

## Samuel Reader's diary, volume 10

### Section 14, Pages 391 - 396

Volume ten of Samuel J. Reader's diary. During this period, several deaths in his family occurred, including his brother-in-law, his father, who died on April 20, 1884, and his daughter, who died on April 29, 1885. In addition to English, Reader writes the diary in shorthand. Reader also attached newspaper clippings of personal interest to some pages of his diary and doodled illustrations on several pages.

Creator: Reader, Samuel James, 1836-1914

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<sup>1/2</sup> Wed. 24<sup>x</sup> 5<sup>1/2</sup> <sup>x</sup> I have pain in shoulders & chest, Charley  
 came & at 7 it rained hard & he away. I put old cultivator  
 together. Cleaned. Charley cultivated. I fixed  
 my mower. Rosana helped me grind scythe & sickle. I cut wood South  
 of the flow gate. She & Lizzie cleaned up the front yard. Read Bunkers  
 spirit book. Last night we tried to have "A CIRCLE" at the stand, but we  
 could not do anything. ("ONE WORLD AT A TIME. Apr. 11. 1911. 11:11 a.m.")

*A letter from America James Peck.*

\$2.00 x 1x

Rosana here, Pa., \$2.00 x C.  
August last.

Frid 26<sup>x</sup>. x v D. x L  
I cultivated with the two teams.  
9 water biash & hills. W - 8. s r  
S.B. before 12<sup>xv</sup> P.M. 6<sup>x</sup> moved  
and 2. an awful hard wind & rain & he away. I slept and tinkered around.  
Rosana & conched Lizzy's dress & away. Lizzy very blue, & we all are. Elle dit: "elle veut qu'il ne pas mechant a presdee les opiat. Je lui rapond: "Elle est imprudent." ("Pas mechant, 1711.")  
no rain. To bed as usual. Slept well. Dreamed of killing a man.

IN \$10.75<sup>CORN.</sup> \* \$4.73 C. <sup>cultivated till</sup> 2 I paid him \$3.48.  
No Rosand. 12. 20¢  
Sat. 27. 3.28 (6 2 x } 40 cts x  
corn & took 26 bu. 60 lbs. Billards mill 40  
Billards. - 40 cts. - \$10.75<sup>100</sup>  
24 cts x 1 pt. whisky. 80 cts. x 10 g x I to Las Mrs. Baradad  
dying. 1 x 1 home in an awful hard rain & wind. It is a "wash" too.  
I read stories aloud x  
x x x x x 11 x 5 6 x x  
(Apr. 11. 1911. 7:41 p.m.)



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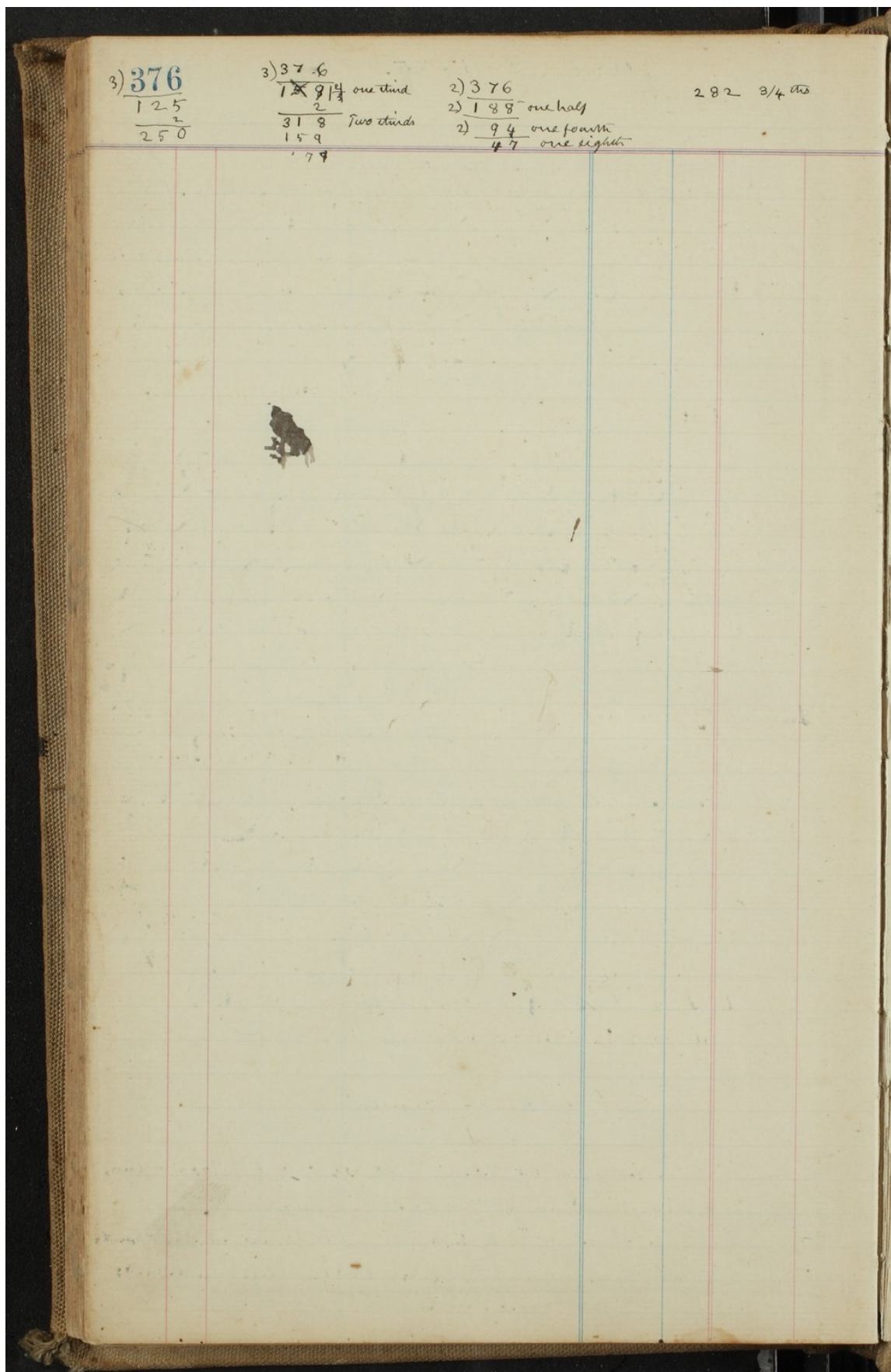
(Apr. 11, 1911, 10:10 p.m.)

(1 April 12, 1911, 9:04 a.m.)

(To be continued.)

(1) I am sitting at the S.E. window 316 Park St N. Topeka Kans,  
as I write this, I am getting along in this work, and  
feel encouraged. Only two more books are in short hand.  
It is cloudy & warm, S.E. wind. 60°. Apr. 12 9. 10 a.m.))  
Good Bye again.!







MY HOME DURING THE CIVIL WAR 1863.



Feb 9, 1911.

View looking S.W. (18 Apr 12, 1911 p.m.)  
A log cabin with N. end boarded up. &  
S. kitchen made of clapboard siding.  
With two smoky chimneys.



### Francis Reader.

Died Sunday, April 20th, 1884, at the residence of his son-in-law, Capt. W. F. Morgan, in North Bellevernon. The deceased was in his 86th year. He was born in Warwickshire, England, in 1798, and was one of a family of 11 children, being the last to pass away. One sister died at 96 and another at 91 years of age, and with two exceptions, all of them reached into the seventies. In 1804, the family moved from England to Union township in this county, settling on a farm near Finleyville, and the deceased has lived in the county until three years ago, when he went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Morgan, at Bellevernon, where he remained until he died. He was a prominent and useful man in his day. He was commissioned Justice of the Peace April 14, 1839, whilst a resident of Union township, and afterwards in Greenfield was elected six times, making in all 35 years of active service as Justice of the Peace. His decisions were never appealed from, except in three cases, and only one appeal sustained by the court. He was elected County Surveyor in 1862. He was an accurate and popular Surveyor, as the records of the county will show. As Justice of the Peace for 35 years he always endeavored to settle amicably the suits that were brought before him, and most of them never came to trial.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and one who, in his life, truly and consistently exemplified the principles of the Christian religion. His children all live, Samuel J. Reader and Mrs. Eliza M. Campdoras residing in Topeka, Kansas; Frank S. Reader, editor of the BEAVER VALLEY NEWS, in New Brighton, Pa.; Mrs. Mattie W. Morgan, in Bellevernon, Pa., and Mrs. Ella M. Herzog, Niagara Falls, New York. In Greenfield, where he lived for about 40 years, and reared his family, a special meeting of Council was called Monday evening, at which resolutions of respect were passed, and resolutions requesting the suspension of business during the funeral services, and that the Council attend the funeral in a body. The funeral services were held in that town on Tuesday, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Baker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bellevernon, and Rev. Mr. Silveus, pastor of the C. P. Church at Greenfield. At the conclusion of the impressive services of the church, the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased was a Master Mason, took charge and buried him in the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of that order, there being a large attendance of the fraternity from Brownsville and other towns. He was laid to rest in Howe's cemetery, on the high hill overlooking the peaceful and beautiful Monongahela river, near Greenfield, where he desired to be buried.—*Monongahela City (Pa.) Republican.*

The tribute of the children to their departed father is that he did his work well; he was great in all the essentials of true manhood; his precept and example were always for the right and against the wrong; and in looking back over the years of our lives together, there is nothing to regret that he has done, but the greatest satisfaction and profound thankfulness, for the care of a father who endeavored to do his whole duty, to his family, his country, and his God. Life's fitful fever is over, and he rests in peace.

The funeral of Esquire READER took place on Tuesday at Coal Centre, Pa. First Rev. Baker, Presbyterian pastor, of Bellevernon, preached an appropriate sermon, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, followed by the usual services of that church. The Masonic fraternity then took charge of the body, and interred it with the beautiful and impressive ritual of the order, of which Brother Reader was long a worthy and honored member.



