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Monday 22

A cloudy day, not cold. John brought water. Emma washed. Edith went to school I wrote a letter to Grace and washed breakfast dishes. V working in shop. Ground bare and nearly bare. May get a letter. seldom do on Monday. Pea soup for dinner. John pared potatoes. R went over to Vans. V drew her on sled, found Lib gone to Hatties N staid all night next morning Van hitched up and hoisting R in vehicle drove to boat with R and then drove to Dwyers for lib This all took place 13 of this month. I read a letter from Belle and am so very glad to get it. A rainy Evening. Emma talking over the wires to Sadie about going skating this eve. But they will be very disapointed for tis cloudy. The ice is getting poor, and it rains. Wal N called here on his way to the corners. V sent by him for tobacer Wal did'nt come back. guess he staid his uncle Georges. John and V each reading a new book. John reading the Discarded Daughter by Mrs "Southworth" silly old novelist. V reading The miller of old Church" a Virginia yarn by Elen Glasgow

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Fussday Tuesday 23rd Feb 1925

23rd 1995 morning

A cloudy, rainy, foggy morning.

John drives to school with Edith. V &

J up nearly all night looking after

blind Fran she cast in the stall

could'nt get up. Voltie heard her thumping

and whacking away in the stable trying

to get up and for a while thought it

the firing of cannon in Kingston to

the victory of some great battle over

Forgemans but it was only old mare threshing

around trying to get up. J Drawing manure

and going over to feed R hens. Went twice R 7 eggs

and only 7 for us. V & J working as usual in

shop and looking after cattle, horses and sheep.

Wednesday 24 Feb 1915

A nasty, rainy, muddy

storming. Ed cant go to school this day

ice no good for traveling. Wal & Rachel and Sylvia

safely anchored on the other shore. John and

Voltie working in shop, 100 hens are cackling,

10 roosters crowing. I dont like to write this

in my new diary but Edith is a wrangler

all day about going to school and several

other affairs. I wrote and sent a letter to

Belle. John send a letter to Flora.

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Thursday 25 Feb 1915

A misty cloudy damp morning
and mud every where with patches
of dirty snow scattred here and there
Edith terrible dispointed about going
to school. John went early this morning
to feed R's hens and brought home
eggs. Then dug a lot of horse radish for
the table. Just think Horse radish in fields
and tops as green as in May. We set
reading till late. Only 6 eggs.

Friday 26th February 1915

A fine day but freezing. Froze last night so
Edith walked to school. I wrote a letter to
Helen Margaret Brooks. I inquired of John
what they are doing so John "by Jerusalem
doing chores all a.m.". V came in to dinner
and gave me ,15 cts that R Pike had given
him for shoeing his horse. Emma cooked
pork, cabbage and patatoes for dinner. Edith brought
a new book from the School Library by
R.M. Ballantyne "Away in the Wilderness". Sam Woodman
here to get his horse shad one shoe. Geo Niles for
filing cross cut saw 25 cts. All got the itch at Dick Halliday's
entire family, red [sic] a letter from R - a card from Nellie.

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Saturday 27 Feb 1915

Froze again last night. A dim sunlight.
Emma cleaned floors. Sam W here again
to get that same shoe set over again. The
horse overreaches and pulled his shoe
off. Edith washing dishes. John went over
to R to feed her hens. John and
Voltie went to school house to fix the
double windows, didnt return till 1,30 Oclock, baked
potatoes which were much over baked
3 times more. will finish the chair tidy which I
I will do Monday. Our teacher Miss Kelly & Johny Obrien
skated over to Maloneys. Edna McFaden very sick.
Dr Buchanan was pushed across in cutter by Geo & Jack & Wal Niles.

Monday 28 February 1915

A cold morning; froze last night so I
suppose the skating will go on again to day.
No church service to day. Emma talking
to her sister Ethel this morning. This is a
bright clear day but cold. Not extremely cold,
great skating time this evening. V & Em out with the
ice. Maggie Magee in the dumps because no one would
play tag with her on the ice, so sulked and
squat on the ice. Edith staid in house with me,
John & I reading.

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Monday 1 March

A beautiful clear bright sunny day.

Emma is washing. Edith at school.

John & Voltie drawing hickory

limbs from the South place. I send

a letter to Rachel. John sends a letter

to Flora. Sylvia not home yet.

I received a letter from Flora.

Emma washed and hung all the

clothes on the lines. Jack OBrien and

Eddie McDermot crossed the ice

yesterday for kerosine had to pic

their way. Of course I sent R a

letter. Emma hustled around and got

the supper thinking all the

while of skating with the gang and

went on the ice as far as Geo Niles.

No skates out only a big

crack. V went and brought her

back, before coming in she gathered

part of the clothes from the line

and brought them in in her arms.

Weather changing a little towards night.

Edith brought a new book from

the school library. The Swiss family

Robinson. I finished the chair tidy

except the border and croched part of

that.

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Tuesday 2nd March 1915

Not a cold morning but cloudy.

I washed nearly all the breakfast dishes, pots, kettles, spider etc scoured spoons and knives, forks. Emma baking bread, made it into loaves before breakfast, ground bare. Croched [sic] on chair tidy trying to finish it. Edith at school when she returns at night. She says the teacher wants 40 cts for "War Books" for the pupils. Emma counted the eggs and put them in a new box there are 10 doz or 11

Wednesday 3rd March 1915

A bright cold day, no snow. Will Ranous carries the mail by driving the red wheeled mail wagon. I wrote and send a letter to Flora, send Eveline the red book and buy postage stamps ,85 cts. Emma ironed. John puttying in glass for school house windows. Miss Killey sent me a note in reply to my note relating to a subscription for children War Book, got to subscribe wheather you will or not.

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Thursday 4 March 1915

A bright cold morning. Edith going to school, gone to school now. I sent the teacher ,40 cts for War Magazine. I guess Canada is getting stired up pretty well about the war. The horror of it is appaling. V is in the kitchen 'clarin" up and making lye for hulling corn. Voltie knocked the wolf teeth out Keslars colts. Kesler paid a dollar for work done in shop.

Friday 5 March

A fine day. Wind N.E. John gathered up all the sap buckets preparatory to tapping our wee sugar bush of 12 trees ony then John cut brush. V working in shop getting ready for veranda. I sent letter to Belle also one to Grace also one to McAuly for the Family Herald Magazine. My purse is getting slimsy sure, only one dollar, & 29 cts left now.

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Saturday 6 March 1913

Wind north. Looks like rain but dont rain.

Emma cleaned all the floors, and Emma and I managed to make Edna a suit for Sunday. V works in shop all fore.

John went twice to Rachels to feed and water her hens. Chopped and split wood at the wood pile. In pm Voltie goes to school house to meet the other trustees Jack Niles and John, Bell, Con, Donald to arrange school affair. Albert & son were present also John O'Brien.

The school house is to be repaired in side and out newly painted, new clapboards, curtains &c. Then the trustees proceeded to John OBriens to sign the the teachers contract. looks like rain Eddie McDermot here "enroute" for the other side to accompany Sylvia across the ice. He came in a put his skates on in the dining room. I set up a new crochet patern.

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Sunday 7 March

East wind. no snow nor rain,
sun shining. Eddie McDermot &
Sylvia came across this morning. Ed
borrowed a sled and drew Sylve across
on sled. they stoped here a while.

John finished reading his books, The
discarded daughter. I broke the sabath by
pasting some scraps in my scrap book. If
tis wicked, I dont know it. Nothing unusual
occur to day.

Monday 8 March 1915

A bright lovely morning. Froze last night
a light frost on the windows somewhat cold,
wind north. Emma washed and hung the
clothes on the lines; a big washing Edith
at school. I wrote a letter to Belle, John
wrote to Flora. Farmers magazine, but no
letters, only a card or two for E & E.
John & Voltie drew hay, 2 loads form the
Smith place 4 loads. Sylvia washed some thing
can see them fluttering on the line.

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Tuesday 9th March 1915

A fair morning. Sun shining brightly. Edith gone to school. Emma cleaned the floors. Voltie shod old Ben horse and repaired the old buggy to go to the villiage tomorrow. Emma sorted and packed the eggs in the egg basket 19 dozen. Not much to carry to market these days. Think it costs more to feed the hens than their eggs are worth for from so many hens, nearly a hundred have got not more than a dozen per day. 15 is the most we have had per. This is cheese meeting day but V does not attend on account of so much home business. John doing chores and working in shop. ground bare, warm sunlight. John tapped our maples. sap dont run much. Evening visitor Mr Roy Rattray.

Wednesday 10th March 1915

A beautiful day. Arose early. V gone to Kingston tis a long, long drive to the villiage where he will leave the horses and go over with the stage. The mail brought me a letter from montreal "anent" the picture they are going to send it. a card from Maud, a Family Herald and the Standard.

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Emma cooked beans. Edith at school.
John done chores. V came at 7 pm
bringing the grist, groceries, glass etc
and a drunken old pup, named Jim Gardiner
with face long as a jack ass and drunk
and noisy, could scarcely walk to supper
table. Evening visitors Eddie McDermot,
Joe Woodman & Rupert Davis. Emma
played on piano and they all sang
and such a confusion of sounds I
never heard. Well they are gone home.
All good boys, they are every one. I
ws disapointed in not receiving a letter
from Grace.

Thursday 11 March

Froze again last night. A light flurry
of snow this morning. I working on
Veranda. Edith at school. John puttying
glass for school house which I bought
yesterday. Volties hired man, Jim G
so sick after his drunken bout
that he couldn't eat any breakfast.
V told him to shoulder his valise
and get out but he had to take
a long nap first; The day is very fair.

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after all. After sleeping his drunk off Jim arose and came down stairs in time for dinner. V told him if he behaved himself he could stay, and he staid. I write two letters one to Maud also one to Grace. Sylvia came to make a visit but was rung home for her Aunt Lizzie had come.

March 12 Friday 1915

A clear bright day rather cold, V & J working on the veranda. Edith at school. Emma cleaned floors. Jim brought the water from the river, and went to the post box. I wrote and sent a letter to Rachel, also one to Grace, and one to Maud; but I didn't receive a letter not one, nor a card.

So once more I am doomed to disapointment.

It has been a long time since Grace has written, and I dont' know why. I washed the dinner dishes and am very glad I can do it. This is a very strange March month, no snow, nor rain, nor wind of any account. I think I'll not write any more letters till I receive one from some one, but I have more time to write than they. found Graces letter unfolded in The Herald newspaper, a relief to find it.

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Saturday 13 March 1915

Another beautiful day. V and J working on veranda. Emma cleaned floors and made cake. Edith washed dishes. I darned socks, rinse stockings. Emma baked bread, another new calf late in pm. Emma went up to see Sylvia and staid till after dark. Edith finished getting supper and washed the dishes. Well after supper and every thing done Sadie & Howard came. John rang for Emma telling her that she had company and to come directly home. She came, and baby Howard and Emma went to Jack Niles for an evenings visit while we all sat reading. The house so very quiet cozy and comfortable. Each one enjoying themselves in their own chosen literature. The door oppened and in waked [sic] Joe Woodman, Eddie McDermot, Sylvia Woodman, and Maggie McGee. Surely curiosity had sent them here to spy who the visitor might be and I suppose they were much disapointed in finding no one. They didnt stay long. Now this is the second time this week their unwelcome visit has been made here out of great curiosity to see

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what they could see and hear what they could hear. Rip Davis was not with them this time for the very good reason that he was not at Woodmans. Our man Jim Gardner, after breakfast, took a long tramp to the villiage in order to do his Easter duties, and aslo [sic] to go to Kingston to see his wife. Emma received a letter from Lena Dixon

Sunday 14 March 1915

Another beautiful day, no snow, no rain, very little wind North Emma gone to church. Emma went to church, Edith helped get dinner. After dinner went to Sylves Sadie and Howard came by lamp light. John ~~phoned for Emma~~ came up and they both went to Sylves. Staid to supper. Roy Rattray popped [sic] in, didn't stay long but went on down to Geo N's then came Emma and Sadie from Sylvias. So dark Sade couldn't see to go home. Voltie & Edith and Emma took lantern and escorted her home, in coming home Emma hurt her hand on barbed wire. V gathered the sap; a pail full, boiled it on the stove till bed time.

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Monday 15 March 1915

Another beautiful day. Emma didnt wash, her finger is sore where she cut it on barbed wire. Edith went to school. John & Voltie working on veranda. I darned and patched socks and stockings. Voltie ripped and cut up 40 old over alls striped & blue and black & brown and washed them and hung them on the line. I sent a letter to Grace. Nothing in the mail box for any of us

Tuesday 16 March 1915

Another beautiful day, froze last night. Edith at school. George Barrio talking over the wire about money for the teacher. Miss Kelley talking over. Requesting a half holliday to attend RC mass to be held at OBriens tomorrow. I sorted rags all day. Volte and John building a shed for the manure spreader. Emma cooks and washed dishes.

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Wednesday 17 March 1915

St Patrick's day in the morning.

Sunlight very dim this morning looks like a storm. Emma up stairs making beds.

John on his every day rounds looking after her hens and from there to the lower barn to look after the sheep, then John and Voltie look after building the cover for manure spreader. Sylvia made us a call. Harold Dignum here in the evening. No letters for me to day. John Received two - one from Flora. Harold gave us a miserable concert on the piano.

William Gillespie rang Voltie asking him to help work in the church to morrow. V said yes.

Thursday 18 March 1915

No rain, no snow, no wind. Froze again last night. A kind of dim sunlight. Edith gone to school. John gone over to Rachels. Voltie went to work in Church. John working in veranda preparing to lay veranda floor. Emma prepared the meals. Voltie helped wash dishes. John laying veranda floor, working in church. I make a dress skirt for Edith.

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Friday 19 March 1915

Another fine day. A white frost last night. Edith at school. Voltie working on or in Church. Emma mopping dining room floor. My hands so prickly and numb, dont do much. Sinclair here to dinner.

John worked, laying veranda floor.

Emma cleaned floors. Letter from Rachel.

A card from Lottie. John received a letter from Mr Booth to come to him almost immediatley to begin his summer work. How can he get there! River full of ice. I sent no letters. John sent Flora a letter. One of the sheep sick, boys put it in the barn. Received letter from Maud also from Grace.

Saturday 20th March 1915

Another beautiful day froze last night.

John and V put roof on the shed for the manure spreader. Edith sick all day in bed, got up squalling with the head ache, got her feet wet by wading in water. Going 14 and dont know enough to keep her feet dry. Emma cleaned floors.

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Sunday 21st March 1915

Awoke this morning to find a light covering of snow on the ground which soon disappeared. Edith better this morning. A very quit [sic] half cloudy windy day. V called by phone to doctor one of Woodmans horses, ruined so rumor says by Eddie McDermots driving and ill usage. Jimy Morgan came over towards evening to discover the safety of crossing the river. Jim wants to go to Clayton, he ate supper with us.

Wall N at Shelle's painting.

Monday 22nd March 1915

A sort of a cloudy morning not cold. John went over to feed Rachels hens. Jimy Morgan came to go to Clayton with his own boat which he had brought over to Mabels. John went across with Jimy. Emma making pumkin pies while V with glasses in hand is watching to see Jimy and Johny go across the river. Edith at school. Sap runs and we had maple syrup for dinner and supper. Evening visitors Joe Davis and Rupert Woodman please recuse

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Tuesday 23rd March 1915

A beautiful day warm and bright.

Edith at school. Emma washing in kitchen.

Jim Morgan returned this morning from Clayton, or perhaps he staid over at Maloneys or somewhere on that side. Didnt ask him. Lots of ice in the river but the water is blue and sparkling in the sunlight.

Voltie drawing hay for the cattle from the South place, sheep died last night. Emma didnt hang out the wash only some towels.

Wednesday 24 March 1915

Another beautiful day, hens cackling like mad. Emma got a cold or something anyway she cant do anything only be doctored with quinine and hot lemonade. River nearly clear of ice.

I sent a letter to Belle also Evelines recd book. Edith at home helping me do the work. I received a letter from Flora.

Evening visitor Roy Rattray.

Rachels old cow got a calf

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Thursday 25 March 1915

Cloudy this morning look like

rain. The weather has been so warm.

The grass has started to grow. Separated
the milk this morning for the first

time this spring. A very nasty day, wind

South and a drizzling rain, ground bare.

Voltie gathered the sap early; we had a qt

and a pint of good maple syrup. V had the usual

amount of chores to do, horses, cows, calico, hens, sheep,

stables to clean &c. I wrote a letter to Maude.

Friday 26 March 1915

A chilly raw day. Emma hung out some clothes

on the line. Edith at home. Sent her to the post box with

letters to Grace, Maude, and remailed a letter to

John from Flora. Sent W.R. an apple. John OBrien

here to bring Mill Seire home. Said Louise is sick

with ear ache, sent by John quinine, onions &

hens oil. Cooking boiled dinner. I saved

a few tomatoe seeds. I was taken sick with

grippe and sick all day and all night. I

received a letter from Belle a beautiful

letter wherein she told me all about each

one of her children and Charles Sr.

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Saturday 27 March 1915

I sick in bed nearly all day with grippe or something cant eat. Dont know much any way. Emma mopped floors Sylvia here all pm and staid to supper, came for a book and forgot to take it. Edith has been home from school Thursday, Friday and to day there is no school. V doing all kinds of work chores chores chores beside cleaning grass seed.

Sunday 28 March 1915

Go grippe, wish it would go away and leave me but it grips me good and hard. After dinner Emma walked down to Geo Niles to visit Staid to supper and long after dark till nearly 10 pm. Maggie came visiting but went home before supper.

Monday 29 March 1915

Got grippe. Wind West, cold morning, snow on the ground this morning. I am better but not well. Edith gone to school. Received a letter from Grace also one from Robt Jr

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Tuesday 30 March 1915

Wind West all day Edith gone to school.

Grandma sick in bed with the grippe.

Uncle Voltie got it to. Wall Niles here a long while bought the book home. We boiled down enough sap for dinner. I churned. Edith

go to Rachel got 12 eggs. I finished her dress.

Voltie finished leaning his grasseed had 11 lbs

I bake bread, wash dishes, milk pails, separators an separated the milk (Sold six pigs for \$75).

Maggie McGhee here for another book for Sylvia and some writing paper.

Wednesday 31 March 1915

Wind west what there is not much. Grandma not much better. Edith gone to school. voltie worked in the shop and done chores, he phoned for lemons. Elc. oil and tobacco to be sent down by the mail and a 100 of hog feed. Jack Niles here. didnt get any mail only a paper the Standard. I made five lbs of butter out from yesterdays churning. The tomato seed are up Edith went to Rachel before breakfast. This morning and again to night. The weather is cloudy all day, sap dont run these kind of day. Well I guess I will have to get supper for Voltie is doing the chores. Grandma in bed, old pig got 10 little ones.

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Thursday April 1 1915

Well this is April fool day. I suppose there is some fooling going on today but none here. This is Emma Woodman's birthday. Uncle Voltie went over to get so medicine for Grandma but didnt' get home till 10 O'clock. he has the [grippe to. Joe and Rupret [sic] done the chores. Sylvia here all afternoon. Grandma not much better.

Frank Briceland got our pigs this morning. Edith got a pail of sap we are boiling it down. This is the last of school for a week. I suppose she will raise the d—I all that time. Wind from the south

(Good Friday) April 2 1915

No wind this morning, river like glass. Uncle Voltie awful lame this morning, phone for Joe to come down and help draw hay from smith place. he help do chores to. Sylvia and I went down and got the boat were Uncle Voltie left it last night in Jimy's bay. Eddie took us down in the buggie I gave Sylvia some maple syrup and sent Maggie some maple sugar. Edith went to Rachel. Joe here to dinner. George Gillipie went up to church in his motor boat. Jack Niles went to Clayton to day in his boat.

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Saturday 3 April 1915

Wind East and cool. Grandma a little better. Edith went to Rachels said her roster [sic] was dead. Uncle Voltie working in the shop all fore noon. I mop all floors, churn and made 5 lbs of butter out. Wall Niles here after paint oil. Edith washed separator and milk pails. Edith gathered the sap.

Easter Sunday 4 April

(I set a hen)

Wind South nice bright day. Uncle Voltie made ice cream. Sylvia has gone to the villiage with Saddle & Eddie McDermot and stayed. Maggie staid here all night. Edith & Maggie gone over to Aunt Rachel to feed her hens. I helped milk and feed cavles [sic]. Roy Rattray here in the evening and stayed till ten O'clock. I played the phonegraph [sic] for him and didnt say a word, only set there and laugh.

A great many people going to the English Church today. I suppose the R.C. will eat lots of Ham and eggs today. Grandma stayed up all day today. I guess she fels [sic] a lot better. Edith and Maggie wash dishes 2. Uncle Voltie doctored cow and done chores.

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Sylve married to day 5 April

Monday 5 April 1915

Cloudy day all day looks like rain

but dont. Maggie here yet Joe phoned for her twice but she dont want to go home and she dont, stayed all night. I made candy. Edith and

Maggie went to Rachels today and they helped chopped wood and bring water from

the river. I made five lbs of butter and churned got too more jars of cream to churn

Wednesday. Uncle Voltie working on old building all day. Edith and Maggie get the sap.

I separated the milk and helped feed the cavles. I went for the mail. Grandma got a letter from Uncle John & 3 cards & a letter from Aunt Rachel. I got 3 cards. Edith 2. Uncle V 2 and standard and Herald

Tuesday 6 April 1915

Cloudy all day too rains a little. Uncle V brings water from the river and I wash. I

got two bars of soap from Sylvia, she got home the morning after the dance. Edith

said they were all in bed when she was up there but Maggie. Maggie didnt stayed to

breakfast went just as soon as she

got up. Grandma in bed all afternoon not

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much better. Uncle Voltie wroking [sic] in the shop all day and do the chores. I helped milk. Edith went over to Rachel to feed her hen. Uncle V went to Niles to get flour. Nice and still all day, the water like a glass. I rang up sylvia. Eddie McD stayed there all day to day and all night tonight. The dancer's I guess a pretty tired tonight, anyway I know I am. Well I guess I go to bed (Good Night).
Wedenday [sic] 7 April 1915
very nice day. I done more washing, made out 5 lbs of butter and churn and got 20 Doz's of eggs ready for town and done up Uncle V shirt and pressed his pants. Edith went to Rachel. Uncle V fixed his seed drill and got cabbage ready for town. The boat did not get in to the dock to night but is going to try and get in to morrow morning. she got in part way and back out and went to Howe Island to stayed all night. I got some starch form [sic] Sylvia. Eddie McD went home this morning didnt get much mail today just the papers and Grandma a book from Uncle John and Uncle V some let

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Thursday 8 April 1915

A very fine day. Boat came in for the first time—or it tried to get in but failed to come to the dock. People had to walk to the Point.

V went to Kingston carrying 20 doz eggs. Old buggy broke down as they as they started with old Duke, broke shaft borrowed Sylvias.

Had to drive to foot at night for passengers. Emma went for Voltie.

V bought oranges, onions, pea nut, humbugs, Rolled oats, flour, soap, cough medicine, onions sets and onionseed, corn for Rachel, wallpaper, 4 bottle of ale and hog feed.

Friday 9th April 1915

A very good day. V gone to foot for grist. I transplanted the orange tree and clean the front yard and set fire to it. V phoned for Orville McDermot to come and help him work. He wants ,75 cts per day. V said come but guess V has thought better of it. Just think ,75 cts per day for a for a 15 year old lad that sits around and smokes and runs the phonograph. Graces birthday.

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Saturday 10 April 1915

A cloudy morning. No rain. This certainly is the dirtiest, filthiest house I ever saw and every thing in disorder. V got wall paper for my bedroom but it never will be put on. I suppose Emma does all she can but that other long legged trollop that stops while wiping a few dishes to play with and feel of the cats! oh every thing goes wrong this spring. But that other dear little girl Emma. I am sorry for Emma.

Monday 19th April 1915

nine days ago since I wrote in this diary since then Rachel came home last Wednesday morning. Van & Lib brought her home in Rob Percys old leaky skiff, and last Monday Sylve Woodman and Eddie McDermott were married at the villiage by the Episcopal service. A very foolish marriage I think; she is 21 and he is 19. V went to Kingston last Thursday on the boat, carried 30 lbs butter at ,30 cts per lb. Eggs 18 per doz. Friday night a dance at Jim Kehoes. V went to take Emma, they came home at 12 midnight.

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Saturday

V plowing over on Rachels
and was up nearly all night doctoring
old Ben horse.

Sunday

Wall here and
ate dinner with us. Mr & Mrs Niles Sr
gone up to Shells in Volties skiff.
I received letters from Belle & Grace on
Friday. I answered them.

Monday 19 April 1915

A beautiful day no rain since
the 11th. V plowing. Eddie McDermott
sick. Edith gone to school. Emma feeding
the motherless lamb. I am sitting out
on veranda for the first time this spring,
it is very warm and beautiful. I send
letters to Grace and Belle. Eddie had the
doctor. Doctor said Ed had colic.

Tuesday 20 April 1915

Another dry warm day. Voltie sowed wheat.
and grass seed. In the evening drove to Geo Woodmans
for 10 bushels of barley. Emma went
over to help Rachel clean up the house
gone till noon. Edith at home which was a
terrible calamity to her. Wallace went away this
morning. Jack took him to the Cape. Em sowed
cabbage seed, planted dahlias and gladiolas.

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Wednesday 21 April 1915

another dry day. Wind North this morning. Emma done big washing with Rachels vacum washing machine.

Edith gone to school. V preparing ground to sow barley. V worked late and cleaned up barley after dark to be prepared to sow early tomorrow. Clarence McDonald brought home Volties farming mill. Guess Ed McDermot has got done working there for Maggie brought Eds valise from there to Sylv's after school.

No mail only a standard. I sent no letters.

Eddie going home to his mammy tomorrow on the boat.

Thursday 22nd April 1915

No rain. Wind S; rather breezy. Emma moped floors and helped get dinner. Then went to the lower barn to help V draw hay home for cows & horses. I wrote to the Family Herald and weekly Star. Emma churned. V sowed barley, looks like rain, wish it would. Emma set a hen, which makes 5 now sitting. Dont feel very well. Garden seeds didn't come. Silve here to borrow butter papers.

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Friday 23rd April 1915

A cloudy morning no rain
but looks very much like rain, hope
it will. Edith went over to feed R
hens this morning. V sowing oats
working alone, no one to help him.
Rachel cooking beans for dinner.
Edith separated the mornings milk
& cleaned the lamps and filled them,
her mind is constantly filled with
Mary-belle and Madeline and Mort.
I sent a letter to the Family Herald and
weekly Star. Read letters from John & Grace
and happy to get them.

Saturday 24th April 1915

A misty morning, no rain since the 11th
but the farmers are hustling in their grain.
Voltie has sowed wheat, barley, oats.
Rain, Rain, the warm rain is falling
but it proved to be only a good sun
shower but it was of great benefit to the Earth.
Voltie and Jimy Kehoe went to Corners
rowed to Vans in V's skiff. Van told V to take
his rig which V did. They came at midnight. V bought
shirts, scribbler, olives, kerosine, gum and a pencil.

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Sunday 25 April 1915

A fair day. Sylve in bed at 9 a.m.

Rupert chasing Maggie over and around the fields to compel her to drive the Woodmans cows home from the Niles field. Another sheep dead which makes 2 sheep and 3 lambs. Emma, Edith, Maggie & Sadie went to Dignumms for the garden seeds left in dock house last Thursday; they brought wild flowers. Sylve and Eddie here too.

Monday 26 April 1915

A warm bright morning. V sowing oats.

R moved home this morning. flour, milk, sugar, clothing, books, etc. Edith at school. I sent a letter to John also one to Grace. no mail for us. We seldom get mail on Monday. Emma planted 1 1/2 row at noon. Emma gathered 36 eggs. I mended stockings and socks.

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A fair bright day, grass growing.
Edith separated the milk this morning. Edith didnt go to school to day, staid home to help Emma, they planted potatoes 5 rows now planted. Voltie sowed more oats. I darned more socks & stockings. Nothing uncomon [sic] occured to day. just the every day routine of word cooking, washing dishes, sweeping, moping floors, feeding lambs, looking after the newly hatched chickens. Aunt R came over towards evening for her kettle and some coffee milk, and onions sets.

Wednesday 28 April 1915

April almost gone. Only two days more. It rained a very litle in the night and lightened [sic] and thundred. The sun is brightly shining this morning. very light wind. Voltie gone to his work preparing ground for oats near the house. Emmas baking of bread is just fine. E & E planted potatoes there is an awful lot of work here to be be done and but few hands to do it. 31 eggs.
I received a letter from Helen Watson

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Thursday 29 April 1915

Another fine day. V preparing ground for sowing oats. I wrote a letter to Helen Watson Providence R. I. Voltie drove to dock with aunt R carrying 16 lbs butter at ,30 cts per lb. V drove again for her at night. She came right along home with him and staid all night and to breakfast this morning. Edith went to school; looks like rain & did rain in Kingston.

Friday 30 April 1915

A cloudy morning and cool. Edith gone to school, Rachel went home carrying her axes and other bundles. Emma picked a pail ful of dandelion greens. I sent a letter to Helen Watson. V preparing ground for oats, sowed 13 bushels; got that field done.

Towards night R came over for milk and axe staid to supper. I pieced three quilt blocks

Saturday 1st May 1915

A cloudy morning rains some. V going to plow for more oats if it dont rain. got 5 days more plowing to do and then to make garden. Now this is Saturday I'll see what work will be done to day by our hopeful daughters.

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our preacher Mr Sager calling
at Rachels and talking with
Voltie on the road near where V
was plowing another new calf at
the barn. Jimmy Kehoe and Rupert Davis
borrowed V's skiff to go over the
river. They are going to corners for something
to cure the cow itch on Rupert. They will
have a very dark time crossing the river
it is so very cloudy.

Sunday 2nd May 1915

A cool sprinkly morning. Edith is
expecting the Morgan youngsters but
dont think they will come. After dinner
Emma calls on Sylve. Mag comes
down here. Mrs Niles came too
Not a very pleasant day. Harold Dignum
here in the evening

Monday 3rd May

Not a very pleasant day, chilly. Voltie
gone to field to plow this morning. Edith
contrary dont want to do any thing

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very strange child. Sam Woodman hired Volties manure spreader, going to plow for Voltie. Edith about 3 O'clock pm. Edith went to set out Rachels onions & staid to to supper. Came home and drove up the cows. V finished work over on Rachels place.

Tuesday 4 May 1915

Sam Snub got very angry and brought the manure spreader home because V went up and told him not to load it so heavy. he (Sam) had it loaded way up above the seat. He has had the spreader more than a day. but I dont think he will help V plow now. Geo Woodman here. V sold him a pig for the dollars. Rachel came over to dinner. Edith went at sun set and carried milk to Rachel.

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Wednesday 5 May 1915

A fine cool day. Voltie began plowing the last home field back of the barn. Rachel came over to gather and cook greens. We had a big mess of greens for dinner. Edith at school.

V got the field and quarter plowed.

Sylvia Anne and Sarah Anne Mcdermot here in the evening also Mag Magee.

Jimmy Kehoe gave V two fine pike.

George Niles took Louise to Clayton in motor. She going from there to Watertown Sanatarium. I sent a letter to Lippencott for flower seeds.

Thursday 6th May 1915

A cool bright morning. V plowing. Edith at School. Sarah McDermott gone home.

Sylve drove to the dock with her this morning. She is coming back to attend the sugar party to be held at Jane Niles Friday evening for the benefit of the "Ladies Aid".

We had fish for dinner & as a present from Jimie Kehoe. V has half the field plowed.

Rachel came over for milk. V planted potatoes 9 rows.

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Friday 7 May 1915

A cloudy morning; wind S. trying to rain, & does rain some. Edith gone with soap & a big scouring cloth, Bonami and pail and her dinner. Going to clean school room.

V plowing for corn. Emma getting the meats. Voltie plowing for corn. A sugar party at Jack Niles for the benefit of Ladies aid. Roy Rattray said they collected 14 dollars. While coming home Emma fell and bruised her face badly. It rained and the wind blew nearly all night. A letter from Grace, card from Helen Watson.

Saturday 8 May 1915

Voltie finished plowing for corn and pumpkins. The rain barrel half full of water. I sat out in veranda awhile. Emma cleaned all the floors. Edith churned. Emma set two more hens; Sylve & Ed & Maggie gone over the river to Franks went in Jack Niles old skiff.

Sunday 9 May 1915

A cool day and very quiet. I write a letter to Grace. The wind blows half gale from the west. I guess Sylve will stay over the river a while. No one here till evening. Then Roy Rattray came for an evening visit. The McDermots came down and took possession of Sylves house. Mr Mc and four young McDermots including Sarah

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Monday 10 May 1915

A fine day. V brought Water for Emma to wash. done big washing. The Mcdermots are cleaning up Sylvias dirt. Voltie fitting oat field. Edith staid home. I sent a letter to Grace.

Tuesday 11 May 1915

A fine day. River still. Sylve and her boy came home to day. Mrs McDermot done big washing. V finished sowing grain to day. Dilavan and Lib came over after dinner. Lib not very well she brought home my books and borrowed two more of Mrs L.L. Meads. Emma cleaned kitchen floors veranda etc, washed pails and separator. Edith went to school looking very neat in one of her new plaid dresses.

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Wednesday 12 May 1915

Wind South and blowing; sun faintly shining
Emma bringing in her washing. Edith cleaning lamp
chimneys and filling lamps. V gone to engage
James Kehoe to help him shear sheep. couldn't
get him. Kehoe going to help Niles butcher.
Eddie McDonald came for strawberry plants
and helped Voltie about the sheep; ate
dinner and supper. Edith at school.
Sylve was married the 12 April. I made a
mistake in the date of her marriage.

Thursday 13 May 1915

A damp morning. V went to Kingston.
Emma drove to dock night and morning.
Rachel came over to gather greens
but went home early to gather her chickens
in to shelter on account of rain. After
noon clears up and the sun shine clear
and warm. Edith ~~at school~~ at home all
day. V bought " a pair of shoes, a wrapper
for me and a green sweater for Emma which
she done like neither do I like it
butter 30 cts per pound eggs 18 per doz

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Friday 14 May 1915

A cool morning. The weather is much colder this month than last. Edith at home dropping potatoes and doing other chores. R came over for greens. Geo & John McDonald here for repairs on their hay press and ate dinner here. V got the orchard nearly all planted to potatoes. I sent a letter to Reginald and one to Maclean Co about Farmers Magazine. Received the Flower seeds from Lippincott. Sylve & Maggie came down in evening. Sylve wrapped in a big rain coat. Maggie is going to her Bellville [sic] home.

Saturday 15 May 1915

A clear very cool morning frost last night. V finished the early potatoe planting some of the planted potatoes are up. V is going to cultivate the potatoes. Rachel came over for milk. Emma and Edith went up to Sylves in the evening.

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Sunday 16 May 1915

A very cool morning. Wind East, vegetation dont grow much. Rachel's old cow tearing and breaking down all the wire fencing on the the farm. No one here to day. It looks like a gathering storm and does begin to rain towards night. Sylve & Ed and Maggie gone up to the villiage to McDermots.

Monday 17th May 1915

Wind South and blowing. Voltie began carrying our milk to factory this morning. Rained in the night enough to keep the things growing. Sylve, Ed & Mag not home this morning. Rachel came over to get her correspondence addressed to Muriel and Eveline. I didnt send any mail. Only a card from Maud came to me which is the first in a long time. Kasler cut Rachel's cow's horns off. Emma drove over to Dignums for potatoes for R. V building fence over there.

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Tuesday 18 May 1915

Another very cool morning rained in the night. V finished fence over there and made 3 garden beds for onions which Edith and Emma set to onions. I work on rug. Roy R here in evening.

Sylve and her family came home.

She brought one of the McDermots kids with her Marion or Mary Anne. Ed McDermot gone working for Byron Irvine.

Churned gave Kehoe some krout and sent Rachel milk and krout by Kehoe.

Wednesday 19 May 1915

A very good day cool enough. V made onion beds, 3 of them. E & E planted the onions which now makes six. Edith brought brush from the river to cover the first 3 beds. The hens had began scratching them out. Rachel came over to dinner & borrowed the garden rake. Emma gathered dandelion greens for dinner. I received a letter from Grace & Robert. V went after dark last night for R's eggs.

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Thursday 20 May 1915

A clear cool morning. Arose at 4 am.

V is going to Kingston; drove around by the cheese factory with our milk, and from there to dock. Emma drove. I sent 9 lbs butter to market. We sent the wrapper and sweater back to Staceys to be exchanged for something different in color. Rachel didn't come over. Every thing goes so slow. Emma drove for Voltie. Then after supper goes to Sylvia's. We were much surprised to see Bert & Maud & Hubert. Their arrival was very unexpected. Emma came and got their supper. They brought piece of cheese. Bert is selling fruit trees.

Friday 21 May 1915

Bert and Maud went across early.

On account of wind. Their visit was so short That it seemed like a dream. Voltie still working in field. The wind is blowing towards we
A letter from Belle is all the mail we receive this day.

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Saturday 22 May 1915

A very pleasant day after a cool night. Rachel came over for dinner. After awhile Ed Macdermot & Sylve and Roy Rattray and Sadie Macdermot cross the river in Niles old skiff enroute for the corners, they drove out in Maloneys rig. Maggie and Maryanne Macdermot came down to play ball with E & E. V building fence.

Sunday 23rd May 1915

A very fine day. We have some visitors this day. Edith Dixon and George Woodman & Rachel & Van and Lib accompanied by the usual amount of talk. Emma prepared a very good dinner for them. After dinner and dishes washed Emma & Edith goes up to Sylvias and returned accompanied by Maggie.

Monday 23rd May 1915

A very fine day. Emma began cleaning my bedroom, moved every thing out to the front veranda my bed and all. Sylve came down and helped paper. Mabel Morgan came for eggs to set a hens. Brought me a book, The Calling of Dan Mathews. Mabel & Sylve here to supper. I sleep in the veranda this night. V building fence. No mail.

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Tuesday 24 May 1915

Emma finished papering my bed room. Sylvia helped her and staid to supper. Rachel here twice this day (walked over and back).

V building fence all day and not finished yet.

I sorted rags; gathering for a storm and begin to rain and rains all night. I sleep in veranda and hear the rain pattering on roof all night.

Wednesday 25 May 1915

Awoke this morning to see the rain falling and the orchard white with bloom. Work and business slow in the house. No healthy ambition about work and all I can do is to let them take their own gait

"Old times are changed

Old industry gone

And work gone crazy & deranged.

From early morn & all day long

but nature, outside is industrious grass green and growing, orchard all in bloom. Wind blowing river rolling with white caps. Jim Morgan here for some krout, said Edith told Madeline they could have krout. V filled Jim's saw, Jim gave him 25 cts. Rachel came over for milk ate dinner with us. Emma painted my bedroom floor. I go to roast in veranda. Mail nothing.

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Thursday 27 May 1915

Weather is so cold that there was ice in the horse tub. I hope the fruit trees didnt suffer very much apple, pear, cherry, plum, strawberry. Wind North changed to SW and blows half a gale. V still fixing fence. Went to barn this evening on pig business. Maggie went away to day to the Brockville home. Sylve went with her to Kingsotn and saw her off on the train. Emma sent by Sylve for stockings and a few other things. Roy Rattray here this eve.

Friday 28th May 1915

Another cool day but little warmer then yesterday. Emma cleaning pantry to day. Edith and I washed dishes and I pieced on my log cabin quilt. Ed went to Byrons and Sylvie went with him in buggy. Mr De La Roche here peddling native herbs. V bought a box \$1,00 one dollar. He ate supper with us. A talkative giddy sort of a chap 6 feet in height but he understands all the tricks in trade and business. He gave Emma a little sheet of music for his supper he said. V preparing ground for tomatoes and strawberries. Edith at home all day only when she went to R for washboard and again in eve to carry R some milk. I sent Grace a letter in which I enclosed Belles.

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Saturday 29th May 1915

A cool morning. Wind North and blowing. I slept out in veranda last night with the big round moon looking in the window half the night from a cloudless sky. Volties building fence over on Rs, no one here this day except the family. Sylve came home this p.m. bringing Ed with her from Byrons.

Sunday 30th May 1915

A beautiful bright morning. Cool, wind North. Didnt rise very early. Voltie didnt sleep much account of his hands pained from boring post holes. Emma fixing to go to Hiram Joslin's visiting a long lonesome Sunday, no one here in all day except Edith, Voltie and I. V went fishing and caught 15 perch & rock bass. The orchard in full bloom. Sade McDermot came down and drove home with their little mare, Mary. Mrs Niles calling on Sylve this eve.

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Monday 31st May 1915

Another bright day and warm. V by help of Emma set a net then went over on R's place building fence all day. I was so glad to receive a letter from Grace. Emma washed all the curtains except the parlor curtains. Edith is washing her feet to day, and changing her stockings. Emma received a letter from Robert Jr, wherein he tells her all about his garden, and the May fair in Watertown on the 22, also about Mr Niles the aviator flying over Woolworth tower New York who is engaged to perform at the fair by doing all kinds of tricks in his monoplane even to looping the loop. V set two more nets this evening.

Tuesday 1st June 1915

A fine warm day. Edith at school.

O why should I keep a diary or try to do any thing. I washed breakfast dishes, jars pot, pans, kettles, cooked beans and rhubarb.

V still building fence over on R's.

Jim Morgan here to borrow little garden seed drill. Evening Roy Rattray here awhile. Ed came for Emma to stay with Sylve while Ed & Roy go to foot to Rubes for apples; they got none.

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Wednesday 2nd June 1915

A fine day and very warm. Voltie by help of Jimmy Morgan butchered one pig. Edith watching cows over on Rachels. The pig is very fat. V built fence over on Rachels.

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Thursday 3rd June 1915

A very fine day. Voltie gone to Town on boat carried a fore quarter of pork which weighed 47 lbs at 12 cts per. Nearly all places of business closed for this is the Kings birthday which has to be celebrated war or no war even if the Germans win which I think they will do. Edith watching cows over on Rachel. Sylve went over to the dock with Voltie and Emma. Emma drove for V at 1/2 past 4 O'clock pm. Rachel came over to tea. V run the 3 nets only 4 fish. V bought 2 doz lemons, a dog, bananas, 10 brown sugar, 3 boxes Dadds pills for me, 5 bottles of Electric oil, 1 box sodas, 1 lb cow brand soda

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Friday 4 June 1915

Another day bright day every thing suffering for rain. The meadows are short not much hay this year.

Edith watched the cows over on R.

V set tomatoe plants; 200 hundred of our own growing. Work goes slow in the house this day. Sylve came and staid to supper. Gave her fish & rhubarb. I received a letter from John which I was extremely glad to get.

Saturday 5 June 1915

Awful dry hot weather. If there comes no rain soon, nothing will grow pasture all drying up now, calves going on short allowance cows too. Edith watched cows over there. V met with a terrible blow in the eye by the whip he was driving the bull with. Some how it hit him in the eye nearly blinding him. It was so bad he went across to see Dr Buchanan. Emma went too. Van drove out in his rig with them. Emma bought herself a pair of shoes \$2,00 and 5 yds of gingham for Edith a dress.

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returned home at 1/2 past one a.m. Rachel came over to stay while they were gone to the corners. V sent Edith for R. After they returned home Rachel took the lantern and went home. She & Turk

"It is over the moonlight
Tis well past midnight
It is time Turk and I
Were home two hours and half ago"
Sunday 6 June 1915

O such a hot dry day. Great doing in church this day. The Church after repairs (inside) and new furnishing has been dedicated anew. A great time out. Emma didnt go which she ought to have done surely. V couldnt go his eye was so badly bruised and bandaged. Poor dear Voltie
Monday 7 June 1915

Voltie trying to work and has an atack of rheumatism in both hips but still trying to work & his bandaged eye a little, very little better. Emma went to Maggie Joslins birth day party. Went with Roy Rattray in buggy, came home at 1/2 12. No letters only from Hugh for V. A very warm day. A hot night.

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Tuesday 8 June 1915

It rained some in the night after Emma came home and now it is much cooler. Voltie's rheumatism no better, he works awhile building calf pasture fence and then comes in and his down awhile and then goes out to work again. Alice Higgins and her brother Mr Hubert Essford here in p.m., couldn't stay to supper, after supper Sylvia and Sadie McDermot & Roy Rattray here till 9 pm also Rachel who talked very bitter to Roy for yelling when he passed her house last night. 'Tis a long way to old Rachel Bamfords. Roy had been working for James Kehoe and had been drinking to much of James hard cider.

Wednesday 9th June 1915

A very cool day after the last nights rain. Emma and Edith helped Voltie do chores. Emma and Edith went to the baseball picnic in Kehoes woods came home early. Volties back a little better and his eye some better but he cultivates the corn ground and runs the cultivator between the rows of potatoes. The strawberries are ripening some I received a letter from Grace which I was very glad to get. Her letters are always bright and cheerful. Rachel here in evening and supper.

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Thursday 9 June

A very nice forenoon but in the pm the wind springs up and blows hard from S.W. Emma washed a lot of clothes at the river where E & E & V had carried and set the big water tank, but didn't finish on account of chilly wind. Irene washed all breakfast and dinner dishes. Edith got the dinner. V back not much better but he finished cultivating the corn & potato ground. Sylvia here all pm and to supper. Rachel came over for milk and to ring to Dignumms to inquire if the corn came on the boat for her hen feed, that V had phoned for this pm from McFarlands, and this evening V and Emma have drove over for the corn and a lb of tea and laundry soap and have not yet returned. The weather is very cool, almost cold. Edith watered the calves and lambs. tis very cloudy and dark. V & E just now arrived with the corn, tea, & soap.

Friday 10 June 1915

Slept from 1/2 past 9 pm till 3 am without awakening didnt sleep again. Spoke to V for I thought the old pig was out rooting potatoes at half past four but it was only a "thought so". V much better this morning. Thunder, lightning and rain which I

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think thousands of hearts are made thankful.
Tis 20 minutes to nine am. Geo Barrie
and his brotherinlaw Bob Burk are here.
I suppose they are looking for strawberries.
I picked up all the breakfast dishes and
cleaned and dusted the cabinet. I ought
to answer Grace's letter but grass so wet cant
mail letter.

Saturday 11 June 1915

A fine day for growing vegetation after
the rain. Wind blowing hard from south
Voltie finished preparing corn land and
sowed corn. Mrs Niles came at 3 pm selling
tickets for Ladie's aid picnic and staid to
supper. Rachel came over to supper and
for milk. V and Roy Rattray and Rupert Davis
went over the river in Volties skiff.

V went to Van's for oil (kerosine) and Roy
and Rupert walked to the corners while V
staid at Van's till they returned. They came
home at 10 minutes to 1 am

Emma cleaned all the floors and got supper.

I washed breakfast and dinner dishes.

V got 6 gallons of kerosine for Rachel at Van's

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A very fine day only the wind blows quite hard. Maggie Joslin came here from church and staid to supper and now E & E & Roy R have gone down the road a piece with Maggie and Voltie has gone to shut the boat house door for it looks like rain. Sharp vivid lightning for 3 hours after dark but not much rain for us only little.

Monday 13 June 1915

A bright sunny morning & breezy. V pulled the nets out the river not many fish only rotten ones. I send a letter to Grace which I have written this morning. V sowing corn with drill; also beans, sent Edith to Rachels for her vacuum washer and carried a basket of strawberries and fish for her. Emma washed 4 quilts rinsed them in the river and hung them on the line. Voltie back not entirely well yet but he works all the time. Ed McDermot and Roy Rattray helped V pull the skiff into the boat house, a very brilliant sun dog on the north side of the sun just over Sylves windmill. Sylve & Ed here this evening.

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Tuesday 15 June 1915

A very cloudy morning commenced raining at 7 am and soon filled tubs, barrel, tank. V working in shop We are canning rhubarb. We are canning rhubarb 4 cans preserved which makes 6.

Delavan came over to make us a visit. V and Edith hurried to river to help him pull boat ashore. He staid to dinner and supper and then staid all night on account of wind. Sylve came here all pm and staid to supper. Old

Troy rung down from villiage wants to come here to work. Ed bought 1 box of berries 12 cts

Wednesday 16 June 1915

A lovely day after yesterday rain and every thing growing beautifuly. Delavan arose at 1/2 3 am and went home. V heard him get up and go. I didn't. Was going to send Lib some berries and a newspaper the Herald.

Emma washing. V & Edith planting potatoes down by the cedars. Rachel came over in pm for eggs that we owed her, didn't stay to supper, gave her two cups full of rice which she said we owed her. V drove to dock to get the cheese check of Geo Rattray]] \$24 dollars. R was 5 dollars. Roy Rattray here again this evening.

V went to Niles for potatoes to finish planting. English church picnic to day in Bob Smiths grove.

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Thursday 17th June 1915

Another fine day. Wind South. V finished planting potatoes. Edith dropped potatoes, then Edith got dinner while V cultivated the Early potatoes. Emma cleaned dining room floor, then went to pick strawberries for customers. I finish crocheting the last yd of thread No 12. Wish I had another spool. Sylve gone to town. Afternoon V worked on the road with team. Weir's hired boy came to help V on the road. Emma picked berries all pm. Irene washing breakfast, dinner & supper dishes. Roy Rat here in evening for 2 boxes of berries for Annie Niles. V put two supers on bee hives.

Friday 18 June 1915

A very fine day and cool morning. V working on the road again this day. Goldstein helping V work on road. I wash breakfast and dinner dishes.

A hot day. Emma picked strawberries. I received a letter from Grace, she said Maud, Bert & babe just arrived. The hotute hen with one duckling scratching up the potatoes. V says we will have a pot pie of that old white leghorn. Rundalls linament agent here; bought a bottle of linament of him .78 cts.

R came over too got sourkrout, milk & a dollar.

Roy here again for berries 6 boxes but grass wet and no berries picked.

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Rain nearly all pm. Emma cleaned floors.
The wind South and blowing a heavy gale
but the day very warm which indicates rain.

Saturday 19 June 1915

Weather damp and raining am. V hoeing
nearly all day. Emma cleaned floors and picked
berries. Roy here for berries, none picked. He left
his basket. Rob Michea phoned for berries to be left
in mail box. Howard came for Annie's berries
6 boxes. Dick Barrie here for berries. Rachel came over
for milk and berries and beans. V killed the hen that
dug the potatotes; the white leghorn that was running around
with one wee ducklin; now the ducklin is motherless and being brought
up by hand.

Sunday 20th June 1915

A very fine day only the wind blows quite a breeze
from South. No one here except Roy Rattray in the
evening, dressed in his best. He thinks he is
come courting I guess. I read nearly all day
we have a chicken stew and strawberries for dinner.
Emma goes to Sylve's in evening gone only one
hour.

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Monday 21st June 1915

A very fine day, cool, wind North and breezy.

V working among the potatoes all am; piked [sic] berries all pm, picked 3 dozen and 4 which is 40. I gave Mrs Jane Niles 1 box sent it by E & E when they went there to pay for their picnic tickets. Of course R.R. came home with them, found Rachel here. She had come over looking for snuff that she had sent by V to the corners (as she supposed) but instead of corners he had engaged Albert Gillespie to take him to Clayton. V rowed skiff to Glespies [sic] where he embarked for Clayton accompanied by serveral. I sat up till V returned which was midnight. He bought for himself shoes, pants, suspenders; white canvas shoes for E & E. Laundry soap, matches, tobbacko, letter tablets, Limburg cheese, snuff for Rachel, 30 cs, etc. Roy gave Emma a box of chocolates very fine.

Tuesday 22nd June 1915

This is Ladies aid picnic day which after all the preparation has proved to be nearly a failure on account of rain rain The am was not so rainy and nearly all the people on the foot drove to the picnic ground at Bob Smiths grove and the 40 chicken pies and all the pies, cakes, confectionary, little grab bags what will become of them! E & E were all dressed ready to go and realy did step into R.R.'s covered rig. When V said "Hold back while it is going to

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rain and the rain came pouring down in lively showers. Jack and Anne nor Howard didn't go, Sylvie & Ed went early. Roy here a long time waiting waiting but no hold up on the rain business. V intended picking berrys this day and such a wretched disapointment all around. Imagination cant picure it. Oh those 40 chicken pies! The picnickers assembled in Irvines old barn for shelter.

Wednesday 23rd June 1913

It must have rained nearly or quite all night anyway the rain is falling this morning and the wind is blowing from the N.E. good and strong. I cant send any letters this day. The weather and grass is to wet to go to the post box. Jack Niles here in evening to settle about the teachers salary. Kehoe was here too Then V and the others, about a dozen, assembled at the church to discus church business. Late when V came in

Thursday 24th June 1915

A very fine day. V sent by Jack Niles for flour and calf meal. Edith goes to school. V works in cemetary all fore noon cementing a base for monument

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V and Emma pick berries in pm. Drove to dock for flour and calf feed. A sick yearling dont know what ailed her. The heifer died. R here in evening.

O I've got to write letters. I dont like the job especialy to Helen W but she is a good old soul.

If I had lots of leisure time I would like to write to Charlotte Gibson but have too any way.

V drove to dock for calf meal and flour 50 lbs

Well! I see I've written the above twice but no matter till all right.

Friday 25 June 1915

Another fine day. V skinned the heifer and discovered that she had been hooked which caused an inflammation.

V hoed in garden nearly all day. I received a letter from Grace which I read aloud at the dinner table to V wherein she relates that Bob Wells Sr has lost his job as first mate and Bert & Maud had just returned from Potsdam. V sent Rube berries to Rube by John Lynton who had been to the factory & drove in here to work for V but V sent him home with the berries for fear they might not keep well.

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Saturday 26th June 1915

A very fine day. Lynton came to hoe for V this day and worked all day. The hens are scratching up the potatoes. Emma cleaned floors. Ed McDermot here for some buggy repairs. Going to take Sylve to the foot to Wm Gillespies, so they say. Roy Rat here in the evening. When Maud Gillespie drove in here for strawberries. She brought me 4 bound books as a loan which surprised me very much. I have to write 5 letters. I wish they were all written. Helen Watson, Charlotte Gibson, Grace & Belle & John.

Sunday 27th June 1915

The wind is blowing from the North this morning, and a little sprinkling of rain. It is a beautiful day. V & Emma picked berries. R. R. came all dressed for church; picked berries and ate dinner. Then walked to church with Emma came back with Emma. staid awhile then went home and came back again. Frank & Em and Clifford and Samy came over. Frank after dinner went back Samy, Emma and Clifford going to stay till Wednesday. Clifford came down to see us. They all went to Rachels in evening for milk

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can they all came back accompanied
by Maggie Joslin and Fred Davis. I wrote two
letters. One to Charlotte, one to Helen Watson.

Monday 28 June 1915

Berrie picking going on again to day. 76 boxes.
Edith at school. The wee duck accidentaly hung
it self by some railings, poor ducklin!

Mrs Ranous came in a few minutes in the evening.
She going home with Lydia who has been down to
her mothers. All Joslin came for shop work and
brought me a bouqet of peonys. Mrs Ranous also brought
a bunch of peonys.

Tuesday 29th June 1915

A fine day 'tho cloudy. Looks like rain but dont.
Pick berries again this day. I finished a chair
tidy.

Wednesday 30th June 1915

Another fine day. Voltie hoeing and picking strawberries.
Rec'd a letter from Grace. Emma Woodman here
visiting all pm and to supper. I gave her a bottle
of catchup.

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Thursday July 1st 1915

Another fair day. V gone to factory. I put kerosine on my head; hair all coming out soon I'll be bald as Frank Woodman. Well! I should think Ed and Sylve would get out of bed at this time of day. Ed up and gone to the French picnic. Sylve abed yet. Ed get his own breakfast while she lies in bed nearly all forenoon, no boat here this day, gone on an excursion. Rachel came over after her hens went to roost, for milk. nose all snuff way down on the side of her chin Bah!!

Friday 2nd July 1915

The boat here this morning. V went to town carrying eggs. V carried to market at 20 cts per also carried egggs for R. Hens eating strawberries. Edith cant drive them out; to wet later could (wouldn't) go. To hot. I think lazyness is a disease; and therefore Edith has a chronic disease that is going to stay by her as long as she lives. Sylve and Ed here to dinner. Two great

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lazy louts. Ed sprained his ankle yesterday at the French picnic on Brophys point. Sylve looks as if she ought to hide herself but she is bold enough. Ed said he had been trying three days to get her to comb her hair. I think about one more month will release her either dead or alive. Poor fool. Recd a letter from Welly with 25 dollars. R here to supper. Saturday 3rd July 1915
Rained very little in night. V didn't go to factory till after breakfast, a misty morn. V brought home wall paper for dining room celing [sic] wall and bordering. Fhoned to Rube to take him to Clayton in Rubes motor. V started about 11 a.m. About 5 p.m. Rube phoned that V had gone to Watertown, so that settled the business for waiting or looking for him to day. Beginning to rain, and rains hard; and in the midst of the rain and nearly dark, Bert and Maud accompanied by Robert Jr and Robert Sr, who have all come over in Smiths skiff. Well this week is gone never more to return; the day the same. It has brought its usual amount of work and incidents and events, not only for us but to every living soul dwelling on this habitable globe. We phoned for Roy but he gone to Watertown with Samy Woodman. Joe came & milked the heifer, gave him 2 boxes of berries.

Sunday 4 July 1915.

A fine day after the rain, but we miss it if only gone a few hours. Towards night I returned very much elevated. I mustn't forget to say that Will and Lena came over and we were delighted to see them you may believe. Aunt Rachel came too. Lena plays the cornett piano and violin. Also Will plays the same instruments. And we have music and singing Harold Dignum came over and we had more signing, piano and violin music.

Monday 5 July 1915.

Awoke this morning to find the wind blowing It arose in the night and Bert got out of bed and went to the river to haul his boat higher on shore. Wind blowing heavy all day with showers of rain between Emma canned 8 cans berries. On the impulse of the moment I made a sacrifice. Don't believe I am sorry tho. Plenty more where that came from. V. + B. pick berries Emma and Lena go visiting to Sylves in evening and come home in a shower. Will came over from R's and they both return to R for the night lodging

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Tuesday 5 July 1915

A fine day for sun brightness but wind not blowing heavy from the south Will and Bert anxious to cross over to us [?] but can't. Ed McDermott pegged out and gone to mark for Kerler which leaves V with no help but V says Ed. is coming when he wants [?] the berry picking is nearly done R. came to supper also Will Lena Bert Maud and the baby Bob and Robbie [?] working in corn beans potates Robbie comes in laughing singing uncle V is reacting papa to hoe Emma and Lena went up again to Sylvies awhile this evening Ed and Sylvie came home with them to hear Will play Edith [?] one of my best blue plates

Wednesday July 7 1815.

All went across this morning Bert and Maude went across first in [?]. Went before breakfast Will & Lena went after breakfast. V took them down to Gillespies and Albert Gillespie motored across with them to the other shore. We tried to chum for dinner but the old corn leaks so. Edith let it mark on the floor + took it to the shop for repairs I had to send to Rachels for butter for dinner I churned Rachel came over rains again

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Thursday 8 July 1915

Raining all night, and raining all morn
Robbie intended going to Kingston but
rain and mud prevents. V drives to factory
thro rain. Robert like a good sensible
boy had rather stay home than go home to
his grandad Gaskins thro' this weather V set some
strawberry plants. Howard Niles came visiting Robt
they went fishing Robbie caught one fish After supper
and chores done Bob & Robbie & V went fishing in
skiff and caught enough for breakfast Edith picked
4 boxes of berries and when I canned them didn't
have enough to fill a can

Friday 9th July 1915

A beautiful day fill one can half full they
had been eaten between meals. I sent Grace a
letter also subscribed again for the Montreal Herald
and weekly star Received a letter from Belle and
Will. V setting out strawberry plants. Emma had to
leave chamber cleaning and pick berries. I washed
breakfast & dinner dishes a great pile of them. Washed
supper dishes hulled 4 boxes of strawberries. Had
to hid them. Mended a dress for Edit.
Croched on chair tiday. Roy Rattray here this evening.
V and Roy & Bob Gaskins set the force pumps
in the river. And laid the pipe to the garden

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Saturday 10 July 1915.

A fine day. Wind S.W. V after milking and driving to factory and then breakfast went to finishing the force pump job. We canned 3 cans of strawberries - The day warm and wind breezy

Sunday 11 July 1915

The day fine. River like a mirror all day Emma dressed all in white and gone to Hiram Joslin visiting; walked down. Lib & Van came over pm staid to supper. Lib brought daily papers. Roy Rattray came driving in here with Emma. He had been to Hiram's for her. All all calculated and well laid plan. Roy helped V fix the wire water fence by lantern light Roy Rattray figures a lot in this, my diary. And will I suppose

Monday 12th July 1915

Another fine day commenced haying this morn Ed McDermot came to breakfast. Hoed corn all day while V mowed the 10 acre meadow. Emma took up the old parlor carpet and every thing torn up today [?] house dirty nothing in order Emma recd her dress to day; very pretty. I recd a letter from Gracey Sylvie came bringing 2 [?] Mcdermot Reds

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Tuesday 13th July

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Another still sunbright morning
Voltie gone to factory. 1/4 past 7 V
just returned from factory Ed just
come. Oh that whistle! how I hate the
sound of it. Wish I could write the notes
in this my diary. There is many a thing
I would like to write in my diary, and
would, only, I don't like to mar and dirty
its pages. Events that are transpiring before my
eyes every day. Gah! it makes me sick.

Wednesday 14 July 1915

A very fine day. After washing dishes and
doing several other odd jobs I sit in [?]
while Emma washes some towels, and a
few other things. V bought three veranda
chairs) rockers of a chair peddler \$1,75 for
3 chairs; all rockers. V paid Ed and
discharged him. I wrote and sent a letter
to Bert Smith to come immediately to help
do the haying and harvesting Edith and Rob
drove the cows over to R's and marched them all a.m.
Ed, Joe, Roy Rupert went in Niles old leaky skiff.

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Thursday 15 July 1915

A very fine day. V, after breakfast and milking, drove to dock by way of factory, with Emma and Bobbie so [?] for Kingston which leaves Edieth and I to battle with the work alone and get the meals. V working in the hay field down on Smith place I patch Bobbies pants. R Sr, sent the dollar which Grace had sent him to Kingston for [?] and bananas and "terboker". Poor dear Grace! Geo Rattray by order gave Emma \$10 dol
We had visitors wee ones too Mcdermot Herb
V had boy company out by the gate
Roy Rattray Ed Mc Dermott Joe Woodman Robert Davis Howard Niles & Capt R.A.G. I thought they would hang out all night
but 11 oclock saw them depart. Rachel went to town. Margaret G went to Yorker The hottet day
Sammy Woodman operated on for appendecitus in Kingston hospital

Friday 16 July 1915

Another hot day V and Bob drawing hay
Emma picked Raspberries this am for canning and dinner. The above written in dark and not written very well but to continue V and

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& Robert S. trying to draw hay dont
make a very good success of it. Robert is
not well. has not a mans strength for
farming nor the skill. V has visitors again
this evening. Roy Rupert Joe & Ed
Saturday 17

A showery day, V cut, and drew way, mowed
all pm Emma finished arranging parlor and
mopped the floors. which took so many
things from and helped to clear the veranda -
Nothing very eventful occurs this day. Cherries are
ripening Raspberries ought to be picked. Jock Niles
and Annie motored to Clayton for Louise
Louise no better she is accompanied by a trained
nurse and a maid of all work. Poor Louise.
Poor George.

Sunday 18 July 1915

Sunday a cool morning didn't
arise till 7 O'clock. Some jawing going on as
usual between E & E Then V dissatisfied about
whole milk milk not saved for Aunt R instead of
separated milk Emma in her new embroidered
white dress went to church Bob Sr went also
Maggie went also Joslin came home with Emma
and to dinner & supper. Roy Rattray here in even

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Monday 19 July 1915

Awoke this morning to find that it has been raining all night and still continues to rain steadily V drove to factory in rain. Worked in shope all forenoon. Afternoon cultivated potatoes and hoed in garden. I patched and mended clothes all day. Emma finished putting carpet down up stairs and canned the raspberries that I picked yesterday, in the evening, while V and Bob Sr were chasing the calves out the wheet and building fence. Robert Sr and Edith walked over to Rachels I received another letter from Grace with one enclosed for Bob Sr. I sent a letter to Wells a long one of 12 pages.

Tuesday 20 July 1915

Time flies but tis all right let it fly. A beautiful day after the rain which done a world of good and didn't hinder the haying much. If I only had a man to help He is trying Bob Sr again to see what work he can get from him. V is raking cocking and drawing at the lower place mowing it away with a horse & [?]. Little Bob driving to horse. Emma done an awful big washing at the river and then didn't finish Edith and I got

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dinner. Edith picked string beans for dinner. The men came home before twelve. V gathered and picked over lettuce for dinner and we cooked our last potatoes. Edith & I washed dinner dishes. Some how we didn't get time to church. Edith washed the milk can. If she would work with her hands as much as she does with her tongue what a lot of business could be accomplished. Edith dug a few more potatoes for supper. Suppose we will have to dig them every day now. I finished putting the frill on Edith's dress. V drew 4 loads of hay. Voltie said not to dig any more potatoes. Em phoned to M. Niles for potatoes. Answer, yes. Rachel came over for milk. Edith and Emma went to Niles for potatoes; Roy came home with them. Ra & Sr quarreled about - well, no matter what. I had a treat to a chocolate. Poor V. he gets disgusted and nearly discouraged sometimes. A gentleman camper who is camping, together with two boys in our cedars came for milk, 15 cts

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Wednesday 21 July 1815

A beautiful morning. breezy. Voltie and Bob up early cows drove in stable milked and away to factory. I churned before breakfast Poor Edith to lazy this morning to get out of her own way. Received a card from Lottie. Bob received not any to day Received a card from Mr Watson announcing his intended as also Mrs Watson tomorrow eve. A letter from W. to Bert Smith which I opened. and read and learned that Bert and Maud are expected here and sure enough they cam. Van brought them over. came to the house with them. V was glad Bert had come Hubert is a fat little dud while Maud is then enough, and I dont think Bert looks as well as he did in spring Bob Sr is not well any way and I'm afraid he never will be. He cant work. V gave Van fish cord I sent Lib a new Herald. War in Germany going on yet. W.F.W. & Mrs W.F.W are coming tomorrow eve on the boat for a week's visit. Emma phoned to Friend for sugar and soap to be sent down on the boat tomorrow night. Friend sent the groceries down by mail Edith and Robert marched cows

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Thursday 22 July 1915

A very fine day. Voltie working in field at the hay nearly all day with no help. This day has slopped by so quickly hard to know what occurred during the whole day. I know Maud helped Emma while Edith & Robbie watched the cows over on R place and I know Voltie phoned to McFarland for a bag of potatoes. V came home from work changed his clothes shaved &c drove to dock brought W.F.W & Mrs W.F.W's and a bag of potatoes.

Friday 23 July 1915.

This is a bad pen; it carries too much ink but tis all I've got in line of pens. V and Bert working at every thing haying, hoeing, choring etc. In evening they stepped out and go to ——— (I supposed to corners) but rowed to Vans where they took Berts auto and together with Van went to Clayton for store articles where they found only one store Elises store open, it was so late when they arrived there. Returned at 1/2 past one am. Received Farmers advocate. Van's first trip in an automobile some cherries picked and prepared for canning.

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Saturday 24 July 1915

A hot bright day wind North & South. V mowing nearly all day. Hoed some. Realy I cant tell much what is going on out side. The most that is done in the house is cooking the meals and washing dishes. Emma canned 2 ceilers of cherries. I sent to Clayton for apples for Hubert so he can have his bottle restored to him again to keep him from squatting W.F.W. and I had an argument; he is completely orthodox.

Sunday 25

Weather looks like rain. Wind North.

Maud and Emma making hicory nuts as candy. I don't know where Bert and V are they are off somewhere.

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Monday 26 July 1915

Tuesday 27 July 1915

A beautiful day after the rain. The usual cooking the meals 3 times a day. Lib and Edith cook the dinner and such a washing as Emma & Maud washed at the river and hung on the lines lines full everywhere. Clide surprised us this pm by walking in upon us so unexpectedly which makes 12 in family at present time.

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Wednesday 28 July 1915

A beautiful cool cloudy morning. I wrote and sent two letters this morning, one to Lottie one to Grace. Lib picked raspberries. Emma mopped floors, I churned. Lib and Maud washed breakfast dishes. Mr Watson read English history, Clyde and Robert Jr went fishing. Voltie and Bert working in harvest field. Edith watching the cows and Robert Sr went to bed right away after breakfast and didn't get up till Lib routed him out to carry the letters to the mailbox. Sylve sent here for newspapers for her pantry shelves. She wont get any more. Asked Bob Sr to get a little wood so he took the axe and walked down to the cedars and chopped down 18 beautiful cedar trees that V had left standing separate by themselves in one pretty little grove. Everything around here is like a night mare.

Thursday 30 July 1915

A very fine day, arose early the Watsons took leave of us this morning after keeping the house in an uproar for a week. I was rather pleased to see them but much more glad to see them go. R went to town with eggs.

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Friday 31 July 1915

Nothing occurred to day only the Watsons
and noise and Providence R.I. &
clam bakes and lobsters. Clyde and
Robert Jr went fishing caught a pail half full
which they cleaned at the river.

Saturday 1 August 1915

Watsons again to day. For a variety
Lib and Watson quarrelled hot and bitter
twitted and called each other fools and liars.

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Sunday 2nd Aug 1915

A very fine day. Watson & Lib went visiting to Rachel old waddler & peg leg they intended staying to supper as well as dinner but Alden McDonald appeared and there could be no gossiping before Alden so Lib pitched in about old St Anne De Beaupree and Romanism in general but that dind't hoist Alden so Lib and Wesley came home in disgust.

Monday 3rd Aug 1915

Watsons again to day. It is indescribable my pen cant do it. Hubert is a nice little kid but he cant walk. These are lovely summer days.

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Tuesday 4 Aug 1915

Wednesday 5 Aug 1915

A very rainy day. Voltie worked in shop making Kesler a binding tongue and he had plenty of company, Robert Sr and Junior, Ed McDermot, Kesler and Everett Woodman

Thursday 6 Aug 1915 82

Arose at 4 am V and both Roberts went to Kingston The day proved to be very pleasant Emma cleaned V's bedroom washed some clothes Drove to the dock and back twice. Couldnt get much work from Edith. Ruth went to Kingston visiting Mrs MacneelyV paid telephone bill Kent 60 dollars bank note. paid for all the groceries. brought bananas and candy Robert Jr did'nt go up to see his grandad but ate dinner with Voltie.

Friday 7 Aug 1915

A rainy day. rained all night, a steady down pour which will hinder the harvest Emma began papering the ceiling in dining room put on there strips alone. After dinner, Voltie finished the shop work and mending harness and helped Emma paper the ceiling. Edith- Oh what is the use writing whatEdith done. Emma rec'd a letter from Clyde Bamford We received 2 Heralds Farmers Advocate and a Marrey Harris Magazine rained nearly all day

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Saturday 8 Aug 1915

A fine day after yesterdays heavy rain. Too wet to bind. V has to fix fence to keep the cows from the corn. Voltie found them there after breakfast. An awful lot of trouble to get Edith to do any work. I dont know what is the matter with her cant coax hire nor drive. I say drive; tis the only way. Emma finished papering the dining room and put on the bordering. Ruth visiting in Kingston visiting the McNelly's.

Sunday 9 August 1915

A long quiet day, weather fine. Roy came and they all went fishing caught big mess. Roy here to dinner. He went home long enough to do Niles chores then came back again; after supper V & RJr went fishing again caught another lot of fish which they dressed for next day. R Sr & Edith went over to R's and carried her milk & fish. We were very happily surprised by the unexpected arrival of Grace, Isabel, Bert, Maud & Hubert a joyful meeting and greeting you may believe. Emma put the kettle to boil for tea. Roy staid till 1 p.m.

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Monday 10 Aug 1915

A fine day Voltie cut wheat and Bert hoed potatoe

Voltie plowed the road to the main road

Robert Jr & Edith watching cows over on Rachel's

The order of the day is cooking 3 meals for men
and family. I dont do any house work; help enough
without my help A very fair day.

Tuesday 11 of Aug 1915

A fine day for harvesting. Voltie cutting & binding
oats nearly all day

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Wednesday 12 Aug 1915

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Edith and Margaret go to
Kingston to-day

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Monday 23rd 1915

Rained all day yesterday not this day

Grace washed at river. Emma washed a bed
quilt. V dug potatoes 11 Bags. Grace helped pick
them up

Tuesday 24

A fine day for potatoe digging tho it looks like rain Voltie & Robert seinor [sic: senior] digging potatoes in the orchard. Isabelle went over to aunt R's to carry her some milk and sugar. R came home with her, both riding in Barrie's automobile with Mrs Barrie and her son George. Isabelle had an ear of green corn and some plums and I think our corn too must be fit to pick any way we had ripe potatoes, cucumbers, beets, onions all of our own growing. V and Roberts digging potatoes. Youngsters ~~gathering nuts~~ cracking Hickory nuts in veranda. Nuts are 3 years old. shells are scattered hither & yon, all over the veranda floor. I wonder who will be the sweeper. Isabelle gone home with R they are going to have boiled corn for dinner. Van came over bringing Reginald and Reginald's bicycle. Reginald has grown to be a big boy nearly a head taller than his mother. We churned to day
Wednesday 25 August 1915

A wedding in our church to day when Adele Gillespie is married to a young Baker from the villiage. A great attendance Emma, Edith, Margaret & Isabelle went to the wedding Grace very much out of "sorts" or pleasantness of temperment thinking. V has "affronted" her because he had to clean and fill the

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Mary Barry and Harrold Burke who are

to be married 20 september

lamp's after the family were all in bed, and of course
jewed about it saying he thought the lamps smo[illegible]

be cleaned and filled when there were so many

women around but the lamp chimneys and lanterns
were so dirty could scarcely see through them.

She ought not to have been angered about that for

it is not her business to clean and fill lamps

nor to have paid any attention to the matter any.

Again this morning the milk in the milk can was

sour. Found it out upon arriving at the factory.

Well V scolded about it which was quite natural.

Which caused another explosion but all said

behind V's back but the hammer of words fill

on my head and heart for I had to defend

V in as forceful but gentle manner as possible

but had it been another other than my own dear

daughter — but she has her own trouble which

makes her irritable. I received a letter from Charlotte

Gibson.

26 Aug Thursday

The morn looks like rain but dont rain and no[illegible]

begins the hustleing and bustleing for Kingston. Robert Sr & Jr, Grace, Isabelle

Reginald & Margaret staid home. Excepting Reginald they are all going to

stay in Kingston a week. Sylvias baby born to day a boy. Rachel

gone to Kingston market with eggs.

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27 Aug Friday

very fun day not saying to
well Kids making a

Raison pie

28 Aug Saturday

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29 Aug Sunday

Rather a dismal day threatening rain all day

but didnt, I was not expecting Belle but she and Henry

came just at supper time. Van brought them over. Oh I

[illegible] V were happy to see them. Belle brought me cloth for an
apron and two Limburgers and I ate too much

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29th Aug Monday

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31 Aug Wednesday

Another fine day

1 Sept Thursday 1915

V and Reg went to K. Henry went on boat as far as his uncle Hanks which left no one home except Belle, Emma, Edith and I; the day passed away very pleasantly V carried 3 barrels of Oldenburghs to market one to Henderson and sold the others on the market. I think he got only \$1,50 per barrel. Well they all came home Bob Sr. Sr., Robert Jr., Grace, Isabelle (~~Margaret staid home~~) Voltie and Henry which makes just 12 of us now in family now Isabelle Jr not very well so Rob Sr & Grace retire early and Ruth came down and Marion and they danced a little while.

2 September Friday

Arose early; a fine day now hustle and bustle for breakfast for Grace and her family are going to Watertown. Bert Smith is going to meet them at Van's and now the picking up and packing up 5 or 6 valises and sent cases filled and too full. V goes to Niles and borrows their skiff & Reg rows Margaret and the Baggage across while V in his skiff takes the balance of the family across in his skiff. Bert didn't come till 1 pm. then Maud and kid Hubert was with him. Lib was scant for fear she would have to get their dinner and put it off as long as possible. Grace told Lib not to get dinner for them for she nor Bob nor one of their family would eat. She only wanted the privilege of stopping on their ground till some one came for them. L got dinner for them but they didn't eat. They all piled in the car and went to Will Dixons. Reg came back with Niles skiff. V went to corners bought coffee and tobacco and visited with Laura Beadle Hank came in his motor for Belle and Henry.

3rd September Saturday 1915

A very fine day. Emma cleans all the floors. Regginald helps V dig potatoes. They go fishing and gather plums down on the Frank place. Marrion comes down and they to. Emma & Marrion go out in skiff pretending to fish. The river is perfectly still all day. Reg quits tater diggin and goes in skiff too. Rachel comes over to visit Belle but she not here nor did she come staid all night at Hanks. Dora's boy got pneumonia awful sick

Sunday 4 5 Sep 1915

A very fine day; river quiet a good day for visitors. R came over very early this morning on account of Belle but she waited a long time till noon. When Henry came bringing her an Henry Jr in motor around the foot of island. They tarried but a very short time just long enough for Belle to collect her things & away they went in Henry's motor over to Vans, and Reginald with his bycicle also. R staid all day and talk talk talk talk. O my head will split. Marion McDermot here too.

Monday 6 Sep 1915

A very fine warm day; not to hot. V after doing several kinds of chores as feeding hogs, milking cows, going to factory etc, drove to factory with milk then breakfast and after that dug potatoes. Emma washing. Edith and I washed all breakfast dishes. I scoured knives, cleaned up the long cupboard of old slops, dirty dishes a miserable lot of them. I picked over and washed the plums for preservation. Wind south and somewhat cloudy but a fine comfortable day for work indoor or out. And we are alone this day for the first time since the 3rd of Oh such a summer but everything would have gone off all right enough only for Bob Gaskin Sr presence for the man has lost all the wit he ever had (if he ever had

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and is almost an imbecile even to indecency
I dont wonder Grace is cantankerous; poor dear.
Grace, with those 4 fine children as ever was
born. Dear Reginald how I wish he could
have staid.

Tuesday 7 Sept 1915

Cloudy but no rain. I sit in Veranda nearly
all day writing. I write a letter to Muriel
V finished digging the potatoes in the orchard.
Edith picked them all up and emptied them in box.
Emma put up ten cans of red plums.
V tried to hire Ed McDermot to thresh for him. Ed said yes,
for a \$1,50 cts per day. V didn't hire him. Mabel Morgan
at 1 Oclock pm and staid till 9 p.m. V hitched her horse
to the buggy, and she drove home, away around the road
after dark; cloudy, dark, and moonless & starless night.
She brought me two books

Wednesday 8 Sept 1915

A fine breezy day, wind South. Voltie got a [illegible]
back. He drove from cheese factory this morning to hire
McLochlin from Jim Morgan. He found H. Halliday
had hired him for 3 months \$75 dollars. V is gathering apples

for market. Sylvia phoned to borrow a needle. Received a letter from Grace. I wrote a letter to Muriel, one to Grace also and to Fallon Brothers Cornwall. Most of my time is occupied writing letters. I get tired of writing letters. George snub Woodman married to day to a Miss Cramer.

Thursday 9 September 1915

The weather is dry and warm now and has been for several days. Grain all harvested ready to thresh. hay ready for the press. our home is lonely my children live so far away. Sometimes they come for a little while then go away again. Maybe I will see them another summer who knows. but the interval is long. All the months from the 9th of September till next July intervene. While I hope I have Voltie good true and faithful doing the best he can for everyone. He is gone to Kingston to day carrying apples to buy Croches for threshers. Sylvia came down bringing the baby. Marion McDermot with her. Voltie besides groceries bought a basket of peaches. Rachels groceries stolen. Sylve & Marion staid to dinner.

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Friday 10th September 1915

A fine bright morning; and breezy good
weather for threshing.

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Wednesday 15 Sept 1915

A beautiful day. Wind South and breezy
finished threshing at John Niles at noon.

V came home to dinner, the threshers staid there
to dinner. Ruth came down to call

on us, came riding astride of a horse

McDermots little mare Mary. Marion

or Maryanne walking beside the mare.

Emma is hustiling some. Edith is moping

some. I pared and sliced apples for pies.

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Sunday 26 Sept 1915

Awoke this morning to find the rain falling and the wind blowing from the South, a half gale and the apples tumbling from the trees; soon the ground is covered with apples. Weather clears at noon, dont rain but the wind covered with apples. V soon looks up boxes and V & E & E are soon employed in gathering apples and filling the boxes. V went to look at his corn field and found the corn lying flat on the ground. It can be cut by no combinder now. Niles picked up 5 barrels of apples this pm.

Monday 27

A clear bright cool morning. Edith looking for calves before breakfast. After breakfast and dishes washed by E & E. Edith went out to pick up apples. V fixing the gate by the road to keep the calves at home. Wind North and blowing. V finished the gate and is now gone to the lower orchard to pick up apples. Counting Sylve and Ed, there has been there has been 9 couple married since the 12 day of April. Sylve and Ed, John McDonald and Miss Driscol, Dell Gillespie and Bullous, John OBrien and Beatrice Kelley; calves got out again. Edith once more on rampage after calves. found them below the Coulter hill. I received a letter from Grace none from Belle. The expected letter is so long delayed, I dont expect any longer.

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Tuesday 28th Sept 1915

A clear cool breezy day. North wind
Snub's family gathering apples in
Sylvia's orchard. I can see a wagon load
of bags filled with apples. Sylve and two
of her sisters in law came down last night
Marion and Lena. V trying the corn
again this morning. Weir has 12 acres
of corn lying flat on the ground.
Maud Gillespie here inviting Emma to
a party at Dick Halliday & brought me 4 books.
I lent her one Woodstock by Sir Walter Scott.

Wednesday 29 Sept 1915

A very fine day. Received a letter from
Charlotte Gibson also a letter from Grace

Thursday 30 Sept 1915

A very fine day. Voltie & Emma went to the
Kingston. R came over and staid with me
all day. Emma and Maggie Joslin and Roy Rattray
and a Holland fellow all went to Portsmouth where
Maggie and Roy Rattray were married. Emma

performing the office of bridesmaid and Holland as groomsman. They were married (Roy and Maggie) at 3 O'clock pm by an English clergyman. They partook of the wedding feast at the Chinese restaurant. It was not necessary for Emma to get left in town even if she had been to Portsmouth but like a fool she staid in Kingston and V after searching the boat from every point and not finding Emma returned on the boat to Kingston to look her up. found her on the dock together with Maggie, Roy, Ed McDermot and Holland and hired one of Cards rigs and a driver (another one of Mag's beaus) to drive them home arrived at home at 3 o'clock. Sat up and talked an hour. The price of rig was 3 dollars. Ed paid one dollar. Oh it was a bad job this marrying business a stolen wedding. Emma promised not to tell but when V asked her why she staid and insisted upon a reply she had to tell. A fool's wedding Roy ought to be horsewhipped and Mag Woodman and Samy Woodman done the chores, milked cows etc. There was found a [illegible] rooster in the milk can consequently the milk went into the swill barrel.

Friday 1st October 1915

Threshing at Woodmans here on the hill.

The news of Maggies marriage to Roy Rattray

fell upon Hiram and Isabelle like a

thunder bolt. I suppose it was a terrible

house down there for a while. Hiram and

Isabelle took Maggie directly to Kingston

to see if they couldn't get the marriage

annulled. They came back just at dark

dont know what is the result.

Saturday 2nd October 1915

A cheerless drizzly morning. Cant finish

threshing to day at Woodmans. V preparing to

shoe the horses. Emma preparing to mop.

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Sunday 3rd Oct 1915

A very fine day. V, E & E gathered hickorys in forenoon. John OBriens hired man here for fishing tackle. After dinner V went across to Vans for oil one can, paid Van \$8 dollars he owed Van. Bert and Maud and Hubert came across with Voltie. Maud brought me a piece of cheese which is very good being 4 months old.

Monday 4 October 1915

A very decent day. V finished threshing here at Sylvies. But gathering apples all day on the Smith place. The name "Smith place" because Three different and separate families named Smith have owned and occupied the farm as a base farm.

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Tuesday 5th Oct 1915

Wednesday 6 Oct 1915

Thursday 7 Oct 1915

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Saturday 9th Oct 1915

A very fine morning. Voltie rowed Bert and Maud across the river this morning.

Sunday 10 October 1915

A very fine day only the wind blows some and Jack Niles with his motor crossed the river carrying Ed McDermot and Sylvie and babe across river. Marion came here to stay till tomorrow and says she is going home with the mail. I hope she will.

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Monday 11 Oct

A very fine day Marion doesnt make any attempt to go with the mail she thinks now she will stay till Thursday. Emma is washing. The work moves very slow.

Tuesday 12 Oct

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Thursday 14 Oct

Friday 15 Oct

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Sunday Oct 17 1915

A very fine warm day. Voltie and the girls go after nuts gathered 3 bags full. Lib and Van came over to Rachels to make a visit. They came over here in pm accompanied by Rachel but didn't stay long.

Monday 18 Oct

Tuesday 19 Oct

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Thursday 21st Oct 1915

A very fine day. Marion McDermot went home from here in the pm boat from our dock after being here 12 days.

Friday 22nd Oct Friday 22nd

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Saturday 23

Sunday 24 Oct 1915

This is a very fine day. V and E & E & Marion McDermot
gather Hickories down on the lower
farm V

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Samuel Snub Woodman married to day
and went to Simcoe island on there wedding tour
he married Lena Davis.

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Tuesday 26 Oct

Wednesday 27 Oct 1915

Came home at two am. Emma laid down on the couch with all her things on even to her shoes. V arose at 5 am. Edith got breakfast. V cleans grist for hog feed and wheat for flour put fills in the old baggy going to Kingston tomorrow to pay a bank note and buy things groceries &c for the family. He drove to the dock with the grist and five barrels of apples.

Thursday 28 Oct 1915

Arose early but we overslept 25 minutes. V intended rising at 4 am Emma drives to dock with V who is going to Kingston drove over in old buggy Edith at home to day. Em didn't do much work this day after Emma drove dock. V bought bread, 2 papers, needles, 2 dress weaples, two under wrappers, 7 pair stockings, 2 pairs of socks, shoes for me, brown sugar, rolled oats, 6 gallons of kerosine.

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Friday 29th Oct 1915

A very fine day. Voltie commenced plowing to day and at some time drew a load of fertilizer on the manure spreader when he went to the field to plow. Edith went to School only two pupils herself and Mortimer McDonald Emma finished washing and fixed the churn. I churned a long time but butter wouldn't come so let it stand all night it is to cold. I rec'd a letter from Grace. R here to breakfast and dinner. We shuck 2 bags hickories. Factory closed.

Saturday 30 Oct 1915

A very good day so much so that V ploughs all day. Emma, Maryann came up from Machiea's wearing her new dress. Emma had cleaned all the floors upstairs and down and was ironing when Maryanne came. Then Rachel came for her feed and milk. Edith changed her color by stove black. I didnt know her then they all went to R's in evening. Nearly 12 when I went to bed.

Sunday 31st Oct 1915

This is All St Day. A beautiful day for the last of Nov and we are all well as usual. V and Edith once more gathering Hickories. Emma and Marion McDermot went to afternoon service in our church. Emma made rice pad for dinner to sweet. McDermot came back from church with Emma and then

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walked down the road with M MacDermot
and drove back with two preachers. Our Mr Sager
and another one A misioner.

Monday 14 of Nov 1915

A fine day no rain for a long time which makes the
fall plowing hard. I pare apples to dry and cook for the
table and preserve a pan full of sweet apples. Rachel came
over awhile and ate supper. Edith went to school. Voltie
plowing but finds the plowing hard. The teacher Miss Letherland
finds a new boarding place at Jack Niles.

Tuesday 2nd of Nov 1915

A fine day but colder towards evening. The plow point
so dull and ground so hard Voltie cant plow very well.
Hattie Cummins here accompanied by Rachel She
said her father is better. Edith went to school
I pared apples to dry. Edith drove home the cows at eve

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Nov 3 1915

This a year a bountiful year of plenty
We have grown our own wheat which will make
bread and cakes enough for a whole year, pork
and potatoes, butter, apples, milk, cheese. V is making
cider. made 1/2 barrel and brought in cider
made from sweet apples to boil down for cider
apple sauce. Rachel came over for milk and
got butter. No milk for her. Edith went home with her for
kerosine and to drive up the cows. William McLa[?]
died to day aged 95. V went after supper and dark [?]
washed apples for cider. They won't place the evaporator
over the dining room stove to dry apples. V phoned
Henderson for groceries, but too tired to go to the
dock for them so read a little in Herald
and went to bed. I sent Grace a letter.

I received telephone bill 4,50 cents

Thursday 4, Nov 1915

Somewhat cloudy. looks like a storm.
Vltie drove to dock this morning before breakfast for
the things he phoned for yesterday. Edith at school.
After she helped wash dishes and drove the cows away.
V plowing. Rachel came over bringing a few
Saturday Evenings post and staid to dinner and
washed the dinner dishes, went home to feed her
hens, came back to supper, brought another S. At pm
rains and first snow of autumn.

Friday 5 Nov 1915

A somewhat disagreeable day in door and out weather foul, wrangling jangling going on most of the time. Edith stays home to day shoes leak. Wallace Niles came home last night. Old man McFaden buried to day. funeral service held at the house. Voltie drove down in the old buggy. Rachel here making soup. R went home towards towards night. Letter from Grace, Farmers Advocate and Farmers Magazine. Sat up reading.

Saturday 6 Nov 1915

Not a very bad day. Voltie plowed. Emma cleaned all floors before dinner if I dont write in this diary from day to day I forget but I believed there was some gawing done all around. Our cider apple sauce is no good. We sat up late reading. V has to much work to do. I Fal Dr Rol. I think Ill write in this diary every day and then Ill not so easily forget. Emma and Edith pulled and brought in dahlias, pumpkins, beets, carrots &c.

Sunday 7th Nov 1915

A very fine day Wall Niles called here; he dont grow handsome any his face to big and coarse (Whiskey bloat) The Maloneys Tom & Sheridan came over to Flynn's for muskrat hops They brought rachels waists that Lib had made for

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Rachel. Edith carried them to her when she drove the cows away. Emma went to Church. Lizzie Woodman came up visiting all pm. Emma went piece with her as far as Rachels it was awful dark before she came back. Sat up late to read.

Monday 8 Nov 1915

V finished plowing the field 6 acres not [illegible] house work done. V works constantly To much so I wrote and sent a letter to Grace and received one from her, also one from Miriam Bruton. V putting apples for Charlotte Gibson. Rachel came over bringing a letter that she had rec'd from Belle. Edith at school every night when Edith comes home from school she goes away over to Rachels to drive home the cows. It looks like rain and does rain a little. I sat up till 11 pm.

Tuesday 9th Nov 1915

The rain proved to be a heavy sprinkle
but the wind is blowing from S.W. yes 'tis
blowing and the white caps are rolling and dashing
on shore. Edith at school. Emma washing clothes. I
washing dishes breakfast and dinner. V barreling apples
for Henderson. another wedding to day Loretta OBrien
and Stewart Murphy. R came over
to see about V butchering her roosters

Wednesday 10 Nov 1915

another day without rain. Wind S.W.
Voltie arose early this morning went over
to Rs and killed 18 roosters for her, came back
hitched up, drove back and brought her and her
roosters over here. Emma, Edith and I helped
her pick them ready for market. V butchered
4 ducks for Emma to carry to market. Emma
churned and made out 29 lbs of butter for
market. Rachel went over for her clothes to decorate herself
for the Kingston trip, came back and staid all night.
I sat up till every one in bed then after reading a while
I turn the lamps down low and go to bed too.
I received a letter from Grace, Emma, one from Sylve
I sent a letter to Grace. Emma sent one to Sylve

Thursday 11 Nov 1915

V arose early drove home the cows milked
ate breakfast. drove to dock with Emma
and Rachel and their market goods, butter
Eggs, Roosters, ducks, hickorie nuts. Leaving Edith
and I alone. I try to do a lot of work. Edith
and I brought the bench in from the veranda and
put it behind the stove for the cream jar. After
dinner Devolson came over and was very much
intoxicated. Poor old Van! Mrs Jane Niles came
while Van was here. Staid only a short time.
after awhile they all staid awhile. Voltie,
after milking all the cows, took the lantern
and drove to the dock for Emma and Rachel.
Edith and I had supper ready when they came.
Emma got ,35 cts for butter, 12 1/2 cts for ducks
Rachel got ,35 cts for eggs, and, 12 cts for for chicken
Emma for me a fountain pen, for a birthday
present for which I thank her very much.
Our separator gave out and we had to set the
milk pans.

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Friday 12 Nov 1915

very good day, Edith goes to school I received another from Grace which I will answer monday. I am very glad of this pen. No more spilling of ink on the table no more knocking over of ink bottles nor dipping pen in ink every few seconds. Voltie plows the ground very hard which makes the plowing not very easy. We pared and cleaned up one box of apples to dry and put them on the evaporator but I believe they will rot for there is no fire in stove to dry them

Saturday 13 Nov 1915

another bright day. no rain V took Rachel and her traps home this morning after breakfast. Voltie plowing again but the ground harder than tunket. Emma cleaning floors. Sun shining in the windows so bright and clear, lots of nuts on trees and ground but no one to gather them. V has sold two 1/2 half bushel of nuts 1/2 to Mrs Parmer one 1/2 to Geo Rattray. Emma made a beautiful cake for Sunday dinner.

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Sunday 14 Nov 1915

Another fine day; not much wind.

We dont rise very early. Two little visitors came to see us. Madaline and Mirabell Morgan and a right romping happy merry time they had.

Monday 15 Nov 1915

A very fine day. V plowing. Emma and I cleaned up all the hickory nuts and carried most of them upstairs. I received two letters from Grace and one from Robert Jr.

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Tuesday 16 Nov 1915

V began plowing but rained and he came to the house worked in shop and put cabbage in cellar and apples. made cider.

Wednesday 17 Nov 1915

A very fine day; and much wind. V commenced to plow but the river so still he went over to Van's for oil, and from there to corners for tobacco; bought 6 yds for aprons, cloth for Edith, a dress blue 6 yds bought 12 gal for us & 6 for R. She came over to dinner and staid till V returned from over the way. I sent Grace a letter and received one from John. V weighed the dried apples, 15 lbs. Joe and Samy here in Evening. Emma received a letter from Sylvie.

Thursday 18 Nove 1915

A very bright day. West wind ground froze to hard to plow this morning. Edith drove the cows to Aunt Rachels. Edith goes to school. We still continue to set the milk in any tin pans, separator not fig agette kettle. The man came and brought Will's picture 5 dollars & 98 cts. a cold day.

Friday 19 Nov 1916

A cloudy raining morning. Voltie with a lantern in hand went away down to the lower farm and drove the cows home, put them in stable then V and Emma milked while Edith gets breakfast after a fashion all her own. We have plenty to cook with that we surely could have a variety and an abundance. Plenty of flour, butter, cream, milk, eggs, apples, potatoes, cheese, bread, cabbage, beets, carrots, parsnip, pumpkins, and groceries, sugar, tea, coffee, rice, soda biscuits, baking soda, baking powder, cream tartar, raisons, pulverized sugar, Allspice, nutmeg, pickles, ginger, various cloves, Kinds mustard, pepper, cinnamon, canned and preserved fruit of various kinds, hickory nuts, diced apples, dried corn, pop corn, beans, honey, rolled oats, vinegar, cider. Kerosine 18 gal. and a three hundred pound pig which tells of lard pork sausage with sage and summer savory galore beside a hundred fowl in the barn yard and with all this and more we have very little variety in the way of cookery with lots of beef and mutton running in the field. V says he is going to kill old Fan because she scarce the tears fence all down. Ramming Ramming. V gone to plow over on R's place. Edith went to school. Emma is going to pack

butter. I think its will be a long time before our jar is filled with butter for winter and then we have to fill Rachels crock and by that time I think there will not be much butter for market. It is raining and the wind is blowing & the river is white with great white crested rollers. V plowing a day. Bessie McDonald rand up for recipe for cough medicine.

Saturday 20 Nov 1915

This is a stormy wind blowing morning. The trees are twisting and tossing their branches wild.

The river in a foam like a boiling kettle. Whew! how the wind howls from the south. V making cider. Emma cleaned the parlor, mopped the floors. This is Volites birthday 47 years ago.

Aunt Rachel came over to dinner.

Sunday 24th November 1915

Alone nearly all day. No church service to day; roads are to rough and muddy.

Wallace came for a little visit. He dont look quite so bery his chops are growing smaller.

Emma (Went after dinner) over to R's and found Aldon McDonald there. He had been there all day. Emma came home at dark.

I wrote a letter to Robert.

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Monday 22nd Nov 1915

How the years roll away. 82 of them has gone rolling down the course of time from me. This is Mable Morgans day too she came to see us and brought me a book, tittle, Son of the Hills. In the evening our little school teacher came, Miss Effie Sutherland and they both staid to supper. This pen with which I'm writing is a birth day present from Emma. Eddie McD popped in upon us quite suddenly. He came for his coat and other things from "on the Hill" He came over in Van's skiff. Couldnt stay to dinner. but I was glad to have the opportunity of sending Grace a few apples and nuts and you may well believe it was a few. It was only a biscuit pail full. Ed came to Franks on a bycicle and a bicycle wont carry. Also I sent G a letter and a letter for Nellie Brooks together with 6 cts to post the letters. I took the occasion to send Bobbie Jr a letter. Voltie plowing all day. over on R. In the evening and when we had visitors V made 1/2 barrel cider (after supper) before coming in to visit with the "girls". We were entertained with piano music but I do hate the sound of our old phonograph or the old familiar records I guess it is I'd like to bundle the whole caboodle in to the stove. Well Miss Sutherland and Mabel went home at 1/2 past 9 by moon light.

Tuesday 23rd Nov 1915

A cloudy nasty day so far any way which is nearly dinner hour. A light fall of snow which don't last long but leaves a tremendous lot of mud every where. Voltie plowing again to day over on R. I churned and Emma packed butter, and cooked beans. Wind South and blowing a breeze. Edith gone to school, she came at noon. Emma went to the Ladie's Aid to get her dress fix. Lizzie Horn going to fix it for her. Edith came home from school at 2 pm so Emma could go to Jennie Kehoes to get them to fix her dress. No washing done here in a long time nor much of any thing else. Rachel came over to supper and for milk, went home by lantern light. She received a letter from Jen. She writes in her letter that Will requests me to write to him. V making pig rack to weigh the pigs.

Wednesday 24th of Nov 1915

The sun rose clear but tis cold. Edith home to day starting around tonque going as usual. Emma got the washing around, washed nothing except the curtains. V plowing. V early this morning weighed 3 pigs. The 10 pigs average 205 lbs. Churned a packed butter. I received a letter from Grace. I pared quartered and cored a peck of sweet apples to preserve.

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Thursday 25 Nov 1915

A beautiful month this is Indian summer
summer weather; work goes slow.

V phoned to Henderson for groceries.

Didnt send for tea, forgot it. Mrs Niles came.

Rachel came also; both here to dinner.

Orville McDermot here. V didn't. Mrs Niles
advises me to burn all my letters and diaries
but I don't believe I can have the courage
to burn all my letters and diaries that I've
kept and written so many years. Some one
may like to read my old diaries.

26 Nov 1915

Friday another Indian

Summer day. Voltie butchering one fat old
pig. help is Jack Niles, Joe Woodman and Sammy
Woodman. No school to day. Teacher went home
yesterday, she said she was going to sleep in
her own bed to night. Mail, a card from
Maud. Our Farmers Advocate didn't come. This
is the second time the Advocate has been
missing from the mail box. Frank Briceland here
to supper. And a Jew pedlar the Pedlar staid all
night.

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Saturday 27th Nov 1915

A very fine day. Jew paid ,50 for his lodging and board. He was very deliberate in taking his lease. He had some narrow skirted embroidered dresses to sell. He stopped at Rachels and she bought one. V plowing over there. When he came to dinner R came with him bringing her newly purchsed [sic: purchased] dress with her to show her purchase. I dont think it will be big enough for her. Rachel got a very lame back. Emma mopped floors and made a cake for supper.

Sunday, November 28 1915

Very good day the wind blows some a kind of chilly. Aunt Rachel staid all night and all day. Emma went to church and then went to Niles with Maggie Rattray.

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Monday 29

Received only a card from Grace. I cant remember any circumstance very clearly without I write it down the same day or within 2 days at most. I remember the Jew came back back again the First of Nov 1915 in eve when V was gone to Kingston by way of the road, told him couldn't keep him so he went away to return in morning. Emma bought cloth of him for a waist at a dollar 25 cts.

Tuesday 30 Nov 1915

A very good day. V dont know - he just uncertain between selling his pork live weight to Briceland or butchering and selling on the market for 12 cts dressed or, gets alive, at last concludes to sell to Briceland and after plowing all pm makes a pig rick to load the hogs into and backs it to the hog pen door and Wednesday morning Joe Woodman helps him get pigs in crate and ate breakfast. Edith goes to school.

Wednesday 1 of Dec 1915

arose at half past three this morning. Uncle V went up to get Joe to help him load pigs, he was here to breakfast. Uncle V sold the pigs to Briceland for \$148.50 7 pigs. He sold a cow at 38 dollars, got home at 11 oclock.

Thursday 2nd December

No one goes to town from here to day.
We didn't rise very early. Voltie drove
to the dock for his groceries yesterday.
He didn't plow but their press broke down
and the press pillows 3 of them. Paddy,
John McDonald and and Bill Hall all
here to dinner and John Mc here to supper.
The others went back and sat up till 2 o'clock
am to toast their shins by the fire to keep
from freezing for the beds are cold and dirty
and nothing to eat but cold warmed up potatoe.
Edith at school.

Friday 3rd Dec 1915

A half stormy day of wind and snow. V tried
to plow froze so cant plow. R came over to dinner.
V fixed stable floor. After dinner tried plowing
again and plowed all pm. R went back
home again then came back when V came home from
field. I brought her little oil heater and a lamp
Edith went to school. Old Paddy came
in evening helped V get calves in stable. V gave
him a drink of cider. The pressers at Woodmans
yet and working there all day.

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Saturday 4th December 1915

A very fine day after the snow of last night. We expect the hay press here from Woodmans on the hill. Rachel here paring potatoes for dinner. V plowing through the light snow. Edith gone to school—but came home at noon. Teaching on Saturday, dont work well. The gang got through at Woodmans and moved to the lower barn and set up the press came back here ate supper and then drove away home through wind snow and cold weather long after dark. V plowed all pm.

Sunday 5 Dec 1915

A very quiet still day no wind not a ripple. We expected the press gang back to supper but they didn't come back till after every one was in bed then they all came in noisy and cold and at last got settled and gone to bed.

Monday 6 Dec 1915

A cloudy morning and day. Arose early ate breakfast after routing the gang; had baked beans for dinner, pumpkin and apple pie. Edith went to school, comes home and goes for to feed and water R's hens. Emma makes doughnuts and goes and stables the cows.

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Tuesday 7 Dec 1915

A very good day not too beautiful. The press gang finished up in time for their dinner. They moved to Weirs from here. V moved part of their machinery. Before they left the house Old Paddy and Hall (the young rooster) quarreled something about hay pressing and nearly came to fist blows.

Will I am glad they are gone. They can keep the cooks busy cooking pork and potatoes but they are a lot of hungry hard working men.

Wednesday 8 Dec 1916

The weather same as yesterday.

V cleaned the lower barn floor and covered the bails of hay and done many other things too numerous to record. I rec'd a letter from Nellie Brooks also Herald. Old Geo McKay came after dark we were abed 10pm. He proved to be a very disturbing element all night.

Why? Because he brought a quart of gin and wouldn't go to bed, but talked loud and yelled all night. I couldn't sleep. Joe Woodman helped

V put the hay in barn.

Thursday 9th

Old Geo raising corn.

V ground the sausage. R seasoned it. V phoned to Henderson for groceries Sugar, tea, raisins, Lamp chimneys, Lantern globes, drove over for them to the dock taking old McKay along and sending him to Kingston. Oh good ridance of that old mess.

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Friday 10 December 1915

The coldest day this month. frost on windows thick enough. Voltie drove to R to feed and water her hens. Edith squalled to go to school but too cold and she has no clean dress. V shod Kessler's horse \$1,00. Emma making Christmas cake. Rachel sent by mail for two loaves of bread from Friends. Emma received a letter from Sylvie. We received the Advocate. Voltie drove to Weir's for a male sheep. Jack Niles came bringing two old saws for V to set and file. R rode over and back with Voltie when he went to feed her hens and brought over her lamp so now she has two lamps here. Jack Niles came bringing two saws to be set and filed. The Christmas number of Farmers Advocate came to day also a letter from Grace.

Saturday 11 Dec 1915

A cold beautiful morning sun brightly shining but cant see through the veranda windows so much frost. V carried the bees down cellar; hives full and heavy. Still working away at the pork business. A jangle between R & E. We sat up quite late reading.

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12 December 1915

Sunday a very good
a very fine day. Roy and Maggie came
down to day to visit her fathers
family. Emma went to church in pm
where she met Miss Ducker, Geo Barrys
fiancee. Henry Halliday and Archie
Barry here in eveing they drove down
in cutter

13 Dec 1915

Monday a cloudy morning
rather dark and dismal, V brought 12 pails
of water this morning before breakfast. Emma
washed big washing & hung them on the lines. Edith gone
to school. V hoing. Rachel churned and made butter to pack
in her own crock. I sent a letter to Grace, received not
one from any one. Weather looks very stormy.
Voltie fixing to shoe his own horses.

Tuesday 14th Dec 1915

a regular stormy cold winter day. Snow storm
from the NE. I didn't get up till after day light.
V was at breakfast when I came from my bedroom,
frost so thick on the veranda windows cant see the
river. Rachel and Edith washing breakfast dishes. Emma
making beds and sweeping

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Wednesday 15 Dec 1915

Thursday 16 Dec 1915

A beautiful day. Voltie and Rachel & Emma went to Kingsotn this day; arose at 4 am, got breakfast and hustle and bustle to get ready for Kingston. Joe Woodman came down to drive the team over to the dock and back and stay all day and drive for them at night. He helped V load the barrels for Henderson. Joe ate breakfast and dinner here and done all the chores, went down cellar for potatoes and pork. Edith worked well this day. Joe after driving to dock for our Kingston wayfarerers didnt come home here to supper but went to the Irvine school house o r consent. I sent Miriam some nuts and apples, a book (seed garden) to Helen Margaret brooks and a letter to Nellie

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Friday 17 Dec 1915

A dirty rainy day. The hay scow was to come to this dock Dignams for hay but weather prevented. Geo Gillespie drew hay very early in morning before the rain, had to go back to the dock and cover it up. I dont know what we done this day; not much of any thing I guess. They all feel very dull after their Kingston trip. I know Voltie works all day. Edith goes to school. Not much mail, no letters, no cards, the Farmers Advocate.

Saturday 18 December 1915

A cloudy morning thawed all night fields streaked with ridges of snow and mud like a streak of fat and a streak of lean. Aunt R gone home this morning bag and baggage, boxes of groceries, lamp stove, shortning, cream buckwheat flour &c &c and things to numerous to mention together with loads of litterature. Voltie drives her and her duds home; comes back loads on a load of manure, goes back and banks her house, returned for potaotes and returns back to her house again with her big lamp, frying pan and kettle. Emma didnt clean floors to day. Made apple preserves and filled the jar Rachel gave me. I am writing to Maud. Though I'd look around and see how things are, first I looked at my cookies that were 20 cts

Sunday 19 December 1915

Cloudy morning looks like rain or snow.

Emma and Edith preparing to go to church.

Well I have began writing a letter to Maud after writing awhile I was tired and thought I'd look around. So I started on a trip of investigation.

I looked for my 20 ct per lb cookies, 3 lb of them when brought home and none ever put on the table saving them for Christmas. I found only a few ounces of them left, and a few crumbs and broken pieces.

Emma said I kept them to take to heaven with me but by Emma & Edith they have gone the other way. This is the most impossible house to keep any thing you dont want lost or destroyed.

The work of a pair of human angels.

The weather changed to a blizzard of snow and wind.

Hazel and Lizzie brought Emma home.

Sat up reading till 10 pm.

Monday 20 December 1915

A very fine day. Edith at school. I finished writing to Maud put it in the mail box on her way to school. Voltie rebuilding his old sleigh. Emma worked the butter and made the prints for market, 6 of them, get the dinner, washed the dishes and painted part of the dining room floor; bean soup for dinner. The sleighing is very good tho it thawed to day.

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Tuesday 21 Dec 1915

The weather same as yesterday, sleighing must be very good for froze last night and frost quite thick on the windows. Voltie still working on sleigh. Emma churned again this morning. Edith at school.

Emma sets buck wheat cakes batter, she rang Maggie Joslin Rattray. Roy got a cold. Sylvie at the villiage visiting her motherinlaw Mrs McDermot. Emma teasing V to take her and Edith to the school concert in the Irvine school this eve but I dont think she will succeed. Geo Barry came here for V to compute the teachers sallery.

Wednesday 22nd Dec 1915

Arose early. 21 chickens dressed to day for market. Voltie drove over for Aunt R. She came over and helped about the the fowl. V working in shop as he always does and putting corn in barn and preparing for market.

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Thursday 23 December 1915

Arose at 4 am hustle hustle hustle, milk cows, feed hogs, feed cows, feed & water 4 horses.

No one to drive V & E to the dock. Phoned for Jack Niles to drive in for to take them to the dock. He done so. Jack a good neighbor. Edith watered and fed all the stock at noon and evening.

Wattered and fed Rachels stock.

Well long about sunset phone rang from the villiage to say boat not going to leave the villiage till the storm subsides, what a great disapointment to the people on the foot. The people ringing up each other all over the neighborhood jawing and swearing because the boat delayed on account of a little snow flurries, women complaining that no one to do the chores and that the boat could come down as well as not for they could see from shore to shore; well after awhile V rung down that they were to start right away and the phones began to ring. Dignums "Has the boat come in after a while the answer was yes! well about half past eleven they came in cold and hungry having walked form the corners after coming that far with Dick Kesler.

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Friday 24 Dec 1915

A great time frosting cakes for Christmas, frying cakes and dressing the fowls, brushing up everything, dusting, mopping, putting up curtains. V working out all the time.

A middling good day not too handsome.

Along towards evening Jim Morgans Kids drove over here for Edith to go home with them to Christmas. I was sorry to say I couldn't let her go. I know it was a terrible disappointment all around.

Received a Christmas box from Grace which is to be opened tomorrow.

Saturday 25 December 1915

A rainy, sloppy nasty Christmas day.

Ring up all around wishing each other other a merry Christmas and "what did you get for Christmas" and "what did you get for Xmas"

Our chickens were stuffed and roasted and good for nothing. A chicken stew is much better.

V had occasion to drive over to Rachels to feed her hens. E & E to the opportunity to hop on to the sleigh for a Christmas drive out.

A joyous time opening the Christmas box from Grace with which we were all well pleased. Roy and Maggie drove in here from Hiram's and Emma went home with them, staid all night and Roy brought her home next day 26th.

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Sunday 26 Dec 1915

Another still quiet day like Christmas.
Alone all day no one came. Roy & Maggie
brought Emma home.

Monday 27

A bad day for weather more christmas
things from Belle & Eveline for Voltie.
I sent things to Eveline and Belle & Grace
and Maud and Nellie. I received Gladys
photo. Very. She is her dads own daughter.
She looks almost exactly like him. I also
received a card from Charley Dixon
also a card from Dante Dixon a card from

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Tuesday 28 Dec 1915

Not very good weather, cloudy & sloppy. Jimmie Morgan here helping Voltie all day, here to dinner & supper. I was sick all day ate too much sausage. Emma washing in the kitchen. Jimmie brought me fish.

Wednesday 29th Dec 1915

Cloudy frozen weather. Voltie trying to fix Keslers old sleigh. Now he has gone to school meeting. Oh what a cold dismal dark day and Emma put a line in the veranda this morning and hung the clothes there which makes the room darker, the light more obscure. Looks very stormy and we are not very sure the boat will come to our dock tomorrow morn. Any way she is not coming in to night and not tomorrow morning unless the weather is fair. If she does it will be for the last time, (perhaps) any way I made out my order-memorandum. Received a Xmas box from Bert and Maud where each of us was most generously remembered. Dear Bert & Maud and the little one. I received Gladys picture. Mrs and Mrs Sager here this pm.

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Thursday 30 Dec 1915

Arose at 4 am. V didn't want to milk, walked to the dock. Went to villiage on boat stoped there and settled accounts with Chown & Woodman, for the hay.

Friday Saturday 21 December

Edith and Emma got a Christmas box from Madeline and Marebella Morgan containing a handkerchief holder and a stocking of candy for each of them.

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Saturday 1 January 1916

The new year is ushered in by a snow storm which soon turns to rain. Emma cleaned floors & pared pumpkin to dry, ironed, cooked beef, baked apples and got the meals & Voltie worked in shop on Keslars sleigh nearly all day after after doing the chores.

It rained rained all day. V went to the lower barn to look after the sheep. Mr & Mrs John Niles have the grip

Sunday 2nd January 1916

It rained nearly all night, we didn't rise very early, windows white with frost. I think we had breakfast about 10 O'clock am. The snow is covered with with ice every where. After the stillness of the day in which nothing was done except the meals and writing a card to Belle and one to Maud, we were surprised by an evening visit from Mrs and Mr James Morgan and their two youngest children (babies) Marguerite aged four and Marie the babe aged 2 years. Well we prepared a good meal for them. for them

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Monday 3rd January

A very good day not too beautiful the snow encrusted with ice. Voltie still working on Keslars sleigh. I wrote a letter to Gladys and Edith posted it together with the cards to Belle and Maud.

Edith went to Rachels carrying buttermilk and fish. In going she fell down and spilled part of the buttermilk. I crocheted on the chair tidy only 8 more times across to finish it without the border. I have with crochet hook traveled 100 times across back and forth.

Tuesday

4th January 1916

The day dawns quite fine. V still working in shop on Keslars sleigh. A lull in business. This morning after breakfast and nearly the same every morning. Emma quite impertinent this morning V goes to see how R gets along. Jimmie Morgan drove in here bringing his skiff enroute to Clayton. Alden drove back with the team and Jim owns journey. A very damp

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Wednesday 5 Jan 1916

A damp rainy morning. The snow is patches and streaks.

We heard by phone that the boat is coming in once more to our dock. If it does V will go up on the boat. Emma churned and printed the butter for market 17 lbs. Edith goes over to see how Aunt R gets along V works in shop. A very nasty day rain and mud. Jim Morgan will or can not cross the river to day

Thursday 6 January 1916.

Called V at 4 am. V walked to the dock carrying the basket with butter 17 lbs which he sold to Henderson for 31 cts per lb. he brought home lumber, groceries, hot air pipe and hood for stove in cellar. He met in town Wm Pillar. George Pillar (Wm son) and John Duggan. The weather proved to be very good. Jimmie Morgan returned to day from Clayton bringing tobacco and a smock frock to almost to tight. Emma and Edith done all the chores, milked 7 cows etc. V walked home from dock lugging his grocery basket. found supper all ready

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Friday 7th January 1916

A bright clear cold morning. Voltie drove to dock (after breakfast) for lumber and the cellar stove fixings, and now he is arranging the whole apparatus for heating my bed room, and dining room. Well got every thing arranged at last and the dining room, bedroom and cellar is as warm as June.

The Farmer's Advocate is absent from the mail box once more. Why it is I dont know.

Edith went over to Rachels to see how she gets along. A letter from Grace. Edith rec'd one from Margaret

Saturday 8th of Jan 1916

Eight days have slipped out of the year.

This is Edith's birthday. 14 years old to day A very cold night and morning, a cold bright day, ground nearly bare. Jack Niles got the grip.

Yesterday V hired a teacher by telephone, hired a young man from Kingston, had 5 years experience as teacher for 500 dollars a year. I think

Jack will board him for \$15 dollars per month.

Edith went over to Rachels to see if she wants any thing. found her all right

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Sunday 9 January 1916

A very good day. The new school master and Mr Weir came to see V about the school. Voltie hired him on condition and tomorrow morning he begins his tutoring of 7 pupils, Edith Lehman Clarence McDonald, Mortimer McDonald, Alden, Madaline, Mirabel, Keneth & Morgan. A very small school for \$400 dollars, for an unqualified teacher

Monday 10 January 1916

A very good day. We received a letter from Belle. Jim Morgan here to get his sleigh repaired and staid to dinner. He offered JD the money for fixing the sleigh but Voltie wouldn't take it from Jim. Jim said he would work it out helping V dray hay from the lower barn; a phone for V to go to Henry Halladays tomorrow eve to a dance, consequently Emma is all animation in anticipation of attending the great Event. Edith at school

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Tuesday 11 Jan 1916

A very fine day. Joe Woodman here to
get horse shoe nails and ate dinner here.

A dance at Henry H's. V went carrying
Emma

Wednesday 12 Jan 1916

I received a letter from Eveline.

A dull day after the dance. Sleepy heads

Thursday 13 Jan 1916

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Friday 14 Jan 1916

I received a letter from Grace. she writes they have the grip. So have we, in a light degree, which may be only a cold

Saturday 15

Sunday 16 Jan 1916

Awoke this morning to find the snow falling thick and fast. Not much wind. We didn't rise very early. Business in the home dont dont flourish much. Old industry has flown to different places and the place is occupied by two others.

There once was a time

Monday 17

V got grip but worked in shop all day

I sent a letter to Eveline

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Tuesday 17 January 1916

Snow blows, drifts and frost
standing on window.

Voltie is better. Lots of work
to do in door and out. This is a
real winter day. V went over to R's to
see how she stands this weather. V is working in
shop all day. Teacher phoned no school
on account of cant build a fire in stove.
V working in shop all day on sleigh after
breaking roads and feeding R's hens. snow drifting
Wednesday 19 Jan 1916

No going to school to day; great snow
drifts every where. Sent a letter to post
box for Grace where it remain till the mail
can come. Mail came as far as Angus McDon
V broke roads from here to R & from
there to the schoolhouse. No school to day Teacher
at OBriens his boarding place. I partly write
a letter to Grace

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Thursday 20 January 1916

A tremendous snow storm all day from early morn till close of day. Jimmy Morgan drove here fixing his bob sleigh he came in covered with snow. Rachel finished one of V mittens. I finished quilt and got it ready for the frame. Emma mopped and cooked and worked on chore tidy. Thaws towards night rains. Jim brought us a pail of Krout. He staid till time to drive for his younguns

Friday 21 Jan 1916

Thaws and fog every where. we arose very early. Wrote and sent a letter to Maude. Jimmy Morgan drove here again to repair his sleigh and staid to dinner. I received a letter from Grace not satisfactory. I am sorry I wish it had been more cheerful. Jimmy and V covered the strawberry plants. Dirty and raining all day, ground nearly bare

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Saturday 22

A nasty wet morning rained all
night

night earth more naked than yesterday.

Emma out cleaning the back veranda.

Edith and Rachel washing breakfast dishes.

Voltie choring around and working shop. I

I finished another patchwork for the

frames. R. working on V mitten

Sunday 22

A bright clear morning. windows covered
with frost ground bare

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Monday 23 January 1916

A very bright beautiful day. Emma washing, Edith at school after feeding R hens. and fed them again after school by going directly there. Turk wont eat which makes quite a reaction. Turk got mad because R was trying to force him to eat when he didnt want to eat. and when R tried to compel him to eat, his eyes looked like a green flame of fire, nor would he go out door but growled and she got afraid of Turk. V working in shop all day

Tuesday 24th Jan 1916

A beautiful day, wind south and not cold. Emma finished washing. and such a big washing. Edith at school. Voltie drawing manure and patching Kitchen roof. Edith went early this morning to feed Rachels hens leaving her books and dinner basket on the mail box while she gone to the hens. R got dinner and read story papers. I patch two pairs of pants for Volty. Edith came home from school with wet feet and went immediately to Rachels to feed her hens with wet feet mud, mud, mud. no snow.

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Wednesday 26 Jan 1916

thawed all night mud worse than ever; not a bit of snow to be seen any where. cloudy and the river tho covered with ice, looks like open water from shore to shore and from every direction. R talks of going home this morning. Turk and all. Edith at home to day the roads are to bad to walk to school. Rec'd a farm Magazine from H Halliday

Thursday 27

A fine day ground bare. Dick Berry here peddling apple trees. V bought 12 Tallman Sweet. Albert Gillespie here to get work done in shop. Samy Woodman got grippe down to his Uncle Will H Woodman. Edith at home. Ground all mud between here and school house

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Friday 28 Jan 1916

A very fine day, ground bare. I receive a letter from Grace. a good friendly letter this time. I wrote and sent a letter to A Nelson & Sons Toronto for five books but made a mistake of 5 cents which I must rectify Monday. Also wrote to Atler Burpee for annual seed books Philadelphia P.A. V trying to smoke pork in cellar way but we were smoked out of house and home. The squirrels have moved into our smoke house with all their hickories and birch bark and old rags. but guess V will have to route them after all Edith went to school
3 loads manure

Saturday 29

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Sunday 30th Jan 1916

One day more and January 1916 will be no more, another day of foul weather bare ground, some rain, and freezing Voltie just came in and said not freezing. wind South. It was so late when we went to bed last night we didn't arise very early this morning. E & E going to church just heard over the phone that there is church service to day beginning at 11 am and now they hustle. I hope there will be no broken dishes. Edith cant work her hands and mouth at same time. Her tongue is always busy. It refuses to rest. E & E came flying home from church saying "Preacher is coming to dinner". so they pitched in a prepared a very good dinner. He came and we had a fine visit. At last he drove to villiage through rain and all is well. But his mind is very unsettled. He dont know which is best to go to China or go to war or preach or go to New York and practice in hospital. I wrote a lengthy letter to Grace but have no Envelope so cant send it.

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Monday 31 January 1916

Another nasty day rain, mud, bare ground.
V working in shop. Edith at home with her
tongue in full blast. It never tires. Emma
ironing. I wrote to T. Nelson book publishers
enclosing 25 cts for postage on books. V carries
it to post box. Edith makes a cake for dinner.
Emma made some aznat biscuits
for dinner from left over from pie crust,
hard with no B P in it. I
received a letter from Nellie Brooks.
I want to write to several people but have
no envelopes. V went over to Rachels to carry milk &
chop wood

Tuesday 1st February 1916

Froze a little last night. but the sun shining
bright and clear to day. Bare ground
every where. Edith at school. I am sleepy guess
I didnt sleep very well last night. Voltie says we
have sourkrout enough to last a year

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Tuesday 2nd February

A quiet cloudy day. Froze last night
The river covered with thin ice. not much
house work done. Edith gone to school. V
working in shop. 3 eggs brought in to day.
Jack Niles went across the river in Will
Woodmans boat for kerosene brought
6 gallons for us. Voltie drives to
Gillespie bay for the Kerosene bringing
Jacks too

Fixed R's hen coop, carried straw to
make nests, carried pork apples
milk and krout and potatoes. Ground
bare brown and frozen

Thursday 3rd February

Froze again last night, cloudy this
morning. Earth naked, brown and frozen.
Edith at school went with V when he
drove for the school closets. going
to rebuild them by help of Jack Niles,
Clarence McDonald and Alden Morgan
knocked them over at All Halloween.
Marion rang Emma up and talked.
Parliament buildings burst tonight
7 people burnt, one clerk
and one MP

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Friday 4 Feb 1916

A dim brightness snowed a little.
Wind west and chilly tho 12 deg
above zero, ground bare. Edith at
school. I sent a letter to Will
and was much surprised and happy
to receive a letter from Will. V brought
in 6 eggs to day. V went over to chop
wood for Rachel to see how she gets
along and chop wood and carried beans.
We received our five books from Nelson
all OK. Emma fried 6 eggs from the box in the
cellar. They appeared to be as fresh as new laid eggs
Saturday 5 Feb 1916

The dawn is bright and clear no snow,
ground bare a little snow falling but
not enough to cover the ground. Emma cleaned
floors. After dinner went out to try the skating.
Edith went too on the ice but she has broken her
skates. Jack N here again this pm working
on the school ba ha's. V brought in one egg
before breakfast. Such an industrious hen, ought to lay 2
eggs to day. V finished drawing in the corn 4 loads.
Marion McDermot came 6 eggs lumbering along up
after dark to stay all night

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Sunday 6 Feb 1916

Awoke this morning to find the earth covered with snow. Emma and Marion went skating. Edith went to church. Henry Halliday drove in here for a visit. Staid till nearly shore time then drove home again, got no help. V hitched up and Emma and Edith drove to foot with Marion. snow falling nearly all day

Monday 7 Feb 1916

Awoke up and found a blizzard. Rather blizzardy all Day. J K Niles here again helping J D about those bahas. Kesler phoned for V to fix his old coal stove. Brought it up. V fixed it. Jim Morgan here again working on his old sleigh. Jim staid to Dinner. V drove over to see how R gets along and bring her over if she wants to come. Didn't want to come. sat up late reading. Edith at home on account of 5 eggs weather. Quarreling going on all day

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Tuesday 8 February 1916

Cold enough this morning but clear
and sun shining very brightly. V drawing out
manure. Quarreling going on between
E & E as usual. Jim Morgan came early
this morning. sat up quite late reading.
V reading Huckleberry Finn. Snow before night

Wednesday 9th Feb 1916

Ground white with snow. Jim here this p.m. working
on his old sleigh stays to dinner. V drove to R
carrying milk, fried cakes, potatoes, apples.
Edith at home. I write and send
a letter to John. Quarreling and cats. and
idleness and noise till I'm sick and disgusted.
Received a letter from Grace, also a Burpee
catalog. R received a letter from Jen with invitation
to go visiting at their house A ring up for V
to attend a dance at George Woodman's

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Thursday 10 Feb 1916

A sort of a half bright day. Emma washing.
Edith at home. I'm not sure Jim Morgan is here
this morning. window so covered with frost
cant see out the window. Jim didn't come.
Edith brought a pumkin from the cellar
and cleaned. V went over to Rachels

Friday 11 Feb 1916

Emma done nearly all Saturday's work this day
for George Woodman rung for V and E to
go to their place to a dance. Now Em is all sombre
and bustles around and bakes layer cake. Edith at home.
Jim Morgan here again and tomorrow.
V drives over to R's to see how she is and
carry her pork. I send Grace a letter. quarreling and
rowing all the week.

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Saturday 12 February 1916

Jim Morgan not

here to day. V told him to stay home to day. A lazy day after the dance but quarreling and rows all the same. I'm sick of it all. Jack Niles and Anna at the dance also Mrs Jane Niles

Sunday 13th February 1916

A clear cold day. Edith and Emma went to church. Preacher went to Geo Barrys to eat dinner with his sister in law Mrs George Barry. No one here to day. We tried the pop corn. it popped very well but not to good. V went over to Rachels to carry her Kerosine and see how she is. Had a ring up from Villiage saying there is a parsel for me at custom office

Monday 14th Feb 1916

A clear bright cold morning 14 below zero. didnt rise till after 7 Oclock breakfast late in consequence of late rising. V shoveling snow from the straw stock here by the barn,
Received a letter from Grace. one from Genevieve

Tuesday 15 February 1916

Warmer this morning. Emma 17 years old to day. Snow falling. Voltie with more work on hand than any man ought to have to do alone, drives to school with Edith. I pare apples and wash dishes. V works in grainery cleaning seed oats and barley, drives over to R's along towards night. R thinks she will come over and she comes

Wednesday 16 February 1916

Arose at 5 am. V gone to town carrying a grist for pig feed and a grist for flour, 3 1/2 dozen eggs & 18 lbs butter. Weather not cold as has been quite mild. driving on the ice this morning but V drove around the road. Edith at home. went over to Rachels twice to look after R's hens then drew Rs bread and the papers Eveline sent to R and I hand sled from mud box. V came home early, drove all the way to K on the

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ice. brought R's coal, 1/2 tun and our groceries and drugs and dry goods. Supper all ready when V came. We sat up quite late arguing and jangling about nothing in particular in which R and V were the cheif wranglers. while I sat reading "The Alps from end to end" a very interesting and entertaining yarn and true of mountain climbers. All is well that ends well".

Thursday 17 Feb 1916

Arose quite early this morn. A beautiful day. Jim Morgan here and to dinner. Jack Niles here. V and Jack finished one ba ha and carried it to the school house and set it up. Edith went to school walking there. Jims kids walked to school this morning. and walked home. The school superintendent there. Emma went to Lizzie horns to get Liz to make a dress. V took her there in cutter and went for her in late p.m. Then drove to R with her 1/2 tun of coal. fire in cellar went out yesterday. I pieced on the wool quilt. Edith helped V do the chores and clean up another grist. V intends going to K in the morning. R washed dishes & cooked the dinner

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Friday 18 February

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A fine morning which ended
in a snow storm. We arose early.

V going to town this morning.

A many of the neighbours taking
advantage of this mornings weather
are going to Kingston this morning.
weather changes to colder and the wind
swirling the snow terribly but Voltie comes about
4 O'clock with grist, and coal for Rachel.

He left the Oysters and Ediths new
speller in Kingston also a new book for me
by Winston Churchill. The Inside Of The Cup

Rec'd a letter from Grace

Saturday 19 Feb 1916

Not a very bad day but a lazy one as
far as I am concerned. We just cook and
eat 3 square meals, go feed R's hens.

V phoned Geo Niles who is going to Kingston,
to go Hendersons for the books and Oysters.
George brought them. Edith walked down on the
ice for them, stayed so long visiting that Voltie
went to look for her. Marion McDermot phoned
Emma that she is going away from [?]
going home to stay.

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Sunday 20 1915

A very fine day. Edith and Emma went to church this am, only 12 of congregation. Sager and Mrs Sager went to Jack Niles for dinner. Well we had Oyster soup for dinner which was very good indeed.

Monday 21

I received a letter from Grace. Emma went to a dance this evening with little Samy, over to Henry Hallidays. They had a tif over coming home. A full house of Seven mostly. V didn't attend nor Jack Niles nor Kesler nor several others which caused a very great disgust on Henrys mind. "The danged Scotch are not going to make nor dance any more in his (Henry's) house any more.

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Tuesday 22 Feb 1916

A very good day. E went to school.

The mail brought the silk pieces.

Wednesday 23rd

I received the announcement of Kathleen Hallidays marriage to Harold Easton to be solemnized to day. Belles last daughter gone in marriage. George and Inez and the three babies William, John & Raymond, George and Stanley Wallace, and Mary (Georges ma) surprised us by a visit, they all staid to tea and drove home on the ice.

Jim Morgan here to dinner. Our hens dont lay there eggs. Edith came home at noon. Teacher Hegan went over the river to a dance. I sent Belle a letter & a book Pride and Prejudice by Austin.

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Thursday 24

Not a bad Edith goes to school Assessor Boyed
here Jim Morgan here again to day Emma walked
to Hams - No to George Niles' for her dress that Lizzie
has finished she charged her only a \$1,50 here to dinner
Friday 25 Feb 1916

Cloudy, raining, snowing, thawing and
freezing. The books did not come to day
nor any letters and I'm disapointed. Emma's
[pethead?], Harold, and a Lippincott [seed Bod?]
Jim Morgan here this p.m. John Niles here this pm
No wood at school house is what Kegan phoned
I work on my wool quilt. Emma made Edith an
apron and Volkie a silk or satin neck scarf. I
did. Jack Niles called about school affairs V went
after dark to look after the sheep with lantern

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Saturday 26th Feb 1916

Snowed all night. snow piled high every where this morning. Edith and R washing dishes. Emma mopped floors. Edith washed three pocket handkerchiefs and a hair ribbon and ironed them. Rachel washed an apron darned an old bed quilt and made rug rags. Jimmy Morgan here in p m finished his sleigh and took it home. Jim has got the tooth ache face swelled up. Herd John Spoor has departed this life, gone somewhere. Voltie working all day, all the chores here goes to the lower barn to look after the sheep, goes to R twice to feed her hens, finished ironing Jim's sleigh. John Spoor died this morning at 7.30 am

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Sunday 27 Feb 1916

Snow heep every where, a dreary white waste of snow and cold. No church service to day. Preacher phoned there would none. No one here in all day.

We employ the time reading most of the day. Voltie goes to Rachels to water and feed her hens and then went by the way of the lower barn to look after the sheep

Monday 28 February 1916

bright, clear, snow drifting along very gently wind west. 8 deg above zero. John Spoor's funeral to day 7 O'clock a.m. Rachels cow got a new calf this morning

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Tuesday 29 Feb 1916

Wednesday 1st March 1916.

Sun shine part of the day. storms all mp.

I write and send a letter to Grace. Snow very deep; mail has difficulty in getting down the road. A bundle of papers from Eveline, "Hearth and home" Two Watertown standards from Grace, Rachels [?] Weekly Standard from Kingston. Visitors again. George Woodman came down (drove down) to help Voltie to break the colts Nell and Kit. Maggie & Roy came also for a visit. all ate dinner. Jack Niles here all pm working on "ba ha". A fine litter of young pigs in the pen. V moved the stove from the shop to the pig pen, set it up, built a coal fire and staid up all night to care for the pigs.

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Thursday March 2nd 1916

Awoke this morning to find the snow falling thick and furious. V came in at day light after being up all night with the pigs and reported them all right 11 of them, white, red, black, speckled. After breakfast he wallows through the snow to the lower barn looking after sheep, comes home and fusses with the pigs, cleans the pen and makes every thing snug and warm. The phone rings from Geo Gillespies for bolts. A ring from Flinns got a sick cow; wants salts and John Murray drove down on the ice for it through the storm. Jack Niles came and worked a short time on ba has. and went home to dinner and returned no more to day.

Friday 3rd March 1916.

A clear bright morning. somewhat cold. one pig died and another pig V brought in which Emma is now fussing with. but it wont live sure. Wish Will would come over. R & Edith washed dishes. Emma - done - I don't know what. two am We were surprised by more visitors. Jim and Annie Keogh and baby and Cassie Woodman came and staid to supper and 10 in evening. Little Lizzie is precocious

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Saturday 4rd March 1916

A cold day. The usual Saturday day work, accomplished nothing occur outside the usual. A little mopping
A few cakes fried. V works all day as usual. V up at one looking after pigs. He dont get much sleep

Sunday 5 March 1916

Sun burning brightly this morning, cold as usual. V up again last night looking after pigs 9 pigs left all right, 2 lambs at lower barn.

Weir drove in here for Voltie to go with him to corners for Dr Buchanan to come over and Doctor Bessie McDonald. She is afraid she is going to have the measles tho she isnt sick yet. Dr said maybe she would have measles

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Monday 6 March 1916

Another cold morning Sun bright.

John Weir ringing up V to find
out if he had left his chain here.

There are seven Johns in this neighborhood

John Flynn, John Murry, John Niles Sr,

John Niles Jr, John Weir, John Obrien, John McDonald.

clouds towards night and rain. Received a letter
from Grace

Tuesday 7 March 1916

A rainy nasty day. Jack Niles here working in shop.

Received a letter from Grace. V went to R's to

feed her hens, and to the lower barn. found

one sheep missing; think it is dead somewhere.

7 lambs now

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Wednesday

A very tolerable day We were surprised by seeing Will drive in and very happy to see him. Received a letter from Belle telling us all about the marriage of Kathleen and Harold Easton

Thursday

A stormy day for wind and snow. Emma makes Rachel a petticoat from my new shaker flannel which I have for quilt lining. she is going home with Will. he going tomorrow. Well the visit is all off; she not going. The general order of the day cooking, eating, singing, piano playing, gossiping, talking polotics, war, religion, etc. V drives to the lower barn, 2 more lambs which makes 8 [?]; card playing and dancing in evening

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Friday 10th March 1916

A very stormy morning; boiled eggs for breakfast. The storm clouds are clearing away. Dont think Will can go home to day. V going to lower barn this morning. Will gone with him. Rachel & Edith washing dishes. Emma cleaning floors and straightening up. Two more lambs which makes 10. Will and Voltie clean and repair the organ. V choring all day beside going to Rachels to water and feed her hens

Saturday 11 March 1916.

A very bright sunny morning not warm. cold The snow is very deep. Will goes home this morn driving swiftly across the ice. He will find very difficult traveling once he gets on the highway roads. Quiet, dull and lonesome after Will went away. 15 lambs. card playing in evening by R & V & E & E

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Sunday 12 March 1916

A quiet day. no one here. a bright beautiful day. The usual amount of wrangling going on. I write a letter to Belle, read in evening.

Only two meals to day for the first time in years. Twin calves at the barn.

I read to the family in evening.

Heard that Henry Halliday is sick in Hospital appendicitus & abscess

Monday 13. March 1916

A bright beautiful day. warmer. wrangling and jangling here all am. I work on quilt. no lambs nor calves this morning. Ranous worked his way down through the snow and filled up roads. no letters only Standard. Herald, Farmers Magazine and Farmers Advocate. A letter from Sylvie to Emma, a letter from "Hugh"

Tuesday 14 March 1916

Colder and cloudier this morning.
Edith separates the milk and feeds calves.
Rachel washes dishes. Emma fixing to wash. no calves; no lambs this morning.
All serene in house this a.m. R picking over beans. Em washing clothes. Edith doing our daily concert and piano begins after dinner and continues till supper time. Emma washes all the clothes and puts them on the lines then mops floors and got supper. Rachel sorts beans. I sew on quilt. Jack Niles here this day working on school house ba has. V goes his daily rounds to lower barn and over to feed and water R's hens.

Wednesday 15 March 1916

A cold, very chilly morning. Wind East & cloudy
V with fur over coat on has gone to lower barn and to R's to feed and water her hens.
Every one squatting around the stove for tis certainly a bitter cold because the wind is East. Voltie out nearly all day working in shop put shoes on Duke. Received a letter from Grace
Didn't send any letters this day, snows is falling

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Thursday 16 March 1916

A sun bright day. R not very well had to take soda & water in the night. troubled with indigestion and constipation. Voltie going his daily rounds to lower barn and R's hens.

Friday 17th March 1916

Arose not very early, but after breakfast Voltie made a suden start for Kingston as the day promised to be a good one so he hitched up and away he went up the ice licketstick. Emma had a hard days work Cows started to go over river, one cow had a calf. Voltie came early. Henry much better. Rachel not very well.

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Saturday 18 March 1916

A very fine day. George Woodman here; brought home the books he had borrowed 3 of them. Will Niles came bringing Lib who had been to Mrs Jane Niles. She brought me 2 Pathfinder.

Sunday 19 March 1916

A bright beautiful day. Didn't get up very early though I was the first one up and dressed. The fire on the wane and took a long time to get breakfast started. Aunt R not very well got a lame back. V choring & going down to Lower barn and to Rachels to see about the hens. Edith goes to church; congregation 11 only. Preacher went back to Jack Niles to dinner. Van drove over Also Will Niles and his sister Stella. After awhile they go to Byron James. Emma goes with them. Van sits with his old fur coat on and drinks cider. I ought to write a letter to Wellie. Vans hired man here visiting and to supper.

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Teusday 21 March 1916

A fine day. Quite warm. William Niles came over to help Voltie saw the basswood tree down in Geo. Niles wood. Then Van came over; they all staid to dinner. Van swilled our cider till his prence was worse than a nightmare. Hope I'll not him again very soon. Nothing doing except cook meals, eat and wash dishes.

Wednesday 22 March 1916.

A midling sort of a March day wind changed from S. to N. V arose early done all chores, ate breakfast, mounted the saw log and away he went up the ice enroute to "Anglins Kingston. I wrote and mail a letter to Grace. I have the same old trouble with Edith that occurs every day. Received a letter from John first rec'd in a long prose which I will answer Friday. V returned at 8 pm supper all ready when he returned with lumber. Lost a lb of led also Ems ribon

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Thursday 23 March 1916.

A very fine day for weather sun brightly shining frost on windows (north windows). V goes the usual round in the chore line. Then below Taking care of sheep then to hens. Expected Van Niles over to help draw hay from lower barn but Maloney's boys coming over to lay Flynn's floors said the Niles boys are drawing pressed hay to to Clayton. Then V by help of Edith drew a load from the Lower barn. drove in here to borrow finishing nails. Geo Woodman here this p.m. Our hens are beginning to lay. Will N drove here just at dark for his dad's.

Friday 24 March 1916.

A beautiful day. Wm N came early, walked across, to help V draw hay from lower barn ate dinner and supper. Voltie drove across at dark taking Wm home. Em also accompanied them. A card from Belle. A letter for Emma from Wm D asking her to coat. Voltie to bring Em to a party at Charlies. A newspaper from Grace, Herald and Standard. Joe Woodman returned home from moving Frank family to Copenhagen

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Saturday 25th March 1916

A very fine day. R worked the butter.

We are going to churn. But didn't churn.

Emma cleaned floors. Thaws and the snow settles.

Sunday 26 March 1916

A very fine morning. E & E go to

Church only 11 of the congregation. No

collection taken. Callers were Will Niles

and Ambrose Niles, also Sheridan Maloney.

Monday 27th March 1916

A cloudy morning. froze a little last

night. Rachel picked up, and packed up

and gone home this morning cat dog and

all even to Edith but she went away and

forgot the milk. V drove over there

with the load. Churning being done.

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and bread making and baking
we pass a very quiet day. Emma doing all
the work which is what is really necessary.

Thaws and the snow is settling rapidly.

We retire to roost a little earlier than
usual 10 pm. cloudy and looks very much
like rain and rains some at dark, no
moon. Voltie came in saying he heard a robin
and Aunt R saw and heard a lot of crows.

Tuesday 28th March 1916.

A warm cloudy morning: raining a little but soon
clears George Woodman and his oldest little son.

Annie Niles called awhile enroute for
Samy Woodman came in to use the phone. Emma
talking with over phone to Ynez than Marion
McDermot has returned to MacKays since
a week ago yesterday and rung Emma and [?]
with her. V came in saying he caught Woodman's
Tom cat eating our eggs. WE have many hens
but they dont lay many eggs. nearly a hundred hens
I wrote a letter to Belle and prepared
a list of seed to be sent for from
Burpees Philadelphia

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Wednesday 29 March 1916

Froze a very little last night but sun shining clear this morning. Voltie went to lower barn to feed sheep and to R to carry milk. came back and took my letter to mailbox one to Burpee, one to Belle. I washed breakfast dishes. Voltie said Edith wants to come home. V cant tap trees the sap buckets are all used up for swill and everything. no mail to day. Ranous started out but couldn't get through.

Thursday 30 March 1916

Very fine day, snow settling. V tapped 8 trees but sap dont start very good. Edith dont come home.

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Friday 31 March 1916

Sun shining brightly and warm. We dont do much work only cook the meal and wash.

V filed and set saws for George Niles and Kesler.

Saturday 1 April 1916

Looked like rain but dont rain but mud every where, snow nearly gone.

Sap dont run much. People gong on wheels now. Edith at R's yet. Wish she would come home. Emma washed dishes and cooked ham for the jar. I pare, quarter and core a half bushel of apples.

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Sunday 2nd April 1916

A very fine day. Edith came home from Rachels well pleased to come home again and I was equally pleased to see her. No church service to day; to muddy for the preacher. An early dinner for once on Sunday for Emma is going to Geo Niles to see the new Victorola and make an pm visit. Harold Dignum brought his ma over to Aunt Rachels to visit then came over here. He gave us some piano music. V treated him to cider and apples and popped corn. Emma comes home at sundown ate supper at Georges.

Monday 3rd April 1916

A fine day. Tried to rain in the morning but quit. V working in shop. I embroider on quilt-finish all the blocks and set them together- 42 of them. A few papers from Grace and a fragment of a letter which she forgot to send with her other letter.

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Tuesday 4 April 1916

A veery fine day. tried to rain but failed so we have a very warm spring day. Joe Woodman here to help V about setting trees on milk wagon. V he went early this moring to Katies for two calves. Joe here to dinner and supper and Sam came too for supper.

Wednesday 5 April 1916

A very fine day. Snow all gone. Joe Woodman here again to day to dinner. Voltie putting a tire on Joe's buggy wheel. Edith gathered the sap. I wash dishes and work on crazy quilt. I thought I'd get letters but I didn't. Grace is the only one that answers my letters regularly and I'll not write to John nor Will nor ___ no I wont say Wellie nor Belle nor Lottie nor Charlie D. They all owe me letters, and also Maud. Muriel owes me a letter which I wrote her more than a year ago, but I'll write to Maud. She has got three babies Hilda, James & Raymond. Edith got fighting with pump handle and it flew back and knocked out one of her teeth, she played with matches and burnt her fingers.

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Thursday 6 April 1916

A kind of cool not very bright day but veiled a heavy white frost last night. Emma is washing. V brought water to wash clothes. Voltie just returned from R's and brought the Standard. Edith washes breakfast dishes. A kettle of sap boiling on stove. Em washing in kitchen where there is a good fire in the stove. Heard by phone Bessie not any better. Weather not so warm.

Friday 7th April 1916

Sun shining tho quite cold, a very light snow fell in the night which makes it look like a heavy white frost. Edith not very well, got cramps and gone to bed. We used the last bit of tea last night for supper last night. Had barley coffee for breakfast this morning and then rung up friend for a lb, left the money, 30 cts in mail box for Friend. V found the missing sheep this morning dead a pair of lambs also dead. 6 loads of manure this pm.

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Edith gathered the sap 2 pails full.
I finished the wool quilt, received a
letter from Will. I didn't send any letters
to day. The farmers magazine came to day.
Voltie, Joe and Samy trying the Engine to test
its working abilities. Edith goes to lower barn
to let out the sheep.

Saturday 8th April 1916.

Froze again last night which will make a
good sap day. Voltie hustling around as usual, chores
chores, chores. Then pitch in and do something
else Edie went to lower barn to look after the sheep.

Kelser here to file file a saw 20 cts V gave me.

Joe Woodman here again to dinner & supper and
finaly staid all night and to breakfast.

Sunday 9 April 1916

A very good day only mud a very good Sap day.

Joey staid till after breakfast and then went home.

No church service to day. No one here to day.

I put in the time writing Will a letter and
reading. Edith went over to Rachels a
little while.

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Monday 10 April 1916

A fine day tho looks somewhat like rain. Joe Woodman with our light wagon and his own horse went to Dick hollidays with V engine and cultivator to get the teeth sharpened. Dicks has a grinder but no engine. V made a mistake & sent machine oil instead of gasoline consequently couldnt get them sharpened till he went to Burks where he staid till Thursday.

Friday 14 April 1916

Have not written in this diary since last Monday and as nothing very remarkable has occured it does not matter. V been plowing over on R's place nearly all the time.

I sent a letter to Grace also received one from her. Edith been to school all the week except Monday. Joe returned yesterday bringing cultivator engine and a calf from George Woodmans for Voltie. Our verdanda is awful dirty every thing upset every where. Every thing to be cleaned this spring. Joe staid to dinner.

Edith at home to day. Rains hard and

heavy, cant plow to day. A letter from Charlotte.

A letter from Lottie with two ping boxes of Edith and Willie

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Saturday 15 April 1916

A clear bright cool morning after the rain. Edith separates the milk. I picked up a few more things in veranda. Sat there in the sunlight that shone to brightly through the windows. Knit on rug. Emma mopped floors a straightened things in pantry. Marion came up after dinner, walked up all the way along the shore. Came up to make a visit; going to stay all night. V couldn't plow this a.m. ground to wet; plowed all pm.

Sunday 16 April 1916

A bright cool morning as all mornings are cool these days. V said the sap will run again to day. Our girls as as happy and frisky as young colts. They race and run laugh and tear through the house and would kick up their heels if she could. I think Edith dos. Jerry Murphy died last Thursday 13 of April 1916. Rodney Pike came while we were at dinner. This is the first time I have ever seen May Ranous' man. He is a little fellow. I dont believe he is as big as May. After Dinner while our girls had started to go a piece with Marion to see her on her way home. John and Sadie Murry came visiting. The girls saw them coming so they all 3 turned and came back home across the field. Emma got the supper.

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Monday 17th April 1916

It rained in the night some but all same. V is plowing and Edith gone to school. I sent a letter to Charlotte which I wrote yesterday. Edith going to school leaves Emma and I alone and the house is so peacefully still. Burpee's seeds came to day a fine assortment of flower and vegetable seeds also Mrs Scotts Cook Book. Received the present from Charlotte for Kathleen which I am to forward to Belle and she can send it to Kathleen.

Jack phoned to Voltie that he has a calf for him which will make 7 calves in all this spring.

Miriam McDermot went home early this morning at 6 am. walking away down the shore.

V when he went plow carried Rachels rooster home to her. V plowed all p.m.

Tuesday 18 April 1916

A nasty wet drizzly morning and cold too.

E and E feed the calves while V goes to Jack's for the new calf. Edith gathers the sap the last there is this spring, she also gathers the sap buckets but O she is obstinate and contrary. V plowing

Mrs Casler rings for Emma to attend the Ladies aid next Friday at Kaslers. sowed some tomato seed and balsom apple. Saturday 22 April 1916.

A nasty rainy muddy day, have not written in this diary since last Tuesday nothing but jaw and quarrel all day. Emma cleaned floors and helped get dinner. Edith washed dishes. Poor noisy lazy Edith. I am sorry for her, poor dear kid, she does annoy me so. That poor little thin dark face stuck on a body rappidly going on 15 years old. I often think I would like to see some of my own grand children. I am lonesome and sick without them. These two came to me homeless. We are not rich, Voltie and I but I took them to my very heart and home to do for them every thing I could and that we were able. I ask for nothing for my self in my crippled old age. All I ask is to quite then advise them and not only be a grandmother but a real mother for I am and have always been so sorry for them both. Every day I plan and think of something I can do for them but they both defy me. I can do nothing with them so I give it up. It wont before long any way. Joe Woodman here again to day.

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Voltie is doing some work for Joe in shop, his old milk wagon while Joe looks on and waits for his dinner. So he comes in and fills himself up. I guess this is the first meal he's had for a week. Joe is not a very talkative young man, but thin and he is so occupied with ham & eggs he cant find time to talk. 9 slices of bread and butter. "What do you know about that". Well Joey hung on for supper too. Thursday which was the 20th of April 1916, V went to Kingston on the Wolfe Islander which is the first trip for her this spring. Henry Holliday came home this day from the hospital on the boat. V carried two bags of potaotes, 3 baskets of beans and 39 lbs of butter. The butter over run in weight to the amount of a dollar which is aloss to us of course at 30 cts per lb. Edith Montgomery over run \$1,50. Rob MKays just ten lb \$3,00 dollars. V finished plowing over on Rachels place on Friday

Easter Sunday 23rd April 1916

Some what cloudy this morning but not very dark. Weather is going to clear. Voltie says he has got to buy hay. He sold to many tuns last fall and fed unnecessarily heavy in the beginning of the feeding season. E & E went to church came back in time to get the family dinner and for our unexpected guests Mr James Smith and Ray McIntire who is married and lives at Newton Falls. Dont drink any more.

Dont gamble any more. He left his wife on to his aunt Alices while they came over here. After dinner and dishes washed E & E went over to R's to carry Krout and milk, sent Kathleen's present across to mail by Mr James Smith.

Monday 24 April 1916.

A bright warm morning. V after chores done went to Geo Gillespies for hay sales, from there to Jack N to weigh hay. Who as a surprise should unexpectedly come but Wm Niles a happy as usual. He had rowed Mrs Geo Fire over to see her motherinlaw Mrs Almond Joslin. Wm staid to dinner and helped the girls clear the door yd of rubbish and helped V unload the hay 1070 lbs at \$16 per tun. reeived a letter from John. I sent for seeds to Buckbees.

Tuesday 25 April 1916

Another cloudy morning. looks like rain and does sprinkle rain. Bessie McDonald died last night at Geo Rattrays in Villiage.

I sowed a few balsom seeds this morning.

V gone to Joe Woodman's to buy or borrow calf meal. Emma washed the red panties and a few other small duds.

Emma "horse de combat". V drawing manure on orchard with manure spreader, churning done.

Wednesday 26 April

Wednesday. Weather very good but showers across the river; the birds are swelling on the trees. Emma mopped floor.

Mrs Hiram Joslin here begging. I send Lottie Dixon a letter and forgot to mention the picture of herself and Wilie.

Thursday 27 April 1916

A cool morning, looks rain. Emma goes to town and to market 15 doz eggs from here & 12 doz for Rachel and 7 chickens sold for 2 cts per lb, eggs 20 cts per doz. Bessie McDonald laid in vault to day. Edith and I done house work and got along very well. V plowed in garden (orchard). Emma bought carpet, wall paper &c. Left the wall paper in town because it was not sent aboard the boat as ordered. Rather late doing chores tonight.

Friday 28th April 1916

A beautiful day; grass green and growing. Emma cleaned all the windows in dining room and veranda. I received a lovely letter from Grace with photographs of her family and house. Emma scrubbed the front veranda with scrubbing brush and is with five. Edith got some more basins filled with earth from the chop yard. I sowed some seeds. Edith carried R baked beans and milk found her not very well.

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Saturday 29 April 1916

A fine day. V began sowing grain to day.

I think wheat. I took a foot bath. Emma cleaned floors. Emma baked bread. Edith went to R's twice over to carry her ham and chicken stew, next time to carry her mop sponges.

Sunday 30 days in April

A very pleasant day. E & E go to church. This is Mr Sagers good bye serman. Our girls return accompanied by Marion McDermot and Lizzie Woodman. Both staying to dinner and supper. Mrs Niles came. Rachel came. Mr Niles came.

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Monday 1st May 1916

Looks like rain in the morning but clears away. Jack Niles here collecting money for the minister sallery. Sager and Mrs Sager are going to Brittish Columbia. Hazelton on the other side of civilisation to preach to and doctor the indians. I wrote and sent a letter to John. Another new milker and another new bull calve. It clouds up in pm and rains quite briskly at dark. The wall paper didn't came down with the wall. Rather cold this evening.

Tuesday 2nd May 1916

A very fine day. Emma made 12 butter prints and Edith churned. Voltie working in garden. Emma is preparing to work.

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Wednesday 3rd May 1916

This is a terrible nasty day rain rain and mud. I sent Belle and Grace letters but received none but I don't care. All letters censored that is they are opened, searched and read by whose authority I don't know. Never have inquired. Emma is preparing for market but guess she won't go. Thought I'd got a letter from Grace but didn't. Guess I'll hold up on letter business for a while tho seeds don't come from Bucksbee. V phoned to Geo R about the wall paper. Geo had it under his bed.

Thursday 4 May 1916

Sun not shining this morn. We arose quite early. V going to drive to dock with a grist and Emma is going to market with butter and eggs. When V came back from dock R came with him and staid till V drove again for Em and the grist. Edith had supper ready when they returned. V brought the wall paper home with him this morning.

Friday 5 May 1916

A very good day. Voltie working at fence building all day and making a gate between pig pen and hen house. Emma cleaned over head in kitchen. Edith got dinner and supper. I washed dishes. Emma rec'd a letter from Clyde Bamford. Clyde wrote that Bob had gone sailing again.

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Saturday 6 May 1916

The morning dawned beautiful but cool. V said there is a white frost this morning, no leaves on the trees yet. Voltie whaling away at the work cultivating and preparing the ground for sowing grain and the garden for beds for vegetables, another we lamb. Edith went to Rachels, and helped me wash dishes. Emma worked and cleaned every thing beginning to cloud again & looks like a shower. Voltie has sowed only 21 bushels of oats so far. Edith went to Rachels twice this day. Rebellion in Ireland. England obliged to send her reserved troop to Ireland to quell the disturbance. Three of the ringleaders leaders were executed. My opinion is this. England certainly should have given Ireland home rule a hundred years ago, and any time since. England towards Ireland has been and is a tyrant.

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Sunday 7th May 1916

A fine cool morning. Sun shining clear. didn't sleep much last night till 4 am this morning. Rachels cow raising terrible mischief again this spring leaving the fence down where ever she goes. Voltie has hopped or harnessed her someway trying to prevent if possible the destruction of all the fence on the farm. Edith and Emma go to church a new minister, an old supintendent many name Henderson. After church and dinner Edith goes to Rachels for - to carry milk or something. Alden McDonald came home with her and staid till bed time. Maud Gillespie Returned Woodstock. Tom & Sheridan Maloney came over to get Voltie to repair their motor engine. V exchanged potatoes. The boys carrying the potatoes home across the river.

Monday 8th May 1916

Morning bright and beautiful. Voltie gone to factory with milk this morning for the first time this year. I have a cold and head ache. Emma is not very well head ache & cold

and gone to bed work goes slow
when Emma is sick. Voltie working as
usual; put shoes on Ben then worked
over there sowing grain.

Tuesday 7 of May 1916

A bright cold chilly morning for a May
day. Voltie gone to factory. Emma up getting
breakfast. Edith been driving sheep so early I
saw her from my bedroom window in the sun dressed
as for winter. The warm days will come some day.
Byron Irvine's funeral is to day at the English
church. Emma is much better and I'm glad; she
is now sewing on the carpet. Voltie gone to the funeral
worked a little in the in pm then came home and after supper
went to Jack Niles for the balance of the hay. Now he owes
Jack 15 dollars for hay. Henry phoned that the apple trees
were come and were at his place.

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Wednesday 10 May 1916

A clear cool morning but clouds soon obscure the sun and sky. I dont see how Voltie can ever accomplish his spring work of fitting ground and sowing grain. I wrote and sent Lottie and Grace each a letter. Alden McDonald put them in mail box when he came over for a shovel to clean Rachel's cellar drain. We received Herald, a letter from Grace with a lot of photoes taken by Reginald of himself and bycicle, Robert on roller skates, their home and John and Isabelle. A letter from Belle with one enclosed from Grace, Jr and the Buckbee seeds. The mail this day was very satisfactory Emma washing and cleaning kitchen. V worked over there, came home early, ate supper, done nearly all chores, milking too then drove to Jim Morgans and Jim and Alden and Voltie went across the bay and around the point to Henrys for the trees, returned about 1/2 past nine.

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Thursday 11 May 1916

A clear day. The wind blowing a gale from South. The river in a raging tear spray flying high. Emma finished cleaning kitchen. V working over there sowing grain. Edith done very well. I washed the breakfast and dinner dishes. Our pantry is an awful looking hole but after a while every thing will be straightened out and cleaned. Alden Mc working for R. V dug a few apple tree holes to set his trees and set 6' trees from 25 trees, sowed mixed tomatoes.

Friday 12 May 1916

Didn't get letters from "airy borry" to day. V working over there. Alden working for Rachel. Emma cleaned and papered V's bedroom all superfine. V set more apple trees. I sowed a few more seeds. Datura &c.

Saturday 13

Emma still continues cleaning. I and Ed wash breakfast dishes. V working over there. Read in paper last night that McDermot Pat's have another heir to their property. I'm thinking his portion of the Estate will be small as he is the fourteenth kid all living but one. The property is not entailed. The weather is cool and dry. Alden working for Rachel making gardens. V went to Jim Morgans to carry home his swill can. Edith

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Sunday 14 May 1916

A very good day. Tom Maloney & Will Niles came ovr. They went to Jack's for dinner but came back here to supper. Miss More the little teacher from the lower district came also. All here to supper. Tom & Will went away across the river at dark in a great skiff. Emma went with Miss More as far as George Niles where she stoped to visit. Somewhat rainy.

Monday 15 May 1916

Kinder rainy, drizzling along. V gone over there to work sowing grain. Emma putting in windows. Alden came over to work. D all right. I wrote and sent a letter to Nellie Brooks. Edith is flying around and getting dinner as if she had wings. Alden chopped wood, raked the straw from the strawberries. Set a bed of onions. Edith helped V. done a good day work over there. he says so a shower with heavy thunder and sharp lightning just at bed time and continues raining all night.

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Tuesday 16 May 1916

A warm cloudy morning. Emma sowed phlox and balsoms. Edith sowed poppy seed. I sowed various kinds in strawberry baskets showery. Raining at intervals all day. Voltie formed one of the yearlings pushed over the bank by the river dead, he and Alden took the hide off. Joe Woodman here for something but dont know what. Emma and Edith cleaning all the empty glass fruit cans. I crochet a scallop. The day is very dark rains nearly all day.

Wednesday 17 May 1916

Rain Rain Rain all night and all day ground flooded every where cant work in field, cant work in garden. Emma cleared the wee parlor sitting room for business, carrying every thing to the veranda. Stuffed the paper from the wall and ceiling, washed the woodwork preparing to paper. V working in shop on punt. Alden sprouting potatoes in cellar. Edith washing dishes. I write and send a letter to Charlotte and some flour seeds also a letter to Grae. I crocheted on Emma's lace.

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Thursday 18 May 1916

rain rain all night and raining
this morning. This is early morn just
after breakfast so I have much to record
of the days proceedings. Only tis after breakfast
V has been to the factory. Emma and Edith
washing dishes. Alden sets by the
stove and Ediths tongue is flying
tremendously. She and Alden fed the
calves. Our mail yesterday was a
card from Lottie, a McLanes Magazine,
Herald and - I guess that was
all. The dreariness of this weather with
wind & rain and the trees only
half in leaf and the day has turned
chilly and still continues to rain and
rained at night. Alden dont prove so
industrious about work as he ought
and he such a big boy. V phoned to R
for Rachel 200 lbs hen feed.

Friday 19th May

Awoke this morning to find the sun up
and shining but I see that along towards
middle of pm it looks dark and
in the SW. I and Edith sowed more
seeds in baskets. Emma is cleaning.

up stairs. V's other apple trees came today
12 Tallman Sweets. Nelson Babcock
brought them. I received a letter from Grace
and two Farm books. Alden gone over
home for some clothes, drove to dock for
hen feed. Grows very dark and only
5 minutes to 5 O'clock pm a light rain
and wind squall. Edith gets nearly all the meals.
Voltie set two new apple trees this pm which makes
48 new trees this spring.

Saturday 20th May 1916.

Sun arose clear and brightly shining but very cold.

V called all hands early Emma, Edith & Alden.

Alden drove the cows over there, also carried the
letter back to R, one she had rec'd from Jen. Emma laid
down and tacked the carpet, painted around the edge
of carpet next to wall. Alden Morgan came to borrow
post augur. Alden McDonald taking up strawberry
plants to set a new bed. V cultivated the potatoes. Joe
Woodman has got the cow itch &c &c. The leaves on the
trees now at this time are beautiful so feathery and fairy like.

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Sunday 21st May 1916

One lovely sabbath day all things green
and growing. V sowed poppy seed. Emma went
to church. Miss Moore & Lizzie Woodman
came home with her and to dinner
while we were eating. Will Niles and Maurice
Maloney accompanied by Stella Niles
came too. came visiting. Will brought golden bante
bantam corn and onions. Didnt stay to supper
but went across. Lizzie and Miss Moore staid to
tea sure. Then came Alden and Harold D
and Joe Woodman. Harold played piano
and Joe went home with Lizzie and Moore.

Monday 22nd May 1916

Couldnt wash no soap. Rainy
nasaty day any way.

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Tuesday 23rd May 1916

A rainy nasty day. Emma partly cleaned
pantry - 21 lambs and 16 sheep

Wednesday 24 May 1916

They are celebrating the old Queens birth day
in Kingston, no one goes from here. Emma wants
to go prettty bad but she dont go. Mary sent
me 12 Ladies' home journals. V working over there,
phoned for soap to Friends and for
bread.

Thursday 25 May 1916

Voltie drove to dock with Aunt Rachel; she
is going to Kingston with eggs. Alden finished
sprouting the potatoes this p.m. by the help of
E & E or it never would have been accomplished.
V working over there only when he went to
the dock night & morning. Rachel brought me a
little plant in bloom, a red geranium and two
bananas.

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Friday 26 May 1916

A lovely day. Wind N changing to S whole and upper current blows towards S.W. Voltie working over there sowing oats. Late sowing over there or any where. I wrote and sent a letter to Mary Woodman thanking her for those books she sent me by Wednesday mail. Emma and Alden setting out onions and sowed lettuce & radishes and sage. R came over with V to dinner and went home again. Edith wont behave herself, that is she wont do any work. Poor dear Edie. Oh why cannot she be a good fine girl!

Saturday 27th May 1916

Arose early again this morning. V going for the cows away down below and looking after the lambs. Then he calls Emma, Edith and Alden. Edith gets breakfast and Emma helps milk. Alden cant milk, cant harness a horse, cant saw wood but he is learning. Emma is scrubbing and digging away as usual. I helped wash dishes and scoured forks knives nd spoons. V working over there. Alden making hills for melons & cucumbers & squash.

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I guess Edith is going- I dont know
what was going to do for I was sudenly
interrupted in midst of writing in this diary.

Sunday 28 May 1916

A cool morning but clear; nothing
doing to day any. Alden didn't go home
but dressed himself up instead, drew pictures &
played on piano. Yesterday V set Alden to
planting melons and cucumber seed, made the
hills and showed him how, but he made
garden beds and sowed them by a board
in rows like a bed of beets or carrots. Wm Niles
and Maloney are over again. Emma going to
church. Miss Moore came home with her.
All here to supper. M.M rows Miss
Moore home in WN's skiff when he returns
they both row home across the river.
I wish the Maloneys would stay home, great bribbering
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Monday 29 May 1916

A vry fine day. V gone over there to finish up sowing oats and finishes. Edith gone over to help Rachel clean house. Wm Niles came over very unexpectedly to help shear sheep but V away over there. Wm went over there to see. V came back made pen for shearing sheep and cleaned the yard or raspberries bushes till noon then began painting the house white. Edith came home bringing 50 cts R had given her for her day work. Alden pulling and hoeing weeds from strawberry bed. I wrote and send a letter to Miriam Bruton in answer to hers. V finished the paint and painted it and shoed a horse. I received a letter from Nellie Brooks Spokane. Evening visitors Joe, Samy & Orville. Samy brought Sylvia's baby's photo to Emma.

Tuesday 30th May 1916

Awoke this morning to find the rain falling good and fast. V & Wm work in shop cleared up a little while and Wm painted some more. Edith couldnt go to R's so wet. V and Wm sawed down the old dead poplar which stood in the yard.

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front yard but I nor Emma didn't see it fall.

Wednesday 31st May 1916

A cool bright morning all or nearly all fruit trees in full bloom. V & Wm shearing sheep on the point. 16 sheep not lambs. One sheep and three lambs died. Edith gone once more to help out R carrying her milk, potatoes, onions, butter. I wrote and sent a letter to Grace. Emma has to do nearly all the work to day. Wind North and chilly ie for me

Thursday 1 June 1916

A very fine day. V and Em went to K. Wm drove to dock and home. V carried the wool to market which came to nearly 46 dollars. Emma bought for herself a coat, shoes, stockings, trimming for her hat, gloves; for Edith she bought shoes, hat, milky blouse, crimson sweater, stockings, beside groceries, bananas, candies, a new apron and other things such as garden seeds but I

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had a time or two at home getting home work done. Edith lazy Alden Lazy. At last about 2 pm Edith got dinner on the table. Wm painted on house, drove in the cows, milked one. Oh I'm glad the day is ended and V is home to take old Alden in charge and I'm very glad Emma is home to look after every thing.

Friday 2

Dont know much about what was done this day. I received a letter from Grace. I sent Grace a letter with Nellie. letter enclosed.

Saturday 3rd

Lazy Alden has gone home. After lying abed till nearly noon. V gave him 5 dollars.

I don't know what for without it was for devouring "grub" for he cant harness a horse, milk a cow or do any kind of farm work & dont want to learn. Preacher Henderson here and to supper great talker, great globetrotter. went to Niles stay all night. Alden went to Rachels to fill up.

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Sunday 4

A very fine day. Edith and Emma go to church in their new attire. The Horn family at Jack Niles even to Louise. And behold! the Tribe came over again. Tom and Maurice brought Wm Niles across in their motor but I dont think that Maloney Tribe will come again very soon. V told Tom never to step his foot here on the place again. I guess I understood it all right. Mrs and Mr H Esford called here from over the N S where she has been to see her daughter and her family.

Monday 5

Looks kinda rainy but dont rain. No mail of any kind for us. Wm and JD. planting potatoes. Edith helps. Rachel wash and clean house. Emma done washing and varnishing things.

Tuesday 6 June 1916

Every thing growing beautifully. Edith helping Aunt R again this day, till Emma called at R when going down with Annie Niles to the Ladie's Aid society at Keslars. V and Wm drove away up to Walter Forbes to get a ball came home in time for dinner all right. V finished his painting motor boat. Wm cultivating for corn ground. V killed a rooster for dinner. I fix V's shirt and sew on buttons.

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Wednesday 7th June 1916

A very fine day. Wind N.E. JD and Wm plowing and fitting corn ground. Nothing doing in door. Some cooking the meals which goes off very slowly. I just let things slide. I dont care much any way. I knit, patch and sew things.

Cloudy in p.m.

Thursday 8 June 1916

Emma going to town this day. V driving to the dock. It looks rainy but Em would go dressed in her best. I like to see her dressed prettily but dont want her feathers spoilt by rain.

Well Edith keep house this day which goes better than last Thursday when Edith & Alden presided at dinner getting.

V drove for Emma at 4 pm. She came bringing groceries. Edith rubbers herself another new dress in shape of midy blouse and skirt ribon and other things and a 1/2 pint for me.

She carried to market 12 lbs honey for us and 16 doz eggs for Aunt R., honey 18 per section, eggs 24 cts per doz

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Friday 9 June 1916

A very good day. Emma washes a few things.

Wm plows over there. V plants in garden corn and beans and other garden seeds.

It is very late, making garden but perhaps better late than never.

Though dont know how about the garden planting and seed growing.

Saturday 10 June 1916

A very fine day. Directly after breakfast

V & Wm started for Clayton in Motor

boat they returned at 8 pm. V bought

60 yds cotton, 20 yds calico, running shoes

for Edith, hamburger, a dress for me,

2 pairs of shirts for himself, overalls. Well bought

oranges and other trash, like peanuts, gum &c

After sun set Wm & V took the motor to

the Smith place accompanied by Emma and were

gone & gone & gone till half past ten. Poor Edith

rung for Jack Niles to hunt them up after I told

her not must not do so. Jack didnt come and

I was glad he did not. What a fool thing to do. But they came all right and "All's well that end's well." So we are all happy and go to bed.

Sunday 1 June 1916.

A quiet, half cloudy, cool morning. Wind North. JD and Wm by request, and consent of Mr. J. Niles ran Jack's fish net and got 13 fish most of them spoilt from remaining in the water so long. Any way we had fried fish for breakfast which were the first this spring. After breakfast J.D. and Wm N crossed the river in motor to Will N's home, where they stayed to dinner and had mince pie and asparagus. I told V this morning as soon as he came down stairs about the phoning to for Jack. for I was ashamed not to tell him & disgusted with the whole business. Well the great event of this day is that Maurice Maloney came over to thrush. Voltie to indicate the honor and character of his brother Thomas whom he says V has insulted. Our lovely Edith is to blame for all this. Tho I should certainly

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think those Maloneys would know better than to make this home and themselves so conspicuous by motoring over here Sunday after Sunday, for no apearant reason as I can see, only to idle away the day, and get a good square meal, because they have no where else to go. and because they have been used with friendly hospitality, they shamelessly present themselves here Sunday after Sunday for five successive weeks. The visits are very much one sided. for not one member of this family has ever visited or even called up them. furthermore I think they are a very badly brought up family to intrude their presence and personality into a home without an invitation or even a hint of an invitation and make themselves so friendly with Voltie cider barrel.

Monday 12

A very good day. Will worked over there and V too. Not much work done only cook and eat.

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Tuesday 13

Marion came up and staid all night to go from here to the picnic. V worked here by the house while Will worked over on Rachels place.

Wednesday 14th June 1916

This is picnic day in Bob Smiths grove for the benefit of the English Church. Rachel came over then V went with motor to Mongomerys carrying Edith, Emma, Marion and Will N. Albert Gillespie enlisted also young Langdon.

When they came home from the picnic they brought Miss Moore. V received a phone from the villiage to drive to dock for some one and the some one proved to be old Geo McKay about half intoxicated.

Our young picknickers together with Orville and Samy Woodman played ball while V drove to the dock. The girls staid all night.

Dr Edwards on picnic ground lecturing for to enlist soldiers.

Thursday 15 June 1916

A still half cloudy day. Will N went home his morning, old Geo rowed him across. Wind blowing some. Miss Moore and Marion walked down as far as R's then got a chance home with the milk wagon. Old McKay came back and went to bed directly after supper and there he roosted till next morning, arising just in time for his breakfast. If he has come visiting he is a very unwelcome guest. O why is he here! I dont admire his individual presence at all. I expect some day we may be "chawed" out of house and home". V is to easy and tolerant O these Lazy old spongers, beginning to rain again.

Friday 16 Jun 1916

A wet nasty morning, nothing doing in doors. Voltie working in Shop shoeing old Ben and repairing milk wagon. Old McKay standing around looking on. I dont send any letters to day but received two. One from Charlotte and a type written letter from Maud a very good letter for the first specimen. She writes that Bert is in the automobile work and she is in the office. Old Geo went away after dinner.

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Saturday 17 June 1916

A fine warm day. Wind South. Emma washed some necessaries duds such as table linen, towels, etc and worked like a heroine all day. V doctored the ba ha. Shod Duke and worked at his milk wagon.

V has gone to bring in the fish net from Goose point; got one fish, enough for Sunday breakfast. JD reads awhile this evening. Dont read often dont get time.

I pieced on log cabin quilt and patched V's blue overalls. V towed home a log he found in river.

Sunday 18 June 1916

A very fair morning, not too beautiful. Cant tell what the day may turn to be. I hope every think fair with no visitors, but one long quiet peaceful sabbath. Visitors came. First came Wm Niles bringing the bleached cotton 19 yds for which I gave him one dollar. Wm is all dressed up and going to church. Next came Marion McDermot and Gladys Moore

going to church with Emma. Edith staid home with me. V at home too. Well after service they return (the girls I mean). Will goes home with his aunt Jane to dinner. Marion and Gladys here to dinner. Well after dinner and dishes washed Wm returns from Aunt Janes and they all walk down to Louise Niles, Edith with the others, to hear the victrola: and they all stay to tea. Marion & Gladys go home and Wm, Emma & Edith come home. V milks the cows alone. When V comes in from doing chores Samy Woodman comes in from Harold Dignum and Orville McDermot came in with him. After a season of piano playing and singing all go home excepting Wm Niles who stays all night. At last the house is quiet and all are retired to roost and then I go to bed too, and so ends the long June Sunday but not free from visitors after all.

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Monday 19 June 1916

A half clear day sun shines out some times then disappears for awhile then slyly peeps out again. Emma begins washing and has just washed one tub full. When behold more visitors, Mrs Arthur Higgins and Mrs Herbert Esford. Well I was glad to see Alice and Elen but it upset the washing for a the day for Emma poor dear had to shove the wash tub aside and prepare a square meal to which they done themselves the satisfaction of satisfying their hunger on fried fish, mashed potatoes and all the extras, but it begins to cloud up again. Our visitors take leave at 3 pm but I think they get caught in rain before arriving at home. The rain comes tumbling down in swiftness till night, and chilly too. A letter from Belle and one from Grace.

Tuesday 20 June 1916

Wind blowing, and chilly and cloudy. The summer is passing on and not and so far not the beautiful warm sun that we looked for and expected after the long cold winter. V planting potatoes. Emma washing again this morning. I must write to Will. Wm N came over towing V's punt, brought us a basket of carrots. Went home again.

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Wednesday 21 June 1916

A beautiful morning till nearly noon then clouds again and grows chilly but dont rain till evening, then rains a little. No warm settled weather yet. V made a flower bed. Emma transplanted flower plants and finished the big washing excepting a few small things. The lines full of clothes. Voltie drives to the dock with a grist of pig feed then hoes in garden. A new litter of 10 pigs in the ice house. Jack Niles run V to work on the road tomorrow. I wrote to Belle a long letter. Edith put it in post box. Edith prepared Honey supers, 3 of them. No letters to day only Herald, a a paper from experimental farm, a picnic at Rosies. Joe and Samy gone to the picnic and Kehoe and Voltie milk their cows for them and do their barn chores. The Dignum boys gone too.

Thursday 22 June 1916

A very cool morning. V drove to dock with Rachel and her eggs and cheese check and from there to the cheese factory, and home. Emma went fishing caught 6 fish before breakfast. Voltie sent by aunt R for two cabbage plants

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Friday 23rd June 1916

Cloudy this morn. I sent a letter
to Maud. Edith deposits it in.

Saturday 24th June 1916

A very good am tho looks rain. A
picnic planned for Miss Moore over in State Park
before she leaves for her home, Toronto. The
pm threatning unfavorable as to weather. They
celebrate in Woods Park at foot of island.
In evening, In evening Miss Moore and Marion
came home with Emma and they all went
to Niles to play croquet staid again while they
are gone Joe W and V fixing the pump. Edith goes
fishing caught enough for supper.

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Sunday 25th June 1916

A cloudy foggy morning. Dont think can motor across river for Flora and Ethel this morning. Edith went to Rachels this morning to borrow bread for breakfast. This is breakfast time. I am not at table with my family but prefer just at present to look on & see them devour their porridge and milk, and boiled eggs, Miss Moore, Marion, Emma, Edith & Voltie A happy quintet. After breakfast, V motors to Sand Bay for Flora & Ethel. They came and Ethel brought a hamburger. Flora and Ethel, Marion and Gladys Moore stay to dinner also Orville McDermott. Miss Moore with camera took V's and picture. After dinner V accompanied Flora & Ethel and kid Pauline over to Rachels where they ate another dinner. Came back early. R came with them. After supper Miss Moore and Marion go home. V motors Flora and Ethel over the river comes back before dark. Edith goes on with R and stays all night.

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Monday 26 June 1916

Tuesday 27 June 1916

I didn't do much this only pieced two blocks
on my quilt. V hoeing in garden all day. McDermot
and Moore flashed by here on their way to Jack N
stopped long enough for ask Emma to accompany them.
She didnt' go. The admirable Wm N came over
staid all night and to breakfast gone painting
Geo Niles' barn.

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Wednesday 28 June 1916

Another fine day. every thing growing beautifully. A base ball game and picnic in Bob Smiths grove. Edith went to the picnic with Anna Niles. Emma didn't go. V hoed all day in potatoes and strawberries. I wrote and send a letter to Grace; received a letter from Eveline, a card from Ethel also one from Willie Watson saying he would come tomorro to help Voltie about the haying. Our school teacher Mr. Egan here this evening. Wm N came up from Geo Niles, stoped here a while, and has now gone up to his Uncle Johns to stay all night. He didnt' come in but but I not knowing he was any where around. I made the remark that he grew homelier every day. I hope he didn't hear what I said. for he is a pretty good old lad anyway. Some people like myself often make or says things they might better leave unsaid.

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Thursday 29 June 1916

Another fine day. A summer breeze from South. Sun brightly and warmly shining. Edith dont like to cook to day and does just as little as possible. Emma gone to town. V drove to dock this morning and from there to factory and around home. Bees swarming. V hoeing in garden. I write Eveline a letter. V forgot to give the cheese maker the letter I sent Tina. The day is long and lonely when I dont' feel very well. V drove to dock for Emma bringing Willie Watson. We have several uninvited evening guests. Wm Niles, Marion McDermott, Miss G Moore, Joe Woodman, Orville McDermott. The whole tribe were in the parlor, together with Voltie, Edith and Emma and the old phonograph is whooping up to beat any military band. Tis like the old song Maggie Murphy's home. "There is an organ in the parlor and you Welcome Every Evening to Maggie Murphy's home." Well I may as well go bed for cant tell when the party will be out so I retire. Wilhem Niles stays all night. Rachel here in evening to tell all about the crows pulling up the corn.

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Friday 30 June 1916

A lovely day bright warm scarcely a gentle breeze. Voltie and Willie go to Clayton in Motor. Will N goes too. Instead of poking along to Clayton he ought to go down and paint G Niles barn or go home. This is Willies first trip in motor. The day continues fine. They arrive home about 2 pm without Voltie accomplishing any business that he went for those guards he requested Wellie to send him. They were not there. Wm N came back staid till dark then went home across river in his own skiff.

Saturday 1st July 1916

Almost mid Summer again. A very pleasant day. I finish the log cabin from print V bought for me in Clayton. V and Willie work in garden nearly all day hoeing weeding cultivating potatoes and strawberries. Emma baked bread &c Emma & Willie go down on river. After they come back they sing and play on piano till bed time. Willie a very fine Laddie 20 years old last March. He can sing his voice ought to be trained. V and Willie gone fishing.

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2 July Sunday looks like rain
and does rain some. Edith contrary as
usual. Dont want to work at all. She gone to
R's now. I wash all the breakfast dishes. Ed makes
such a fuss about it all. Em gone to church. V and
Willie W gone fishing. I ought to write to Eveline again.
I ought to write to Charlotte but whatever is the
benefit to them or I. A terrible down pour of rain
in afternoon with sharp lightning and terrific
thunder. Grand and awful. After the storm
Will Niles came over considerable the worse for
whiskey, he was all dressed out with pockets
filled with candy and peanuts. and a
he also brought me a boquet of cabbage roses.
He didn't come in the house tho invited to when
he inquired who was here and learned that Orville
McDermot was here but rowed back across the river.
Monday 3r July 1916

A very good day after the storm of yesterday.
Emma didn't wash she set the Datures out in the
open ground. V worked on his waggon. We received
a card from Welly saying those guards are at Clayton
so away he goes to Clayton. Emma goes with him found
Mrs Jim Morgan and Mrs John OBrien there came home home to
nick

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Thursday 4 July 1916

A very fine day tho cloudy in pm.

A bee cleaning cemetery. V brought a handful of stems with of berries. V and Willie took down the pipe and moves the cooks stove from the dining room to veranda. Emma painted the dining room floor (partly). I patched quilt. Orville McDermot here ringing Bob Knight to see about going to a garden party. Jackie Murray here and Sadie Murry this evening looking for supers for a beehive. Gave her a little flowering vine Byromia.

Wednesday 5 May 1916

A beautiful morn every thing growing. I send Wellie a letter and Eveline a magazine. The day continues fine all day. I send many letters but not many do I get. I expected a letter from Grace but got none. Voltie hoeing nearly all day. Wm W & V drew cheese to factory after all the chores are done. V got rheumatism.

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Thursday 6 July 1916

A very fine day. V mowed hay but troubled very badly with rheumatism.

Belle and Henry came 13 Aug 1916. V motored for them. R can over to meet Belle! Sure Mike!

Irene King sent me a work stand, beautiful.

Friday 7 July 1916.

A very wet morning. V goes to Kingston in motor intending to take first Boat 1/2 past 9 am. got to Villiage to late went across in motor paid \$20 dollars on rent, bought groceries and frankfurter good and we had some for supper. enough left for breakfast.

Em left it on table, dog got it and ate it all.

Sat 8 July 1916

A fine day. Marion here poking around. Em set the table back in its accustomed place and painted more dining room floor.

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Sunday 9 July 1916

Wind North and blowing some intended to send for Lib. V going with motor. Orville came to dinner. O why dont those McDermots stay away from here. Emma is so familiar with them. A strange gypsie tribe 18 kids and has been 19 one dead. R here. Mrs Nile here after awhile they all go home. Maggie at her ma's got a girl baby come to day.

Monday 10 July 1916

The hottest day of the year up to date. Very light thin vapory clouds veil the sun. V badly and sadly troubled with rheumatism. Bees swarming every day. 3 swarms out this am. I sent a card to Miriam Breton, a letter to Grace. Wm W sent two letters one to his bro, one to his dad. I paid for all. Emma short and cranky since Marion has left her desolate. We had to borrow butter of R. What do you think of that? If we keep the Macdermots around a week or two more we wont have any thing. Another swarm of bees. V out trying to hive them. No mail only a letter for V from "Hugh" Anglin \$9.00 dollars.

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Monday 10 July 1916

Working in house in evening. Willie gone to villiage with Samy Woodman to a platform dance at McClarins. bees swarming, 4 swarms out to day one ran away. V troubled with rheumatism. I wash nearly all breakfast dishes, a great mess of crockery, knives, forks to scour pots & pans, jars, glass ware, spoons. Found my best milk pitchr broken in many pieces. Edith done it. I wrote and send Grace a letter for Wm W.

Tuesday 11 July 1916

Another fine day; awful V nearly has a sun stroke. The veins on forehead stand out like whip cord. Bees swarming. I dont know how many times they swarm to day. Drew 6 loads of hay.

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Wednesday 12 July 1916

Another fine day. V and Willie work in hay here at home field. A swarm out very early this morning. V captured three queens and they went back to hive. The night is so hot. Willie slept on floor part of night, sleep with windows all open. Lost one swarm, went away while V was hiving another. I finish the last sheet. I guess we dont feel very well. hot weather, drew 4 loads and tucked it away in our little barn.

Thursday 18 July 1916

heavy thunder and lightning and a down pour of rain began about 3 am, lasted an hour. V arose very early had to go to the dock with Rachel and from there to the factory. Emma up in the night baking bread. V and Wm mowing and working in meadow back of barn. The hay not half gathered from the home meadow, he's in cocks and swath, a tornado of rain, thunder and lightning at 3 pm from North. Weather bad enough. A hot humid atmosphere. V & Wm glad to find shelter in shop. John Murray too. My digestive apparatus somewhat out of repair. I think the best remedy for it is fasting. Emma washed blankets and scrubed veranda floor with brush.

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Friday 14

A very fine day. mail came late but brought a letter from Grace saying that Margaret & Robert wants V to meet them at Cape Vincent tomorrow night and phone to Watertown if he can come. He sends the message that he can come.

Saturday 15

A very good day. Bees swarming, yes a very hot day. V goes to Cape for Robert & Margaret. Gone not quite 4 hours. They came hungry and happy and we were glad to see them and were happy too. Of course they had a time singing and dancing. Maryanne phoned to Emma but we have enough without her.

Sunday 16

A very fine day. V and the kids caught a mess of fish for dinner. Aunt R came. Lost a swarm it went to Niles. They hived them, rained in night nearly all night.

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Monday 17

Monday a fine day. V and Wm working in hay all day. Emma made Edith a suit skirt and midy. V shot a hen. the hens are scratching up the potatoes. Bees swarming. Raspberries are ripening. R kids all go bathing after supper and dishes washed. they have a great time playing phonograph and dancing in kitchen. Marion phones to Emma. A long confab about nothing. Wm got a swelling behind his ear

Tuesday 18

A cool bright morning going to draw hay to day. Edith face swelled from bee stings. Wm jaw swelled worse this morning and he is frightened for himself. V slept well last night. Received a card from Marion Breton. She coming Thursday night Mrs Ranous coming to dinner tomorrow. Rachel came over to dinner. We had a stewed dinner of chicken and dumplings. This is the hottest day I or any one within a radius of 100 miles ever endured. Every thing 90. deg in shade in pm, no wind not a leaf stirring on a tree and the sun powers down its fiery heat. what a fine thing it would

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be living on the planet Neptune to day.
V comes in from drawing hay with shirt so wet
with perspiration it could be wrung. from about
a hundred loads only about 16 1/2 secured. We
all go to bed early enough but not to sleep
on account of heat. Only for damping the hog.
I wish it would rain & thunder and lighten.
V up prowling about out door because he cant
sleep.

Wednesday 18 June 1916

Another hot day a bad one for heat. Oh there is
so much disputing and quarreling that not much
time to work. cooked another chick. Emma carried
the tubs of clothes to river to soak at consession.
Margaret going to help her. Edith in kitchen jawing
away about Emma's partiality and neglect of her
But Oh Edith is lazy!

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Thursday 20 July 1916

Didn't know Robert intended going to Kingston today. but he walked to the dock. Came back at eve. V drove for him Miriam B came too. we expected her but did not expect Bonnie Watson. An awful hot day. melting hot. Didn't know how we were to arrange the sleeping business but V made his bed out in veranda

Friday 21 July

Another hot day Wm went to corners to see doctor. Miriam, Margaret & Robert went too stopped at Watson Walroths and got dinner there by invitation. no doctor at home. V left his work and went in motor for the kids and brought them home. I wrote and sent Eveline a letter also received letters from Grace and Belle. I sent an answer to Grace's letter by return mail. A great time singing and dancing in Evening, playing phonograph, piano, fiddle, mouth organ. O lord what a noise! Marion a fine piano player. Joe, Samy and Orville came too.

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Saturday 22nd July 1916

Another hot day but breezy.

Work in door goes miserable. Work out door flourishes. Robert Jr hoes strawberries, Even Bernie Watson helps Voltie and Willie in hay field.

Plenty things to be cooked. and plenty of hands to do the cooking but they wont cook; plenty of beautiful white beans, pork, dried apples, sugar, eggs, flour, sweet milk, butter milk, butter dried pumkin. all kinds spices, lard, soda baking lettuce, green onions, radishes. If they catch a mess of fish, to lazy to prepare them for frying so they lie round till they spoil. I wash pan full of dried apples and pick over a peck of beans and there they are. We had a little mess of red root for dinner, boiled with the roots on. Oh! if I could only walk. Churn not been washed since last churning. you see my thoughts are just printed on this page.

A little more piano music, a little more dancing. Kids playing pedro and we retire to our weary and excessively uncomfortable roosts on account of extreme heat and so ends the day, excepting Bernie and Willie went across to the strawberry festival at St Lawrence

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Sunday 23rd July 1916

Another boiling hot day, No one from here goes to church, I dont know unless tis so hot guess my pen needs filling soon. We had breakfast at the usual hour. but nothing again till 1/2 past 5 pm, I dont know unless so hot. V shot and killed a hen that was diging potatoes. V polled before breakfast and caught a small pike after awhile they go away again. but no fish for dinner or supper I should say

Monday 24 July 1916

Hot! hot! hot! work all day in hay field and suffer then at night, foolishly went to the villiage to a platform dance. Something went wrong with the motor's engine which took them a long time to get underway again for home. went wrong in Canal got home about two Oclock am. After they had departed for the villiage Mister Deere from Yarker came to stay over night with his servant. I didnt know what to do with him. There was talk about sleeping upstairs in hot chamber or out in barn on hay which ended by himself and boy going white going up and lodging with Joe and Samy and alls well that ends well so far.

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Tuesday 26th July 1916

Another boiling hot day no rain. Deere and boy White here to breakfast. went to lower barn worked nearly all forenoon setting up the hay loader then it wont work at all. V hot tired after his last night fool trip to villiage. What folks want to dance for in this hot weather. I dont see. I think they ought to be hot enough this weather without such exercise and save their energy if they have any left to kick up their heels in December but truth is one fool calls many together and that mean fool is old Alan

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Wednesday 26 July 1916.

A very hot day 88 in shade V working in hay all day, also Willie. work in house dont prosper much tho. I believe Emma does what she can. Ed indolent & quarrelsome. I'm making her a blue print dress. Ethel Ranous came down with her ma, brought our mail and staid till her ma Mrs Wm Ranous returned from foot with the gathered mail. We received a phone that Mr & Mrs WFW are coming here this eve and for V. to drive to dock for them. V sends Wm and he does not return till after 10 pm on account of an excursion on boat. then Emma had to boil kettle for their tea. Joe & Samy here too and with all the noise confusion singing, playing of piano & violin and dancing we didn't get to bed till 12 midnight

Thursday 27 July 1916

Margaret & Miriam go to Kingston this morning. Wm Watson drove to dock with them. Sent order to Henderson for flour and groceries. It takes a lot of grub to keep this family going at present beside some cooking. I finished Ediths dress & Mrs. WFW stiched it on Machine. V & Wm working in field. Wm drove over to dock. Ben Watson going to Kingston to night and from there to his uncle Colin's and from there to his place of business Ottawa bank Pembroke. R here to dinner. Rob't disappeared at dinner time. R found him out in the machine shed asleep in buggy

Friday 28th July 1916

A little cooler this morning but no rain. Wind N
Dont suppose the farmers want rain at present time on account of hay. Lib and W.F. gone over to Rachels this p.m. V and W working in hay. Ed & Miriam gone fishing, leaving Emma to wash the dinner dishes. which she does about 1/2 pas 3 pm. This is a trying time to us who never go visiting. River still, no breeze, only a little whispering among the leaves. I sowed an an under waist for myself and finished it. Lib and W.F.W. came after dark. Edith talking over the phone to Maryane McDermot and Gladys. She is inviting them here after I told her not but Edith dont care as long as she dont have to furnish victuals and cook for them. E is to meet Glad at the road. Oh I do dislike those Macdermots

Saturday 29 July 1916

Another very warm day tho breezy V and Wm working in hay all day. PM. Gladys McD came. E brought her out to the veranda saying Grandma here is Gladys which is a sort of introduction. I was not glad to see that youngone. People coming here sometimes causes me trouble of several kinds some of them, not all agreeable. Those people that come uninvited like the McDermot. Maryanne Mc also wants to come she sent this kid to feel the way. Mr & Mrs W.F.W. went over to R's for supper

Sunday 30 July 1916

A beautiful day. Emma, Miriam, Edith and Gladys go to church. Only eleven in attendance. Orville Macdermot came early and inveighed Robert away some where we dont know where which is a great cause of worry to me. 5 hours before their return. They had been to Kehoes to dinner. V impatient and somewhat angry told Orville to let Robert alone when he found Orville coaxing Rob't to go to Niles with him till after N's cows were milked: told O to go home and stay there, and then told Gladys to make tracks for home and stay there. So she went down the road bawling at and screaming at top note away up in G. Rachel heard her and ran up the road to see what was the terrible trouble. She thought the dogs were after her. R said what is the trouble? Why Voltie told her to go home and stay there.

so R brought her back here for a while then Jackson drove in here (our cheesemaker) as he intended driving down the road. R & Gladys went with him in Buggy & nearly forgot to say that directly after dinner Emma walked down to Hiram's to see the baby. On her way she met Marion who had started to make this port (JD Bamford's) for an unlimited visit but called at R's to rest and cool and pick up what news she could gather. She told R she had started here. R told her not to come here for she was not wanted for we already had a full house, and to be very sure and not come. So instead she turned back where she met Emma and walked as far as Hiram's with her. then walked in with Emma. and staid as long as E does. R Jr continues to drive down the road till he meets E & Maryanne whom he loads in to his cart bringing Em home then turns back with his McDermot load and proceeds to Sinclair McKays and there I've lost sight of him. While I'm resting after the days siege Wm Niles came with his talk talk talk telling me I dont look well and near as well as the last time he was here. I suppose I must look small beside L Watson with her 200 worshipers, but I dont consider it his business whether I look well or not. then at last down came Orville with a pail of Niles' peas as a peace offering, and that ends the day.

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Monday 31 July 1916

Monday the day is much cooler for the wind is north and the atmosphere is cooler. Working in hay is the business of J.D & W. Mrs & Mr W.F.W. go over to R's to eat string beans and new potatoes and gossip about Bert and Maud such old cronies how they do talk. I receive a book from Ben Watson called the ["Clansmen"] by Thomas Dixon which came as a very happy surprise. Emma washing some things at river

Tuesday 1 August 1916

Another dry day. We had white cucumbers from my vines to day most beautiful. Every thing suffering for rain. but the talk goes on & on & on about Bert and Maud, schools and certificates till my head aches which is another annoyance for I never have head ache

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Wednesday 2 Aug 1916

A fine hot day. The mail brought me a letter from Maud.

The work of this day same as usual cooking. eating three square meals. Emma cooks 2 fowl hens that V shot while they were scratching up the potatoes. Same old night mare going on about Bert and Maud and then away over to Rachels to finish up carrying an old clay pipe done up a piece of paper so they can have a good smoke out of V's tobacco.

Thursday 3rd Aug 1916.

Watson's gone this morning Wm drove to dock with his dad and mom & from there to the factory and so around home. If I should say "I am sorry to see them go" it would not be true; especialy "Lib". poor Bert Smith he may be the worst scalawag in the world but dont believe it, but his characterr is picked in pieces torn apart trampled upon accused of all meanness imagineable. The worst reprobate on Earth. And it is nearly the only topic of conversation from morning till night. Spending time enough to go over to R to gather information about Mauds being frivolous & silly. hoity toity, no one on the foot like her neither man woman nor child. Oh is there nothing better to talk about then lying and slandering poor helpless mortals that cant defend themselves for this talk is all done behind their back.

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3rd Aug Continued. We were obliged to send to Henderson for groceries on credit. Also V sent a grist to mill for flour. Every thing came all right. Wm drove to docks for them. Mr W.F.W. sent me a dozen bananas, and two spools of thread which I didn't expect for which I'll thank him for when I write. Robbie went up on boat this morning to visit his Grandad Gaskin for a whole week. Rachel came over this am for milk. V broke something about the mowing machine had to stop mowing to repair that
Friday 4 August 1916
Another hot day

Tuesday 22nd August 1916

I have not written in this diary since 3 Aug 1916

Many an event has transpired since that time. The house has been crowded with company Miriam Bruton, Mr and Mrs Watson, Ben Watson, Belle and Henry Jr, Will Dixon, Bob Gaskin, Grace, Isabella Gaskin, Margaret, Robert Jr, Bert & Maud Smith, and Hubert, Reginald and Everett, Henry Halliday and his family, Will Niles, Gladys McDermot, Ed McD, Marion McD, Ed McD & Sylvia and the kid, the cheese maker, Joe Woodman, and Samy Woodman. Will Watson here helping Voltie and to finish up so far. Jim Morgans kids here this pm visiting and Aunt Rachel.

We have had one whole month of powow. I cant describe it, I'm not going to try too. No! there is no use nor sense trying to follow in detail the events of each day. This is the annaversary of R's birth She is 80 years old to day. She was over here to day but didn't mention it.

Wednesday 23rd Aug 1916

Friday 4 August 1916

Another hot day. Dont feel like writing in this diary nor writing letters to any one. Think often think I'll quit writing letters or keeping diary; farming is laborious business and constant labor at that, from early morn till late at night. I ought to answer Maud's letter also write to Benjamin W in acknowledgement of the book he sent me. I ought to write to Grace. Work goes slow indoors V & Wm work at hay. Emma cracking hickories in dining room Edith out at closet 15 minutes now. Miriam at river washing her clothes. Acidentalyl Ive skipped a page in this diary. V out very early after the cows. Edith went over to Rachels to carry milk and kerosine oil and dried apples. drove back with cheesemaker and Maryanne McDermot. They drove in here. M. McD didn't get out the buggy. Orville here and Joe. They dance in dining room. All abed at 10 pm and neighbors gone home. I receive a letter from Grace. R came over for stuff like dried apples & Emma baked 4 apple pies. The Lard has disapeared. The girls went fishing, caught 11.

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Saturday 5th August 1916

Another hot dry day. V finished cutting hay to day. He says there will be 5 days drawing of hay to finish up.

Emma baked bread at 1/2 past 4 this morning.

V gave us a hen for dinner that was digging potatoes

Emma cleaned floors. I read some in the book

Bernie sent me "The Clansman". A dance on the hill this eve. The company consisted of Joe W, Samy W., Orville McDer, Willie Watson, the cheesemaker and his brother. They had ic cream and cake. Joe or Sam brought a quantity of ice cream for me which was very good; also very kind of them to bring the ice cream.

Sunday 6 Aug 1916

Awoke this morn to find the air heavy and thick with smoke which must come from forest fires from away back for forest fires are raging and many people are burnt suffocated. Hundreds of men, women & children. It is awful & horrible, wiped out hundreds of miles of timber: String beans for dinner. Miriam and Wm singing and playing piano. It is fine. R came over this morning for milk came before breakfast. Nothing very remarkable occurred to day more than usual. Orville here in Evening.

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Monday 7th August 1916

A very hot dry day. V & Wm working in the hay, drew ten loads. The usual amount of work carelessly done but tis so hot to cook the meals by that old big monster range. I wish I was not so crippled and lame. I'd clean the oil stove and cook by that this scorching weather. Any way the stove is being spoilt by being all rust and accumulating more and more rust these hot humid weather. Some one churned this a.m. soft white flowy butter for dinner. I send a letter to Grace receive a letter from no one only from McLane Co for subscription to McLeans magazine. Rachel here to supper. The flies are getting very troublesome and electric storm away off towards Watertown just after dark. Willie, Miriam & Edith sat on front steps and watched the constant flashing of vivid lightning. One flash folowing another every second of time & 2 boats going up all lighted by electric lights adds to the beauty of the night. V takes the butter from the churn and salts it. 12 more little pigs to day which makes 33 hogs all told.

Tuesday 8 August 1916

A lightning & thunder storm about midnight
a heavy roll of thunder awakened me. soon after
that the rain came pattering on the roof.

I closed the window to keep the rain
out. Arose quite early. Everything at 630 around
here. Oh but that old kitchen is hot and
the west door and window closed no air.

I try to work around but my feet and
legs refuse to not more than hobble.

This is a close hot, old fashioned folks used to
say "a muggy day" and I believe such "muggy"
days will bring more rain. V and Wm moving the pigs to
the yard behind the hen coop. I'm sleepy since I ate
dinner. Once more the rain comes pouring down
in torrential speed for 3/4 of an hour and in the
midst of it a boat came across the river containing
Mr & Mr H Esford, Mrs and Mr Jackson also Miss Jackson
and their baby. They gained shelter in our boat
house while awaiting for the rig to come for them
which came after awhile. In the evening Wm,
Emma, Voltie & Miriam all go to Flynns to play and sing.

I sit up till they come home. I write a letter to
Benjamin Watson. Received word that Belle will
soon be here. Coming Sunday. V is to meet them at Delavan's.
I made myself a new white petticoate.

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Thursday 9 August 1916

A cloudy still morning. Miriam goes home this morning. Wm drives to dock accompanied by Edith, Wm appears very melancholy since Miriam went home. Emma cleaned veranda windows. Rains again this pm. A heavy shower from S.E. It clears the air and the sun shines brightly and sets clearly and warm. moon shining in splendor.

V drove to dock for the things. groceries and a doz bottles of ale. I had a full glass of ale which is superfine. V going to keep the ale for visitors. I'm thinking he cant he will be tempted to take a drink this hot haying weather which he ought to have. A glass of lemonade does well but a cool glass of bottled ale is better if dont drink to often. Wm H Woodman brought home 2 dozen bottles. I made Emma a new night gown.

Friday 11 Aug 1916

The sun rose beautifully and clear. V cutting and binding oats. We had codfish gravy new potatoes. boiled onions lettuce bred butter soda biscuits. Wm stocking barley and oats. AFter dinner he shaved allup nice and clean and cleaned his teeth with some kind of paste and a new brush. Emma cleaned my bedroom as clean as a new daisy, turned the bed around and hung clean curtains at windows. Rain Rain again this pm and

keeps on raining all pm. I received a letter from Grace.

Thursday 14th Sep 1916

Oh the heat, drought and flies are intense and the drogh [sic] has lasted a long time, only one good smart shower since Belle went away back home to enjoy her life anew since her kids are all married off excepting Henry. V has gone to Pikes to thresh. I will be glad when he is done threshing for the neighbors. Emma & E are puttering in kitchen. Hot Hot not a ripple on the water and the Sun is blazing. V got 75\$ for the Aug cheese checque. Em had to can tomatoes over again, wouldn't stay sealed, covers popped up.

Wednesday 13 September 1916

I am writing in this diary backwards. yesterday was mail day. I received a letter from Grace and one from Maud, Farmers magazine. Another hot day every thing drying up pasture, Garden. Strawberry plants suffering for water. The swallows preparing to go South. Millions of them circiting through the air ready for flight. I sent a letter to Grace, one to Miss Sadie Murrayteacher Sydenha. Also a wee letter to Maude Gillespie thanking her for the loan of 3 books. V threshing for Pike then drove to dock for his groceries that he phoned for this am and a hog grist he carried over and put on the dock or boat last night. No Nothing for supper. V ate bread and milk for his supper. Em canned tomatoes.

Tuesday 12 September 1916

Oh such a day heat, this drought. V threshing for Rube all p.m. I took a walk out trying to get into the garden but the weeds. V gathering tomatoes and some corn for dinner and some shell beans. Rachel came over to dinner talked & talked & talked. Oh I didnt know W.C.D. was so bad, and Mab M. I crochet on chair cushion, while I was anticipating a happy time this evening Mrs Jane Niles and her sister came calling. Amelia looks badly enough I guess she is not very long to stay on earth. She starts for Wisconsin Thursday. I was glad to see them. After their departure Mrs Abyssa McDonald & her son Eddie came for an evening visit they ate supper with us. After supper V & E & E & E went to the parlor where they played phonograph. Abyssa told me that Lute Harris beautiful new house is burnt to the ground yesterday saving no furniture and himself sick in bed. Then she talked about Bessie and cried. At last they went home.

Monday 11 Sept 1916

A very hot day by comparing dates. I find it is just one month ago this day since I wrote in this diary. V home to day clenaing up a hog grist &c. Em received by mail from Grace a package of patterns and samples of cloth.

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Sunday 10 Sept 1916

Another hot day. R came over. Of course being Sunday no work done only chores, but E & E went trolling & Em & JD went down the river. Ed and Wm N went up stream. Both parties went fishing but no fish as I can see. J.D. caught fish enough for dinner with hook and line but we ate them for supper.

Em cleaned herself up so she looked quite respectable. Had to drive Ed to wash herself and put on clean clothes.

R came over and tried to stay till both parties returned from fishing, but couldnt hold on long enough.

Saturday 9th Sept 1916

Same hot dry burning weather not much done this day.

V threshing for Rube. Work drags. They feel old after last night at Bourke dance.

Friday 8 Sept 1916

Great Excitement going to be a dance at Mary Berry Bourkes.

V goes and takes Em not many there only 15 all

counted. 9 school marms there from the three immediate districts

V had been threshing at Niles all day but surely had to go to the dance.

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Thursday 7th Sept 1916

A very fine day. Wish it would rain. Rachel went to town with eggs. Sylvia didn't go. Edd cant get a room to move too.

Friday 6 Sept 1916

Monday 28 Aug 1916

The days a little cooler. V building fence around stacks.

Emma washed and dried the clothes on the line and they are flying in the S.W. wind. No rain every thing drying up. No potatoes of any account this year.

Reginald & Everet Dullhead drove to factory

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Tuesday 29th Aug 1916

A warm breezy day sun shining brightly. Voltie hoeing strawberries. Edith wont work!

fooling around with Reginald and Everet. Robbie lying on couch reading Huckleberry Finn and fighting flies. Emma working around. O I never saw any one like Edith. Reg nor Everet wont work either.

Thursday 5 Sept 1916

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6 Jan 1916

2 bottles electric oil ,50 cts

1 bottle olive oil ,10

soda ,05

matches ,25

coffee ,40

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1 Electric oil
12 bananas .25 K
1 pair socks .50
1 pair stocking .50 K
9 lbs codfish
buckwheat flour ,40 K
Landry soap 50 K
Toilet soap 25 R
1/2 black silkteen, 13 R
1 bottle
silktine ,20
4 spools white ,24
1/2 sattine ,13
Wadding ,05
Soda biscuits ,30
3 pair socks 20
Candy 10
whiskey
corsets
Rubber boots
gum
Gloves ,20 cts

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Jan 3rd

Kerosine for 1916	sugar for 1916	Tea for 1916
5 gall "	100 lbs granulated \$6,	1 lb from Friends
5 gall 6 Jan "	10 " brown ,70cts	1 lb from Friend
5 gall 2nd Feb "	28 " brown 2,00	1 lb tea K
		Feb 18 1 lb tea K
		5 Mar 1 lb coffee
		" 1 lb tea
		" 1 coffee 1 lb

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Jan 1916

Cloth

1/2 yd black satin

1 yd black heavy ribbon

2 bottles electric oil

Quinine

Sulphur

1 3 boxes Dodds pills F

1 scribbler F

16 Feb 1916

cream tartar F

3 Dodds pills K

1 electric oil K

12 bananas ,25 K

1 pair socks ,50 K

1 pair stockings ,50 K

9 lbs codfish K

buckwheat flour, 40 K

Laundry soap ,50 K

Toilet soap 25 R

1/2 black silkteen ,13

1 bottle

silkteen ,20

4 spools white ,24

1/2 saltine ,13

Wadding ,05

Soda biscuits ,30

9 pair socks ,20

Candy 10

Whiskey

Carrots

Rubber boots

Gum

Gloves ,20 cts

Tobacco 50

31th Tobacco 25

tobacco 1,00

Tobacco

Tobacs

tobacco

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Wednesday 3rd March 1915.
1915

[date]	pd	.	cts\{\}
March 3rd	pd	For postage stamps.	,25
" 4th	"	Subscription for war magazine	,40
" 5th	"	Sent 20 cts to McAbley's for Mag	,20
" 6th	"	,50 cts for tobacco, recd by Ed McDermont	,50
" 8th	"	Electric oil, sent by Rancour 2 bottles	,50
"	for paper & envelopes	,50	
"	For 3 boxes of Dodd's pills	1,25	
"	1 " peroxide	,25	
"	1 tobacco by Wal Niles	,25	
March 10th	"	1 cake of green soap	,25
"	2 bottles of electric oil	,50	
"	Camp widening	,15	
"	2 spools thread	,12	
"	5 bars Laundry soap	,25	
"	3 box matches	,15	
"	10 brown sugar	,75	
"	D pills	1,25	
"	1 soda carborde	,05	
"	ointment	,50	

"	Wash Lotion	,25
"	Harners oil	,25
"	1 pail of sodas	,30
12 March	For postage stamps	,25

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March Thursday 4 March 1915

Received a dollar from Keslo for work — 1,00

11 George Niles for work paid V — ,75

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2nd of Jan 1916

Letters & cards cts

1 card to Belle — ,02

1 card to Maud — ,02

1 letter to Gladys — ,03

1 letter to Belle — ,03

1 letter to Grace — ,03

1 letter to Maud — ,03

1 letter to Charley Dixon — 9 cts

1 letter to Grace — ,03

1 letter to Burpee — ,03

Feb

1 letter to A Nelson & Co — 8 cts

1 letter to A Nelson & Co — 8 cts

1 letter to Grace — ,04

1 letter to Genevieve — ,03

1 letter to Will — ,03

1 letter to for silk pieces — ,08

1 letter to Will — ,03

1 letter to John — ,03

1 letter to Eatons — ,08

1 letter to Sylvia ,03

1 letter to E

1 letter to Leatherhand — ,09

1 letter to Grace from — E ,03

1 Magazine to Eveline — ,04 cts

23 a book to Belle — 7 cts

1 a letter to Belle — 3

1 a letter to Grace — 3

1 letter to R.M. Kellogg 3

1 letter to Eveline — 3

1 letter to Grace — 3

1 letter to Belle

March

1 letter to Sylve —

1 letter to Grace 22 — 3

1 letter to John 24th — 3

1 letter to Burpee 29 — 8

1 letter to Belle 29 — 3

1 letter to Will 31 — 3

1 letter to Silve 31 — 3

1 letter to Surprise Co 31 — 3

1 letter to Comfort Co 31 — 3

1 letter to Grace 3 Apr — 3
1 letter to Apr 11 Will — 3
1 letter to Grace — 3
1 letter to 18th Charlotte — 3
1 letter to Belle — 5
1 letter to Grace — 3
1 letter to 29 Lottie — 3
Buckbee — 8
1st May
John 3
Mary Woodman 3
Grace 3
Charlotte & 3
Flower seeds 3
Lottie 3

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drive away [illegible] X

Feed nine calves X

clean lamps

help wash duties X

Fix churn X

Help get dinner X

Watered the plants

Wash milk pails X

Wash supper dishes

Wash milk can X

feed the hens X

gather the eggs X

help get supper X

help feed calves

Churn churned

Feed nine calves

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Edith's page 27th Sept 1915

looked for the calves before breakfast; found them in the pasture. helped wash dishes and is now gathering apples from the ground under the trees.

Apples by the pail full-went for cows again at sunset

Edith is a ~~dam fool~~

E Lehman Emma Lehman

Miss E

Miss Emma Spelman

Mrs Tom Smeaton

137 William Street

Kingston

Ontario

Canada

4-1/2

1

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16

10

15

[total] 49-1/2 apples by the pail

5-1/2 apples 28 day Sept and salted the cows

3

4

[total] 12-1/2

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1 January. 1916. Saturday.

Arose not very early found it snowing
but turned to rain

heptamerous

Sabath

Lethal wepons

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Up to date 25 February 1915

Feb

13 - 4 eggs

25th - 15 eggs

26 - 5 eggs

27 - 12 eggs

28 - 12 eggs

March - 14 eggs

1 - 13 eggs

2 - 4 eggs

3rd - 12 eggs

4 - 7 eggs

5 - 13 eggs

6 - 7 eggs

7 - 11 eggs

8 - 12 eggs

9 - 10 eggs

10 - 14 eggs

11 - 15 eggs

12 - 12 eggs

13 - 19 eggs

14 - 30 eggs

15 - 17 eggs

16 - 22 eggs

17 - 20 eggs

18 - 19 eggs

19 - 20 eggs

20 - 19 eggs

21 - 19

March 22nd

22nd - 25

23 - 12

24 - 19

25 - 18

26 - 17

27 - 18

28 - 17

29 - 17

April

7 - 15 eggs

8 - 19

9 - 15

10 - 15

11 - 18
12 - 17
13 - 18
14 - 19
15 - 24
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29 - 32
30 - 24
May 1
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