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A Merry Christmas

Emma's letter page for 1917

Jan 1 Sylvia

R's dairy milk for 1917

May 14 Tuesday 21 lbs

May 15 Wednesday 26 lbs

1 Mrs Grace Gaskin

7 Harewood Ave

Watertown

2 Mrs Edward McDermott

162 Highland Ave.

Watertown

3 Mr Reg Gaskin

c/o Marine Mail Boat

Detroit

Mich.

4 Mrs Wells Bamford

R4D 3 Watertown

5 W. Atlee Burpee & Co

The Burpee Buildings

North Fifth Street, York Avenue

and Button wood Street

PO Drawer 1626

Philadelphia, Pa

Mrs Roy Rattray

Box 16 Felton Delaware

Mrs Charles Halliday Route 2

Limerick Jeff. Co. N.Y.

Mrs William Brooks

01502 Monroe Street

St Cloud apt Spokane

Wash

Mrs KB Smith 221x223 King Street Watertown

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Leters [sic]

Monday 1st January 1917

Jan 1st Grace 1

Jan 1st Charlotte 1

Jan 3rd Maud 1

Jan 5th Eveline 1

Tuesday 28 1917

It rains this day so cant
work in field and now
have to wait a few days
for the grain to dry out.

Wednesday 29 August 1917

No grain drawing to day. drawing stone for cement.
Almond Joslin very bad, had convulsions. received
a letter from Belle saying she is coming to Vans
Sunday and for Voltie to meet her there with a boat
if the weather is good. Emma washing all day.

Thursday 30th 1917 August

A rainy morning. Arise early it makes no
difference about rain. Voltie drives to dock
with Will and Edith carrying Rachels eggs.
Then V drives around by the factory seems
a long time since he went but he comes
at last. The rain clears and a fine pm follows.
Emma does a pile of work cleaning windows
hanging out so many clothes. long lines full,
cooks and prepares for supper. They all come Grace and her family
all well and happy

Joe, Samy & Gale here in evening.

Friday 31st August 1917

This Friday is a grand beautiful day. warm atmosphere
so clear. V & Will drawing stone for mixing concrete
for barn floor. I crochet nearly all day on a bread
tray doily for Grace. The usual amount of business,
goes on cooking, Emma brought in the clothes from
the lines. Poor Almond Joslin died this morning after
being so long helpless with paralysis. A quire [choir]
practice this evening at Woodmans (W.H.) A telephone
ring for Emma to attend. Joe drives here for Emma.
She goes accompanied by Margaret. Grace rec'd a letter from
Maud saying Bert is going to camp and drill for the war.

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Saturday 1 September 1917

We got out of bed this morning to find the rain falling fast and furious. did not draw nor stack any grain since last Monday. This is a fearful bad harvest. for nearly every one especially for Voltie for he has to stack all his grain if it ever dries out. V drove to factory this morning through the rain. I dont know of any farmer that does need a dry gloriously beautiful harvest more than Voltie nor any one that suffers more for want of a barn.

Sunday Sept 2nd 1917

Grace all day looking for Bert and Maud but they dont come. she got to be there by Tuesday so Robbert can begin his education in Engineering. Rob't only thirteen last of August. Belle came to day towards eve from Vans. Van's son in law rowed her across; all Joslin's funeral to day. Grace & Will go to funeral. Belle brought me an apron and V some limburger. V went to church to. R went home. Ogle and Joe here in evening.

Monday 3rd Sept 1917

R didnt come over to day waiting for Belle to go over there first but Belle didnt go to day. Grace goes home this day which is Monday. Voltie rowed her and her family and nine suit cases across to Maloneys. I dont mean V, I mean Will he phoned for Donaldson; he came with a motor car.

Tuesday 4 September 1917

A very fine day. Belle walks over to Rachels.

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Wednesday 5 Sept 1917

A very fine day, part of the day) I most forgotten about this day

Thursday 6 Sept 1917

Grain wet again Will very anxious to go home and takes V's skiff and rows himself over to Maloneys.

Friday 7 September 19

I write and send a letter to Grace I receive a letter from Charloote and one from Nelly Brooks

Saturday 8th Sept 1917

A very good day Belle took a walk over to R's picking up to go home Emma helping in field waited so long for them to come to dinner and supper but all finished at last, harvesting done. some sat most done not much V & Joe to corners after dark come back at midnight [right margin] and [demasquerade?] [/right margin]

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Sunday 9th September 1917

This dont look very favorable for crossing
St Lawrence river & this is the day appointed for for [sic] Belles
return home. Wind blows from south. Rachel came over. Then
Dick and Lydia Halliday came visiting, brought their baby
14 months old Helen a mischievous busy body walking
toddlng around getting into every thing. A great time visiting
and gossiping; wonder if Dora's ears burnt any. After they go
Belle more determined to go but V dont like to go in N's skiff
and dont go. Edith went visiting at Morgans; heavy rain
showers in pm. E phoned to stay all night at Morgans but no she
came home

Monday 10 September 1917

I did'nt sleep so very well. Kept thinking so often
of how very anxious Belle is to go home and the
wind may blow and she cant get across. But her
prays [sic] were answered for the V couldnt cross in Niles little skiff
Sheridan came over to hire out to V and bring Volties
skiff across; he just took Belle and all her traps across
in his motor leaving her at his ma's and came directly back
Pierpont for Rachel heard that Ray King came for Belle in his car that same
am. Voltie sent Rheridan [sic] to the corners for gasoline, cotton mits
and caffe. Sheridan the second time brought R a 5 gallon Kerosene.

Tuesday 11 September 1917

A very cool day. Lonesome since Belle went home.
V & [Sheridan|S] digging potatoes, digging trench for Sheridan's
motor. Emma done quite a washing of white clothes
and hung them on the line. V and Edith gathered
the plums down on lower place, 2 pails full. I
wrote and sent a to no one.

Wednesday 12 Sept 1917

A very good day, tho the wind South and blew
a half gale from South, much warmer than yesterday.
V and S drawing stone and digging our few
potatoes. Emma canned 17 cans of plums. Rachel
came over for milk. Laura Babcock here in evening.
Sheridan went home with her. I think that is what
she came for. I finished writing to Nelly Brooks and mailed

Thursday 13 September 1917

A fine cool morning. Arose early, going to Kingston. Voltie, Rachel & Emma. Sheridan drove around by OBriens from the dock to carry the milk to factory. Sheridan drawing stone for concrete floor for barn. Called him to lunch at 9 oclock. Edith went to drive the old sow back. I am trying to conquer the intricaces of a piece of a difficult crochet work, done know as it will elude my efforts but I think of the perserverence of Edison and try try again. Just ate dinner. old Geo McKay came down on boat. Nearly dark when they come home. V paid Wm Woodman 300 for barn building material. paid Reid for rockers, paid \$20 rent on the lower place. Em bought corsets silk waist then bought working material for me and a cosmopolitan. I bought flour 50 lbs. They all went to Chinamens to dinner. Oh what an envious fool I am. Why not be contented and patient as long as I live. Tom Maloney here this evening to phone to Maurice at Hallidays. Norm has been drafted and got to P

Friday 14 September 1917

A very fine day. MacKay and Sheridan went to corners. Sent for Silkateen. he didn't get the right color but I couldn't wouldn't tell him. McKay bought whiskey. After dinner, V, [Sheridan|S]], G & Joe went to Cape in Maloneys skiff. MacKay got drunk & fell over board. V fished him out he fell backward leaving his heels in the boat and his head under water then V pushed his feet off the motor then grabbed him and V & Joe hauled him in. Rachel came over twice once in a.m. and again at 6 pm. Staid till they returned from Cape. V bought cloth bleached for Emma & 8 yds plaid for Edith, shoes for himself which he needed very much. McKay didnt eat supper but went up stairs to bed by help of V & S. Then came Ogles and Ed McDonald for vinegar.

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Saturday 15 September 1917

A very fine day no wind, river still this a.m.

Sheridan gone to Flynn's to thresh. V gone over the river in Sheridan's motor to take Geo MacKay to work for Maloneys in place of Sheridan, tho McKay had come here to hire Voltie, but Sheridan was ahead of him.

V yesterday bought Springs for my bed and a bee smoker and a basket of peaches giving a dollar and forty cents day before yesterday. dont know when they will be canned. no sign yet. no corn going to be dried, no beets picked, no cucumbers growing only a few tomatoes which we are eating on table every day but none canned nor preserved. Sherd came home from Flynn's and went to his own home across river. V spoke Ogle for a cheese, 30 lbs.

Sunday 16 September 1917

A beautiful day warm and bright. Ogle and Emma drive over to Dora's dont return till late. Had been to villiage in motor with Maurice. Edith went to carry Lucena to Geo Rattrays where she staid overnight then goes across in morning to collegiate. Edith in a panic because Emma didnt return earlier gave them a calling down. She is what old Lewy Miller said about aunt R (she talks to much) at same time & shouldnt have gone to villiage without a ring up. Aunt R came over bringing a pail of soup and some cakes which we had for dinner.

Monday 17 September 1917

A fine warm day, a very soft light wind South. Sheridan came to breakfast old saw running in orchard most of time. cant get the onions peeled, cant get any corn dried, cant get any eggs packed for Winter, cant get any sweet apples baked, no jelly made. What do the [sic] do? fuss, fuss, fuss and accomplish nothing no beets dried

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Tuesday 18 September 1917

Wednesday 19 Sept 1917

I dont write in the journal often enough to remember what occurs from day to day. I remember it looks rain and does rain towards evening with thunder and lightning. Olive Jones here making us a good bye visit, she is leaving Louise tomorrow morning and going to her sister in town. She staid to supper and went home through the rain wearing her best new shoes

Thursday 20 Sept 1917

Miss Olive Jones goes away to Kingston this morning on the boat. she has left Louise for all time at with dissatisfaction

Friday 21st Sept 1917

Expected a letter from Belle but got none.
So busy I suppose she couldnt send a card.

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Saturday 22 Sept 1917

Sunday 23rd 1917

A beautiful day day. Were surprised and happy to receive a visit from Charley Dixon and Adah Dixon and Gerald Dixon; first time Charley has been here since his marriage 7 years ago. Charley is a good looking young man, and Adah is a fine looking woman, and Gerald is a pretty lively little 5 year old kid. I began a long letter to Belle. Sheridan came early in the morning, brought 3 packages of butter; home and back again, bringing Charley & Adah & Gerald. Charley rowed Volties skiff over at night. Sherd will bring it morrow

Monday 23rd

A very fine day. didnt wash. Sheridan came motoring over after breakfast. V & he worked at the cement floor in barn. R came over, Turk is sick, refuses to eat. He has swallowed a tough old hog rind and got indigestion. Emma carving and preserving apples to day. A letter from Belle and a card from Louise D. finished writing to Belle and sent it with Graces letter which I inclose [sic] Continued from here in green (academy) book - 1917-1918}

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[random addition]

Wednesday 18th October 1916

This is butchering day. V with the help of Rodney Pike, Joe Woodman, Jim Kehoe butchered and dressed for market 8 pigs average weight 150 lbs. The men or helpers are here to dinner. V sold the pork for 15 cts per lb. Our portion was liver, hearts and tongues and 10 lbs lard. No washing done here in long time

Thursday 14 Oct 1916

A fine morning. V and Emma went to Kingston. V carried his pork to market which came to over a \$150 dollars. Joe Woodman drove them to the dock and went for them at evening time when the boat came in. Aunt Rachel here and helped drive the work.

Mrs Herbert Essford here to dinner, she came from Sawmill bay where she had been visiting for two weeks. R phoned for Essford and he came for her about 3 pm. Joe drove. Well they came at last, tired and hungry and Emma much dissatisfied and disappointed because she didn't get the things she wanted which she could have done as well as not when she had the money in her purse \$25 dol but she met with to many congenial companions. Lizzie Woodman, Madeline Halliday &c

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Friday 15 Oct 1916

A bad day for wind and rain. The very worst of all the season. This is my new Diary. Emma bought it yesterday for me.

The day is dark, wind blowing
rain falling in torrents.

Cooking hearts and tongues (pigs).

V trying to gather apples in the storm
before the wind blows them all off.

He picked a barrel of Pewaukees.

I dont send any mail to day but

make an apron for Emma. Edith gone over to
Rachels to feed, water her hens and gather the eggs,

brought in three for us to day. Emma making
peach preserves, 4 baskets and two baskets of grapes.

R made herself sick eating pigs liver which was tremendously good.

Our mail is the farmers magazine, Herald but no letters

We expected Macleans magazine that we had
subscribed for 2 months ago. Dont think we will
ever get it. V must have made a mistake in sending
the post office order.

Saturday 1916 Oct 16

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Sunday 17 Oct 1916

A very fine day. Emma went to church. no one here, the teacher didn't come. I just wrote that there was no one her, I nearly forgot to say George Woodman and his little son Willie were here for a short visit. They had been to dinner at the Niles but William ate again with us. We gave William butter nuts, hickory nuts and apples to take home with him.

Monday 18 Oct 1916

A tolerable forenoon tho the clouds are flying sailing up from the SW. Dr Nichol here from Kingston also Jack Murray "anente" pigs, both here to dinner. Didnt wash to day.

Tuesday 18 Oct 1916

An awful windy day. It was South this morning blowing a gale. Toward noon changing to NE. The wind blew terrifically all night accompanied with rain which beat against the windows with alarming force. Our few remaining apples are on the ground this morning. V and Edith picking them up and are now digging our

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Wednesday 19 October 1916

A very fine day after the great wind storm. Joe helped Voltie gather the hay that the wind had scattered from the stacks, 6 stacks were wind blown. V gave Joe two dollars for his days work. At sun set the clouds began to rise in the west which looks like another storm.

Thursday 20 October 1916

Arose very early for Voltie and Emma went to Kingston. Emma carried her umbrella and V bought a new one for it rained nearly all day. It cleared up a little towards night and the wind changed from NE to South and blew "some" and the rain came again. Emma came home with wet feet. Em bought herself cloth and trimming for a new dress, a table cloth for me and sundry other articles. Rachel awful lame to day. Edith very contrary which disturbs Rachel more than I, but between them it made every thing very unpleasant. Mary Anne Dugan came down on the boat this evening. She going to live with Sinclair Michea and his ma. They are all safe at home once more well and happy

Friday 21 Oct 1916

We were preparing for a social time. Expected our neighbors, a house full of them. Emma had every thing prepared, house decorated with pine oak cedar flowers but alas for human hopes and expectations as the guests were dressing for the party a great storm of wind, rain, lightning and thunder stoped their coming and instead of a happy joyous company a disapointed lot of revelers were obliged to remain at home, but such life. Only Joe and his kid, Samy & Orville came all dressed in their best. Moved the cabinet in to the kitchen to make room for the dancers that never came. V drove over home with R this pm.

Saturday 21 Oct 1916

Wind howled & shrieked all night. This morn the ground covered with fallen leaves, brown and beautiful, blowing the hallows and huddled in heaps in the grove. Wind blowing cold from S.W. We ate breakfast in kitchen. V after going to factory, feeding hogs &c starts plowing and ditching over "There" commenced a cake today. Joe Woodman here to borrow V's gun to go hunting rabbits in rabit [sic] town which is the cedars.

Sunday 22 1916

A cloudy morning. Emma up making out the loaves of bread at 6 o'clock this morning. Voltie went away down by George Niles for cows. Emma criss x about several things. For instance the old grey sweater. Again, one of those new rockers must not be brought in to the dining room for it makes so much work to wipe the dust from one chair. Emma gone to church. Edith gone to carry milk to Rachel. V put up a barrel of apples for Henderson. Clouds break away and the sun comes out clear not a very heavy wind. Emma gone to Horn's walked down with Miss Langley. Miss Langley came home with Emma. She going to stay here all night and now E & E and Miss L are in the parlor running the tormenting blairing [sic] old Phonograph, just awful. Voltie reading McLean magazine. Edith got the dinner and supper. Mrs Jack phoned for Miss Langley to come home and she went. Emma accompanying her partly home with a lantern.

Monday 23rd Oct 1916

A very fine day. Emma washed. I sent Irene a letter. Voltie ditching over on Rachel's domain. Lots of work to be done in this house. Edith is slow as tar in January. I received a letter from Grace. Emma milked all the cows this pm for V, after a hasty supper goes to St Lawrence corners accompanied by Samy Woodman. They left here about 6 pm and returned at nearly midnight. V bought for himself 2 suits of under clothes, one suit for Em, a pair of stockings for me, 10 lbs olemargarine, some candy & a bottle of whiskey, gum, coffee. V drove out with Van's horse. Rachel received a letter from Jen. I sat up till V and Samy returned from Corners.

Tuesday 24 October 1916

A very fine morning rather cool.

Edith after breakfast goes over to R's to help her wash. She carried R's wash board. Emma is hustling now, for we are expecting that same old party here this evening. Emma phoned to John and Saidie Murray and this pm a man came from Cornwell [sic] to reletter [sic] the moment.. His name is Barbour. A fat jolly sort of a man weighs 112. The pm not very favourable for the coming of evening guests but they came, if not all. Sinclair Michea, Harold Dignum, Mr and Mrs Kehoe and little daughter Lizzie, Mr and Mrs Jack Niles, and little daughter Lois. Three school teachers, Misses Moore, Langley and Glenn & our teacher Mrs Langley the lower one, Miss Moore the upper one, Miss Glenn, Orville McDermot, Samy Woodman, Joe Woodman, Martin OBrien, John & Sadie Murray, Mary Barrie and her kid husband. She big fat & 44 he 19 and can dance, call the quardrilles and is a gay young lad, o what an ill assorted pair. I went to bed at 1 am (after supper). The party left for home at 4 am all saying they had a lovely time and I guess they did if dancing and a noisy racket was any proof. I nearly forget Lizzy Woodman and Bob Jackson (Cheesemaker) were here also.

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Wednesday 25 October 1916

This morning after a short nap V and E and E arose without much sleep, also Mr Barbour all without much sleep but the work must go on tho not much house work accomplished excepting cooking and washing dishes. Voltie goes to the field to plow over on R's place. Barbour goes to the cemetary to work on the monument and so the day drags on, and passes away tho. Voltie drives to the dock with a barrel of apples for Henderson and a hog grist. We heard early this morning that Henry Halliday died last night and so his

Well I've been writing the above in the dark dont know as any one can read it for I cant read the last line but guess it was, died last night in hospital at 11.30 pm while our gay company were dancing innocently ignorant of the sad event. Well he is gone after a long suffering illness and his troubled soul at rest. Dora is once more a widow with three more fatherless children. All the family retire earlier than usual. Edith made a row about sleeping down stairs
Thursday 26 Oct 1916

A very windy day. River rolling wild and stormy. Barbour at work again this morning and finishes at four pm. V plowing "Over There" only coming home long enough for his dinner. Then when 4 O'clock came drove from there to the dock for his hog feed. Barbour walked to meet V and went with him to the dock, and Voltie took the opportunity of taking the hay loader to the dock while he can have Barbour (Leonard) to help him with the machine down the big hill. Emma gave Barbour his supper before he left. Emma cleaned up the rooms after the dance.

Friday 27 Oct 1916

Henry funeral to day and now another body occupies the vault. Charley came home with V for dinner. V, after dinner, drove with Charley to Geo Gillespies where Charley Gillespie took him in their motor across the river where he will hire some one to take him him to Clayton and from there he will home in the motor buss. The weather is dreary, dismal, rainy and dark most all afternoon. Edith goes for the cows; found them away back near the woods.

I sent a letter to Grace. Mail Farmers Advocate & Farm and home.

Two fine farm journals they are. Emma found her night gown yoke.

Saturday 28th October 1916

This month has nearly run its course. Three more days completes the month. This is one of the beautiful days of autumn that sometimes comes to cheer the sad and lonesome. The trees are nearly striped [sic] of foliage. The leaves cling to the oaks yet. Dont like to lie on the ground. The proud old oak. Some day before Nov 15th there will come a storm of wind and the leaves will come sailing fluttering down skuering [sic] away across field chased by the storm and the old oak will stand naked exposing its tough rugged limbs. How different are the limbs of the birch, so slender graceful and pretty. There is as much difference in the naked branches of the several species of trees as their

in their form and foliage. Voltie is plowing over there. Dont know what he will have for his dinner. Cleaning going on but no sign of dinner. Tis 11 Oclock am. Edith drove the cows away over to aunt R and carried some of Aunt R's things home in her basket cups, spoons and flat iron handle. Emma made a pie.

Sunday 29th Oct 1916

A very good day Edith and Emma went to church to a preacher there beside Jack Clery and one of his little darkies. Edith came home from Church all right. Emma kept right down past the house with Moore & Langley enrout for Louise Niles where she together with 9 others ate supper. Louis has two hired girls Marian McDermott and another from Kingston. Emma came home at bedtime. Miss Langley went to her boarding place Jack Nile's. Miss Moore went to her boarding place Bill Horns. I wrote a letter to Will. Voltie went away back on R's brought me a twig of witch Hazel.

Mrs Dignum visiting Rachel today Halloween
Tuesday 31st Oct 1916

A very good day. Emma went to Horns for Lizzie to make her dress carrying the cloth with her. Lizzie sent Emma to Rob Micheas to exchange thread, came home quite early snapped around went to mill & without changing her clothes; dishes washed early, house swept and plenished lamps brilliant and shining, must have anticipated something. Cheesemaker Bob Jackson here to supper. This is all Halloween, guess we are to have company. First came Miss Moore then Joe and Orville & Samy Gillmore and Miss Ducker. I retired to my bedroom with lighted oil stove, rocker and books, but such a racket and noise. I couldnt stand it all so I walked out in midst of the company and took my accustomed seat behind the stove and there I staid till every foreign footstep had died away in the distance. It was after two before they left and then V had to say, go! for I want a little rest before I put in a long days plowing. The girls cant dance, not what you can call dancing. They are as ungraceful on the floor as a lot of cows, and the young men. Oh Oh such stomping of feet and pushing and hauling the girls around. If their idea of dancing is in noise and rough motion. Why there it is. They should take lessons at a dancing school for it is ridiculous and ludicrous to see them on the floor. It rained all first of the night which will soften the ground for plowing. Edith went to the mail box for her coat that Louise had sent her, a beautiful coat

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Wednesday 1st Nov 1916

Voltie plowed after a long delay at home. He was cross after the Halloween party, couldnt get breakfast very early, found one of his best pigs died, one of the big hogs had killed it. he didn't come home to dinner because he got started so very late to the field. Emma had another day of cleaning up after company and ironed a great lot of clothes. Rachel expected Mrs William Ranous to dinner but she didnt come. We went to bed early. I received a letter from Grace. I wrote on to Louise but was to late to send it for card came with the mail drove down in an automobile. This is my month also Volties, wish I might get a book for a birth day present.

Thursday 2nd Nov

A good day for plowing. V started plowing a little earlier this morning. He too is tormented pexed perplexed and has a tough hard row to inpatient devilish sanety Rachel came over with V to dinner. I am writing a letter to Grace. V phones to Henderson for groceries. Will McDonald & family are moving to Kingston to day. E & E pulled the dahlias, carried in all the apples & milk the cows at evening time. V plowed till dark. V engaged Jack Niles to bring our groceries from the dock and leave them at the road gate, instead he took them home with himself so he phoned. I found an old tobacco pipe here on the table and threw it in the fire.

Friday 3rd Nov 1916

A chilly day. A stiff breeze from the West. Wind may blow now apples all gathered in. Now Voltie ditching over by the old well by the Elm that stands in corner by the road next to Woodmans line, not much quarreling to day, quite peaceful all pm. potatoe soup for dinner. A few flakes of snow falling after dinner, dishes washed. Edith proceeds to the school house in search of her books. Found them all right & brought them home. Voltie worked over there till dark. A concert practice at church. Edith stepped up and stepped around now briskly than usual to accompany Emma to church and then Emma had to wait for Edith for Edith is slower than tar in January. Samy drove in for Emma but she was gone ahead of them (Sam & Lizzie W) They returned at 10,30. Mail Advocate, McLeans, letter in answer to our request for Oct, number of magazines, telephone bill, 10 cts and Henderson account. Mrs Jane Niles here this pm to day to go home with Robert Jackson visiting. Joe started and deer hunting, 140 miles from here.

Saturday 4th Nov 1916

A cold frozen morning sun clear. another confab to get Edith out of bed and get breakfast. Emma after milling, helping do chores, hammering horses &c and, Voltie gone to factory. After breakfast cows milked, hogs fed went to factory. Chores all done V goes to field to plow. Rachel came over to dinner then went home again when V went back to the field to plow. Emma cleaned floors and made a pie. V coaxed the old pointer in to the pen, but he soon got out again. Wind N. E. Emma talking to Will Niles on the shore. Edith walked down to the shore too. Emma walked up to Jacks after the Book Poetry and song; Staid till it began to rain. V phoned for her to come home, she came accompanied

by Misses Glenn and Miss Langley who brought a lantern to light her home. They stayed, talked and teheed. Emma treated them to apples. They carried an umbrella for the rain was tumbling down.

Sunday 5th Nov 1916

A very good day but quite cold chilly. Any way it is cold enough to wear winter clothes. Emma goes to church forgetting to take Poetry and Song to Annie Niles. Edith runs across the field with the book before she gets to the Church. I hope they will take good care of it for V paid \$3,50 for the books as a present to his ma, which I appreciate. Edith dont go church, she is expecting company. Edith McDonald and she comes a dainty little Miss of 15 years, and they or we have a fine visit. Voltie makes tomato soup adn we have an apple pie. Voltie pops corn and Edith cracks Hickory nuts and gets a big dish of red apples and our little lady visitor is very punctual to go home at the hour pointed for her return which is 4 o'clock. She goes around by Loretta's to see the baby Her mother rings for her after she is gone saying they have company. Edith goes a piece of course. While E is gone Marion McDermot and Arloine Kesler comes and we treat them to pop corn and Wealthy apples and I send poor Louise two big read apples. Edith rings for Emma to come home but she is going to stay till after supper, and she stays. Mrs Woodman gone down to see her mother old Mrs Anne Mechea. Emma went home with Lizzie from church. They drove down in buggy. V couldnt sleep much last night his left arm ached so terrible.

Monday 7 Nov 1916

N. A very good day only cold an chilly.
 Voltie plowing and anything, cutting brush
 "over there". I write a letter to Bell
 but get no letter from any one but receive the
 October number of Macleans magazine,
 Advocate & Farm and dairy. Emma
 goes to Horns for her dress stays to dinner
 & stays to supper, comes up from there
 with Lizzie in buggy accompanied by
 Miss Moore who go to the church to
 practice for the concert. The dress was
 not finished. Lizzie going to send it up
 to Louise's tomorrow by Howard.
 Rachel has a visitor to dinner. Mrs William Ranous,
 the mail carrier, she treated
 her to rooster post pie. A part remaining.
 Rachel sent here by Voltie when he came
 home from plowing to his supper which was
 very acceptable for a change. We have scores
 of fowl running in the barn yard but
 not one in the stew kettle and hog,
 and pigs, pigs, pigs & pigs but not a
 piece of pork in the barrel, 27 sheep running
 in the field but not a slice of mutton in
 the frying pan.
 Beefers in the pasture, cows, heifers and bulls
 & calves but not a shin bone for soup.
 Samy came for Joe's violin which was left here
 since Halloween night.

Tuesday 8th November 1916

Another day for plowing "Over there". The
 November weather is fine. The wind is south
 to day. V is plowing away back "over there"
 next to Woodmans line. Lizzy sent Emma dress
 arrayed herself in her new dress wear to the

concert. When Miss Glenn's Roman Catholic
bean. Martin OBrien brings her to a
church concert or lecture instead of
going in to church with her, he stays out
in the horse shed for he must
not enter a protistant [sic] church and
endanger his soul's salvation. Tho
there were 3 catholic young people
there, Eddie McDonald & Edith and Margaret Macdonald
Wednesday 9th November 1916

Another fine morning. Voltie gone "over there"
to plow away back. Emma went "over there"
to help Rachel dress fowl for tomorrow's
market, leaving Edith as boss and chief house
keeper and get dinner. It is going to be
a worrying sorrowful day to me I know. She
will not work or do anything if she can
possibly, in any way avoid it. Tis now eleven
o'clock am, a few beans burning on the stove, no
potatoes out the cellar, no apples, break dishes
not all washed. I asked for apples, potatoes &
codfish from the cellar but she dont go for them
only stands around. I dont know why. 10 minutes
past 11 she goes to the cellar and there she
stays after a long while she comes up bringing
codfish, apples and potatoes. I prepare the fish
15 minutes to twelve, no fire in stove, cooking
beans in a pint bason [sic]. We have the good stove cooking kettles
and a good sized teakettle. Why they are not used
I cant tell, for I dont know. I was hoping
dinner would be ready but not so, not a dish
on the table, no plates, knives or forks, cups nor

any thing, Edith brought in some wood and got the apples and potatoes by 12 dinner time. I called her from the kitchen to set the table where she was standing. When she discovered Voltie coming she began to step up and step around. not a bed made, not a floor spept [sic], but spilt a good quart of milk on the pantry which took her some time to mop up. Only one good piece of news this am. Heard Charles Knight is elected president of the USA good! And now the United States have lost their man Wilson "that was to proud to fight". Our mail late again to day. She stops along the road for her dinner. I didnt send any mail to day. p.m. after dinner. Edith sat in chair behind me about 4 hours, didn't commence to wash dishes till 4 pm. Emma came home from R in time to milk or help milk, drove and stanchioned the cows. V came home from "over there" and he is going to Kingston tomorrow in answer to a letter he received from Cunningham.

10 Thursday Nov 1916

Arose early. V went to Kingston. Emma drove over to dock taking Rachels fowl which was brought here last night when V came from "Over There". I make out my memorandum, for Kingston which Em doctors by writing a new one with a led [sic] pencil leaving out the letter tablet. Emma stops on way home and bring R over to Stay all day till Emma drives to dock again for Voltie. She is come and talks to much. When V come bringing

sausage, fresh fish & sugar, tea, coffee, chocolates
 cloth for upholstering chair, mocking for
 me, 6 spools silkateen, 2 spools thread White, 30
 pink pills, oil, iodine sice,
 Phonograph, rubber cards, a separate brush,
 stove pipe blacking, 3 new timer towels. he
 sold R fowl for 11 cts per lb 7 & bought brush for stove
 pipe, a galon [sic] of paint for school house & a wire brush
 and a new churn cover. Raining nearly all day.

Friday 10

7 calls E & E, milk goes to factory
 comes home to breakfast. Cheese 23 1/2 per lb; he saw
 Spafford Joy, Spaff is moved to town and is keeping
 store (Queens I sippose [sic]). I received 3 letters from
 Grace. Advocate and farm and dairy. V heard
 yesterday by way of W.G. Woodman that
 Rob Percy had an operation on his tongue for cancer.
 Raining at sunset and part of the evening.

11 Saturday Nov 1916

A bright enough morning but somewhat cold and
 windy and the gale in the night was was
 fierce. It came from the South changing to West
 and blew like a tempest. A door banging
 kept us awake. V arose and found the doors
 all closed went to bed again, bang continued
 got up again and found it was the front
 screen door but the wind was a disturbing
 element all night. V gone over there to plow.
 Emma done the floors as usual. baked bread
 made pumkin pies. Bread no good; baked in
 tobacco boxes, 6 or 8 loaves. Madeline & Mirabelle Morgan
 here, came for cabbage cutter. They walked
 both ways. knit, crochet, sew braided rug

12th Sunday November 1916

A cold morning and cloudy, looks snow
Emma and Edith both go to church. Voltie chores
around nearly all day. Langley and Moore go to
church walking by here, stop and inquire for
Emma. V said they went to church, they
back this way but didnt stop here. I guess Emma
didn't ask them Edith walked over to Rachels with
milk. R sent a peach pie. my appetite
not very good. I dont eat any pie nor
supper but V popps [sic] some corn.

13 Monday Nov 1916

A bad frozen snow day, dull, dark and dreary.
E & E helping V work shifting lumber, driving
home the calves and yearlings, putting the sheep in
the old house, bringing home the colts. Bert Danus
(Weirs hired man) here looking for work. Orville here
twice looking for V to fix his old shoe. He didn't
fix it. Orville came again at dark looking for honey.
Wants to buy 2 lbs. I guess he wont get it. Orville is
stopping with Samy & says all they have to eat
up there is bread and butter. I write and send
a lettter to Grace. Orville got the honey. Samy
says he cant afford to kill their fowl for they bring
a big price but they are only 11 1/2 cts per lb.
Voltie went after dark with a lantern and banked
R's house with straw.

Tuesday 14th Nov 1916

A bright morning sun shining clearly. Work in
house goes slow. Voltie went this morning to help bury
Henry H. The ground covered white with snow. Emma
baked two big pie tins full of sweet apples. I knit
two points on the lace. After dinner Voltie

rowed across to Van's, got Vans horse and buggy, drove to the corner and bought a lot of stuff from Miller, a pair of rubber boots, E and E 3 letter tables, pork, and shoes for himself, socks 3 pairs, stocking 2 pairs, 2 pails margarine, tobacco 4 lbs, syrup, candy, sundries W and 12 galons [sic] and 5 for Rachel, came home quite early. Rachel walked over here with Edith after carrying milk to Rachel. R staid till V came from the corners, played cards till late then Edith goes home with stay all night came home last next morning.

Wednesday 15 Nov 1916

A very cold day, ground covered with snow no plowing done to day, not much done in door either. Voltie preparing to go to town put up 4 bags of wheat for flour, and bags for hog feed.

Rachel came over at dark with Edith, she says no Kerosine, no wood, nor coal, had to dig out and come here for shelter and get warm.

She stays all night, play cards till late.

Thursday 16 Nov 1916

Arose very early. V intended going to Kingston, milked the cows loaded grist in wagon, ate breakfast, drove to dock got left just five minutes late, came home phoned for hog feed to Parland then to Donahue cant get any only brand. He drove to dock for nothing. no coal for Rachel either. A dreary miserable day had trouble with Edith nothing seems to go right to day. V drawing lumber from dock nearly all day 4 loads. baked beans for dinner.

The 4 played cards till late.

Rachel, Voltie, Edith & Emma. Orville here

V hired him to plow if there is a thaw.

Friday 17 November 1916

snowing heavy in the night. Rachel went home this morning. A bag of coal, 5 galon [sic] of Kerosine, milk, herself, Turk and Edith. V took the load on sleigh. V going to cut poles away back to prepare for banking the hog pens. John Flynn came looking after Forbes bull that has been here all summer since V and WillN drove him from Forbes. John wants to buy him. I did not send any letters to day but received 3 and a card; one from Louise Dixon, one from Irene King, one from Grace and the card from Lib Bamford. Every one in bed except myself and it is not very warm. Our milk went to factory this morning for the last time and guess V is glad; I am any way for now. I can make some butter. The weather is not warm and the snow is falling to night. The ground is covered with snow every where and people are going in sleighs to day. Guess I'll have to go to bed too. Edith came home at 3 pm from Rachels. No one here to day only V and E & E and myself after R went home. I go to bed now, for the house is still and all asleep. Even old shep is asleep under the table.

Saturday 18 November 1916

A cloudy morning. They say tis warmer this morning and a soft snow fell last night but I thought it was a cold freezing night. Emma is baking bread this morning or mixing flour all over on board and table and fell off on to the floor. The old table is dancing & weaving to & fro for it is rickety and loose in the joints. On the side of the table it would be steady enough and not lurch, lurch, lurch & creak creak & wiggle as if it was dancing a highspeed reel

Voltie worked "down there" taking the floor out the old hog pen to fix a place here for the calves. Emma cleaned floors, straightened up everything and in evening cleaned and polished the stove. Emma made punkin [sic] pies, cake &c. Wind South & blowing a gale all night which kept me awake.

Sunday 19 Nov 1916

Ground bare this morning. Marion came up and went to church with Emma. Edith didnt she staid home and comed [sic] her hair.. Orville brought them home with Joes horse & buggy. Marion and Orville staid to dinner. After dinner Orville and Marion & Emma went to the English church, came back. Marion ate supper here while Orville went home to Samys. After supper, evening lamp light, Orville drove back, bringing Gillmore with him only stopping for few minutes when Marion got ready and went with them to Louises where she works. The school teachers Langly & Moore were there also Jack and Annie. Suppose on account of Louise helplessness. Poor Louise. no cards this night.

Monday 20 November 1916

A very good day. Voltie drew water for Emma to wash then plowed by finishing up. "over there" then in pm plowed "down there". Emma finished all the white clothes but didn't hang them out. Tomato soup for dinner. I ate to much to rich with cream. The meals are cooked after the same old style. A phone from Joe W who has arrived from away back, yes Joe and Jackson have returned bringing a bit of venison with them, a whole deer and want Samy to come up

with wagon. Gillmore comes and borrows Volties double buggy to go villiage for Jac Jackson and the venison. May be we will be presented wtih a piece, hope so. Received papers from Grace and Bernie Watson. I send one letter to Irene. Emma received a letter from Reginald also one from Sylvia. Voltie in a.m. made 3 or 4 pails of cider to get the pulp. Cards this evening.

Tuesday 21st Nov 1916

A bright cold morning. Frozen Quite hard last night, so hard, Voltie cant plow; he makes more cider. Emma is wasting. The sun shines in bright and clear at the windows. Mabel Morgan came and Rachel came also the both staid all night and played cards all evening. Joe sent a big piece of venison and we fried fried [sic] a big lot for supper, played cards this evening I C the women and E & E

Wednesday 22nd November 1916

Mabel was the one that subscribed to the Every woman's world for me. This is my anniversary 83 to day, also Mabels tho I dont know her age, 35 I guess. Mabel walked home after breakfast. R walked home after breakfast. Voltie chored around, played cards this evening

Thursday 23rd Nov 1916

A fine morning but rained all pm. Emma sewed on Edith dress (blue) Edith went over to R towards evening and staid all night at R's. Samy Woodman went to Watertown says he is going to business called till June. Edith says write in your diary this

She fed and watered the bull. V is fattening for beef. ~~play cards this evening~~

Friday 24th Nov 1916

~~A very good day.~~ V plowed to day

A terrible wind all day from the S.W.

Something from a wrecked boat floating down stream, the river in a boiling rage, wide rolling, mad with froth and foam crested billows. A dance at Arthur Hendersons.

Emma goes to dance with Joe Woodman.

The wind dont blow so terrible when they start, but tis cold and the roads are rough.

Joe said it would be like driving over stone wlk and cobble heads, but they all went. Orville & Mrs Moore didn't play cards this evening. Emma not here

Saturday 25 Nov 1916

A cold frozen morning. V cant plow. E came home at 6 p.m. from Henderson's dance went immediately to bed and didnt get up till 11 O'clock. Voltie carried in the bees. E & E helped carry them in cellar.

Edith goes over twice to feed and water R's horse.

She brought a rooster from R; for our Sunday dinner. V shod Joe Woodmans horses in p.m.

Emma done some Saturday work, cleaned floors &c and plucked the fowl. I finished knitting the lace

for a pair of pillow cases. V hulled a kettle of corn

golden bantam. R fried apples 7 onions and to

end the day R, V, E & E sat up till nearly midnight

card playing cards while I not knowing any thing about the game, sit back solitary and alone looking

on. After card playing done. R cleaned and cut

up the fowl and we got off to bed and 1/2 past 12.

V hulled another kettle corn, play cards this evening till 2

Sunday 26th November 1916

A clear cold morning ground bare. V after all had to work and pack the butter, our first packing in a 5 gal crock. Rachel washing breakfast dishes and cooking chicken. Edith went over to R to water and feed her hen. Edith Bates talking to Emma by phone to come over. The poor girl is lonesome away over on that isolated point, I think. Emma as usual every Sunday wants to go somewhere but dont go any place but stays home. Edith goes to church and the day passes on. Voltie got a terrible lame back.

Monday 27 November 1916

A clear bright windy morning. Wind SW. Voltie yet got a lame back but will work tho E & E help do the barn chores. V went up and hired Joe to help draw gravel. V preparing to build a barn next sumer. Rachel washing dishes after breakfast. Emma sews a little on Edith's dress. Received a letter from Grace and the Needle craft. Joe came and drew gravel this pm. I wrote a letter to Louise and began a letter to Grace. Card playing this evening as usual. no reading these long evenings no conversation! Old times are changed. The good old evenings gone. I sit back alone while they sit around the table and slap the cards and I hear the laugh and their devilish ribald rable. Meggie JoslinRattray @ home to day from Watertown her mother went for her and the baby

Tuesday 28 Nov

Weather much warmer this morning.

R went home this morning, loaded herself on the bottom bards [sic] of the wagon.

Turk goes hopping along by side of wagon. V is going to plow but but [sic] ground froze so hard cant plow. Came home put in the barn, cleaned and put up the stove pipe from the cellar stove.

Had quite a difficult putting & connecting it for he has a lame back. They got it up all right at last. rains. No card playing this evening. R gone home and all things settled back to their old accustomed place.

Wednesday 29th Nov 1916

A warm day for the season tho it rained. Emma over to R's all day cleaning hens for market. Orville chopped their heads off. Edith done fine to day.

Voltie plowed till the rain sent him home.

I sent a letter to Grace. Received a letter from Belle a book and a card. No card playing done this night.

Thursday 30th Nov 1916

Arose early. Emma going to Kingston a cloudy morning. V milked & done most of the chores before driving to the dock with Emma and Rachel's hens for market which leaves Edith and I alone to get the meals and worry out the day. V didnt come home till dinner time, found the dinner all ready, drove to dock again before coming home for evening.

Didnt milk the cows this night. Emma brought sugar, tea, rolled oats, yeast cakes, a pail of soda biscuits, Laundry soap, 1 spool 12 white, 1 silkateen, Woodbury soap, wide pink ribbon, 1 yd narrow pink ribbon, some christmas duds, butter, towel, a chamber pail. Edith and I churned.

Friday 1st December 1916

A cloudy day. Voltie plows all day always a dull day after Kingston tho Emma mopped up stairs and my bed room. Weather much colder. Edith goes to Rachels twice carrying her milk, butter, oats. Will Niles and Sheridan Maloney here just incidently called here while hunting ducks. They went to Jack N's to stay all night and play cards.

We received a letter from Grace and another bundle of papers from Grace. No card playing but a sociable evening talking and looking at and reading the papers sent by Grace.

Saturday 2nd December 1916

We are all well as usual this morning. Voltie gone plowing Emma cleaning floors.

Sunday 3rd December 1916

A very fine day. Marion here to dinner and supper. Emma and Marion went to church. Edith went up to visit Loretta and see the baby. In evening V and E went to Flynn's. Edith and sat up till E and V came home. V went to get natural remedy for his calves. From 17 which he 1 started to grow last spring only 4 remain.

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Monday 4th December 1916

A very good day. V plowed all day.
We didnt wash. we hulled a kettle of
kettle of corn. I write a letter & Grace
mend vest and overall for Voltie.
Old McKay rings for V to come
him over the river. Geo Gillespie saying
V saying the boat not running in Thursday
but going into dry dock for repairs. V ought
to go to Kingston. Edith churned and went
over to Rachels carrying her milk and buttermilk.

Tuesday 5th December 1916

A cloudy morning which, after awhile
turns to rain and wind. V plowing down
on the Frank place. Old Geo McKay
came just before dinner. While Emma
was putting the apples in as to boil.
Emma talking to Sadie Murray by telephone.
Emma finished packing the 5 galon jar of butter.
Voltie put shoe on old Ben. V fixing to
go to town tomorrow by way of the road,
no hog feed, and other business to attend too.
V drove over for R and Lurk. Rather cramped
for sleeping arraingments [sic]. At last got settled
by Emmas sleeping on couch by Libiary.
R & E in V's bed. V and old George up
stairs.

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Wednesday 6 Dec 1916

Wind West and blowing all night.

V cant or wont face this bitter wind to the villiage tho he was up very early. Old Geo got a cough, grip cough.

V plowing, snowing, a disagreeable day. Sent V's letter to Nikle Barister Kingston "anent". Frank Woodman's last note. George McKay went back to Hallidays card playing going on till late. ground covered with snow but all gone in pm.

Thursday 7 December 1916

A cloudy chilly morning, wind N.W. cold frost in windows. Voltie plowing.

Friday 8 Dec

Will Niles and Ed Maloney came over loaded with cartridge bets going hunting. They stopped here. I gave him 10 cts for posting the nuts to Belle. V plowing came home before Will and Ed left for some where.

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Saturday 9th Dec 1916

Emma cleaned all floors and windows, cooked and baked.

Sunday 10

A very good day. Emma goes down to see Maggie. They are expecting Roy home or to Hiram's I mean. Marion came up awhile and brought home the book "Poetry and party". Emma comes at dark. Edith is combing her hair for the first time since last Sunday. She combs her hair once a week if she forced to do so.

Monday 11 Dec 1916

A very good day for work. V drawing gravel. Geo Mc came to go across river. Ate dinner then went over in Voltie's skiff. Went to corners for them go brought candy. I gave him the apple Doctor again to day. Mrs N is sick had the Miss Ladd sick and alone. Dr hired girls. Howard Niles here. Roy Rattray here on the island going to Hiram's McKay staid to supper and went back to Halliday's. Voltie blames me because Geo dont stay all night. Im not to blame. V done understand. Wish he did.

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Tuesday 12 Dec 1916

Awoke this morning to find the ground covered with snow and the family very uncongenial about many subjects of disagreeableness. One about R's having more butter than she needs paused for her another subject. V cant keep a man or boy around to help him on account of me. When I want Geo to help V but he dont know it, Em dont. Geo here and said so for Emma has to do the work and dont want George around but she dont say it before V. But there is something wrong but dont know what it is. Last night I dreamed of gathering a big pail of Kipo [kopi] bean pods and the dream was beautiful only I stole the beans. I gathered them by the road side where they grew in luxuriant abundance either on each side of the road was covered [?] by beautiful avenue of trees and where the trees opened was a green grassy road leading into a forrest a great patches of wild strawberries & vines but not berries and the wind did blow and blew the trees down. V & Joe butchered the bull this pm. Joe here to supper and played cards till 10 pm

Wednesday 13 Dec 1916

V drives to Dads with hog grist going to Kingston to buy a few Christmas duds and pay up, finish up the F. Woodman farm. E makes 8 prints for market, butttter is 45 cts per lb. Miss Langley here this evening.

Thursday 14 Dec 1916

Weather not looking very favourable this morning for a Kingston trip but they go all same. Emma driving to dock and home again after leaving V and aunt R aboard the islander. The snow falling heavy and furious all day and drifting. E & E has a rough and tough time doing all the barn chores which were not few - 16 hogs to feed, 4 horses to feed & water, cows to milk and feed, calves to feed and water, yearlings 7 of them to feed and drisalt stables to be cleaned, mangers to be filled. V phoned from Kingston cant leave on account of storm but on account of Dr Spanky they did leave after dark and crossed to Kingston in a snow storm and pitch darkness.

Friday 15 December 1916

Snowing again this morning after breakfast. Voltie drove to dock for hog grist and brought Rachel from Dignums whre she had staid all night after being out in snow storm on the river. I wrote and sent a letter to Grace in which I enclosed \$2,00. V banked hog pen and house. I didnt feel very well this morning but better now after a dose of Dadds pills. Rachel brought me a package of Dates, a new dress and ribon for Edith and a pin cushion, also one for Emma. I receive a letter from Grace. The boat had a dark cold rough passage. George Niles came home to day.

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Saturday 16 Dec 1916

A clear bright cold winter day. Got the cabinet moved in to the house or dining room again after a two month stay out in kitchen or ever since our dance. V drove over to R's for a load of straw to bank the house. This is a cold winter day, tho the sun is shining and dogs are barking. Voltie paid Rachel \$5.75 cts which is the ballance [sic] of his chicken money. The cabinet has been in kitchen since Oct 21. Edith has not combed her hair since last Sunday and by the transaction I reserve a .25 cts which was coming to V in change which I will give Will Ranous for postage. Two of R we chickens feet and legs froze no good, poor things. V wring their heads off when he went to feed and water them. R very nervous going home tomorrow morning.

Sunday 17 December 1916

A clear cold day sun shining brilliantly on snow. Rachel went home this morning bag & baggage, Turk and all groceries, oil heater and 40 other duds. After dinner and we are alone. Edith makes no attempt to comb her hair. V, E, E & I are at home & alone all day till evening when Marion and Howard stop here enroute to Jack's. Emma went with them didn't stay long. Didnt stop coming back only Emma came in and then all went to bed. Mrs Jane Niles very sick with grippe.

Monday 18 Dec 1916

A very fine day. V brought water for Emma to wash. She wash a few things (white clothes) and hung them on the line. I was sick nearly all night. Ate to much trash yesterday. Voltie working on sheep pen. To pay for what I ate yesterday.

I dont eat any thing to day. A Christmas tree and concert in upper school, Miss Glenn teacher. Emma & Edith go with Jacks N's load. Shell Niles Irvine came to telephone to Dr Buchanan for she is frightened about a mistake she made in giving her another medicine. Dr phoned "It is all right"

Tuesday 19 December 1916

A clear bright day. Emma worked over the butter filled R jar and only 4 lbs left for us to carry to market. V working on sheep pen. Emma washed again to day. Voltie shot a big wild duck which Emma dress as clean as any duck could be prepared for the oven. I crocheted on pie tidy tho I'm not very well but better than yesterday. Voltie gone over to R's a concert practice at the church this evening. E and E went. Returned late all abed when they came. V before going to bed took a bath and shaved.

Wednesday 20th Dec 1916

A cloudy morning looks like another storm. I guess I'm better this morning. I ate a piece of toast, a wee piece of cheese and drank a cup of weak tea. sun comes out and shines clear. I write a letter to Grace. Emma washing. Edith goes over to R's carrying milk and stuff. A rehearsal at church this evening. Churned worked butter for market dressed 15 fowl for market. V drove over for R, she came and helped all day. A letter from Watson, Nelly Brooks, Sylve and Alice Higgins. I write & send another letter to Grace.

Friday 22 December 1916

A very fine day. Snow quite deep every where. Received a letter from Grace saying she is sick yesterday. I sent Grace a letter yesterday and another to day by Emma to be mailed in Kingston. V drove to dock with Emma 15 fowl, 13 lbs butter 45 for butter, 15 cts for the chickens. I write Watson a letter, begins to look like a storm.

V drove to dock with E & her marketing and drove again pm boat leaving Kingston at 3 O'clock. Emma got a bad cold. Hope it is not Grippe.

Friday 22 December 1916

A very stormy day for snow. Edith raising D-I with Rachel all the time and whiting up the butter pound pound pound pat pat. V working in shop all day. Emma sick in bed. I think she would be crazy [sic] with noise. The mail came down about 4 pm. A box from Belle for me a beautiful generous Christmas gift. Also a box from my dear Grace with gifts from Reginald Grace and the other children. I wish I could give them a hundred dollars.

Saturday 23rd December 1916

Emma didn't clean floors but done most every thing else. Rachel went home with Rachel. The house is very quiet and still no noise. The house is very quiet and Voltie said if the river still he is going to cross the river tomorrow for kerosine.

Sunday 24 December 1916

A very fine day. Jack N went for the doctor for his mother. V went across on his skiff went to hens got 9 gallons of kerosine, got a tow back with Jack behind Jacks motor. V went to Geo N and hired Will Niles to help him butcher and draw hay. Emma put the Christmas things in the boxes for Grace, Maud, Eveline, Irene King. Evening

Monday Christmas day 25 Dec 1916

A very good day snow deep and drifted every where. V carried all the Xmas boxes in the mail box then drove for Rachel carrying her a bag of oats for her hens. Rachel and Edith came home too with Rachel. A very fine dinner. Emma cleaned the floors and made everything shine. V and Emma went to Joslins. V carried Al a peck of apples. They staid till midnight. I went to bed. Rach set up she talked so much I couldnt sleep. Wellie sent me a book.

Tuesday 26 December 1916

Will N came this morning. R wont horn talking. Edith home with her again. V butchered the old porker with the help of Will N and Joe Woodman. Joe here to dinner. When writing in this my diary I feel inclined to write all the principal events. So here goes. Will Niles brought over whiskey and our three butchers got drunk. They were from 11 Oclock am till 9 pm butchering one hog. V cut one of the intestine when taking out the innards which besmerched the gut lard so much that it was all roasted and the whole contents thrown away from a big 450 lb porker. Joe was so drunk that

led him in to the house and Emma led him to bed where he lay till nearly midnight. After supper and Will and V got sobered up they went up to Joe's barn and done Joe's chores by stabling 19 head cattle and the horses. Oh Emma and I had a fine time waiting for those "critters". We live to near the corners away. Joe staid all night. I'll always remember this against Will Niles and his old whiskey bottles had made home.

Wednesday 27 December 1916

Roads very bad. Bob Smiths funeral to day. V didn't go nothing done to day only the meals. V & Will cut up the pork and beef and barreled it. I wrote a long letter to Nellie Brooks. no mail to day nor will there be any tomorrow. Thaws and rains and freezes. The family retire early.

Thursday 28th December 1916

V went to school meeting. I finish Nelly letter and he drops it in the mail box on his way to school meeting, which makes 4 letters in the mail box together with all those boxes and bundles. V and Will draw hay and work on the sheep barn. Will drove over from here to Rachels for Edith for Emma is sick again with a cold but she is "hors de Combat" We bake bread, got meals, wash dishes and separators, churn and etc. I finish pie doily. V, Will, E & E played cards all evening.

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Friday 29 Dec 1916

A clear bright cold morning.

It makes every one step high, light and wide step up and step around. Emma much better. Fact is she is all right. heavy frost on window this morning. The mail came to day for first in a week.

Saturday Dec 30 1916

A very nice day, the river froze over this morning but the wind blew from the east and broke it open from here to Lindas Isl. Wall came home he was ice bound, he went over last night to get medicine for his mother. Will N went to Mcfaddens to Rachels hen feed she bought from Rube. Emma mop the floors clear though. W & V work on his sheep pen got it nearly done but one end. Well this is Emma's writing. So it saves me the trouble of writing the events of this day more than to say I patched a petticoat for Edith and knit a few points on the lace V and Wells and E and E played cards then V popped corn. I guess the cider is getting tremendously good.

Sunday 31st Dec 1916

The last day of the month, the last day of the year. The first day of the week so it is called. sun bright day. snowed little in morning no church service to day. I employed my time writing to Charlotte Gibson a 11 page letter. no visitors no callers no one went from here.

Monday 1st January 1917

Not so very cold. no frost on windows. This is first day of the week, first day of the year, first day of the month. I wrote and sent a letter to Grace also to Charlotte Gibson. Emma sent a letter to Sylvia. V and W finish the sheep barn and V went down to the Frank place for the sheep (27 of them) and put them in the new sheep barn, going to churn and we are cooking meat and hogs head for mince meat or head cheese, in the big aggate [sic] kettle on the kitchen stove. Snows again. Emma made rolled jelly cake and cookies for dinner. Emma made head cheese. Will N drove over to Rs carrying for straw for bedding and straw. Card playing going on this eve and noisy. Oh!

Tuesday 2nd January 1917

Cloudy and warm 30 deg above zero; bare spots showing through the snow in pastures and meadow. Voltie phoned central to learn how the crossing is to Kingston. The boat is going to try and cross if she can get through the ice. V intended butchering 8 pigs and take them to Kingston market. Then he phoned to F Briceland but he not at home. Then he phoned George Woodman to enquire about getting sand and and pine roots for kindling but Geo not at home. So he puts shoes on Old Ben. Work in house goes slow. Emma baking bread, made prints. A bee at school house moving the closets. V sent Will milling corn to day and cooking beef for mince pies. Played cards.

Wednesday 3rd January 1919

A snowy day. No going to Kingston. Ferry cant run. School began again to day. V and Will fixing hog pens for broad sows. Rachels mail was left in our box. A letter from Nina Garlo and Ethel Dixon Johndron. I write and send a letter to Maud, a letter from Belle to Voltie sending a New year present which will come by mail tomorrow. Play cards this evening; noisy as ever. Ethel Johndron
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Thursday 4 January 1917

A mild day, tho somewhat cloudy after breakfast. Will N shouldered himself and went across the river. He is going to corners. I'm marching out to see if he brings Whisk. Wallace came down and staid a while and now he is out to the shop with Voltie. Emma is getting dinner. Edith churning. Emma made out 8 more lbs butter which makes 20 lbs beside the churning to day. Edith went over to R's carrying apples, hulled corn, head cheese, and fried cakes and her letters from Nina and Ethel. Ethel in her letter to R sent me a handkerchief. NilesWilliam came here quite early from the corners, brought Edith candy, coffee, tea, tobaco. I wrote a long letter to Eveline. Card playing again this evening.

Friday 5 January 1917

Rains nearly all day, slush and snow. I write and send a letter to Eveline. V shoes a horse for Joe, and Joe stays to dinner. men (V & W) out working all day in shop, pig pens and barn. Wallace here. Our mail Belle sent V a comical Christmas present, a receptical for tobaco made from a coconut shell within the outer

husk fashioned like an Australian native face which caused uproarious [sic] merriment. William Niles went to his uncle Johns for an evening visit. We had a very pleasant evening at home with the literature which Grace sent from Watertown and some card playing going on.

Friday 6th January 1917

A fine day, clear bright and much colder.

Canned "Tallman sweets" made mince meat.

Emma made cake and done set work.

Edith separated the milk & washed breakfast dishes along towards noon, and talked talked

talked talked same as usual. After supper

Will N goes to visit Wallace N, and stays all night. We sit up as late as the usual hour.

Mail, we received a package of papers from Reginald. Some of them (The New York papers are very sensational. Hendersons bill and Rerds bill for rockers and a national service card.

Saturday 7th January 1917

Weather very good. V sent Niles up to Geo Woodmans for pine roots while he works around at every thing at shop and barn. Emma cleaned floors all right and canned the apples partly fixed the nine used didnt work once the butt it. Will N went up to stay all night with Wall Niles.

Sunday 8 January 1917

A half cloudy wind south, river rough and rolling and dark. A new litter of pigs at the barn from 9 only 5 living. Will N & Wallace N called here enroute to George N. Edith getting dinner while Emma is on the rampage visiting Lizzy Woodman. Went down with Jen in cutter came back with Joe in time to get supper. Will came home to supper. Voltie came in saying new pigs at the barn then hustle to separate the sows, move an old stove into the pen. 9 pigs but in spite of percaution [sic] 5 died only saved 4. V up late looking after pigs. Edith birthday she is fifteen years old to day.

Monday 9th January 1917

A soft day. V big help of Will N, John Niles Jr, Joe Woodman butchered and dressed 8 pigs for market. All the helpers here to dinner. But dont know how V will get the pork to market. Boat jammed in the ice in Kingston harbor, ice 16 feet deep. If North wind should blow ice may move out. V drove over to R's brought her and Turk for she has no coal only a two kettles full. Will N went to Georg, W's with Wallace. Came back early, played cards till late. more pigs at the pen 10. R didnt play. V sat up nearly all night with the new pigs.

Tuesday 10 January 1917

A dark cloudy rainy day. R went home early this morn after breakfast taking Edith with her. Edith didnt want to go and I couldnt blame her. V and W draw hay from the lower barn through the rain. Such a load to dishes to wash this pm, crockery, glass, cutting spoons, pots, pans, jars, kettles, frying pans, basins and 10 other knives.

V shaved bathed. He thinks he will go to town tomorrow with pork on the boat. Boat moved out from the harbor today enroute for the Village.

Wednesday 10 January 1917

Arose early. V got started at 6 am 80 pkg which he sold for 16 1/2 cts per lb. 808 lbs received \$130,65 cts. A very stormy day and cold. Voltie had to drive to the Greenwood dock where the boat was lying at the dock on account of ice. Will out nearly all day doing chores and looking after every thing, building fires to keep the little pigs warm. He walked over to Rachels through the storm to find her and Edith hovering over the stove. V came home at 8 pm.

Thursday January 11

A very cold day. 10 degrees below zero. Voltie filing saw in kitchen. Will drove over and moved Rachel over here bed beam and all. Votlie drove over and brought all her hens. Clear cold and bright. Edith and Emma fixed up the bed room up stairs by the stove pipe for Rachel. Emma made a good yummy cake for supper. One pig died now 13 left. River frozen clear across last night.

Friday 12 Jan 1917

A very fine day. Draw hay from lower barn drew up the hickory tree limbs made a load by itself.

Saturday 13 Jan 1917

A cloudy blustering day. Emma cleaned floors as usual. Every thing clean and bright but Emma cut nearly all Edith's hair from her head. Cut 2/3 of it any way right from the back, her beautiful hair all snarled and matted so badly that no comb could penetrate that maze, jungle. the fibiers [sic] of her hair are so matted and interwoven because she to lazy to comb her hair.

Miss Glenn and Edith Bates here. V gave them 1/2 bushel of apples. Played cards this evening.

Sunday 14 January 1917

A cold blustering day of drifting snow; sun brightly shining. Electricity is every where in the domestic atmosphere this morning. There will soon be a terrific explosion which is already at hand. One born thrown and burst! War in Europe no comparison. No one killed, no one wounded only a display of nasty; mean vulgar temper. The conflagation rapidly spreads till every member of the the family is in to the war. O Well! "Remember the sabath] day and keep it Holy". Joe here to dinner and supper and stay all night

Monday 15 January 1917

Domestic atmosphere clear or nearly so. The same low rumbling and snarling occasionally at intervals. Edith made her beginning to attend school this morning getting a drive up with Jack Niles when he drives to school with teacher. Joe helping V for his board and his dog boards too. Fido, the little black beast

Tuesday 16 January 1917

A very fine day. V brought water from river for Emma to wash cold to hang them on the line. I write a long letter to Grace. Edith gone to school rode in sleigh with Jack N and Miss Langley. In evening V and Joe and Emma went to Flynn's for an evening visit walked up on the ice found George & Inez W there. George N & Louise visiting at Jack's.

Wednesday 17 January 1917

A cold day, Wind and snow, which combined creates a terrific storm. However Edith wallowed herself through the drifts to the concession to meet Jack's sleigh enroute to the school house. Not much doing inside this day just cooking and dishwashing. Emma can't finish [sic] washing, cooking bean again. Edith went school without breakfast. Joe and Voltie breaking colts to drive double. Voltie Joe & Em went to Flynn's for an evening visit. Found George and Inez there. George and Louise drove in cutter to Jack's. No mail carrier today. We get no mail.

Thursday 18 January 1917

Snow very deep every where tho the sun is brightly shining. Emma didnt finish washing. Joe and Voltie moved the and done chores. Edith went to school with Jack Niles. I did not do much of any thing. Rachel helped cook and read

Friday 19 January 1917

A clear cold bright day. Emma washed a few things. Edith went to school with Jack Niles. All abed but me. The mail brought us 4 letters for Rachel, 3 for me, one for Emma from Clyde. My letters were from Maude, Grace & and Irene King. The calculations now are to go to Kingston tomorrow.

Saturday 20 January 1917

Arose early to go to Kingston. Didnt go weather not favorable, roads heavy and the weather has all the appearance of a storm, very cloudy and looks like a thaw. Didn't thaw but froze harder than ever. A hard tough winter so far. The warmth of the fires are very comforting these days when I can sit back of the cook stove with feet on back of fender. Card playing this evening. Aunt R goes to bed quite early. V and Joe dont do much more than chore and eat their regular meals. Aunt Rachel made three mince pies and three loaves of bread and a tine of ("riz") biscuits.

Sunday 21 January 1917

A very cold day. No let up on frosty weather. Joe here to breakfast. Been here a week now. I today sit behind the stove as usual and either read or write. Every thing very pleasant till evening then Turk interferes by way of foolish argument which causes great clash of tongues on the female side. Joe went home after breakfast taking Fido with him and has not returned to day. Guess he has gone courting over to D. Hallidays to see his sweetheart his conven Bess but he didnt go after all; only went to Sams.

Monday 22 January 1917

As cold as ever and snowing. Howard stopped here on his way to school. Emma gave him a big red apple for his dinner. Emma watched out for Jack and Langley. Howard and Edith rode to school with Jack preparing for Kingston tomorrow. Voltie & Emma going. Emma baked cakes, cookies, fried cakes &c. Played cards this evening. The old habit is strong. Voltie and Emma, Joe and Edith ti he haw hard all the time. I wrote to Irene, croched [sic] two points, a star light evening. no mail today I send my letter to Irene by Emma.

Tuesday 23rd January 1915

They arise early going to Kingston surely this day. All drive up on the ice. Voltie, Jack N & Ed Kaslar. Joe doing chores all day with no difficulty but found the ice thin in some places. Our butter now the best. Only .40 cts lb

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Wednesday 24

V went to Clayton. Joe went with him.

Thursday 25

Will Niles here Thursday and brought V stone boat frame. Wants to bring Ada here.

Friday 26th

The road must be very bad and Will Ranous must have found them so for he drove clear through to day. Emma walked through the snow for the mail; got her arms full of mail.

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Saturday 27

A cold bad day. V after doing chores drove to Clayton for coal. Came about 3 pm nearly froze. He got thawed out after awhile. Joe dont feel very able after last nights dance at Busters but sits up and plays cards. Joe didn't come till nearly dinner time, just in time to get his dinner and dinner for his little black cur. Of course Edith at home causes a war of words. I often wish V could be present unseen at those battles, but No.

Sunday 28th Jan 1917

A cold day. Done nothing but cook eat and wash dishes all day. V brought a dish of apples from the cellar cracked hickory nuts, popped corn. Joe here to breakfast and dinner. Henry Halliday came at sunset and Joe cleared out suddently. A small Sunday luncheon

Monday 29 January 1917

Weather changed to warmer and thawing and raining dismal dreary day outside, lots of noise inside almost enough to make ones hair stand straight [sic] up. V drew one load of sand from Sand Bay in fore noon. pm proving rainy staid home. Joe not here to day but his dog here to be fed. Old half starved Fido, mean black little cur. We feed the ravenous little beast because one dont like to know he is suffering with hunger. Edith as usual went to school to day. Played cards in evening. No mail to day for us.

Tuesday 30 January 1917

A fine morning, sun shining brightly. Edith bundled up for school watching out for Jack N and Langley. Weather very moderate. Rachel washing breakfast dishes. Ed Kasler here getting his horses shoes set. Emma and R picking over beans for dinner.

Wednesday 31 January 1917

Rather a mild day not to comfortable for weather. We were surprised and pleased to see Ray & Irene drive in here for a visit and the dear little Flora.

Thursday 2nd February 1917

Snows a little cloudy and sunlight some.

After dinner Ray, Irene & Little Flora departed in cutter rig for Doras Hallidays. Henry quit.

V dont do much more than visit with Ray.

Friday 2nd February 1917

A clear cold bright day. Voltie drawing sand from Sand Bay accompanied by Henry & Joe.

Ed gone to school. Howard stopped for Edith, sent Edith to cellar for apple for Howard dinner.

15 below zero this morning. Froze

for first itme this winter. After dinner Roy

and Irene and baby Flora drove over to

Dicks and Doras. Voltie drew 3 loads

of sand from Maloneys.

Saturday 3rd February 1917

Wind West and extremely cold. The coldest

so far this winter. Voltie drawing sand

from Maloneys shore across the river.

Drew three loads of sand, came a blow

at 3 pm so didnt draw any more.

Telephone cental line out of order. When

want to phone to Irene while at Doras.

So cold we keep all the dogs in

the dining room by the coal stove

including Woodmans half starved Fido after

he is stuffed with Johnny cake.

Sunday 4th February 1917

This is mid Winter, weather changed since yesterday. 10 above zero. Temperature in house changed in house too. A sanguinary battle fought of words and the most elegant and eloquent of language employed to express the over charred temper.

Really I'm disgusted to write the female tongues. Henry went to Hallidays. Rode over with Joe. Will Niles came over visiting, staid all night, ate supper and breakfast. Miss Langley here in evening. We expected Ray & Irene to return from Hallidays but they didnt come. Will Niles here staying all night.

Monday 5th Feb 1917

Not a very bad day. Telephone once more in repair. Phoned to Hallidays inquiring for Irene and Ray. Ray gone to Kingston with Dick H. Joe came but didnt stay. Will Niles went across with Voltie when he went for sand. Ray & Irene drove here about 1/2 pasat 8 pm: cold. They had had supper at George Woodmans.

Tuesday 6 Feb 1917

Not very bad day. V drew hay & straw from the lower barn. Ray and Irene started home about half past ten am. Will N and Ed Maloney drove here with single rig. Will went up to see his aunt Jane who is very sick. They drove here again staid to supper and till bed time. Maloney talking politics, religion, war, murderers, government affairs and now they are gone home. Will brought over some pop corn. V drew two loads sand.

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Wednesday 7 February 1917

I guess this pen is worn out. Another nasty day. Will Woodman here to get horse shoeing done. Will Woodman here to dinner, talking War and Canadian politics. No sand to day and only 13 loads all told. Our pump out of business since Tuesday morning. Edith at school

Thursday 8 February

Nasty day. Wind South. No one here except Joe W; he came to bring R's hen feed, oats that she bought off Will H Woodman.

Friday 9th February 1917

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A blustering snow day. The wind gathers up the snow and drives it swirling through the air. no mail to day for the roads are drifted. V has to chop open water holes for water for every purpose to water horses, cattle, hens, sheep, hogs, and for the house. Joe here helping Voltie. V phoned to Johny OBrien to go to McFarlands for hog feed while [Johny OBrien][John] is in town tomorrow. John could get only 200 lbs. Great talk of going to Depauville to a masquerade next Friday and a dance here a week from tomorrow night. I dont mind the Masquerade but the dance out. Joe here to dinner. Joe went to Bob Busks to a dance. Henry phoned that he is there.

Saturday 10 February

A suffering cold day. No let up to cold and snow.

Joe here helped fix the pump, ate dinner here. The pump out of order since last Tuesday. V dont now have to draw barrels and cans of water from the river to water all the stock. played cards. V popped some of the corn W.N brought over. played cards this evening. Joe & V put in hay.

Sunday 11 February 1917

A clear bright very cold day. 12 deg below zero. Joe Woodman here to chore. Will Niles drove in here didn't stay long acted kind pouty about something, dont know what, nor dont care

Monday 12 Feb 1917

This is a very cold day. Ray King and his man Kesler stopped here enroute for Dick Hallidays and Kingston for the new horses he bought last week. They coal collars more trimmed one with white frost and they had cold noses, toses, feet and fingers. The result of their calling was a package of selected pieces of print for a quilt June had sent me. Edith gone to school.

Tuesday 13 February 1917

A terrible stormy day. Wind and snow. Ray K and his man returned with the beautiful matched team. Just called for a few minutes to warm. Storm raging all day cold dreary nasty weather.

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Wednesday 14 February 1917

A very fine day. not so cold, weather much warmer. V received a call at the phone if he wants pig feed to come for it. Leon McFarland, he drives to Kingston this day on ice to get feed before it is all gone. 1000 lbs shorts. Edith gone to school. Two Maloneys drove here inquiring for Voltie. Next came Will Niles for tools to fix their pump. Emma walked nearly to Horns then Horn met her after Liz took her silk skirt dress to mak. V came early. Joe helped chore supper and stayed all night.

Thursday 15 Feb 1917

A clear cold day. Voltie drawing straw alone no one to help him. Joe went home after breakfast. No! over to Sams to help Sam fill his ice house. Our dogs bark, bark, bark. Fido staid in house last night and slept in my rocker. Edith gone to school, walked, heard Mary is no better. Emma mopped dining floor. Frank Briceland drove in here for his dinner after V helped him load Joe Woodmans cow in his cow cage.

Friday 16 February 1917

A midling cold day. Voltie drew 3 loads of sand across the ice. Storming hard, snow flying cant see across the river. The storm cleared at sun set and V went to Maloneys party.

Saturday 17th February 1917

Our dancers came home at Daylight. Emma took of her silk attire and went to bed. on V's bed: I said E ought to have gone up stairs to her own bed. Then JD made a mistake which I'll never forget. Himself done the chores at the barn then took a short nap. Rachel working around washing breakfast dishes Nearly 2 O'clock and Emma not out of bed. Joe Woodman here to dinner & went to sleep at dinner table. Jay Reasoner in Watertown hospital. Not expected to live - appendicitis. Edith done her washing sun shining very brightly after noon. V drew one load of sand in p.m.

Sunday 18 February 1917

A very fine day for sun light but cold. A small ruction in the morn very early in which aunt R tried to have a fist in the business but as she was not down stairs she could only yell from her bed room down through the stove pipe hole. Heard by the phone that Jay Reasoner died last night at eleven O'clock in hospital Watertown. We were much surprised and delighted to see Muriel come in. I at first didnt know her, she brought me a picture of her house, grounds and building. A picture which I realy appreciate she told me about Johny. She staid till 3 pm. Heard by phone that poor dear Mary is very low.

Monday 19th February 1917

As cold as usual. Voltie drew two loads of sand this a.m. We were surprised by an unexpected visitor to dinner Will Cornwall who had not been here in many years. He swears and had been drinking too. Jim Kelsar drew V a load of sand which 22 loads. Henry came back from Doras to day. Edith walked to school this morning. Will Ranous brought the mail to the house. He drove down on the ice.

Tuesday 20th February 1917

A very fine day Edith at school. Will Niles and Tom Maloney here awhile. Voltie drew sand 3 loads which makes 27 loads.

Wednesday 21st Feb 1917

A very fine Day. We were just thinking about having no one here to dinner when Lo & Behold Will drove in here said he came for R. to say visiting. Will drove to school for Edith and brought Miss Langley too to Niles door.

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Thursday 22nd February 1917

A very fine day sun shines out clear and very brightly. Will went home taking R with him. Edith went to school. Will had not been gone long before Lib and Dolisan came so we had some one to dinner altogether.

Friday 23rd February 1917

A very stormy day but not too severely cold. Edith gone to school. Voltie fixing harness in the dining room making horse straps. Wind blowing and drifting all day. 5 feet of snow on and around the pump. Only ourselves at home all day.

Received letter from Grace wherein she tells me of cold weather and the scarcity of coal.

Saturday 24th of February 1917

A cold morning. Wind N.W. Samy & Joe here. Samy home from Watertown business school going to stay home. V gone over to Sam Woodman for his old pig. Samy staid to dinner.

Sunday 25th February 1917

A beautiful day. Sun so clear and bright shining. No one here till p.m. when Will Niles drove in here accompanied by Ambrose.

William is considerably intoxicated. I am sorry but with him it is an old and long acquired habit. Poor old Will his heart is all right, and generous, but when he is about "half seas over" he knows he's a gentleman genel-man [sic]

Monday 26 Feruary 1917

A dismal morning cloudy and thawing and raining. Voltie will not draw sand this day. This morning V found 4 new lambs at the barn. I send letter and a bundle of papers to post box by Edith, she wearing rubber boots lettter for Grace, bundle papers for Watson. Bert Ranous drove down on the ice and brought our mail to the door. Edith went to the road for my letter and bundle but to late for Ranous

Tuesday February 27th 1917

A cloudy morning, dismal and cheerless at same time it looks like clearing up. Spring will soon be peeking around the corner but not an egg so far nor a sign of any. Joe came to help V cut saw the pines.

The river spotted after yesterday soft weather, froze last night but not me.

Cold. Joe and Will Niles helping V fall the pines. The dear old pines are going to help build a barn. Voltie borrows Sam Woodmans sleigh to draw the logs to Clayton and goes for it to draw the pine logs to Clayton.

Joe, Voltie & Will load the logs for Clayton before supper.

Wednesday 28 & last of Feb 1917

A very fine day. V and W.N. drew or went to Clayton with saw logs one load came home to dinner then went again to Clayton with logs. Joe helped load up. One lamb died, starved. Emma mopped floors every thing nice warm and cozy. Emma baked beans after Ed picked them over. Ranous drove the road this day.

Thursday 1st March 1917

Another beautiful day. Voltie rose early and drove to Sams to return the borrowed sleigh. Will Niles brought a can of water from the river for the purpose of washing but dont know when the washing will be done. Work drags so. Emma partly done washing. Charley Gillespie drew four loads of sand from Sand bay and here to dinner & Will Niles also V drove over to S.W.'s again

Saturday 3rd March 1917

Will N went home and to the horse races accompanied by Wallace, Joe too went. V done Joe's chores. Emma cleaned for Saturday, made pies, dusted every thing. Thaw to day. V cleaned out the nests for the hens to lay eggs. 1 egg to day.

Sunday 4 March 1917

A misserable [sic] cold day no one here except Will Niles drove in here in cutter accompanied by Wallace. Will N very much intoxicated so didn't come in house, read most all day. V out looking after stock. One sheep got three lambs. I said no one here but Sammy Woodman and Sheridan here in house a few minutes wanting a rope for their ice boat. didnt sit down, one lamb of the tripplets [sic] died.

Monday 5 March 1917

A terrible cold storm of wind and snow blowing and drifting. Joe & Samy came down and helped Voltie do the barn chores and staid to dinner. Fido too. The telephone rang and V answered. Reggie phoned that his father died yesterday (Sunday) at 10 am. The funeral to be held in Kingston tomorrow at 2 Oclock p.m. Shocking and unexpected it came so suddenly but after all tis better poor Bob. I wrote Rachel and Edith Johnson.

Tuesday 6 March 1917

A clear bright cold day after the very stormy day of yesterday. Voltie gone to Kingston. Went up with Wallace N and terribly to write that they have gone to poor dear Bob's funeral. V done most of the chores before he went. Samy came down and watered the horses. Edith fed the bull calf. E & E & I are alone. I am so sorry. I cant think much of working. The winter stays yet. The longest continued cold weather ever rememer having lived through. We had bean soup and a good cup of black tea with sugar, milk & soda biscuits and butter. Emma picking over beans for supper. V came home just at dark didn't to Bobs funeral, arrived in Kingston to late instead he went to Dr Campbell.

Wednesday 7 March 1917

A clear bright day. Voltie gone to lawn for timber and lumber. George Woodman and Jack Niles also, they drew three loads of timber and lumber for V barn their three dinner cost V \$3,50. Received a letter from Grace. Will Niles arose in here and done Volties chores. Joe and Sam helped unload the lumber so there was 6 of them busy for awhile. Joe drew his cutter home. Kenneth Morgan started for school yesterday morning but instead going to school turned the other way and walked to Kingston without any of his people knowing his whereabouts and was not missed till the children came from school, then they rang up every one all over the foot in search of him but the result was no one had seen or heard from him, any way he fetched himself up at Lizzies

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about 3 pm having walked every step of the way and nothing to eat since breakfast. I think it was a long walk for a 8 1/2 year old yonker with short legs.

Thursday 8 March 1917

A cloudy not very cold day. Voltie started for Kingston at 7 1/2 O'clock am together with George Woodman, Joe Woodman and John OBrien, all going to draw material for building V's barn. Will Niles came over quite early. Delavson & Frank drove in here to just make us a little visit. They staid till V came home; have not seen Frank Bamford before in many years.

Friday 9th March 1917

Another cloudy morning not very cold. V preparing to go to Kingston again this morn. Voltie brought in a lamb came yesterday which needs nursing. I think the lamb will die and it died witch [sic] is three. Voltie came home early. Will brought in an egg, the first this year. V is much better. The afternoon very bright and warm. Voltie said he wouldnt go again to Kingston till Monday V had a bowl of bread and milk in Kingston for his dinner. Emma cleaned and pollished [sic] all the mekle on the stove

Saturday 10 March 1917

Froze again last night. Windows covered with frost. V had the new egg for his breakfast about 9 O'clock. Voltie concluded he would go to Kingston again to day for a load of shingles. he went after Will drove over to Sams for Volties straight sleigh talking Sams bob sleigh with him. Edith out this pm playing with shep [sic] and the sled. Emma mopped floors and made pies. I wrote a letter to Grace. A very fine day sun shining clear all day till towards night when it began to cloud. Samy made us a little visit with his loud hearty laugh and wishing there could be a dance somewhere

Sunday 11 March 1917

A nasty dark rainy day. two more dead lambs. Will N went home after breakfast came back about 3 pm all dressed up. drove over and asked Emma to go for a drive. He was very much intoxicated. Emma I think would have have been quite willing to go if nothing had been said against it. W.N. drove off up the Island. Emma and Edith walked up to J.N's for milk; walked back. Miss Langley came back with them and staid till bed time. Then Emma went nearly home with her carrying a lantern
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Monday 12 March 1917

I dont think I keep my diary in very good order for I can scarcely read some of my own writing.

Therefore I believe no one else can.

A bright very bright day. Snow dazzlingly white.

Will N came early while we were at breakfast.

The old cows didnt come last night but staid over around R's old straw stack. Edith gone over there to drive them home. W.N. gone up on Morgans point for a load of gravel.

V making a pigs trough. The sows tear them in pieces. Emma is getting dinner.

Eddie washed my feet too. Geo McDonald phoned to inquire if he should draw Voltie a load of shingles from Allens mills Kingston.

V said yes. Edith went over and drove the cows home: John and Sadie Murray here this evening till 10 pm. V and W drew hay from lower Barn. V phoned to John OB for his bobs, said yes, forgot to W.N & J.D. sawed down pine tree.

Tuesday 13 March 1917

Another brililant day. Wm went early to OB for bob sleighs then loaded log on sleigh and are gone to Clayton. V says he is better, I hope he is. I sent a letter to bell this morning by V. Edith gone to school. Emma and I are alone for a little while any way except cats and dogs. Turk and Shep keep their thundering barking gong on all the time. Emma baking johnny cake for dog cake.

Emma mopping. V in the evening drove to Flynns for milk. Will N put on over coat and went off somewhere for the evening. We were just going to bed. John unexpectedly came which was a great and happy surprise couldnt get sawing done in Clayton so brought the logs home again

Wednesday 14 March 1917

John came last night at 11 pm. A cloudy morning; froze last night but soon thaws. Voltie arose very early before day light ate a little breakfast and was off for Kingston before I was up. driving up the ice with the logs to be sawed. Will N came last night at 12 midnight had been across the river. He staid till after breakfast and nearly noon when he picked up and went home. V came home at 5 pm. bringing his lumber. Had been to see the Doctor and got more medicine. John went over to R place and drove home the cows then drove to OBriens with J.OB's bobs. I received two letters. Grace & Belle. Edith went to school. two eggs this 14th March.

Thursday 15 March 1917

A mild day; froze last night. This is butchering day, V has the help of John and Joe. V is much better. Srs! and Samy too is here with his long over coat on. Edith is home to day paring apples for our dinner sauce.

Friday 16 March 1917

A very good day. Voltie goes to Kingston with pig pork, 19 cts per lb weighed 476 brought home a lot of things but didnt pay his taxes

Saturday 17 March 1917

A Saturday bad day blows rains. John and V between showers draw three loads of gravel which make only 4 loads.

Sunday 18 March 1915

Weather bitter cold for march miserable
March weather. Edith take a trip to
Geo Niles finds no one at home
goes to Kehoes. V drives over to Vans
for oil. Emma goes along not gone
a long time. Gave Van 20 dollars for
old Al Percy for an old second horse
harness & brought home 12 gallons Kerosine.
Then V and Edith drives to Flynn's

Monday 19 March 1917

A cold half cloudy morning wind S.W.
John and V draw 4 loads of hay
from lower stack. Joe came to help saw
down the pine trees, but as J.D. & J.D.
were busy drawing hay didnt go sawing.

Tuesday 20 19 March 1917

A cloudy snowy morning. Another lamb dies
in the house last night which makes 6
dead lambs from 24, so there is 18
lambs remaining. Joe here reading V's
new farm book. Emma baking bread.
Voltie filing Will W's saw.
John repairing chairs. After dinner John
and Joe sawed the pines. Joe here to dinner
and supper. Card playing this evening.

Wednesday 21 March 1917

Sun crosses the equator [sic] on his home ward journey to us North and Spring begins to day.

Sun shining bright and clear. Edith

to school. Voltie & John drawing hay from the

lower barn. I send to letters one to a cement

co and another to a paint company both

Montreal. V and John brought or drew gravel

and there are now 7 loads of gravel. There

are 21 lambs now at the barn. 4 eggs.

Hannah gave V 2 gallon milk. A letter from

Belle, one from Isabel.

Thursday 22nd March 1917

Clear bright chilly. Froze last night. Edith gone

to school. John and Voltie drawing gravel

from Mabels. The fire in stove dont seem to burn

very clearly. Employed the pm in sorting old papers

and scraps; old letters &c. Some we saved some

we burnt, read a few of those old letters, some

makes me sad, those old letters of long ago. They

are gone those dear friend and I'll never see
them again on Earth. Oh why, why is it so!

Oh where and what is the mistery [sic]

the great mystery, and even the dear one

that yet remains that have not traveled to their

journeys end, (life journey) how seldom I

seem them. I have my dear Voltie, and my dear

Johny is here now; in a little while and he too

will be gone. I miss Belle, Grace and my

dear Wellie, dear good son whom I have not seen

in three years. Will comes to see us some time.

my dear brother Will. Some day the mist and clouds will have

rolled away. 7 loads of gravel to day which makes 14.

Wallace went away this night came to say good

bye. Poor dear Jane how sorrowful for her to see him

go

Friday 23rd March 1917

Froze last night. Sun shining but chilly.
Voltie and Johnny drawing gravel. Edith gone to
to school. 22 lambs now at the barn.

Saturday 24th March 1917

A bright day froze last night but sun
soon thaws the freeze and snow rappidly
disapearing. There are now 24 lambs
at the barn. There has been 30 lambs, one
sheep that had 3 lambs lost them all

Sunday 25 March 1917

A bright warm day. Emma and Miss Langley
walked over to Abjina McDolalds.
If they get wet feet, I'm not to blame, which I
think they will for how can they avoid doing
so. They returned at at sun set
accompanied by Eddie. Edith got dinner
and supper which was not much. I wrote
to Grace. John comes in saying there is
another calf at the barn which makes two now,
eight eggs to day from a hundred and twenty
hens.

Monday 26th March 1917

A very fine day snow nearly all disappeared.
John tapped trees; sap dont run very well.
I sent Grace a letter received one from Rachel
also one from Ethel Johnson, ice is poor great
hold in ice by Carlton Island, heard that 7
teams broke through the ice last Friday between
the villiage & city. V said another new
calf at the barn which makes three.

Tuesday 27 March 1917

A cloudy morning looks like rain &
does rain. Ed McDonald here early to
borrow a paint brush. Geo Rattray phoned
for 1/2 gallon paint oil. both requests satisfied.
Emma washing in kitchen. Edith
washed breakfast dishes. V & J working in
shop. John phoned to Mr GrantCape Vincent about
going to work for Grant 2nd April. beginning to
snow ground while in few minutes.

Wednesday 28 March 1917

Cloudy, squaly [sic], rain, wind snow
hail, a typical March day beside mid
march every where. V & J working in shop
and picking up arranging and straightening
every thing as far as they can for spring work.
Miss Langley to dinner and supper in evening.
E, E, and E went to Geo Niles came back at 10
Edith got dinner. Emma abed all a.m.
A letter from Alice Higgins. No other letters

Thursday 29th March 1917

A cloudy morning ground covered with snow. V arose early to draw hay while snow lasts, but breakfast was late, past 8 tis thawing; water running from roof.

Voltie and Johnny working in shop after drawing one load of hay. Voltie comes in saying another calf at the barn which makes 5 now. We sat up and read till 1/2 past 9 pm then retired. Dora's girls are boiling sap in their bush. Emma was talking with Dora over the phone.

Friday 30th March 1917

A cool morning sun shining. Voltie says sap will run to day. Edith picking over corn to hull. Edith gathered sap and we boiled it down. Sent Charlotte Gibson golden bantam corn. John carried it to the post box.

Saturday 31st March 1917

I patched and fixed Johns clothes, overalls and stockings. Emma washed, starched and ironed Johns shirts and other duds. The corn was put in the lye to hull and left so long in the lie it spoiled so threw the whole contents of the business away lye, corn and all. Emma cleaned the kitchen, pantry, dining room. Miss Langley called here for Emma to go with her to Horns. John done his washing in kitchen.

Sunday 1st April 1917

A cloudy foggy morning river with broken small pieces of ice floating down stream thousands. John prepared to leave and Voltie went with him to the Smith place. Fog so thick cant see across the river so they returned. John was intending to row across the river in Niles boat which Will N left here last fall.

Monday 2nd April 1917

A dull cloudy morning, river clear of ice. John went again across river this morning went in Will N's boat which was down by the lower boat house. Voltie alone again. V gave John his new rubber boots. There are 5 calves and 28 lambs.

Tuesday 3rd 1917

A very fine day. I wrote a letter to Grace. Emma washed in kitchen. Voltie drew hay from lower barn beside going to Jack N's for a can of sour milk which they phoned to him he could have. Edith gathers sap. Jack N went across river this morn and returned before dinner. I hope he got Volties rubber boots that he sent for by John

Wednesday 4 April 1917

A lovely spring day. I saw all the sheep and lambs this morning 53 of them as they went out into the pasture. Voltie carried the bees out this morning. One extinct hive filled with honey very fine. Emma is cleaning the veranda floor and moving the plants. I sent Grace a letter, hope she may get it. Voltie tried the plow this morning after drawing hay from lower barn. I received a letter from Irene K and glad that she sent me a letter, but I was really disappointed by not receiving a letter from Grace. Edith and Emma went to Mrs N's in evening and carried them honey. John didn't see Will N so left the \$5,00 dollars with the Niles family.

Thursday 5 April 1917

A cloudy day; not cold. V plowed after doing barn chores which are not few for one man to do alone. Emma brought in and sorted all the clean clothes. Edith went to Geo Niles for tabaco. I patched and darned socks and stockings and begin a letter to Charlotte. gather sap, another new milker which is 6 altogether but 4 are 2 year old heifers 1, 3 year old, and 1 cow. 26 eggs brought in to day, two more lambs which makes 90 homing lambs.

Friday 6 April 1917

Awoke this morning to find a foot of snow looks like terrible old winter again cant plow to day so V works away at some saturated hay stack drawing top home for cows. Went to JN's for sour milk. I write and post letter to Charlotte. received a letter from Watson, one from Rachel. None from Grace. Langley went home.

Saturday 7 of April 1917

A cold nasty morning, wind west
freezing this morning. Edith looking
after sap. Voltie to Mr Niles for milk.
Emma done Sat work as usual. Edith helped
do chores. I darn socks and stockings.
Joe in house few minutes & telephone are
ringing to announce church service tomorrow.
For the first time since Christmas; suppose
there will be a great turn out since there has
been no church service since last Christmas.
Sunday 8th of April 1917

Froze hard last night, sunlight, bright & clear.
I see one of the Maloney's are over. Maurice
I think. Maurice the pugilist. Lizzie Woodman
came, went to church with Emma came home with
her and staid to dinner and supper. Then in
the evening Edith and Emma accompanied by
Lizzie walked down to George Gillespies for Volties
rubber boots that Will Niles had brought over to
Geo Gillespie this a.m. Carley Gillespie phoned to Voltie
that the boots were there. I write a letter to IreneK.
The Preacher Mr Henderson didnt come to the church
to day. Therefore no preaching. The books are big heavey "yelly" things.
Monday 9th April 1917.

This is the anniversary of Grace's birth day 43 to
day. Emma ironed her white embroidered waste
and wore it to Mary Berry Burks silly party. V
went too. I am ashamed to say, and he scarcely
free from the Doctors percription [sic] and care, walked up
and back, excepting Emma only one girl there little
Lizzie Woodman; and the two old Burk women.
Two fiddlers and two male dancers beside Kid Burk.
They were Samy Woodman and McKnight,
Eddie McDonald here in Evening for a white rooster.

Tuesday 10 April 1917

Another frozen morning. Sap runs some. Emma brought in 1 1/2 pail. Voltie put it over to boil. 8 cows to milk now most of them are heifers. V working out door all day drawing manure on the orchard, plowing, drawing, some hay and doing a thousand chores. I dont do much work to day. I dont feel very well. My sock and stocking box that I kept under my work table is taken to hold dirty lamb and not another substitute in its place. I am thinking where I can find another small stocking box. upstairs or down cellar I suppose; two inaccessible places to me. Emma crochet yoke, a new one. I mend socks and stockings this p.m., sap boiling, on the stove. This p.m. cleared the dark closet upstairs of rubbish and swept the chamber all through, moonlight very clear and bright.

Wednesday 11 Apr 1917

A cloudy cool morning; froze some last night. sap boiling on stove. Emma crochet. Edith separates milk. Voltie out door hustling wrestling chores to get ready tackle, plowing or hay drawing. Voltie gathered sap, 2 pails full. Emma filled 2 honey crates, 48 sections and washed and packed all the eggs. Three of the lambs missing; think they fell over the bank into the river. Three lamb in the house. Only 27 now from 36 not much more to day only some Easter cards and The Standard. V out late looking for lost lambs can find no trace.

Thursday 12th April 1917

A cloudy morning. V arose early done nearly all the chores milked 8 cows &c. V took his umbrella, 11 doz eggs and 48 sections of honey. Emma drove to dock. There are some things that ought to be done but not sure they will be. Like gathering the sap, churning, washing separator, filling the honey crates. The sap was gathered, separator washed. Emma got a bad cold. Joe came and done the chores at noon, ate dinner, drove to dock for Voltie, helped V do the chores, staid to supper and then staid all night after Voltie and Joe were up till midnight doctoring two cows; both lost their calves, cows lived. V brought home groceries and other stuff from Kingston, another milk pitcher and two white agate bowls which makes 3 milk pitchers within a month. Couldnt hire Willie Watson he is going sailing with Geo Niles so he says. Voltie says Mary Anne has left Sinclair and his mother and is not going back there any more. V was talking with her.

Friday 13 April 1917

Awoke this morning to find the ground covered with a light fall of snow. Joe didn't get up till breakfast was ready. Joe to was up nearly all night to helping Voltie tho cloudy and dismal. I guess Voltie got one sick cow, guess she will die. Mail brought me a letter from Grace & John. Voltie works awful hard and no help. Skinned two calves to day. He went to bed quite early this pm.

Saturday 14th April 1917

A very cool cloudy day. Joe came down to help V get the cow on her feet but she wouldn't get up. Joe went home. I used up most of the day writing to Grace, E & E "horse du combat" never answer only with a snap and a growl. It must be terrible when folks feel that way. Poor V working away in the field all alone. Not any one to do a chore. Sap boiling on stove. Edith washed separator. Emma fixed the churn. Wind South and blown.

Sunday 15 April 1917

Cloudy. Preacher coming down to day. We didn't get up very early. E and E went to church. Preacher there but not very big con[gregation] Emma went to Keyholes with Lizzie. Voltie boiled the sap and made nearly 3 quarts of Syrup then brought more sap. I used up nearly all Saturday and this day writing to John and Grace. Emma said she'd be back by six O'clock but returned after dark. Orville here awhile we retire early.

Monday 16 April 1917

Wind South chilly. Edith brought in more sap. Voltie went to Jacks for milk late when he began plowing; he plowed 3 or 4 lands. I drank prepared postum it made me sick, wont drink any more postum. wrote and sent Ben Watson a letter, Grace a letter and John a letter.

Tuesday 17 Apr 1917

A very fine day froze last night so sap is running again to day.

V plowing. Lot work done

this evening, churned a took care of the butter, washed, skim, cut up a ham to fry for dinner, put up honey in crate for

Thursdays market all done by 11 pm

Wednesday 18th April 1917

Cloudy this morning but soon changes to bright warm sunlight. After chores all done which are numerous. Voltie goes to field to plow. Emma frying ham all am. V brings beans to the house, in vine. I pick them off the vines and shake the beans for dinner. Voltie plows a little few furrows in the garden for potatoes, lettuce &c. Emma after helping V milk makes 6 more prints which makes 12. I should think Rachel would come home. She been gone since 21st February. One sheep came home with a broken leg. V splintered it together after dark, with girls holding lantern. I have not been very well for nearly two weeks.

Thursday 19 of April 1917

A little cloudy this morning but changes to a beautiful day, warm sun bright day. V gone to Kingston on boat carrying butter, eggs, honey 3 hides (calf). I send a letter to Belle, mend the stockings.

Emma boils down the last sap and makes sugar. Emma made tomato soup for dinner. Joe is going for Voltie this p.m. Everything is so spring like, grass is getting green. Joe drove for Voltie. He came bringing every thing sent for wall paper ceiling and bordering for hall chamber, coffee, garden seeds and 40 other things to numerous to mention. look like rain away off in south.

Friday 20 April 1917

A nasty wet rainy day. Joe here to dinner and Supper. Not any very great deal, all done in doors. Voltie out working all day.

Saturday 21 April 1917

Preacher Henderson here this pm. Gave me a formula for making coffee. Emma went to make Lizzie Woodman a visit and stay all night, choir practice there this evening.

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Sunday 22nd April 1917

Rachel came home to day.

A fine day. Emma stays all night with Lizzie Woodman and comes home after church accompanied by Miss Langley, she stays till 9 O'clock pm then Em with lantern sees her home. so ends the day after a playing & singing time on piano.

Monday 23

Another very fine day. Mrs Lizzie Redic surprised us by making us a visit.

Staid all night.

Tuesday 24

Lizzie Redic went to Mabels this p.m.

Wednesday 25 Apr 1917

Another cool morning. Voltie has so many barn chores to do it make the time late when he goes to field to work. 12 cows to be milked, 9 calves to be fed. After has to draw hay from stack, 10 hogs to feed, 4 horses to look after, 50 sheep and lambs to to [sic] look after beside working in shop repairing harness and tools. Churning, making prints for market, cooking, getting the meals. V sowed 4 bushels of wheat this day.

Thursday 26 Apr 1917

Voltie arose very early this morning milked the cows (12) fed 9 calves with the rain pouring. Emma going to Kingston to market with 21 lbs butter, 13 doz eggs. rained so wet Voltie cant work in field. he drove to dock with Emma and her market baskets. 35 cents now for boat fare. Fire in stove low, not much wood. Rachel went out and gathered coal from under the cellar window and V came home from dock with Emma and all her purchases, gay & happy. 48 eggs to day. Joe & Sam ate supper here. Jim Morgan visit her at noon.

Friday 27th April 1917

A cloudy cool morning after the rain of yesterday. Every thing in disorder around the rooms this morning. Emma working around like a heroine. Rachel out gathering coal from the ground to build a good fire. 38 cts for butter, 32 for eggs. Voltie again drawing hay this a.m. Maybe it is to wet to work in full. Mrs Anne Michea very sick. Another lamb at the field. Received a letter from John.

Saturday 28 April 1917

A sort of a cool cloudy morning. Voltie thinking about planting potatoes to day. Rachel fussing around with breakfast dishes.

Sam and Joe here helping Voltie get the sick cow on her feet. R making more macaroni stew. I dont think I like it the way she cooks it. V plowed a little more in the garden.

E & E planted two rows of potatoes. V went to field to work. I mend stockings and mittens. Emma in pm fills the flower boxes with dirt. Edith does barn chores. Joe & Samy help V get the sick cow on her feet.

Then in evening V rings them to come and go spearing for fish. They come, gone till 11.30 pm. Only 5 small fish

to early to go spear fish in the marsh.

After dinner Edith goes over to R's domicil to clean out her hen house and make straw nests. came home and reported a terrible looking hole on account of rats, mice and squirrels destroying her groceries garden, seed break on her dishes and scattered things everywhere and tore up things in general. They had entire possession.

Sunday 29th April 1917

A beautiful warm day. Sun bright and clear no wind river like a mirror all day all day

Will N passed up here in skiff to Jacks and back again didn't look towards house. Edith and Emma go to church in pm. Only a few at church. Edith sang in choir. Samy and Joe ate dinner here.

Monday 30 April 1917

Great appearance of rain last night and this morning but the day changed as it advanced towards noon to a sunshiny warm beautiful working day in field or in house. Rachel rode over with V to hoe out her house. Came back with V to dinner and brought a pail of dandelions which she picked over and cleaned for supper. Emma churned, made bread. Worked in garden after dinner. Lib sent Rachels dress over and Geo Gillespie gave it to R when he met her on the road. Voltie working on the field for oats. Wrote and sent a letter to John and received one from Belle. Emma plants potatoes after dinner. Voltie after dark moved R's hens home.

Tuesday 1st May 1917

Rained in night cant work in field to day. Rachel picking up her things to move home, such a load! She didnt go. Turns rather chilly and disagreeable this morning after the beautiful yesterday, rained in night. V cant work in field. Joe and Sam in shop. Mrs Michea very sick at Hiram's Oh the gossip [sic] of the neighbors about Rob and Sinclair taking her immediately to Hiram's every time she has a sick spell when Mabel has one constant invalid on her hands all time that is Hiram's father. Wind East and blowing. The white horses chasing each other to day surely This is a sudden change from yesterday. Edith goes to R's to feed and water her hens twice. Ed gathered 15 eggs for R and 15 for us.

Wednesday 2nd May 1917

A cold disagreeable day, rains dark and dreary, but such day's come, cant work the field to day. Joe Woodman out to shop. V skimmed. The yearling bull it died last night. Emma trimmed the wall paper, worked and packed the butter for summer. Rachel washing dishes. Edith looking after R's hens and drawing up the sheep and lambs which is an every day business for her "Little Bo Peep". Received a letter from Grace, snows this pm, nasty wether [sic] for May only 14 eggs for us 17 eggs for R.

Thursday 3rd May 1917

Cold morning. West wind. V and E & E doing chores, Voltie plowing garden for potato planting. Rachel and Emma washing breakfast dishes, snow again this morning. Edith out picking up potatoes from where V is plowing potatoes that were not dug last fall. picked up more than half bushel. Miss Langley brought Edith's potatoes and aster seeds for her school fair garden. Edith and Emma planted more potatoes this pm. cold all day. Emma cut rags for a rug. Edith goes to Rachel to feed and water her hens and gather the eggs twice this day. V leaves the sheep out this night, except the smallest lambs. I write a long letter to Grace. Mrs Michea no better. 23 eggs for us 14 for Rachel.

Friday 4th May 1917

A very fine day. Wind South. Rachel moved home this am bag and baggage, dog and all. Took Edith with her to wait on her and straightened up. Madeline came for Edy to go to school house and flower gathering in the woods. went to R's for Edy. She came. Emma gave them cake for their lunch and away they went gay and happy. V cultivating with 4 horse team this pm. I send a letter to Grace and receive one from Grace also in which is inclosed a letter from Reginald to his mother. Edith came home from her picnic well pleased, with her hands full of woodsy wild flowers.

Saturday 5 May 1917

Awoke this morning to find the rain falling air chilly grass growing green, no leaves on the trees. Stopped raining. Voltie went to field to work. Edith over helping Rachel carried honey and milk. Preacher Henderson called at Rachels and chopped wood for Rachel. Voltie sowed 12 bushels of oats this day. not much grain sowed so far to this date, 4 bushels wheat, 8 bushels barley, 12 oats. Emma & I prepared (scraped & cleaned 7 honey supers for sections. Emma baked bread again at midnight. cold chilly weather all week, since last Monday evening. R gave Edith 25 cts for her day work. Emma cleaned floors.

Sunday 6 May 1917

Cloudy morning again. Voltie up early. couldnt sleep on account of aching pain in left arm. church service this am Emma & Edith go church. after service, Emma and Lizzie Woodman drive from church to Sam Woodmans to make a Sunday visit. Edith comes home and after awhile gets dinner. then the Preacher, Mr Preacher Henderson comes and stays to supper and all night and talk talk

Monday 7 May 1917

Preacher Henderson went away about 9,30 am went up to Jack's for his dinner stepping off as spry as a young man tho by appearance he must be over 80. A board meeting of women at the church this p.m. at 2 O'clock. Emma went only 2 there beside herself and the preacher, Maude Gillespie and Isabelle Joslin. Organizing Sunday schools & Ladies Aide. V working in field all day & working to late for comfort about doing chores. I received a letter from Gracie Cheevers Voltie, Joe, and Sam went spearing returned at 1/2 past 12 midnight. Emma talking on phone to Edith Bates. Howard here to dinner. R sent over a mess of dandelion greens. E cleaning and papering up stairs

Tuesday 8 May 1917.

Another beautiful day like last week ago yesterday River quiet warm so beautifully bright and warm like July which we had for dinner and supper. Rachel came over with Voltie and cleaned the fish after eating her dinner she brought on a cans of pears which we had to dinner. Emma papering hall in chamber

Wednesday 9 May 1917

Another fine day. Voltie working in the field over on Rachels sowing oats. She came over to dinner. Not very well. Emma cleaning parlor. The veranda is filled up with chairs and a thousand other trash which has been unloaded from the parlor. Another calf. A wee heifer calf. V says she gives about a teacup full of milk. R sent over some fish that Howard had brought her, a small pike all cleaned & salted ready for frying. Voltie got a lame back but works all the time.

Thursday 10 May 1917

Another fine day. The sun shining through a hazy atmosphere. Voltie gone to the field over by R's to sow oats. He got rheumatism in hips. Emma cleaning parlor. House looks little old Dickens. When She get all cleaned polished varnished and completed every part of his house will look fine. R came over with V and staid all night. Got a pain in side heard that Mrs Bary has a stroke. Mrs Michea no better. Hiram Joslin fell from wagon and wheel ran over his ankle.

Friday 11 May 1917

A very disagreeable [sic] day for weather in am. Rahel went home with V when he went over there to work in pm, came back at pm 5 Oclock. Emma cleaned V's bed room and every thing in Vs room looks fine.

Saturday 12 May 1917

A very cool morning but clear sun trying to warm up. Wind west and not blowing much. E work and packed the butter then fixed the churn. Every one takes a hand at the churn. R washes dishes. V gone to the field to work leaving R here. She washed breakfast dishes and milk pails. Edith washed separator and it is to be put away for the summer. Emma dug dandelions for dinner. R goes home after dinner on wagon. V finishes up over there, used the separator again. V got rheumatism yet. Emma worked all day like a heroine. Edith drove home the cows.

Sunday 13 May 1917

A very cool morning and somewhat cloudy. The clouds clear away and the day proves fine. Emma and Edith go to church after dinner. Lib and Van come over. Lib goes directly to Rachels. Delavan stops here. When E & E return from church, they are accompanied by Lizzy Woodman Woodman and Miss Langley therefore we had music all pm till supper time. Lib came over from Rachels. Rachel came also. Emma was so late about the tea, that Van and Lib wouldn't stay. Will Niles and Tom Maloney came too and staid awhile. After supper more music. Then Emma goes out to help Voltie milk. and then after dark all go part way home with Lizzie as far as Rachels to carry her some milk. After they return Miss Langley goes home alone. Lib came over to Rs for hens but went home without them. V troubled a bad as ever with rheumatism

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Monday 14 May 1917

A bright cool morning. Voltie badly afflicted with rheumatism but works all the time. Voltie goes to the factory with the milk for the first time this spring. V hitched up 4 horse team and proceeded to cultivate. Old Ben horse stumbled and fell down in dead furrow. Joe and Sam helped him get the old "Cutter" up and ate dinner here. Rs Rachel came over pm bringing the peas for V to sow. The peas she brought of Geo Gillespie. Jen wrote R a letter which R brought over. She wrote that Willie might be drafted. The very thought of such a thing is awful. This day George Ranous brought to me the postage stamps; 51 cts in stamps! Voltie, Joe and Samy gone spearing this evening. return at midnight with Ells [eels], suckers, and rock bass. Dr Campbell came down to day to attend Mrs Michea.

Tuesday 15 May 1917

Froze quite hard last night. Joe helping Voltie in the field. Ells [eels] for dinner. I put beef cooking. R came over and staid all night. V and Joe & Samy went spearing again didn't get much Emma sowed flower seeds. I sowed Red peas, tomato seeds and a few other seeds mostly old seeds.

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Wednesday 16 May 1917

Ought to have churned yesterday, instead churned this pm towards night which make it to late to send to market tomorrow. Rachel walked home towards evening. V planted potatoes.

Thursday 17

Arose at 4 O'clock am. Em going to Kingston with 17 doz eggs & 24 sections honey. V drove to dock stopped for Rachel she going too. V finished [sic] grain sewing over there. Edith & I do house work. Edith made two pies and a cake. She done very to day. V drove for them at boat time. R came right along and staid all night bringing all her groceries.

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A cool cloudy day.

Rachel after breakfast went home. Emma driving over there with milk cart carrying her purchases that she bought in Kingston yesterday. V planting potatoes all am. Some one of this family stole one of Rachel bannas, so she say. Poor Edie she may have done it but she says she didn't but R insists that she did. Oh what a fuss about a small thing like the missing of a banna.

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Saturday 19 May 1917

A very fine day. Wind South. Voltie doctoring old Ben again. Joe & Samy and Ed Maloney helped Voltie get Ben on his feet and he appears much better but after dinner when Voltie went to turn old B out he stubbed his old foot and fell down again. Joe, Samy and Ed here to dinner. Emma papered up stairs. Last night Voltie and Edith went spearing. Caught 5 ells, one sucker and a rock bass. Joe, Samy and Edd after dinner went to Jack N's to help move his store, came back and helped V draw hay from the barn on the Smith place then helped V get old B on his feet again. I washed dishes and helped around all I could.

Sunday 10 May 1917

A very fine day but cool. E and E go to church, came home and after dinner go to Mrs John Niles for a while. Mrs Niles gave them two pike. Shelly and her 5 children there. Came back. Then Miss Langley came after supper. E & E & Miss Langley went down to Louise's and staid till after dark. E & E went nearly home with her. Dont know what Voltie done but he was out nearly all day.

Monday 21 May 1917

V plowed with Duke and Kit for corn ground. Emma papering the hall up stairs. The rooms downstairs Kitchen and dining room in great disorder but after awhile it will be all straightened out. Received letter from John

Tuesday 22nd May 1917

rains some. Jo here and helped Voltie clean 4 bushels of wheat the last of the wheat V going to carry it to mill Thursday. Joe here to dinner. Cant work in field nor garden. Voltie works in shop after going to factory

Wednesday 23rd May 1917

A rainy morning cant work in field nor garden this day. V works in shop.

Thursday 24 May 1917

Voltie arose early at 4 am. He is going to Kingston. The weather is cold and the rain is falling the wind is blowing from the South West. Voltie and Emma milked 13 cows. Voltie went for Joe to drive to Dock and factory for the weather is to rough for Emma to drive to the factory and dock this morning. Joe here to breakfast after coming from the dock. E & E doing all the other chores watering 4 horses, pigs to be fed and lambs to be fed. Joe sawed wood and the girls brought it in. Grain cant grow this weather. Emma talking to Edith Bates by telephone. Joe said his grandmother Mrs Michea is no better. Emma drove to dock for Voltie. He came cold and hungry. Then after supper they done the chores, milked the cows etc.

Friday 25 May 1917

The sun is out bright this morning but very cool. After breakfast and chores done V drove to dock for his ensilage seed corn. Emma packed the butter then went to work cleaning the cellar to get ready to carry all the butter down cellar, after washing all the breakfast dishes, taking Edith with her to help. I called Edith many times to carry the mail to the mail box before it was too late. She came up mad as usual. I had an awful row with her to get her started to the mail box. Then at last Emma was obliged to come from the cellar to force her to go with Voltie's mail. I sent a letter also to Grace. I really don't know what to do with Edith. She is a terrible problem. She grows worse instead of better with her loud voice and nasty saucy tongue; but I am sorry for her all the same. but what to do, I don't know, she does torment me so. I can't nor don't want to send her back. What would become of her with her bad tongue and bad disposition. Oh poor Edith! but I'll try and endure it while I live. But it is not very good medicine for my head. My head aches and throbs like a trip hammer. Voltie is plowing in the field; twelve o'clock and no dinner. After dinner the domestic atmosphere clearing somewhat. E & E set onions multipliers. I receive a letter from Grace in which is enclosed 2 of her letters from Reginald. Towards night Voltie goes to lower barn for hay. The afternoon cheerless cold. V went over and chopped wood for Rachel.

Saturday 26th May 1917

a very cool morning and cloudy. Nearly June and the weather is bad for making garden. Edith went to Rachels carrying her milk and my cosmopolitan. Howard here for Golden Bantom seed corn for his uncle Jack and helped Emma saw wood. Emma carrying the butter down cellar. V plowing for corn. Emma cleaning wood work in kitchen. Edith helping her. Irene washes a double portion of dishes, last night supper dishes and breakfast dishes also dinner dishes 46 knives, forks, spoons, plates, platters, cups, saucers, pans, pots, kettles, pitcher, frying pans, baking pans, sauce dishes, porridge dishes. Emma & Edith lugged a bag of flour up stairs, but the routine of usual Saturday work completely knocked out. Things look pretty rough around here. Sheridan came over and went with Voltie, Joe, Sam, spearing for fish, speared 16 eels and other kinds of fish. This is Seridan's first lesson in spearing.

Sunday 27th May 1917

Sun bright, but weather very cool; wind blowing from N.W. quite briskly. Cows have got out and gone over on Niles; V gone for them. E & E feeding calves. Emma soon cleaned things up and now the dining room looks quite respectable for Sunday. Edith cleans herself up and goes visiting to Jim Morgans, stays till near sunset. Excepting Laura Babcock no one here to day. Joe Woodman in the house a few minutes; didn't sit down. Edith came home with her head & heart completely filled with her visit. Jimmy had taken them all to Howe Island in motor tour he went to take Alden and young Duseol back to home. Alden working on Howe Island.

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Monday 29th May 1917

The same kind of cool cloudy weather.

V fixing fence to keep our unruly cows at home in pasture. R's two rampageons beasts are the leaders, but they are spoiling the other cows fast enough. They break the fence down first go up the road past the church. Then sometimes Joe dogs them back then they go down the road. Rachel dogs them back then they go around the water fence on Niles meadow and V has to go for them. I send two

Magazines to Eveline and a letter to Miriam

Then towards Night Rachel come over and stays all night. V this morning drew two cans

of water from the river. We all know ever detail and item of Edith's Morgan visit. What they all said and to the smallest fraction from James himself and Mrs James to the wee baby; some of the details as quite interesting and some to insignificant to mention.

Tuesday 30th May 1917

Another cool cloudy day . Emma trying to wash and such a washing. So many clothes have accumulated in a short time. V drawing hay from the lower barn and fixing fence. Old Ben horse feeding in front yard and has either fell down, or laid lain down. Tis three O'clock pm and the calves not fed to day, but talk talk stand around. Mrs Jack Niles has a birth day party. Emma attends the party and gives her one of her beautiful vegetable dishes.

Wednesday 30 May 1917

A nice war. Emma washing again to day lines strung full of clothes. V built fence in a.m. cultivated corn ground p.m. Edith running after cows. I write and send letter to Grace and Barkee. Edith sowed asters. V phoned. R's garden. V gave Samy .50 cts for going to Rislerr with V to drive bull.

Thursday 31st May 1917

A very fine morning. V rose early hustling around getting ready to go to dock for the potatoes he bought last Thursday by the Wolfe Island. He bought one bag for which he paid 6 dollars big bag of potatoes. Tis an awful price to pay for a bag of potatoes. Voltie got rheumatism in left arm pains terribly. Cultivated for corn, not much washing done to day nor any thing else. Some out door choring old Ben down again by the consession. Had to move the old staging to get old Ben up. Samy helped V get him on his feet again. Looks like rain. Emma brought in the clothes from the line.

Friday 1st June

Rained last night a little. Dark and cloudy this morning. V gone to factory. Emma clearing husks from onion sets, while V is gone to factory before breakfast. Poor dear Emma is Horse De combat. Emma painted kitchen floor finished painting up stairs washed, brought water from river. Voltie finished corn ground cultivating and now has it all prepared for planting monday. V going to Kingston tomorrow to see about concrete mixer. Emma baked bread. Edith carried milk to Rachel. Rec'd a letter from Grace but did not get the garden seeds yet from Buckbees, sent for them 2nd of May and this is 2nd June and have his card of acknowledgement that he received my order all right.

Saturday 2nd June

V up at 4 O'clock going to Kingston to day. Joe going to drive to factory with Volties milk. V phoned to John OBrien asking him if he was going to Kingston to this morning in motor, said yes & Voltie can go with him. After breakfast Voltie walked across the island to Johny OBriens. Oh the rooms a horror to look at; the dining room, pantry, my bedroom, front veranda, and wee sitting room. Emma washing and hanging out more clothes this morning.

Sunday 3rd June 1917

A very fine day no church service. Emma & Miss Langley met at church and went from there to Abyina McDonalds visiting where they staid all day. Eddie brought them back after dark. Emma says they had a most enjoyable time went to woods to gather flowers and away up the island. Eddie took them for drive out We had visitors also. Madaline & Myrabelle Morgan here all p.m. Sent them home very happy at sundown with a basket of several little articles honey, pie plant, old magazines, sun flower plants &c Voltie doing all chores alone milked 13 cows.

Monday 4 May 1917

A very fine day. V shearing sheep. Samy and Joe here digging trench for the new barn. Received the seeds from Buckbee. Rachel came over staid all night. Harold Dignum here in evening. He planting for R and she received a letter from Johndrow saying Ethel very sick with pneumonia. Sam and Joe here to dinner, diging trench for barn. Sent G a letter

Tuesday 5 May 1917

Another cloudy chilly day. Samy & Joe here dig drench, dinner here to. Maurice Maloney here too. ate supper. V finished shearing sheep 25 all together beside 33 lambs. R walked home after dinner.

Wednesday 6th May 1917

A very fine day. Trees beautifully green with leaves and bloom. I think this is the very tug of life. Emma cleaning my bed room and four men here to cook for and intending to go to Kingston tomorrow and going to have a bee to draw stone Friday. Received a letter from June King saying Ethel very sick. Emma received a letter from Reginald. Received every womans World Farmers Magazine for Joe and Samy here to dinner also Maurice. Samy got cramps. V gave him phosphates. Joe & Maurice here to supper. Samy went home. Emma done big days work papering my bed room, baked bread and an apple pie for tomorrow dinner.

Thursday 7 May 1917

Arose early. V. & Emma gone to town. Emma carrying eggs. V carrying wool. Weather warm every thing growing; apple trees full in bloom or nearly so, river still not a ripple. Cloudy misty. One flash of lightning only came to brighten my bed room. I didnt sleep well. Awake all night and now I'm so sleepy, I can scarcely hold open my eyes. Maurice helps milk and drives to dock and factory, then chops some wood. Edith got dinner and supper. Maurice, Joe and Samy here to their meeals. Maurice drove to dock for V & E. R came over and (washed) rode back with Maurice. A hot day. A beautiful day.

Friday 8th Juen 1917

A very hot day. Emma yesterday bought a lot of stuff muslin for curtains etc. groceries.

Saturday 9th June 1917

Work goes on as usual. Maurice goes over to Hallidays after Sat work we done. He invited Emma to go along too. Emma dont go.

Sunday 10 June 1917

A rainy Sunday. Rain pouring down all day. No one here. Volties clothes wet in evening and after dark. Voltie goes with lantern in hand to see how Rachel. Finds her abed, and the floor covered with lime plaster and water. Couldnt chop any wood for her it is so late and raining hard.

Monday 11 June 1917

V received a phone message from Clayton that Ethel Johndron died last night. poor dear so young and so hard worked, ambitious to have every thing in order and now she is gone and left all her work and three little children. V went and told R. She came over Voltie in wagon staid all night.

Tuesday 12 June 1917

A very hot day. V got a stone bee a lot of teams here. John Murray, Tom & Willie Dignum, Rube, Jack, Niles, Joe & Samy Woodman, Jim Kehoe, Charley Gillespie, Dick Kesler, Maurice Maloney, Will Niles, Clifford Henderson, Rodney Pike, Eddie McDonald, R came over and staid all night again.

Wednesday 13 June 1917

A clear bright hot day. Voltie gone across this morning to Ethels funeral. Dont like to write this so sad and sorrowful. Maurice drawing stone. R gone home this morning bax dog this and all. She is sick, heart complaint or some think. R came over didnt' stay all night; to many here Joe, Samy, Maurice, Miss Langley. Maurice drew stone all day

Thursday 14

No one went to town from here to day. In pm V & Maurice planted in garden

Friday 15

Will Gillespie came up this morning to frame the barn so now there are two men here beside V to cook for. Maurice & Will Gillespie.

Saturday 16

Wm Gillespie here again to day. Same work going on as yesterday. After supper Maurice dresses up very fine & shares powders, brushes and shines his boots, and goes over to Hallidays courting, Edith Bates. Samy and Miss Langley go to Kingston. I guess they are courting too. Louise's girl here. Laura Babcock. Emma papers the dining room

Sunday 17 June 1917

Sunday a very fine day. I write and send a letter to Belle. No one here except Madaline and Myrabelle pm when Emma, Edith, Madaline, Myrabelle go down to Annie Kehoes to see the baby; they return to supper then go home. Emma. V found the old sick cow dead so he had to draw her out and bury her. Another new milker and the last for this year. The holstein a big bull calf wich [sic] V is raising from a fine cow.

Monday 18 June 1917

I sent a letter to Belle by the Rev Mr Henderson who came very unexpectedly and staid to dinner. Also a Mrs Andre and a boy came from Kingston to run the concrete work for the barn. Maurice returned from courting very early this morning. R came over, this pm; walked over and walked out to the kitchen and ate dinner with the men then rode home with William Gillespie. V and the men moved the small cook stove to the front veranda for the summer.

Tuesday 19th June 1917

This is a very fine day. Gillespie came early. Emma done big days work finished house cleaning. Edith too done a lot of work, got wood, brought water and a lot of other chores. Emma goes land motoring with Jack and AnnieJaneJohn and Lois

Wednesday 20 June 1917

Gillespie here early to work. Emma sends two letters, one to Reginald, one to Stella Niles. Weather somewhat showery. The pet lambs, the nuisances half grown sheep now are eating every thing to destroy. I see one of them eating & trimming off every leaf from the rose bush that I've watched so long to see it bloom. After supper Maurice goes over to Hallidays again, courting again I suppose. He goes while Dora is in hospital. I receive a letter from Grace but I send none. rains some. V had to fix the engine to mixer. R came over.

Thursday 21st June 1917

A bright cool day. 8 men here to get dinner for, Wm Gillespie, 2 men from Kingston, Maurice Maloney, Stewart Murphy, Hiram Joslin, Joe & Samy.

Voltie gone to Kingston to see Cunningham and and buy eatables for these men. Not much done except cook and eat these days. Emma finished her crochet underwaist just fine. Joe drove to dock for V and he comes with provisions enough to last awhile. It was Sheridan drove for Voltie, not Joe. E, E and Langley went to Flynn's in punt. The two Kingston men went across the river in V's punt and out to St Lawrence for me

Friday 22 June 1917

A very fine day. V arose early and called Maurice from bed to row across home for Ed and Sherd came back in time for breakfast. Ed brought them over in motor and went home again. Sheridan remained to help V. 8 men including Voltie to cook for to day. In the evening Sheridan, Maurice, and Joe go to Flynn's to visit and play cards. The old pig had 4 piggies a disappointment. We expected 12 or more but 4 is better than none. Concrete work goes slow.

Saturday 23 June 1917

A fine day, Just a beautiful breeze from South. Eight men to cook for to day; work moves slow cant get men enough. Emma working like a heroine. meals on time. everything all right. V paid off Mr Andre and his boy \$30 dollars for their week work. They all go home. V let Maurice have 5 sections honey at 16 cts per section. I send M and Gillespie books, 9 of them by her dad. Sheridan wouldnt take any pay for his work. V & Samy went over to corners in the skiff for shirts & overalls, returned at midnight

Sunday 24th June 1917

Wind West, quite breezy but a very fine day, trees in full leaf now and beautiful beyond description. Emma and Eva Langley went with Samy to visit Dora Halliday and family. Voltie says that he borrowed Samy to drive with the girls to Dora's. So Sam not only lent himself but his horse and buggy, and very glad of the opportunity. We did not rise very early this morn. Miss Langley staid here all night. V brought in two nearly rippened strawberries this morning. Oh I wish Grace or Belle were here or better still, both of them. I dont see them more than once a year and my dear boy Wellie never; no more not since that winter after his father died. Any my Johny. I wish John would come home a live with us altogether. He needs a home, and he has got it if he would only accept. He and Voltie need each other. Voltie too stays out nearly all day to day. Emma came home between 9 & 10 pm Had Doctor for Dora, Dr Bogart from Kingston. E & Langley and E Bates & Maurice Maloney went to Kinston when they carried the Doctor home to Kingston. Our Sunday visitors were Miss Olive Jones and Wm Niles here to supper. V milked the cows alone except three which Edith milked. Edith got a good supper and washed the dishes. All abed when Emma came.

Monday 25 June 1917

Looks like rain this morning and does rain. Well the rain is needed but I'd like to the barn going up, the work going on. Edith went to Rachels with milk says Rachel is better. Wind blowing a gale. I always think of Reggie when the wind blows our dear Reginald away from us all, so far far away on the lakes and only 16 years old. I dont know what our men folks will or can do to day. Voltie, William and Maurice. Maurice came from Hallidays.

early this morning in time for his breakfast

Tuesday 26 June 1917

Draw gravel from Smith place nearly all day.

Voltie says enough now. Only Maurice &

Will here to dinner. Cloudy and Cool & Windy

all day rains little. Rachel came over along towards

Sunset, came just while we were done eating

supper. no appetite cant eat. drank lemon

ade. Edith and Emma went to Jaks N.

Rachel waited till they returned for Edith to

go home with her. She went, and staid all night

come home after breakfast was over but ate

before the dishes were picked up.

1917 June 27 Wednesday

This is Wednesday all right a picknic in

the same old place at Bob Smith's grove.

Edith went with Jack Niles in car automobile.

We are half expecting Mrs Will Ranous to

dinner. A fine day, breezy from South, warm

bright sunlight just an ideal day for a picknic.

Jack is coming after dinner with his motor car

for Emma to go to picnic to.

I wish one of my daughters were here or both.

Oh I dont know why I should wish for them

so much. I guess because they are mine and I'm

like all mothers longing, hoping, wishing for her

children because I'm alone so much and live so

far from them and go no where. Oh I wish

Wellie would come home, been so long since I've

seen Wellie. And my Poor Johny I dont know

how he happened to be as he is. He was good

and wrote to me this Spring twice or three

times and now he is gone. I dont know

where.

The girls came home early in time
to get supper for they could find nothing
there to eat. Ate it all up for dinner.

Well after supper and dishes washed, Miss Langley,
Louis's nurse Olive Jones, Miss Spence, Ed Maloney
and a Palmer fellow from over the way, Joe and
Samy, Will Niles and two Maloneys Ed & Sheridan.

V played mouth organ for them to dance, went home
at midnight "The witching hour of night, when
ghosts troop home to church yards"

[hearts scribbled in a line]

Thursday 28 June 1917

Another fine day breezy, Hope there may be no
drought for every thing is growing so finely now.
Voltie, Wm N, Maurice and Will Gillespie are working at the
barn.

[various additions scribbling]

Friday 29 June 1917

A day of rain and
wind commenced raining sometime in night and
continued nearly all day. A dance at Arthur Hendersons.
Joes takes Emma. Maurice goes over
to Hallidays for Edith Bates. Samy takes Miss Langley.
Voltie milks nearly all the cows
alone this p.m.

Saturday 30 June 1917

A very fine day only a shower now and then. Emma came home at day light, weary sleepy and a sore throat sleeps awhile. Voltie got a cold too. Will Gillespie and Maurice here and that is all. W Dixon came over and you may believe we were glad to see them. Will says Lena & Louise are coming Monday. Emma cleaned floors etc, cooked meals etc

Sunday 2nd 1917

A fine day. Louise hired girl here nearly all day; a big fat coarse girl, bold and forward not at all bashful nor shy. Emma goes out driving with the cheesemaker Mr Clarence Ogle when they return V puts Ogle's horse in stable and Mr Ogle stays to supper. They all adjourn to the music room and play piano and phonograph till I'm sick of it all. The Babcock stays till long after dark then Ogle drives down to Louise with her.

Monday 3rd July 1917

A beautiful day, breezy wind South Will D and Will N and WillG, Dick Keslar, A Brown and A. Goslin fellows working here at Barn. Mrs Will Ranous drove in here to dinner. she brought a letter from Belle, three Cosmopolitans from Beny Watson, two letters from K for V and some Poultry Books from Experimental farm Ottawa. A picnic up the Island on Brophy's point and the Maloneys attended the picnic. Miss Maude Gillespie sent me this day by her father 4 books. I will look for books for her - from my wee collection.

Tuesday 4th July 1917 [Wednesday]

A fine breezy day, wind South I guess.

Voltie not going to get much help to day.

Only Maurice, Will Niles and Wm Gillespie.

Will staid all night R. He is here now.

10 am chopping wood for Emma to get dinner.

V is anxious to get the barn done but in order to get the concrete work done, V will have to get help by conscription, as tis trying to be done to finish the war or V's barn and the war will linger along till another year.

I think there are different kinds of "Shirkers".

Not only shirkers but disobliging and selfish.

The neighbors have been good to V by coming to his bee two of them. Last winter they turned out and drew lumber from Kingston and then to the stone bee. Yes they were good and neighborly

Wednesday 5th July 1917

A hot day. Maurice leaves early after dressing all fine, shaving and goes over to Dora's to take Edith Bates to the 4th of July dance at St Lawrence corners in Dora's motor boat. Will Niles takes Jones; the other half dozen Emma, Langley, Moore have no particular escort but agreed to all go in Company in two motors. Emma, Miss Langley and Miss Moore, Miss Jones, Joe, Samy, Will N, Sheridan and Tom Maloney. All returned at day light; had a great enjoyable time. Over two hundred guest attended the ball. Broke or bursted a tire coming home. Maurice took Edith back around the foot to Hallidays again. Voltie expected Maurice back very early but he didnt come at all staid over there courting. V paid the men all off and dismissed them till after harvest for the concrete work is done. A strawberry festival above the Villiage. Emma went with Jacks family in auto which makes two nights off for Emma

Thursday 6th July 1917

forgot to say I
phoned to Henderson for groceries yesterday
morning which Henderson sent down
on the boat and Jack Niles brought them
over. A very warm day. Edith Bates
drove in here visiting came about 10 am.
Staid till Sunset had a fine visit. Edith Leman
done a lot of unnecessary te heing
and loud cackling. Will went fishing & caught
nothing. Bees swarming. V got stung on arm
Will helped about the bees and putting on supers.

Friday 6th July 1917

Part of the above should have been written to day
where it begins. A very warm day and to
finish the above, I'll just say the girls had
a royal time visiting. R came over as usual.
Joe and Samy came down too. They played piano,
Will the violin, girls sang, and all going
merrily but R says Will must and shall
go home with her and he went; but didn't want too.
Votie ever since supper has been gone to
Dignums for lumber, came back about ten pm.
Harold Dignum sent me a lot of pictorial magazines.

Saturday 8th July 1917

Another hot day 80 in shade. V drawing
lumber from dock. Will fixing R's windows
and doing several other odd jobs for her chopping
wood &c. Evening visitors were Miss Langley
Miss Moore, Laura Babcock played and sang
as usual. Miss M & L came to say good bye.
Tomorrow they return to their far away homes.
L in Hanover, M above toronto somewhere. Will
and Edith went home with L.
Will staid here all night.

Sunday 8 July 1917

A fine morning; still, no wind but soon breezes up. A picnic over in State park. Samy and Joe go to the picnic. Will takes the opportunity [sic] to go across with them in Volties skiff. Edith goes to church to hear the new preacher his first sermon in this church. Howard came up but didnt go to church but staid here to supper and Rachel also the Cheesemaker & John & Sadie Murray here in evening. had greens and strawberries for dinner.

Monday 10 July 1917

A cool cloudy morning - looks like rain. Voltie arose very early. Emma helped milk. Voltie drove to factory not back yet. Every thing growing beautifully yet rain is badly needed, weeds are growing finely. Edith went over to Rachels to wash to pay for a pair of stockings when she got there she found R had neither kerosine nor wood. I tried for her not to go. Edith wont mind me at all. I can neither coax nor hire her to do any thing for me nor any one else without "the spirit moves". Voltie working in shop this rainy day. He picked 4 boxes of berries before it began raining. Emma picked them over. I dont know when they will be canned if ever. rain rain rain. We received a letter from Grace also one from Maud mighty glad to get them. She didnt say anything about John this time nor Lawe.

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Tuesday 11 July 1917

Rain Rain Rain the gentle loving rain. Emma pitched into the washing. Voltie pitched into the shoeing horse business. Edith pitched into I dont know what it was forgotten [sic]. I helped wash dishes, cleaned up table and cabinet, wrote in diary, crocheted.

Wednesday 12 July 1917

Rain Rain Rain all day. Voltie picked a few more baskets of berries for canning and butchered one porker in pm. Joe helped Voltie butcher the pig and ate dinner here. Jim Kehoe sick. Emma washed again to day. Lines full and more to hang out. Voltie drove to dock with pork going to Town tomorrow to pay Anglin. Voltie stopped at R's to get her to come over. She didn't come.

Thursday 13 July 1917

Weather Still continues rainy; no break in the rain clouds. Voltie gone to Kingston had to hustle as usual. Emma drove to the docks and then around by the factory. This is the 4th day of the rain. Joe doing Kehoe chores milks 12 cows then drives to factory then milks his own cows then away to factory again. Jim Kehoe sick. got inflammation of intestine. Samy going to Kingston 9 a.m. has returned after driving around by factory. Weather clearing sun shining. The clothes drying on line.

look very clear and white after such a rain soaking. Sent by Voltie a letter to Grace and one to Maude which he will mail in Kingston. Emma sent a letter to Sylvia and one to Reginald. Voltie carried the pork to Kingston. 20 cts per lb came to over \$30 dollars. Emma drove to dock for Voltie. Voltie brought me a pair of stockings and 4 spools of white silkateen. We had bananas for supper.

Friday 14 July 1917

A very fine day. sprinkles of rain, not much but clouds again towards evening. Voltie cultivates corn. E & E pull weeds in garden. Edith wheels them away in wheelbarrow, 12 boxes of berries which we prepare for canning. V hives 4 swarms of bees. The meadows and pasture are covered with millions of clover blossom sesike and comon white clover. Aunt R came over to breakfast she's no wood nor coal nor oil, wouldnt stay to dinner, gave her berries and bananas. Emma received letter from Reginald and snap shots. V went up the farrow row root potatoes

Saturday 15 July 1917

A warm day. Wind South light breeze, light fluffy clouds at noon. Sunshineing clear at 4 pm. Bees out again a great swarming time. V tried to cultivate canned strawberries but so many things do hinder. Voltie hardly what to do first. Emma weeded the scarlet runners and string them up to the chamber window, cleaned my bed room and pantry and kitchen, swept and made beds. V & Samy & Joe went to corners at sunset came back at 1 am, bought shoes and pants for self, some candy and kerosine 6 galons for me and 6 for R.

Sunday 16th July 1917

A very fine morning. V going over to State Park for Will. Will going to help Voltie about the haying. R came over ate breakfast and went home again carrying berries, milk and kerosine.

Have to fight hogs and hens to keep them out of potatoes and strawberries. After R goes home we are alone for a few hours. I out in veranda reading or writing when I hear the busy clatter of foot steps and the greeting of merry young voices out they come to greet me. Myrabelle and Madaline Morgan looking so elegantly neat and fresh and pretty and smiling presenting me with a boquet of different assortment of flowers. Next came Mr Ogle taking Emma for a drive. Waited long - it seemed long for Voltie's return from State Park and was much surprised & pleased and disapointed at same time. Surprised and pleased to see Bert, Maud & Hubert who came across river with V, but so very disapointed at the non apearence of Will who did not come as agreed. tho he was there, together with Lena, Willie, Lottie, Louise, Charlie and Ada. Some of the Hart relatives also Charlies young kid Jerald. They brought a sumptius [sic] lay out for dinner. Well we all had supper after they came including Mr Ogle. Then came Wm Niles and his sweetheart Miss Jones. At ten pm they all went home except Bert, Maud and Hubert who staid all night and Voltie has to row them across in morning. Poor dear Voltie alone with no one to help him while John is wasting his life in Watertown. Will couldnt come he has to work at home doing their own hay. Of course "charity begins at home"

Monday 17 July 1917

A fine day. Wind South. Voltie rowed B, M & H across this morning. R came over for her margarine and to see Will, but no Will was to be seen. Took her Oleomargarine and went home. V started in to mow with mowing machine this pm done a good job. Emma not very well got

ache on account of a cold, received
a letter from Margaret for her ma is busy
sewing and couldnt get time to write a letter.

Tuesday 17 July 1917

A beautiful morning dew tis sparkling on
grass and every thing. Voltie mowing hay but
tis a very warm day. Emma made Lemonade
and raked in hay field in pm. Edith
picked some more strawberries says they are
nearly done for this season, not a breath of
air stirring on the river. It is cloudy at 5 pm
and looks like rain. E still setting supper; baking
cake. The atmosphere still hot close and uncomfortable.
E swept veranda and washed dinner dishes.
Edith McDonald & Samy here in evening.
Emma sits up again to bake bread. Voltie
cacked hay till dark

Wednesday 18 July 1917

Another hot day, light breeze from South,
atmosphere hazy. I try to work around at dishes &
straightening things but cant for my feet are so
lame and hurts me so to get around. Oh how
every one that can walk all right, should be so glad
and happy and make the most of their own time.
O save it! save it! Save time every minute. I
suppose the hens, this very minute are roosting
scratching the potatoes out the grains. I think if I
were in Volties place, I'd give up keeping hens till
could have a good hen proof fence around the
garden. The time that is wasted chasing hens &
hogs, if employed for hire (wages) would
buy and build enough hen wire to fence a doz acres.

The old saw is now rooting out the potatoes while E and E and talking over the wire to Edith Bates. Oh my mind is alive just on fire about hog rooting, hen scratching dishes not washed, old kitchen table and dining table loaded down with dishes, plates, cups, saucers, rusty knives, forks, pails, pans, Stew dishes, pots, frying pans, jars, spider, kettle, glass ware, porige [sic] dishes. Oh who can ennumerate the different articles all soiled and dirty that just one a.m. work would make beautiful; a pan of preserved strawberries standing on the stove to be put in can since yesterday, but there they stand, while Edith has to chase hens and hogs. There is one redeeming quality. The shelves in pantry are clean all right but that 1 grease jar that set on pantry floor where the fried ham was packed stands all open and the dog and cats have helped themselves freely. O. O. O. what is the matter with me that I cant get up and fight the disorderly house keeping. I dont know what we are going to have for dinner. We have got bread, butter, pork, peas, beans, rice, sugar, milk, cream, eggs, tea, corn starch, flour, corn meal, rolled oats, rhubarb, strawberries, plenty of dried apples, lard, dried pumkin too, shortening, honey, soda biscuits, raisins, different assortment of spices, soda, cream tartar, baking power, onions, lettuce, radishes, and a whole gardent full of greens that a few would be nice for dinner. Of all the plentiful supply of rhubarb we have only one can. The salt is kept down cellar till it nearly dissolves with dampness. I'm old and lame. A cripple and the advantage that is taken on account of my infirmity to let every got at lose ends.

The clock has just struck the hour of 11 am
no dinner started nor dishes washed. Emma
has washed the milk cans. The wood work
in kitchen and pantry is beautifully
clean. I am sad because I cant help.
Emma cant do it all work in door and
out. Edith is all right only so slow and
saucy. Oh why! Edith poled the quail heads.
If I was a millionaire I'd give a thousand
dollars a week to have my feet attended to
once a week. I have written a letter to
Margaret this a.m. didn't mail it. I dont
do all I ought to but my fingers do get so prickly
and numb.

Thursday 19 July 1917

Another hot day in July. Voltie mowing in
field after driving to dock with Rachel and
her eggs & drove around that way to factory.
Emma raked hay with horse rake. Constance
here looking at cattle and sheep. V asks a
hundred dollars for the holstein, 12 dollars per
sheep, 8 dollars for lambs. Trying to can five
plant but is awful hard work. hard work to
pull the stocks, hard work to prepare them for the cans
but why tis hard work I dont know; tis something
I have yet to learn. V drove to dock for R she
bought V a new shirt. Send over some bananas
ones apiece.

Friday 20 July 1917

Another hot day. V mowing. Emma raking. Edith went to goose point for wood. Went with wheel barrow. Work in house moves slow. tried cooking beans and peas both hard like shot, and tasteless only salt predominates. no pies, no cakes, no cookies, no kind of sauce. Best thing on the table and only thing really palatable, was some lettuce. The Wind is South and breezy. Cooking is an art not hard to learn, and one of the most beautiful. I know there is one very important thing, it is never utilized to advantage; too many pots pans and kettles stuck on the stove nearly all the time. Now tis after dinner. I dont think there there is a drop of dish water; no sound of clattering work; the wheels of the household machinery are silent. There is a pan of rhubarb stewing on the stove and there it will stand and may for ever I noticing or speaking of it again. While V was bee hiving 3 swarms a call from Robert G, Watertown wanting V to meet him at the Cape this pm at 6 O'clock. V cant go and leave his work but told him to come to Vans Sunday. get Bert to bring them & V will go for them. This is the day I found the dish of filth left by one of our guests. The queer thing about it I found it on the cabinet. I ventured and walked to the barn, passed between the shop and old cow stable. Saw the new barn what there is of the finished concrete. Saw Ogle washing his buggy at river, he came to the house and asked for the girls to go driving with him to the foot; didnt go. Went home to his boarding place at 10 pm. Flashes of lightning off in S.E. and thunder but didnt come here.

Saturday 21st July 1917

A very warm day. V worked at potatoes and garden.

A man in villiage phoned to Voltie wants to hire to help do the haying. If V cant get Will he can get this man Monday morning. I think Voltie had or should have clinched the bargain while he had an oppertunity to secure help. Maybe Will wont come and now he talks of phoning to Wellie for one of his boys. After drawing the evenings milk to the factory came back and goes across the river in skiff or nearly to the other shore. Sheridan came over to bring Maurice in motor. Maurice going to Hallidays to do his courting. Sheridan called here while phoned to several people. told them He and Tom were drafted which was not true. Rachel came over to stay all night. brought coffee. Her chickens most all gone, only 5 left from 90 or more. Weasel killed them, they killed most all of Will H Woodmans chickens. William H shot the weasel. V rowed back didnt go to corners to late.

Sunday 22nd July 1917

Days are passing quickly. July will be gone before we realize it has been here at all. V has lain dow [sic] to rest awhile and take a nap before he rows across for Robert. The wind is blowing some from South, a warm day. Another surprise to day when when Bert and Maud & Hubert, Isabel, Grace, Margaret and Robert came. Then came Miss Laura Babcock. Then came Ogle all here to dinner & supper except LBabcock.

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Monday 23 July 1917

A very warm day. Voltie mowing
over there Robert

Tuesday 24 July 1917

Hot day no rain.

Wednesday 25 July 1917

The very hottest day I can ever remember
not a ripple on the water with the sun
throbbing and shining down on the water.

Voltie cutting grass hay over on Rachel's. Robert
raking. Rachel came out very early to pick peas &
came here to breakfast, shelled her peas. Ed went
after breakfast and picked a pail of peas for
dinner.

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Thursday 26 July 1917

Wind South and breezy this morning and every one can work more comfortable. Bert rowed back over the river with Farr's skiff towing Volties skiff so he can come back. A hard hard pull against the wind and waves. Bert came over to help V in the haying. Eddie McDermot came to talk and visit. Sylvia at home up here cooking for Samy & Joe, their dinner only.

Friday 27

V and Bert working in hay in the evening, they rowed across and went to Cape Vincent in Berts car, returned home at 1 am, brought candy and beer; had a break down of course.

Saturday 28 July 1917

A hot day. Bert and V working in hay field all day. Drew milk to factory this evening brought home a piece of cheese.

December 4th Monday 1916 [written as an insert in top left corner]

mended V's overalls.

mended V's vest.

Wrote a letter to Grace

5 braided rug

6 set up a new crochet pattern

mended my petticoat

Sunday 29

A warm day. Ogle came

early and drove

over to Hallidays

where they staid all

day till 8 O'clock pm

They found Maurice M there courting.

Will Niles is courting to Louise nurse

Miss Olive Jones and so the courting proceeds.

Will and Lena came over a little before dark.

Bert went across in same skiff, going

to Watertown. Law suit tomorrow with Hubert

about an old automobile.

Monday 30 July 1917

A very warm or hot day but breezy, river

rough. Will and Voltie working in field

mowing, raking and cocking. We had

a grand fight here to day between Edith

and Robert. There was no broken bones

nor bloody noses but a rough and tumble

scrap which was fierce while it lasted. Lena came over

from R's, staid till bed time. noice confusion, piano playing

and dancing in evening. Samy Woodhouse here. Hubert Bamford

& Bert Smiths law suit comes off to day.

We looked for B and Grace &

kids last night but didnt come. All dancing in evening.

Tuesday 31 July 1917

A very hot morning which promises a hotter

day. V gone to factory. Will came early.

Every thing at a stand still. Hubert fell down

Stairs this morning. Last of this month. The summer

is going; in a little while it will be gone. This is

the hottest day I ever saw. E, E, Robert & Miriam

all in bathing. We have been looking for Bert

and Grace & family.

Wednesday 1st of August

I'll have to skip one of these pieces or space might as well be this one for there cant be two Wednesdays in one week. I do get things mixed so if I dont write every day. Now last night was the night V went for Grace and her family. Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

Wednesday 1st of August 1917

A hot dry day. Oh how rain is needful at present after sunset. V went over to Vans in Skiff for Bert and Grace and family, they all came about 9 pm of the hottest evening I ever remember. Grace brought 9 fans. Bert brought 2 doz bottles of ale, and they swilled it down like swill. Oh such a blazing hot night smothering heat. and this is the day Bert and Maud went to Watertown. They started at 8 a & all day going broke down.

A hot dry day Thursday 2 August 1917

Edith drives to dock with Miriam, Margaret & Robert and Aunt R's eggs. Bert went back to Watertown yesterday accompanied by Maud & Hubert. Supposed Miriam had gone home to stay but back she came all O.K.

Friday 3 August 1917

Another hot dry day. Working in field as usual. Same old work business as goes on from day to day nothing unusual occurs. cooking 3 square meals. mail dont bring much except farm papers but our evening company including our own are Joe & Samy Woodman, Lizzie Woodman and a Hollinbeck girl named Etta. They sing, dance, play piano, Violin, phonograph till 11 OClock pm.

A hot dry day, no rain Saturday 4 August 1917

I dont know all that transpires in dining room & kitchen but not much done by way of cooking for Sunday, baking pies and cakes. nothing only ordinary every day meals for eleven. V and Will working at haying. Samy Woodman in here evening. 12 Oclock midnight when we retired for the night.

August 5 1917 Sunday

A hot dry day. Ogle came early. E & O went English church. such a dressing up among them all. I never saw Edith in pink. Miriam in white. Margaret in blue. Grace in black. Isabel in some fanciful color. Emma in a white embroidered waist and silk shirt. Lena in a beautiful flowered muslin. How did they spend the day? Did they attend our church? Excepting [sic] Emma no one went to church but spent the day boating, singing and piano playing. All here exepcting R & she alone all day. Grace walked over to see her in evening.

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6th August Monday August 1917

Another dry hot day. V & Will working in field at the hay. E put the clothes soaking.

V drove to the river for two cans of water but not going to work till tomorrow. A noisy time, cook, eat and wash dishes is the program.

We received cards from Maud. they left here early enough. Wednesday morning 8 am. Old car broke down so many times they didnt arrive in Watertown till 5 pm.

7th August Tuesday August 1917

Wind north and breezy and cool, no rain in a long time. Everything drying up. All vegetation suffering for want of rain.

This is immediately after breakfast. Emma going to wash. Maryard and Marian in bed. They are not very early risers; Lena came accompanied by Rachel enroute for home but her dad who is to row her across is gone fishing in skiff down the river and Lena is very anxious to be gone.

Will caught a fish trolling pickerel or pike. Then he rowed Lena across the river. Robert and his Uncle V fixing the binder to cut barley, peas and fish for dinner. Will gone to corners for tobacco. V had to brave the hay and cut barley. it is ripening to fast.

Will returned about 3 p.m. brought candy & gum Phoned for McAvoy who came immediately for Lena. Will saw her safely in the car enroute for home, looks like rain. V while trying to bind barley broke the binder which is a great set back to his work.

Wednesday 8th August 1917

Wind blowing a gale from S.E.

River very rough and spraw dashing high with fitful showers of rain. not cold but warm.

Emma swept and mopped my bed room.

Had stewed hen for dinner, cucumber, potato etc. Dont know what Will & Voltie done

out working at something all day. Kid noisy as usual. my work dont amount to much

this day. Grace made an apron for Emma.

Raining at intervals all day.

Thursday 9th of August 1917

Emma gone to Kingston. Will drove over a little cooker this morning: rained in night, good and strong with lightning. Wm & V & Robby working in field. Grace gets the dinner.

Quite breezy [sic] from south. Edith, Margaret and Miriam went fishing for dinner peas for dinner

too. cooler weather this pm. Wind west. Voltie drove to dock for Emma. She bought cloth for herself, a new dress, beautiful musling [sic]. We had bananas for supper. Grace got the meals. Rachel came over just before dark. not pleased because Will didnt go home with her.

Friday 10th August 1917

A very beautiful breezy day wind South. Atmosphere clear, the pearly clouds floating away up in the sky so Robert, Will & V working in field. Grace making Emma's dress.

Emma working kitchen. I just finished writing to Reginald, it is the first I have written to him this summer.

Saturday 11 August 1917

A hot day everything drying up. The rain of Wednesday and Wednesday night done very little good.

I dont do much of any thing more than use crochet trundle. The girls do the work.

Hay all cut, barley, too; got to draw all next week. They all have a merry time. Grace finished Emma's dress and nearly finished a dress for Isabel. Emma preparing to go on Excursion tomorrow, from foot of island steamer Kingston. Voltie and Joe went to the corners for oil. for none at Vans nor Maloneys.

Oil men dont bring oil. came home at 1/2 12 midnight.

Sunday 12 August 1917

Another beautiful warm hot dry day sun blazing. Ogle & Sam came early 5 am even before Miriam and Emma were dressed for the excursion. V arose early. this is a long hot tiresome day. Grace done all the work the others went fishing except V. Will and the others kids went trolling. caut [sic] a trememdous great pike and a lot of rock fish. E and M & Ogle came about 4 pm and brought me a new cosmopolitan. Will, Ogle, Miriam, Margaret and Emma went to Flynns in skiff. came back at 11 pm. a terrible hot night. couldnt sleep so hot.

Monday 13 August 1917

A hot dry day. men working in hay. had roasted fish for dinner that Will caught trolling.

Tuesday 15 August 1917

no rain. Hot. V and Wm working in hay.

This day passes as usual. Except in evening.

A couple of extra guests Joe & Ogle. Will goes over to Rachels very early in evening, so he misses the "pow wow"! Well it was a hilarious, uproaring, screeching, screaming, squeeling, laughing too if one may call it laughter. Ogle dont laugh. He roars. Realy I was nervous almost hysterical with the noise.

Wednesday 16th August 1917

No rain. Voltie and Will working in hay field. had a fowl for dinner. Our butter has steped out and down. swimming, playing piano, laughing, te he ing, hollering, screaming, squeeling, yell and some fighting. Hickory nut cracking. While Grace works constantly, wash, iron, sew, wash dishes, milk, cook. Some times it looks like rain but it is only clouds.

Thursday 17 August 1917

No rain.

Day after day comes and goes with no rain. Every thing drying and dying. Our guests, this morning said good bye for one day. some of them return at evening time. I'm glad Grace is coming and Robert too. Will and Voltie still continue to draw hay. had to borrow butter from Rachel to help out. There has been no rain to benefit the growth of any thing since the 11, 12th and 13th July when there was a good rainfall those 3 days. none since only an occasional wee very little shower like a dew fell. Excepting one p.m. and the same night there was a good sharp rain shower but none since. Well Bob Jr, just now phoned from Kingston. They are going to stay in Kingston and Grace sent for her and Robt's suit case to be packed and sent to Kingston. Jack and his family are not coming from New York. E & E packed their things. Will drove to dock for the groceries. Will Watson came home with them. He came down from Kingston on the boat to make us a visit. He had only returned this day from visiting his own father and ma who live in Verona. making them a weeks visit. Will Niles brought me a nice lot of cucumbers. V went to George Woodmans for binder repairs.

Friday 18 August 1917

The rain came to us to day (p.m.) in grand showers but wish there had been more but glad and thankful for the heavy showers. Will D brought a piece of cheese from factory this morning. Willie W ate supper with Joe and Sam. Received a letter from Belle, said she is coming last of this month or first of Sept.

Saturday 19 Aug 1917

A fine day after yesterday rain. Wind South and blowing quite strong. Voltie bringing oats or wheat. Willie Watson working to day for Joe, Will D went fishing, trolling. Went away down around foot of isle caught two nice pike which he intends to take home with him tomorrow. E & E going with him.

Evening V & Will Watson & Samy going to corners. I didn't want Voltie to go so dark and windy. He didn't go. Wm & Samy went. V sent by Joe for butter. 12 midnight when they returned. Joe brought the olemargarine.

Sunday 20 August 1917

Not a very pleasant day to go visiting by rowing skiff across the river and then driving 10 miles but they went. Will, Emma and Edith though it rained some when they started. The boat down at "Smith" place, or lower boat house. Will hired a rig of Eliza Reasoner. they returned before sunset well pleased with the visit. The pm was fine, clouds all gone, sun shining, no wind. Rachel came over in a bluster because no one had told her that they had not gone. V washed breakfast dishes. V & R got the dinner. R washed dishes & towards night went home. Then came Laura Babcock. Will Niles soon came. Will D, Emma and Edith also came. Ogle. Will D brought Limburg cheese 2 bricks. Louise sent me a book, "Tess of the Storm Country" gave Edith red Liste thread, stockings and red ribons. Nearly forgot to say, after dinner, Willie Watson packed his budget and went to the villiage, Samy Woodman driving there with Willie.

Monday 21st Aug 1917

Monday is generally speaking the dullest day in the week especialy in door. The men's work goes on all night. I forgot what day V sold R's heifer 51\$ for her.

Tuesday 22 August 1917

A fine day tho a bit cooler. Men working in field. Emma brought in and boiled corn for dinner, the first this year and our first ripe tomatoes.

Wednesday 28 August 1917

A hot half cloudy day after the electric storm of last night. Not much with the lightning storm. this is one day to early; finished binding and drew hay ; the last of hay. George McKay came took V's boat and went to the corners for overalls, shirts, socks, etc. He is going to Manitoba on excursion. Then came Ogle te Bogle to take Emma for a drive out. If he was not a very ignorant he wouldnt come so often. A letter from Grace, a card from Reginald.

24 August 1917 Thursday

Now what I've written for yesterday, Wednesday, should stand for this day. I wrote a letter to Louise. Van came over awhile so I will let T stand. V and Will working in field; grain all bound ready to draw, if the rain had not wet it down last night. boiled corn for dinner. V paid Rachel 5 dollars that he borrowed from her one evening when he, Joe & Sam went to corners. V sold the sheep for \$490,50. Laura Babeoelt here awhile.

Thursday 24 Aug 1917

A very good morning. to wet to draw grain. I did not know R was going to Kingston. I wanted yes Oh! I wanted to send by her to get croched [sic] silkatine! I almost hope, that every one for their mean thoughtless carelessness will be disaproved

as I am. Oh! Oh! my best days are gone
 and I am often overtaken altogether.
 it is not because of age, but for the very reason
 that I cant walk without painfullness. I went
 to walk. I dream I can walk, can run,
 I didnt know George McKay was going
 to corners. Could have sent by him.
 I'd like to go to Kingston once more or
 somewhere! V sent for groceries and
 things but I didnt know. I hope it wont
 rain any more till after harvest. but think
 it will; rained nearly all last night and
 looks like rain now. Weather warm, Wind
 blowing a stiff breeze from South. river rough.
 Every thing lovely after the rain. I was to send
 by Rachel for thread, pins and needles. Dont
 hear from John any more and from my
 first born son never. The dead are soon
 forgotten. and old ma's neglected, especialy
 those that cant walk. Just received the same
 old weeklies, Farmer advocate, Farm & Dairy,
 Canadian Countryman. The three combined
 dont amount to shucks. no one reads them.
 The house is just littered with them. \$3,50 cts
 given to the publishers without any benefit derived
 from them to this family. Also received a
 notice from Macleans Magazine for renewal, a card
 from Miriam, a letter to Emma from Maud,
 wherein Maud says Bert has got to go to war
 and so the World wags on, Turns over every day ever
 bringing R. Changes of some sort. Voltie and Will
 hewing timber for barn. Voltie says Babe
 the beautiful Babe has killed nearly all
 our chickens.

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The river is wild. Oh how the wind blows.
 V & W hewing timber for barn. Rachel came over
 to dinner & not not very well. Emma done usual
 Saturday work. I have commenced a hit or miss quilt

Sunday 26 August 1917

This is the last page of this diary. Will staid with R last night; he came this morning after breakfast said R is sick and was sick all night chotery morbus [cholera morbus] ate to much cabbage & green corn for Saturday dinner. V gave Will cinnamon, ginger, cayenne, sulphur, etc Then Edith went over and staid till two Oclock pm. Madeline and Myrabelle came and we had a fine visit with them, then after dinner and dishes washed Emma made a trip to Hiram Joslins to see Maggie and her kid. Accompanied by Madaline & Myrabelle as far as Rachels which soon brought Edith back with them. Edith prepared the supper, which didn't amount to much, then came Ogle to be sure! Madaline & Myrabelle went to J Murphy's. I gave them all the comic papers they could carry home with them. Ogle, Will, Emma & Edith, went to Niles to hear the Victrola. They came back by way of Rachels where Will stoped all night and so ends Sunday 26 Aug 1917. Forgot to say river rough all day are therefore no yankee visitors. Now I like visitors all right if we could only stuff them all right, but some times the stuffing fails as it this time no butter.

Monday 27 August 1917

Never saw such sure sign of rain that amounted to nothing. The whole south and West were piled with dark black rain clouds which soon faded away. The sun came out in glorious spendor. Wind South and breezy. V shot a rooster for dinner. V & W drawing and stacking. confused on first page of this book. Look on page 1

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[appears to be ledger with various lists and additions]

\$20 dollars for coal

Telephone \$4.87

Dr Nichol \$8.75

Henderson on account 10 dollars

Payment on manure spreader 40 dollars

Rent \$41,76

Interest on morgage 51,90 dollars

note to McKelyey \$11,50

paid McKelvey in full \$10 dolars

paid Bank note 31,22

Will Watson \$68 dollars

Will Niles \$10 dollars

Jack Niles \$15 dollars

Alden McDonda \$5,00

on the Kent note \$31 dollars

McKelvy again \$10 dollars

paid Red for first hive \$14 dollars

Anglin \$9,96 dollars

Threshing \$12 dollars

Joe Woodman 2 dollars

goods from St Lawrence \$12,50 dollars

" " Clayton \$15 dollars

McLean Mag. ~~\$1,50~~

Herald \$1,00 dolar

Maclean Magazine \$2,00

goods from Clayton \$15,00

Gave Cunningham 5,00

and bought about good 13

McKelvy 30

Separator bowl 12,25

coal 20

sleep

Rec'd from Rube

5 dollars

in oats

and again;

5 dollars more

the 30th December 1916

which makes

10 dollars

in oas from Rube

4,48 telephone

8.75 Dr Nichol
10,00 Henderson acct
40,00 manure spreadr
41,76 rent
[subtotal] 104,99
51.90 interest on mort
11,50 note to McKelvy
[subtotal] 167,39
10,00 paid McK in full
31,22 Kent bank
[subtotal] 2,08,61
68,00 Will Watson
10 00 Will Niles
[subtotal] 286,61
15,00 York note
5,00 Alden Mcdon
[subtotal] 306,61
31,20 Kent note
14,00 Reid
[subtotal] 351,61
9 96 Anglin
12 threshing
[subtotal] 373,51
12,00 Note Woodman
12,50 good
[subtotal] 388,07
15,00 clayton
[subtotal] 404,57
1.00 herald
2.00 McLean
15,00 goods
[subtotal] \$422,07
\$20,00 for coal
[subtotal]442,07
18,00
[total] \$460.07

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