

**Lenna Baker (1882-1953)**  
**1901 Diary**  
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**Lenna A. M. Baker,**

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{Sketch of the Union Jack flag in red and blue on a pole; pole is on right side of flag; flag is at the top of the pole} {The following inscription is done in red and blue lettering}

Diary

Lenna Baker,

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1901.

**1901.**

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Queen Victoria died Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6.55 in the morning The Queen is dead. "Long live the king." F. S. & L. B. {the letters F and B are in blue pencil; S and L are in orange}

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Report corroborated in all newspapers. M & B.H came.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Stay at school for dinner. Mrs. Law was buried.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Went down to Mr Hare's & to Jarvis in afternoon.

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Went to Jarvis church, decorated with flags reversed. Came home.

Mar 4<sup>th</sup>. School as usual.

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Went to the reception. Got home at 4.30.

Mar 6<sup>th</sup>. Rather sleepy.

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>. Stayed all night with Marnie.

Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>. Went over to the store at Renton. Invested in some hair pins. Went on to Mr. Nixon's for a little while, then home.

{A dried sprig of cedar is lying at the bottom of this page.}

Mar 10<sup>th</sup>. Stayed at home

Mar 13<sup>th</sup>. The two Miss Shands & Willie in in the evening. Awfully sleepy.

Mar 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nixon & Alfred Bauslaugh in after school. We went down to Shands in Dover at night. Met Presby - preacher & his wife. Willie's birthday.

Mar 16<sup>th</sup>. Finished my violet centrepiece.

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick's Day. Wore my sprig of green. Went to Dover Church in the morning. Over to J. Shand's after dinner. Minnie & Bruce Hair & Alfred Bauslaugh came over with us to tea.

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> Mud and clay, Clay & mud. Danced the turkey dance & had squaw wrestle before we went to bed.

Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>. Wallace came into school for a few minutes on way home from Selkirk & Cheapside.

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Rain, snow & mud.

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>. Went home. John Brock died. Only 50 first cousins left.

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Went to town about 8 o'clock. Heard from V. Lowry. Got a pair of rubber boots. Wrote to B. Reid & B. Austin.

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>. Went to church Mrs. {Udell} came home with us. Father & Aunt Ann brought me down Sunday afternoon. Took us two hours.

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> Went up to Evans' at night.

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Read 'The Chautauqua Girls at home' & 'Judge Burnham's daughters.'

Mar 30<sup>th</sup>. Nothing

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> Went to woods with Flossie, Marnie & Charlie. Found buds on hepatics and picked the first {bradle}. Over at J Shand's for tea. Mr & Mrs J. Hare there too.

Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>. April Fool's day. Wasn't fooled once. Finished "The Days of Bruce."

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flossie over with her grandmother to-night. Rennie unusually aggravating. Tired & sleepy.

Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>. Last day of school.

Apr 5<sup>th</sup>. Went to church in morning.

Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Went to town. saw Aunt Mary. got several new dresses. got pictures taken

Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Went to church.

Apr 9<sup>th</sup>. Went to Maple Sugar Social at Trinder's. Awfully slow

Apr 10<sup>th</sup>. Went to town. To Maskelyne's for tea.

Apr 11<sup>th</sup>. At Bowlby's for tea

Apr 12<sup>th</sup>. Maggie Brown buried.

Apr 13<sup>th</sup>. Went to town

Apr 14<sup>th</sup>. Went to J. Shand's in afternoon

Apr 15<sup>th</sup>. School begins.

Apr 16<sup>th</sup>. Went for flowers Found some hepaticas

Apr 19<sup>th</sup>. Walked part of the way home. Went to Bowlby's to church meeting at night Snowing when we came home.

Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Snow over a foot deep and still snowing.

Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>. Raining. Snow all slush. Drive Kindergarteners to church Down to J. Shand's in afternoon.

Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reading 'The story of an African Farm.' Rather odd book.

Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Got a letter from Ida. Willie & Marnie brought it out at night.

Apr 25<sup>th</sup>. Went to woods for flowers with Clare & Ella Brearley, Charlie & Lot Shand. Found quite a few hepaticas & some blood-root. Awfully tired at night.

Apr 26<sup>th</sup>. Census man came. Miss Thyne sang for us Didn't go home.

Apr 27<sup>th</sup>. Got a ride to {Ivan's} Hollow with Shand's. Walked rest of way home. Planted a few flower seeds

Apr 28<sup>th</sup>. Lovely day. Went to church this morning. Mil & Web came down with me & stayed for tea. We went to woods. Hepaticas nearly all gone. Adder-Tongue, Spring Beauty and Hearts all out.

Apr 29<sup>th</sup>. Cut a wisdom tooth last Friday. Learning how to read fortunes in a tea-cup.

Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. J. Shand very sick, abscess in throat may be dangerous, slight touch of typhoid also. Thunder shower, lightning very bright. Mrs. Nixons over at Harvey Shands. Harvey Shand here. I'm sleeping in spare room. Everything in a muddle. May-day in England to-morrow. Reading "Burns".

May 1<sup>st</sup>. May-day. Sleep at H. Shand's. Awful thunder-storm at night. Elijah Decon's barn burnt.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thunder storm while at school. Got awfully nervous like a dunce. Am at H. Shand's yet.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Came down to Uncle Sile's. Walked. Aunt Lizzie met me at the track. Found some white violets.

May 4<sup>th</sup>. Alice S. came home from Old Mr Synder's. Wore Aunt Lizzie's new print wrapper all day.

May 5<sup>th</sup>. Went to church. Roads in ruts about 2ft. deep. Choir sing coming in & going out. Very pretty service. Text, 'Be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath.' John Rodgers up in afternoon. Went to J. Shand's at night.

May 6<sup>th</sup>. Over at Harvey Shand's till Thursday morning.

May 7<sup>th</sup>. Read "Wife in Name only" & Jet, her face or her fortune." Went to woods for a few minutes after supper & got any amount of lilies & violets.

May 8<sup>th</sup>. Read "Puzzles".

May 9<sup>th</sup>. Over at John Shand's again. Started a netted doily. Cut one more wisdom tooth, two others cutting.

May 10<sup>th</sup>. Marnie & Mrs. Nixon went home with me.

May 11<sup>th</sup>. Went to woods in morning. Got some big violets and a few morrels. Went to town in afternoon.

May 12<sup>th</sup>. Went to St. Johns in morning to hear the bishop. Text from 14 Chap. Luke 7-24 verses. Went to H. Trinder's woods in afternoon and to Trinity at night. Text 'Naaman and Elijah.' Saw Mr Smith on street. Made me feel blue for a little while.

May 13<sup>th</sup> Started test examinations.

May 16<sup>th</sup> Visitors at school Alma Johnson & Sadie MacPherson & Lee Fick.

May 17<sup>th</sup>. Went home. Went to Choral Concert at night.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Went to town. Saw Dr. Wadsworth.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Rainy. Went to Church. For morrels in afternoon. Got 2 dinner pailsful. Down to Shand's after tea.

May 20<sup>th</sup>. Inspector at school. Not so awfully cross.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Circus-day. Raining and only two at school. Stopped shortly after recess.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Singing in afternoon. Empire Day. Walked 4 miles of the way home. {illegible} Mil. Miss Pettit and I went for morrels after supper.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Went to town to hear Phinney's {illegible} Band.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Went to Waterford with Clara and father. Saw some fine houses

May 26<sup>th</sup>. Another rainy Sunday and cold, cold. Saw A. Dunneth at night down at Shand's.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Housecleaning & raining.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Same story continued

May 29<sup>th</sup>. Went over to H.T Shand's at nights. Evanses and Brearleys there too. Went to bed about 12 o'clock.

May 30<sup>th</sup>. Still cold and rainy but "Wait till the clouds roll by."

June 7<sup>th</sup>. Clara came down to stay over. I went home & went to lawn social at Canon Young's at night. Made \$20 clear.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Lizzie J. & Walter up. Auntie went home with them. Wallace & I found a new road down

June 10<sup>th</sup>. Went to {illegible} Monday night.

June 11<sup>th</sup>. Went home Tuesday night.

June 12<sup>th</sup>. Went to Edna's wedding. Mac's & all of us went down in a livery rig. Dressed at Aunt Lois's and swelled out in my new white organdy. Bride looked sweet. Wore a veil and had Gladys Hewitt as maid of honor & Zelma as bridesmaid. Almost forgot the groom & had to go back & salute him Surprised him I guess. Went down to station & fired rice in all directions Went to McGill's at night. Put slips in our stockings Mil drew Stranger, Pearl drew Stevenson & I drew F.H. Didn't dream anything sensible, though.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Mr McGill drove me down early in the morning. Saw Jim Dufton.

June 15<sup>th</sup>. Walked home at night. Awfully tired.

June 17<sup>th</sup>. Went to church & wore my white dress no church for two Sundays now anyway.

June 18<sup>th</sup> Had a row with Guss as usual. All over it by night Am wearing my sailorsuit.

Apr 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>nd</sup> \$1.50

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