Bornside wrote the congregation to be admitted to communion.

3. Döbling wrote a pitiful letter of repentance to congregation which was read at lovefeast.

4. Communion. Br. Bornside attended for first time was consecrated for it by Br. Joseph. Werner, Schaus and Tanneberger were not allowed to attend. Our choir had the footwashing in single Brethren's big room, those who did the footwashing were: Brn. Nathanael, Gottlieb, Hantsch, Witke, David Zeisberger and Joseph Josephus.

Aug. 12


Aug. 13

1. Br. Joseph had a lovefeast with brethren in stable, purpose to examine their conditions and make things easy as possible for them. Br. Hancke introduced as custodian in stable which made Br. Lischert act very resentful, immediately he was to leave stable and that Br. David Zeisberger should take his place.

2. Döbling was dismissed from congregation today, go wherever he pleased.

Aug. 14

1. Lischert as punishment came out of stable and David took his place.

2. Br. Nathanael spoke with Henke about his misbehavior to date, and his connection with Döbling, and was told that if he did not change, and refused to give his heart to the Savior it would be better for him to leave the Congregation.

3. Döbling left, no longer allowed to stay here.

Aug. 15

1. Brn. Josephus and Baus went to Friedrichstown the first to take place of Br. Antes' hired man until another brother comes. The other to visit Schippach and other sections.

2. Br. Lischert after a thorough repentance forgiven by Workers today, returned to his place in the stable.


4. Michel to Nazareth to fetch rest of his things, is to leave Bethlehem.

5. Henke and Transou advised to stay away from hourly prayers.

6. Samuel Man permitted to go along into prayers.

Aug. 17

1. Henke resolved, to return to his father in Philadelphia, did it today, we very glad, have no desire for people who are not followers of Savior.

2. Joh. Jäger and Andrew Schreiber arrived from Friedrichstown, the first to stay here, the other for a visit.

3. George Schneider went to Allemängel to visit the souls there.

Aug. 18

1. Workers, Visitors Conference. Spoken about much thinking among Brethren, because some have been sent away from congregation.

2. Transou begged with tears, to be allowed again to attend hourly prayers, which also was done.

3. Our Brethren returned from haymaking.
Brethren's Diary

Aug. 19

1. We held a conference. Decided to divide single Brethren into different classes to be held every Sabbath.
2. Illig full of self-love and pride, left Bethlehem to go to his parents in Philadelphia, without telling anyone.
3. 2 brothers Graf came from Mühlbach for a visit.
5. Entire choir of single Brethren had a lovefeast in evening because it was just one year since cornerstone laying for our house. Br. Joseph and Marie were present. Verses read. Announcements of classes arranged for Brethren, 6 in number.

Then entire choir left their chapel, went to square with music that had played for lovefeast, began singing, walked around our house, then around the Gemeinhouse, then choir returned to chapel, where Br. Nathanael spoke a closing prayer.

Aug. 21

1. Brn Buninger and Zeisberger went beyond Blue Mountains to build a canoe.
2. Some Brethren went to make hay.
3. Br. Joseph Muller moved out of our house, to be soon married.
4. George Schneider returned from visit to Pennsylvania.

Aug. 22


Aug. 23

1. Adam Schreiber left after visit here.

Aug. 24

2. Our Brethren came home from haymaking.

Aug. 25

2. In evening 1/4 hour changes in company services read, as follows:

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3. Br. Hantsch became overseer in Br. Muller's place in Room No. 5. Brethren in room at this time a lovefeast, given by Niclaus Schafer.
Brethren's Diary

Aug. 26
1. Most of the newly arranged party services held today.
2. Br. Nathanael received a letter from a cobbler, a single person in New York, asking whether he might not come to live with us.

Aug. 27
1. David and Buninger return from Blue Mountains.
2. Josephus returned from Friedrichstown.

Aug. 28
1. Hermanus Losch, from Tulpehocken, and Hoyer from Warwick came here to visit at synod.

Aug. 29
1. The Inner Synodal Conference held in our chapel.

Aug. 30
1. By laying on of hands the Brethren Gottlieb, Hantsch, Bahn, Jungmann, Schneider accepted by Workers for Warrior Service.
2. Brn. Joseph Muller and Br. Bornside were married.
3. Decided it was necessary for single Brethren to make visits in rural areas.
4. After close of services single Brethren's choir went singing with music.
5. After that, the Brethren accepted as Warriors had lovefeast in Br. Nathanael's room.

Aug. 31
1. The couples accepted as Warriors had a lovefeast in Congregation Chapel. Br. Joh. Okly's marriage announced, Br. Jungmann to go to Friedrichstown, Boarding School, was publicly engaged to Sister Böttner. Br. Losch was appointed to take Br. Jungmann's place with Little Boys.
2. Minior was advised to return to his father, left today.
3. The visiting single Brethren returned home.
4. Br. Bornside held farewell lovefeast for single Brethren. Discussed helping those Brethren who have no well for personal choice any more, 27 single Brethren offered themselves to pray for them. Br. Jungmann's change announced.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1

Sept. 2
1. Workers, Regular Visitors Conference.

Sept. 3
1. Br. Schnall released from herding cattle, to be able to enjoy congregational services more.
2. Minior returned, begged earnestly to be allowed to stay with the Brethren.

   **Sept. 4**

1. Jacob Stager was advised it would be better for him to get away from here, because he was here on a legal urge. He committed himself to the Brethren's memory and command.
2. Benjamin Sommer, a boy here for a few years, who could not think right in his heart, was apprenticed to a Master Joseph Graf in Cuschehoppe, to learn the blacksmith trade, and sent there today.
3. Fr. Antes came to Daniel Muller to learn the potter's trade.
4. Br. Adolph Meyer took our Br. Wesa along to Nazareth on account of his severe cough, to have him nearer at hand.

   **Sept. 5**

1. Lamperty Garrison came from Behringer who lives across the river into our cobbler shop in Bethlehem and W. Antes was sent in his place as apprentice to Behringer.
2. Josephus, Dav. Zeisberger, Zahm and Jungmann came to our hourly prayers for first time.

   **Sept. 7**

1. Early this morning our Br. Casper Schafer died after 8 days' illness in bed.
2. Brethren from Gnadenhut home again.
3. Harding asked to stay in house again, is allowed to try it.

   **Sept. 8**

1. Classes held today.
2. Several children, dysentery, from boarding school into our sickroom.

   **Sept. 9**

1. 4 Brethren went beyond Blue Mountains to bring back lumber by water.

   **Sept. 10**

1. Many Brethren to Gnadenhut to build house there. Br. Nathanael went to visit Brethren in Nazareth.

   **Sept. 11**

1. Br. Nathanael returned. All Brethren well and happy.
2. Harding, who had run away for 2 days, returned today, cannot be trusted, put back in his room.

   **Sept. 12**

1. Started a class in Mahikan language for our Brethren Jacob Adolph, Hubner and Hoyl.
2. Br. Mack came from Gnadenhut Brethren there finding advancement in various ways.
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Sept. 13
1. Little Siger Garrison, first child from Little Children's Boarding School in Bethlehem, died.
2. A boy, Timothy Horsfield, of Long Island, came here to stay.

Sept. 14
1. Br. George Schneider went to visit friends and Brethren in Allemângel. In evening all Brethren returned from Gnadenthal.

Sept. 15
1. Br. Nathanael interviewed separately all Brethren who had been in Gnadenthal, all their new advancements entirely stopped.
2. A choir conference started, 12 single Brethren present.
6. A Workers' conference lovefeast at close of all meetings, Br. Joseph and Marie present.

Sept. 16
1. Br. Jungmann gave farewell lovefeast for single Brethren, 30th member of Bethlehem choir to be married. Always new Brethren entering choir to increase numbers.
2. Congregational Day. Henrich Frey and Abraham Andres wrote asking for membership. These Brethren from our choir received: Henrich Frey, from Friedrichstcin; Peter Sohner from Moden Creek, Bartholomaus and Indian from Wechqua-

3. Also a single Delaware Indian who for long time had asked for baptism, baptized by Br. Mack, named Joachim. His sponsors were the single Brethren Workers and the messengers to the heathen.

Sept. 17
1. Most of Brethren went to Gnadenthal to split bolts. Br. Nathanael went with them for week.
2. Our baptized Br. Joachim moved into our house.
3. George Schneider returned from Allemângel.

Sept. 19
1. Timothy Horsfield put in weaving room to learn trade.

Sept. 21
1. Our Brethren returned from Gnadenthal.

Sept. 22
1. Sabbath. Very necessary, so some Brethren went to mow hay, not here for Sabbath lovefeast, so Brn. Pezold and Hagen brought it to them.

Sept. 23
1. Brn. Nathanael and Pezold interviewed 12 Brethren, necessary for 6 willing ones to move to Gnadenthal, essential to have place settled by Brethren, for which
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purpose they would be married, required by circumstances. Br. Joseph's letter on subject read to them. To think matter over for themselves, then tell Br. Nathanael or write note to Br. Joseph.


Sept. 24

1. Brethren returned to Gnadensthal with Br. Nathanael.
2. Christoph Demuth, from Friedrishstown Boarding School, came into our house, placed in care of Br. Hüblner.

Sept. 25

1. Little Demuth, among our sick children, died.

Sept. 26

1. Remaining children recovered, returned from our house to Boarding School.
2. Br. Nathanael came from Gnadensthal for visit, then returned.

Sept. 27

1. Br. Heyer, of Friedrichstown, returned here to stay, had been there with boys for a while.

Sept. 28

2. All Brethren returned from Gnadensthal, had finished work on house and 50 acres of land.

Sept. 29

1. Brethren working in Gnadensthal had a lovefeast.
2. Illig, who 6 weeks ago had run away unbeknownst to us, wrote letter to Br. Nathanael, asking for forgiveness, and permission to come to us again.
3. Johann Jager, servant of Br. Antes, left the Brethren, his time of serving being done, without saying farewell.
4. Johannes Josephus had lovefeast for about 20 Brethren, because it was 3 years since his baptism in Bethlehem by Br. Eschenbach.
5. Workers, Visitors Conference.

Sept. 30

2. Br. Bischoff held regular 1/4 hours.

October

Oct. 1

1. Our Brethren left early for Gnadensthal, to block up a barn.
2. Jacob Frey, of Friedrishstown, came to visit us.
3. Br. Bartholomus, Indian, went to Schecomoko with 2 Brethren, Jonathon and Timotheo, who had fetched him to go to his mother.
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Oct. 5
1. Brethren returned from Gnadenthal.

Oct. 7
2. In evening Workers held regular Visitors Conference, with a lovefeast.

Oct. 8
1. Several Brethren again to Gnadenthal.
2. Br. Peter Lohner moved into our sickroom with 3 sick children.
4. George Schneider returned from visit in Allemangel.

Oct. 9
1. Br. Gottlieb to Gnadenthal for day, to visit Brethren there.

Oct. 12
1. Jacob Steiger came for a visit.
2. Our promenade for taking walks completed today, and marked off.
3. All Brethren returned from work in Gnadenthal in evening.

Oct. 13
1. We had House Conference. Following matters came up:
   1) Br. Hoyer made assistant for Br. Hantsch in his room, to see after things when latter away.
   2) Resolved, because evenings getting longer, necessary to supply Brethren with work, either knitting or spinning, or if one is not yet able to read or write, to be taught. Br. Hoyer and several others appointed to look after this.
   3) Special discussion on necessity of overseers to pray for face to set a good example to their Brethren.
   4) A lovefeast to be held in each room separately, to thoroughly present house rules to Brethren.
   5) Overseers anewed cautioned, not to go to bed themselves until sure that all their Brethren have retired.
   6) Also reminded, that Brethren should not unnecessarily acquire smoking habit, only use it as medicine when prescribed.
   7) Br. Hantsch appointed sachristan for strangers in our house, and Br. Zahm made his assistant.
   8) Brethren are not to emphasis anyone else's sin, only the Elders to do this.

Oct. 14
1. Big Boys had a lovefeast, most of Workers among single Brethren present.
2. Br. Joseph conducted our choir 1/4 hour.
3. We had Visitors' Conference. Methods to deal with Brethren like Transou when their sins became known, discussed. Brethren not to press for acknowledgment of sin but present the matter to the Savior and Holy Spirit. Visits on Brethren encouraged.
4. On account of Br. Nathanael's birthday yesterday, we had a lovefeast. 29 of his friends present.
Brethren's Diary

Oct. 15)

1. 16 of our Brethren to work at Gnadenthal.
3. Jacob Steiger left for home after his visit.
4. Br. Zahm to Tulpehokin to attend to necessary business.

Oct. 18

1. Br. David Zeisberger had lovefeast for some of his Brethren, it being 7 years that he had deserted Brethren at Herodege, Holland. Decided to join his parents in Georgia, who had also fled. From there, he came to Bethlehem with Brethren decided to give himself to Savior and the congregation. 30 present.

Oct. 19

2. All our Brethren returned from work in Gnadenthal.

Oct. 20

1. Our Indian Brother, Benjamin's father came with a horse to fetch him from Bethlehem. When his father told him this he answered he had surrendered to Savior, felt he would not go with him, but stay with congregation, whereby his father said he would not force him, and was quite calm in his action and talk.

Oct. 21

2. Br. Nathanael conducted our evening 1/4 hour.

Oct. 22

1. Many Brethren again went to Gnadenthal.

Oct. 23

1. Br. Nathanael went to visit Brethren in Gnadenthal and Nazareth.
2. Our Br. Wesa returned from Nazareth, better after his treatment for bad cough by Br. Meyer.

Oct. 24

1. From Friedrichstown, 2 single persons, Jacob Wittersheymer, and Georg Ziegler came for a visit.
4. Brüstler was taken sick today.

Oct. 25

1. A single brother, Jacob Hastner, came from Philadelphia to stay here, but only allowed to remain on trial.
Brethren's Diary

Oct. 26
1. All Brethren returned from their work in Gnadenthal.

Oct. 27
1. The Marriages of Br. Okely and Baus took place.

Oct. 28
2. Workers held regular Visitors Conference.

Oct. 29
1. Early in morning few more Brethren to Gnadenthal, work almost completed.
2. The 2 single men, Jacob Rittersheymr and George Zeigler returned home from visit here.

Oct. 31
1. Br. Hubner went to Oly to tell Burstler of son's serious illness.

November

Nov. 1
1. Br. Fuhrer went as messenger to Philadelphia.

Nov. 2
1. Brethren returned home from Gnadenthal.

Nov. 3
2. In evening, communion. Those from our choir who attended for first time: Henrich Frey, John Braunfield, Peter Schner, Adamv. Erd, Philipp Wesa. Were consecrated by Br. Nathanael. 35 single Brethren present. Benjamin, the Indian, and Hoyer did not go along this time.

Nov. 4
1. Because Br. Burstler was so ill and he had long wished to be baptized, it was done during our evening 1/4 hour. The single Brethren met in their chapel, during singing sick Brother was carried in on chair by 2 of our Workers, placed in front of Br. Joseph, prayed, a tub of water brought in, blessed, and he was baptized, and then carried out again. After that, a lovefeast for communion Brethren given by Br. Braunfield.

Nov. 5
1. Workers, Visitors Conference.
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Nov. 6

1. Our Indian Brother, Joseph, traveled to Shecomoko with Br. Hagen to visit Br. Mack. First Indian Brother to be sent out in service of congregation.

2. Today Brethren began to repair our dormitory for the winter.

3. George Ziegler came from Friedrichstown to stay here a while.

Nov. 9


Nov. 10

1. Br. Levering went as messenger to Nazareth.

Nov. 11

1. We had House Conference. Following matters decided:
   1) Br. Daniel Osterlein to be overseer in Room No. 4 in place of Br. Baus.
   2) Decided to start a treasury, from which paper and other things needed by Brethren might be purchased.
   3) 13 Brethren selected to learn spinning in evening, where some one might read aloud or other blessed and elevating discourse carried on.
   4) We had Visitors Conference.

Nov. 12

1. George Zeigler, after visit here, left, felt he did not want to stay.

Nov. 14


Nov. 15

1. Beginning of come together of Brethren in Chapel for evening singing, prayers, discourses.

Nov. 16


Nov. 17

1. Johann Bonn of Matetsche came to visit.

2. Workers held night watch, Theme, blood and wounds.

Nov. 18


Nov. 19

1. We had Workers Conference.

Nov. 20

1. Johann Bonn left again.
Brethren's Diary

Nov. 21

1. Br. Nathanael interviewed Br. Peter Lohner because he had not acted properly to his supervisors with the children. He was sorry.
2. Harding went to live in his newly built house. Br. Jacob Adolph was put in charge, to provide him with food, drink, and work.
3. Benjamin came and acknowledged his sins. We embraced him.

Nov. 23


Nov. 24

1. Early Brethren awakened by music, then met in our chapel, afterwards marched to square and started to sing. Thus paraded all around Bethlehem, to honor our Head Elder, it being anniversary when we had honored him thus in Europe.

Nov. 25

1. Company services, visits held.
3. In evening, Workers a cheerful lovefeast, Br. Joseph also present.

Nov. 26

2. We also received letters from Anton and Bohler from Sprendeyl.
3. Willhelm Antes, up to this time with Bahringen across Lehigh, today came to our cobbler shop, Philipp Schaus taking his place.

Nov. 27

1. Br. Wesa to bed with fever and chills.

Nov. 28

1. The Indian, Benjamin went with Br. Thomas beyond Blue Mountains to visit sick Indians.

Nov. 30

1. Benjamin returned with news that man very ill.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1

1. Spent day in visits and meetings.
3. In evening for his birthday, Br. Losch had lovefeast with Brethren. Brn Joseph and Antes present. Peter Schner asked to be admitted to company.
Dec. 3

1. Br. Nathanael interviewed Daniel Osterlein concerning his Plan for Schamoko, but could not go there single, would be against church plan. A person suggested and he accepted.

2. Interview with Döh. Tanneberger concerning his Plan for Friedrichstown. Willing to obey orders of the church.

3. In evening a conference.

Dec. 4

1. Brn. Joseph and Nathanael interviewed Brethren who had been suggested to go to Gnadenenthal, plans have been changed, they may go single or married.

Dec. 5

1. Br. Nathanael wrote a testimony to Br. L.

2. Br. Joachim (Indian) went beyond Blue Mountains with Br. Christian Frohlich to bring widow and children of departed sick Indian to Gnadenenthal.

3. Joh. Tanneberger to Friedrichstown, for his work in stable.

Dec. 6


2. The Indian Joseph with Br. Hagen returned from his plan in Schamoko, brought news that Pezold ill with pleurisy at Br. Phil Maurert's in Tulpehokin. Deliberated immediately as to who was to go and visit him, Br. Schober selected, taking along a letter for sick brother.

Dec. 8

1. Letters written to Europe.

2. Br. Hantsch, night watch with his company Brethren, with lovefeast.

Dec. 9

1. We were still busy writing.


Dec. 11

1. Ludwig Hubner to Oly on private business.


3. Br. Nathanael interviewed Samuel, regarding his work with farm stock this winter; he was willing to do it.

Dec. 12

1. Br. Rice spoke with Robuk about his illness, whether it was not mostly imagination? He should control himself and be well, he did, immediately got out of bed, was quite well.

2. Joh. Josephus went to Schippach, from there to Lancaster to Synod.


Dec. 14

1. Brn. Hantsch, Zahm and Braunfield went ahead to Synode as sachristans.
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2. Ludwig Hubner returned from Oly, but had not accomplished much of his business.

Dec. 15

1. Sabbath today.

Dec. 16

1. Rest of Brethren left for Synod. Nicolaus Schafer went along to visit his parents.
2. House Conference was held. Overseers' office emphasised.

Dec. 17

2. Br. Witke conducted 1/4 hour.

Dec. 18


Dec. 19

1. Lischer and Peter Sohner went to Rokel's Mill in the Jerseys, with a wagon, to fetch things arrived there from London.

Dec. 20

1. All remaining Company services held.

Dec. 22

1. Sabbath. Brethren were visited.
2. In evening, Br. Schnell, as Pre-Messenger from Synod in Lancaster, brought us news that enemies would like to make a disturbance by noise but all our meetings were conducted peacefully.

Dec. 23

1. Br. Nathanael held interview with Br. Losch concerning children, felt badly about some methods used with them.
2. Br. Nathanael conducted our choir 1/4 hour, also company services with Big Boys.

Dec. 24

1. Brn. David and Zahm and several others returned from synod.

Dec. 25

1. Our dear Pezold after 3 weeks' illness on visit in Tulpehokin returned with Br. Joseph, also rest of Brethren
Dec. 28 1
1. Jacob Hoffner and Br. Hanke fell into deep mill ditch full of water, suffered no ill effects.

Dec. 29 1
1. Arranged our visiting anew, Company services also held.
2. We had lovefeast with Big Boys, given by Okely.
3. In evening workers had a lovefeast together.

Dec. 30 1
1. Br. Nathanael conducted our choir 1/4 hour. In evening Brethren had a lovefeast, Joseph and Marie being present, latter with us for first time since her illness.

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Jan. 3 1
1. Phillip Wesa went to his sister concerning money he owes her.

Jan. 4 1
1. Witke and Daniel Osterlein moved out of our house, and Wesa returned.

Jan. 5 1
1. Held our classes.
2. Workers had lovefeast in evening.

Jan. 7 1
1. Held House Conference. Following matters were discussed.
   1) Br. Witke having had oversight of fire in our house, having been transferred and moved out, Br. Hantsch was put in his place.
   2) Br. Josephus will be overseer to succeed Br. Witke in Room No. 6.
   3) In future our House Conference will be held every Friday at close of all services.

Jan. 8 1
1. Br. Nathanael interviewed Br. Hoyl on account of his bad behavior, especially against us Brethren, but would not repent. In afternoon he came, much worried, wanted to find way to make repentance. Br. Nathanael also talked with Brethren in charge of children, especially Losch. But he would not acknowledge that it was his fault.
2. It also became known that our Indian Benjamin had stolen various things, and he was dismissed from Helpers' Conference and Hourly Prayers, had been a great worry and sorrow for us for quite some time. He lied as much as he could, is in very bad shape.