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The

Academy

To Grandmother Irene B[amford?]

From Emma [Lehman?]

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Re Read

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Emma brought for me this
diary, yesterday, 26th Sept 1917
[various pressed leaves]

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Tuesday 24th September 1917

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Grandma Bamford

Wednesday 25 September 1917

A very fine day. Only nothing very particular occurs neither in door nor outside.

Canning tomatoes and preserving apples, getting the three meals, and talking about Jimmie Morgan's dance which is coming off to night. Sheridan goes in his motor as far as Flynn's accompanied by E & E. from there they go with Jack & Sadie Murry to the dance. They all go in John Flynn's double buggy. I received a letter from Belle. A mistake. It was Monday I received a letter from Belle the same day I sent one to her. This day I received the October number of McLeans magazine.

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Thursday 26 September 1917

Emma and Voltie drove over to dock
this morning enroute for Kingston
Sheridan drove to dock with them. Aunt
Rachel came over and staid till after dinner
Turk is sick. I think he is going to die
from swallowing a hard pork rind
R went home after dinner followed by
Turk poor dog. Work goes very slow to day
after the Morgans party. Sheridan and Edith milked
all the cows, then Sheridan drives to
dock for Voltie and Emma they came late. R
Boat late. bananas galore groceries of all kind
and sausage, basket peaches etc etc etc etc
Friday 27th September 1917.

A bright breezy morning Wind S.W.
Sheridan went to factory. A telephone
ring this morning form Frank Connely
for Voltie to him hire out together with his
concrete mixer for \$10⁰⁰ per day
he cant go; got to work on his own barn
Emma carried Britons a few apples
Sheridan and Voltie drawing
sand from foot of island. This is
another mail day. A letter from Grace
and 4 Farm papers old Turk died last
or this night. Rachel is inconsolable.

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Saturday 29th September 1917

Another windy day. Edith staid all night with Rachel last night came home late R came later. Voltie and Sheridan cutting and binding corn; ensilage. I sit out in Veranda nearly all day and hear R talk Sheridan went home this evening in his motor. Forgot to Say corn all stacked the field looks like an indian village. Rachel here last night. I send Grace a letter. Sent it by Sheridan to mail from their mail box
Sunday 30th September 1917

A not very nice day wind blows from South No visitors to day from "over the way". Madaline and Myrabel came over bringing 2 heads of red cabbage and a small can of corn salad with which I am much pleased. They are going to stay all night for they have brought their night gowns

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Monday 1 October 1917

A very nasty day, rain and wind, also mud. Madeline and Myrabel weather bound and they are glad, they cant go to school so they can stay here and visit. Sheridan came out 10 a.m. in V's skiff. Motor out of business. R went home, staid till nearly sunset. Madeline and Myrabel went home at 4 p.m. Myrabel learned to do hair pin work and is much pleased with her success in learning. After supper Sheridan and Samy drive over to Doras came home at 1 oclock am Dora got lame arm. Tuesday 2nd October.

Weather cold cloudy dismal. A heavy frost last night which will open the hickory huskies and many will fall to the ground This weather says gather in gather in most every thing that grows in garden Except cabbage and we have none to gather. Voltie, Sheridan, Emma, Edith, and Shep, trying to get the old sow into the icehouse pen. And R went home after breakfast. They both slept in V's bed last night. They have got the old pigs in the pen for I hear them pound pound

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nailing her in. She ate and destroyed
a good part of our pop corn last night tore
and ate and wrecked it badly. Emma
is canning tomatoes again to day
V finished the concrete part of the barn
floor for the cows Yesterday.

Wednesday 3rd October 1917

I don't remember what occurred this day

Thursday 4 October 1917

An awful rainy morning; all same. Voltie
goes to Kingston. Rachel goes too. Sheridan
drove to dock night and morning. V bought 15 apple
barrels and a half ton threshing coal
Sheridan builds fence around lower orchard and
gathers apples in this orchard. R comes home with them
from dock and stays all night weather clears
in pm Joe ate dinner with us

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Friday 5th Oct 1917

Not a very pleasant day rained
in night. Wind North wind blowing
Rachel went home this morning taking
her groceries and things peaches etc
A letters from Belle, Grace, Miriom
and Mrs Strachn of the customs house
Sheridan at noon went to work
threshing for W H Woodman
Emma canning tomatoes 9 cans
in the new cans. I set up a new
crochet pattern the Vandyke. Grace letter
made me laugh.

Saturday 6th Oct 1917

A very unpleasant morning
Dark wind clouds which says
or foretells a heavy blow. Rained again
in the night. Sheridan after breakfast
and going factory and going with Voltie
to Shore to watch the Minesota, one of
the forty merchant ships being towed by
two great tugs passed down Enroute for
the Ocean. The Minesota is cut into
in two huge parts it belongs to England
One of 40 ordered by English government
to be built in Chicago then Sheridan
went to W H Woodman's to finish

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threshing. Voltie is chopping wood
at the wood pile and is going to
the lower place to gather apples
Edith came home from R at 10 am.
Emma washing a few things and
canning tomatoes. V gone again after
dinner to Smythys to pick apples. I write
and send a letter to Grace inclosing Belles
therein. Sending by Sheridan when
he goes home. We were much surprised
to see Henry Halliday my grandson
come so unexpectedly. He came across
in Dilavans Skiff the wind quite
fresh. He left his tam at Maloneys. He
came for his duck boat which is over there
but thought he would come over and make
us a short visit by staying night. He
went with Voltie after dark to the lower place
to cover the apples that V has gathered this
day went with lantern and wheelbarrow
We sit up late to visit with Henry
Edith goes over to Rachels to stay
all night; goes after dark

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Sunday 7 October 1917

A very quiet morning for a while
Emma hustles the breakfast, that
Henry may get away before the wind
blows. but Henry appears in no
great haste to go and the wind is
rising, has changed from East
to South. but at last after breakfast
and a bag of apples some hops and
strts from house plants he gets
away while V & E & E watch him
till he gets to the other shore by
that time the wind begins to blow and
the white crested waves are rolling
high and we are glad he is safely
on the other shore. Edith came after
awhile Emma & goes to Sinclair
Mackays to visit Maggie calling
on the way, first at Rachels then
Will H Woodmans for Lizzie then
at Hiram's where she has dinner
After dinner Mrs Justin, Emma and
Lizzie drive down to Sinclairs
found Mrs Mackay not very
well Maggie and the baby
there Roy Rattray working in W[]
Watertown and Maggie soon

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going there. going to leave her baby with her mother. After a while Rachel came. Soon after Rachel, came Mrs Dignem. both here to dinner. Mrs Dignem brought me a glass of jelly (crab apple) they, R & Mr D went home at 4 pm. after awhile Emma comes having walked all the way from Hiram, coming up the shore and brought a few specimens of apples Baldsoms & Siberian Crops V picked and brought home the pears Emma got tummy ache couldnt eat supper Edith went to stay with R

Monday 8th October 1917

A dirty, nasty cold rainy muddy day wind blowing Sheridan didn't come across the river this day. The threshing machine at Joes but cant thresh to day. V works in shop till the weather clears up about 2.30 when he goes to Smithy to pick a few apples I pare and dry a string of apples

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Tuesday 9th October 1917

A very cool day froze last night
hard V & E & E gathering apples
all day down by Smithy. R came over
before breakfast. staid all night. Edith went
over and watered her fed her
hens and gathered the eggs 9
them

Wednesday 10 Oct 1917

A very fine day but extremely
cool without freezing Emma done
a big washing and hung them all
on the line. V drove to the dock with
3 barrels of apples for Henderson
9 bushels which were a dollar a
bushel Edith went over to stay all
night at Rachels Sheridan helped
Emma gather the squashes only 3
and another pail full of green
tomatoes Edith had brought in two
Then V and Emma brought in the clothes
from the line. Joe here to borrow a lantern
globe had none. lent him a lamp chimney
{Rachel received a letter from Maud}

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Thursday 11 Oct 1917

Another fine very cool morning without being cold i.e. freezing cold. Voltie is preparing to thresh, we expect the machine here from J Niles this p.m. at 6;30 (John McDonald Sheridan is threshing at Niles. V phoned to Henderson (This morning for 2 box rolled oats and 4 lbs pork. The Jew pedlar here sold old iron to him for \$1.70 Edith sold old rubber for 10 ct Emma and Edith cooking for threshers. cooking squash for dinner. & Cooks like a Storm again this p.m. Machine moved to Rachels. threshed out one stack. Voltie and Sheridan went to the dock carrying the concrete mixer to hire to Frank Connely. He going to build a barn. To supper we have Geo & John McDonald also Sam Hogan. Then came Voltie and Sheridan from the dock after they had stopped at Rachels to bring home the bags of oats threshed this p.m. After visiting and playing the phonograph all went to bed at 10 pm Edith goes over to R's to stay all night.

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Friday 12 Oct 1917

No threshing done this day. Nasty rainy weather again. One stack secure any way; and now all the men have to do (Three) is sit around smoke, crack jokes, and fill up at table. Hay pressing at Dignem Pady McDermot come over to get Sheridan and his motor to cross the river and then go to corners for whiskey A man named Alison with Pady, Sheridan wouldnt venture on account of wind. Pady started out in V's skiff; turned back; wind rising to a heavy gale, apples falling V trying to pick winesaps from the ground. Wind squall's and rain sends him in door. The men sitting around the kitchen, such a nuisance. They certainly ought to go home when they see they cant thresh. A letter from Grace Gaskin. the usual number of weekly farm journals Emma popped corn in Evening Edith goes over to R long after dark carrying milk

Saturday 13th Oct 1917

Another very bad nasty morning
wind and rain. Wind howled a
living gale all night with rain beating
against my bedroom window; apples on
ground by the barrel full. Two boats ashore
my Morgans Point. Our threshes gone
up to interview them instead of going
home. but they wont go as long as they
are fed well. After awhile they went.
George & John McDonald & Sam Hogan
driving up the island in one small buggy one
horse drawing 3 great men, two Scotch men
and one Irishman. And V, E, E, & I ate supper
alone once more. Sheridan ate dinner with
Joe and Samy. Rain & Wind continues nearly
all p.m. Sheridan returns at dark intending to go
home. At last does not go, but instead goes up to
the boat which is aground by Morgans Point.
Voltie & Samy going too, all in Sherd's motor boat
hard aground and another boat higher up
in same fix from last nights gale. V says
dont think tug can pull her off. The capt worried
says he will lose his job sure, for running aground
3 women aboard, Sheridan, Samy, V all came back
to a lamp light supper after which Sherd helps milk and then
goes home with Samy & stays all night. Edith goes to
Rachel I write and send a letter to Grace and ...?

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Sunday 14th Oct 1917

The weather has cleared up for Sunday sun shining bright and warm I thought of writing letters, one to Belle and one to Grace Cheever, but kept on reading and cutting for a scrap book. V picked up some apples. Edith came late from R. Laura Babcock came up awhile. Voltie and Emma rowed up to the stranded boat to see the tugs pull her off but they were only wanting to get her pulled off from the gravelly shore didn't stop long came home to supper. Edith went to Rachels the storm signals are out again by black storm clouds from S and W. V built a fire in diningroom stove we were just thinking of going to bed when George & John McD put in their appearance and they are not very welcome in the face of the approaching storm. They should have had common sense enough to staid home and burden this family with their ??
and George goes and builds fire in his old engine and destroys Volties wood and coal

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Monday 15 Oct 1917

Another nasty stormy windy day
and fat George & John are anchoring
here for their baord and lodging
free of couse. They ought not to
have come 'till they sawhow the weather
is going to clear Neighbor men have washing
for the sun to shine. All here to dinner and
supper. Sam Hogan didn't come back from
village where he resides but Goerge and John
McDonald, John Murray, John Niles, John OBrian,
Orville McDermot, Samy Woodman, Hiram Joshin,
Jimmire (?) Kehoe, Sam Woodman Sr. Emma
received a letter from Reginald. Threshers
here to supper. didnt quite finish the job
John McDonald went home with Hiram and
stays all night and has breakfast there
next morning Geo McD builds a fire
in the dining room stove. Edith goes over to
R to stay all night with her. Ought to
have written letters. I get tired sometimes
of writing letters Emma made pies, rolled
jelly cake, layer cake baked sweet apples
boiled beef, baked pork and beans and
cooked potatoes mashed, made gravy
coffee and tea
Mail every woman would

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Thursday 16 October

The coldest Oct I ever saw
didn't freeze last night but the
trees have changed their finish
threshing this morning only Geo
here to breakfast. Then they went to
Samy Will Woodmans to cut his ensilage
corn. It is a relief they are gone
Voltie and Edith went over to clean
up after threshing, brought home a
load of bags from off the ground
Rachel came over too. She has no
wood nor kerosene. V E & E
go to Smith place to gather apples
Edith went over and fed R chickens
and gathered her eggs only 3

Wednesday 17th Oct 1917

Voltie & E & E went to Smitty to gather
apples. While they were away Will Gillespie
came to work on barn. Worked all pm
The old stranded boat on Morgans
point there yet. Sheridan not come yet
from over the way. Voltie drove to dock
with grist for hog feed and flour for
family. No letters. Rachel picked our green
beans and we shelled them

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Thursday 18th October 1917

A very fine day considering the unsettled state of the weather. Will Gillespie here again this morning. Voltie phoned to Henderson for 100 lbs of brown sugar & 100 lbs of granulated sugar. Wm worked all day. V helped work on barn. and in Evening after chores done V drove to dock for grists groceries and 200 lbs sugar. Cloudy all pm. Rachel goes home early after breakfast to feed chicks and did beets & carrots and pick quail heads. We cooked quail heads for dinner beginning I parred a basket of apples to day

Friday 19th October 1918

Awoke this morning to another rainy windy day, no out door work done this day. I wrote a long letter to Grace but to rainy to send to the box. V working in shop all day. Emma cleaned pantry all right. Carried the sugar up stairs and hung up the apples to dry. No one went to Rachels this day on account of rain

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Saturday 20 Oct 1917

Saturday has come again. October is fast going away and the barn not finished enough to stable the cattle and 40 acres to plow. No one helping Voltie to Wm Gillespie didnt come up. E. E. & V. pulled beans all pm. beans all pulled. Emma mopped all the floors & washed towels Samy here in evening to borrow brown sugar. Gave him layer cake for his supper

21 Oct 1917 Sunday. A cloudy day and chilly. Voltie and the girls gather apples nearly all day.

No one here except Aunt R in all day. Joe and Samy Sheridan George Farr in a.m.

George. Will Niles none of them came in p.m.

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22nd Oct

Monday Emma done an awful big washing and hung on lines full and more to hang. Will Gillespie working all pm. V helping Will. V in evening went to Samy Woodmans and engaged Joes only horse and buggy to drive to head tomorrow Will Gillespie one sheep here for awhile

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Tuesday 23rd 1917 Oct

Arose very early V starts at 1/4 6 for Connely to instruct them about the concrete machine rain very gently all day. Will Gillespie and Ogle here nearly all day working on the barn frame, only here to dinner. Worked in rain drizzle till 4 pm. V drove home at 5 p.m. he had earned \$10.80 and brought it home in his pocket and hired the concrete mixer to Connely for 35 dollars

Wednesday 24 Oct 1917

Another nasty dirty day. dark cloudy wind and rain. V got a touch of rheumatism. nothing done on barn this day. No Gillespie no Ogle. V putting up apples (5 barrels) for Henderson Edith helping Voltie. Rachel goes over after dinner to her domicile to feed her chickens and carry bread I received a letter from Miss Langley and disappointed because it was not from Grace

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Thursday 25 October 1917

V arose quite early the boat came to Dignum's dock at 4 a.m. V hustles around and drives to dock with 4 barrels of apples. drove thro the rain to dock came back, went over back on 30 acres and built fence around hay stack. the cows are eating and destroying the hay. rains nearly all day. I write 2 letters one to Mrs Strachn and one to Grace G.

Sheridan came over bringing old George McKay landed at lower boat house. Geo's nose pointed for home, Collins Bay. Clears up a little towards night. V drives over for groceries and beef. Only 3 barrels of apples delivered to Henderson. The other one stolen at the villiage. Tho Geo Rattray fault, suppose V will have to loose the apples, laird an all. Mabel came home with him from the boat. Sheridan not coming back to work anymore

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Friday 26 Oct 1917

Sun shining clear this morning. Gillespie here. R went home to feed her hens. She going to mail my two letters from her mail box. Mabel went to Jack Niles on business of ——— wants his signature on some one of her application papers to get a pass to the Belleview hospitan New York. V helping Will Gillespie frame barn.

~~R went home to~~

I told that on she second line of this page. letters received from Grace Isabel and Reginald. I was realy surprised to receive a letter from Reginald Isabel sent me a present of her own work of knitting and crochet. a wash rag.

Saturday 27 Oct 1917

Sun rose clear. V gone to factory. Edith went to drive away the cows. Voltie and Wm Gillespie working at the barn frame all day. Mabel ironing, washed dishes and got the supper and other chores washed separator. Willie Watson phoned for Samy Woodman to drive to villiage for him to come down and make a visit. Samy phoned he cant go. Samy went across shore to stay all night. Joe came down in evening. Edith went to Jimmy Morgans visiting.

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Sunday 28 Oct 1917.

A thunder shower last night at 10 pm
Sharp and heavy wind blowing hard
from West. Didn't rise very
early this morning. I tak a good
dose of fresh air every night by wind
blowing in under my bedroom window
V and E milks all the cows this morn
the other E away visiting at Jimmy
Morgans. Rachel getting breakfast
The river rough and foam
capped waves chasing each other
Sun is shining but cold not
freezing. Rachel went home to
feed her hens and gather the
eggs. Edith came home at dark
much pleased with her visit
Wind blew fiercely all day. Mrs Barry
Al Barry died this day

Monday 29th October 1917

Another rainy nasty day. no barn
building done this day quit raining
towards night and Mabel M walked
to John Murphy's ~~Mrs Albert Barry died~~
~~on this day~~

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Sunday 30, Oct 1917.

A very bad nasty day cant work on barn V gathers a few apples. Wind rain Mrs Barry's funeral this day. not many attended the funeral weather is so bad.

Wednesday 31 and last of Oct 1917

A bad day for weather. rained all night. Slat covered with water cleared a little in morning W Gallespie came and worked all day. V & Edith put up 7 barrels of apples. one for Creamer I write 3 letters Grace, Reginald, and Isabel. There is no mail for us this day wind and snow, Edith helped Voltie with the apples.

Thursday 1st Nov. 1917

Wind West and cold but not freezing. V drove ot dock with Emma and Mabel. Ogle came to work. Cloudy. Edith goes for cows

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while Rachel gets breakfast
Voltie sent up 7 barrels of apples
to Henderson only 5 to Henderson
2 barrels to McLeod drugist.
Ogle and V are drawing hay and
straw. V phoned to Henderson
the number of barrels 11 o'clock
and the rain is falling with snow
and fierce sun shines clear pm
Friday 2nd Nov 1917
Wm Gillespie worked here this
day tho the weather is bad windy
a fitful sunshine but threatning a
storm, sent letter to Bernie Watson
Received letters from Maud Grace Ray
Ethelyn.

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Saturday 3rd Nov 1917

A very fine day Wm Gillespie and Ogle working here all day. Shell Niles Irvine married this day to her hired man, Clifford Henderson. She 35 He 25 years old. another silly marriage, she a widow with 5 children. 3 very foolish marriages Mary Barry aged 43 to Harold Burk aged 19. Maggie Joslin & Roy Rattray eloped. He a poor scab had not got the second stent to his back. Don't think either one of these above are a survival of the fittest.

Sunday 4 Nov 1917

A beautiful day sun arose and set clear. Rachel walked home and back. Emma went to visit Louise N in the pm. Jack and Annie were there too. Staid till 9 pm Laura Babcock and Will Niles came home with her. Wm N promised to work for V but I don't think he will
Monday 5 Nov 1917

A beautiful bright clear day. Voltie goes to factory of the last time this year Will Gillespie not working here this morning. froze last night: V & Wm G gone to Gananoque. Voltie gone up to Montgomerys.

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to hire Mr Bob Henderson. got there one half hour to late. Sam must had already hired him. V brought beautiful jumper covered with berries. Then he brought in honey from the box about 75 lbs. Rachel went home to her hens.

V threshed peas and put all the beans in vine, in the old house put them in every room spread out to dry. Edith gathering apples all day. V after dark drives to factory for whey met with, what might have been a serious accident when it was so dark the horses ran a stride a stone and throw threw V out over the dash baord. No letters this day. Every womans world and Farm & Dairy. A clear sunset very fine Tuesday 6th Nov 1917

Weather not looking very favorable for hanging out clothes, but Emma washed a big wash hung them on line Will Gillespie not here this day I write a letter to Belle V worked on Barn

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Froze last night quite hard. but followed
by a beautiful day.

V brought in

Monday. Voltie drew apples and a grist
to dock. all out

4 barrels for Henderson

Wednesday 7 Nov 1917

A fine November day Voltie worked
on the barn frame alone this day
beside doing many other kinds of work
William Gillespie at home pressing hay
Edith helped Voltie about the apples 4
barrels for Henderson & one for creamer
V drew them to the dock and a grist for
Hog feed. Emma took care of all the
Honey, cleaned the pantry and mopped
the floors. A hard frost again last night
sun set clear I pieced on Ediths quilt
Rachel went home and staid all night
at home. Voltie drew wood for Rachel
from Dignum's. I send a letter to Grace
I sent letters to Belle and Grace

Thursday 8 November 1917

A beautiful November day Voltie worked alone on the barn frame this day. Voltie & E & E day this day the dahlias parsnips our few beets and carrots & canned them in cellar and the few pumpkins Emma canned the steamed honey and made beeswax and vinegar Voltie drives to dock for pig feed and apple barrels. E drove home the cows in, evening and canned Rachel oil for her lamp. Then E & E milked all the cows and separated the milk I pieced on quilt and pared and hung apples to day and mended V overalls.

Friday 9th Nov 1917

A letter from Charlotte and a card from Miriam Another fine day Will Gillespie here working on Barn. I wrote and mail a letter to Ethelyn Hall and mailed it V working with Will G all day on barn. In evening went to Keslars to a dance Em going also Received by mail a card from Maud also her photo and Huberts

Saturday 10

Another fine day. Wm here this day

Sunday 11 Nov 1917

Emma came just at

dark having worked both

ways

Another lovely day. After breakfast

Emma goes visiting away down to Sinclairs

walked all the way stopping at Kehoes to dinner

which leaves V Edith and myself alone when

unexpectedly pops in Aunt Lib B and uncle

Van, then came Dick Halliday and Dick

Berry they came around the foot in a

motor boat. They picked up hickories

here on the point staid to dinner Libbie and

Edith got dinner Van went home before dinner

Monday 12 Nov 1917

A beautiful day in Nov William Gillespie

here I wrote and sent a letter to

Maud. And received one from Grace

Libbie Bamford washing for Rachel

and hung the clothes on the line across the

road on the wire fence V and Wm are

doing finely on the barn. Churned
again to day Emma worked and
packed two half gallon jars of broth
I pared and strung a few apples to dry
Tuesday, 13 Nov 1917

Another bright morning but
cold enough for mittens and
coats highly buttoned and
beled. Will Gillespie here. We
didn't rise very early this morn
Guess V was to tired when he
finished the days work laying all
those barn sills. When Edith went
to drive away the cows Rachel & Liz/b
came over put on a quilt and tied
it off I sent Maud Gillespie 4
books home to her. And one of my
own. "Tess of the storm country"

Wednesday 14th Nov 1917

A beautiful day sun shining so
clearly Lib went over visiting to W H
Woodmans V doing all kinds of out door
work in barn stables and shop

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vaccinated the calves. We heard at dinner time that we are to have the honor of distinguished people this evening Mr. James Morgan and family and Miss Goodfriend our teacher. Emma is making bread

Thursday 15 Nov 1917

A fine day Emma drove to dock with Voltie enroute to Kingston V went away and forgot his memorandum so couldn't get every thing he needed for the shop and barn building. bought stove pipe an inch to big. He bought beef and codfish Gillespie here working

Friday 16 Nov 1917

[margin] Maud didnt send home
my books nor lend me
any.[/margin]

Looked a very much like rain
but soon changed to a beautiful
day for work. Lib staid at Rachels
all night then dressed in her best
walked from R's to J N, found Jos
had gone from home to visit Inez since
last Sunday. therefore Mrs Lib was
back here staid all day till toward
night walked over to R then they
both came back and staid all night when
V, E, & E went to Geo Woodmans to a dance
old man Burk came to work for V

Saturday 17 Nov

[margin] These Friday night dances
disturbs all the Saturday's work [/margin]

A dull day within doors after the
dance at George Phinkers. The day
is cloudy anyway. Our dancers got
home at 4 a.m. Lib, Rachel &
Edith Lib helped milk. Burk
out this morning feeding the cattle
cow. After breakfast Lib goes to
visit Mrs John Niles so Rachel goes
home. I'd like to get these crab
apples made into jelly but dont suppose
suppose they will ever be made into
jelly. Wm Gillespie here working

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Sunday 18 Nov 1917

A very fine day. Emma goes to church
We alone all day, a young fellow preached
this day. just a boy in his teens.

Monday 18 Nov 1917.

[margin] Arch Bishop Spratt had
to resign Maude Gillespie
sent me books Rachel
came over a little
while [/margin]

A very decent day for work on the barn Will
Gillespie working this day. Lib came up with him from
Wm G's place. John Burk flowing "over there" Van
Came over and Lib went home with him I gave her
some honey Rec'd letters from Belle & Grace
and a Whig from Hughey Cook relating the Nun and
Bishop trial the nun gets \$24000 damages

Friday 20th Nov 1917

Not a very fine day some rain in
the morning some snow some slush
John Burk plowing over there William Gillespie
didnt come this day. I partly write a letter
to Grace churning done some butter worked
and packed. Lots of work and business
going on outside. Joe W takes E & E
a visiting to May Ranous Pikes [?]

Wednesday 21 Nov 1917

[margin] Emma baked 10
loaves of bread [/margin]

A cloudy day. John plowing work in
doors drags this morning & such shiftless
works. It is awful. Oh what is the matter!

Voltie drove to dock at evening time

The boat came late it always does
on Wednesday night Mrs E R [?]

came home with him for a visit

Mabel sent me a a very nice fine box
of note paper for a birth day present
and a doz bananas also a bag of
Malaga grapes. Wm G not here.

Thursday 22 Nov 1917

Arose very Early V drove to dock
with Emma. She is gone to Kingston
to buy groceries V gave her \$ 26 dollars
she bought a lot of groceries and dry
goods & herself a pair of shoes \$5,00
and The Cosmopolitan. two new books
for me; birth day presents cloth for
Edith a dress skirt and shaker flam[?]
which was two dollars. She went to see
Mrs Strahn who gave her 23 dollars
which was her Emma's due from the bank
Will G not here

Friday 23rd Nov 1917

Will G not here Weather bad snows and very nasty John plowing down on the south place. No I have made a mistake He drew 2 or three loads of lumber from the dock and chopped wood for Rachel

Saturday 24th Nov 1917

A clear cold frozen morning. John plowed part of the day but so hard frozen had to give up. V worked on the barn awhile alone, no one to help him to day Emma cleaned all the floors and baked cakes after dark. John drives away off to Bob Bartig to see his kids found Marg & Harold there with the other 2 kids

Sunday 24 Nov 1917

A cold clear morning Emma didnt go why where this morning but staid home all day Elizabeth Redic and Edith, after dinner walked up to Stewart Murphys where they staid till bed time. John Burke came back at 3 p.m. helped V do the chores but V milked all the cows, 14 of them. Lizzie Woodman here in pm also Howard Niles. V working all [margin] day. Only settling down long enough to eat his meals. V had to get wood for us and for Rachel and cleaned his stove and pipes she came over and ate breakfast [margin]

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Monday 26 Nov 1917

A cold day but not as cold as yesterday
Will Gillespie here working on the barn
I not doing much these days. The
weather is Nov weather perfect and
complete. The sun is shining so
brightly in the veranda window. I
went out and sat in my old rocker
a few minutes. The cows are in the yard
strolling around among the apple trees
nipping the frozen grass; too cold
and hard to plow this. Elizabeth was going
to walk this a.m. to John Murphys
but I persuaded her to stay to dinner.
She staid till after dinner. I received 3 letters
and a postal card from Mary McDonald
& an invitation to a wedding all the way
from Manitoba to Eliza Halliday &
William H Gibson's marriage to be celebrated
the 5th of December 1917. 2 letters from
Grace and the Canadian Countryman

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Tuesday 27 Nov 1917

A very still day on the water had not very cold. Maurice Maloney came to get Volties skiff to row over the river going to S Lawrence corners. Samy Woodman went with him. Edith Bates came also staying here to make a visit while M & S went to corners. They came back at Sun down William Gillespie not here this day. Maurice brought 9, 1/2 gallon jars from to pack our winters butter. Lib lent them to us. V worked on the barn alone this day. Samy and Emma gone to Pikes to a recitation for a Christmas concert to be held in school house Emma came home nearly 12 midnight. I finished writing to Charlotte.

Wednesday 28 Nov 1917

A nasty day snowed last night again Wm Gillespie not here. He got a touch of rheumatism. The skow or a scow is in the bay for oats. Larush phoned voltie to bring ots this pm. V was or is going to sell 200 bushels. but cant draw oats scow this p.m. because Charley Gillespie rung for him to come and help drag hay to the hay barge; no letters to day only the McLean Magazine

[margin] Edith goes over to Rachels to stay with her. R going to town tomorrow with the letters for R to post in Kingston tomorrow [/margin]

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Thursday 29 Nov 1917

Not so cold this morning. No frost on the windows. Voltie goes early to the dock with Rachel and brings back a load of coal. V going to draw oats to the dock this day 200 bushels at 65 cts per bushel. warmer but cloudy. Heard last night William Gillespie not well got a bad cold not working here. Emma working & packing butter. Voltie drives to dock for R & takes Mrs Redic's apples to the dock one barrel & her suit case. Two Hogans here, Stewart & Frank in evening to get repairs done on their old hay press. John Birk sick. gone up stairs to bed V doctors firm with fruttatives and Emma gives him hot lemonade. A big crowd on the boat to day, so they say . Voltie done what he could alone on the barn. Edith staid last night with R and went quite early over there to build a fire and feed her hens & stays again all night R brought V a shirt for a birth day present \$1,50 the price.
Thanks giving day across the river

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Friday 30 Nov 1917

Not very cold, thawing, but cloudy and nasty snow nearly gone again. Burk abed nearly all day, but got up to his meals, and to smoke. V phoned to Spanky for medicine for Burk. He sent it down by mail no letters this day. Emma worked butter and filled jars I done one churning alone. Hogan came again for repairs ,50 cts for repairs.

Edith came home from Rs late R got Edith's shoes mended and posted my letters to Grace & Charlotte. Hay press at Niles'. Emma churning again this evening which makes three times this day. Evening beginning to rain. and this is the last day of Nov 1917.

Saturday 1st Dec 1917

Not very cold, but windy, snow all gone V working on the barn alone when not doing other work. Burke gone up to Geo Barries to send for doctor and to recuperate. No wonder he is sick he is dirty and smokes all the time between

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meals and never misses a meal
and is as thin as a wafer. This is
a cloudy nasty day. Dont rain but
wants to. Emma churned and
packed butter 11 half gallon jars
full. 6 prints & a butter bowl
full also. John OBrien sends
here for vinegar 5 gallons. Voltie
is now down cellar drawing the
vinegar. Emma getting supper.
Edith milking. Samy came and
ate supper with us and played violin.
He said Joe is across river went to
a dance at Cape Thursday and not
returned. Emma made pumkin pies and
they were fine
Sunday 2nd December
Nasty day again, E, E, V and I
home all day and no one here. Edith
walked over to Rachels awhile.
V doing chores all day, didn't get
time to sit many minutes in doors
Laura B phoned for Emma to come
down in evening bard Wm Niles is there
Burke came back after dark, sound
and well

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Monday 3rd Dec 1917

Emma washed, but didnt finish
run out of soap. V and Burke
worked on Barn for it is a very
fine day; Good enough for a raising.
Rachel came over for her feeds and
she has no wood. Edith went
home with her carrying milk and shoving
wheelbarrow. going to get wood out back
in the brush. I finished the doily.
Emma received a letter from Reginald
will come home about the 15 Dec
Wm Gillespie better so he told V
over the wire but not well enough to
work yet. Edith went over and
staid all night with Rachel.

Tuesday 4th December 1917

A beautiful morning. Still not much
wind. Emma lost her crochet needle
mislaid it some where. John Burke
and Voltie working on barn frame. Edith
came from Rachels after breakfast.
washed again this day. Edith
went again to get wood for Rachel
Sheridan came over for his clothes.
V paid Sheridan 15 and is a going
get sugar for Sheridan
in Kingston

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Wednesday 5 Dec 1917

This pen sometimes refuses to write
sometimes it writes beautifully sometimes
the ink flows so soppidly that it
makes a bloched blurred mess

Weather cloudy. R staid alone last night.

I ought to write letters 4 one to M
Watson, Maud, Mary McDonald
one Jen. I write and send a
letter to W F Watson. Edith goes
over and helps R get wood
for her. Joe W came home. He
been gone a week over the river

Thursday 6th December

A sharp cold morning. Churned this day
V and John Burk working on
barn frame. V phoned to Henderson
for sugar for Sheridan 100 lbs could get
only 40. Twenty of brown & 20 granulated
and groceries for ourselves coffee tea
soda soap. Samy W and 2 of the hay
presses took V skiff and rowed
across the river enrout for corners
They realy must have had a cold
passage over Voltie drove to dock
for the groceries

[margin] I croched on bag for
someone dont know who yet [/margin]

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Friday 7th Dec 1917

A bitter cold morning. Frost thickly covers every window. Cant see out window without scratching away a place to look out. V had to put on warmer clothing. Emma patching Vs clothes, sweater and frock. Edith went to river for water but so much ice on rocks couldnt get water without slipping in so came back without any. my fingers to cold to hold pen and write very good. no letters to day. Farmers advocate and Canadian Countryman thats all. John B & Voltie worked on barn all day. in evening V and Burke took down stove pipe and cleaned it and conected it with the other pipe. my hands are bad. Edith gone over to R's to stay all night

Saturday 8th Dec 1917

Frost thick on windows. Wind N cloudy 9 oclock and Edith not home yet

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Saturday 8 Dec 1917

Voltie and Burke dont work
on barn this day working in
shop all day when not doing chores
and chopping wood. beginning to snow.
Rachel came over at nearly dark
got no wood. begins to snow fast
and furious

Sunday morning 9th Dec 1917

A regular snow storn, snowing and
blowing from S.W. and drifting.
We sat up quite late last nitght and
didn't get up very early this morn
R not up yet and nine oclock.
Edith and John Burk first down
stairs. I wish Reginald was
home. a terrible storm of wind
and snow the worst the very
worst of all. the 15th and Reginald
will be home. tomato soup for
supper and coffee

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Monday 10 Dec 1917

Storm raging last night when we went to bed and thro the night. The sun shining clear this morning no wind, but the force of the wind filled every place where the snow could possibly find a tiniest hole or crack. am wind blows again. an awful cold day. V goes to Woodmans. They have got cider up there. we ate our dinner without V. he came at 3 p.m. hungry as anything fire in cellar went out. A suffering cold day and night. Dignums geese went away in the snow storm mail dont come down to day. I wrote a letter to Maude but cant mail it no mail carrier to day. Edith went over and fed Rachels hens came back cold. Edith milked 12 cows and separated the milk and emptied slops. Heard Mrs. George Ranons very sick. She caught cold Sunday while out in the terrible storm feeding hogs and turning their cows out in the worst storm there has ever been for years and years, while the neighbours cattle stood in their stables snug and warm

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Tuesday 11 Dec 1917

Sun shining out brightly but 6 below zero. JD & J Burke swing and slap their hands to keep them warm. 4 teams trying to break out roads between here and above the cheese factory awfully drifted. Wofe Islander froze in at the villiage and cant be chopped out. She froze in Saturday night V phoned to Wm Gillespie to bring home his hog scalding tank. Wm brought it and borrowed tobaco. Every one talking about the storm saying it was the very worst storm they ever saw. Emma made a good Johny cake for dinner. The doctro came to see Mrs Ranons and staid with her all night say her case is very pecarious

Wednesday 12 Dec 1917

A sun bright day but very cold. Butchered one fat old pig this day for own home pork Joe and Samy helped butcher and staid to dinner. The hay pressers set up their business at Joe's barn to day Voltie preparing to go to town tomorrow The mail came down to day. I wrote and send a letter to Maud.

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Thursday 13th of Dec 1917

We arose early. Voltie going to Kingston for the balot box and other business

Started before daylight arrived in Kingston by boat, found the balot box had been sent to the island by George McDonald. He bought a few things in town. 3 pairs of heavy wool socks for a dollar cosmopolitan, crochet thread but none for me. 2 boxes of rolled oats, 1 lb coffee, 2 lbs tea, candy, foot gear for Burke. Drove all the way to Geo McDonalds for the balot box. on arriving there, found that Goerge had brought it here. V met Geo going home from here. Voltie came home in a snow storm. Burke drew two loads of hay from stock and was out all day. only one kettle of leaf lard rendered this day. Oh how I would like to see all those jars of butter set on the bench out in veranda, snug and neat & tidy and covered nicely over with newspapers carefully tucked round them and the few pints of butter covered from atmosphere and dust o why not! 2 warm and nice.

[margin] Two big long barges plowed their way down through the ice this am moving very slowly [/margin]

Friday 14 Dec 1917

Snowing all night a great depth of snow every where, roads all full again. Dont expect any mail this day. Wish we could hear Reginald is at home. Have not received a letter from Grace in nearly two weeks. Rachel churning. V heard yesterday, that England is in greater danger from the enemy at present time than ever since the beginning of the war in 1914 August 12. Carrots & parsnips for dinner. Heard Mrs. Ranous is better.

Saturday 15 Dec 1917

Voltie arose very early but didn't start for villiage till after 12 miday. Young officer at this coming election; a contest between Borden and Laurier. B, conservative and for conscription, Laurier "Liberal" (so called). V votes conservative. Another very cold day. The roads not good scarcely any traveling snow so deep every where. but V had to push through. I vain we looked for him till nearly 10 pm It was a heart relief when he came bringing the mail for ourselves and some of [margin] The neighbors, Jack Niles & Louise Niles also bread and other things for C Gillespie Between eleven and 12 when to bed we went [/margin]

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We received letters from Grace and Bonnie Watson, Farmers Advocate Home and dairy. Also a letter enclosed in Graces which she had received from Bert Smith from Camp

Sunday 16 Dec 1917.

Another cold day. Colder than ever. Wind East. We all huddle around the stove to keep warm. V keeps the cellar coal stove going right merrily. Towards sunset I go to my bed room to sit and warm my feet by the register which is much more comfortable than hovering around the little kitchen stove in the dining room.

V quarters the pork and brings it to the cellar, a big old porker which will weigh nearly 500 lbs. No one here to day only Howard who drove here for their mail. Fresh pork and mashed potatoes for dinner

Monday 17 Dec 1917

A clear cold day thermometer registers 12 below zero. V went to the school house with balot box curtains for screen dinner pail, gone till after

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dark. I staid in my bed room a long while after dark to get warm and avoid the noise and confusion of clamorous tongue. Emma shoving the crochet needle

Tuesday 18 Dec 1917

A bright beautiful day. Weather more moderate. Voltie gone to town to day with old balot box Tho exceeding fine out door for weather the atmosphere in door stormy and nasty. I finished another crochet bag. It is for Edith. Emma ironed some clothes for herself and cleaned herself up. Burke beged to come in and wait for his dinner for tis after twelve o'clock. I got a kick on the ankle bone from a pair of hard shoes tan colored. V came after dark. and we had supper. Stew Hogan here in Evening and I thought it was John McDonald

Wednesday 19 Dec 1917

A cloudy but rather warm day no frost on window. V and Burk drawing hay from the stack. Edith cleaned the bed room by the stove pipe up stairs. I sent Edith to the mail box with a letter for Grace and there it will remain awaiting the spirit to move Will Ranous With Ranous, the spirit moves about once a week. Jack Niles brought our mail to day when he drove home from the villiage. Dirty Burke went away this evening with 30 dollars in his pocket. Voltie drove him up as far as Mary Berrys

Thursday 20 Dec 1917

Another soft cloudy morning R picking up the breakfast dishes Emma and Edith cleaning storm windows. Voltie brought in another extinct hive of honey. Emma cleaned two storm windows and put them on windows outside. Goslin here from the hay press from Joe's to phone to his wife. Emma and Edith Bates talking by telephone. Edith goes over to feed R's hens [margin] Voltie brought over more extinct hives full of honey which makes three. Edith went to Jacks for our mail. Emma and Edith went with Jack and [?] to the concert at lower school house this evening. [/margin]

Friday 21st Dec 1917

The ground very soft, thawing; the mail came to day. I received a letter from Grace saying Reginald came home last Sat pm

A card from Miriam Bruton a card from Alice Higgins. V let R's hens out after feeding them. Edith went over pm and put them in the coop & shut the door [margin] Emma and Edith

received christmas presents from Mrs Smeaton [/margin]

Saturday 22 Dec 1917

A very pleasant day. The usual Sat work done bedding and cleaning floors &c Rachel took a trip over home to feed her own hens, built a fire and cooked her own dinner over there. Came back very lame. Joe and Samy went to Kingston Voltie done their barn chores morning and evening and staid till bed time

Sunday 23rd Dec 1917

A very fine day. Edith Bates & Maurice Maloney drove over here visiting and brought their skates, ate dinner and all went skating between here and Flynn's .

Voltie brine that he made for his pork a pickle of fine sugar and saltpetre met with an accident which spoilt it by

[margin] dumping all the soapy dishwater in to it which

is a disapointment to Voltie

Edith goes as usual to feed

Rachels hens [/margin]

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Tuesday 25

Christmas day everything very quiet,
Willie Joslin came up for Emma to go their
house for Christmas she went. no one
here except ourselves Voltie Edith Rachel
and myself.

Wednesday 26th December 1917

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Friday 28

Snowed last night ground white
again this morning V shoeing
his own old horses. I wrote to Mary
Woodman and Grace. Couldnt send
the letters. mail carrier Ranous
Didnt come down. Voltie went over
and fed Rachels hens nother show
performance going on show throwing
and fighting growing colder

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Saturday 29th 1917

The coldest day up to date this
year 26 below zero and Voltie
gone up to get Samy to help.
draw hay and straw. Now is
the time V sees the want of
a good basin. Windows thickly covered
with frost. The inside atmosphere
clearer than last night but not much
more congenial. The coldest Saturday
I ever have seen for years & years
Tomato soup for dinner

Sunday 30 December 1917

A cold day 22 below zero. I thought
I'd write some letters but didnt. Only sat
by the stove and tried to keep warm

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Tuesday 1 January 1918

Wednesday 2 January 1918

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Thursday 3rd Jan 1918

Friday 4th 1918

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Monday 31 December 1917

This is the last day of 1917 and another cold day dont remember what was done this day not much of any thing done in the house any way cook eat and wash dishes

Tuesday 1st January 1918

A cold freezing day Sun bright and clear the usual amount of chores. Nothing done in door except getting the meals.

My brother Will came at sun set we were very glad to see him but he was to much to gay for sobriety Poor fellow

Wednesday 2nd Jan 1918

A cold day 12 deg below zero

No mail except the Kingston Standard Voltie after drawing straw from the stack and after dinner drove o Charley Dixons with Will Dixon for company. Will

I am sorry Will not himself to day. to much intoxicated with whiskey. Voltie returned at 10 pm.

Thursday 3rd 1918

Another cold day. Voltie draws straw & hay from Rachels and feeds her hens Edith helps pitch it away in barn Lucena Bates drove over and carried Emma off over to their house to stay all night where they all went skating. Lucena staid here to supper. Samy here awhile. Then went to W H Woodmans then came back and borrowed V cutter and harness and drove
Friday 4 January 1918

A clear cold day. Voltie didnt go to town to day. going tomorrow Samy W going with him. Voltie drawing hay & straw. Lucena brought Emma quite early Will Niles came over and brought Rachels sour krout from Lib Bamfords Will Niles is accompanied by his sister Stella. WE received some mail I received a card form Louise Dixon a letter from John, a letter from Grace Emma received a letter from Miss Langley Wm N brought her a calendar. Madaline Morgans sent Edith a little work bag R received a card from Louise, Voltie a lot of election letters and papers [margin] Emma went to Hendersons dance with Bob McKnight Will Niles brought some pop corn [/margin]

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Saturday 5 January 1918

Sunday 6

Edith goes down to Louise's on skates
also goes to Kehoes. Emma goes
to old George Niles Will drove
for her She stays all night a very
fine day

Monday 7

Election day. Will Niles came over
here. Voltie gone to election as returning
officer carried his dinner. Will doing chores
all day. Madaline and Myrabel came and
brought their night gowns. Will N brought
Emma home towards noon.

Tuesday 8

Voltie drove the cotts to the villiage on the ice through the storm to carry the ballot box. Will N doing chores. Spankie elected against Frank Briceland. Morgans kids here yet staid all night again terrible Noisy in the evening to adds to this confusion Will and Samy and Joe here

Wednesday 9 Jan 1918

A cold cloudy morning. Windows thick with frost. R abed. Morgans kids abed. V at barn doing chores. Emma getting breakfast. 10 deg above zero, Voltie in waiting for his breakfast. Madaline came down first, then Rachel Alden drove for them. Weather bad cold and snow. Will N stays all night with Wallace they got whiskey

Thursday 10 Jan 1918

A cold dull day. looks like a storm of some kind. V and Will N draw hay and straw and feed R's hens

Friday 11

V drove to Clayton for Jack Niles, with pressed hay came late saw Charley Dixon there, cold and looks like a storm. We received a letter from Grace, and one from Miriam Briston. Grace said Reginald is home sick in Philadelphia Pennsylvania She paid 10 cts for three apples

Saturday 12 Jan 1918

Another very cold day. Voltie and Will N out nearly all day choring and working in shop making several pairs of ice tongs. I wrote a letter to Grace intending to send it by Will Niles when he went home but he left for home when I didn't know it

A fearful storm gathering

Sunday 13 Jan 1918

The very worst storm that ever raked the country. snows and blows and the snow finds it way into every crack crevice or pin hole. two heaps in the parlor. Hogs snowed under in their pens. Horses backs in the stable covered with snow 6 inches thick

not much coal, scarcely any wood
we hover around the stove to keep
warm.

Monday 14 January 1918

Another stormy morning. Voltie had
to turn out to drag hay from the
lower barn. Emma went to hold
the horses while Voltie shovels a road
to the barn. We were surprised and
very glad to see Wm walk in. He
wallowed his way across the ice and deep
snow. Mrs Ranous lost her house
plants; all froze last night.

[margin] Voltie & W N went
to Niles. John to play cards in evening [margin]

Tuesday 15 January 1918

This is another stormy day snow
and wind no mail. V and Wm
drew straw and hay from Barn and
stack then chopped & sawed a
white ash up by the road for
fire wood, drew it to the house
brush and all. Howard came to
borrow V Barn Book

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Wednesday 16 Jan 1918

Another cold nasty stormy day. Wind changed from West to South. Wm & Voltie draw straw and hay, chop wood and I got grippe wish I hadn't got it. My family sit up till nearly midnight. Wish they would go to bed. I can't sleep till 4 o'clock am, noise of some kind going on all night. I was sure someone had fallen out of bed about one o'clock.

Thursday 17 Jan 1918

Snow falling. V and Wm drawing hay and straw. Sent my letters corner by Wal. Wal mailed the letter, going to Cape tomorrow to go away. I got grippe wish I didn't

Friday 18 Jan 1918

V arose early; going to draw pressed hay for Jack Niles to Clayton Chase at dark bought quinine lemons and stockings & and m

under wrapper and some W
The smell is sickening. Got grippe
pretty badly. We go to bed quite early
Alden Morgan comes for Emma to
a dance on Howe Island at Goodfriends.
Poor Edith wants to go but
stays home (Cinderalla) but I'm glad
she dont go. mail comes to day
Saturday 19 January 1918

Cloudy sunshine a little, snows a
little. V and Will Niles go to
George Woodmans for pine roots
for kindling and birches. Monday
I wrote a letter to day is Maude
going to send to church tomorrow so
the preacher can mail it early Monday
morning.

Sunday 1918 January 20 Jan
Snowed in night the morning is
cloudy. Soon the sun comes out and the
preacher drives down any way. I thought
so Edith went to church. No preacher.
Will Niles drove Duke across the
river to get his clean clothes. he will
[margin] soon be coming
back [margin]

soon come home. Edith wanted to go but she didn't thol didn't know it and was sorry for her, instead the she walks through the snow to Church to send a letter by preacher to Maude. Preacher not there so she waded back again. Sat up late but couldn't sleep, after going to bed. Emma came home towards night with Edith Bates and Dick Hallidays hired man McNight. Oh the noise, they staid supper

Monday 21st Jan 1918

ie. Bert and Maude phoned from Flynnns. Phoned for V to drive for them. He went a long after dark to Flynnns for B & M.

A very fine day. V & Wm Butchered 3 hogs. got grippe yet. Maude and Burt came down from Kingston with John Flynn
My diary is a guppie thing these day days

Tuesday 22 January 1918

Arose eary went to Kingston with pork accompanied by Bert Smith and Emma. The day goes off better than I expected no rowing
I got grippe. Wm N done the chores

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Wednesday 23

Cold & bright. Voltie loaded pressed hay for Clayton but Wm N broke sleigh tongue so couldn't go but worked on sleigh tongue in shop all day till late made new one

Thursday 24 Jan 1918

Went to Clayton gone till quite late what I've written below is this (25 Jan) belongs to 24th this day excepting Henry Halliday came here visiting. Drove here with horse and cutter

Friday 25 Jan 1918

~~A cold bright day. V gone to Clayton with pressed hay for Joe Woodman came home late. Gave a fellow 5 dollars to buy coal. The fellow bought 500 lbs and kept the change refusing to give it up. Bert Smith done the chores all night. I got grippe~~

Saturday 26 Jan 1918

A clear cold day. Voltie gone again to Clayton with a load of bailed hay Maud perched on top of the load. going to take the train from there to Watertown. Poor Grace will have to shoulder them for a while. Bert & Maud are a queer couple. 7 years married and yet courting V had a ring up from the Smiths last night
[margin] Samy came down and drove the cows to water
inquiring for Bert
his address [/margin]

Sunday 27 Jan 1918

A cold bright day. Frost frost froze every where. Henry gone to take Lucena home this cold cold morning. Voltie doing all outside chores alone this day which are not few. Howard and Ambrose made us a short call. Ate breakfast late. Aunt R picking over beans. No visitors till evening. When a young man came named Fransis Smith who works for Stewart Murphy. An English lad 18 years old and rather dwarfish or undersized for his years. Very forward young man We stuffed him apples and phonograp He was so charmed with phono that that he arose from his chair walked through the room and got close as possible to the machine. Very reluctantly he went home

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Monday 28 January 1918

12 below zero this morning. No changes or break in the weather for warmer. Voltie working alone this day choring and drawing hay and straw from stacks. Jack N came for saw filing. Emma began a new knit rug. Rachel knitting for Maud on Berts socks. Stewing apples for table. Voltie dont feel very well. The Grippe is gripping him. V says Wm Niles brought it here

Tuesday 29 January 1919

A clear bright morning 22 deg warmer than yesterday. Voltie gone to shovel road to stacks for hay & straw. No one to help him draw fodder for cattle this morn. I'm better this morning V drew a load of hay from stack. Edith helped pitch it away. R knitting for Bert Smith. Joe Woodman sick. Samy doing the chores alone.

Wednesday 30 Jan 1918.

Another clear bright morning. frost on windows. Playing with cats this morn
 Sent letter to Belle by Samy Woodman to mail from Maloney's. Emma sent two Sylve & Willie Joslin 9 cts postage Henry went to the Cape dance with Miss Goodfriend. Maurice took Edith Bates. sunset clear. Emma got a lame arm but she did "Tackle" a big washing enough to last a whole week. The mail came bringing Macleans magazine Buckbees seeds catalogue and the farm papers but no letters
 Thursday 31st Jan 1918

Another month of cold miserable winter gone when this day is done. Cold sunlight, frost on the windows. Emma washing, R knitting for Bert S. We were very glad to Wm Niles walk in. It seemed like sunlight after a storm. This evening all the Flynn's & Murrays come visiting. Hannah & John Flynn Jack, Joe, and Sadie Murray. We had goose and popped corn, gave them apples, set table & gave them coffee and cakes and a general assortment of eatables even to a dish of baked beans, one am when they went home
 [margin] Wm N helped V draw hay and straw. Will here in the evening with Flynns [/margin]

Friday 1st day of February 1918

A bright day. & this split party among the young fry. A rivalry among the upper island and lower island clans.

one gets a load for Rosiere. upper tribe gathers a load for big bay.

Emma invited to both parties; goes to Big Bay with Bert Rogers. Every other foot hopper goes to Rosiere. Samy, Joey, Sheridan & Ed Maloney, Lucena Bates Miss Wood, Nell Goodfriend for Rosiere.

Good Ridance glad they are all gone.

Poor Henry H has a disconsolate time tried to go to both parties and went to neither. Got snubbed all around and went at last over to his Ungle Dicks sunset clear 22 deg above zero. 11 deg frost

[margin] A letter from Irene [/margin]

Saturday 2nd February 1918

A kind of cloudy snowy morning not very cold old ground hog can see his shadow all right at 10 am. Rogers brought Emma home at 4 pm, Then came back as far as Montgomerys where they stopped ate breakfast. Emma slept awhile till dinner time. Rog rents the Montgomrey farm, sent a letter to Grace by Wm Niles. heard by phone that [margin] Henry is at Dicks [/margin]

Sunday 3rd February 1918

A cloudy snowy morning. Wind South not cold, V up at 6 am. hard work indeed to get any one out of bed, after V up, I came, then, Edith, next, R. lastly Emma. Edith preparing for church. no service. Preacher came as far as Jack Nile's. Edith didn't go to church. Emma got a cold. mumping around all day, coughing No one here this day. I write a long letter to Irene. Henry at Dicks.

Monday 4th February 1918.

Another cold day. Finished writing to Irene sent it to post box where it will remain. Heard Ranous come as far as Dick Hallidays. Heard Henry is at Dicks weather growing colder. Emma ironing. Rachel knitting for Maude. I finish my red crochet work bag. Voltie doing chores nearly all day. A terrible winter very cold here this evening.

Tuesday 5th February 1918

The very coldest morning of this winter
28 degrees below zero. Voltie doing chores
not much hay nor straw in barn.

Joe Woodman stopped in here for money.
Voltie paid him 4 dollars but gave
him 5 dollar bill one dollar to much.

Joe gone to the Cape to the dance taking
Miss Goodfriend. Voltie drew hay
from the stack after shoveling a road
and untopping the stack. I write
a letter to Louise Dixon. Will Niles
working for Jack Niles. Popped corn in
evening. Edith carrying her arms full
of cats out door for the night 6 of them.
tomorrow morning the cats will all
come in again to be fed and lie around
the stove. This is a great place for cats.
They are fondled petted and carressed
till Ediths hands are all scratched
and bit.

Wednesday 6 February 1918

Another terrible day for storm and
snow. Don't think Ranous will come
with mail this day, same old routine
of work, cook, wash dishes. Will Niles
came and helped Voltie draw hay and straw
and chop down a tree a hickory by the road

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She was a mother but
never a wife, meat. flesh of
animals

Thursday 7 February 1918

Voltie working all day. Will Niles part
of the day. a cold day and a great
depth of snow and the snow falling
very fine. Fixing to go to Maloneys
dance. Emma, Edith and Voltie
Will goes home for horse and cutter
comes across to Geo Niles for his sister
Stella then drives here for Emma
after chores all done, Voltie drives
over to Maloneys accompanied by
Edith. They Edith and V are the first
couple on the floor

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Brace Bridge hall

Astronomy

Capt Warrens wards

Pleasures of farming

Watertown

1. Miss Gladys

2. Miss Emma

3. Miss Edith

4. Miss Ethel

5. Miss Alice

Margaret Gaskins Watertown N.Y.

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Lehman [/margin]

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Reggie
Wolfe Island Dr

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