

John Jansen

(Diary): Daily Life of an Agriculturist in the Early 1800s

Athens, Pennsylvania: 1DR 1822-1823

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16mo. measuring 6" x 3¾". Quarter brown leather with marbled paper boards and leather latches. 48pp. Approximately 3,500 handwritten words. Portions of the marbled paper lacking with age toning and bumped corners and spine ends, good.

A farmer's daily diary from 1822 through 1823 in Athens, Pennsylvania. The farmer, John Jansen, worked as an agriculture tending to apple orchards, growing potato crops, and raising a multitude of traditional farming animals including chickens, steer, ox, cows, and hogs. Each entry goes over Jansen's daily routine pruning the orchard trees, "grinding" the apples to make hard cider, or slaughtering or milking the farm animals. Jansen kept a record of what he

sells and buys and to whom, which in most cases are other farmers trading wheat or animals. On a few occasions, Jansen writes about, "being drunk at home," or consuming too much cider, as was common during the early 1800s when alcoholic production was on the rise. Added some time later there are handwritten ink descriptions of the diary's contents, "Diary of father of Marion Jansen," with the woman's birth date and location.

An interesting daily account of a farmer from Pennsylvania in the early 1820s. [\[BTC#426124\]](#)