

on the 2 Day of Feb I went to Pittsburgh & back

The 2 Day of Feb was clear & cold the Ground Hog Day & it was cold for 6 weeks

Mathies Day 1856 was clear & cold<sup>15</sup>

the first day of March 1856 it snowed from morning to night old stile of Mathies did not break the ice

the six weeks for the ground hog was very cold

The morning of the tenth of March 1856 was with in three Degrees as cold as the 9th of January 1856

John [.....] was drowned on the 29 March 1856 in the ice the river closed with ice that winter 13 weeks from Janry 1 to April 2 1856

the water was left in the canell March 24 1856

the boats started to run from Freeport to Pittsburgh Apr 3 1856

the ice broke at Freeport on the sicant Apr 1856 & gorges in the bend broke loose [.....] the river rising the ice oney broke to the Aquedock

ice broke from above Warren on the 7 Apr 1856<sup>16</sup>

the ice boats started out on the 8 & 9 of apr 1856 3 of them stuck on the Smoky Island one sunk 6 miles below Pitts

We had very hevly rain & Storm on 12 Apr 1856

Arthur Kiskadon Died Apr 12th 1856

John Varner died Apr 14 1856

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<sup>15</sup>St. Matthias Day falls on February 24. German-American folklore holds that if it is icy on St. Matthias Day, St. Matthias will melt the ice; see Wayland D. Hand, Popular Beliefs and Superstitions, p 1503.

<sup>16</sup>Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania.