

**Mary Elizabeth "Minnie" Baker (1890-1984)**  
**1919-1921**

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{This diary is written in black ink, in a ruled book, not a diary. days are written in margin, both faces of each page are utilized.}

Nov. 1. Fine

Nov. 2. Fine. C. Louie & Father to church.

3. Fine. Wash.

4. Fine. Mrs. White Bernie & Roy here to tea {page torn}

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5 East wind. C to {Shorthorn?} Sale.

6 Fine. Louie & Father to town.

7 East wind.

8 East wind. C & I to town at night.

9 Fine East wind. C & Willie to church. John here to dinn {dinner - cut off} C draws tile

10 East wind. Rain in afternoon. Father & I go to Mabel's C draws tile

11. Grand day. Father & I come home from Mabel's

12. Fine. Louie brings over her plants and then goes to town. Turns colder. Pm. 13. Corless here putting in tile. C to district meeting.

13. Very hard frost last night. Much colder. C helps Mr Corless with tile. Roy brings over some potatoes to store.

14. Cold. C draws tile.

15 " Moderating a little. Roy helps us butcher. Make soft soap and burn rubbish pile in afternoon.

16. Much milder. Dad Louie & C to church Mr. William's here to tea.

17 Grand day. Mabel & children here all day. Louie goes back with them and Willie goes to Roy's. Mr Watts calls

18. Fine morning turning colder with snow. I wash. C plows till storm prevents.

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27 C. Threshes at Tisdales in afternoon.

28 C " " " " forenoon.

29 Rainy forenoon turning colde {colder - page cut off} rain & wind storm at night. To {Too - page cut off} many shingles on barn trees shanty blown down etc. Archi {Archibald - page cut off} bale straw.

30. Fine. Very cold. All home all day viewing damage.

Dec. 1 Fine. cold. wash. C helps Archie bale straw in forenoon. Charlie {page cut off} 2 fat calves 1 weighed 400 x 13 an {page cut off} P.J. Fishback here & gets contract fo {page cut off}

2. Quite stormy forenoon. P Caughe {page cut off} Mabels here to dinner & Bernie

3. Quite cold. C takes load manure dad & gets load of bran.

4. Quite mild.

5. Quite mild. Come to hospital ab{out - page cut off} Labor room 12 - 8 P.M. Donald {page cut off} C here & Leola in evening.

6. Milder. Little snow. Feel pretty goo {good - page cut off} afternoon & Leola & Mr Williams in {page cut off}

7. Cloudy. Some snow. C has cutter. Cy {Cyril? page cut off} Mrs Griffin, Lena in afternoon. Pear {page cut off} Roy in evening. Mabel brings pl {page cut off} church sends flowers.

8. Mild Cloudy. Louie & Dad call in af {afternoon - page cut off} C in evening. Aunt Jenney & Mrs. Harris {page cut off}

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Dec 11. Windy. Little milder but still cold. C. Leeta & her mother in afternoon.

12. Quite bright. Milder C. Mrs. Fleming in even {evening? page cut off}

13. Milder Muddy. Louie Cyril Leola and Langford. Mr. Watts & Leetam afternoon.

14. Colder. Windy. Beatrice Facey, Mabel Libbie, Mary, Mrs. Achford Cyril, Violet and Mr. Williams calls. Zella's 3rd girl born.

15. Very cold. Fine C. in evening. (?)
  16. " " " Fanny Kilpatrick in afternoon C in evening
  17. " " " Mr. Burrett Mrs. Manis & Mrs. Penhale & Miss Sutton in afternoon C in evening
  18. Cold. Fine. {crossed out - Fanny Kilpatrick} C in afternoon.
  19. Milder. C. & A. Archibald come for Donald and I about 2 P.M Arrive home safely feel pretty good.
  20. Cold. Fine. Louie & Cyril to town. Get Donald's buggy.
  - 21 Fine. Dad & Louie to church. Mabel's here in afternoon & Lottie. Ray & Bernie in evening
  22. Cold. Louie washes. C to town in afternoon.
  23. " " & dad to town.
  - 24 stormy all day.
  - 25 Milder. Fine. Willie, Mr. Williams and Langford here to dinner & " I to town
  26. Fine.
  27. " Louie & dad to town.
  28. " Louie & Willie go to Mabel's to dinner. Gordon Gillolts & John Gillolt's here in afternoon. also Cyril's people.
  29. Cold. Cloudy. Louie washes.
  30. " C to town.
  - 31 " Fine.
- Jan. 1. Cold. Blustry with some snow in {page cut off} All of dad's family here to dinner. O {page cut off} quite badly drifted. Cars get stal {stalled? page cut off} Williams brings out man to repai {repair? page cut off}
2. Cold. Fine. N.W. wind. Very cold.
  3. " ""
  4. " Louie, dad & Cyril to church.
  - 5 "
  - 6 Cold.

7 Fine. Dad goes to Mabel's.

8 Very stormy. Snow.

9 Cold.

10 Cold. Louie & Cyril to town Dad gets {h? page cut off}

11 Very cold. Blustry

12 Fine. Cousin Johnny & Harvey {co? page cut off}

13 Cold

14 Cold

15 Cold.

16 Very cold. East wind. {Live in dinn? illegible}

17 Very cold. C & Louie to town.

18 Cold Blustry. All home all day

19 East wind Snowy forenoon. C gets in {page cut off}

20 Fine. Milder. Blustry. East wind {so?}

21 Fine. Milder. Ray & Clarence help {C? page cut off}

22 Cold

23 "

24 Cold. Louie & C to town

25 " " " " church.

26 " C helps Roy butcher

27. "

28 Milder. C to Mr. Cohoon's sale.

29 Bright. Donald & I to Roy's to dinner. {illegible}

30 Cold. Windy

31. Terrible snow & wind. Cold. C to town

Feb. 1. Cold. All home all day.

2 Very much milder. Thawing

3. Getting colder. Dad & Louie to town.

{Written across middle column of page from Jan. 7 to 21} Roads badly drifted

{Written across middle column of page from Jan. 24 to 31} East winds

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{Mar?} 1. Fine Wash Louie + dad to town. Dad to docto {doctor - page cut off}

2. " Cold

3. " " Cyril helps Roy butcher + dad g {go - page torn} back to visit. Dad has severe pain home side in evening but mustard plaster ease pain some.

4. Very mild. Roads bad. Dad in bed all day. Doctor Campbell comes about 7 p.m. Dad is taken to hospital by Roy and Louie & operated on for appendicitis at 11 p.m. Louis stays at Kilpatricks after operation. Ray comes home about 6.30 a.m. Rain turning colder to blizzard of snow.

5. Colder Blizzard all day. Father is resting easier. Ray Cyril out to hospital in afternoon.

6. Cold. Stormy Roads pretty bad. C to Town.

7. Cold. N.W wind Stormy at times. I go with Roy & Bernice to see dad in afternoon.

8. Cold. Blustry. C. helps me wash. Roy brings grist to be ground.

9. Little milder. R.B. & C to town to see dad.

10. Milder. Snow going. C draws manure.

11. Much milder Roads bad C to town.

12. " " " broken up.

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May 1. Dad & I to town. C seeding.

2. Fine Louie C. dad to church.

3. Fine. Cool

4. " "

5. " "

6. " "

7. " "

8. " Warm Dad & I to town C f {illegible - page cut off}

9. Rainy towards evening.

10. Cool

11. "

12. "

13. Fine Cool

14. Fine. Dad & I to town. Cool.

15. Fine. Louie & Willie to town C take {takes? page cut off}

16. Fine. Louie & I to Central church.

17. Fine. Warmer.

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Dec. 17. Uncle Samuel's wife dies.

Dec. 19. " " " " buried. Dad Lou {Louie - page cut off} Roy & I go to London to funeral.

Dec. 25. Keep Christmas here for my people {illegible}

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Jan. 1. F {Fine? dark spot on scan} Cold.

Jan. 2. Fine but cold. Louie, John, Dad, Donald + I at Roy's for New Ye {Year - page cut off}

3. Grand day. Quite mild.

4. Fair day. Wash. Dad here to {page cut off}

5. Fine. Quite mild. Windy. Norman wife come to Roys for tea. Here for. Norman C. & Roy go to V.J.O meet {meeting? page cut off}

6. Mild. Fine. Norman & Edna come and stay all night.

7. Fine. Very mild. C takes Norman to C. Evans to dinner. Pick chi {illegible - page cut off}.

8. Grand weather for Jan. C to tow {town - page cut off}
9. Little colder. Mr. & Mrs. George B {page cut off} here to dinner & tea.
10. Mild. Mrs. V. H Baker buried.
11. " Cloudy.
12. " Fine.
13. " Fine.
14. Colder. Stormy. Defeated side is
15. Contest at Yar. Centre V. J.O. {illegible} give oyster supper (free) Large go with Lulu, Hazel Gordon & Rosa
- 15 Quite cold. C & I to town. To dads
16. Cold. Blustry. C & I to church.
18. Colder. Blustry.
18. Cold but fine. Reported 2 above
19. Very cold.
20. Great deal milde {milder}. Springlike day. Ray Bernie & Mr. & Mrs. Kildy to te {tea - page cut off} Baker's to dinner.
21. Cloudy. Misting.
22. Fine Mild. C to town & brings Lang {Langford - page cut off}
23. Fine. Little colder. C & Lang. to c {church? page cut off}
24. Little snow C. buzzed wood at Mr. {page cut off}
25. Cold. C. buzzed at V. Lockis {illegible - page cut off} meeting at night. I go to Mrs. M {page cut off}
26. Cold C & I to town.
- Jan. 28. Mr. William's here in evening.
- " 29. Much milder: C & I to town in afternoon.
- " 30. Cold. Windy. & I to church in morning.
- " 31. Bright but cold east wind. I wash. Men start to cut wood.

Feb. 1. Dull east wind. C to Mr. Vale's sale.

" 2. Fine. Men here cutting wood.

3. " Colder.

4. " Quite cold.

5. " C & I to Chester Glomis to see some pigs but C doesn't buy any. Blustry {Blustery} towards evening.

6. Quite windy. C & I to church.

7. Fine. C takes a sicke to town to get cleaned & gets a bob of cane mola. Go to Glee Club at church {church}.

8. Fine. Dad here to dinner & take Donald down to Mabel's in afternoon. C & Roy go to Clark Morrison's sale.

9. Some snow. Mabel's take me to Hugh Martin's in evening.

10. Quite cold. Rather poor sleighing.

11. " "

12. Fine. Cold. G & M. go to town.

13. " Milder. C comes down to dinner & we all come home.

14. Fine. Mild. C cuts cornstalks at Roy's & engine breaks down.

15. Fine. Dad here to dinner.

16. Cloudy Windy. Very mild.

17. Colder. Blustry {Blustery}. R & B to town. Leave Jean he {here - page cut off}.

18. Cold. Fine.

19. " "

20. " " C & I to church. E. wind.

21. Quite Cold. George brings M {My?} children up to stay till next Saturday. Dad here for a few minutes. G & C hitch up the colt.

22. Fine.

Feb 25. Colder. Blustry {Blustery}. All go to Roy's to s {page cut off} evening. Take 2 horses and a sleigh.



26. Terrible day. Snow & wind. I co {page cut off} Mabel & family and find road {page cut off}

27. Cold. C & I to church. Take a {page cut off}

" 28. Foggy. Dull day. Misty. C & R. {page cut off} Bassett Blunett's sale.

Mar. 1. Rainy. C & to town. R comes over {page cut off} cut cornstalks. Dad here to dr {page cut off}

2. Fine. C to town to get repairs fo {page cut off} C at Mr. Walker's buzzing woo {wood - page cut off}

3. Cloudy. Lang comes out at eve {page cut off} for us to go in to see his father {illegible - page cut off} getting delirious with a nervous {illegible - page cut off}

4. C cutting stalks at Roy's. C goes {illegible - page cut off}. Mr. Williams & Lang out to stay {page cut off}

5. C {grim? illegible}. Grand day. Mr Wil {Williams? page cut off}. Call Dr. Campbell. M. Wil {Williams? page cut off} goes to bed. C stays up all nigh {night - page cut off}. breaks her arm & goes to hosp {hospital - page cut off} I to town to see her.

6. Quite cold. Lang brings out g {page cut off} & Ruth. Mr. William's worse. Cal {Call - page cut off} to come & help. Roy & Will set up

7. Fine. Uncle Edwin comes & we {page cut off} Dr. Shannon. C goes in for Miss {illegible - page cut off}

8. Mr. William's much the same. go in to see Louie. Rains ba {bad - page cut off}

9. Not much change. Roads ver {very? page cut off}

10. " " "

11. " " " Dad & I to {page cut off} again but hospital & ground

12. Mr. Williams much the same. {illegible - page cut off} go home

13. Mr. Williams little better.

14. " " much the same.

15. {bottom part of line cut off} Uncle Edwin comes again?

March 19. Grand day. C & I to town.

20. Rainy ".

21. Cloudy. Very high winds.

22. Quite cool

23 Warmer. Mr William's gaining.

24 "

25 Fine. Father, Louie & Mary, Kilpatrick here to dinner. Ray Bernie & Jean here in afternoon.

26. Fine. C & Lang to town.

27 Rainy nearly all day. S. C. H & I to church in morning & Miss Palmer. Cyril Don & I at night.

28 Very cold. Ice & little snow.

29. Quite cold. Uncle Crayton, Mr Jameson & Mary here to dinner. C goes to Walkers

30 Grand day. C. buzzing at Roy's. Zella & family here to dinner. Mr William's {concest? illegible}

31. Rainy. {crossed out - Lang} C & I to town. Take Donald to Baby unit. Only get him weighed & measured as it was so late. Mr Walker's not do {not doing? page cut off}

April 1. Fine but cooler & windy. C. at Roy's bu {bush? page cut off} engine breaks down & he goes to town for repairs. Lang & I to town again to Baby Clinic. Mrs. Main goes also. The Dr. finds nothing wrong with Donald

2. Fine day. {crossed out - Ro} C. finished buzzing at Roy' {Roy's - page cut off}

3. Grand day. S {illegible} anniversary. L. C. D & I at church in morning. L. D & I take Mrs. Palmer home.

4. Gand {Grand} day. Very warm

5. " " "

6. " " C. started working on land.

7 " " " working on land.

8 Rainy. Cooler

9 Cloudy N wind. Colder. Roy helps clip horses. C & I to town in afternoon

10 {illegible - cut off in scanning process}

{crossed out - March} April 11. Fine. Quite cold. C. ploughs & I {page cut off} Father here grafting tree to spies.

12. Little milder. Cloudy. C. saws & {page cut off} of barn. Father grafts kings & sn {page cut off}

13. Fine.

14

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16

17

18 Fine

19 "

20

21 Rainy

22 Rainy

23 Cloudy C to town.

24. Fine. C & I to town. S. here & all go for {page cut off}

25 Fine. I wash & start to make soft {page cut off}

" 26 " Dad & I go to Louie's in aftern {afternoon - page cut off} am taken sick about 5.30 P.M. D {Dad? page cut off} comes. sends for Mabel & Mrs. {illegible - Turnberry?} Bernice sail in evening.

27 {written above line - Rainy} Bernice comes to stay. Dr. here {illegible - page cut off}

28 Fine. Papa here to dinner. C goes Turnbull. Dr. Sham {illegible} Gliddon

29. Fine Dr. Sh. calls again. Mabel etc. c {page cut off}

30. " . C to Town. Roy calls in aftern {afternoon - page cut off}

May 1. Cloudy. L. comes out. Bernice sto {stops? page cut off} {written above line - Dr. {illegible} calls.}

" 2. Partly fair.

" 3 " " Dr. Sh. calls again.

" 4 Fine. Mrs. Dennis & Lulu call.

5 " C. finishes seeding.

6 "

7 " C. & Mrs. Turnbull go to town {page cut off}

" 8 " C & " " " " churc {church - page cut off} down stairs for dinner.

" 9 Fine. I down stairs nearly all day

" 10 " Mr. Watts, Ella & Clayton call.

May. 13. back to Roy's to dinner & afternoon. C takes Mrs. Turnbull to town in evening.

" 14 Fine. C. takes Baby Beef to Mapleton & sell 9 cattle to Hiriane Peer for \$525. To town in afternoon.

" 15 Fine. Cold wind. Lang. Miss Ackford, Gordon Gillotts, Mrs. Manis & 2 daught {daughters - page cut off} here. Frost at night.

16 Fine. C takes his father home.

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