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EEmma

John

Emma

Boat

Mail

Sam Woodman

ES

Emma Leeman

Emma Leeman

St Lawrence PO

Wolfe IslandOnt.

Mrs RA Gaskin

351 Bramard St

Watertown N.Y.

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Maggie
Junior
Howard Niles
Howard
Niles
R
Irene Dixon
Irene Dixon
34 yrs ago
Letters Posted 1911
since New Years

Jan 20th	\href{#article-32135473}{Grace}	,2
" "	Maud	,2
by Em	card to Kathleen	,1
Jan	Grace	,2
" "	Maud	,2
" "	Belle	,2
Jan 27	Maud	,2
" "	Maud	,2
" "	Herald	,2
" "	Grace	,2
" "	Express order for Herald	4
Feb 3	3 cards, Grace, Belle, Maud	3
" 4	letter for Grace	,2
" 7	" for Eveline	,2
" "	" " Grace	,2
" 9	letter for Maud	,2

" 14	sent letter to Belle	,2
" 21	" letter Grace	3
March 3rd	letter to Eveline	,2
7th	for F.W. Watson	,2
"	for Grace	,2
"	for Maud	,2
Mar 17	W. L. Watson	,2
21	sent three cards Grace, Maud & Belle	,3
"	letter Bernard Morgan	,2
28	a letter to Maud	,2
"	" " " Mills for garden seeds	,2
30	a letter to Belle	,2
"	a letter to Grace	,2
Apr 11	a letter to Muriel	,2
" "	" " " Grace	,2
" "	" " " Maud	,2

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[various scribbles of additions]

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Accounts for 1917

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	Geo Niles sleigh	\$27,00
Jan 15	Sold butter 60 lbs at 24 cts per lb	\$14,40
"	4-1/3 doz egg, 35 per doz	1,52
"	butter Mrs Rutan 1 lb	,25
	sit shoe for Geo Woodman	,10
	sold calf to Dempster	5,00
Jan 17	butter on the market	8,47
"	Honey for Henderson	2,55
" 24	shoeing of Niles horse	,75
	1 shoe for Jack Niles	,10
	riviting J Niles cutter	0,25
" 27th	2 bushels beans for Wm G Woodman	4,00
"	2 doz eggs, 30 per doz	,60
"	15 per sec Honey to Henderson	7,20
"	butter to Whitney 15 lb	3,75
"	butter 32 lbs Bateson	7,68
"	butter Henderson 21 lbs	5,04
"	sold butter to Lib 9-1/2 lbs	2,28
"	Mrs Ruttan 2 lbs butter	,48
Feb 4th	Mrs Winbum 27 butter	6,48
" 12th	Mrs Winbum 22 .24 cts	5,28

"	Honey crawford 18 per 19 sec 26 per	2,85
"	Eggs Crawford 3 doz	,85
"	Sold wheat 5 bushel	4,12
"	Mrs Ruttan Butter 1 lb	,24
Feb 24th	Butter Frank Woodman 2 lb	,50
28	Butter for Grace 10 lbs 25 cts	2,50
	butter for Winbum 10 lbs	2,50
	butter for Whitney 19 lbs	4,75
	20 lbs Honey Henderson	8,00

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March

8 - butter 19 lbs at 25 - \$4,75
March 11 - two doz eggs 24 - ,48
17 - Sold Day 1 bag potatoes - ,75
" - setting shoe for H. Halliday - ,25
22nd - eggs Jimmy Morgan 4 doz - ,80
23rd - " sold in Kingston 5 doz - ,80
Butter 31 lbs - 7,13
27 - two roosters to F.W. - 1.00
setting shoe for C. Woodman - 10
Apr 11 - Butter 20 lbs Winburn - 4.60
Weat for Murphy 3-1/2 bu - 2,92
3 bags potatoes .95 - 1.35
Apr 27 - 9 doz eggs
Butter 49 lbs .10
Butter 21 lbs .18
T. Woodman 5 - 1.00
Sylvia 1 - 20
Ruttan 3 - 60

Aug

5 doz eggs .20 - 1,00
3 bushels apples
tomatoes - .75
Potatoes 1 - 1.75
Butter 25 per lb 33
Apples
Aug
Mrs Niles butter 3lb .25 per - .75
Henderson apples 5-1/2 bushels .80 per - 4.40
Apples on market - 3.15
potatoes - .70
butter 10 lb on market ,28 per - 2.80

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tod us about his visit to Wellies.
H and Mrs Joslin were there two
weeks. V plowed all p.m.
Received letters from Belle (a card), a
long letter from Grace. 2 Heralds
and a Standard. We read the
terrible war News and go to
bed.

Saturday 6th Nov 1914

A cloudy morning and a cloudy
day. V plowing, Emma doing Sat
work. I on my feet all a.m. and
most of p.m., tried out one Kettle
of fat. Set up a new chair tidy,
dont know as I will finish it very
soon. Emma cleaned all floors
and made a tough cake which
she covered with chocolate dressing
We heard by way of Sylvia who has
received a letter from Samy that Ada Dixon
is very sick not expected
to recover. She is in Watertown
hospital, there is a letter here for
Rachel from Jen since yesterday
Sunday 7th Nov 1914

A cloudy day, Wind West. V
calculating his liabilities and how
to meet them. Hard work to keep Edith
up to business. I superintended the breakfast
while Emma helped milk. V shaved and
cut up the pork. We expect Maggie Joslin here
to dinner. Very nice, warm and comfortable
here by the dining room stove. Think
I will write a letter to Belle.

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Maggie Joslin came here from church staid to dinner. Emma and Maggie called on Sylvia. Emma went as far as Rachels where they called and staid awhile. Maggie Magee came down and romped around with Edith awhile after Edith's return from Rachels where she had been to carry R a letter from Jen which had been here since Friday evening. Mr McKay also made us a visit staid to supper. I prepared most of the supper, worked in kitchen till Emma came Monday 9th Nov 1914

A cloudy morning West wind froze last night. I got to get up and work tho I don't feel like it but necessity forces me to do so. Almond Joslin here on look out for Germans which I think is all nonsense. ~~Al stayed to din~~ I was going to say Al staid to dinner. Voltie intended to plow but was rung up to help load pressed hay which occupied his time all a.m. he plowed all p.m. Edith went to shcool. We tried out lard and etc. Maggie here to borrow kettle. Teusday [sic] 10 Nov 1914

A beautiful day, river like a mirror all day. Mr Constance phoned that the hay boat would be here for Volties hay and again phoned that it would not come to day. So Sam H

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Woodman went home but Hiram Joslin staid and helped Voltie put the corn in the barn. Hiram staid to dinner. V didn't plow to day. Emma intended to wash but did not. We churned and tried more lard. V doing all kind of odd jobs. No letters from any one, only Standard and Farmers magazine and some Almanacs. Edith at school. Maggie brought the kettle home and got Rundal's linament for Sylvie got cramps. Had a telephone ring that the coal barge is coming tomorrow at foot and Breakeys bay. W.W.W.W. Wednesday 14 Nov 1914
A chilly day wind west. V drew water for Rachel to scald her chickens. V killed her chickens. Edith went over and helped Rachel and staid all night so to help R off in the morning. After dinner V drew two loads of coal from the foot of the island. This morning after washing the dishes and while washing the stove my peg leg gave up and I fell on the floor and burnt my left arm in falling, burnt it on the stove; by help of Emma and Edith and a chair, I got on my feet again not any worse only for the burn and considerably shook up. Evening after chores done V cleans up a grist of hog feed. 5 bags. V built a good coal fire in dining room stove

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Thurs| Thursday 12 Nov 1914

Partly clouds partly sunlight not very cold. Emma working as usual. Edith came home early this morning bringing a few toasted corn flakes that R had given her. Voltie drove to dock with hog grist 5 bags full. Voltie has been up since since ten minutes to two doctoring old Ben horses for colic & did not go to bed again but cleaned stables horse and cow stables, milked 7 cows, fed cows, horses and hogs then routed the neighbours by phone to help him load hay on the boat. Emma cook rib, made apple pie, cleaned kitchen floor, washed towels and an apron. Edith home from school to help she does some work but have to drive her all the time, holler and yell but she can play with the cats beautifully. Six men here to dinner. Jack Niles, Sam and John H Woodman, Albert Gillespie, Ed McDermot and Voltie.

After dinner V went to lower Barn and cleaned up the hay, looked after the pigs then drove to the dock for Rachel and pig feed. Sylvia sent letter to Sheridan Maloney.

F F Friday 13 Nov 1914

I wrote to Andy Mitchel and Wellie to find John's whereabouts. Edith carried them to Vs road & gave them to Wm Ranous. Voltie went for the sheep drove them home then hitched up and drove to George Woodmans.

intending to bring home the little colts but they wouldnt drive or be led so came in time for dinner. He intended to plow this pm but storm prevented. Not much work done here this day, we have satisfy soup for dinner. Voltie plowed all pm. A terric wind blowing, lightning and one great thunder clap and no more thunder, the wind uprooted one of the cedars on the shore directly in front of the house. my arm is very sore yet. Didnt go for the mail this eve. Emma milked and separated the milk. I read to V and Emma from Farmers Magazine.

Saturday 15 Nov 1914

Voltie went early this morning (ie) after breakfast to George's for the colts. Geo & Rodney pike come down with them. They met Voltie up by the english church. A pair of little bays. Edith went to Sylvia's for the mail, a letter from Grace, a letter from Watson, a letter from Maud and a bundle of papers from Belle and some West India papers from W Watson. V rung for Edith before she would come home. V now gone to draw wood from the dock to the school house. Emma made apple pies and mopped floors, got dinner. Emma baked bread, ground frozen hard last night cant plow this a.m. The day is chilly and sun shining. Maggie Maggee staid here all night for Sylvie has a bean. To bad that she doesnt give him up or marry him. Emma Woodman & Samy came over for the day, went home early.

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Sunday 16th Nov 1914

A cloudy morning and begins raining at noon. Rained all pm. The day passes very quietly no one here. Maggie staid to breakfast V wandered off down to the lower farm looking aft sheep. Said they were all right. Our rain barrel full wont have to bring water from river to wash. V came from S place wet wet wet. Changed clothes went to barn said Old Ben horse got ehøie colic again gave him a triple dose of horse medicine composed of milk, soda and ginger and spirits of mitre and soon he was better, then Voltie gave him a dose of 4 tablespoons full of spirits of turpentine and 5 of linseed oil.

Monday 16 Nov 1914

clear, sun bright day, wind from S.W. White caps rolling grandly and dashing on shore. I think my burnt arm is better but such a lot of work to do. Washing, churning, house cleaning, sewing, patching, papering, curtains to wash, a thousand things to do and no one to do any thing. Oh that miserable lazy Edith. Voltie has gone to the field to plow. No wood to the school house and V is trustee and he has not time to chop wood for the school. After dinner Voltie see last page in book for Nov 19 through 24th

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[date	[description]	[Amount]
"	Horse Keeping	.25
"	Paid on Emmas watch & ring	1,20
"	20 lbs B sugar from Winbruns	1,05
"	Tea from Crawfords	,90
"	Whiskey	,75
"	treating	,20
"	Paid Jerry M on oak tree	3,00
"	Eleven gal kerosine at 10 per gal	1,10
Feb 23	Tablets Dyspepsia	,50
"	Sawing	2,25
"	Rice	,25
"	Rolled Wheat	,25
"	Soda	,10
"	help to load lumber	,25
"	drink brandy	,10
"	Bits and screws	,48
"	Cigars	,10
"	Rubber for separator bowl	.15
	[subtotal]	2,53
" 28	Crothers biscuits	1,00
"	Whiskey	1,50

"	Horse keeping over night	1,00
"	Diary	,10
"	Horse keeping	,25
"	Groceries	2,95
"	drug store	,80
"	lumber	,30
"	paint oil turps. oil can	,60
"	cloves	,20
"	tobacco	,50
	[subtotal]	8.20
	Manson & Campbell Note No 431	8.00
	[total]	16.20

see pages 50, 51, 52 for
Nov 25th through Nov 30th

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March{March}

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8		Sawing	2	3	30
				2	
		milling			52
		horse keep			25
	Kingston	Em,s Kubb[?]			70
	"	Whisk			60
	"	Onions			35
	"	cod fish			35
	"	groceries			55
	"	thread			<u>05</u>
				5	67
		sand paper			<u>15</u>
				5	82
		2 yds print			<u>25</u>
				6,	04
March	17	Tobacco & cider		n	,60
Clayton	"	6 yds blueprint			<u>,36</u>

				96
Kingston		Emma's third reader		,14
"		1 boule milk		<u>],05</u> <u>[/u]</u>
				19
March	23	Dr Bogart	1	00
		Horse keeping	,	25] 0 [/del]
	Kingston	dinner & chinawares] 25 [/del]	25
	"	Paid Lumber Bill	3,	20
	"	groceries	1,	30
	"	grinding] 2 [/del]	24
	"	iodine	,	15
	"	Whiskie	,	40
		Turpentine	,	25
		Letter Tablet	<u>],</u>	10 [/del]
			\$7,	14
March	28	Sent to Mills for seeds	1,	30
"		Registered the same		5

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1 lbs tea by
[?] from +
from May
Paine

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April 11 Tuesday 1911

[description]	[Amount]
6 lbs rice	.25
10 lbs granulated sugar	,60
10 bars brown soap	,25
1 lb tea	,25
tobacco	,25
1 lb Fed	,30
5 lb brown Shuger	,25
Emma's geography	,65
A paper pins	,40
G	,25
Toited soap	,10
Emma's shoes	1,20
Granulated sugar	,50
rolled wheat	,25
lbs prunes	,25
matches	.15
1 lb tea	,30
y	,40

Sunday a very fine 1st
of December 1813
Voltie and

Dan McLean went over the
river and brought the scales
and Will came came [sic] home with
them towards night he went over to
Rachels and staid all night with her

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Monday 2nd Dec 1913

A very good day. Voltie and Will working over at Rachels fixing cow stable and banking her house

Tuesday 3rd Dec 1913

No one goes

to Kingston to day from here.

Will goes up to see Uncle Sam

Wednesday 4 Dec 1913

This is the day Will should have gone home but he went visiting to Al Barrys

ate dinner then found them

butchering, stays all night with R

Thursday 5 Dec 1913

Came over home after visiting

Dignams, found Mrs Dig gone

to Chicago visiting her daughter

Mary. Will came over in time for

dinner. In evening the Digs came

here. Harold and Frances Mcdonnell

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August 1911 17th
Baking Powder .25
Bird seed .10
Soda
Toilet soap
12 Lemons ,30
Brown sugar ,50
matches
Rolled wheat
Granulated sugar
Yellow corn meal
1 mollasses

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pins
Brown sugar
Granulated
2 lbs putnergen
1 yeast cakes
pepper
1 spool white thread
1 lb tea
1 vannailla
2 lb lard

Friday 5 December 1913

One fine day V phoned to John Murray to take him to Clayton to see about the bank money. Will Dixon went along so far on his way home. He came home at one Oclock brought 20 yds of brown cotton & 10 yds blue print, 2 pairs of stockings for E & E, 1 package of dye red and two letter tables also a bag of pea nuts.

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Saturday 6 Dec 1913

A very good day. Emma mopped then washed. I sent Edith to R with Evelines letter and a piece of cheese. She sent me 3 eggs. This is the first winter that I had no eggs to lay down since I began house keeping 47 years ago.

Sunday 7th Dec 1913

A rainy day mud ankle deep. Emma had her nose painted. Hiram Joslin's to visit Maggie Joslin, but rain and mud prevented. So we pass a very quiet day at home. Except goes the rounds of the farm looking after sheep and things and away back on Rachel's place and calls on R for a while. The rain will end in a snow storm.

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Monday 8 Dec 1913

The first snow storm of the season snowing & blowing from the N.W. a very nasty day. V sets Dan McLane to filling Rachels barn with hay while he finishes making cider 160 gallons done for this year.

The calves 55 of them were out all night, V went for them early this morning, he put 3 of the calves in the stable last night.

Dan complaining of cold feet.

V rigged him out with mackanard socks and a pair of big shoes. V went to the Frank place for apples which were in the old house and filled a barrel with apples for Grace. I

don't think there was much profitable house work done. I wrote two letters one to Muriel and one to Grace, mended some socks, patched Edith an apron, pared a string of apples to dry and churned. Emma made a few butter prints. Edith noisy and contrary as usual but helps some but noisy. Emma found a mouse nest in red cupboard, 11 half grown mice, our calico cat ate five. pan cakes for supper. Voltie paid Dan 20 dollars for his months work.

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Tuesday 9 Dec 1913

A clear bright day but cold,
scarcely any wind, what there is
is South. Thawing in the sunlight.
Edith gone to school. I send two
letters by her to P.O., one to Grace
and one to Muriel. V and Dan
butcher one pig for our own
home use. Uncle Sam is very sick
man. Dont think he can ever
get well. Begins to cloud up
again very dark, clouds
in the South, Wind rising and
squally and rain setting in at night.
Wind howling all night. Dick Kesler
brought his old sleigh up
for V to fix. V and Dan drove over
to R with her 6 gallons of kerosine,
a bag of apples and a bag of oats.
V and D filled her barn chock
full of hay and banked some of
her buildings

Wednesday 10 Dec 1913

This is a nasty day. Wind SE
and rain & mow, a combination
and dark had to light a lamp.
V went over and butchered 16
hens for market. Then went to
the lower barn, moved hay and
tried to shoo the sheep in
the barn but they wouldnt
go. Not much work being done. I
made two apple pies, baked a
bad green squash stringy no good,
tried out the lard and cooked
the heart and tongue. Edith stays
home to day.

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Thursday 11 Dec 1913

The storm clouds clear away
uncle Sam Woodman died to
day, just six weeks to a day after
Wells Sr died. Voltie drove to
the dock this morning with Dan McLane
and Aunt Rachel.

Sylvia phoned for V while he
was at dinner to say her grand
father is dead and V hurried
through his dinner, shaved and
went up there. Emma trying
to do the barn chores at noon.
V moved all the hogs into the
pen. Edith washing the dinner
dishes. River very still, cloudy
again. Samy came down to
borrow a razor. Wall Niles came home
to day. came home with V from
C Woodmans this evening. Wall
wears a diamond ring. He says
it cost \$100.

Friday 12th Dec 1913

A full moon this eve. A very good day.
Emma cleaned the pantry. Edith went
to school. V choring around doing
all sorts. Frank came from Charleys
while we were eating dinner. Invited him
to dinner; said he had just had dinner.
He wanted to shave him. V gave him
his razor and told him to shave himself
which he did. Frank staid all p.m. &
to supper. V carried in 5 swarms
to the cellar in eve V & F & E went to
C Woodmans for mail, a letter from Maud and one
from Grace and Bob.

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Saturday 18 1913 Dec

A very fine day. Wind South.
V finished carrying in the bees
which is only 12 hives for he
found one vacant hive. E hurried
around and got the floors cleaned
mighty sudden to go to the
funeral. V went and aunt Rachel.
Mr Stewart preached the funeral
sermon. Frank, Emma and Len Patterson
were all there, was there
from over the way. Rachel came
with Voltie & E. Evening I
went over to do her chores.

Sunday 14 Dec 1913

A very fair day only mud mud
every where. No church service to
day. We roasted a rib for dinner.
Rachel came over to dinner, went
home around the shore. We had
a quiet peaceful Sabbath day went
to bed early.

Monday 15 Dec 1913

A bright beautiful day. Emma washed.
Voltie brought in the first eggs
of the season. Aunt Rachel
came over for me to address her
Christmas Boxes to Will and Eveline,
Edith went to school, V drew
a load of wood and made
a hay ride for the sleigh. I finish
trying out the lard. I borrowed a
cup of tea of Sylvia. I got nearly all
the dinner and supper and I
should think Emma could finish
the supper without letting the meat
burn for the sake of disputing with Edith.

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Tuesday 16 December 1913

Emma finished hanging out the clothes, made cookies and I received letter from Belle also one from Grace and

Wednesday 17 December 1913

I scrubbed the butter basket and dried it in the oven while E helped put some hay in the barn. Emma printed and put up 24 lb of butter for market, mopped the kitchen floor and helped get supper. Edith went to school. Voltie plowed all day.

Thursday 18 December 1913

A chilly morning. V drove to the dock in the old buggy carrying Rachel and Emma and 24 lbs butter for Emma and 11 for Rachel. Edith home from school today helping me get the meals, etc. V does Rachels chores and then drives to dock for E & R. Voltie puts West window in veranda Wind North and cold, sent Emma her fur collar to wear home from the dock.

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Friday 19 Dec 1913

This is the next day after Kingston market. ~~Voltie drove to dock with Emma~~ and the last day of school. Emma and Edith go to school in am to recite their pieces; a rehearsal, came home at noon, dress all in white and return to perform before the audience. The Morgans, Flynns, Dignams, OBriens, Woodmans & George & Inez. Nina had a christmas tree for the kids. Show out at 3 p.m.

Saturday 20 Dec 1913

The usual amount of work done, mopping, sweeping, churning, getting the meals. I take of the butter and wash the churn. Emma cooks the pigs feet and V begins his new shop by drawing stone and putting up a frame. 2 hens on their nests but dont lay. Old Ben sick with indigestion.

Sunday 21st December 1913

A very mild day for the season Cloudy ground bare. Old Ben better this morning after V was up doctoring him all night. Emma went to church. Rachel came over, gave her her cards. Mrs Higg and Mrs Dignam and Delaval Calendar. After dinner and dishes washed Emma goes visiting Sylvia and Ruth. after awhile Aunt R goes home and we are once more left alone to read and study. Ground bare.

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Monday 22nd Dec 1913

Another lovely day. Scarcely any wind, river quiet, a brilliant sun shining brightly over every thing.

C Woodman gone over the river.

V sent by him for oil, kerosine.

V putting up 3 barrels of apples for

~~Henderson~~ Emma making

christmas fruit cake. The apples are for Day and McFarland.

R was to come over and help make the christmas cakes. Tis now half past 11 a.m. she not here.

She came after dinner, butter would come she said.

Emma made ginger cookies and fried cakes put up a basket for Grace. V drove to dock with 3 barrels of apples. The fire went out in the coal stove.

Voltie sat up late reading.

Tuesday 23 Dec

Arose very early. Emma drives to dock with V, drove Duke home.

Very mild in the morning tho cloudy beginning to rain toward noon. Rain all p.m., mud mud and rain & not very warm. Voltie milked the cows and done nearly all the chores before he went to Kingston. Emma dressed for the weather and drove the calves in, stabled the cows and fed them.

Then drove to the dock for Voltie, she started early carrying the lantern with her. Edith and I waited a long time after school.

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supper ready hot and steaming
with a roaring fire as a welcome
when they should come. Such a
dark night and telephones ringing
up Dignams inquiring Is boat in
At last about 8 O'clock p.m. E &
V came. Voltie bringing candies, nuts
and other Christmas duds from
town so we had our supper while
peace & contentment reigned supreme.

Wednesday 24 Dec 1913

Didnt go for the mail till this
morning. A letter and Helens
picture from Spokane, a book
from Nina Murphy, a package from
Will. A very nasty day freezing rain.

E decorated Dining room for
Xmas. Got Edith off to bed.

Early as we could filled her stocking
and dressed her doll. V drove to
dock for hen feed. May Woodman
sent me an apron.

Thursday 25 Dec 1913 Xmas

Edith up early this morning examining
her stocking and new school bag,
pulling out doll, new mittens and
every other strash. She dont deserve
anything she receives this morning.
A great over grown girl nearly 12 years
old and to dirty and lazy to
get out of her own way. V drove for
Aunt Rachel she came bringing and
a gift for me, a little aggate basin,
a pan cake turner and a plate. The chicken
stuffed and roasting in the oven after

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very pleasant Christmas. R goes home and we are alone once more and all is well.

Friday 26 Dec 1913

A cold morning and a stormy day. Wind N. Snowing and blowing.

I sit by the fire and write thanks to a few Xmas beneficiaries including Nina, Mary & Grace. George W Woodman here all a.m. in shop

with V where V is making a sleigh box for Geo. He ate dinner with us. Geo can talk faster & louder than any man within a radius of 40 miles but

Geo is one fine lad, good true and generous. Voltie

carried Sylvie a pail of Sour Krout when he went for the mail and she gave V a bottle of goose oil from their Xmas goose.

Our evening mail a letter and books from Maud, a book from Welly & Eveline sent Emma a pretty silk veil and Lazy Edith two yds of red sash ribbon, also a book for aunt Rachel and a letter for Rachel from Cupper, Brooklyn and a box of something from Will

Saturday 27th Dec 1913

A cold brilliant day 3 deg above zero.

V gone over to R's to put hay or straw in her barn. Emma cleans floors. V drew a load wood

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Sunday 28th Dec 1913

Maggie McGee here also.

A very good day not to beautiful. I intended to write letters to day but didn't. Henry Holliday drove in and staid

to dinner then Rachel came over and staid to supper.

Edith went home with her to carry a lantern. She was to come home early this morning and now tis long afternoon and she not here yet. Well I guess tis getting a little ahead of time

Monday 29th Dec 1913

Looks very much like snow this morning. V up early and butchered 8 chickens and we three dressed them for market and filled 3 barrels of apples for market. Begins to snow, right merrily. I have written one letter to Grace all OK.

Two Oclock and Edith not here home yet. A dirty day any way towards night V drives to dock with apples, 5 barrels & a bushel basket full which he is going to give away 12 eggs up to this time.

Tuesday 30 Dec 1913

Arose early. V going to Kingston on boat. Emma drives to Dock with V in covered rig driving Darke Not very good weather all a.m. clears away at noon. Emma out nearly all day.

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doing chores boat leaves at
2 O'clock p.m. from Kingston.
Emma starts early for the
dock 4 O'clock p.m. Edith
and I have supper ready when
they come back but Edith obstains
as a berkshire. V came just after
dark. Emma went to PO brought
a lettter from Grace, a book from
Lottie, also one for Rachel. V bought
2 books from town, Annie Gillespie married to day.

Wednesday 31 Dec 1913

This is the last time any can write
the true date by writing 1913. This is
school meeting day. Voltie went once
was elected trustee, then drove to
the dock for the veranda door and
lumber. Rachel came over and
we gave her her new book
We have pea soup for dinner.
In the evening I read to V &
E & E. A very cold night.

Thursday 1 Jan 1914

The river is steaming thick
and heavy this morning. Voltie shoeing
Duke. Old Blacksmith shop cold
which makes it very uncomfotable
to work in. 3 eggs brought in this
morning. E & E not very ambitious
on this first of Jan the beginning of the
new year but just as foolish and
noisy and lazy as ever. A heavy white
frost. This morning covering every out
door object. A very little wind East

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Voltie filled R's barn with hay.
Jimmy Morgan here this p.m. I gave
him a lot of old magazines. Emma
trying to wash dont make
much head way about the wash.
This is a very cold day.

Friday 2 Jan 914

A very good day. Emma washed
a tremendous washing and hung them
on the line. I sent Lottie a
Christmas book The Timberlost Girl,
a letter to Maude. R went
to PO to mail letters and
rode back with Geo Ranons. Em
brought in the clothes and folded
them to iron. I received a book from Bill
Mr Opp. R here waiting

Saturday 3 Jan 1914

A very good day so much of
a good day that V worked on
the new shop he is building beside
doing all the chores and getting
wood for both stoves. Emma cleaned
the flooes [flues] from every room

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Sunday 4 Jan 1914

Cloudy and has all the appearance of a snow storm. Notwithstanding all the appearance Emma went to church and from there to Hiram Joslins, rode down with Maggie and the Gillespie twins Clara & Dell. V and Edith prepared the dinner. Edith washed the dishes, then went up to see Maggie Maggee and carried her a doll. V went to the old house and brought a mess of beans, we had pea soup for dinner and a chocolate cake

Monday 5 Jan 1914

Clear and cold. Wind NE

Business is booming this day within door and out ie I guess it will be. Maggie J gave Em a fancy cup and saucer yesterday, also Sylvia went to the English church yesterday and saw E & E's sister. E at church with E Irvine. Emma and Edith cleaned every calico from the boxes at foot of my bed and filled the two marketing bags full.

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Tuesday 6 Jan 1914

Cloudy weather. Voltie working on his shop nearly all day. I sent a letter to Belle and one to Will. Edith went to post office with the letters. Met R there posting letters to Bell and Lottie

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Wednesday 7

Not very cold but cloudy. V drove to George Woodmans. When he returned Wallace Niles came with him, visited awhile, drank a couple glasses of cider drove with V over to fill R barn with and from there went to George Niles visiting. R came over bringing butter scales and print and Emma printed 16 lbs butter for market. V put up 3 barrels of apples for Henderson, chopped wood enough to last till tomorrow night. C Woodman butchered two pigs for market. Emma talked to Sister Ethel over the phone
Thurssday 8 January 1914

The boat came in last night and Voltie and Aunt R are gone to Kingston with apples, butter & eggs We arose at 4,30 a.m. V ate breakfast, dressed for Kingston, harnessed and drove to the door, load in sleigh 3 barrels of apples. I sent a letter to Grace, and to market 16 lbs butter, 18 eggs. Emma brought water to wash clothes and has now gone to the old Frank barn for the calves. Edith is 12 years old to day . The weather not very cold but inclined to be snowy. V went over to dock with sleigh. Emma is gone so long I fret about it. Gone 1 1/2 hour, came and brought the calves. While E & E are doing chores at the barn, Ed McDermott and John Murray came with a sow which they threw in among our hogs in the pen

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I called the girls to the house. Emma done all the chores after they drove away but Edith is to dirty and lazy to do anything excepting eating her meals, obstinate and quarrelsome. Boat left at 2 p.m. V drove home quite early. 6 eggs to day.

Friday 9 Jan 1914

A misty soft day cloudy.

Voltie drove over to dock for lumber and things. Anglin sent a door to many. Rachel rode over when V came from dock. She brought towels to hem on machine and a tick to make for a pillow. George W Woodman came and he & V worked on Geo's sleighbox. Geo & R here to dinner. I pare apples (sweet) for preserves. R paid ,52 cts to me for the eggs. Wallace here also. George, Wallace bigger than ever. Standard & Herald and a letter from Lena also and from Genevieve. 3 eggs.

Saturday 10 Jan 1914

A cloudy snowy morn. Edith working some but quarrelsome. Emma cleaned all the floors, churned & salted the butter. George W Woodman here again to dinner. Emma finished her apron & Ed's under garment sewed any thing and done a very good job on Edith's blue calico dress, sent R's mail to Will Dignam. finshed Trail of Lesson

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11 Jan 1914

A clear bright cold day, 6 below zero. Jack Niles phones for V's boat to row Lizzie Horn across the river. We were at breakfast when Jack phoned and V went and helped Jack get the boat off.

R and Wallace here to dinner.

R fried cakes for dinner.

Nothing to record of any very great importance. Only it is very cold and and the wind is West. Lent Wallace a book "Trail of the Lonesome Pine"

Monday 12 Jan 1914

A tremendous cold day, river partly frozen over this morning. Emma wants to get the washing around but there is no water only as it is brought from the river, the open places in the river are steaming like a cauldron on butchering day.

We get the meals and snuggle around the stove, knit and make a dress for Edith. Voltie does the chores and goes over to Rachels to feed her cows. growing colder towards night, we burn coal in both stoves wind west.

Tuesday 13 Jan 1914

The coldest morning. 30 below zero. The neighbors inquiring of each other by telephone "H cold is at your place," Sylvie couldnt tell for they had lost their thermometer. Wallace here, helped V move cider from barn to the cellar. Cider all frozen. To cold to send

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letters to post office so I dont
write. Voltie lent Wallace
Scotts Lady of the Lake.
V rings the old trunk down and
I search for a fortune but find none
barring a bushel of old worthless
old shop's papers, some fish hooks
and a box of various and divers
kinds of buttons. Even his Bible is
gone with his mothers photo
and other papers. The weather
is so cold we sit up late to keep
the coal burning brightly and
the rooms warm. V put straw
in barn 1 load and carried R
a load of straw, a letter from
Grace. One from Bert Smith
he been buying a new horse. Maud
and the babe are well. Forgot
to say Ethel Woodman sent me
a card. 30 deg below zero 1 egg
Wednesday 14 Jan 1914
Didnt arise very early. Wind
not so fierce as yesterday but the
river is entirely closed in ice
from shore to shore. Geo McD
drove here with fish. Denny here
to meet him. Wallace Niles here.
V ordered up dinner for Geo McDonald
One old c pail gave out a we
threw it away. Denny and another
man came up from Clayton on ice boat.

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Thursday 15 Jan 1913

Weather more moderate but freezing. Tough work to get Edith to do any kind of work especially setting table or washing dishes. Emma washing. I working in kitchen all a.m., washing dishes, pots, pans, kettles, stove, getting dinner but can scarcely walk even by using a cane. Voltie drove up to George Woodmans and brought home a good load of hard wood, mostly maple limbs that fell in last winter ice storm. We had a bowl of hot pepered soup for him when he came at 3 p.m. Every indication of a snow storm; a few stray flakes falling.

Friday 16 Jan 1913

A white frost this morning. Voltie after doing all the chores, is away again for another load of wood. Edith as lazy as ever worse if anything. Cloudy and misty. Emma hung the clothes on the line. clothes freeze as soon as they are hung on the line. Evening mail is Herald, Standard, Farmers Magazine. Not a letter nor a card for me. A letter for R from Em. A letter from Junior relating to Bank business in Clayton. Some advertising. Trash which goes into the stove.

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Saturday 17th January 1914

A stormy day. Wind N.E.

V just hit the mark when when
he got wood to last through
this storm, and the big washing
is done. I finished Edith dress
by sowing [sic] buttons and button holes
made her a good warm underwaist.
Emma cleaned all the floors and
made a layer cake for Maggie Joslin
is coming to make her
periodical visit. We sit up late.
I read aloud to V and E & E
one of Mrs L. T. Meads stories,
Polly A new fashioned girl.
A story both humorous & instructive.
Tho nothing scientific nor
historical.

Sunday 18 Jn 1914

A very fine day. Emma goes
to Church. Maggie Joslin comes
home with Emma and the visiting
proceeds. After dinner and dishes
washed, E & E & M go to consession
on the ice where they meet Maggie Magee
and Ruth Woolcotte, Samy W
also Eddie McDermot with ice boat.
Voltie goes over to Rachels to look
after her and does her chores then
goes down by the big barn and threshes
a few beans, brings them home to be
cooked tomorrow. Emma goes as far as
Rachels with Maggie. We read till late.
Edith while filling the lantern contrives to spill kerosine in
the beans. I dont think they can be cooked after that dose

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Monday 19th Jan 1914

V intended going to Clayton this morning but looks like a gathering storm. John OBrien drove in here to invite V to a party at Henry Hallidays some time this week and inquire about the condition of the ice. John OBrien wants to cross over to Maloneys to invite the try to cross on Samy W ice boat. Samy to be accompanied by Wall Niles, Charley Wooman and young Jack Gibson who is here from Manitoba visiting visiting his Murphy & Halliday relations. The wayfarers on ice soon found there was no ice crossing nor any other way so gave up the expedition. Wallace & Jack OB stopping here to cider. I think they have about all the hard cider they can hold. I know one of them has all right. Wallace phoned from here to find or learn if the "Old Folks Ball" is coming off tonight, yes! so Wall hurries away home to get ready for the great affair. We go to bed a little earlier than. Edith goes to school, this is the first day of Mary Barriey teaching this year. I am glad Ed has gone to school. Peace and Quietness reigns Our hens dont lay many eggs. Trouble is no gravel so V digs some out from under the boat house. I heard Laura Dignam has twin girls. That is fine. I write a long letter to Helen Watson, Chicago.

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Tuesday 20 Jan 1914

A beautiful downfall of snow.

Wall said last night he is going to help V draw straw to day. But I knew he wouldnt and I told him so.

Edith gone to school. Got a drive up with the Woodmans after wallowing through the drifts to get to C Woodman.

Samy on the ice trying to make his ice boat navigate but finds it quite difficult on account of snow, any way he broke down and came to the house to get V to repair the breakage which he, Voltie, does. Shep our beautiful little mongral [sic] dog always ready to bark his very loudest when any one outside the family comes. V tried to beat Shep back behind the stove but in spite of Voltie he escaped around back of stove and met Samy with a full blast of his loud vaciferous bow wow. Emma frying doughnuts which are superfine. Voltie finishing off 5 whiffletrees. Got old sharing horse in the kitchen. I send a letter to Helen Watson. Wallace came in p.m. always glad to see Wallace.

The weather very unpleasant so did not go for the mail last night.

We sat up till eleven p.m. I reading aloud to Voltie and the girls E & E. Only 3 eggs to day.

Sylvia got a bad cold.

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Wednesday 21st Jan 1914

The weather not very cold this morning but snow still continues to fall. Wind North, snow drifted and banked so high cant get to the clothes line to bring in the clothes, the raspberries bushes are drifted under. Edith gone to school, walked as far as Sylvias, Voltie going with her to get the mail. The mail, a card from Nellie Brooks, a letter from Maud, a letter from Will, a letter from Grace. Wallace just came going to help V put straw in the barn. Forgot to say Emma received two cards from Will. Wallace here to dinner. Mrs Niles telephoned to V that aunt R has no kerosine nor hen feed. R sent word by Jack Niles when he drove past her house. C Woodman's got stuck in snow bank this morning while taking Maggie and Edith to school; had to unhitch the horses. Took 4 men to dig them out Only 4 eggs and of those frozen. Emma made layer cake. We sat up till 10.30 pm reading. Voltie drove to R's with kerosine and hen feed. Emma sent her a few fried cakes and clean

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Thursday 22nd Jan 1914

10 below zero this morning.

Sun bright every where but cold.

The snow covered Earth

looks dreary even if the sun does shine.

Sylvia phoned for Edith to hurry

along to go to school with Maggie

in cutter. D Casler phoned for

Voltie to put irons on his sleigh

runners. Emma washed the breakfast

dishes while Voltie took down the

kitchen stove pipe and cleaned the

pipe and stove from soot and ashes

from beginning to finish and now

gone to draw straw for Rachel.

John OBrien here to borrow hand

sled, and box going to corners

for kerosine. When he returned

Harrold Dignum was with him

also Sheridan Malony. Harold went

over with John. Kasler brought his

old sleigh here for V to put sleigh

shoes on. I wrote a letter to Maud

and one to Grace.

Friday 23rd Jan 1914

A cloudy morning but not very

cloudy nor very cold. Sylvie rang

for tea. Emma sent a cup full when

Edith went to school. I sent two

letters, one to Maud and one to

Grace. Edith at school. Wallace here.

V working on Keslars sleigh.

Wind S. E & E after school went ice

boating. Eddie McDermot Capt.

I finished Ediths petticoate [sic] and made one

for Emma & received letters from Muriel & Lottie.

Saturday 24 Jan 1914

Wind South, thawing, snow
disapearing, slush, and mud.
Emma cleans the floors. Now
I have to write to Will, Lottie, Muriel,
John, Nellie. This is lazy Saturday
for Edith. I never saw anyone
shirk work like Edith. Ed washed the
dinner dishes by compulsion then
cleaned the snow off the veranda and
washing machine. Emma helping V
draw hay from the lower barn.

I scarcely know what occured
the remainder of the day only
we read most of the evening
excepting I experiment in
knitting a new lace pattern

Sunday 25th Jan 1914

Didnt arise very early.
Nearly 10 a.m. when we had
breakfast the sun brightly shining.
Ice covered with snow so no
skating, no ice boating, river
snow covered. Wallace here to dinner
and supper. V & Wall drove over for
Rachel. Sylvia & Maggie came for
a visit. Voltie gave Sylvia sour kraut.
We had pea soup for supper.
V and Wallace studying the
map of Buffalo city in p.m.

Monday 26 Jan 1914

Not so very cold but 14 above zero
and a tremendous fall of snow.
Edith gone to school walked across
the plowed ground to Woodmans from
there. CW drove to school with Edith & Maggie.

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No one here excepting
our own family, snow very soft
and light like feathers. V ironing
of wifflelaces, chopping wood and
doing chores. I write a long letter
to Will. I wish Belle would write me
a letter and John too but never
mind it is all right. We go to bed
quite early.

Tuesday 27 Jan 1914

A mostly thawing day. The snow settled
and bare ground appears in spots.
dreary & forlorn looking weather.
One more winter day gone for ever.
I wish they were all gone and a
bright warm June day were here.
I sent Wills letter to P.O. by Edith. Charley W
rung for V to come and doctor a
sick heifer. He went after breakfast.
Emma & I making pillow cases.
E gone to school with Woodmans.
I dont feel very well this day.
Received a letter from Helen Watson
in answer to mine.
She wrote that her sister Mrs Coats
has had a parylitic stroke
which is an awful thing. No other
letters, only the Kingstandard

Wednesday 28 Jan 1914

A soft muddy day. I feel better
but such a night of dreams, fighting
kids and fierce bulls. V put rafters
on his shop. Emma painted the kitchen
floor. I knit lace. Ed gone to school.
V brought the stove down stairs. Emma
cooked the supper by it. Raining hard

Thursday 29th Jan 1914

Wind South and blowing some.

Voltie working on shop after dinner.

V went to the lower place for part of an old roof to cover his shop. Emma painted the kitchen floor second time.

Ed home from school and I wish

she was in school. I wrote a

letter to John and knit all the

thread I had. V went over to R and

carried her potatoes and apples.

Emma straightening up the chamber

and baking bread. Emma got a

bad cold. R sent me some dates,

two onions and some soda biscuits.

Samy Woodman here to borrow flour.

Samy and McNealy sailing around

on the iceboat. Roy McNealy is

Samy's cousin who has come to visit

Samy. Emma not very well got a sore

throat she took two Quinine pills.

V sat up late reading. 5 eggs.

Friday 30 Jan 1914

The South wind blew a gale from the South

all night. The ice is breaking up.

V and Ed got breakfast this morning. Emma

came down stairs just as Ed & I finished

washing the breakfast dishes. I sent a letter

to Johny also one to Grace. V after 3

loads of manure out on the meadow drove to

OBriens for a bottle of brandy which Henderson

which sent down by John OBrien. V at same

time stoped at the PO leaving the 2 letters

for John & Grace. John OBrien here for

corn cobs. Edy McDonald here to buy

eggs for Bessie. 3 doz & 6 at 35 cts per.

V providing away on the shop \$1,22.

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Sent Edith for the mail.

Only a few steps from the house she fell and smashed the lantern and globe. V gave his lantern to her. Not much mail only Herald, a letter from Wesley, a beautiful letter.

I think I'll send it to Will.

I expected a letter from Belle but received none, not even from Grace.

Saturday 31 Jan 1914

This is the last day of the month and the last day of the week.

Wind North and snowing and blowing. Voltie got bad cold.

Emma set the breakfast table, brought in wood enough before breakfast to last 2 days. She gathered the breakfast dishes and is now helping to wash them. Growing colder. Emma cleaned dining room and pantry floor.

Edith cleaned peas for soup put them to cook. V mending harness in kitchen. Snow, hail and a little rain falling all day.

My appetite not very good but gradually getting better. Wall came this stormy p.m. helped V do the chores. V wants to go to Clayton & wants to go to Kingston but can go to neither place.

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Sunday 1st February 1914

We were alone nearly all day.
Except just at night fall. Ruth
and Maggie came for yeast
cake. Voltie went over to R's fed
her hens and watered & fed her
cattle and put them in the
stantions [sic] then came down by way
of the big barn (or old house) the
beans are in the old house the kitchen
and brought home a bucket full.
Preaching in church to day. The
congregation consisted of 11 mostly
children. Emma cant speak above
a whisper this morning and
countinues all day. Edith's voice
is extremely audible and
manifest like a gobbler.
Ed and Mag on the ice in p.m.

Monday 2nd Feb 1914

This is the annivesary of my
wedding, 53 years ago many
happy days have I seen and
many unhappy days also
but my wedded fate is only
the story of thousands, wherein
a girl marries a handsome but
ungodly man who exists for himself
and this world only. and at last
drags out a miserable old age but
he possessed many noble traits
of character, had they been developed,
but ignorance his at the root of the
certainty, an equaly ignorant father before
him, and an equaly ignorant and ill
used mother, no education, no culture

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knowing that human life at its
utmost limit, is short and uncertain.
When I take a retrospective glance
in to the long past, I think I must
have wanted to change my happy
easy life of a school teacher, to have
run such a terrible risk
or have been blindly infatuated to have
given my children such an heiratay [sic]
for a father. Talk of Heridaty
Parents should guard carefully the
welfare of their children. I who can
with only a generation or none trace my lineage
to the New England Puritans
Tuesday 3rd Feb 1914
A beautiful day sun shining
brightly. V after doing all chores
worked on the shop nearly all
day. Emma washing. I get
dinner and wash dishes. Ed gone
to school.

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Wednesday 4th Feb 1914

Another fine day. Emma washed and put all her washing on the line, this is the second day Emma has washed. We hadn't washed in so long a time the washing had swelled to.

Edith gone to school, walked there and walked home in the mud.

Teacher threatened to whip her if she don't behave.

Thursday 5th Feb 1914

Another fine day. V working on shop till towards noon. Jim Morgan came. Then R came for her coffee. After she and her coffee, Geo McDonald drove in with fish

for Denny. V phoned for Denny at Clayton. He not at home till 5 p.m. He is coming up early tomorrow morning. Mabel M came for eggs sold her two doz at 35 per George and Jim here for dinner. Mabel here to supper. Had bullheads for supper. I ate 2, Mab ate 3, V 3 E & E each 2's apiece. Edith gone to school. Edith and Alden Morgan had a row. Ed is very unpopular at school. I write a long letter to Belle.

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Friday 6th February 1914

A very pleasant but becoming cloudy.

Wallace came early and went with

Voltie to Geo Woodmans for an old

barn roof. We hurried around to get

dinner ready when Wall & V

came but Wall wouldn't stay, going

home to get ready for the horse race

ball at the villiage. Rachel came

over to dinner. I paid her for

the doz eggs and gave her mustard,

spirits, turpentine and lamp wicking.

Denny and his brother came

for fish. The brother go in ice

awful wet and cold. Lent

him dry clothes. Poor chap.

Geo McDonald came with another

load of bull heads. Two barrels

and a box full, and drove to

the foot. Den couldnt load them

all in the punt. Ed gone to

school. I sent a letter by her to P.O.

to Belle. I was disapointed when

Emma returned with the mail

to find only Herald & Standard

Farmers Magazine and an invitation

for Voltie to the Engineers Ball

Kingston city hall, no letters,

no cards. But why should I

be disapointed at not receiving

letters from Belle nor John.

Edith in row with Alden Morgan

she is most always in a row with

some one. A grand old snow storm.

Saturday 7 Feb 1914

Awoke this morning to find the rain beating against the windows & wind South, a dreary dismal morning. clears up towards noon. V working in his old shop making eveners. Emma cleaned floors. I have a very bad cold yet. V insisted upon my drinking a glass of cider with a teaspoon full of ginger stired in which immediately gave me hiccough. Blizzards and snow squals all p.m. but growing colder with west wind roaring. Voltie at 5 p.m., after doing all chores, chopping Sundays stove wood, went over to R to see if she is all right, and from there he went to the lower barn to salt and feed the sheep and when coming home, met a poor little muskrat, that must have been driven from his river home by the jam ice, and rising of the river. When V stopped walking it came to V and smelled of his boots and pants and long overcoat: When V stooped and smothed his furry back, he ran away poor little hungry "musky". Perhaps sometime his coat of fur will line some ones over coat. Hot biscuits & honey for supper. only 3 eggs.

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Sunday 8 February 1914

Colder this morn 3 above zero
a brilliant sun, still, quiet every
where except Sheps melodious bark
which is cheerful and almost joyous
for it signals the coming of
someone. No cervice [sic] in church to
day. After dinner V took oil can
and sled and a spiked club and
walked across the ice to Vans. Jack OBrien
had gone over before him to
Maloneys. V found the ice good
for bearing a horse. V not long gone
when weather changed to snow squalls.
Em gone to CW's visting. Maggie McGee
here visiting Ed. Emma phoned
to Ed to put cattle in stable. Mag & Ed
couldnt do so but succeeded in getting
them all in stable, also the Bull, and
fastened the door leaving the stock
loose. I phoned for Emma she
came and stanchioned the cattle and
said V is nearly here; he found
his way through the storm to home home
which is a relief to every one. Rachel
came over for - something dont know
what. Wall came while we were at
supper staid till 10 p.m.

Wednesday 25th Nov 1914

V preparing to go to Kingston
tomorrow. going to pay debts and
get groceries.

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26 Thursday Nov 1914

Arose early, V after breakfast walked to the dock enroute for Kingston to get a few things and pay some debts but came home as usual greatly disapointed for the over shoes and over stockings were gone and not expected ever to be found. Emma drove to dock for him

27 Friday Nov 1914

Voltie went early this morning before breakfast for his things that were left at the dock last night pans, 2 bags of corn (cracked), stove pipe, elbows &c and to search for Emma's over shoes and over stockings "price was \$2,50 can get no clue whatever. They must have been stolen. Phoned to Geo Rattray. He has not seen them. V and Emma & I are awfully disapointed. Mail only a card from John which I am glad to get also a Standard and two Herald and Merry Harris

28 Saturday Nov 1914

A very fine day ground frozen some but V plowed in p.m. Sylvie bought a bushel of turnips of Voltie for ,50 cts. Ed McDermot came for them and brought home the saw and saw buck at same time. Magie came down we gave her two turnips for dinner. Emma cleaned the floors and Edith washed the separator after talking about it and waiting for three days.

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Sunday 29 Nov 1914

A fine clear day. Lib and Van came over in skiff landed at Smith place went from there to Rachels to trade roosters. Vand came here from Rachels borrowed a 14 lbs of pork. V sent yeast cakes (Royal) to Grace. Would like to have seen Lib but they go directly home fearing the wind may blow as it is now quite breezy. Heard that the R.F.D. begins 7th of next month. We had visitors. Sylvia here to dinner and supper. Maggie Macgee here to supper. Edith went up there and Mag came home with her. Harold Dignum here to supper. All went home at ten p.m.

Monday 30 Nov 1914

A beautiful a.m. warm air hollow we can hear the rumbling of the tran across the river. Edith goes to school. Clouds up at noon time and rains and rains in p.m. V plowing all day. Orville McDermot here to work just after dinner Ground beginning to rain towards night.

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Sunday 15 February 1914

A very fine day. Anniversary of Emmas birth. Emma 15 years old to day

Van Bamford drove over and called for cider even before he came in to house. Of course V gave it him and in less than an hour he was foolishly drunk noisy, swearing, indecent talk. He didnt make a move to go home when it was sundown. V rung for Wallace to come and help V pile old Van but it was thick and snowing a little with moon in the last quarter so the critter stayed all night.

Monday 16 Feb 1914

A beautiful day. Van went home and I am glad. went towards night.

I never never heard any man use so much profanity and obscenity in their common conversation.

Realy it is terrible and shocking.

How can Lib live with him. V went over to see how R gets along these days. V's apples standing in dining room.

Tuesday 17th February 1914

A vry good day. V this morning after doing chores loaded 5 barrels of apples on the sleigh and started for Kingston.

Edith at school. A lonesome day at home with only Emma and I and Emma out doing the chores. I sent a card to Lottie and Belle. Emma went for the mail, 6 letters and a package of papers from Watson. V came about 9 p.m. and Charley Woodman with him very much intoxicated. C staid to supper and couldnt go home alone.

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and at last towards midnight
went to bed in V's bed. After raising
Old Ned half or 2/3 rd night went
home. I could write a whole chapter
on this business but whats the use.
V brought home candy 2 lbs, Dates
Halibut, Oysters, sugar, tea, coffee,
Lemons, Rolled wheat, Rolled oats,
buckwheat flour, Graham flour,
3 box pink pills, 2 bottle eclectic oil, bottle ink,
box pens 1 box letter paper & envelopes,
and a bottle whiskey and rice, maple syrup,
compound and a pound of maple sugar
and soap laundry and a wick for
my little oil stove, a load of coal
for Rachel and snuff and bread
for Rachel and 150 feet clothes
line.

Wednesday 18 February 1914
Charley W sent here for cider
a half gallon. A very good
day wind South. Rachel here
to dinner after dinner V drove
around by CW & he went and
helped V

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Thursday 19 February 1914

A fine day. Van brought Lib over early while I was washing dishes. Van drove home and left Lib to negotiate with V for a load of hay

Friday Feb 20, 1914

Another bright but cold day some deg below zero. Voltie gone to Kingston with another load of apples came home at 8 p.m. had stopped to the horse races. Emma done all the chores. Edith went to school. Edy McDermot came for cider 1/2 gallon and in morning Ed came for 1/2 gal which makes 1 gal

Saturday 2/21/1914

A very good day. Al Joslin came up to help load hay for old Van & Lib. Emma cleaning floors. Ed wont do any work without she is drove to it with the very hardest persuasion. I washed dishes. Wellie and Hiram came in time for dinner. Wallace came. CW sent for cider. A dinner Voltie hitched up and with Wellie and Wall drove to Kingston they returned at nine p.m. Wellie brought V a horse as a gift.

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Tuesday December 1st 1914

A soft warm cloudy day and
raining and dark. Tis nine

O'clock and I am writing by lamp
light.

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Sunday Feb 21, 1914

Looks very stormy this morn
but clears after awhile. Wellie drove
over for Rachel. Hiram comes
home and Maggie comes with
him. Clifford comes stays to dinner
and supper and goes up home
to Charlie's at bed time. About
4 pm Wellie drives over
home with Rachel accompanied
by Edith leaving R at home. They
drive on to Al Joslins where they
have supper then return home
Wallace Niles here all here to dinner.

Monday Feb 22 1914

A clear cold morning
windy, coffee for breakfast
12 below zero this morning.

A man selling monuments
here. V bargained for one at
\$110 dollars. Welly and Hiram
here and want to start for home
but afraid the apples will freeze.
Cant get much work done.

Visiting with the boys Hiram
and Clifford. CW sent for another
jug of cider which makes the
second time to day.

Tuesday 28 Feb 1914

Wellie and Hiram went home
this a.m. carried some apples home
to the children and Eveline. Wellie
hadnt been gone a long time (only
about half an hour when John came

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John going to stay 2 weeks all
right. We are glad to see John

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Dear Grandma

I am going

to wash dishes then

wash separator [sic] and

milk pails then

I am going to

make a pie and

custard. Done.

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Saturday 28 Feb 1914

Voltie and John drew one load

big load of wood from George Woodman.

Emma cleaned floors. I

cant remember clearly any thing that

happens without setting it down,

recording it from day to day as it

ocurs. No one came that I know of except

Alden Morgan for sour krout which

Voltie gave him and refused to pay

for it.

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Sunday 1st of March

A cloudy day, not extremely cold. Rev Stuart here this a.m. John helping Voltie barrel apples for market. Emma cooking cabbage for dinner. A miserable storm raging towards night. John goes over to Rachels after dark through the storm with a lantern to see how she is. I caught another cold. I took two quinine capsuls and a half teaspoon of Eclectric oil which made me very sick all night

Monday 2nd March 1914

The storm continues snowing blowing and drifting. V & J does chores and put up 112 sections of honey for market, puttied glass in veranda windows. John went over to R's to do her chores. I guess they thought J & V that I had a fit or something only I was so soundly sleeping they couldnt awaken me very easily. Well the stormy day has passed on, gone with the rest of eternity.

Tuesday 3rd March 1914

A beautiful day, sun bright and warm V & J drew six loads of manure that is all they done except to eat breakfast, dinner and supper & smoke and "chaw". not a letter nor a card nothing except Standard &c Charley Woodman sick had the doctor

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Wednesday 4 March 1914

A pleasant warm day. Charley Woodman died this morning. Voltie and Wall Niles attended to washing and dressing poor Charley.

V & J had started for Geo Woodman's for a load of wood but turned back when they arrived opposite Mr Niles and Wallace came out and told them about poor C.W. No one left of the family now only Sylvia and Samy but I think they are as well off without C as with him. Wallace here to dinner. To many arguments going on here these days to make every thing agreeable. Pneumonia was the cause of CWs demise which a run down broken dissipated constitution couldnt stand. O poor Charlie, he was only cruel to himself. May the dear Lord have mercy on him and I have faith to believe He will. He was a good neighbor always ready to accomodate or do any thing for V and never slandered any one or spoke a word against any one; Henry Halliday here this evening. H & V went up to poor dear Charlie's which is his no more. We cant say going up to uncle Sam nor going up to Charlie's never more never now!

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Thursday 5 March 1910

Voltie and Emma started for Kingston this morn with 5 bushells of apples and 109 sections of honey carrying some apples and honey to Grace. Im sick got the grip, drunken old Van and Rob Percy came from Sylvia's drinking up cider. Mr and Mrs Stewart here in p.m.

Friday 6 March 1914

A very good day. Rachel came over said Lib staid with her all night. Lib told R a miserable take of filth and dirt and poor house hold management. Lib & Alvira Gillespie cleaned the rooms and scraped and washed the walls of the rooms. According to Libs account the disorder of that house was almost indescribable. Voltie and John and Emma got to the funeral. Rachel staid here with me, after the funeral Van drove over for Lib. Ben Percy came also and O such a noise. At last the all got to singing every old song and hymn and old Ben can yell some. He dont know enough to "come in when it rains"; finally old Ben staid all night.

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Saturday 7th March

After chores all done and every thing done for the day, Voltie drives to Clayton to get the money from the bank, came and went to corners for medicine for me. He brought from Clayton maple sugar, glucose, a wrapper for me, gingham for Emma, a dress print for Edith and pea nuts and oranges. Oh but I dont feel very well this nasty grippe.

Sunday 8 March 1914

I have almost forgotten what occurred this day. I know its Sunday a day of rest and as I cant do any thing only rest, why I rest

Monday 9 March 1914

A lovely day. Voltie went to Kingston to pay a bank note went to Bobs for dinner. Sold eggs at .30 per doz brought home cracked corn, 2 papers, pins, 8 yds white shaker flannel. Nothing done at home this day, neither in door nor out except a few chores at the barn. Voltie brought home a new beadstead for my room. A real beauty iron, while enamaled trimed with brass. I was in bed when V came home. V bought Edith a pair of stockings.

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Tuesday 10 March 1914

A new milker at the barn.

Emma took up old mattress from my bed room floor, cleaned out every thing, sent the old cupboard at foot of my bed up stairs. It took Emma Voltie and John to get it up there and then Emma carried up a thousand old magazines and periodicals every kind printed in U.S.A. and Canada, England Barbados - besides we tore up and burnt up but still they accumulate.

Wednesday 11th March 1914

A very good day for traveling on the ice. Voltie went across to Vans brought home 5, 6 gallons cans of Kerosine. Lib sent another load of literature and some carrots, onions.

Thursday 12th March 1914

I write two letters. One letter]to Maud also one to Grace, sent Isabella .10 for buy her candy. Voltie and John draw straw for Rachel. I dont feel very well with grip. The rest of the family can walk or run or bang around just as they please while I sit here. O sometimes I dont know wheather I'm on Wolfe island or in the world or where. Every thing seems strange weird and wizzardy.

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Friday 18 March 1914

A beautiful day. Voltie and John drew 2 loads of wood from J.W. a big one for R and a small one for ourselves. Nasty Grippe still hangs on to me. Well let it. I can stand it if the weather would only get warmer. V hulled corn. In the evening came Jimmy Morgan and Johnny, Bill McDonald about school business. Jim wants his pay for tinkering up the dirty old school house. A great noisy argument going on about Mexican affairs, which neither John, Johnny nor Jim knows any thing about more than Shep.

Saturday 14 March 1914

A cloudy dreary dismal morning. The weather looks as if the storm would burst upon us any minute, snow white, snow white, every where and still heaped up on the washing machine, no melting away of close rigid old winter. For my breakfast I ate an egg, a slice of bread and butter and drank a cup of coffee 25 minutes past 9 a.m. "Edith washing dishes. Emma mopping floors. Wall Niles is in the kitchen. I hear his voice. Voltie is hulling corn. Henry Halliday Sr here too came with Wallace. Wallace ate dinner here. V building Wall a boat. Maggie here visitng Edith. For play they are shoveling snow off the veranda. Samy & McDermot gone to Clayton to the horse races.

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Sunday 15 March 1914

A very good day. Sun purtly shining clear. Mr Stewart at Mr Niles phoned to find out my condition. Emma goes to church. Lib and Van here, glad to see them. They staid to supper. Will Niles and his sister Stella here. Sylvia and Maggie drive over to Frank's. Sylvia, Samy and McDermot keeps the road between their place and Franks red hot. Sheridan Maloney drove out with Sylvia to day to Franks. By the advice of Frank, Samy Woodman entered their old horse Joe for the race, by paying \$2,50. Old Joe didnt run; the manager said "take that old grey horse out of the way" They are trying to be very gay since their father and grandfather died. Charley died eleven day sago. V discovered this morning that the rabbits have destroyed all his new apple trees. John borrowed 4 traps and set them for rabits. Wallace here till quite late in the evening. John went over to see how R gets along, found her all right.

Monday 16 March 1914

A nasty windy morning. Wind South. V working on Wallace boat. Wallace is here. Sun shines out a sort of a dismal sickly sun light . The weather

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is like myself miserable and grippy.
Edith home to day 20 minutes
after nine. Lamps are cleaned
chimneys polished. The snow is
disapearing. the ice looks like a mirror.
Voltie working on Wallace's boat.
I wrote a long letter to Belle
she never writes to me. Do I
care? I dont know. you see
I dont know what the circumstances
hinder, she may be sick. I
expected her to come. She didnt
come. The day continued cloudy.
John went over to look after R,
Coal wont burn, axe is dull and
wont chop, or split, saw wont saw,
saw horse no good. Consequence
John brought the whole business
over here to sharpen, grind &
repair. Edith "horse de combat"
Wallace came down this evening to
see how his boat progresses. The
Grippe is a nasty thing.
Tuesday 17 March 1914
The month is marching along
This is St P's day. I wonder how
many days, hundreds of days St
Patrick's has been celebrated, and sung.
I have forgotten the year of St Pats
birth. I once had a history of Ireland.
John drove out to the Corners. I sent by
him for more Grippe medicine. V gave
him \$5,00 with which he bought oranges,
French mustard, stuffed olives, gum, whiskey
letter paper, and envelopes, bushels of tobacco

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I sent a letter to Belle & Helen Watson by John. I received a letter from Grace.

I sent a card to Grace.

sent \$3,00 dollars to Gladys over alls for V (Voltie gave him the money to get those things) John ate dinner with Van and Lib. Sylvia and Samy went to Kingston market with butter. The day is brilliant with sun light and warm, snow nearly gone and ground all mud. sent Edith to Rachels for pork. Emma cooked beans. Edith chewed 5 sticks of pepsin gun at once. Voltie worked on Wall's boat. Wallace helping him at 3 oclock pm. Wallace here to supper. John brought buckwheat flour and coffee for Rachel. John bought onions of Lib .25 cts. I sewed and Em stitched.

Wednesday 18 March 1914

A cloudy thick misty morning

Wallace and Voltie

working on the boat. this Grippe cough dont leave me very much.

I am trying to teach lazy Edith at home. John doing chores ie feeding her stock and filling her barn with straw. Emma went to Ruth's to get her skirt made. I partly made a night gown. Edith got supper for the boys V & W & J. Emma came home in time to wash (or help) supper dishes. Edith made a custard for supper. Edith worked like a little heroine and done every thing all right.

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Thursday 19th March 1914

A cold raw day and windy & S.W.

Edith gone to school. Voltie & Wallace working on boat. Wall here to dinner.

I sent Sylvia a letter about the dress she wants to give Emma.

John sawing wood. Cooked onions (boiled) and fried onions for dinner. I finished the night gown with buttons holes and buttons
Maggie Joslin selling post cards.

Em & I bought 12.

Friday 20 March 1914

A very good day, sent letter to Grace and one to Hiram. received one solitary letter only, and that was from Belle. We were surprised and pleased to see Will, didnt expect him. He brought butter nuts and Volties plum trees. Voltie finished up Wallace's boat this day.

Wallace here to dinner. We got dinner for Will. After awhile Will went walked over to Rachels she knew he was here for John had told her when he went to do her chores.

Will ate supper with R came back and staid with us till bed time then walked back to R's and staid all night with her, and so ended the day.

Saturday 21st March 1914

Sun, crosses the equator to day coming home to us, tho it is not the sun which to us is stationary but tis the inclination of the earth on its orbit as it wheels around the sun

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George P Woodman called upon us every 365 days. Voltie sent by Sylvia (who is gone to Kingston market with butter) for 10 lbs of salts for cattle. Sylvia bought 20 instead of 10.

Will drove home to day. V gave him a bag of Apples, some pears etc. R came over about her old being sick staid to see Will enroute for home then J hitched up a drove over to doctor her old cow, she went back home with John. Wallace here painting his boat. I wrote and sent a letter by Will to Belle to post from his post box. I sewed on night gown, 10 lambs forgot to say R sent me a piece of pork

Sunday 22nd March 1914

A cloudy half dreary loathing day V went to Sylvias for Salts then went to R's to doctor her old cow. The days jog along and time is ever running into eternity on, on, on and on, no begining no ending to time nor space. Oh what is the great and awful mistery. John went over to R's to dinner, chopped wood and sawed wood for her Wallace here awhile. Edgar Niles and Tom Maloney Maggie Maggee here Frank Woodman made us a visit too. He and Em drove over in buggy to see how the children get along. Sylvia & Ruth & Samy has bad spels since her father died. Poor dear Samy. Frank and Em drove home after dark

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Monday 23 March 1914

A thick dark cloudy morning
snows a little but not cold.

Emma going to wash. Voltie
brought water from the river. My
appetite not very good this
morning and I am very lame.

Edith gone to school I
finished a night gown for
Emma, make an apron
for Emma. Wallace down
looking at his boat. Voltie
preparing to go to Kingston,
put up a bag of apples for
Grace. John done Rachels
chores, chopped wood for her,
doctored her old cow and
killed a hen for her to keep
her from eating her eggs.

Tuesday 24 March 1914

Arose early, V going to Kingston
to day, got away quite early
and and drove across the
island to Henry's and went up
the North shore carrying Grace
apples, butter nuts, and hulled
corn. John after doing our chores
drove down by the barn looking
for more lambs. There was none
then drove up to Rachel's fed
and watered her stock, brought
her over with her hen which she
cooks here for the family dinner, after awhile
John drives home with her, does her
chore work. J not very well pleased
about it. I sew, make an under waist

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V comes quite early. Bob Joslin with him, brought his valise or suit case. V brought pea nut candy 3lbs tea, kippered herring, 2 pepper, 3 corn starch.

It is bed time. I am glad of it. I want to go to bed. 13 doz eggs at 20 cts per. What he bought for shop I dont know, a flask of scotch, whiskey, ale etc. Emma drives to school for Ed and Maggie, met them coming home.

Wednesday 25 March 1914

A cloudy morning chilly scarcely a bit of fire in dining room stove.

V fixed bob out with a pair of his striped overalls and they went to the lower barn to look for lambs, found two now, both black this time. 12 now.

Voltie set John & Bob to drawing hay from the stack to the barn. George Woodman go here for salts for a pig.

Emma fried 9 eggs for breakfast.

Rachels old cow sick all and bloated up and has been for serveral days. That old cow is going to die. Voltie working in the shop and doing every thing. Emma brought in the clothes and hung out more. Edith at school. Emma drove for her found her at OBriens and Maggie

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Thursday 26 March 1914

Another day weather the same.

Cloudy, nasty, windy, snow
nearly all gone; ice not bugged [budged]
one bit, saw a horse and cutter
on ice drawing up past of Niles.

The men folks ie V and J &
bob all over doctoring R's cow
and when coming home found
a young calf with one of our
cows, so they drove the cow and
calf to the cow barn, milked
the cow and fed the calf. Things
go off "kinder so so" in teh hour
not much done. I make a
dress skirt for Edith and Emma
cuts out an apron for Edith,
only one p in aprons. After
we were in bed, John and
the kids and I, V & Bob feet
undressed in walks R for the
boys to to go over about her
old cow. That poor old woman
had wallowed through mud
water & slush. The boys went,
gone two hours. she too walked
back but arrived there long after they
did. They could give her medicine
but couldn't lift her. Wallace here
in evening, Joe and Ed McDermot
here in evening. John Murray here for
his saw. Edith home from school.

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Friday 27 March 1914

another day the same as yesterday,
only it rains rains. Bob intended
to go up with the mail but too much
rain and mud. I sent a letter to
Bobbie. V employed B to write
to Edwards pm for the post office
keeping. B sent a letter to Grace.
He is going to stay till Tuesday.
V went over to doctor R's cow.
John putting in glass for veranda
and now gone over to R's to
doctor her old cow. I go to
bed quite early. I began writing
to Watson but didn't finish the
letter gave Bob the pen and
ink to write to Grace. Bob, at
V's request wrote to
Hon Mr Edwards member of parliament
requesting the keeping of the
post office for V. Wallace here
and Harold Dignum and they
all went over to doctor R's old
cow but 5 men couldn't get
her up. Bob phoned to Grace.
Grace wants Bob to be sure and
come home tomorrow which of
course will make a Journey for
V. Mail one Saturday
letter; that from Belle. all
been sick with Grippe. I wish
I could get a letter or card or something
from Maude. I hope they are all
well. Belle said Kathleen
is going to work for Murriel

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20 eggs

Saturday 28th March 1914

Arose early this morning. Voltie going to drive to Marysville with Bob, drove up with buggy and two horses. The sun shines out a little but they go. John reads my old diary of 27 years ago. He gone now to doctor Rachels old cow. Edith washed dishes. [Emma continues writing in diary] John gone over to Rachel to see how her old cow is. Grandma laid down for a little while. Uncle Voltie sent down a veterinary for aunt R's cow. They say she is all bloated up so she as to sqesse [sic] in the barn door. 5 oclock in the afternoon and Edith still washing dinner dishes. I mended some of her clothes and Grandma and I made her a skirt together. the ice not out of the river yet but the robbins are here. John chop wood for night, I made a cake for supper. the weather is awful disagreeable out. Wel [sic] I have got to go and get supper for uncle Voltie will be here and now supper ready so I will lay my pen one side till by and by. Uncle Voltie has got home and has gone over to Anut [sic] Rachel to tap her old cow. The Veterinary said she had droppsy, he got home about half past seven and bought a bl [lb] of mustard and a bottle of Olive Oil and 5 yds of cloth, 1 yd of lace and 1 pair of

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stockings for Grandma and some
 cherry whiskey, half a dozen of
 lemons, a some buckwheat flour
 and Mis McClaren's old cow
 bit it open. Grandma & Edith gone
 to bed. Oh yes and something else
 a lb of bacon. Well it is 9 o'clock
 and it is bed time! So good night
 Emma

Sunday 29 March 1914

Another damp cloudy morn,
 coffee for breakfast, wish I had
 not drank any, my appetite poor
 if could only get rid of this nasty
 cough. breakfast dishes not gathered
 but sprawled all over table. Edith
 in kitchen. V & J went over to
 look after R's old cow. Sylvia
 rung for Edith to go up and
 stay with Maggie while they go
 over to see Bessie McDonald
 who is sick, & going to leave from
 here before long. R's old cow going to
 die. Towards night Em rung for
 Edith to come home. Ruth came
 down to supper said Laura Elley
 is in the insane asylum.

R's old cow died and R's she
 is about half crazy, so she says.
 Emma went home with entte, carrying
 a lantern to see her safely home.
 Emma set a hen on 12 eggs. We
 separated the milk this pm from
 two cows. The first separating
 this year

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Monday 30 March 1914

Another nasty morning, mud and rain. But V & J have gone over to skin and draw out R's old cow. The breakfast dishes are still on the table waiting for some one to clear the table and wash the dishes. Edith wont work if she can get rid of it. another calf which makes three. Wall here this afternoon John puttied in windows. Uncle Voltie working in the blacksmith shop. Sylvia and Ruth cleaning their parlor. After dark John putting in one more glass and one fixed rocker. V reading.

Tuesday 31st Mar 1914

A bright warm sunny morning. Frost last night. White frost. I send a letter to Grace, one to Maud. R sent a letter to Will. V sent sent Veternary's instrument home by mail. This is the last day our mail goes from Sylvia's. Henceforth our mail carried and post master is Wm H Woodman. J & V working at Lower place on boat house slide. pm. they skined R's old cow, heart big as water pail, gull big as a tea pot, liver dried up &c They went from there to the lower barn and boat house. found a dead sheep in the barn with a pair of orphan lambs, which will

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have to be brought up by hand.
Not much mail to night only
the Standard and 3 cards (Easter)
from Franks kids, Cassie, Clifford
and Ethel. Edith popped some
corn. John received a letter from
Gladys complaining and asking
him for money.

Wednesday 1st April 1914

A cloudy morning V and J working
at lower boat house. and skin
the sheep. I suppose the work
is now going to fly for Emma
and Edith are now writing down
the program of todays work on
a slip of paper. So no look
out and keep out of the way.
V came in bringing those dear
little lambs that I might see
them then carried them to the
barn, put them in a big box.
They can drink after dinner.
V and J went to work on
the lower boat house. Emma
gone to bed sick. So her card
was filled. Edith pitched in and
worked like a heroine all p.m.
& washed sup dishes and popped
some more corn. John went
from the working on the boat house
to R's to chop wood enough to last
her two days didn't want to go all
the same. V & J visited in kitchen
till bed time. Retired at 1/2 past 9 p.m.

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Thursday 2nd April 1914

Another nasty day, ground white with snow this morning, at noon all gone. Boys, after doing home chores went away down to work on boat house but not till after dinner. V and Edith and I still continue to pick up and clear the pantry of shelves of useless rubbish. I scour 85 knives, forks, & spoons. Emma came down stairs at 10 a.m. Sour, dont like to answer when I speak to her. Oh how very unpleasant. My appetite no good there is nothing I like or can relish. John said he would dig some horse radish but it has not come up yet. I ought to finish writing to Watson Why dont I?

Friday 3rd April 1914

A very good day. Boys work on boat house. Work drags here all day. nothing kept snug nor tidy. Wish I was well. No working done this week. I just two embroidered petticoats for Edith, finished Ediths dress. Emma partly made herself a dress. Another calf at the barn but dead. No loss without gain. V will have the milk for the orphan lambs. Only one letter and that from my dear grandson Reginald and a bundle of papers from brother Wilf. River open this morning. Emma went for the mail. Edith finished supper. Voltie this morning had to wait for water to heat to wash the strainer boil

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Saturday 4 April 1914

A cold bright morning.
A row here this morning
about unwashed milk pails
V had to wait for hot water
to wash the milk pails. Yes
tis a nasty bitter cold day. West
wind I think. Row going on most
all day in kitchen. V and J working
on boat house, only when J went over
to chop wood for Rachel. Maggie here
to borrow soap 2 bars. Sunny Monday.
Emma cleaned floors. Edith's mouth
always going. She does quite a
lot of work tho. Boys finished up
all they can do on the boat house
at present got to get more lumber. I
had a bad time coughing. John fixed
some beaten white of an egg and white
sugar which stopped it. We dont
have many eggs now. Eat them. We
have no meat.

Sunday 5 April 1914

A bright morning but a light snow
fell int he night and the ground is white
this morning. The river is
covered with fields of ice. Snow all gone at noon.
A very quiet day, nothing occurs
unusual. Boys do the chores. Looked
for Rachel; she didnt come. Sylvia
and Ed McDermot came in the
evening; treated them to pop corn
weather not warm, chilly, cough
Dont seem to be any better.

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Monday 6 April 1914

Another frozen morning ground bare. great fields of ice in the river. Voltie fixing and painting the churn. V and J working on veranda. Edith after washing dishes and cleaning and filling lamps has gone to school. Emma washed and hung out a lot of clothes but didnt finish. I had a great and tiresome time washing dishes. pantry and kitchen are awful and bread bread bread piled up. I wrote a letter to Will

Tuesday 7 April 1914

This morning looks very much like rain. The air is chilly but the rain dont come and the boys work on veranda all day except when John goes over to Rachels to see how she gets along. finds her all right but lame. Edith gone to school. Emma rips her new skirt apart and makes it wider. Emma churns and gets dinner. The days drag monotonously on. Emma set another hen on 15 eggs. I sent a letter to Will and a card to Reginald. Received only one small letter from Grace. Didnt get any letter from Maude. The day closes in dark with prospect of a storm of rain. Forgot to say Emma received a letter from Edith Boles about peddling cards.

Wednesday 8 April 1914

Rain. Rain. a steady down pour Edith or De comba goign to stay home to day on account of rain.

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consequently has resolved to do nothing to help, only hinder all she can.

That 12 years old is to mean and devilish just at present, to endure.

Cant work on veranda to day.

John gone to Mr Niles' for chipping shears. Sent her night gown home by John. V at shop painting Veranda doors. Emma washing towels etc.

hung them on the further line

Rain turned to snow, ground white again. Dont know how R

gets along this day; all right I hope. John puttying glass in window for shop. A dismal day. I made

an apron from a sugar sack and started a rug. Voltie cant

get his meals on time. Edith made a long strip for a rug. Emma made a pretty fancy basket of pink silk and ribon. John puttied in glass. V read Farmers Magazine. and so ends the day.

Thursday 9th April 1914

A clear frozen morning, ground covered with snow again. river quite clear of ice except along the shores.

Graces anniversary birth day.

I think she is 40 to day. A cold day. Boys working in shop. John puttying in windows glass. V makes whiffletrees. I mended a pair of pants for John & John began reading "The Tail of the Lonesome Pine" Maggie here to borrow kerosine lent Sylvia a quart kerosine. Stewing pumpkin for pies. dont know whenever the will be made.

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Friday 10th April 1914

Another bright cold morning,
ground spotted with snow
that didn't melt yesterday. Boys
working on veranda. Emma went
to P.O. Emma mailed one letter to Edith Bates
anent pedling those PO cards. I sent
a letter to Maud and a letter to
Mills for seeds. Voltie made
Edith hop for her laziness. She
wouldnt pickup the dinner dishes,
table covered with dishes and every
thing left from dinner, over one hour
after that she. I dont understand
what ails her. V and J drew R
a load of wood from away back on
her place. Mail, Herald and Standard,
Card from Maud, Eveline, Alzina McDonald.
E & E received cards from Genevieve and
their sister Ethel also cards from Maude.

Saturday 11 April 1914

A cloudy morning looks very much
like rain, dark and misty. Voltie
working on Veranda. Rachel came
over before breakfast - ate breakfast with
us. She came about her heifer coming
in. V sent John over while he worked
at home. V gave Edith from 8 till 9
oclock to wash breakfast dishes or she
would hop. She didnt have to hop
she had them all finished two minutes
before the clock struck nine. V & J worked
on veranda. Emma made two punkin
pies, mopped floors. Ed washed dishes.
J went at sunset to milk and feed
R heifer and feed the calf.

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Sunday 12th April 1914

A bright clear cold morning
didn't arise quite so early as
usual, except John arose early
drove over to R's done R's chores
and brought her over early this
morning before breakfast. She staid
to Easter dinner and till 4,30 o'clock
when J drove over again with her,
milked and fed the calf &c
Eggs, Eggs, fried, poached, boiled,
& omelet. I just loathe eggs.
I began reading a new book

"The little Shepard of Kingdom come"

Monday 13th April 1914

A clear cold morning. Wind North
frost on windows. Edith "Or de
ongber". broke a sauce dish and
spilled the sauce on the floor.
John gone over to R's to milk and
feed her calf. V gone to drive the
stock to the straw stack and look
after the sheep. I guess I'll darn
socks for our boys. V & J mended
six pairs of socks. They can do
no more to the now; windows
all in. Emma ironed. Emma
made two pies pumpkin pies. John
went over to milk and feed R's calf
but didn't go till after breakfast.
Edith "Or de congba" about a small piece
of lead pencil. The diary below this
mark belongs to

Tuesday 14th April 1914

Looks like a storm again. Emma is
cleaning parlor. Emma goes to PO
I send a letter to Grace. Send by

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Sylvia for butter color
and shoe laces, white thread
and tobacco. I sent her a
cabbage. Maggie here for butter
papers. Em gone to PO, Ed gone
to R's to borrow a broom to dry
out the parlor. Boys working on
shop. Ed McDermot went for mail
I clean long cupboard and put
clean papers on shelves, cut
blocks for Emma's quilt and rug
rags and log cabin quilt. J went
again to milk R's heifer. Mail a
letter from Grace, an Easter card from
Edith Dixon. Standard etc
Wednesday 15 April 1914

The month half gone, the days
chase each other like cloud shadows,
a very fine day. The work within doors
moves slowly - sowed tomato seeds.
Not sure they will sprout, hope so.
Emma cleaned floors. I cut
rug rags. V gone to Jack Niles
to help tear down and old barn. Jack
has a bee to do the work. The river
is full of floating ice but boat
went up to day called the ringleader.
John working alone on the shop
this p.m. putting on the last roof
boards. J & E & E all rushed to
the shore to see the first boat go up
with marine glasses. Mr Almond Joslin
sick at the villiage. Mrs A Joslin
told Emma over the phone. V brought in a
box of soil and I sowed tomato & gourd seeds

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Thursday 16 April 1914

Awoke this morning to find
rain falling. river full of ice.

V & J cleaning seed grain.

churned. Emma fixed Edith brown
dress. I worked in the rag business.

The weather clears up, & quite warm.

Voltie got an awful lame back.

J fills another kettle of dirt for
seeds. Maggie here 3 hours, she
brought the dress pattern home.

Friday 17 April 1914

A beautiful warm day. V & J
carried the bees out side. John
plowing fermin at Rachel's.

Edith gone to post office.

Sent three letters and Graces
pattern; a letter to Kenneth McDonald
for seeds, a letter

to Fallon brothers, a letter to
Richard's soap company for
Emma. Maggie sent me a

piece of her new dress. I go out
to the veranda which to me is like
going visiting. The river is thickly
dotted with little islands of ice, the
warm sunlight and beautiful river,
the humming of bees is all like a
dream. The air is so still every thing
so quiet. One solitary bee buzzing
around on the new glass windows.

V found one extinct hive filled with
honey. R over here for hen feed
said Mrs Dignum had made
her a visit and Laura still in

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the asylum. Edith as obstinate and lazy as ever. John plowing all day. V working on shop all day. John blistered his heels plowing; nothing occurred outside the usual routine [sic] of business. Emma swept and put things to order in chamber; set a hen which makes 7 hens now setting.

Saturday 18 April 1914

A bright day & breezy. John plowing. I expected a letter from some source but received nothing, not so much as a card. John received a letter from Gladys. Herald and Standard that is all. Voltie went for the mail. P.M. Emma went visiting to see Sylvia & Ruth. Edith after lingering over the dinner dishes, Phoned for Maggie. Maggie came & had fine time looking over cards and photos. Staid they rung for her to come home and help milk the cows. Ed McDermot had going over river for kerosine. Emma staid till dark. Voltie roofing his new shop. I pieced a chair cushion & "string a string" for rug. John began a new book, "Freckles"

Sunday 19 April

Sunday once more and looks like rain. Wish it would. It would settle the ground and the grass would grow. John while going to Rachels to do her milking stepped on a barbed wire.

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which penetrated his shoes and stuck in his foot consequently a very sore foot which Voltie treated to a surgical examination [sic] and a poultice of linseed meal. Emma went to church. Margaret Joslin came home with her for a visit, she lost her hair ribbon (blue) couldn't find it. she ate dinner and supper with us. and went home through the rain. I finish reading the fourth volume of the "History of England" by John Richard Green which leads up to the down fall of Napoleon and there the history stops; wish there had been more up to this date 1914. another new milker. John began Lorna Doone Monday 20th April

A warm cloudy morning. no wind to ruffle the river or even gently move the smallest limbs of the trees. Emma made 4 butter prints, from last churning and washes separator. John's foot is better. Charley W & his father were buried today, we carried the plants and boxes of dirt out in veranda. Voltie plowed. John worked on shop shingling. Guess there was not much of anything done within door. I know Edith won't work. Emma done all there was done. I don't know about Edith she is a puzzle to me can't solve

Tuesday 21st April 1914

A fair pleasant day. John plows, his foot is better. Voltie works on shop putting on roofing and cementing Emma done big dirty wash and hung them on the line. I write and send a letter to Grace, one to Kenneth McDonald Bros for one packet of Livingston's globe tomato seed, also I send a letter to Miss Carrie Lippincott Minneapolis for a mixture of flower seeds. Rachel came over to dinner brought sliced ham, and maple syrup. I lent her 10 glass ceilers for her Krout. Our seeds from Mills came to day and a letter from Grace and V received a letter from Bert Smith and the Standard and that is all. Looks again like rain. Sent Edith to Mrs Niles for castor oil for the calf. Old ram not very well. I thinks he has been fighting with the bull. Forgot to say Ruth gone home to her dad Batavia

Wednesday 22nd April 1914

This month is hasting on. It will soon be May and grass dont grow. John plowing. V building shop, shingling North side. Emma first hen didnt hatch; eggs not good. Emma cleaned floors, brought in and folded the clothes, churned. V filled boxeses and I saved 5 kinds of tomatoes and celery. I made rug rags for rug Voltie and Emma preparing to go to Kingston tomorrow. 14 lbs butter, 6 doz eggs. John drove to dock with Voltie, Emma and Rachel stoped in the field to plow.

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Thursday 23rd of April 1914

Emma ate dinner with Grace this
Thursday 23rd

A bright day—so far—This is
the first trip for the islander this
spring from our dock. As I said
before V & Em & R gone up on
boat to Kingston to market butter
and eggs which leaves Edith
and I alone. But dont suppose
she will do any work to amount
to anything. If she does I'll be
surprised. The old sheep is
better and the calf is well.

John still continues to milk R's
cow. Edith is in the kitchen
washing breakfast dishes but not a
sound can I hear, every thing
as silent, not a sound of a dish being washed.
broke a sauce dish, done so much. Before John
drives home, he goes to the dock
for R, E & V. Emma bought parlor
curtains. John milked R's cow. supper
all ready when the arrived and Emma
was delighted by showing her purchases.

Friday 24 April 1914

A very good day. Buchanan over to see
Lizzie Horn who is sick at Jack Niles, and
phoned to Mrs McDonald about Bernie
who I suppose can never get well. I
sent a letter to Belle and paid the telephone
bill. John finished plowing forninst Rachels.
R sent me some head cheese &
a cake of maple sugar. V worked on shop.
Received a card from Belle. seeds from K McDonald.
Emma rec'd her picture. The old homestead, Standard,
Herald and 2 books from Experimental

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Saturday 25 April 1914

A chilly morn Wind East & looks like a storm. Emma cleans floors and cooks and irons. Edith washes dishes. V & J after dinner proceed to the grainery to clean grass seed, when R appears "all dripping with wet and trembling with cold" to say that her cow didnt come home with the heifer and R is scart [sic], fearing she has got in some rock hole or is cast or something so the work at grainery comes to a sudden halt and away goes John with coat closely buttoned, to look for said cow and after looking every where on their farm and several others without success. V goes also, when the cow quietly walks home from the Woodman pasture so 4 hours gone and to late to clean grass seed. John stops and milks her heifer and chops wood enough to last two days and comes home tired, wet and hungry, bringing a bowl of beans which B has given him. We read the war news between U.S.A. and Mexico and go to bed.

Sunday morn 26 April 1914

A rainy morn, Rained all night; a big stream of water running on the flat, to the river. A late breakfast makes a late dinner, and a late breakfast and dinner makes a late supper which is all well enough for Sunday. I guess the preacher didnt come down to day if he had his congregation

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would have been small. Rains
all day. Voltie says the grass grows
some. I can't find much to record
this day. John takes an afternoon nap.
Dont know how R is no one went
there to day. V & J set a net. River
very quiet, scarcely a ripple
Monday 27th April 1914

A misty gray morning, water running
on the flat. V run the net and got
two fish. E & E, "Horse De combat"
towards each other; a little wrangle
wringle going on in kitchen every Monday
morning. V cleaned the fish by the
river. Emma canning apples.
John plowing Garden, Voltie building
fence; weather clears and sun
shines clearly, one pepper coming
up. Edith is blowed out, sure thing
I arranged cabinet and made Ed
a petticoat, and a pair of
drawers. Ed washes dishes after the old
way, churning going on too. Buchanan
over again to see Lizzie Horn. She
is very sick and may never recover and
Louise Niles is badly again, I cut
some rags for a rug. I think we
have 17 pieces towards a rug. The grass
is growing. The raspberry bushes are turning
red, and the orange lillies are up and
growing.

Tuesday 28 April 1914

A brilliant morning and continues
bright till 3 p.m. when the clouds
gather for rain which beging immediately

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about 4 p.m. R came over to mail letters or (magazines) and stays to dinner. I remove to the warm, well lighted veranda where I clean free from husks and litter a half bushel, multiple onions which V will carry to market Thursday. Emma washes three bed quilts and cleans Volties bedroom. One hen hatching, she and her chicks ought to be looked after. John finished plowing corn growing. V building fence. Mail Standard, seeds from Miss Carrie Lippincott Tomato seeds from Kenneth McDonald. Voltie when counting the sheep found one missing, and its loss is a mystery April 1914 Wednesday 29th Emma set another hen A rainy morning and rained all night. Chilly wind north. Voltie went to the lower barn and when coming home found the lost sheep, dead by all appearance for a week. it was torn and mutilated. V thinks the bull killed the sheep. V & J cleaning oats for seed. 10 a.m. and rain rain Joe Woodman came to get V to do some shop work and ate dinner with us. Heard that the sick are all convalescent. Bessie & Lizzie & Louise. Churned after dark. Thursday 30 April 1914 A fair morning Wind N. Arose at half past 4 a.m. V going to Kingston.

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sent 13 lbs butter to market. John
drove to dock. They stop for
Rachel she going too. 1 doz eggs
only for market. Our eggs are
a constant article of diet, breakfast,
dinner & supper. We get about
2 dozen a day but a lot goes
under the hens for hatching.
Eleven chickens came yesterday.

Friday 1 May 1914

A very good day. John began cultivating
in the big field going to sow oats.

Voltie is building fence. I received
a letter from Muriel also one from Grace.

Saturday 2nd May 1914

Emma cleans floors.

Sunday 3rd May 1914

Maggie came visiting Edith entertained
her by playing with Emmas pigs on the floor.
Consequently one died. Em went to church
12 people comprised the congregation. Rachel &
Sylvia in p.m. here here

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Monday 4 May 1914

Didnt wash to day. Edith went to school.

Tuesday 5 May 1914

A very fine day. V brought water for Emma to wash. Emma washed big washing .

I sent letter to Muriel.

Wednesday 6th May 1914

A very pleasant day, wind North.

Voltie building fence Wallace helping him this a.m. but didn't stay to dinner.

John working in field. I cleaned a lot of onions. Emma done jeneral [sic] house work and ironed. Edith went to school. Two men came to set up the manure spreader. They staid to supper and all night. Young fellow is named White. The other man from Yarker—dont know his name. We churned

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Thursday 7th May 1914

A rainy morning. Voltie & John up early, the manure spreader men didnt get up so early but the man from Yarker voluntarily separated the milk. Edith as mean and devlish as ever makes me angry. No one from here goes to Kingston. R hailed Wallace when he was returning from the dock to say her cow had a calf and wants someone from here to come over and tie up the calf. John goes. R came over just in time to ride back with John, he is gone to plow her garden. Sylvia went to Kingston to market. Sylvia has got a sore throat. She bought Samy a new fiddle. I borrowed 5 envelopes of Sylvia. E & E went for them. I sent home Mrs Niles castor oil. She wants to get Edith for Inez surely she ought to know better.

Friday 8 May 1914

A very pleasant day. John finished the sowing big field to oats and V crossed draged it. I wrote and sent a letter to Grace. Emma carried it to the road, and gave it to Maggie who is going to the new p.o. for the first time. Dont think there was much work done inside the house this day more than cook and wash dishes. I pieced two blocks. Mrs Ranous came and I gave her a few multipliers and some flower seeds. Emma & Sylvia went to the po; drove down. No letters. Herald and a picture of the Alps & Farmers Magazine.

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Saturday 9th 1914 May

Emma cleaned floors. Sylvia here got sore throat. Gave her catchup and jelly, set out the plants Mrs Ranous gave me. Rachel came.

Sunday 10 May 1914

A very fine day Preacher here, he is visiting the old, sick and afflicted.

Emma didnt go to church. Went visiting Sylvia in p.m.

Monday 11

Didnt wash to day. Didnt do any thing only cook 3 very indiferent meals. Lazziness prevails, windows dirty, curtains dirty and smoky. Rachel here for the magazines to send to Eveline. The floors need painting the house needs renovating all through. Edith at school.

Tuesday 12 May 1914

Chilly morning

looks like rain. V went to Dig's for his hog.

I cleaned 12 lbs multipliers for seed, work drags.

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Jan 1915

oil kerosine

12 galons

12 "

6

tea

1 b

1 p

1 "

sugar

14 lbs

14

15

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Jan 1915

for me Stockings ,75

Shoes for Em \$3,00

skates 1,00

shoes mended ,50

" mended ,40

" Johns aneeded 1,25

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Jan 1915

Lemons 19

1 doz

Soap

10 bars

5 "

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Saturday 22 May 1914

Charlie V Halliday

Jan 1915 codfish

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Sunday 24 May 1914

Charley Gillespie went over the river for Muriel and Raymond and her babies.

The little fat dimpled cherubs Hilda and baby James 6 months old and got two teeth. Sent for R to come over to dinner. Sent Edith. R came

Muriel brought me a bottle of smelling salts and an embroidered handkerchief her own work. Well we had an enjoyable visit and admired her babies. They are two lovely kids only Hilda is so very pale and bloodles[s] with here [sic] yellow curls and very dark eyes. Well I dont often enumerate or relate what we had for dinner but

They seemd to enjoy the "menu" boiled potatoes, a platter heaped full of fried fish, good bread & butter, cheese, cookies, date crackers, maple sugar, custard, oranges, butter gravy etc etc

Rachel went home. Henry H came & ate supper. John returned from fishing with 96 rock bass & ansilles and a bull head.

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Monday 25 May 1914

A cloudy drizzling morn
Didnt sleep much last night
for thinking of the churning consequently
I was so very sleepy this morning, didnt
get up till breakfast was ready and
every one at table except me. Churned
after breakfast without any difficulty
Emma & Edith wrangling as usual.
Emma wants to be boss of the
whole affair around here. Edith
going to school, which will make
some difference in the peace of the
family, she is now under going the
operation of having her hair combed
by Emma which she does with no
gentle hand which causes a truncetory
"turkey dance". D came early and
brought Edith's shoes. V and J are
building fence.

Tuesday 26 May 1914

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January 22nd 1915

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A misalaneous [sic] assortment

Matches ,15

soda ,05

tobaco ,80

1 cap ,75

Feb Tobacco 3 lbs

Thursday 28

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Jan 22 1915

Saturday 30

Coal and hardware \$13,00

Sunday 31st

Monday 1st June

Monday morning bright and clear. Voltie and John digging post holes and building fence. Tom Dignum and his mother came over and went over the river in V's skiff went to the co corners. they came back and had supper with us. The wind changed from North to South in p.m. and brought a shower. Lent Mrs D a book "The white Sister". We sent our milk to factory this morning by John 190 lbs. Rachel came over in a.m. for butter milk. Edith setting onions. Emma made pumkin pies. The boys go on the river at night. V went early in morning.

Tuesday 2nd June 1914

A bright day & breezy wind North and cool. Emma made out 25 lbs butter for Thursday's market leaving 25 at home. Voltie went over to fix Tom Dignums motor engine. John working at the fence. When Voltie returned from Dignums he helped John with the fence. John brought water from river to wash clothes. Emma found she had no soap phoned to Sylvie to see if she could borrow enough soap to wash clothes. She could lend one bar. She had only two bars. Sylvia borrowed starch which Emma carried to Sylvia when she went for the soap also carried home Sylvie's old tin pail that Emma had soldered. Edith went to the post office to mail a letter to Grace; drove down with Joe and a young McDermot and then set out onions. We can rhubarb after dinner.

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Thursday 4 June 1914

Arose early 4 am. Voltie drives to
the dock with John and Emma.

Emma has 25 lbs butter for market
which she sold for 23 per lb. Emma &
John ate dinner with Grace.

Jan 1915

Soap paint

bars 10

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Tuesday 8 June 1914

Wind South and breezy. V & J sheared sheep. Ed gone to school. Wanted to send letter to Grace but cant. The p.o. is too far away. John plowing for corn. Boys set tomato plants.

The Englishman came again this evening. Wind blows, didnt go on the river this eve.

Wednes 9 June 1914

Not many fish this morning. Den here early. John McDonald here too. A letter last night from Reginald, one from Maude. Edith went early to carry R some fish. Very saucy and lazy dont want to do any thing, says she will go to school but wont pick up the breakfast dishes. V not very well, stomach out of order. Jack Niles had a barn raising Voltie. Young Rache here peddling Native herbs and other medicine. Emma made 23 lbs butter for market.

Thursday 10 June 1914

Arose at 4 O'clock a.m. Voltie and Emma went to Kingston to market with butter. butter not very firm weather to warm but sold it for 22 and 24 per. Edith staid home with me; worked well all a.m. but skipped out many tmes. tho she done very well. V carried to market wool and pork and Henry H's pigs, brought home his pig feed tht had been left the Thursday previous. Emma bought herself and Edith each a new hat. She ate dinner with Grace.

Sunday 14 June 1914

Another fine day. Emma Woodman & Frank came over to Sylvia's & Sylvia went home with them. Maloney's brought them over. Charley Gillespie motored them home across river again. Sadie McDermot and Maggie, Maggie here to dinner. Rachel here to supper. John reading Virginian No church service to day. Mr Stewart gone to conference. I am very lame this day. The boys went on the river at sun down. Edith wont comb her own hair washing her didnt

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Monday 15 June 1914

A beautiful bright day, Wind South a brisk breeze all p.m. Emma done big washing; hung them all on the lines, having to put up an extra line besides spreading them on the grass. John is cultivating for corn. Voltie finished the lower boat house and hoed beets and turnips and many other things necessary to be done. Edith went to school. Rachel came over for her honey sections that V had split for her. V put out all the boxes of tomato plants and peppers watered them and the cabbage plants. Sent letters to Maud and Henry by Denny, also sent for another pair of shoes and stockings for Edith. The wind changed to North. Maggie came to borrow starch Only three pike this time.

Tuesday 16 June 1914

A cool bright windy morn. Wind North We are talking about making pumpkin pies, cakes, cookies, apple pies. We are talking about it "understand". John cultivating for corn. A good warm rain is very much needed. Edith home to day. R came over to Dinner. I sewed on Ediths dress, work goes slow. John cultivated and sowed corn with the drill. V looking after the motor which he took down to the tower boat house last night and it leaks fearfully

Wednesday 17 June 1914

A very fine day, cool & dry no rain
also this is picknic day in Bob Smiths
grove, for the benefit of the
English church. John drove up
with E & E. They rode back north
the Barry's in their automobile.

Of the hundred tomato plants
V set, only 4 remain. Guess
it is grub work. R came over
to dinner and washed the
milk can and dinner dishes

Thursdy 18 June 1914

A fine dry day no rain
circus day. V and Emma gone
to the circus. John drove to the dock
taking the milk can and driving around
by the factory. Not any thing done
this day in door nor out. this is
cider day, long to be remembered. Van
came over somewhat set up, sent
him to look for John. Found Joslin
Then sent John to look for Edith. I was
considerably upset about her after serching
and calling found her abed fast
asleep on V's bed. The horses standing
in the stable all day without any thing
to eat wiht harness on. But cider
swilling going on and running
fish nets two fish. Resolved that
if there ever is while I live another
barrel of cider made may the lord
have mercy on this family. V dont
drink it, thank God. Edith dont do much
beside chasing hogs out the oats, hens
out the strawberries, Lambs out the meadow
Dilavan can swear yet
most fearfully.

I did hate to have V leave home
for I was afraid John would play
out all day drinking cider and lying
in the hay or straw. Old Van brought
seed corn that V had already paid for. The
hogs were not fed. Oh it was a terrible
day, something I was not acustom
to. At last J made out to milk
the cows and drive to the dock
for V and Reggie and Emma.
I was glad to see them come home.
Old Van wouldn't go to bed but set
up swilling cider till late and
and using such awful profanity
that every thing turned blue and smelt
of brimstone.

Friday 19 June 1914

Turned colder and wind blows from
North. Delavan De Grasse couldn't go
home if he wants to but he is up to
cider again all day and is full
of history, religion and pollitics [sic]
Towards night Emma filled the
vinegar barrel with every drop
of cider consequently when they went
for cider it was gone and the
twain were mad, awful mad and
I was glad E emptied the barrel
Saturday morn 20th
Cold but not much wind. Van
arose early and went home sober.
I made apple pie, pumkin pie.
We are expecting the preacher to dinner
tomorrow. V set cabbage & tomato
plants that he had bought on the market.
No rain, tho much needed

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Sunday 21 June 1914

Mr Stewart our preacher and his family came to dinner only 2 children, Muriel Stewart and Ferguson Stewart. I dont see any more discipline nor good manners with minister's kids than others.

V gave him \$5,00. I gave her a book and Emma gave Muriel a book etc. This is (excepting one) his last Sunday to preach. They go to Batersee Sylvia, Cassie & Maggie were Cassie and Maggie intended to stay to dinner but didn't want to meet the preacher. No rain.

Monday 22nd July 1914

Emma done big washing. Edith wouldnt do much.

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Wednesday 24 June 1914

A very warm rain. Voltie and E picking berries 81 boxes for market.

Thursday 25 June 1914

A very warm fine day. John & Rachel gone to Kingston. V drove to dock with them. Our first swarm of bees for this year. V hives them after bringing the swarm on a limb to show me what a big swarm it was or is. Mr Smeaton from the Orphans home and his manservant here to dinner. Forget to say, Reggie went to town also. He came back bring little Bob with him. Reginald stoped and staid all night with Rachel.

Friday 26 June 1914

A cool morning. Wind North no rain, no rain. John gone to Vans for kerosine. Edith wont work. Emma and Voltie picking berries. Robt watches the cows. Reggie not come yet from Rachels. Reginald came over with R she staid awhile then went.

I pared potatoes for dinner, pick over 2 boxes berries for dinner, washed breakfast dishes and milk pails and stove. John came bringing corn, golden bantam corn 12 gallons kerosine, tobaco and other stuff.

he had been to corners walked
out. Voltie worked on his boat
this p.m. (motor), Cassie where no rain
here for 2 boxes of Berries. Howard Niles here
for two. This is the last day of school.
Mary Barrie sent me two little plants
by Edith and we have set them out.
I wish we could have a shower for
our berries.

Saturday 27 June 1914

Beginning to look like rain but
not much. Em cleaned floors
Kids went fishing. Sylvia and Cassie,
Maggie Magee, GraceMcKay, Rachel,
George Niles here. Rachel got her supper
here. John and Ed picked greens.
V and the youngons put the pump
in the river with the long Rubber hose
to water the Berries and watered some
of them.

Sunday 28 Jun 1914

A heavy rain in the night which
continues at intervals all day with
thunder and lightning. Reginald
and Robert sneaked out and
went fishing down by high rocks.
Reginald fell in. I sent John for
them. Reginald came dripping wet.
They brought their fish poles but left the
fish on the shore 15 of them. John reading
most all day. Our butter has stepped out
till we churn. This is Stewarts
last day preaching. Dont think many
attended service to day on account
of rain. V entertained the kids in
the kitchen a mouth organ consert.

Monday 29 June 1914

Wind blowing hard from west and still continues to rain. Howard here for Berries 2 boxes for dinner; a dreary dismal day but noise plenty a bedlam. E & E & Re & Ro Never any piece or quietness only when V is in the house. Evening passes very quietly J goes early to bed. V reads "Billy" the "quartette", play marbles.

Tuesday 30 June 1914

The last of June. Rained in the night. Cloudy this morning, very cool. John drove to the factory, came back ate breakfast then drove to P.O. with letters one for Grace from me. John sends a letter to Andy MitchelWatertown. Reggie went to Niles for strawberry crates. Clouds gradually clearing away John & Robert Jr went to the Briar farm for a load of wood. I washed breakfast dishes, scoured knives & forks, washed stove, milk pails, pots, pans, kettles, wrote a letter, picked over a pail of greens, pared potatoes and churned. I set Edith to churning while I pared potatoes. She didnt churn but turned the washing machine. V after doing all the chores picked 12 boxes of berries. V & Em & Reggie & John picking berries I wash dinner dishes. Robert is weeding salsify and onions. Van came over Lib sent me a small

Rachel over for butter and berries
can of Salmon which we had
for supper. I sent her two boxes of
strawberries. This is a trying time
indeed and will be for a long time.

Wednesday 1st of July 1914

A beautiful day, river still.

Van and Lib came early this morn.

I received a letter from Grace.

V killed a hen for dinner. George Rattray
has a barn raising to day.

V was asked but cant go, has to
pick berries, but sent his crow bar
and block and takles [sic]. began
raining at three p.m. but Van
came through the rain rowing
across. Both staid for their
supper then with berries and
several other trophy's. Rowed home
through the rain.

Thursday 2nd July 1914

A cloudy morning after breakfasat.

J drove to the dock with V, he carrying
2 crates of berries to market 72 boxes.

Clears away & the sun shines brightly.

Emma cleaned the floors I cook &
wash dishes. Joe & Ed came for 2 baskets
of berries. Gave Emma .25 cts for them.

They helped pick the berries. Next
came old Horn for 3 boxes so Emma
left her work again to gather the berries,
no pay this tim, he just walks off
carrying the berries. We are preparing to
get supper when Howard Niles comes
for 2 baskets, no pay. Louise came home.

John & Reginald building fence all day (pasture)

to day from the hospital. Our load came at last. John, Voltie, Grace, Margarett, Isabelle, Robert Jr and Miriam Bruton and dog Buster.

Friday 3rd July 1914

A fine day; a heavy dew this morning. The cows in the grain this morning. Voltie and John build fence all a.m. Grace, Voltie and Emma picked berries all p.m. 120 which are for Kingston market. Reginald & John cultivate potatoes, beans, corn, tomatoes, turnips. Emma, Margaret, Miriam, Edith & Robert walked to the post office, brought a letter from Eveline with \$25,00 dollars, express order from Welly, a card from Maud and one from Belle. Reginald and John & Voltie went to the lower boat house and got the motor all ready for tomorrow's trip to Kingston. Went at sundown. While they were all gone to P.O. & motor, Mrs Cheesemaker Watts came for berries while her hubby waited outside in buggy. Very sorry we had none for her. Jack Niles 4, Dian Berry 6, Woodmans 2, which makes 132 boxes to day.

Saturday 4 July 1914

Independence day once more bright and clear. Arose very early, Voltie gone to Kingston in motor carrying 120 boxes of berries for market. Found all the cows in our grain this morning. John tearing about, things dont go right

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V returned and went to
Clayton, gone quite late, brought
Limburger cheese, 2 new dresses for
me (wrappers) and print for Edith &
Emma, dresses. brought from Kingston,
2 pairs of shoes for Edith No 4's,
both pairs too small
Sunday 5
Monday 6

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Tuesday 7 July 1914

A cloudy day which makes it somewhat cooler. V went to market with 120 or boxes of berries went to Kingston, brought 4 loaves of bread, a letter tablet and envelopes. he forgot to mail my letters. I sent to Belle, Maud and Eveline. That is just like a man to forget things. Well no great damage done. Grace & Emma picking p.m.

Wednesday 8

V picking berries for H.H. & D.H., Mrs John Hogan (widow called for berries 24 boxes. John is cutting hay. Edith, Margaret, Miriam Bruton & Isabel at session bathing themselves. Sylvia & Jessie Reid here for 2 boxes berries.

Thursday 9 July 1914

A hot day, wind North & breezy. John haying, mowing. Reginald raking. Margaret & Miriam Bruton gone to Kingston. V sent Dick H & Henry H each a crate of Berries. V working in cemetery this a.m. picking berries in p.m. Edith and Robert went fishing caught 9 fish. Edith prepared them for supper. Grace canning berries the first except one little can. Lightening in the south after sunset but no rain. Emma drove to

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the dock for Margaret and Miriam.
I got the supper while Grace & V
picked berries. V picked for McLaren.
Margaret and Miriam brought
candies, bananas, peanuts, oranges,
and Margaret bought her grandma
a we pretty dish.

Friday 10 July 1914

Another hot day a scorcher. V gone
to the villiage with berries for McLaren.
Tis 9 a.m. river quiet not a ripple.
haying to be done, cows to be watched
weeds to be pulled, berries to be picked
and canned. Always a contention
among youngones, but are they any
worse than grown ups? Only more
insignificant little affairs. Beet greens
and fish for dinner. Grace has canned
18 cans berries. Voltie returned at
4 p.m. Had been to Kingston.
John and Reginald drawing in
hay. I think this is the hottest day.
I ever saw 85 deg in the shade.
V bought bananas, pea nuts, beer 6
bottles, stockings, pins, darning needles,
mucilage ink, paid interest on bank
note, paid telephone bill. Kids have
great time playing in hay, bathing, fishing,
Mail. Herald, letter from Maud, one
from Nellie Brooks, Farmers Magazines
and one letter from Hugh Livingston.
Saturday 11 July 1914
The summer is swiftly galloping away. Tis
cloudy this morning looks like rain.
Edith wearing her best embroidered

petticoat every day and wont take it off. Must write to Nellie, Muriel, and Maud. All in bathing, Isabelle, Margaret, Robert, Miriam, Emma, Edith, Sylvia, Reginald, Ed, Joe Woodman. Maggie Joslin here for Berries 2 boxes. Howard here for berries 4 boxes. A Joslin rung for berries. Sunday 12 July 1914

A cool morning. Wind North, clear sky. No butter, potatoes nearly all gone. V killed a hen. We are to have a pot pie for dinner. Noon river still and weather as hot as ever. John & Reggie & Robert went trolling. Grace and Emma got dinner, picked berries. The day passed on gone forever gone with all the other Sundays and days since creation. John and Reginald & Robert, caught 65 fish of various kinds perch, rock bass, black bass etc. Sylvia came for a little while just at sundown. Every kid goes to consession to roll, tumble and flounder about in the water. Then Grace, Emma, Reginald, Robert & Buster go over to R carrying her some fish. At last every one gone to rest and the house is quiet once more.

Monday 13 July 1914

Another day just like the preceeding ones. Emma washing at the river. Grace deting dinner. The men, J & V are haying. Edith gave me a foot bath River like a mirror. I worte three letters 1 to Muriel 1 to Nellie Brooks 1 to Maude. Kids all went to Sylvias

Tuesday 14 July 1914

A beautiful cool cloudy day.

I sent letter to Nellie, 1 to Muriel.

Edith, Margaret, Miriam, and Isabella walked to the post office. V & John working in field haying. Grace worked in kitchen all a.m., picked berries in p.m. Isabella swept the veranda and picked up and cleaned up everything, the dear little cherub.

Wind North and breezy. John and Voltie worked in hay field. Reginald

raking with old tranhorse. The girls every one go to the post office in the old buggy. Not a letter excepting one card from Muriel. John received a letter from Gladys asking for money.

I do believe they would rob him of his very hearts blood and never thank him. Once they had a good home but they were not satisfied till they destroyed all he had, and broke his heart. Knapp is the fair haired "bye". Now let him support them. they will get enough of Knapp and taking care of themselves after awhile. John has been their support and slave long enough, two great healthy women when they have robbed him till he has nothing but his poor toil, warm hands to support them with. Then keep pulling on him for money after they have destroyed his home and drove him out. Have they turned Knapp out? Oh no. But when he finds out that he too has lost his support he will show his rotten nature and forsake them all right and I

think the time is close at hand, if not already accomplished. Arthur has got to have a home. She is a woman old enough to have common sense if she is ever going to have. Watertown, they wanted, and Watertown they have got. It was such a delightful place for moving picture shows and other entertainments and Arthur went along, for Arthur needed a home, poor Arthur.

If Gladys had stuck by her father; but she didn't; but wrote "Poppa you know I'm your daughter and you ought to support me" Support! Yes, support! that is all they think of or care about.

The money he sends, there never was as much as a "thank you" for it. I notice they never ask or say "when are you coming home". No that is not what they want. They just want a machine to pump money from but they want the machine to keep at a distance. Now he can smoke the pipe of peace, and read his book right here at his own home and the time will come when he will be on the high road to success again, better than ever before if he keeps away from them and banks his earnings. I dont want him to go on the road never again but if the truth was sifted out, without any doubt in my mind, John is the first instigator or caused by his own folly in the first place come all this trouble. Some men ought never to marry

no rain

Wednesday 15 July 1914

Another dry hot day the last day of Miriam's visit and Grace is preparing to return to Kingston leaving Reginald and Robert here. So she packs her cans of strawberries. The new folks work in hay field, mowing, raking, cocking and drawing. Oh how fearfully hot. The girls drive to the p.o. Emma, Margaret, Miriam and Isabel. no letters nor papers except one postal card from Muriel. Then every kid including Maggie has a boisterous time playing "high Spy" and squat tag: audience John, Voltie, Emma and self. Then we all proceed to the parlor where Miriam where Miriam [sic] bare footed and bare legged entertains us with piano music which she certainly can do; she is a musical wonder. I never saw anything like the exquisite touch of her fingers on the keys. At last Maggie goes home and we all go to bed.

Thursday 16 July 1914

Another hot day. Voltie drove to the dock with Grace, Margaret, Isabel and Miriam enroute for Kingston with their boxes and suitcases leaving Edith to get dinner and get along the best we can but have to take out a search warrant several times to find Edith. Sometimes find her at

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no rain

Jones', sometime at the barn,
here and there and every where
but with bobby for help manage
to get along very well. We got an
early dinner which Grace had prepared
before she went home. Had supper
nearly ready when V drove home from
the dock with only Emma in the cart
beside the groceries. I'm always glad
to see the marketers return from
Kingston with the parcels and
bundles which often includes
some bananas, oranges, candies
etc beside this time Emma
brought bolona and sausage.

Friday 17 July 1914

A breezy day no rain but can
better work in field. Emma went
for field berries along the road
and found scarcely any but picked
a few cherries. R gave Emma a
box of raspberries which we had for supper.
The day goes as usual. Emma walked
to the post office and comes from home in
the automobile with Geo Barrie and
Bob Burk and Norman Dupont.
The Herald and a bunch of papers
from Eveline, Leslies weekly,
Afternoon cloudy looks like rain
but not yet do. J & V want rain
till they get the hay in the barn

Saturday 18 July 1914

Looks like rain and begins about
2 p.m. and rains very severe at
intervals. It brought the men from the hay

Morgan died this day Saturday 18 July 1914
field and the kids from fishing
ie Emma, Edith, Robert and Reginald.
How it rained, how it poured
Emma wiped up the kitchen floor.
I didnt bake for the wood was wet
but got supper on oil stove.

Sunday 19th July 1914

A cool breezy day, wind north shifting
South in p.m. Peas for dinner. Emma
picked them. John went fishing
I and Edith shelled. Reginald &
Robert went with John fishing, caught
65 and one big black bass. Sylvia
& Maggie came down awhile. John
cleaned the fish. Reginald and I
studied Geography, History of England,
and Webster's dictionary awhile.
Emma made a custard pie for dinner
and a chocolate cake. John gave Sylvia
some fish, George Morgan Sr died to day.
Monday 20th July 1914

A breezy morn. Wind NW changed
South at noon. hard work to get
work done. I helped wash breakfast dishes,
churned, washed and salted the butter and
then churned and salted her butter.
We had greens, new potatoes and fish
and a pie (rhubarb) for dinner. Emma
gathered all the dirty clothes and carried them
to the river to soak. V and J & Reg
drawing hay. After dinner Emma went
to Rachels to pick raspberries. Edith and
Robert wash the dinner dishes.
Emma brought 4 boxes of berries
had one for supper. 3 fields cleared
of hay

Tuesday 21st July 1914

A cool breezy morn. Wind S.W.

I'm very lame this morning but

I, by use of the two canes, walked to the veranda. John gone to factory.

V & J & Reginald worked in hay field.

V shot a hen. Emma picked and cleaned it, done it in a cloth & hung it in the cellar. The hen was scratching up the potatoes. Emma washed clothes on the shore. Edith quarrelling with Bob. Mail a letter from Grace, a card from Belle and Standad and that is all. Belle requesting the name of the man that laid the Atlantic cable. Cyrus W Field was the man.

Wednesday 22nd July 1914

A very fine day neither too hot nor too cool clear brilliant sun in

a cloudless sky. V shot another hen this morning in the potatoe scratch, scratch, scratch and dig.

The yesterday hen we cooked for dinner. The boys drew 6 loads of hay from R's place, p.m.

It begins to look like rain.

Mrs Niles over to R's picking raspberries. After supper V goes back to mow hay while John and Reginald do the chores. Edith & Bob lugging V's shot gun around out door.

Thursday 23 July 1914

Begins to rain at 3 a.m. I heard of potatoe on the veranda. John went to factory and to the dock. V sent

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by John \$53 dollars to give
to George Rattray requesting him
to go to the bank and pay Mr Thos Mills
the 53 dollars that V hired
last spring for J. 1/2 past nine
a.m. V grinding mowing machine
knives. Weather clearing, hoeing and
weeding. Edith washing towels &c. Emma
cooking chicken. I sent a letter to
Belle. Edy McDonald phoned Emma
for a cat (kitten). 10h, 10m rains again.
V phoned to Geo Rattray
for coal (soft coal). Geo sent
hard chestnut coal instead
because he didn't understand
Friday 24th July 1914
Very muddy morning couldn't
walk to the foot post office, sent
a letter to Grace & a card to Belle by
by Joe and Ed. String beans for
dinner. Boys hoed in garden.
V mowed over on Rachel in
p.m. Edith contrary as usual.
E & E & Rob't started to walk to the
P.O. only went a far as Rachels
found the mail had been brought
and left there. A letter from
Hiriam Burton, a card from
Belle and the Herald.
Saturday 25 July 1914
Haying not done yet. weather
not very favorable for haying.
V hoed in garden and planted
cucumbers. Emma finished cleaning
kitchen and painted K floor

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mowed in p.m. I sent Edith to A Joslin's for a lb of butter.

Sunday 26 July 1914

A very good day. Emma went to church in p.m. Maggie here tearing around with Edith. John and the boys went fishing caught a soda biscuit pail full. V tinkering around the cellar way. Clery brought the preacher down in his motor and came here for gasoline, paid V a dollar for gasoline. John cleans fish on the shore. Sammy and Emma go driving in the evening.

Monday 27 July

All hands working to day mowing hay. John hoeing corn. Reginald raking. Edith & Robert picked peas for dinner. V ate his breakfast first to get to the field early to cut hay. Emma cleaned my room and washed some things at river. Edith after a great deal of persuasion put some dried apples to stew. I churned, washed breakfast and dinner dishes shelled peas wrote a letter to Miriam Burton, cut some quilt blocks &c. V finished mowing hay except a small piece here at home. Edith raised old Dickens. rained a little.

Tuesday 28 July 1914

A very good day for work in door and out door. V & J and Reginald drawing hay

to the lower barn from R's place. V & J going to try and finish haying as soon as they can for there is always lots of work to do. E couldnt get a chance to send to the post office to Edith & Robert swatting flies. Robert picked the beans. I snipped their heads off. I washed breakfast dishes. Emma cleaned pantry. We borrowed soap 1 bar of Sylvia also one from Rachel. Mail, Standard, a card from Belle also a letter from Belle. Dilavan came over with John King who wants to hire out to V but V dont need him. J.K. stays all night a to breakfast. V succeeds in hiring him out to John Weir for two dollars per day, hired him by the using of the telephone.

Wednesday 28 July 1914

Boys finished haying over on R. Emma preparing to go to Kingston for a weeks visit. I send Robert to Sylvia's to borrow baking soda. Robt and Edith quarrel and fight then Robert goes to Woodman's. Edith picks a pail full of string beans. Wind blowing strong breeze from North. V killed a tough old rooster which I picked and prepared for dinner and prepared [sic] the string beans. Rachel sent over a raspberry pie. After dinner I sent her part of the chicken pot pie and she sent beans shelled and cooked.

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1 Jan 1914

Eggs up to this date

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Emma done big washing of clothes at the river. We managed to send Grace string beans & peas, i.e. we are going to send them tomorrow.

Thursday 29th 1914

A very fine day warm tho the night and morning a cool. John drove to factory. Voltie drove to dock with Emma, Reginald & Robert also Rachel. Emma going to stay a week with Grace. V arose at 4 a.m. V mowed the hay by the river this a.m. and raked and cocked it its. Maggie came, she swept the floors for me. Edith washed milk pails and milk can then she was absent, missing. I didnt look for her but continued to wash breakfast dishes. When V came he found her asleep on his bed and now begins the trial of having hard work and endurance for one whole week. Very dry no rain.

Friday 30th July 1914

This is the second day Emma has been gone and I am tired. I cant write much any way.

Saturday 1st Aug 1914

This is the third day. Emma has been gone, gone. I made two rhubarb pies and two turnovers. Ive got one cake for Sunday, guess the cat wont eat those pies.

After a long argument and persuasion we got Edith to mop the floors. Bert phoned for V to come for him and Maud and Hubert at Cornairs. V went and they came in time for supper.

Sunday 2nd August 1914

I woke this morning to find Bert, Maud and the Baby Hubert here. Maud helped to get the meals. We had fish in abundance that John and Rob't Junior had caught the night before (last night) by moonlight. We sent for Rachel to come over and see Maud and the baby. She came.

Monday 3rd August 1914

Arose early for V is going to take Bert and Maud across in the motor where Bert's car is waiting for them at Cornair's Maud and the little baby Hubert. V came back and then went to the villiage and Kingston by motor. He came late bringing dishes and groceries and 3 Whigs saying War is declared in Europe. England, France, Russia, Germany, Austria, Servia [sic] and Belgium all fighting at once. The home millers of Ireland, the militant suffregetts and Mexico have have all stopped fighting and stand agape with horror looking on. R came in evening & staid till V came

New Year Morning 1914

Brown Sugar lb 20

Tuesday 4 August 1914

No rain wish it would rain. Received a card from Belle saying she and Henry would be here the 11 or 12 of the months. This is the sixth day Emma has been gone. I have weathered the storm of her absence 6 days. Oh I'm tired. But the days are passing, time waits for no one. V & J working in field. V binding and J setting up oats. We churned.

Wednesday 5 August 1914

A bright clear day but hot no rain. May Ranous married to day to Rodney Pike. They were married in English church. We sent the numerous carriages laden with happy people all going down to Geo Ranous to the wedding dinner. Barry's auto carried the bridal party. Our boys, V & J working in the oat field. Little Bob Jr preparing to go home this p.m. on the boat. Sylvia went to the wedding and took Ed McDermot with her. Ed has got a new buggy.

Thursday 6 August 1914

Another hot dry day. Emma came home. I am very glad to see her, and I feel like one let out of prison. She brought bananas and we had them for supper. Reginald came down on the boat for a trip. Robt Wells Jr went home on the boat this pm. Grace sent him a card to come home for his dad is coming home.

War declared between England and Germany. All Europe in a blaze of war

Fridy 7th August 1914

Another scorching day, no Rain every thing dry, dry, dry! V and hoeing beans. I forgot to say that Sylvia has gone visiting yesterday to her grandad Reid and took Ed McDermot with her. I guess they are coorting [sic]. I did not do any house work to day. I had a vacation and sat in our veranda. Rachel came

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shaker flannel 20 yds

Saturday 8th August 1914

A very hot day a scorcher and a terrible drought every thing drying up. V finished binding the big oat field here by the church.

I sat by the window and watched the binding till the last straw fell & then dinner was

ready. Emma had to wash for she

had been gone to Graces a whole week.

For dinner we had bread & butter, boiled potatoes,

boiled sliced beets, boiled eggs, cookies, cake,

crea, gravy, onions & stewed black caps

and tea. John fixed the river pump for

wattering the tomatoes and cucumbers.

The smoke is so thick we can scarcely

see from here to Consession and is growing

worse all the time. I am stewing pumpkin

and cleaned potatoes for dinner and beets

washed pots, pans, and kettles and both

tables and cabinet. Wind changed from

South to N but hot. To work again

setting up oats in field. Wish it

would rain. The flies are plentiful and

savage. Edith went to help Rachel drive

her cows to water this a.m. We received

a letter from Maud (or card). V received a card

from Lottie saying to come to Vans for them tomorrow

Sunday 9th August 1914

V motored over to Vans for Lottie & Louise also Willie came too to make a days visit and we were glad to see them all. We had a fine mess of fish for dinner that John had caught. After dinner Willie with valise in hand goes over to Rachel's. After awhile the girls followed with another hand bag and stay all night. Lottie brought me a book. But I had read it. Willie took it to exchange it. He is covering for the girls next Sunday. No rain but a very hot dry day.

Monday 10 August 1914

V reaping & bindind [sic] oats John setting up oat. Lottie came over for shelf paper staid awhile, no water in Rachels well. V drew some for them from our well. Emma makes Lottie and I a glass of cold lemonade. Clouds gather and a little rain falls towards night. Emma washes and drys the clothes before the commencement of rain. Brings them in. Sylvia came home to day then comes to make a call together with Maggie. Rain drives them home. I retire early.

Tuesday 11 August 1914

A very hot day. A heavy shower in a.m. I write and send a letter to Grace. John drives down to post office to mail his letters and mine. Louise drives down with him. Emma and I finish her dress. Samy brought the mail from WHW 2 letters for me. One from Miriam Burton one from Mrs Stewart. Emma went for the mail to Sylvia. I read the war news.

Wednesday 12 August 1914

Time flies and summer is hastening away. This is a cool day. Wind N.E. V and J drawing and stacking oats. I done some repairing of overalls and socks for the boys V & J. After dinner Rachel, Lottie and Louise came over awhile and staid a couple of hours. Wind hushed river still, river like a mirror. Lottie & Louise came and Emma and the two girls go out in the boat after supper. Edith pulled all the onions this day. The flies are very troublesome.

Thursday 13 August 1914

No one goes to town from here to day except Rachel. Voltie drives to the dock. We send by her for groceries and a hundred lbs of flour. Emma drives over with Voltie to send by Maggie Joslin for embroidery needles. Voltie and John draw and stack oats. V drives to dock. Reginald and Robert Jr came down on the boat leased to come home again. They bring me a letter from Grace saying they are going to move to Limerick or Brownville Grace has been over there, to Berts. All is well.

Friday 14th August 1914th 1914

The day is clear and very warm. I received a letter from Belle saying Grace is to be married next month (Sept). V rec'd a letter of thanks from Anglin thanking him for strawberry plants. The Standard and Montreal Herald and Weekly Star. We sat up to read the War News.

Saturday 15 August 1914

Weather quite cool this morning. Wind S and blowin a stiff breeze. Heard the phone ring at 1/4 to 12 midnight for A Joslin and at 1/4 past 12 for W. H. Woodman. Heard by the phone this morning that a baby girl came to John Niles Jr's last night.

Lottie and Louise here this pm. V and J cutting peas. We have green peas for dinner. V brings in some ripe tomatoes! A few squally showers this p.m. but the sun shines most of the time. Lottie & Louise and Reginald go to water R's cows.

Sunday 16th August 1914

A very good day. Lena drove out for Lottie and Louise, brought me some slips of geranium. V motored for them, Cassie and Clifford came too. Lottie gave me Ben Hur. Rachel came over and staid till V came back. Reginald went over and came back with Voltie. Carrie & Clifford were left behind and engaged Albert Gillespie to take them across in his motor. Wind South and beginning to rain. John drives over with Rachel after the return of V & Reginald.

Monday 17 August 1914

Rather wet in fore noon couldn't bind oats after dinner. V and John go to Clayton. V to pay his bank note of 30 dollars and buy shoes and calico, limbarg [sic] cheese, peanuts and candies etc. They came after dark. Emma milked the cows. Kids noisy as anything. Edith and

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Robert & the kittens all up in the apple tree. Rachel came over and staid till 7 pm.

Tuesday 18 August 1914

Emma washing some more things.

V and J cut peas; we had peas peas for dinner. Weather rainy.

John goes for the mail (drives) a letter from Grace, a card from Muriel. I send a letter to Grace also a card from Muriel.

Wednesday 19 Aug 1914

A very good day warm and pleasant. Emma cleans floors and bakes bread and cake. I make apple pies (4). I work around till I'm rather tired. V and J rening oats on old Smith place then V drives to dock for Bob and Grace and Isabel so we have a jolly house full again.

Thursday 20th Aug 1914

V and Reginald went to Cape with Bob Wells Sr in motor. He is going to Brownville to look for a house to move into. V & Reginald came back early bringing tanglefoot and rolled oats with a small glass pepper shaker as a prize. Cloudy and begins to rain in pm. Little Bob wouldn't stay but went home to Kingston with his mother. V gave Reginald 3 dollars. John and Emma milk the cows and Edith goes to water R's cows. R drove her hom [sic] by ordering her to go.

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Friday 21st August 1914

A cloudy day wind south didn't send any mail today. Emma jawing at Edith in kitchen. V & J shingling the shop. Cats tearing up & down the apple tree. Edith went night and morning to help R water her cows. I patched several garments, wrote in this diary. V and J finished shingling and put on the ridge boards. One clearing up storm accompanied by thunder and lightning. Mail Montreal Herald, Standard, letter from Muriel and one from Maud also a letter from Lottie.

Saturday 22 of August 1914

A very fine day after the storm. V & J has to open up the oat shocks to dry in the sun. I washed breakfast dishes. Emma cleaned floors. While we were at dinner Belle and Henry came quite unexpectedly. I was so glad to see them. Belle brought phonograph records. We set up quite late talking. Ben Percy rowed them across in Rob Percy's skiff and ate dinner here before going to Sylves where he staid all night.

Sunday 23rd August 1914

A fair day. Edith went to water Rachels cows, I sent invitation to R to come over, she came and staid to dinner. Ben Percy came too dinner. After dinner Ben goes home ie after the rain which comes in great floods, almost a tornado acompanied by thunder and lightning. Went to water R's cows but they wouldn't drink.

Monday 24th August 1914

A fine day. V & J drew and stacked oats this p.m. R keeps sending for Belle to come over there. Emma didnt wash to day, we just get three meals a day. I know they dont like to work very well. But Emma has most every thing to do alone. Edith shirks every thing she can.

Tuesday 25 August 1914

A fine day. V and J finished harvesting to day.

Wednesday 26 August 1914

A very fine day. Belle walked over to Rachels staid till after dinner. V phoned to Henderson for groceries. Emma finished washing.

Thursday 27 August 1914

A fine day. Arose early. John going to town. V sending by him for hog feed and groceries. V and Henry go fishing had fine luck catching bass and perch and rock fish. Rachel and old Preacher Craig here to dinner. Mr Craig dug strawberry and dewberry plants. J brought home whiskey and beer. Reginald and Robert came, we expected Grace but she didn't come only the little boys came.

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Friday 28th August 1914

Quite a fine day. Not much done in or out this day but a terrible swilling of beer and some whiskey too. I dont know what will ever become of John; his habits of intemperance has such a terrible grip on him that he can never, no never conquer the horrible monster; his whole appearance is shocking. May God have mercy on him and snatch him from his awful doom before it is everlastingly to late. My poor dear Johny. How can I bear to see him go down down down!

Saturday 29th August 1914

This is the day that Belle & Henry came so unexpectedly as a surprise while we were at dinner. Emma flew around and soon had an extra dinner for them. Ben Percy brought them over, ate dinner also then went to Sylvias and staid all night.

Sunday 30 August 1914

Rain wind and squalls nearly all day. Wind lulls in pm towards night. Ben came back from Sylvias ate dinner again with us then took Rob Percy's skiff that he had rowed Bell & Henry across in and went away home across the river tho the poor "critter" really has no home. This is the day Belle went home. Ive made a mistake somewhere.

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Monday Aug 31st 1914

Voltie took John to the Cape
this day.

Tuesday Sept 1 1914

Wednesday 2nd Sept 1914

V works hard all day and then
after dark drives to the dock for
Bob, Grace, Margret and Isabelle.
He didnt wait for supper but
we had a good square meal when
they came home from dock and
we all sat down together and
enjoyed a merry sociable time
Reginald went to the dock with
Voltie.

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This Thursday brought a lot of groceries from town and Friends.

Thursday 3rd Sept 1914

This Thursday V went to Kingston in motor.

Awoke this morning to find

Grace, Bob and their four kids here

enroute for Watertown N.Y. for

new home. It was hustle and

bustle all day getting ready to go.

Grace done big washing and

ironing. Bob tried to fish but

not very successful, wind blew so

hard but we have enough to eat

without them. Our greatest want is

butter which is not much from Sat

night and Sunday morning cream.

Friday 4th Sept 1914

Well this is the morning that Grace,

Bob, and their kids are to go over

the river to Van's. V went across twice

first carrying Bob, Reginald and Bob Jr.

Came back for Grace and Margaret &

Isabelle and loads of parcels, but no

Bert there waiting for them. V came

back said they all staid to dinner

including Al Barry and his brother

Robert from the West. Lib made an extra

pie for she had only one. A very good day.

Saturday 5 Sept 1914

One day of quietness and peace

tho I miss the little boys Reggie

and Robbie and are lonesome

without them and to think they

are going away from us tho only

to Watertown it seems 5 times further

away than Kingston. Saturday towards

night a phone from Bert and Maud to come

to Cornairs for them well after supper. V goes and

don't get back till after dark. A cool day some wind

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Sunday 6 Sept 1914

A very quiet Sunday reading and resting, and three square meals, a doctoring baby Hubert and listening to a great lot of news gossip and scandal that ever happened in Jeff Co, N.Y.

Oh I hate it

Monday 7 Sept 1914

Bert and Voltie building fence all day boring post holes. Hubert is better gave him a lot of catnip tea and scalded milk. Maud dont look very well, she is so thin as a spindle and fat as a match every day

Tuesday 8 Sept 1914

A very good day. Bert and Voltie work at the fence all day. Maud and Emma do some work and keep every thing humming. I write a letter to Wellie. Lots of fish and eggs. Mail a card from Wellie, Standard and Globe Wellie said he saw John in Watertown

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Wednesday 9 Sept 1914

A cool day but not very windy. Bert helps V nearly day except when he goes fishing and catches a good suply [sic] for the table. Baby Hubert is better. Emma made him a dress which Maud put on him. V takes M & B across in motor at sunset such a beautiful evening, not a ripple on the water. V gone only a little while. Emma has a great time finding and cleaning bottles for the baby

Thursday 10 Sept 1914

A fine day. No one from here goes to town this day. Voltie alone but begins cutting the corn, goes down on the 75 acres for the sheep and does all the chores alone, milks all the cows besides going to the lower farm for them, feeds 12 hogs, chops all the wood &c V drives to dock for hog feed & 200 lbs sugar \$14 dollars all paid for.

Friday 11 Sept 1914

A fine cool day. Voltie cutting and binding corn nearly all day with the binder he carried. R corn potatoes & tomatoes. Emma made crab apple jelly The first she has made this fall. Edith at school for which I am thankful. I make Edith an apron. Mail, Standard, Montreal Herald, Daily Globe, a letter from Margaret Gaskin, a card from Belle saying Grace is to be married 16th this month. V hew some corn. Belle wrote that John had been at their house 3 days

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Saturday 12 Sept 1914

A bright morning & cool. Emma helping V draw corn, after bottling the jelly. I'm trying to get Edith to work at the dishes, hard work for me to get her to wash dishes, the tongue of her is tremendous. Sylvia came for something dont know what. It might have ben to show her nice apron which she received from Eatons last nights mail. Edith done very well this a.m. but O so lazy, obstinate nd indifferent to any thing said to her about pickup dishes or any other kind of help to get the work along & wash all breakfast dishes and get dinner. then wash dinner dishes, milk pails, and stove wash, bender and water bench & soap dish, etc. Tom Dignum phoned to ask Voltie why he cut his corn so early. Voltie finished drawing the corn so it is done. Sylvia and Sheridan gone up the river in a motor. Maggie Edith went for the cows.

Sunday 13 Sept 1914

A beautiful bright morning. Emma went to church. Maggie here this morn for tomatoes. Edith went to help aunt R water her cows and brought home three snowplowers on a stem. V caught 5 fish. Edith cleared thm for dinner. Maggie Joslin comes home with

and to dinner. Emma & Maggie after washing the dinner dishes walk up to Jack Niles to see the baby Lois. Found Geo & Louise there besides Old Horn and Lizzie, Mr and Mrs Kesler. Edith goes up to visit Maggie Magee. She is alone. Sylvia gone to English church. Ed, Joe & Sam gone to Howe Island to a bass [sic] ball play. About 4 pm V motors to Micheas with Margaret Joslin; she is working for her granny Anne Michea, Mag Magee came home with Edith and they go sauntering along the shore. The day ends in quiet peacefulness
Monday 14 Sept 1914

Another beautiful day. A brilliant sun and a cloudless sky & warm tho the evenings are cool. V fixing line fence between himself and Geo Niles. Emma washed and hung the clothes on the line by 10 pm. Edith picked beans for dinner. I shelled them. Then Edith went to school; has row with the Morgans, Madeline tore Ediths new apron. V finished cobbling the fence, picked lot of tomatoes for home canning and for Joslin's family beside a pail of cucumbers for Weir. Edith went for the cows gone a long time. Emma called on Sylvie 2 hours. Edith came home early. Edith washing supper dishes. A beautiful sunset and the river so still it reflects every color of sky.

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Tuesday 15 September 1914

Another bright sunny day. Wind South and breezy. Edith gone to school. Alden Morgan here for vinegar didnt get any. Alden says Edith is to blame for all the trouble at the school house, she medelles [sic] and bosses, is quarrelsome, hinders the boys from playing ball.

Wednesday 16

A beautiful day. Grace Halliday married to day to Howard Cheever. V doing all kinds of odd chores and preparing for threshes, dug 2 bag of potatoes. I churned, had a very good lump of butter.

Thursday 17 Sept 1914

A fine day very. Arose very early Voltie is going to Kingston for table supplies for threshers, beef, pork and bread. We keep the milk at home to day and last night. Emma drove to dock, we made apple pies and punkin pies, 9 loaves of bread, cookies, rolled jelly cake, ginger cake, etc The day is very warm. V left his bag pork & bread on boat

Friday 18 September 1914

Another fine day tho the morning was very foggy when Voltie started for the villiage in the motor very early to catch the boat to get his beef and pork and bread that he left on the boat but the boat had had gone and V followed the just Edith is harried lazy to day

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boat to Kingston, and got his
beef, pork and bread and hired a man
for a month, an old scotch man George McKay.
Sylvia came after dinner and
helped Emma all p.m. The machine
moved here from Niles just at Sunday.
George Niles and here in evening.
George has sore eyes. Old Geo can
talk faster than old Lewy only
Geo dont stutter, he sits at table
twice as long as any of the family.
Mail a card from Louise, a letter
from Grace, a letter from Maud.
The Herald and Standard. Voltie
bought 20 bags cotton \$4 dollars.
Saturday 19th Sept 1914
Wind North cool & clear. Geo Niles
here to breakfast also Will Ranous.
The threshing machine is buzzing
and the men are working like bees.
Sylvia is here. Forgot to say V saw
Grace H and her husband on the boat
just two young kids to be married and
they have before them (if they live) a long life
of happiness, or disgusting sorrow which
will it be?
Sunday 20 Sept 1914
Another fine day breezy wind South.
I write a long letter to Will. Emma
goes to church in p.m. Alden McD
here all p.m., staid to supper.
Hat Essford and his new wife
Elen Forbes Caselry married yesterday,
Widower and widow, boys met to
serenade them last night but were
not welcomed. Essford very angry

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Monday 21 Sept 1914

Another bright day, finished
threshing at noon pulled out and
went to Byron Irvines, old Geo
went too. Emma not very well,
got a cold or distemper, gave
a pie, a loaf of bread and some
flour. Edith watered Rs cows.
The monument man came at
4 p.m. V went to dock for it
but only one half came, base not here.
man steid all night

Tuesday 22 Sept 1914

Another warm morning; thick and hazy
looks like rain but no rain,
a hot dry day. Emma canned
9 cans of tomatoes and preserved
some. McKay threshing at Montgomery's.
Edith at home helping Emma and
drive R's cows to river

Tuesday 23

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This is 16 Jan and
11 eggs [sic] up to this date
1915

Jan 17 - 3

" 18 - 3

" 19 - 5

" 20 - 5

" 22 - 4

23 - 7

24 - 5

25 - 5

26 - 6

27 - 5

28 - 6

29 - 5

30 - 4

31 - 6

[subtotal] 74

1 Feb - 7

2nd - 5

3rd - 5

4 - 5

5 - 5

6 - 5

7 - 4 Friday

8 - 6

9 - 5

10 - 4

12 - 1

13 - 4

14 - 6

15 - 6

16 - 6

17 - 6

18 - 7

[random additions]

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Saturday

Sunday 27 Sept 1914

A fine cool morning, arose
at 7 O'clock. V gathered the
apples, siberian crabs from
the Smith place, a bay full
brought them up in boat and 40
perch that he caught by goose point.
Old scotch Geo came
back. Woodmans cows
nearly destroyed one garden last
night but they dont care.

Monday 28 Sep 1914

A clear clear cool morning,
frost last night. Old Geo
spreading manure. Ed washing
dishes. V showing him how to
use the spreader. Wind North
Edith gone to Niles for a letter
for V from Buchanan been
gone a long while. Emma cleans
tomatoes. I fix Emma a dress.
After dinner V goes to Clayton
in motor, comes home quite
early brings Limburger cheese couldnt
find a garlic in Clayton. It is a
one horse town any way.

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Jan Rachels eggs

eggs

25th day 4

" " 1

26 - 2

Tuesday 29

Wednesday 30

Thursday 1 Oct

Friday

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Saturday

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Wednesday

The hay pressers have returned to Sylvias.

Thursday 8 Oct 1914

No rain. Sent by Sylve for spices and groceries then V phoned to Henderson for lard and fruit strainer. Emma goes up to Sylvia's to get dinner for the hay pressers. She came home directly after dinner and dishes washed. Edith and I got our dinner and washed dishes sent for fruit strainer.

V drove to dock for grist and lard and
Friday 9 Oct 1914

A fair warm day no rain in a long time, weather hazy, the trees have changed their coats of green for autumn colors of every hue the "creation".

A letter to John, a letter to Grace and one to Fallon Brothers, CornwellOnt. Edith watering R's cows and carried the mail as far as Rachel. Old Geo drawing manure. V phoned to friend for Turmeric and a box of tanglefoot. Emma making mixed pickles.

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Saturday 10

Sunday 11

Monday 12

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Tuesday 13 Oct Nov 1914

A fine day. V and McKay digging potatoes. I write letters but cant get them to post office. Edith gone to school.

Wednesday 14 Oct 1914

A very pleasant day. Voltie and McKay cleaned up and bagged a hundred bushels of oats. He says the hay will be here tomorrow and to prepare but he is going to Kingston tomorrow also aunt Rachel. I am sending 4 letters one to Margaret, one to Watson, one to John, one to Eveline. Bessie Brickenridge and Will McDonald go across in V's skiff to see Buchanan, river like a mirror. Edith goes to school

Thursday 15 Oct 1914

Not a very pleasant day. Voltie went to town with a grist and a hundred bushels of oats which went up on scow while he went up on the islander. The hay press moved here this morning from Geo Gillespies. John McDonald Cheif and owner with two Hogans, Victor and Stewart as junipers with Joe Woodman as assistant for the day, only and old McKay. V came home from Kingston bringing several and various article in grocery and dry goods line to numerous to mention.

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Friday 16 Oct 1914

Not a pleasant day, dont rain
but threatens it, a little rain at
noon but the hay press is in
operation. Oh I'll be glad when
this gang is gone. I washed breakfast
dishes made two apple pies, cooked
beans etc. Maggie here for oil
and filling. Ediths head full
about school.

Saturday 17 Oct 1914

A cloudy misty morning but they pumped
hay all day and we cooked all day three
square meals. After supper and
after dark John McDonald and his
Hogan gang went home and the house
is clear of that lot, and we are alone
excep McKay and I'll be glad when
he too is gone.

Sunday 18th

A fine day sun shining clearly and
bright.

Monday 19th

A fine day Geo plowing Samy and
a

Tuesday 20 Oct 1914

A beautiful day wind South. Sylvia here helped Emma wash dinner dishes and helped Emma scald and peel tomatoes, says she dont care if Sam is gone, he is so contrary and disagreeable. Voltie and Geo scraping ditches; we filled 18 glass cans with tomatoes. Samy Woodman cleared out and went to Franks. Jack Niles set his over the river. V in evening makes a barrel of Krout for Rachel.

Wednesday 21 Oct 1914

Another fine day. Wind South and blowing river rough. Edith went to school. Had a fight with Morgan's kids. Sylvia here, gave her a basket of tomatoes. Voltie working on shop, Geo plowing

Thursday 22nd October 1914

A beautiful day. Old Geo up very early this morning at 4 am. He is going away this morning; his months work is done. V got Geo's breakfast before any of us were up. V sent a grist to mill, came back ate breakfast and went to the Smith place and moved the bales of hay from the old shed into the barn 30 bales, ate dinner then picked tomatoes red and green. Emma picked her apron full of red and green peppers. Edith went to school. I croched [sic] a chair didy. Voltie went to the dock this pm for his grist. Dennie went up and back with Voltie.

Mr Reid Sylvia's grandad came on the boat this pm cam visiting Sylvia. He drove over from the dock with Voltie.

Friday 28 Oct 1914

Another fine day. V motored over the river to Van's. Mr Reid going across to Frank's. V bought 25 gal of kerosine. Lib sent me half bushel of Quince pears. Sold his hay to a Mr Fred Constance for 12 per tun [sic] (20 tuns) and young cattle (yearlings) for \$175 dollars. He gave V 25 dollars to bind the bargain. Then V went to George W Woodmans bought colts for 75 dollars and Emma making ketchup. Edith at school.

Saturday 24th 1914

Somewhat cloudy. Wind North. Voltie, Emma & Edith captured 23 ducks this morning and put them in the chicken coop. After breakfast and chores done V went over to Rachels with two bags of oats for her hens, gathered her apples then worked on shop. Edith went over to Rachels to help gather the little apples. Sylvia and Maggie came down to make a visit.

Sunday 25 October 1914

A very quiet day. Wind North. No visitors alone all day. At 11 O'clock am. Edith went to Rachels to water R's cows came home at 3 pm brought some 3 Peoples home Journals. Margaret here after dark for butter for their supper got

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Monday 26th 1914 October

Awoke this morning to find the Wind S.W. and blowing and rain pelting against the window. V up early, went for the cows, milked and drove to factory and home again. No breakfast ready had to wait. V gathered the cabbage, done all the chores watered and fed the stray ducks, rolled the sour krout in the kitchen from the back veranda. Voltie had to doctor old Ben again last night for colic. Edith at school.

First snow this autumn nasty snow storm froze last night quite hard.

Tuesday 27 October 1914

Not very bad weather in am but Wind beginning to blow after dinner. Frank Woodman came over with R Percey's skiff to bring his father in law Mrs Reid across. The wind blows so Frank cannot return home but turned back after going 1/4 way, across. He makes us a visit and stays all night. Mr Reid comes down in evening to make us a visit and stays till 10 pm. News came from far west that Annie Gillespie Bolton died this morning at 9 O'clock am. Voltie bought Franks old well drill. Edith a school. Voltie built a fence around the straw stack. Frank is loud, noisy and good natured. We make more pear preserves and churn. V carried pumkins down cellar, frozen stiff. So we have lost the punkins and squash. The hens ate all the quail head beans. No letters only standard and two cook books.

Wednesday 28 Oct 1914

A howling day for wind and weather. Frank is storm bound sure. River in tremendous motion, cover with white crested waves and in the midst of the wind and bellowy waves. Albert Denny goes up with his motor for fish and such a sight mounting on a stupendous wave then almost disappearing in the trough of the sea to rise again dashing through the spray. He surely has the courage of a— a— reckless man. P.M. wind blows harder, sea runs higher. V carrying the apples into the cellar. Emma making herself one apron. I pick over a pot of beans. V brought the old drill down from Sylvia's. Voltie gone to the dock this eve with grist for hog feed. Boat not in to the dock. After coming home phoned to George Rattray to advertise those stray ducks, at the Standard Office and go to McLeods for 2 quarts of raw linseed oil and a pint of turpentine. V going to doctor old Ben horse for worms, he chopped some wood.

Thursday 29th October 1914

A cloudy morning river not very rough this morning but the wind will blow after sun up. Voltie rings for Frank to get up and g immediately across the river while he can. Frank went. Edith gone to school. Wind blowing. Voltie getting ready to plow phoned all am. Maggie alone to day, came down to

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dinner had mashed potatoes,
codfish, gravy, sliced tomatoes,
squash, baked beans, baked biscuits,
stewed apple sauce, mustard pickles.
Sylve gone to town, grandpa Reid
gone home. A cloudy dreary dismal
day not so cold as yesterday. V plowed
all pm. V drove to dock for grist
and linseed oil & spirits of turpentine
when he returned found supplier
awaiting. Emma had milked the
seven cows, separated the milk,
cleaned the pantry Storm window
and put it on the pantry window.
After supper chores done Voltie reads
awhile and goes to bed as usual.

Friday 30th Oct 1914

A half sunny day. Wind North West
not freezing. Voltie plowing. Edith at home.
Didn't go to school because she wont get
around to do any work. Emma sheined [sic]
tomatoes for chow, chow. Edith pulled
mangles and done good work.
Sylvia sent Maggie here to borrow
pot to cook a chicken in lent her
one. Woodmans cows beake [sic] in again
and ate the beets. A letter from
Reginald also from Eveline, 2 Herald

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Nov 4 1914

Lend Sylvia

Sylvia 1 cup of tea

6 a kettle

10 a kettle

16 a bottle of kerosine

Thursday

Friday

A very good day for the month.

V plowing all day. Edith home
pulling mangles and done fine
and piled them in heaps. Woodmans
cows came in the night and ate
part of them

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Saturday October 31 1914

A very good day. V plowing all am and pm. We made chow chow and canned 5 cans of tomatoes, got our 3 square meals. E cleaned floors.

V went to Clayton this morning.

Started at 9.20 and returned at 12.30 O'clock bringing pork barrel, 10 yds percale, tobacco, syrup and sweet potatoes

Sunday 1 November 1914

A very good day for the first of Nov tho the wind is blowing half a gale from the south. I wrote a letter to Reginald. V broke the Sunday pm as he often does by doing a job of work which could have been left undone. Edith will not wash nor change her clothes nor comb her hair about 5 pm she got ready and went to R to water R cows but found R had watered them. Evening Sylve and Mag here

Monday 2nd Nov 1914

A cloudy morning. West wind. Geo Gillespie rung for Voltie to help load pressed hay, he went. Voltie shut the red pigs in a pen this morning to keep them from destroying all his ensilage corn, 5 pigs. Emma porpones [sic] the washing till tomorrow. Voltie came home to dinner plowed in afternoon. Edith at school.

Tuesday 3rd Nov 1914

A cloudy drizzly day. Edith at School.
Emma done big washing and hung
them all on the line. V plowed all
day only stopped to chop wood for
Rachel. Voltie up twice to drive
Woodman's cows out of our garden.
I sent a letter to Reginald by
William Ranous. Edith carried it
to school house and gave it to him
at noon. No letters for me

Wednesday 4th November

A terrible South wind blowing all day.
The heaviest blowout this year. Voltie
plowed all a.m., drew cheese to dock in
p.m. cleaned up a grist for hogs feed.
Emma dug dahlias, gladiolias and
Salsify. Emma likes to listen at the
telephone and learn the neighbours
business. Edith at school. Emma brought
in all the clothes early this morning.
We churned and began packing our butter
for winter.

A boat lying under sea of Carleton island

Thursday 4 November 1914

A cloudy morning West Wind and
blowing some. Voltie drove to dock with
grist for hog feed and send by Rube
for a few groceries and butcher knives.
Finished the croched [sic] tidy this morning.
Edith lazy as ever. Voltie plowing.
Emma making salisfy soup.
Voltie up again last night chasing
Woodman's cows out of our garden, they
went away around Niles water fence and off up
in Niles field where the Woodman's got them
this morning. Churned again to day.

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Jan 1st 1914

John bought 2 shirts for V
both costing \$1,00
Corn Golden Bamtam .30

Thursday continued

Edith had to stay home to day
because she will not even try to get
around and get ready for school. Talking
to her does no good. I dont know what
ails her. She does some out door chores
but wont willingly. Emma & Ed
finished pulling the beets, carried the
refuse of cabbage leaves out the cutter,
pulled the turnips. E & E put the
cows in the stable. Emma milking
while V is gone to the dock for his
grist & groceries, not very cold.
Emma washed churn and separator
Maggie here to borrow tea. Emma
lent her a cup full of tea and said
nothing to me about it till Mag was
gone home. V phoned to Al requesting
him to help butcher, he replied "yes".

Friday 5th Nov 1914

Cloudy. Weather growing colder.
Wind North. V up this morning
cows milked, fire built, kettle set
and filled with water for butchering,
cleaned stable, built fires in dining
room and oil stove all before
breakfast. Only butchered one hog
for family pork. Tom & Harold
and Mr Al Joslin finished butchering
early. Tom & Harold went home before
dinner. Al J staid to dinner and
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21 Nov 1914

Saturday

A nasty cold

day. Rachel came over for first time in long while, glad to see her. She staid to dinner.

Sunday 22nd Nov 1914

This is the anniversary of my birth.

No one here alone all day. 81 years old to day, wrote a long letter to Grace.

Weather not very good. A phone from Constance saying "drive the cattle to Hogans and he would pay him for cattle and hay.

Monday 23

A chilly cold day

V arises early, drives the cattle, 6 of them, one cow and 5 yearlings to Hogans. Dignum boys met V at cheese factory and they drove all their cattle together. Constance paid V. V called and paid George Woodman for the colts \$65 dollars. Frank Buchanan drove in and bought V's one sheep and two hogs \$50 dollars.

24 Nov 1914 Tuesday

Wind South East not so

cold as yesterday. V gone to bank. V to house from there to Snubs for mail box, churning going on. Maggie Magee over to Jim Morgans for 3 days, not very warm in house. E and E shuffling around not doing much. I sent a letter to Grace with \$1,35 to Reg enclosed in letter.

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V went to plow but had to stop to help John McDonald move the hay press from the barn over to Weirs for they are going to press hay. Voltie managed to hire old Bill York to chop the wood for the school house. We milk the cows once a day now. I read a story to V and Edith & Emma in evening. The wind is howling from the west and the sea is running high

Tuesday 17 Nov 1914

The West wind howling all night fearfully and still continues with increasing force. The river presents a picture of millions of white crested waves forever in in motion rising in great white capped billows vanishing for a second only to rise again instantly magnificently grand but wearing to soul and eye.

"Cease rude Boreas cease thy"
"railing" . Voltie rung up again the Obriens about the wood for the school. E washing breakfast dishes. Emma shelling corn for dinner. Volty making stanchions for stable calves. forgot to say Weir paid V 2 dollars for tomatoes & cucumbers which V paid to Joe Woodman.
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page 8th February 1914

[the strike throughs possibly placed upon payment of account\
468, 96. Debts to be canceled

	\\$ cts
Piano paid 25 dol	70,00
B-Joslin	120,00
Cestelo	25,00
Kent Brothers	50,00
mortgage	256,00
cabinet	28,00
B.S.	10,00
Balance on tree	7,00
Geo Rattray	10,00
F Bamford for lumber	3,20
Balance taxes	6,30
Canning	6,30
Friend	5,00
Balance of taxes	20,00
Cabinet	20,00
Kent Burton	25,00
Pills	45,00
Mortgage	200,00
Livingston	15,00
Cabinet	6
Mills	40,00

Henry H	36 Boxes	26 June
Sam Woodman	24 "	"
	24	
	12	
1 July	Joe Woodman x2	,25
"	Old Horn 2-0-	

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Jan 15

Sold ducks \$7.00

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Alden McDonald
will be 15 years old the
17th of January
Emma Leeman
St Lawrence PO
Wolfe Island
Ont
Canada

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W.G. Woodman \$
for barn work 5.00
repairing sleigh 4.00
Potatoes 1.60
Bull money 18.00
2 bushels beans 4.00
building skiff 16.00
spring tooth harrow
[4 Christmas seals]
Mowat
Memorial Hospital
Kingston
A Merry Xmas

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Jan 1 D 1914 Sundries

sewing machine needles .25

sewing needles .05

2 books 1.00

Pills

Sylvias account

1/2 bushel potatoes

1 cup of tea

1 qut of kerosine

3 bars of soap

20

x 6

[subtotal] 120

95

25

3

22

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Stockings form ,35
Mrs John Bamford
No 7 West Woodruff Street
Watertown
N.Y.

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Paid Henderson on account

with apples \$6,10

Henderson 4,40

[various additions not all visible or accurate]

4 Jack N

72 market

48 market

120

6 Barrie

2 Woodman

July 2nd 1914

Alden McDonald

will be 15 years

17th of January

Emma Leeman

St Lawrence PO

Wolfe Island

Ont

Canada

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Mrs W.R. Brooks

811 Spofford Ave

Spokane Wash

Mrs Charles Halliday

R.F.D. Route 2

Limerick

N.Y.

[sketch outline of a pair of scissors]

Mrs Bent H. Smith

R.F.D. Route 1 Limerick

Jeff County

N.Y.

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