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Account¹

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
T. A. EDISON	NEWARK N. J.	
10.11.1876	To one building	\$2500.00
11.11.1876	To one building	37 00
11.11.1876	To one building	21 75
11.11.1876	To one building	18.30
11.11.1876	To one building	9.00
11.11.1876	To one building	13 81
11.11.1876	To one building	11.00
11.11.1876	To one building	24 00
11.11.1876	To one building	27 00
11.11.1876	To one building	8 00
11.11.1876	To one building	12 25
11.11.1876	To one building	6 00
11.11.1876	To one building	5 50
11.11.1876	To one building	3 75
		<u>\$2697 30</u>

NEWARK, N.J. March 25 1876^{2a}

T A Edison

Dr

To one bilding

\$2500.00^b

TAE & Bachlor

37 00

bill of Pant³

21 75

Sundries

18.30

window & Door frames

9.00

Piasir⁴ Lumber & woork cement & Lime

13 81

Jingine⁵ foundation 1 days work

11.00

12 Peers⁶

24 00

Work and Materal on little bilding

27 00

to unloding cars 2 Teams

8 00

Labor in all

12 25

Team to factory 1½ Days

6 00

2 days help B Acker⁷ & Nigger

5 50

B Acker 3½ days work

3 75

\$2697 30

January-March 1876

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By lumber Hoover Harris & ⁸	\$1297 95	
" cash	869 00	
Loder & Iliff ⁹	<u>240 58</u>	
	\$2407 53	
Ballenc		\$289 73
To ^c amount brought over		\$2697.36
By " " "	\$2407.53	
" cash	60 00	
To Siden Bords & Shingels		58 07
" Paid G. W. Ayers the Panter ¹⁰		41 00
" 800 ft Hemlock Bords		16 00
" 250 f Studing of Soper ¹¹ for little Bild		<u>5 00</u>
		\$120 07

D, NjWOE, DF, 76-001 (*TAEM* 13:742). Written by Samuel Edison; letterhead of T. A. Edison. "NEWARK, N.J" and "18" preprinted. ^bDitto marks used as placeholders in front of subsequent numbers in this column. ^cBegins new page.

1. This account is for the building of the Menlo Park laboratory main building and one of the small outbuildings (possibly the carpenter or blacksmith shop). Besides this account record and some individual bills in 76-002, DF (*TAEM* 13:735), there is a Samuel Edison account book pertaining to some of the building expenses, especially labor accounts that indicate the construction took place between January and March 1876. ("Edison's Newark Expense Book, 1875-1878," EP&RI).

2. In a letter written the next day to William Wheeler, Chicago agent for the electric pen, Batchelor noted that the move to Menlo Park would occur on 27 March (Lbk. 2:72 [*TAEM* 28:407]). Two unsigned notes also suggest that the move took place about this time. One states that "Chas Worth was here with our machinery the 25th of March 1876," and the other, dated 28 March 1876, says, "Moved to Menlo Park" (76-001, DF [*TAEM* 13:744-45]).

3. Paint.

4. Possibly plaster.

5. Should probably read "Engine."

6. Piers.

7. Benjamin Acker, one of the day laborers, probably a carpenter. Receipt dated 8 Apr. 1876, 76-002, DF (*TAEM* 13:831); entry of 7 Feb. 1876, "Edison's Newark Expense Book, 1875-1878," EP&RI.

8. According to its bill and letterheads, Hoover, Harris & Co. of Phillipsburg, Pa., manufactured and dealt in timber, flooring, siding, shingles, lath, and other wood products, and also had an office in Philadelphia. The partners, who included G. W. Hoover, J. P. Harris, E. C. Humes, and W. V. Hughes, were also proprietors of the Union Steam Packing Box Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia, superintended by T. R. Hamilton. Hoover, Harris & Co. to TAE, 18 Oct. 1876 and n.d. [1876], and bill of 28 Jan. 1876, 76-002, DF (*TAEM* 13:779, 794).

9. Alfred Loder and Danial Iliff were Newark carpenters and builders who built the door and window frames. Bills of 29 Feb. and 18 Mar. 1876, 76-002, DF (*TAEM* 13:816, 824).

10. Painter George Ayers. Receipt dated 1 Apr. 1876, 76-002, DF [*TAEM* 13:820]).

11. Soper was one of the day laborers, probably a carpenter. Entry of 7 Feb. 1876, "Edison's Newark Expense Book, 1875-1878," EP&RI.