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1907 & 1918 R

Sunday 13 Jan #

A bright clear day snow #

somewhat drifted. Miss Crawford #

* , no service. goes home with the #

towards night. Kent brings her home#

*tholicks complaining that she #

*ble in school. river still remain #

* visitors to day. Reverend Craig sick #

couldn't come down to preach.

Monday 14 January 1907

A storm of sleet. Volta takes Miss Craig #

school. Volta returns home and then drives to #

*yron Irvines, Jack Niles and Hiram Joslin her #

* drew two loads of fertilizer for potatoes then

* for Miss Crawford. Hiram here for his sleigh

* V had fixed it didnt send any money for repairing

* put a quilt on the frames this morning.

Tuesday 15th Jan 1907

A snowy morning. Voltie drove to School house

with Miss Crawford. V went over and brought aunt

* over to dinner, and then drove #

* then went for the #

Rattray came #

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Wednesday 16 Jan 1907

morning 6 deg below zero which
colder than yesterday. river not
losed in Voltie drove to school with
ford. Sunlight clear. V preparing
barrel of vinegar for Mrs R Paine
ns, and Maud irons. Sr scrapes
dle in kitchen. Voltie drives for teacher

Thursday 17 January 1907

A cold night and morning. Thermometer
12 deg below zero. Voltie drives to school
with Miss Crawford. Two hot bricks at her
feet. V moved bed in to hall up stairs.

Friday 18 January 1907

Voltie drove to school with Miss Crawford
then drove for Rachel she came over and helped
us pick chickens, 20 of them for market. Then
Voltie walked to Quinns on the ice for his kerosene
and Alkane's gone till towards night came
bringing us the medicine, but Quinn had gone to
V ate dinner with Harold
lace, he found the ice
is sick

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Wednesday 30 Jan 1 #

A beautiful day drew wood #

from island. 12 loads now #

Maud washed, no visitors #

Thursday 21 January 1907

A fine day and cold. finished #

wood from the island 15 loads. Voltie #

back for the last load (went alone) two #

Rachel here for potatoes. Maud ironed. I

finished the second pair of mittens.

Friday February 1st 1907

Up and breakfast by lamp light again.

good sleighing for the snow fell yesterday

pm. Cloudy this morning, not cold.

Saturday 2nd February 1907

A dark cloudy day, thawing. Sr

gone to Kingston on the ice. Met Robert

and Reginald and went home with them

to dinner. Sr had a tooth filled by Daily.

Maud and I cooked for visitors which we expect

may come tomorrow if tis a good day, wind blowing hard

from South, increasing to a gale. Sr comes home early.

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Sunday 3rd of Feb 1907

ing a gale all night changing

freezing hard, wind blowing all

frozen and rough for starters.

urk came down on skates through the

Miss Crawford went to church no

though the preacher (Rev Craig) was

driving all the way from Kingston

to find only 3 of the faithful assembled.

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Monday a4 February #

A clear cold day no sleigh #

on ice, going to pick chickens to day #

tomorrow dressed 21 chicks and 3 turkeys #

Rachel helping dress a few. Sam's new tenant #

to day from over the river

Tuesday 5th Feb

storm so terrible couldn't go to Kingston very cold

Wind North went out the door all day,

both outside kitchen doors caulked with rags. Voltie

drove to school house with Miss Crawford and

drove for her again at evening.

Wednesday 6 Feb 1907

A very fine day. V and M and R

went to Kingston drove up on the

ice; no sleighing. They came just

in time for supper. all is well.

Thursday 7 February 1907

A fine day. Wells Sr drove over to Rachel

with her and all her purchases cat and

all, barrel of groceries and things, and a

table, she carried the lamp in hand.

Will Dixon drove to make us a

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Wednesday 20 June 1906

to go home washes &
 # childrens clothing. Muriel
 # visiting her little
 # Alberta Victoria McDonales.
 # staid over night.

Friday 8th

Will went home this morning. R
 went with him drove in buggy no
 sleeping. fine day. Delovan B and Brown
 here

Thursday 21 June 1906

Grace, her children, Muriel & Maud
 all embarked for Kingston this morning.
 V driving to the dock with them. Charley
 drove down for Margaret, Grace & I.
 The baby and—I doubt. they come
 and go come and go but 2 stay
 at home forever

Saturday 9th Feb 1907

Voltie drove to town on ice, Crawford went
 also & staid there. Marjorie & Art came to dinner.
 Hagan here also all drove to Bells on ice.
 V came just after dark accompanied by

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by Geo Pillar. Sr watering *

Friday 22 June 1906

A warm day. Mustard per *
and corn cultivating *

talking about being in Kingston *

more & Muriel. The Rev Lancaster *

He is preparing Maud for confirmation and *

stay for dinner. V & M picked 34 quarts

of strawberries. I got supper and patched

shirts and drawers for Sr and made a

fly screen for that table. Mr Lancaster

is a very fine young clergyman. Cooler thro

the p.m. Our evening mail, Herald, New Thoughts,

McClures magazine.

Saturday 23rd June 1906

A breezy day wind south and showery

raining heavey this morning. Voltie went after

dinner to the foot with strawberries. He worked

4-1/2 hours and a half. Sr hoed corn in door

yard. I bottled the dandelion wine. 16 bottles.

Sunday 10 Feb 1907

A stormy day for wind and some snow. McNeely

came V & McNeely drove to corners with V &

Geo Pillar droave her to Will Dixons. Eddy Bates

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Bill Bates born this morning.

Sunday 24 June 1906

* morning and cloudy

* little flocks of ducks we have

* three and most of our turkeys are

* of sparrow lice. Henry Halliday

* just time for dinner. Frank Woodman came over bringing his family to Samy's to stay a week. Frank going home again after coming here for potatoes. We have strawberries for dinner and supper.

Henry stays till sundown. bees swarmed

*

Monday 25 June 1906

A cool fine morning. V went to factory cultivated corn and picked 34 qts strawberries went to OBriens to see about the money for Miss Hall our teacher. Dad went to hoeing and mustard pulling. Evening visitors Sylvia, Ruth and Cassie came looking for strawberries. I treated them to lemonade.

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Thursday 28 June 19

A fine day. Maud went *

Kingston carried 4-1/2 doz *

18 cts per doz. I took a walk

down to the strawberry field. V *

berries. Wish I hadn't gone and *

back across the potatoe field and *

great difficulty in crossing the field.

Friday 29 June 1906

A tremendous rain storm in the night

every thing wet, wet and barrel running

over with rain water. Mr Lancaster here

this am Mauds lesson very poorly

learned. Bees swarmed. Sr hived them

and another such a scrap I never saw

first went on a long rain coat to his feet it

came, then the head and face protection

then a pair of leather gloves and he

sallied forth to capture bees, he says he got

stung 40 times on the head and a hundred

times on his hands and if V has any more

bees to hive he may do it for he never will have

any more. Maud lost her glasses on berry patch but

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- * them again after a long
- * V helping her look for them.
- * Digman and Will have
- * Evening A letter from Muriel
- * Herald and R's hearth stone.
- * a post card from Watson announcing his
- *

Saturday 30th June 1906

* worked at foot and finished
there for a while. Maud made
cookies and I moped the floors
A terrible rain storm lost
7 chickens in the rain dont
know what occurred after, at least
I dont remember.

Sunday 1 July 1906

A long warm lazy day. Tom Redmen
here Niles hired man. Dont know much but
can lie like a papist. V picked 3 dozen
baskets strawberries for market among our neighbours.

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July 2 Monday 11 February

A very good clear day rather cold Miss C*
to school. V and Sr drew hay from *
3 loads then V went to R Percys for *
12 gal of Kerosine. M finished her rug
very pretty. Voltie fed and watered ducks.

Tuesday 12 February 1907

This is the 23rd anniversary of Bells marriage
This day is a great contrast to the other
12 February that was a beautiful day this
is cold but partly clear. Voltie gone to Kingston
with hay. Crawford walked to school. V came back
late for he started late, after 12 pm
and returned at 12 pm night. Miss C
and Maud set up for Voltie. he had
bin to supper. Quinn called here on his
way to his home and gave him his tea & *

Wednesday 13 Feb 1907

V went up to K with another load
of hay. Sr watered and fed ducks

Thursday 14 Feb 1907

Charley drove down bringing Belle, Henry,
Majorie & Marjorie's Baby through the rain
V watered and fed ducks.

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July 4th

A rainy fore noon rained all night
pm clear. Marjorie & Art &
the baby came down to cross over
[illegible] brought them down Grace
went home with them

Friday 15th Feb 1907.

Maud working all day on feet poor
Maud. If I could only get around as in
in days of yore. I'd help more. V working
in shop all day. Albert Gillespie walked into the
ice crack when he came to bring the ice tongs
V watered R ducks

Saturday 16th

George Pillar drove into the crack coming
back from Will Dixons. Voltie went and put a
signal by the crack. Geo horse in all over.
After dinner he drove home. Art Vincent came
for Marjorie, he brought a load of goods to
Quinns. Marjorie, Art and the baby went home
after dinner. Morgan Sr came for his cutter
which Voltie has repaired. Charley H came
down too and brought the phonograph which
which Belle manipulated for Morgans
amusement. Voltie went over & feed and watered ducks.

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Sunday 17 Feb 1907

A beautiful day. snow fell last night to the time of very good travelling with [illegible] Voltie and Maud gone to Johns and Marjories. Charley, Belle and Henry go home driving up on the ice. Gertrude goes to church and Sr goes over to water and feed R's ducks and I'm alone; blessed silence and peace.

Monday 18 Feb

A beautiful day but rather cold. Sr drove to school with Gertrude. Robert Horn drove here for V to fix his sleigh but V is gone away over the river; and yesterday Sr hitched up and drove over to water R's ducks and feed them.

Tuesday 19 Feb 1907

Snows and blows a hurycane. Teacher walked to school. Sr drove her at night. don't believe he watered R's ducks. He said he was going to water them but I didn't see him go. Merritt Daily drove here for a bag of potatoes. Lonesome without Voltie & Maud. 3 eggs. Not cold day. The Herrald picture is a beauty came to night and a letter from dear Muriel.

Wednesday 20 Feb 1907

Sr drove over to the corners for sugar and molasses
A beautiful day. Wind south. Sr drove to school with Gertrude this am

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I want 67 points in all

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Thursday 21 rather cold. Gertrude walked
to from school. Sr carried her in cutter in morning,
At dinner time I'm tired with a lame back.

A quiet pleasant day. No one came. Evening

I write to Grace, Pea soup for dinner.

Sun shining, clear all day

Friday 22

A clear cold day. Gertrude walked to school. I hope
V & M will come home to day. Sr's fingers and
toes awful cold, pitching straw for cows
from the staw stack.

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Wheel Lace

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Continued. Sr went over to feed and water ducks and froze his nose.

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Friday Voltie

Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24 February 1907.

looks like a storm.

Will came bringing Rachel and Louise, then came

Van and Lib. Then came, Crawfords' bean Pixley

a back woods hobo. Grandad mad, about Pixley.

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Monday 25 Feb 1907. V after driving to school. School with Miss Crawford. drove up for Robert and Grace. Margaret & Robby they came before sunset. Trustees met at school house to see about keeping Crawford in school. no government in is school. They think they will turn her out.

Tuesday 26 February 1907.

A very good day cold. Voltie and Robert hitched up and drove the gray colt across to Quinns. Came back to dinner. They found Quins folks moving and Art Vincent moving in. Rachel and Louise came over then came Charley H and Beatrice and William Watts. All ate dinner, went again afternoon and returned towards night.

Feb 27 Wednesday 1907

A cold day wind North. Voltie hitched up the grey colt and drove with Miss Crawford to school. Sr drove up to the horse race at the villiage. This day I feel dull and sleepy. Grace help Maud wash breakfast dishes.

Thursday 28th 1907

Clear and cold. V drove to school with Miss Crawford; only three pupils today. The threats. V loaded hay for Kingston from R's place. Bob went to R for a call while V and Sr were loading hay. Rob much pleased with his visit as relating to Louise Horn Niles. I pieced three log cabins blocks.

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March 1 Friday 1907.

Clear and cold. Sent for McClures magazine to day by Voltie. V went to Kingston with hay.

Saturday 2nd 1907

A fine day. Bob and Grace, after dinner drive over to Rachels drawing the children on sled.

Saturday 1907

March 9th Robert, Grace & children and Maud gone to Kingston today on ice. Robt forgot his pipe and their onions & popcorn & sauce. They visited Marjorie V & M going with them. Sunday the third stay home all day except R & V go over to Van's. Thursday they all go to Van's visiting.

The 3 of March Van & Lib came over to visit. Will & Willie came over for Louise. Rachel came too then Miss Crawford and her beau Pixley came.

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Sunday 10 March 1907

Another beautiful day. Mrs Crawford goes to church. Rachel abed with cold. Mrs McLaren came to hire Rachel and hired her to cook. 15 June I'm grieved to say Devolson took mean Woodman with with him to Clayton and V came home very much drunk, brought home a rooster.

Monday 11 March. A fine day sun bright and warm and clear. Rachel sick all day Sr got a severe cold too

Tuesday 12 March 1907

A beautiful day

R sick all night but snored awfully all night. went home to see if her duck has laid an egg and didn't come back. V went at evening to see how she is she better been abed all day, rained this pm. Milton Woodard here for supper and then went over the river. V cleaned up a grist for mill but helped Niles all fore noon cut ice. 128 cakes.

Wednesday 18 March 1907. V gone to Kingston on ice going to mill. Sent Graces things home and Bobs pipe—a cloudy day and fog

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Sr walked over to see how R's health is, found her better. A man from Depanville named Reed, driving on ice with buggy drove into the crack. Wells, Thait & the Woodmans got his horse; he was a cow buyer. Wells heard by some one on the road that Richard Spoor died last night, very sudenly—apoplexy the cause. Voltie came early, ate dinner at Robert G's Grace sent me a letter &c
Thursday 14 March 1907

A dirty morning. Raining and freezing. Voltie drove to school with Miss C and then drove down to R's carrying her medicine bottles that he bought for her in Kingston. found her fast recovering and eating buckwheat cakes. cakes. The Postie was fine; wish I had more, but tis too expensive; 10 cts per bottle. V cleaned the ice house and pm is cutting ic Jack Niles helping though first he drove to J OBriens for ic saw. Jack Niles ate supper with us
Friday 15 March 1907

Jack & Voltie finished filling the ice house and Voltie packed in in saw dust after dinner went across the ice to A.V's to send

to Corners for rubber boots, took Will's potatoes
across but forgot the to carry the garden seeds.

He went for the mail and then went to

Rahel's found her well &c. A snow blizzard in pm
Saturday 16th of March

A half cloudy day snowing a little now & then, froze last eve.

V arose early when I didn't hear, got his own
breakfast put up the eggs and gone to Kingston
started at 6 a.m. going to bring Maud home.

Hiram Joslin drove Rachels cow here to day.

Irene Sr made two pies (apple) and a jelly turnover
& washed two dish towel and one hand towel,
my feet ache, ache, beat & throb.

Voltie came home alone having left Maud at
John OBrien's, been in the River horses in all
over Voltie hauled Maud out and sent her ashore.

teams coming right along helped him out with
the horses and things. Every dud soaking wet groceries &
all Mauds dry good, were "wet goods. Rachels
bread all pudding. I set yeast cake.

Sunday 17 March 1907

A cloudy Windy morning, raining, ground
nearly bare. Voltie drives to John Obriens for Maud
goes in covered buggy driving on ice, returns in time for dinner.
After dinner, with Club in hand goes over the

river to Art Vincents; we watch him
as he goes away over the ice. I wish I didn't
live on Wolfe Island where there is nothing but
ice, water, worry and trouble. Rachels heifer
has a new calf born this St Patrick's day
in the morning. We'll call the calf
Pat. Voltie gone till after dark. I set a lamp
in the parlor window; he had been to the corners
for rubber boots but Donaldson not at home
so he came home without them, found Marjorie
and the family all well.

Monday 18 March 1907

Quite a fair day. Kent came; leaving his
horse here and walked to the corners (across the ice).
Arthur drove to the corners with Kent. Voltie sent to
the corners by Kent for the rubber boots and Kent
brought them all right. Sr mending harness all
day. Voltie working the shop. Maud very lame and
sore after being in the cold icy river. We going to have
a telephone it mow came today.

Tuesday 19 March 1907

The most dreary and disagreeable day of all the
year, wind, rain, snow & mud. G Crawford walked to
school. Voltie drove for her at evening time.
A card from Mrs Brooks, a letter from Watson,
2 men here to buy horses. Frank Briceland here for butter
but got none.

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Wednesday 20 March 1907

I don't know what transpired
to day nothing out of the ordinary. Voltie
working in the shop. Sr got a severe cough
and cold. A terrible wind from SE

Thursday 21 March 1907

A very good day looks
like rain tho Tom Chatterdon came over
skated across. Came for seeds, said Marjorie
not very well. Rachel came over too
to see her cow and calf and get some
apples. Voltie began working for Rattray at
\$2.00 per day.

Friday 22nd March 1907

A fine day but looks like rain.
Voltie gone to Rattrays to work shingling their
house. Kent A Kehoe helping. Sr choring around.
I do as I please so does Maud. boil pork
and cook the meals; a letter from Muriel
and one from Edna Quinn Barrons.

Saturday 23 March 1907

A fine day warm and thawing no snow on the ground; one little shity patch of snow towards the gate by the barn. A channel open in the river; fowl around the door turkeys, hens, guineas, cats, old pines, the ducks are in barn yard. V gone to Rattray to shingle their house. Sr gone to R's to carry her water and milk. Maud emptied the flour bags into the flour cans and scoured the cellar steps and landing. Merritt Daily here to get his sap pan soldered. Jack Niles here to get his saw filed. The filer and solderer not at home. made applies pies. Rena sat up till eleven. I doing sorting old letters and scrap papers. V brought home a piece of cheese.

Sunday 24 March 1907

Raining all night. Thundered and lightened A dark dismal morning. Wells got a bad cough nothing occurs to of any consequence to day only a new calf. Rainy dreary dismal day all day no visitors. I wrote a letter to Muriel.

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Monday 25th 1907

A very fine day. V up early and brought water for Maud to wash clothes. Maud washed big washing and hung them on the line. V and Sr drew hay from the stack. V put the bees in the cellar two extinct hives full of honey which leaves 6 full hives. A man from the other shore attempted to cross over walking on the ice.

Tuesday 26 1907.

Threatens rain and does rain some
Maud irons the clothes from the veranda.
The white clothes partly ironed. R came over but didn't bring Ethels letter. I cook beans and make scrap books. V working for Rattray on the cheese factory - this is the 4 day.

Wednesday 27th March 1907

A fine day warm 50 deg above freeze. C walked to school. Voltie walked to Rattrays cheese factory working on factory. Last nights mail a letter from Grace, a post card from Charley D and a letter from Willie for Maud. Grandad didn't cough so much last night. Dispatch and Massey Harris 18 eggs to day. Foggy evening but Voltie found his way home though the fog was thick enough to cut. I retired at 10 pm.

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Thursday March 28th 1907

A warm, foggy windy morning.

Voltie working at the cheese factory,
snow all gone, thundering in south
with sharp flashes of lightning
and a little shower.

Friday 29 March 1907

Voltie working on cheese factory
not a very pleasant day. Miss Crawford
goes up with the wind

Saturday 30 March 1907

Voltie finishes the cheese factory by
building a chimney goes to Kent's for his
dinner. Morgan Redick around looking
for a piece of pork to fry their easter
eggs in. Separated the milk.

Sunday 30 March 1907

Easter we are alone all day. A
beautiful day, grows colder towards night.
We boil a kettle full of eggs. Aunt Rena ate 3 eggs
and reads and write letters to Charley Dixon.

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Monday 1st April 1907.

A chilly raw day. We churned for the first this spring. V brought the incubator down stairs and set it up with the lamp burning.

Rachel came over and churned.

Tuesday 2nd April 1907.

Rachel came over and churned.

Wednesday 3rd April 1907.

Voltie drawing fertilizer for potato ground.

Old Morgan came to get V to fix his old wagon. V fix it and gave him a card of honey. V set the incubator.

Thursday 4th April 4th 1907.

Looks like rain. V finished drawing stone and fertilizer and then began plowing all for potato ground. Maud cleaning up stairs. Aunt Rena cooked and washed all the dishes and separator.

Friday 5 April 1907

A cold windy snowy storm from the North. Maud ironing and putting up window curtains up stairs. Voltie after cutting the honey from the hive went to the shop to work. Aunt Rena got breakfast, washed the dishes and separator. Rachel has come over to churn and brought her basket. Miss Crawford came down with the mail. Mail a card from Grace, a letter from Shotts.

Saturday 6th April

Saturday work went on as usual floors cleaned, cake baked. G.C. laid in bed as usual till after breakfast.

Sunday 7th April 1907.

A fair forenoon, an early dinner.

Maud and Gertrude can go to church, did walk away up to the Episcopal Church, rained some. they stoped at Kents and had their tea by invitation. Lottie Kent brought them home in buggy.

Monday 8th April 1907.

Snowing, fall like January weather, ground white. Rachel came over to churn, staid all day we didn't churn. I wrote a long letter to Belle and sent her honey or will tomorrow.

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Maud white washed kitchen and cleaned the woodwork. Voltie worked on buggy box.

Tuesday 9th April 1907.

Clear starlight and a clear morning, but some clouds again. Voltie arose before 4 O'clock milked the cows, separated the milk, fed the calves and has now gone to Kingston. The roads must be awful muddy. 10 minutes past 7 am.

Sunday 28 April 1907.

Marjorie and Arthur came over in Voltie's skiff after their hired man Macintire & Smith a neighbor rowed across for Marjorie and Arthur & baby. They rowed over for V's skiff to bring them over so V had to go row them across and didn't return till bed time. The river is very still.

Monday 29 April 1907.

didn't do much my way.

V worked in field and has got boils on his neck.

Tuesday 30 April 1907.

A tremendous rain storm all day with thunder and lightning. Voltie drove to school for teacher Miss Crawford.

Wednesday 1 May 1907

Got butter ready for market 28 lbs. churned a very good after the heavy rain of yesterday. no working in field today. Rachel came over and churned her butter she has 8 lbs

Thursday 2nd May 1907. A very good after the rain of Tuesday to wet to work in field till pm.

Maud and Rachel went to Kingston with butter for market. Aunt Rena done the work of cooking the meals, washing dishes, sweeping, baking bread, custard, washing and putting together separator. Maud bought double Tulip.

V & Sr set the fish net in a new place

Friday 3 May 1907. Arbor day clear and cool.

7 fish in net this morning when Voltie run the net.

V preparing the ground to sow grain. Never know what grandpa is doing he dont ever say what he going to

do. Rachel staid here last night and cleaned the fish this morning. Gertrude and the pupils cleaning

up around the school yard. Rachel came over to fill the seed dishes with dirt for me, brought me

a lot of sweet peas and some orange marmalade and is helping me get dinner. Grandad is coming from

away across the fields, been working on Rachels place.

Kathleen came down with the mail enroute for Marjorie.

Received a letter from Grace

Saturday 4 May 1907

A morning of wind rain snow; rains all night hard a sorrowful day for farmers. so much mud can't work in field when the cold rain and snow are falling and the cold North wind is blowing. Couldn't go to the net this morning a half inch of ice on everything. Kathleen restless, walking around snow gone. Churning to day about nine lbs butter.

Sunday 5 May 1907

Frozen morning ice in both rain barrels. Voltie rowed across to Marjories with Kathleen and Rachel. The girls gone to church both forenoon & afternoon service (Methodist & Episcopal) A very quiet day wind blowing a little from South and looks cloudy again. Dr Volson returned at 1/2 past 2 pm. ate dinner at Marjories. Aunt Rena dressed three fish; cooked one for dinner just three O'clock pm. Edy Bates came bringing three old fish spears to have mended.

Monday 6 May 1907

A cold morning for 6 of May. Voltie gathered one pickerel from the net then spread it on the grass to dry badly torn from logs in bottom of river. am V and dad worked over on the 30 acres Merritt came over bringing their separator funnel for Voltie to solder, that Jane had melted the ears off from in the oven. About 12.30 noon

Jane came driving over in style for the funnel. Voltie was trying to solder it when she arrived she found V engaged in fixing her funnel and as it was a difficult piece of work to accomplish it was 3 pm before it was finished. V left his field work.

Mrs Daily was nervous with fear V couldn't solder the funnel.

Tuesday 7 May 1907

A cloudy still day.

Sylvia W and Lottie Kent here

for mission money. They ask no one except

Maud she gave them 10 cts. we printed

the balance of butter 11 lbs & 11 oz, used the

small scales. Maud helped Voltie set the fish

net. V after dinner not worked in field

Sr cut brush and set posts over on

Rachels place. Maud done big washing

mail: letter from Grace one from Helen Watson

Dispatch and that is all.

Wednesday 8 May 1907.

but not warm yet wind North. I expected

a letter from Wellies family but were disappointed

Maud churned twice once for ourselves and

once for R. V went to not early this morn

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but no fish not a scale.

Tuesday 6th August 1907

A warm cloudy

day. Sr went fishing caught 10 rock

bass. V cut barley with mowing machine

V Telephone to Elly Woodman for new binder.

Maud telephoned to bell to come for berries.

Rachel telephone for apples for McClarren

Hitchcock house. Telephone to Belle to

come and pick raspberries again for herself.

Received a letter from Grace Boyne City

and a magazine the "Boyne Citizen"

Wednesday 7th August 1907.

Cloudy Belle Kathleen & Henry drove

in buggy. They picked 12 quarts.

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Continuation from
February 8th through June 28 1918
diary in separate book

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June

Saturday 29th 1918.

A clear bright warm day. Jimmy, Voltie and Will Dixon working on the barn. A sharp shower of rain drove them to the house for a while. I wrote a letter to Grace Cheever. Rachel walked over staid to supper, walked over again looking for her spectacles.

Sunday 30th June 1918

A lovely warm bright am very warm almost hot. Will went home to day. V paid him 15 dollars R \$2 dollars. Ray Rat drove here for Emma to go visiting to Maggie. The pm very warm it looks like rain. I write a letter to Ben Watson. I sent or gave two letters to mail for me one to Charley Dixon, one to Grace Cheever. Will Niles came and brought me a bunch of roses. Roy & Maggie brought Emma home before rain. Voltie salted the cows and took a nap after rowing Will D across the river. E & E brought in all the clothes off the lines and grass it looks so much like rain. Voltie brought in and gave me all the strawberries that our strawberry vines grew this year which was 6 berries. Emma gave me two candies. I can eat neither berries nor candies but go to bed supperless. Will Niles said, he read in Watertown paper that Wellie Bamford has bought a farm. I am glad; now he wont have to move again

Monday July 1st 1918

Dominion Day

Wind blowing hard from South this morn
rained heavily in the night. Rain came in
under the veranda door. The weather clears
tho the wind continues to blows and the
waves are rolling high and beating
against the shore. The clouds are running
to the North this morning, and the swaying
bowing bending of the trees all in motion.
V can't work on the barn this day
on account of wind tho he did work some
after Jim came. Jim didn't go home this eve
a picnic Brophy's point Samy went accompanied by Miss Langley a
dance at night.

Tuesday 2nd July 1918

A very good day all day. V & Jim worked on
barn all day JD turned the cows in the orchard
after milking in morning. V and I watch them
to keep them out from the door yard and destroying
Emmas flower bed. Edith has to trot after them
nearly every ten minutes. After dinner Edith
goes visiting to Louise Niles then Emma has to
trot every time I say "There the cows are eating your
dahlias. Edgar Niles came over for Emma to
go to their house visiting and tomorrow pm they are
going to Allen's St Lawrence corners to a dance. Emma
went. Jim Morgan goes home after he ate supper

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Jan 5 1907

Sold butter 25 cts per lb 10 \$2,50

" " 28 " " 19 \$5,13

" " 25 " 8

Honey 22 sections

May 2 Sold butter 3 lbs-5lb

" 8 " " S.D. Woodman

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Debt

owe bank paid \$47.00

" R 25

" R again for hay 25

owe \$7.00

on piano \$10

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5 Jan 1907

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Paid to bank on insurance	\$18.50 +
sent for Alkavis	5.02 +
Groceries	1.62
Condition powders	.40
horse shoeing	1.00
boat fare	.25
horse keep	.25
Pink pills	1.25

18 Jan

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sugar	1.00
Kerosine oil	.60
Freight and carting	.15
Fare for V and Crawford in Card's rig	.50
Horse keep	.35
Deck hooks	1.50
stove paste	.50
Harness paint	.15

corn starch	.10
Laundry starch	.10
Tobaco	.20
snuff for R	.15
Gin	.70
soap	.25. +

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Feb 1st

Soap ,25

Rolled wheat ,15

letter tablet 10

Envelopes 5

paid a note to Massay Harriss \$8,2

olive oil ,07

Box sodas ,25

Ginger & pepper ,20

two boxes cow brand ,10

mustard ,05

Gin ,70

[illegible] ,36

mittens 1,05

subscribed Herald 1,00

peanuts 10

Tobaco ,35

beef 35

2 cards 20

paid in bank \$18,50

paid J Sppor 9,00

Sand bay school tax 1,42

Tax on Lindas 1,43

Gin 85

treating 36

Pipe 1,00

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over shoes 2,00
drinks 10 cts
12 gallons, Kerosine 1,50
bolts ,05
codfish 48
cheese ,21
brooms ,25
Yeast cakes ,05
2 bottles ink ,10
6 papers pins ,12
12 safety pins ,13
drawers for V ,50
Grass seed 4,00
1 dressing comb ,15
1 box matches ,15
from corners 10 lbs sugar ,50
" " molasses ,40
1 string of sleigh bells 2,00
4 Feb Spent in Watertown 6,30
27 Groceries 1,38
Gin. He said it was ,25 cts but probably more ,25
Horse shoeing 1,00
syrup from Kingston ,50
sugar ,50
McLures magazine 1,00

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groceries ,40
groceries ,49
olive oil ,25
porter ,20
1 bottle pickled olives ,20
1 bottle Barter ,10
b snuff ,05
cocoa ,10
chocolate ,10
pastry sugar ,30
5 lbs sugar ,25
" " granulaed ,30
a card of needles ,10
letter tablet ,10
dry goods from Laidlaws 2,15
Gin ,75
tin ware ,20
cloth for quilt ,50
horse blister ,75
horse keeping ,15
sugar 30
Paid Rachel \$20,00
Mauds rubbers ,50
stockins ,25
yeast cakes ,10

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smoked herin ,15
1 fish ,35
tobaco ,35
tin pans ,24
Rubber boots credit ~~1500~~
Telephone " 15,00
Boat fare 25
snuff 05
peppermint 10
2 bottles electric oil 50
Borax 10
10 sugar 50
sodas 25
Ginger 25
matting 2,25
Groceries ,50
Table cloth ,98
seeds from Park ,25
Envelopes ,05
4 May 1907
Groceries 1,59
Boat fare 25
two corsets covers ,50
tulip plant ,25

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Wednesday July 3rd 1918

A very cool morning and
clouding up fast, very strange weather
for 3rd July. V turned the cows in again
this morning. pm I watch cows pick over beans.
Edith getting dinner. phoned to Weir for Tea &
Coffee. JimSamy & V working on barn
E ran to post box with letters to Bernie Watson.
Edith drove the cows back twice
before nine O'clock and has to find wood
to get dinner with. O such work!
Letting the Tea & Coffee be all
used up and say nothing and she going to
St Lawrence store.

Thursday 4th July 1918

A fine day. Grace, Margaret, Robert, Isabel, Bert, Maud
and Hubert came this a.m.

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Friday 5 July 1918

A very fine day. V and Jim working on barn.
Emma not home. Van came over in pm. river
very Quiet. Van drank cider. Heard Joe is
coming home to stay.

Saturday 6 July 1918

A bright breezy morning, cool and fine. Emma not
home yet. Grace doing all the work, cooking and waiting
on the table. Voltie, Jim Morgan & Samy Woodman here
working on the barn. Every one busy. One cow jumped
in here. Edith and Isabel drove her out. mopping cleaning
baking going on

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Sunday 7 July 1918

Not a very pleasant day for weather wind and showers at intervals. Bert went fishing caught 2 fine pike which Grace cooked for dinner together with mashed potatoes & very nice. Voltie rowed them over the river and they went to Watertown in Berts car. Bert, Maud Hubert, Grace & Isabel. Wm N brought Emma home after they went home. Bert carried home a half bag full of fish. Rachel here too.

Monday 8 July 1918

Worked on barn part of the day, then rained again. Jim went home. Wm N staid and V and he done what they could.

Tuesday 9th July 1918.

Worked some on the barn not much. James didn't come this day. V and Wm worked in shop. After supper Wm N went home. I requested him to ask his ma to send me some lettuce. E, E & Margaret went to R's carrying milk after dark.

Wednesday 10 July 1918

A morning of fog and clouds rained in the night. Wm came over through the fog. don't understand how he found his way across through the fog. he brought me lettuce. Jimmy came bringing me lettuce so we will have some for dinner any way. Received the announcement of Hubert Bamford wedding to Pauline Catherine Shead. They were married 5th July 1918. Rachel came over to dinner. fish for supper. girls caught high rocks.

Thursday 11 July 1918

Voltie, Jimmy, Will Niles working on the barn. Margaret, Edith and Emma went to Dora Hallidays to the ice cream strawberry festival. went by way of Jimmy Morgan's and from there in motor boat came home at 2 a.m. I write a letter to Belle. had fish for supper which the girls caught from high rocks.

Friday 12 July 1918.

A very warm day. Voltie, Jimmy, Wm N and Robert working on barn. Barn nearly completed enough for hay and grain. Jimmy M drove to dock for lumber, for Voltie from Anglin. Girls fishing for supper. I sent a letter to Belle. Margaret rec'd a letter from her ma. Canadian Countryman, Farm and Dairy Famers, Advocate done a good job on the barn this day Robert Margaret E & E went at eve to carry milk to Rachel.

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Saturday 13 July 1918

A cool clear morning. wind North
and breezy. Margaret went to factory
with Voltie. Emma wears her best black
skirt every day. Guess it is a sign.
Poor dear little girl.

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wheel Lace

31 stitches and knit across plain

1 row S one, K2, O, n, K 4 on, O 12 3 on

161, O, n K, 5,

useless purchase

Gin 70

" 5

treatment 36

20

two cards

lost note paper & envelopes 15

1 pipe 1,00

\$3,26 to this date Feb 10. 1907

two beers, 10

more gin

(Last little gusset_

1-19 listed vertically

1-24 listed vertically

Third row of gusset like first one

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1907

1 Jan

Letters Received.

Cards from Eveline

Letter from W.M. & card

" " Ethel with card & doily

8 Jan

letter from Muriel

letter from Grace

letter from W.S.

Herald & Dispatch

11 Jan

Herald

postal from Mrs Brooks

Letter from Alkavis

Letter from Rena James

12 Jan

Letter from Letter from Grace

" " Helen Watson

" " W.F. Watson

" " Catalogue of jewelry

" " Dispatch

" " Parks Floral Guide

Friday 18 Jan

a letter from Grace and from Hugh

a letter from Muriel

" " " Gladys

a roll of papers from Eveline

The Herald. Maud received a card from Muriel

Tuesday Jan 21

Dispatch, New Thought, Floral Guide

Friday

A letter from Muriel

A match scratcher from Maud

A calendar from Maud

letter from Grace

Herald & McCheres magazine

Tuesday 29

letter from Gladys

" " Rena James

Dispatch

Experimental farm

invitation to C.M.B.A.

New Year 1907 letters posted

[date]		[cost]\\\}
Jan 1	Subscribed to Herald	2 cts
"	Helen Watson	2
"	Rena James	2
Jan 4th	Eveline	2
"	Jennie Dunlop	2
"	Grace	2
"	One copy of Herald for Eveline	2
"	A package of papers for F.W. Watson	2
5th	Edna Parsons	2
"	Alkavis	2
"	Herald for Eveline	2
8th	Herald for Eveline	2
"	Mailed a letter for Miss Crawford	2
"	Mailed a letter for Maud to W.M.	2
11th	Herald for Eveline	2
14th	Two letters to Muriel	4
"	Two letters posted for Miss Crawford	4
22 Jan	Two more letters posted for Crawford	4
"	A letter for Gladys	2
"	" " " Rena James	2
25 Jan	letter for Grace	2

"	sent letter to Grace	2
Feb 9th	sent Valentine to Muriel	2
"	Sent Valentine to Gladys	2
"	letter to Murray Harris Company	2

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Sent letter Eveline

Other letters and cards

April 5 2 letter one to Gladys and one to W.C.M.

Letter to Bill

one Easter letter to W.F.W.

" " " Charlie Dixon

" " " Edna Parsons

" " " Muriel

" " " Eveline

" " " Park

Grandma

Grandma will it be all

right if I go down to [illegible]

she said allowed. Wants me

to come as she is there

I dont think the girls will

over to go with me

66

one spool thread No 12 white

" " " 30 black

Tablet & Envelopes

Cosmopolitan

Rolle doats

Diary

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Photomount
Pamphlet Binder
Manufactured by
Gaylord Bros. Inc.
Syracuse, N.Y.
Stockton, Calif.

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