Samuel William Ewing (1818-1894), the author of this diary, was a member of a family not only prominent, but numerous, that had settled in the southwestern portion of Allegheny County about 1778. He was the son of William (1784-1865) and Jane Walker Ewing (1784-1852). He married Mary Jane Loraine (1819-1893), by whom he had eight children. Like many members of these pioneer families, he had, as a young man, what was then known as "a restless foot" and he became infected with the California gold fever of 1849. Although he was already married and had "begun" his family, he nonetheless departed for New York. From there he left for San Francisco, traveling by ship via the Isthmus of Panama. In 1854 he returned to Western Pennsylvania by the same route. The rest of his long life was uneventful.

We owe the preservation of his pocket diary to his granddaughter, Madjesia May Ewing Rovensky (1884-1972), who carefully collected much of the Ewing family history. Among her possessions, also, was Samuel William's former residence, a log house on the Noblestown Road some fourteen miles from Pittsburgh. After Mrs. Rovensky's death, her daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Grace of Palm Beach, Florida, gave the log house to the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation as a memorial to her mother. At the same time Mrs. Grace also lent to the foundation a number of family documents, among which is the diary published here.

Started from home January 14, 1852, from Pittsburgh. 15th day in Philadelphia, January 16th landed in New York that night at 10 o'clock.

New York January 21, 1852 — We were to Sail this day but the ice would not Permit. Took logging at the Pacific Hotel for one night

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at the expense of the agent of the line. January 22nd the Same Reasons and again at the Pacific. Changed our births and gave $7.50 cts. more making $157.50 for our Passage.

The 23rd. Say they will Start the 24th at 8 o’clock. Started the 24th at eleven o’clock from New York. Ran about 8 miles and run on a Sanbank on the Jersey Reefes, lay all night, got underway at 8 o’clock, the 25th.

Monday, the 26th — took sick and was sick 2 days for all that was out. The 28th, felt Better and the 29th still Better but very poorly. Weather looks like a storm and feels about like May in Allegheny County, Pa.

This day the 29th saw flying fish, suppose we are close to Cuba, can’t tell. Officers won’t tell us.

30th — Says we will see the West India islands tomorrow. This day at 6 o’clock saw land . . . .

31st in the morning saw land again on the right — think it is Cuba. Slept none scarcely last night. Feel Better today. It was Cuba we saw this morning at 11 o’ clock. Sunday, put two of the cooks in irons for selling bread to the passengers. The 1st about as warm as it is in July at home, See Saint Domingo on left . . . . The 2nd — very Warm this morning, at 2 o’clock a Passenger died at four o’clock. He was thrown overboard. He was from Ohio near Cincinnata.

3rd, Tuesday, still warm and pleasant. Think we will reach Chagres1 tonight. 4 o’clock see land on the left of Chargres Bay. 11 o’clock are in Chagres Harbr.

4th took the Row boats up the Chagres River. The Handsomest sight I ever saw all green on both sides down to the waters edge on the Chagres River about 10 miles from that place past the Rail Road.

5th met Smith on the Chagres River from California, walked across the mountain . . . , a hard walk.

6th. Walked . . . to Panama 30 miles of the worst Road in world. 7th — lay about all day, we were so sore. This town is very unhealthy.

Feb. 8 Panama, Sunday was here laying all day.

9th trying to get a passage. The agent has acted very badly — if we had our money two of us could get off tomorrow.

S. W. Ewing.

Feb. 10th. Prospects still getting worse, . . . some of us talkes of

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1 Chagres was a town at the mouth of the Chagres River in Panama. The river was dammed to form Gatun Lake.
gowing home again, I cannot live long here. am sick all the time here. The truth is if I was at home I would never start again. Got passage on the Rowena by paying 7.50 cts. more to the company.

11th laying about doing nothing. They say they will start on the 20th of the month. They may start sooner.

12th — Walked 2 miles out to the water and lay there thinking to help my health, rather worse in the evening.

13th — Feel a very littel better Still most awfull warm here and dry not one drop of rain has fell here yet.

18th — In the morning know no more than we did, all is uncertainty, feel midling well but expect to have to go home the thought kills me out, but have not money to by another ticket. Prospects begin to Brighten up a littel now.

21st — In the morning feel pretty well, our chance for getting away is about the 24 inst. Last night a scrap . . . . One man tried to kill another.

22nd — Sunday morning and do not know when we will get away.

24th — Tuesday still here on expense.

25th — Say we will start tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

26th — . . . we go abord this evening, at four o'clock God save us. Laying at 5 o'clock on bord of an old boat that is to carry us out to Rowena that lays out 3 or 4 miles at sea, got abord at eight o'clock at night. I am fearful of the ship's soundness. Started on the Pacific on the 27th. She is an old frail Parke. Gracious God carry us safe through.

February 27th — past Tobago Island about eleven o'clock steering about south with grate fear of us never reaching Sanfrancisco. On my part my hopes and all are placed on God the lord. My family is all my concern — for myself I care like all but when I think of them it brakes my heart.

28th of February — . . . still see land on the Right steering a littel S of west 10 o'clock. Cannot move. Saw the Dolphen fish today. I have had bad luck for a long time and don't expect to have any better but probably worse. And they have put us on allowance of water. O God be with us. It is two o'clock and still a dead calm, . . . whose—

2 Ewing meant bark, a three-masted sailing ship with square sails on the fore and mainmasts but rigged with fore-and-aft sails on the mizzen.

3 Ewing referred here to an island in the Gulf of Panama. It should not be confused with the island of Tobago off the mouth of the Orinoco River, now part of the republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
ever hands this book may fall into will confer a lasting favor by sending it to my wife if it is in their power. That would be Remington P.O., Alegheny Co., Pa.

29th Feb not verry well this morning. A passenger died last night with the tiphoid fever — . . . . Gracious God carry us safe through past Tobago Island. About 11 o'clock steaming about south with great fears of us never reaching Sanfrancisco. On my part my hopes and all are placed on God the Lord.

Sunday, the last day of February, and calm. Making no headway and we are aborde the devilished old ship ever I saw and we have no comfort, cannot get a place to sit down . . . . and we are under a vertical sun. The Lord God do for us all that we neede and honour be to His name. This day at 10 o'clock a dead man thrown overbord consigned to the Raging deep. We have a light breeze this evening, plenty of sick men on bord. One has the mesels, one sleeps with me that is sick. Steering a little north of south and hope it may still be getting more north.

Monday, March 1st — Steering a little southwest, pretty good run from one o'clock last night to this morning. Yesterday Sunday passengers caught two large fish. They are putting on all sails this morning. . . . in vain if it is God's pleasure to take us through, we are safe but if not, then our fate is sealed. 12 o'clock saw a school of porposes . . . . Better than say they look like a drove of hogs or sheep. At 2 o'clock a nice little breeze has sprung up. It became calm and was calm all night.

March 2nd — No wind this morning. feel pretty well now — always feel better when we have wind to sail with. Still on allowance of watter — 1 quart of watter per day. Most dreadful warm in the middle of the day. Twelve o'clock on — God how warm it is, enough to melt a man and one quart of watter only and I could drink 6 of them. But what can we do? At 12 o'clock the thermometer stood 105 in the shade and men having to stand on deck all day long in the sun.

A whale boat came to us at five o'clock this evening . . . . some of the men got in a row with the officers and had a regular set-to, and for some time I thought some one would of been killed, but God ordered it otherways, and now I see the goodness of God, and may he still be with us and guide us through in health and peace.

2nd. Still in a calm, saw the smoke of a steamer this morning.

March 3 — This day the Captain went out in a small boat to a whaler and their Capt. came back with him and our Capt. sold them hams and other thing . . . . We are still allowed only 1 quart of watter
yet and the prospect of it getting worse. O God avert this blow. This is an awful old dirty stinking ship, to think of one American citizen using his fellow citizens so to put men on such a ship is too bad. God almighty have compassion on us. Our sins are many and great but thou hast said that thou wilt here our prayers, we put our faith in you.

[March 4] — A pleasant breeze sprang up last night and has continued untill now. Very warm this morning, thanks to God for his many mercies. Our officers are overbearing and hauty, still there is some of the passengers would not be satisfied if they had everything they could ask for.

11 o'clock and calm. No accommodations aboard this boat. The sun fair above our heads and in what the sailors call Doldrums. When we will get out of this our maker only knows. Not very well today, but think I drank too much liquor today because I had not watter enough.

12 o'clock, cry of fire in the ship. O God the Blood stood still in me. My wife and children were the first thoughts, of my mind. For heavens sake God spare me . . .

March 4th We are moving a very littel at 5 o'clock. The Captain says we will have some wind at sundown. The passengers are stealing the watter from the cooks every chance. They are most famished. O God send us rain that we may get a drink.

March 5 — There is a littel breeze this morning and the Capt. gives us 2 quarts of watter & a pint without tea or coffee. Thanks to God for the change. At 10 o'clock saw a watter spout off north of us. James Hays looks very bad, all on bord are effected more or less. There will be many sick. God send us health & give us pure water and prosper our voyage. There is not enough to last us without it rains. We are running at 6 o'clock with too much of a head wind, no rain yet. There will be many sick . . . God spare my health . . . There is no dodging now we either got to sink or swim so let us bear up — past a ship at 8 o'clock last night. I dreamed of home & children peace be with them & mercy.

March 6th we have a light wind this morning but it is almost a head wind. O dreadful. The deck is like a hog pen more than a place for men to be. At 12 o'clock another passenger died and us going very slow. Though it is not so warm as it was for some days back . . . at 2 o'clock the dead man was launched into the deep, God rest his soul. O Lord let this satisfy thee at this time, turn away thy rath from us, dark & looks like a storm.

7th Sunday rained this morning heavy thunder & lightning off
7th waiting on a man to die in the cabin and one in the steerage do not feel very well today. This is a dreadful place and nothing but a God can save us. 1 o'clock and a storm the first I have seen my desire is not to see anything harder; this is the first rain I have seen since I left home.

March 8th, 1852. We are going very slow this morning. There is a great deal of grumbling on bord this ship by passengers but they are generally of a rough character. While I write the wind freshens up a little. 8 o'clock storm [At] eight a passenger died, at eleven he was thrown overboard. 4 o'clock and a ship in sight, [Lord] give peace in mind & health in body and invigorate us all that we may return to our families in peace to meet them would be my joy.

March 9th . . . . At five o'clock this morning [a man died] & was thrown overboard — God rest his soul. A very nice small breeze this morning. Fed very well this morning. O how thankful I am to God for it gives me health and life & let all the praise be thine Amen. This day I was scraping moldy bread to make puddings of for the passengers to eat. It is calm all day so far 12 o'clock. The Capt. says we are 650 miles from Panama — Good God have mercy on us poor sinners in this ship this evening is still calm and no hopes of wind we are scarcely moving and a great many sick on board. Have to sleep in a hole where it smells most wretched bad odor.

March 10th, 1852 — . . . I will just say here that if I had of taken your [his wife Mary] advice I might of been content and happy at home with you and my Children. Still the 10th. This day throwed another passenger over bord. O God have mercy on me. To Mary Ewing and her and my children this may be the last page I ever will right. If you should see it you may be sure that I have regretted the day I left home, but God is able to help them that call on him in truth and I have and I hope I have done that in sincerity now pardon my weakness, my hole trouble has been about you and the children. I will name them. They are so dear to me, all them — Marget [sic] Jane, Aneliza, Emily and Mary Melissa that dear littel sweet child my hart is set on her, because she was the pet when I was at home. Then the dear baby Martha Melinda God bless its littel soul. Now may God order it that I may get back to you all in safety. That is my prayer but if God should order it otherwise then all I have to say about the property is that it be rented out to some one til' the children are all of age then to be sold to the best buyer and equally divided amongst them that is my five children with support for my
wife Mary as long as she lives.

On the ship Rowenna in the Pacific Ocean, short of water and provisions and very unhealthy ship with great deal of contention on bord and 5 deaths in 13 days.

S. W. Ewing

March 11, 1852 — A dead calm this morning . . . I am taking somethings for my liver. I think it is affected pretty bad it pains me by times pretty Bad. This night buried another passenger & at twelve another, feel weak myself.

Mch 12 — 1852 There is a nice wind this morning and we are going along very well. The sea is pretty rough. We are going north this morning & I think if we get 4 or 5 degrees north that I will feel better if it is almighty God's pleasure. I will be thankful for it indeed. We had a little squall of wind last night and rain and some wind this morning eleven o'clock looks as though we might have some more rain today. Thank thee god for your mercys, direct me how to do for the future and Blessed be thy Holy name O though mercifull God of heaven & earth.

March 13th we had a strong wind the most of the night and I am thankfull for it. Lord let the time soon come that we may be getting more north . . . into our own climate.

Sabbath March 14 morning a dead calm, the prospect today is very warm and when it is calm & warm when we all feel very bad. There is no air in the steerage, and on the deck the sun shines so strait down that it kills me, almost.

March 15. Had a littel wind last night and still blows this morning, not going more than a mile in an hour, I think. I was not well last night. I think I will feel better after a while. My trust is put in God that can save me from all harm & I feel that he will for he is a mercifull God and just. He will save me for my family . . . . I feel pretty bad today . . . .

March 17th Wed. No wind yet and dissatisfaction on bord and no officers we can put confidence in. My only hope is in God. This day there was a search made for stolen liquors and 2 men taken up and one tried . . . We are just moving today. At 5 o'clock saw a watter spout, some say the watter passes up, but I think it goes down now God be with us and guide me in the way I should go. The Irish Celebrate St. Patrick's day —

Mch. 18th — a little wind this morning running South, Lord God the father of our saviour be my guide & protector, 4 o'clock &
almost standing still. The Captain has some notion of going into some port if he can to get water & provision both of which we are very scarce of. The general belief is that the Captain intends if he can to run into some port he says the passengers must pay 2 dolls. a piece.

Friday night 19th Running some this morning thank God for it and for my health. We passed the Brig Teetes this morning bound for California . . .

March 20th Saturday. Tremendous wind this morning. God that rules the winds and waves be here in our midst and save and encourage me, and all on board this vessel and all who are exposed to the dangers of the ocean through Jesus the saviour of our soles who stilled the winds aforetime, do for us what is best, thou knowest what is best. 4 o'clock, the wind has abated thanks to the Lord for our preservation. Give us breezes that we may get through to port.

Mch. 21st Sunday morning good wind. This the 24th day out and about one forth the way. God be with me and mine. The sea is very rough . . . We are put on a pint of water a day and have to help make that do. Nothing but an overruling power can save us. All is quiet on bord save the sound of some passengers' tongues. All in dread of being starved for water. O, God order it otherwise . . . if thou will and have compassion on us. Look what way I will and all countenances wears a solemn appearance to put into port. The nearest is some 700 miles and all we have to drive us is the wind.

March 22nd. monday no breeze this morning of any amount. Our prospects are not very flattering. The Capt. says we will get into Acapulco by next Sunday. That is all guess work. God the Lord is my hope and he has been and shall be.

Tuesday March 23rd 1852 — This day in a calm and we may say out of water and almost out of provisions. I am sitting down in the hole, in an old sail vessel not fit for sea. If God the Lord does not will it, we never shall see land again with these eyes of ours, but the Lord will not suffer me to be lost for my family's sake. 3 o'clock and a light breese ahead. They have appointed a committee out of the passengers to see to . . . dividing out the water. 8 o'clock the Captain acts like a drunk man & I believe he is. Our lot is a hard one. God only knows what will become of us.

Wednesday March 24th. Calm this morning, the Passengers are scrubbing decks today to try to keep down the smell. This is a dreadful place, calm all day today.

26th of March We are moving along slowly this morning. I had a bad headache yesterday and last night, but am better today.
Thank God for it.

Saturday March 27 very near a calm today. We have paid the Captain one dollar apiece to buy water casks to be filled when we get to Acapulco, a port in Mexico, if we ever get there, the Capt says we have to go 368 miles yet, O, God of mercy take us safe in if it be thy will. O gracious and merciful God of heaven & earth thou that rules in here and everywhere.

March 30 There is a little wind this morning and a little rain. God be with me and all of us and support us in our trouble. Rescue me from death at this time!

March 31st There is a calm this morning, and of corse the prospects are bad. The Captain says we are within 80 miles of land, he says there is no danger of us starving for water, but I think differently. I have forebodings of something bad. We are reduced to almost nothing to eat and drink. They have some rice and beans, but we can make no use of them for want of water to boil them in. God have mercy on me and all on bord this vessel, . . .

Aprile 1st 1852. We have a light breese this morning but it is too much ahead, but it [is] better than none. Our lot is a hard one, so far, but I pray God that it may be no worse and I thank God that he has sent some wind to drive us along, and may the merciful God continue to help us, [until] we are landed in safety at end of our journey. 12 o'clock and standing almost still. This is 33rd day and not over 12 hundred miles out of 3500, . . . O God do not suffer it to get worse, be to us a rock, and an anchor, in our troubles. It is well that my wife and children does not know the situation that I am in. Father in heaven be with them and me.

Friday Aprile 2nd. There is a wind this morning but it is a hed-wind, therefore we are not making much of anything towards port. We are trying to get into Acapulco, a port in Mexico 1500 miles from Panama. We are running 2 points to the South of west, when we want to go 2 points to the west of North. We are in about 12 degrees N. latitude, longitude 93 west. Lord make man’s curses to praise you, Lord suffer not good men to perish for the sins of the wicked — encourage me, strengthen me, bless me. (Forget about the curses) This day the Captain says we are from Acapulco 238 miles, and the water committee says we will only get 1/2 pint of water this evening, we got one qut. this morning. This is hard, but if it gets no worse I can stand it a few more days, but we are in a very critical situation, but God almighty is able to relieve us and there I have placed my trust. Should I be lost and this ever come to you, Mary, think of me, when
I am no more. My God what a struggle it will be to think of parting with you and my dear littlet innocent children.

Aprile 3rd  We had a pint of water this morning, and I made my breakfast on that and some moldy crackers. I pray God that it will get no worse, and likewise that my God and Saviour may condescend to send us a wind that we may reach the port that we are bound for. . . . A very light wind has sprung up. Thanks to God. I had a dream last night, and that was, that Ewing Turner and I were crossing some stream of water that I knew, but it had changed its channel and we both had to swim out. I reached the shore first, altho he started ahead. We were leading a horse, with a sled drawing behind.

Aprile 4th Sunday we had strong wind today, land came in sight today, right on our bow. We are still in uncertainty about ever getting into port. 8 o'clock at night we saw what some says is a volcano, as it was a number of bright lights a great way off.

Apr. 5  Still a head wind, and not so strong as it was. We are making very poor headway, but God in his mercy will land us safely I hope. I am not so well this morning, my mind is hurt so much about our not getting along that I fear it will throw me into a sick spell, but I will still praise my God for his goodness to me and hope & pray to him to keep my body & mind sound. At 2 o'clock a Passenger died, at four o'clock he was thrown overboard in sight of land right ahead 140 miles to port with head winds and calms. God help us or we are lost.

Apr. 7, 1852  The sun has rose again on us poor creatures, and I thank God that he has spared me and give me health and strength. The wind is still a head, therefore we make very little headway. Last night all on board were in heart that we would get in today, but there is no hope now, the wind is falling. At 8 o'clock the Captain reported last night, 122 miles from port. God is still good to me and I will praise him to the last with my whole heart. At 4 o'clock, the running very well, see land on the right Bow, it is the coast of Mexico and looks very mountainous and uneven. It is a splendid sight to look at off a ship if we had any encouragement, plenty of water and provisions.

Aprile 8  A dead calm this morning, the Capt. Reports 63 miles to Acapulco the port where we are trying to get into. 12 o'clock and it has been calm all day but thanks to God the sea looks as though we might [get] some wind this evening. 2 o'clock the wind has sprung up and again land on the right, the highest mountains that I have seen, yet our prospects brightens and I thank my God for it.
Aprile 9th. There is some wind this morning, but it is still ached and I do not think the captain knows where the port is. 2 o'clock and still a hed wind and stronger. The Captain says we have made 21 miles since noon yesterday. Almighty Father assist us out of this trouble.

Aprile 10th. Still bearing up against a hed wind, not making more than 12 miles in 24 hours. O merciful God do not forsake us now. I pray you. Our provision we may say is done and the water is at the point of being out. There is not more than 1 pt. of water to the man, but the machine for making water has held out beyond my expectation, thank God for it. 9 o'clock at night we are anchored in the Bay at Acapulco. How shall I render thanks to you for it my God and savour, thanks to you in sincerity.

Aprile 11. Sabbath morning, what shall I say for this favour, God of my creation, Thou art still mercifull. At 9 o'clock we came ashore into the town. It is a small village of the Mexicans, but still our troubles are not over.

April 12. Monday 8:00 o'clock Bought a ticket on the New Orleans Steam Ship.

April 13. Tuesday. In Acapulco waiting the arrivel of the steamer to be in the 18th. I gave $60 from here to San Francisco.

April 14. Wednesday in the morning, this is a pleasant day and there is a very good air going here almost every day. Some say this is a healthy place, but I do not know whether it is or not, but I return thanks to God for my helth up to this time. I do not feel like I did at home, but the change of climate I think is the cause of it. May God in His infinite mercy watch over me and guide and direct me in my journey through life. Chance or fate or the will of God or what you please to term it, may stop me short of my journey of life and if it should, it will not be out of place for me to make a few remarks here with the expectation that this small book may fall into the hands of them that are near and dear to me to recount over the bad luck that we all have had. There is no use, we have been cheated from the day we left New York, but for all that I do not care if we were only in California at work and able to stand it. We are now on another matter of Chance, having Bought tickets on another steam vessel, the New Orleans, to save us from famishing with thirst or starving with hunger or being lost at sea by a drinking Captain and foolishness going without provisions. I will say to my friends, that it has not been

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4 This was a machine for making water — evidently a primitive distilling apparatus.
my falt, only so far, as my inexperience was concerned. We have been fairly cheated and that wilfully and more. I think it verry likely that we will not get away from here without experiencing more of the same game, (I hope not though). Now, to Mary, I write a few words. You are constantly before my mind with a heavy charge on you. May God assist you to go through with it, that you may be able to watch with her direction over our dear littel children. O, that I was confident of your health and theirs. How grateful I would be to my God. If your direction had of been followed by me, it would have saved my mind of many a hard rack and painfull thought. No mortal knows how I have suffered since I left New York and all because I had no need of any untill such a journey. We had all we needed at home, but like all the world I did not know it until it was too late for me to make amends in any shape, to say more here is no use. I hope to God that these lines may be carried back to you by myself insted of another. My money is very scarce now and if I should be unlucky another time, God only knows what will become of me but I trust in God, my Lord, all our Company have been very kind and good to me on the way, and they have my Respects for it, . . .

My Complaint is, I think without a doubt, the liver Complaint and it took all the encouragement of my friends beside all the resolution I was possessed of, to keep my spirits up, but at present my spirits are better than they have been on the way. Kind actions will not be forgotten by me. I am sattisfied.

Aprile 15. Thursday. We are still here waiting the steamer in expectation of being carried up to Sanfrancisco, the place we want to go to. Now I think I am not so much down in spirits, as I was some time back. There are some 4 or 5 sail vessels in this port for either watter or provishions, situated just like our old ship Rowena, several of our Company has had the diarrea and I am verry much afraid of it myself, but try to be as carefull as I can of what I eat . . . . I did intend to write a letter home from here, but friends think it is not best to do so on account of the bad luck we have had on our passage, but we cannot expect to swim through this world on a Bed of Roses. My dear wife and Children, what must be your thoughts now when it has been so long since you have heard from me. I am come to the determination to send you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive.

Aprile 16. Friday. Nothing new today, all looking for another steamer. This day at 12 o'clock the Rowena started out of port again. God watch over the men aborde of her.
Aprile 17. There is a steamer here, but she is Bound down to Panama. We are looking hourly for one to come up, the California by name. The Orleans has come in, but we cannot go on her. The steamer Winfield Scott is looked for any hour. I expect one o'clock we are still waiting on a steamer we may be deceived and cheated out of our money. The Winfield Scott has arrived at 3 o'clock in the evening.

Aprile 18. Sabeth morning. The bells are ringing for the Spaniards\(^5\) to attend some mass or meeting. We start tomorrow on our journey to Sanfrancisco, and then I shall thank my God for His mercy to me. 1 o'clock they are hauling up cattel on the New Orleans for provision for the passengers. The Winfield Scott is waiting til the Orleans starts, that she may get coal. We paid $8 for a week's bording in this town and $60 for our passage up to Sanfrancisco, leaves me with about $20 to take me up to Sanfrancisco and start me to work — far too littel to do it. I am not so well this evening for some cause or other. 6 o'clock and a ded man taken by us to the Burying ground, out about a mile or two.

Aprile 19. Expect to get away from this place today but may have to stop til tomorrow. God grant us a speedy passage and a healthy one, and all the praise be thine—.

April 20. We have got notice to go aboard at 9 o'clock today. 11 o'clock on board the Winfield Scott bound for Sanfrancisco. Started on our way and had to stop to get a man out of the wheel house that was stowed away layed down on deck.

Aprile 21. Steaming away out of Sight of land again but going along fast under a burning sun. God protect me from sickness and harm.

Aprile 22. Thursday. Sleeping up on deck in the open air. The nights are getting Colder. We are steering a littel west of North, about 800 passengers abord this ship, the Winfield Scott. We are all midling well. Thank God for his mercys. Except John McKown and he looks midling Bad this morning and I expect Isaac Stonesypher will be sick again. The Captain's report says we are in twenty degrees North and 107 West lattitude.

Aprile 23. This morning I am verry sore and have a headache caused by laying out in the cold air.

Aprile 24, Saturday. I am so sick this day and my face and other parts are swelled up dredfully.

\(^5\) Ewing apparently forgot or did not know that Mexico had gained its independence from Spain in 1821.
Aprile 25, Sunday. I think I am a littel better. Still my head swims and I feel sore, yet the cause is in the liver not acting, but God is good to me and has been all the way, and I think will be yet good to me for my family's sake. At 5 o'clock a woman that was dead throwed overboard.

Aprile 26, Monday. I feel today that it is doubtfull whether I'll be abel to stand this trip through to Sanfrancisco or not. I am in a worse way now than ever I was before. I believe it may turn out for the better.

Aprile 27. This morning it is colder than ever. I do not know what to do for myself. I am almost ded with the cold. I'm a misserabel looking being. The Capt. thinks another day's run will fetch us into port.

Aprile 28. This day not quite so cold, but I am a grate piece from being well. I fear something has befallen my dear old Mother from a dream I had last night. O, my family, it is well that you know nothing about my sufferings.

Aprile 29. Upon the hill in Sanfrancisco we landed last night at one o'clock, thank God for delivering me from death on this voyage. O God, garde my health now that I am here. Late in the evening on a small [steam] boat on our way up to Sacramento. Almighty God keep me from harm.

Aprile 30. This morning sailing up the Sacramento River with small farms on the way, neet littel white cottages by the way. 9 o'clock in Sacramento, a smart town. 12 o'clock on our way to the mines — . . . crossing the American River on a rope ferry stopt at a 1/2 way house.

May 1st. We are at Auburn, a small town in the mines. I was pleased to meet Mose Cooll. He is a stranger to me, but he acts like a friend . . . . We have heard of friends here McCandlesses. We are going to hunt them up. Cure me of my disease, I pray.

May 2nd. The holy Sabeth in the morning. This day we are compeled to hunt around for worke to keep us from starving. God forgive us here in this strange land. We found where McCandlesses are at work, John and George and likewise John Anderson and Milo Boice, all of who are friends.

May 3rd. Finding a place to work with poor prospects. God prosper me. I feel better today. Three of us worked all we could today and took out 3 dollars worth. My spirits are pretty low now. I think of the home I left behind me and children and wife.

May 4th. We tried to work today but the watter failed and we
are doing worse than nothing. I do never expect to see home again. O, that word, what endearing recollections, . . .

May 5th. Doing nothing today. Yesterday Hugh Cowan and me took out about 5 dollars worth, but there is no watter today. This evening George Martin, Hugh and me took out about 8 dollars worth.

May 6th. 12 o'clock have done nothing yet, I have got the — I have enough of troubel to do me. O, God, that I had never started out here. Lord God encourage me.

May 7th, 1852. Am making nothing and staying with Milton Boice and John Anderson, two men that I will mind for their goodness to me, as long as I have my reason about me. I think that I am better in health now, . . .

May 14th. Working for Milton Boice, have worked twenty-three days for another man at 5 dollars per day.

Like many diarists who start out with the best intentions, Ewing's perseverance began to dissipate. From this point the entries become infrequent, and they finally vanish until the last ones in 1854.

1852. Left Auburn June 20th for Sonora via Sacramento. Stockton arived the 23 at night. 24 Looked around, went to work the 25 for Stacy, Bennett & Turner, 3 hard masters Especialy Bennett & Stacy . . . cutting saw logs 2 days then on the sawmil comenced at 12 o'clock on Sunday morning and worked every day to Satturday night at 12 o'clock the 11th of July.

Nothing more is recorded in the diary until April 7, 1854. From the interim period there are several of Ewing's letters to his family, which possibly can be published on a future occasion.

Aprile 7th. Left Sonora for San Francisco via Stockton. All well. Landed on the morning of the 8th. Bound for home with God's will.

April 9th. Walked out to the Battery at the entrance to the Bay. This narrow passage is about one mile in width. There are no guns or Ordinance — mounted yet, but when they are it will be decidedly impossible for a ship to pass unless permitted by the Fort.

April 14 bought tickets.
Ap. 15. Leaves at 4 o'clock on the John S. Stephens.
April 29, 1854. Arrived at Obispo on the Isthmus at the head of Rail Road navigation.
Aprile 30 Left in the Cars for Aspinwall.⁶ Left Aspinwall at 10 o’clock at night the same day.

According to mileage charts in the diary, Ewing arrived in New York on May 8, 1854:

Made the trip in 23 days, 8 hours from San Francisco to New Yorke. Encountered no rough weather but one day Sunday the 7 off Cape Hatteras.

Past the 9th in New York at the cristal Pallace & Barnam Museum.

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⁶ Now Colón, this city was named for William H. Aspinwall, an American engineer who worked on the Panama Railroad.
THE NEW GENEVA CORNET BAND
GORDON C. BAKER

The New Geneva Cornet Band was typical of the many community bands organized in small towns in the nineteenth century. There is a difference, however, in that the early minutes of the New Geneva Cornet Band survive to give today’s reader a glimpse inside the organization of the group. Although the minute book is incomplete, it does give a view of the band’s first several years of operation. The band was organized in mid-1876 and received its instruments on July 4, 1876, the centennial of our nation’s birth.

New Geneva is located on the east side of the Monongahela River a few miles north of the West Virginia border in Fayette County. In the early 1800s, it was a thriving community with a glass factory, gun factory, and an assortment of mills and other small businesses. Nearby was Friendship Hill, the home of Albert Gallatin, who had a strong influence on the growth of industry in New Geneva.

In 1882, Franklin Ellis, in his History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, described New Geneva as consisting of “a post office, signal service station, two school buildings, six stores, a grocery, warehouse and commission business, three eating-houses, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, a merchant tailor’s establishment, two physicians, two pottery works, a saw mill and grist mill, three religious organizations — Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist, and two hundred and eighty-six inhabitants . . . .”

It can be readily seen by reading the band’s minutes that sometimes not all information concerning band functions was included. In fact, the secretary of the band was admonished once for not keeping complete minutes. In 1878, there are several references to a horse, including the payment of $85.00 for the animal. From this it can be surmised that the band members sold tickets and raffled off the horse as a fund-raiser. The same was also done with dolls.

The minute book itself is a manufactured ledger-type book often used in stores, 12½x7¾-inches in size and containing sixty-six pages. The minutes are fairly complete for the first several years but then become erratic and incomplete. The book saw the light of day again

Gordon Baker, a Society member with a strong interest in local history, now lives in Rockville, Maryland. The band’s minute book is in his possession.—Editor
in 1970 when the Davenport estate was disposed of at public auction in New Geneva.

THE MINUTE BOOK OF THE
NEW GENEVA CORNET BAND
CONSTITUTION

Article 1st  Name
This Association shall be known as the Geneva¹ Cornet Band.

Article 2nd  Object
The object of this Association shall be the improvement of its members in the science of music and their moral, social and intellectual improvement.

Article 3rd  Officers and their Duties
The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Band Leader, each of who shall be elected by ballot.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the band — preserve or cause to be preserved strict order and decorum — submit all motion or resolutions to vote and in case of a tie to give the casting vote. He shall have power to call special meetings whenever he deems it necessary . . . .

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to aid and assist the President . . . and in the absence of the President he will be virtually President.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the minutes and all proceedings of the band . . . .

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the moneys and other property of the band — make all collections and disbursements and keep a strict account of the same . . . .

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Leader to take charge and assume complete control of the band during all rehearsals and when on duty in the street. In all cases he shall select the pieces to be performed and shall be permitted to criticize each man's performance whenever he deems it necessary.

Article 4th  Manner of Organization
This Association shall be organized as a joint stock company each

¹ Geneva Cornet Band evidently was the correct name of the band when organized. The town was, however, New Geneva, so the full town name appears to have always been used. A surviving ticket and Elizabeth Davenport's *History of New Geneva* (New Geneva, 1933), 5, both refer to the new Geneva Cornet Band.
member paying an equal share with the rest.

Article 5th Amendments

No amendment . . . shall be made to this constitution without a vote of two thirds of the members present, and no such vote shall be taken until all the members have one weeks notice of such proposed amendment.

BY LAWS

Article 1st Meetings

Sec 1st. This band shall meet Tuesday and Friday nights of each week . . . .

Sec 2nd. There shall be an annual meeting of the band of the first Tuesday of July for the election of Officers and to hear the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Article 2nd Dues

All members shall pay the sums assessed by the band from time to time for teaching and incidental expenses.

Article 3rd Retiring of Members

Any member leaving this band shall forfeit to the band all his interest in the property of the Association . . . .

Article 4th Attendance

Any member failing to attend a meeting of the band with out a good and lawful excuse shall be fined fifty cents — The Band to decide by a vote of the majority present — whether an excuse offered is good.

Article 5th Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall refuse to conform to the Constitution and By Laws or shall be guilty of repeated disorderly conduct shall be subjected to expulsion by a two thirds vote of the members . . . .

Article 6th Amendments

These By Laws may be altered or amended by a two thirds vote of the members present, and no such amendment to be acted upon until the members have one week's notice.

Signed

James Sandusky July 4, 1876
William Davenport July 4, 1876
John P. Eberhart July 4, 1876
William P. Davenport July 4, 1876
Hugh Eberhart July 4, 1876
Hugh C. Davenport July 4, 1876
Frank D. Eberhart July 4, 1876
William A. Williams    July 4, 1876
J. E. Eneix           July 4, 1876
Reuben P. Rhoads       Sept 13, 1876
C. E. Atchison         Dec 18, 1876
Hugh Davenport         
J. G. Shibler          Sept 10, 1878
John A. Couch          April 1878

We the undersigned agree to abide by the foregoing Constitution and By Laws that in any way relate to us. Submitting to the will of the organization with respect to the distribution of instruments. We further agree that should it become necessary for either of us to resign our positions or otherwise leave the Band we will deliver all property (received by us from the band) back to the same in reasonably good order.

July 22, 1878 R. E. Shibler F. F. Hyatt
" 1878 Lazier Provance J. W. Nicholson
" 1878 W. F. Sandusky C. A. Conn
      Preston Hough           Ed Mallory
      E. S. Dilliner          George Davenport 1883

MINUTES

June 7, 1876 Band met at 8 o’clock. On motion H. H. Davenport was elected President. On motion W. A. Williams was elected Secretary. On motion it was resolved that the instruments should be bought by the band each member paying an equal share of the cost. On motion adjourned.

Will A. Williams, Scy

June 13, 1876 — Band met and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. On motion H. H. Davenport was appointed to order the instruments of John F. Stratton & Co., N.Y. On motion Wm Davenport was elected Treasurer. On motion appointed H. H. Davenport, Sylvester Hertig and William A. Williams as solicitors for money to pay the teacher of the band. On motion each member agreed to pay twenty one dollars ($21.00) into the treasury against the Instruments arrived . . . . On motion adjourned to meet Saturday July 1st.

2 No date appears after Hugh Davenport’s name.
3 At the end of the minutes for each meeting the secretary always signed his name or his initials. These have been dropped for the sake of brevity.
4 The last sentence was added later.
July 1, 1876 — A meeting was called and on motion an order was granted on the treasury and placed in the hands of H. H. Davenport for Two Hundred and Two dollars and forty cents ($202.40) to pay for instruments upon their arrival. On motion a committee of three consisting of Joseph Eneix, John P. Eberhart, and James Sandusky was appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the band. On motion the band unanimously resolved to employ Capt. William H. Stoy as teacher. On motion William P. Davenport was appointed to procure the school house for a band room.

Received instruments July 4th and H. H. Davenport was appointed to secure the services of Captain Stoy as soon as possible.

July 19th — Capt. Stoy arrived and met the Band in the evening when agreement was made. The Band agreeing to pay him $5.00 a lesson and to take not less than twenty lessons.

July 20th — Received one lesson.

July 21st — Received our second lesson.

July 22 '76 — . . . an order was granted Wm P. Davenport on the treasurer for ninety cents ($.90) to pay for blackboard for the use of the class . . . each of the Band agreed to pay for his own blank book. On motion the band held an election of officers in which H. H. Davenport was reelected President, Joseph Eneix was elected Vice President, John P. Eberhart was elected Secretary. William A. Williams was elected Treasurer.

Sept 12 '76 — . . . Sylvester Hertig informed the Band that it was necessary for him to withdraw. The Band received an invitation to a S. School picnic at Mt. Meriah Church Saturday 16th which was accepted . . . .

September 13th . . . Reuben Rhoads was admitted into the band in the stead of Sylvester Hertig.

Sept 15th/76 — . . . The Band being without a symbal player it was agreed that Hugh Davenport should play them until the Band should make other arrangements.

September 19th . . . Joseph Eneix being absent. Received an invitation

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5 Along the edge of page 10 of the minute book a record of the first ten lessons and their dates is entered.
6 Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Church, organized in 1774, was located near New Geneva.
for supper at James Bakers' Friendship Hill on the evening of the 30th which was accepted.

November 21st — a motion to alter the By Laws in regard to the nights of meeting, changing them to Monday and Thursday evenings of each week was offered and seconded but action was deferred for one week according to By Laws Art. 6th.

Nov 28th — The motion to alter the By Laws which was offered one week ago was acted upon and carried. The Band decided to take up a penny collection on each night of meeting to defray the incidental expenses of the Band. Collection for tonight .08. The Band decided to give an entertainment as soon as arrangements could be made.

Nov 30th/76 — Band met and the Secretary read the minutes of the Band since its organization and they were adopted but being incomplete through the secretary’s negligence he was instructed to be more careful in the future. The report of the Treasurer having been previously called for the following was read by the Secy and accepted by the band.

BAND CR

By am't rec'd on first assessment 20.00
" " " " second " 15.00
" " " " third " 23.25
" " " from Ex Treasurer 5.67
" " " for horn 16.00
" " " attending political meetings
" " " by collections 25.50
By am't rec'd for fines .50

Total 118.52

BAND DR

To am't paid Captain Stoy 10.00
" " " " 13.00
" " " W. P. Davenport 10.00
" " " Captain Stoy .20

7 There were two James Bakers living on the Friendship Hill estate at this time. Both worked for the Dawson family, who then owned the estate. To distinguish these cousins, one was known as "Black Jim," because of his black beard and the other as "Little Jim," because of his height. "Little Jim" was this writer’s great-grandfather.

8 This is the first indication in the minutes that the band received money for playing.
Jan 1, 1877 On motion H. H. Davenport, Wm A. Williams and John P. Eberhart were fined 50 cts each for absenting themselves from meeting on Thursday Dec 28th.

Jan 8th — On acct of sickness in the band the meeting was deferred until the 11th.

Jan 11th — . . . Hugh Eberhart was fined 50 cts for absenting himself on the 4th.

February 1st/77 — . . . Hugh Eberhart being absent. On motion decided to give the Greensboro Brass Band a formal invitation to our Band Room at any of our meetings.

February 5th — . . . Hugh Eberhart's excuse for his absence from the meeting on the 1st was considered good.

Feb 24th — . . . decided to have a musical concert for the purpose of raising money to defray expenses of teaching. H. H. Davenport was appointed a committee of one to procure the M. E. Church. William Davenport, Joseph Eneix and John P. Eberhart were appointed a committee on music.

March 3rd — . . . John P. Eberhart and William A. Williams were appointed a committee to procure the Greensboro Presbyterian Church for the purpose of holding the concert in. William A. Williams was appointed to procure the "Old Frame Church".

March 8th . . . the Comm. on procuring Greensboro Presbyterian Church reported favorably. Someone having demolished our music rack James Sandusky and William P. Davenport were appointed to
rebuild it.

August 15th 1877 — . . . Motion to send Harmer Denny 4 parts of No 14.

August 20, 1877 — . . . An invitation was received to assist in playing for a celebration to be held in the Fallen Timbers Grove was accepted if they would pay expenses or send conveyance.

Sept 6th 1877 — . . . a motion was brought before the house to receive J. G. Shibler instead of H. H. Davenport to play the E flat cornet — on condition that he was to pay $15.00. $2.00 down and $1.00 per month till he had paid in full.

September 10, 1877 — . . . after signing the constitution and By Laws J. G. Shibler was received as a full member.

September 17, 1877 — . . . received an invitation to play for a celebration to be given by the New Geneva Union Sunday School on 29th. Motion agreed to go . . . . We agreed to have Ice Cream on the day of the celebration . . . .

Sept 24th 1877 — . . . the Committee on arrangements reported that we could get ice at Mrs. J. L. Dawson’s for our stand at the celebration. A motion was brought before the band to send our books to Capt. Stoy to write us a new piece. W. A. Williams was appointed to procure a waggon for hauling our things to the woods. J. G. Shibler and C. E. Atchison agreed to be at the stand at early dawn.

Sept 27, 1877 — . . . A charge was brought against Mr. Joseph Eneix.

Oct 8, 1877 . . . met at usual time in Mr. Wm Cannon’s Grocery Store . . . agreed to go to the mountains on Thursday Oct 18, 1877 . . .

John P. Eberhart and Frank D. Eberhart was appointed a committee to procure a waggon . . . .

Oct 18, 1877 — At the mountain.\textsuperscript{10}

Nov 15, 1877 — At J. P. Eberharts. We had a very nice time and an elegant supper.

\textsuperscript{9} There are no minutes in the book between March 8 and August 15, 1877.\textsuperscript{10} At the mountain could mean several locations: Summit Mountain, Dulany’s Cave, or Bruceton Mills, West Virginia. There is a record that the Greensboro Band camped near Bruceton Mills, West Virginia. See Evelyn Abraham, “The Pottery of Greensboro and New Geneva,” The Antiquarian (Sept. 1931), 25-29. Perhaps the New Geneva Band went there also.
New Geneva Cornet Band minute book

Band concert ticket
Sheet music from the New Geneva Cornet Band
Nov 19, 1877 — . . . We had a long talk concerning our concert which terminated in Joseph Eneix agreeing to go to Brownsville, William P. Davenport to Morgantown & Uniontown, James Sandusky to Mason-town and Greensboro and John P. Eberhart to write to Waynesburg . . . .

Nov 27, 1877 — . . . agreed to notify Mr. John P. Eberhart to practice more for his . . . tones good. Frank D. Eberhart was fined twenty five cents for disorderly conduct . . . .

Jan 3, 1878 — . . . our president offered his resignation which was accepted. James Sandusky was elected in his place. F. D. E. vice president.

Jan 10, 1878 — . . . agree to send dispatch to Mr. Hankins and Mr. O'Neil and send Jas. Sandusky to see Mr. Jones. Hugh Davenport to see Mr. Howard and tell them to begin canvassing for the horse . . . . James Sandusky, Hugh Eberhart and W. A. Williams a committee on general arrangements. On motion the band agreed to run for a prize.

Jan 21, 1878 — . . . committee on procuring hall reported that we could have it on 22 and 23 of February. On motion agreed to unite with Greensboro Brass Band if necessary.

Jan 24, 1878 — . . . decided to buy a doll for two little girls to run for. C. E. Atchison to attend to buying and dressing it. Not to cost more than 3.00. Joseph Eneix to take 1.00 tickets to Morris X Roads.

Feb 18, 1878 — . . . agreed to send for two little dolls for the defeated little girls . . . .

Feb 22, 1878 — . . . concert commenced at 7 O'clock. Had a good house.

Feb 28, 1878 — . . . agreed to buy three rings for the young ladies that helped us.

March 9 — . . . treasurer paid Capt Stoy thirty five dollars for 7 lessons. On motion agreed to take hats off and take a front seat . . . .

March 11 — . . . appointed a committee to look for a Bass Drum player . . . .

March 25, 1878 — . . . the committee reported John Couch and Lazier Provance for the Bass Drum . . . .

March 28, 1878 — . . . agreed to receive Couch on his paying $10.00
and signing constitution.

April 11, 1878 — . . . R. P. Rhoads and John Couch resignations was received.

April 22, 1878 — . . . the motion to turn C. E. Atchison out was decided to turn him out.

May 6, 1878 — . . . on motion agreed for every man to pay his fine on the next night after he was fined and if not paid on the fourth night he will be deemed guilty of Disorderly Conduct (and) separated . . . agreed to pay half the expenses for cleaning school house.

June 17, 1878 — . . . received Joseph Eneix resignation. It was received unanimously. J. P. Eberhart to go to see Eneix and demand the property of the Band. He says he will give it up when he gets ready.

June 20, 1878 — . . . agreed to sue Joseph Eneix for property . . . agreed to let Wm. Davenport and James Sandusky change horns.

July 1, 1878 — . . . On motion J. G. Shibler was President, J. P. Eberhart — leader, Hugh Davenport Vice President, William Davenport Secretary, W. A. Williams Treasurer.

July 22, 1878 — . . . John P. Eberhart was appointed to examine the tenor horn owned by John Ewing and if in good order exchange a B flat Cornet and $5.00 in cash for the same.

August 5, 1878 — . . . concluded to wait until Thursday, 8th and if the snare drum head had not arrived from Masontown to send for it . . . William Sandusky was fined 10¢ for being late.

Sept 2, 1878 — . . . John P. Eberhart was directed to purchase 10 caps for the use of the band . . . John Eberhart resignation as leader was received. James Sandusky and Wm Davenport nominated for leader. After balloting James Sandusky was declared elected.

Sept 5, 1878 — At the mountain.

Sept 8, 1878 — . . . an order was granted to the treasurer, to the Comm. on Arrangements to the Mountain to pay expenses on the trip.

Sept 11, 1878 — . . . W. A. Williams was instructed to get the tent repaired . . . decided to let D. D. Sandusky have the E flat Cornet at ten cents per mo. . . .
Sept 23, 1878 — . . . accepted the invitation to the celebration in Dawson’s Woods . . . John P. Eberhart was fined 50¢ for being absent while the Band was taking a lesson . . . concluded to draw $25.00 on the note given by Mrs. J. F. Ross.

Sept 27 — . . . decided to meet at 9 o’clock on Sat 28 to start to the celebration . . . the Band was directed to wear their caps.

Sept 30 — . . . Band concluded to get Y. G. Williams to send for samples of cloth for suits . . . decided to send for a Brass Drum.

Oct 11, 1878 — . . . John P. Eberhart and J. G. Shibler were appointed to find the missing E flat cornet . . . concluded to send for a brass drum costing $12.00.

Oct 14, 1878 — . . . decided to accept the invitation to play at the Democratic meeting provided they pay . . . concluded to play for the Republicans on the same terms provided they ask us.

Dec11 — . . . it was decided that any member blowing their horn going to or returning from band meeting shall be find 10 cts.

March 10, 1879 — . . . the following resolution was adopted. Resolved that the Band shall have the power to excuse any member for absence from a band meeting provided the request is two band meetings before hand . . . F. D. Eberhart and R. E. Shibler were fined for disorderly conduct.

March 17, 1879 — . . . John P. Eberhart was fined 10¢ for blowing his horn out of order . . . decided to send the snare drum to Masontown to have a head put on . . . put off the discussion relating to buying a band wagon until next Monday night.

May 1 — . . . George Bear was admitted to the Band . . . the Sec’y was directed to write to the Point M. B. B.12 and tell them we would probably come to the tournament.

May 26, 1879 — . . . F. D. Eberhart and Ernest Dilliner were fined for playing on the way to the Band Room.

June 2 — . . . as the expenses of the trip to Masontown amounted to 35¢ apiece, the old members that paid their expenses were credited with 35¢ on the treasurer’s Book.

11 No date in minute book.
12 Point Marion Brass Band. Point Marion is about three miles from New Geneva.
Whereas, feeling it to be detrimental to the best interest of the Band to accept refreshments in the form of intoxicating drinks, and to avoid the appearance of evil .

Resolved, that in the future we abstain from intoxicating drinks, when on duty, and furthermore any member becoming intoxicated and behaving himself in an unseemly manner while under the influence of liquor, shall be subject to band discipline.

Resolved we will not play for any gathering on the 4th of July 1879 for less than $15.00 and expenses paid.

July 7, 1879 — . . . J. G. Shibler elected President for the year beginning July 7, 1879 and

Hugh Davenport — Vice President
W. P. Davenport — Secretary
William Davenport — Treasurer and
J. A. Sandusky — Leader all for the term of one year.

July 17 — . . . received an invitation to go to the Muddy Creek Brass Band Tournament . . . Frank Eberhart and W. A. Williams appointed a committee to see what it would cost to get there.\footnote{13 The minutes skip to January 17, 1880; from this point on the minutes were kept erratically. They may have been in another book now lost or were not kept at all.}

Jan 17, 1880 — . . . agreed to have closed doors at Leaders discretion.

Jan 22 — . . . agreed to send for few pieces of music .

Jan 29 — . . . Resolved that no member plays at the concert without a written invitation for the band.

Feb 26 — . . . Band met at usual time in J. Thompson's house on Main Street. On motion agreed to rent the house at 50¢ per month till April first. Received notice to evacuate the school house.

June 29, 1880 — Band met at 7:30 for the first time for a long time on account of some of the members being absent — On motion agreed to meet every Thursday night and appointed W. A. Williams to procure a room to meet in. On motion agreed to send for a piece of music called Old Folks At Home .

July 8, 1880 — . . . an invitation was extended to Ira Ross to play with us whenever convenient . . . Hugh Davenport was elected President, W. A. Williams, Vice President, W. P. Davenport — Secty, William Davenport — Tres. and James Sandusky — Leader.
July 13, 1880 — ... committee on procuring room reported Dilliners room to be had at 50¢ per month. Band decided to rent ....

Jan 8, 1883 — ... J. A. Sandusky was elected leader .... J. P. Hough ... President, W. L. Sandusky Vice President, Hugh Davenport Sect, George Davenport — Treasury ....

Jan 12 — ... made a reassessment of 20 cts apiece.

Jan 29, 1883 ... George Davenport and J. A. Sandusky was appointed a committee to get an instrument repaired ....

May 7, 1886 ... Lazier and Frank Jones to see Ben Williams about a room ....

May 10. Band met at 7 o'clock.\textsuperscript{14}

\textsuperscript{14} This is the last entry in the book.
ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS

October 1, 1976-January 1, 1977

ARCHIVES

Bignell, Miss N.—Montreal, Quebec
Letters, photographs, essays, memorabilia, and the Civil War diary of the Rev. Gilson

Booth, Mr. and Mrs. William W.—Pittsburgh

Branton, Mrs. Clarence L.—Washington
Holographic poem by John Quincy Adams

Bridenbaugh, Mrs. Carl—Providence, Rhode Island
Copies of two accounts of early life in Pittsburgh written by John Herritt, donor's grandfather

Cubelic, C. B.—Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Folk Festival Program, 1976

Curry, Field—Pittsburgh
"A Brief History of the Tidewater Companies," and "History of the First Pipeline Through Potter County," both by the donor

Dye, Mrs. Floyd—Somerset
Oakdale Times, Aug. 12, 1903

Dyke, Mrs. Samuel E.—Lancaster
Glass negatives of pictures of Pittsburgh, 1900-1907, taken by Frank M. Hull, father of the donor

Geist, Miss Esther—Pittsburgh
Pictures of gentlemen and groups of gentlemen, including Ellsworth C. Alvord and Henry B. Fernwald

Keller, Allen D.—Youngstown, Ohio
Deed to William McAnelly, private, for services rendered in the U.S. Army assigned to Casper Snyder, Lot 32, Donation Lands in Taylor Township, Lawrence County, Pa., surveyed Oct. 12, 1785, framed (this area was Westmoreland County, in 1785); deed from James Trimble and Clarissa, his wife, to Joseph Pollock, land same as above described as being in Allegheny County (now Lawrence County), 200 acres, dated Jan. 6, 1798, framed

Laflin, Mrs. Louis E., Jr.—Lake Forest, Illinois
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Buckeye Pipe Line Co., Macungie, through Field Curry—Pittsburgh
Section of crude oil pipeline, first interstate pipeline installed by Standard Oil, 1880

Campbell, Mrs. Charles T.—Pittsburgh
Glass shell and jewel, or Victor pattern pitcher, 8½" high

Cobun, Miss Beatrice—Pittsburgh
Pair of goblets, Egyptian motif, about 3½" diameter, engraved by Joseph Locke

Daughters of the American Revolution, Pittsburgh Chapter—Pittsburgh
Glass paperweight, 1976 bicentennial souvenir of clear glass, blue bubbled wafer in bottom, red design of Liberty Bell, and two sheaves of wheat with inscription, "Liberty 1776-1976"

Kennedy, the Michael H. family—Pittsburgh
Framed photograph of the corner of Fifth Ave. and Smithfield St., ca. 1884

Miller, Mrs. Jane, in memory of Betty McCary—Pittsburgh
Flask, Union and clasped hands, 7½" high, ca. 1890, marked ALDHC, for A. & D. H. Chambers, with mold cutter's error of L for &

Stiles, Mrs. Ezra C.—Oakmont
Six maps of the Allegheny County parks, Boyce, Settler's Cabin, Harrison Hills, White Oak, Deer Lakes, and Round Hill parks

Worrell, Miss Barbara G.—Pittsburgh
Flannel patches of international flags and miniature rug designs
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