

**Roseltha Wolverton Goble (1835 - 1919)**  
**1916-1918**

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{Front Cover} A Line A Day {Drawing of golden leaves underneath writing}

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27 Roseltha Wolverton Goble

She died Dec. 24, 1918

Finished by Dora Goble Laycock, daughter

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WARD'S

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A Line A Day

REG. U. S. PAT. O.

BOOK.

A Condensed, Comparative Record For Five Years.

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"Nulla dies sine linea."

(No day without a line.)

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## PREFATORY.

Y *{the 'Y' in large red letter}* you have neither the time nor the inclination, possibly, to keep a full diary. Suppose, however, out of the multitude of matters that crowd each day, you jot down in a line or two those most worthy of remembrance. Such a book will be of the greatest value in after years. What a record of events, incidents, joys, sorrows, successes, failures, things accomplished, things attempted. This book is designed for just such a record. It can be commenced on any day of the year, and is so printed that it is good for any five years.

To illustrate how it should be used, suppose that it is begun on January 1. Under that day, in the first space, add the proper figures for the year to date as printed. On the next day, January 2, do likewise, and so on through the year. When the year is ended begin again under January 1 for the second year, adding the appropriate figures in each of the second spaces, and so right through the remaining years.

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*{NOTE: This is a five-year diary. Entries are written on the day indicated for each of the years 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919.}*

### JANUARY 1 1916

**1916** Welcome New Year although you come weeping. Rain began last night. This beautiful book came from Dora on Xmas. Will I live to finish it? I have passed my 80th birthday but except a cold just now I am very well. Thus far the Lord has led me on! Will left last night for New York. He had been with us for a week. a pleasant week. Xmas brought us gifts & happiness.

**1917** Another New Year, What will its record be? I am not very well but hope to be all right in a few days. Some cold clings to me. The children have been sick but are all better. Xmas was pleasant & homey. I had many sweet remembrances.

**1918** Tuesday. Welcome New Year. Eva Harold and Marion Rose are in Guelph. We at home are well & comfortable. It is very cold. zero weather for several days. but we have coal and can keep warm *{keep warm written vertically on right side}*

**1919** Wednesday Another New Year and I am still here and well. I am thankful. Weather mild, and a rainy dark day. Snow almost gone very icy in the morning. Fred fell coming in from the barn and hurt his back. I have been knitting today for Grand Children.

### JANUARY 2

**1916** {*year 17 crossed out*} Sunday. A cold wind. Fred and children went church. Eva & children to S.S. in afternoon. I rested at home all day. My cold continues with severity.

**1917** Tuesday The year moved on today has been fine Fred says it neither froze or thawed. Moonlight tonight. I have been knitting. Wrote letters yesterday. Eliz, Dora, Emma and Clara. Thank letters.

**1918** Wed. Very cold. Zero weather most of the time. Very little snow. I am well except my feet swell and are sore, and at times painful.

**1919** Thursday. Colder and some snow, but weather mild. Knitting mittens for children.

### **JANUARY 3**

**1916** Monday Colder and some snow. My cold better up most of the day. "Local Option" defeated in Woodstock today, owing to a three fifth majority requirement.

**1917** Wed. Weather very moderate, I am feeling some better and have been sewing today. Making night shirts for Fred. Dora started to School. There is no cessation of fighting. Dreadful war

**1918** Thurs. The cold still holds. Not easy to keep the house warm. Eva and the children came home. I wrote to Norah. I do not get my Xmas letters all answered yet. Still the nations are fighting.

**1919** Friday Weather pleasant This mild weather has been very pleasant and has conserved coal. Dora had some girl friends visiting her. I finished the last mitten of 3 prs. for Rose, Frank Gordon, & Billie Darroch

### **January 4th**

**1916** Tuesday not very cold but chilly I wrote to Charlotte and Clara Thanks for Christmas gifts All well except colds. Little Dora's birthday 9 years old.

**1917** Still warm. Thawing. Snow soft. Little Doras birthday Ten years old. I have sewed steadily today. Very tired.

**1918** Friday A little more moderate I have been mending today. It is really fine winter weather only cold and no sleighing. Annual Ch. meeting at Oxford St. Fred and Eva went. Fred made a deacon.

**1919** ~~Fri~~ Saturday Dorar's birthday 12 ys. Very cold. Have mailed mittens to White Plains and Toronto. Wrote to Lee Darroch and Norah. Letter from Beatrice. Mr. Ackland came to stay over night.

#### **JANUARY 5**

**1916** Wednesday, rain and thawing. Wrote to Dora thanking her for this book. Letter from Will. He found all well on his return home.

**1917** Friday. A rainy day, interspersed with some snow flakes. Seems like clearing tonight. Another day sewing. Making second night shirt. A letter from Harold Wolverton in India.

**1918** Saturday. Some sunshine. A pleasant day. Some mending and some knitting filled up the day. Eva went to Town in Afternoon

**1919** Sunday very cold. I did not go to Church. Oxford St. Ch. voted unanimously to receive Mr. Ackland as pastor. He came back to stay again overnight. May God approve.

#### **JANUARY 6**

**1916** Thursday Cold again snow mostly gone but ice remains. My cold getting a little better. I washed some and knitting mostly. Letters from Tessa & Beatrice.

**1917** Saturday A beautiful day with much sunshine a little thawing a little freezing at night. I have been sewing today. Letters from Wolverton. Leo. and Tessa

**1918** Sunday. A day of prayer in all the Churches in the British Empire because of the war. God help the nations. Many are homeless. Many are mourning.

Stormy towards night. Not very cold.

**1919** Monday Cold but pleasant Mr. Acland left in the morning. Knitting most of the day. Letters from Emma & Elizabeth

#### **JANUARY 7**

**1916** Friday. A beautiful day, such days will seem to shorten the Winter. A letter from Emma. Ted having fever. Richard on crutches. I wrote to Theresa Fredenburgh.

**1917** Sunday. A cold wind. I went to Church. got pretty cold. Sermon on prayer. Lord teach me to pray. I rested in Afternoon and read "Visitors" for Dec. and Jan.

**1918** Monday. Some snow last night. Weather moderate. Dora and Harold started to School. Wrote to Clara. I have knitted a mitten today for Dora and hope to finish another tomorrow. Fred and Eva at Mrs. Trees for the Evening.

**1919** Tuesday A pleasant day but cold. I wrote to Dora.

Edith Laycock Renaud died at Fort Williams on Sunday 5th. Influenza. Knitting stockings for Rose.

### **JANUARY 8**

**1916** Saturday. One week of the New Year gone. I feel very tired tonight. Day cold but much sunshine. Not much snow. Some going with wheels. My cold stays with me.

**1917** Monday A bright sunshiny day. Roads icy but sleighs slip along well. A letter from Dora she may go to New York and wants me to go to Chicago with her.

**1918** Tuesday. Colder again. I knit another mitten today. A warm pr. for Dora. A letter from Norah She writes interesting letters. I am not keeping up with my correspondince.

Fred cutting straw at the Trees.

**1919** Wed. Cold and snow but not very good sleighing too much wind Finished one stocking for Rose.

### **JANUARY 9**

**1916** Sunday. I did not go out. my cold so bad. Eva and children went to S.S. Roads not very good January Thaw.

**1917** Tuesday A nice winters day, not very cold. Wrote to Dora I will meet her in Woodstock. Busy at odds and ends. Knitting between times. January thaw continues, but roads icy.

**1918** Wed. A cold day. I wrote a little to Norah. Snowed some. I finished reading The Lost Prince to Dora. My feet are still sore and trouble me especially nights. Otherwise I am pretty well. Letter from Wolverton. Dividends good.

**1919** Thursday Very cold and stormy. Fred went to the funeral of Edith Laycock Renaud I wrote Mrs.Craig about Circle topics. Sewing today. Letter and stock certificates fr. Fred W.

## JANUARY 10

**1916** Monday. Rain during night and misty today. Snow mostly gone Letter from Pres. Sunset Mills and Certificate for 66 Shares I am unwell. Such a gripping cold

**1917** Wednesday. Stormy in morning and grew very cold in afternoon. I went to town did some banking. A little shopping and met some ladies at Mrs. Craigs to arrange Mission topics for the New Year.

**1918** Thursday not unpleasant wintry weather. Knitting mittens for the White Plains girls Marion Rose and May.

**1919** Friday Cold and not much snow except in drifts. Sleighing not very good. Sewing all day. I am glad to sew for the children.

## JANUARY 11

**1916** Tuesday. Colder Today but no snow. My cold a little better am taking "Cod Liver Oil". Wrote to Emma and family. War news depressing but not much change.

**1917** Thursday. Very cold indeed, had been 12 below zero. We did our weekly sweeping today. I am knitting very busily for the children. I am feeling better, but not quite normal yet

**1918** Friday Cold and towards night grew windy and stormy Eva went to the womens Meeting during this week of prayer, and a Red Cross Concert in the evening at the 10th Line School House. Fred cutting straw st{illegible} *{Last sentence is written on vertically at edge of page}*

**1919** Saturday very cold but not icy weather yet. Finished a piece of sewing It is satisfactory to finish up something. I am very well.

## January 12

**1916** Wednesday. Cold in the morning but grew warmer and heavy rain in the evening. Children did not go to School

**1917** Friday the weather has moderated a little. A bright sunshiny day. Mr & Mrs. Rutledge came to dinner. We had a pleasant visit with them. Eva drove them home. I wrote to Clara.

**1918** Saturday very cold and stormy during the night which has continued with increased violence all day. Snow, and blowing very hard. Very cold tonight. No mail today. Roads impassable

**1919** Sundy as on farther page. I turned over two leaves by mistake

#### **JANUARY 13**

**1916** Thursday cold and strong winds.

**1917** Saturday I have been busy today packing up to go away. A letter from Dora. She is in New York and will come by way of Woodstock on her return and I will meet her on her train Monday morning 15<sup>th</sup> weather warmer. snowing.

**1918** Sunday. The storm has increased in violence. No one went to Church or S.S. roads quite impassable. I did not get up until afternoon, staid in bed to keep warm. I never felt my 'room so cold. The night was very cold. Wind 60 miles an hour and below zero.

#### **JANUARY 14**

**1916** Friday A cold day but some sunshine. A letter from Dora. Letter & Statement Wolverton Milling Co. Dividends 6 per cent on Prefered Stock and 10 on Common. Good indeed.

**1917** Sunday Eva the children & I went to Church. Cold and roads not very good. Snow not packed. Rested and read in Afternoon.

**1918** Monday not quite so intensely cold Every body shovelling snow which in places is piled many ft. high. no traffic yet. Coal is scarce, and no milk in many towns. We have enough and are thankful. I have been knitting. Letters from Margaret

Should be 4<sup>3</sup>th 12.

**1919** Sunday I did not go to Church Eva, Fred and children went. Eva and Dora staid out for S.S. I read "Memorial Ch. at Peterborough. Anniversay Services. Gilmour Memorial.

#### **JANUARY 15**

**1916** Saturday, Cold and some snow in Afternoon & evening making outdoors look clean. A busy day finished a pair of Mittens for Annie. Letter from Norah

6437 Green St.

**1917** Monday Fred took me out to the train which was nearly an hour late. Pretty cold. Dora was on the Pullman Car, and soon made her appearance. We had a comfortable journey but you do get pretty tired riding from Woodstock to Chicago. Washington met us and we got to 6437 about 9,o'clock in safety and kept from harm.

**1918** Tuesday. Teams are going on the roads and milk is being taken in. I did a little washing, and rested. Papers are full of the storm. The worst in the memory of the oldest, so it is said. Plenty of papers today after the dearth of all such.

**1919** Wednesday A very pleasant day not very cold. I took up the dining room rug and cleaned the room. Such a nice rug as it is. the gift of my three boys. A letter from Rose Van Pelt. Her brother has died of Influenza.

### **JANUARY 16**

**1916** Sunday. I did not go out. Not very well. Eva and children went to S.S. Very cold when they got home.

#### 6437 Chicago

**1917** Tuesday here I am in Dora's home, warm and resting quietly. Dora away all day to a Missionary Board Meeting. I wrote cards home and to Clara.

**1918** Wed. A nice winters day but cold. Much snow in places. drifts 6 or 8 ft. between house and barn and at the gate which cannot as yet be shovelled out.

Wrote letters. Jasper W. Minnie, Clara & Frank Children went to School

**1919** Thursday a fine Spring like day roads wet. No sleighing. Eva and I went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Everetts. Good attendance and good Meeting on Africa.

### **JANUARY 17**

**1916** Monday A very cold stormy day. too cold for Children to go to School. I was sick all day, did no do anything. better towards night. Wind & snow. Letter from little {?}ray Goble.

**1917** Wed. Beautiful bright weather moderate. Dora had a woman washing and cleaning a busy day. I am knitting between times. Stockings for little Dora at home

**1918** Thursday a nice day with occasional snow. Eva went to town in morning did shopping in afternoon. Mission Circle in afternoon. Evening meeting and walked home. I ironed in afternoon. Wrote to Will and Tessie

**1919** Friday Another day like early Spring mild during the day and freezing nights. I washed some today. Am tired tonight. Fred, Eva Dora and Harold attending a farewell to the Wallace Trees. Who are moving away.

### **JANUARY 18**

**1916** Tuesday very cold but not as stormy. I am much better today have done some sewing for the children. Eva went to town

**1917** Thursday. Fine weather Dora out in Afternoon. I do not mind being alone. It is warm and quiet. I like both.

**1918** Friday. Weather cold. too cold. Sweeping day. Wrote to Eva Durroch getting some of my xmas. Letters away. Rose's birthday 4 years old. I made her some candy.

**1919** Saturday Still this Spring like weather lasts. House work today. A little ironing &c Rose 5 years old. A birthday cake and so on.

### **JANUARY 19**

**1916** Wednesday. Fine day. Sunshine\_ These days are much alike. Only topic "The Weather" Wrote to Lee Darroch. I do not do much these days.

**1917** Friday wonderfully bright days. Looks to be thawing on the street. A letter from Clara. Which I answered. Dora out all day.

**1918** Saturday. I wrote to Dora. Forget what I did but I am sure I was busy. Read to Dora some. We are reading "Six girls" by Fanny Belle Irvine. O I know I cut out petticoats for my self and Dora. Eider down flannel ones.

**1919** Sunday a bright warm day roads wet. I went to Church. Mr. Butcher from the North (Milberta) preached "Follow Me" his subject. Rested in Afternoon.

### **JANUARY 20**

**1916** Thursday. Eva and I went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Bartons. An unpleasant day and not many out. Mrs. Craig gave a talk on Dr. Patons work at Anna & Anewa. very good.

**1917** Saturday. Cloudy and mild. Dora out in the afternoon Washington home to lunch. I was tired in afternoon. and did not feel very well.

**1918** Sunday. Pleasant but cold. below zero. Fred Eva and children went to Church Service in the Congressional Church, which building we are hoping to buy. Evangelistic meetings Dr Philpot preacher. large congregation. much interest. May the Holy Spirit be ever present at the services. Eva and ~~Fred~~ went, Harold went in evening

**1919** Monday a warm bright day. I wrote to Clara. Knit some. Made mince pies and got tired.

### **JANUARY 21**

**1916** Friday so warm the snow is almost all gone. Water running in the roads. I wrote a long letter to Harold in India, also a short one to Nancy Green. Her mother Gertrude is very ill.

**1917** Sunday. Quite a heavy fall of snow last night. Men have been shovelling snow all day. A very stormy day some rain and high winds. Dora and W. went to Church I staid home. In the evening Mr & Mrs Jo Macneil came so ends my first Sundry here this time

**1918** Monday. A snowy fine windy morning 2 below zero. Fred was to draw water to the barn for all his stock. Annie helping. I have knit all day on mittens for Annie. I get up so late in the morning I dont get as much work done as I wish I could. But the morning rest does seem good.

**1919** Tuesday Weather warm. Roads wet and muddy. Eva spent the day with Mrs. W. Parker. Great Peace Conference going on in Paris France.

### **JANUARY 22**

**1916** Saturday. Warm like spring. Took up the dining room rug and cleaned the room. Am feeling very well. Isaac Harper to dinner.

**1917** Monday A bright day growing colder at night. Knitting some and resting some. Dora home all day.

**1918** Tuesday A bright day but it is very cold. I feel the cold mornings. Finished Annies mittens. Such heavy yarn has made my hands very lame.

**1919** Wed. Weather very warm for Jan. I have been looking over a/cs {accounts} today  
Wolverton has declared 7% dividends on Common stock, and 6% on Preferences

### JANUARY 23

**1916** Sunday. I went to Church the pastor spoke on the Atonement of Christ unlimited but not unconditional. "By Faith." rested in afternoon and read a Pansy book.

**1917** Tuesday A bright sunshiny day Then. down to 8 in the night wrote to Lu.

Dora away all day attending Miss. Com. The Baptist women here are doing much missionary work

**1918** Wed. It seems colder this morning A little snow came last night. I have been sewing today. Making a petticoat for Dora. I have not felt very well today. Eva went to Red Cross meeting.

**1919** Thursday warm

### JANUARY 24

**1916** Monday. A beautiful day like Spring, bright sunshine. Wrote to Dora, or began a letter  
Clothes all dried out of doors.

Wed

6437 Green

**1917** A fine day. Colder towards night. Dora home all day. I did some mending, some kitting and wrote to Emma.

**1917** Thursday cold but pleasant, some snow. Finished a pair of mittens for Beatrice, and some items of sewing. Eva went to an Evangelistic meeting at 1st Church.

**1919** Friday Still warm not much like winter. Sweeping day and pickled Apples. Not as many apples as I expected.

### JANUARY 25

**1916** Tuesday still very mild but cloudy. Sent Dora's letter. I did not do much today, knitted a little.

**1917** Thursday. Cold during the night. Letters from Emma, Eva and "Sunset Mills" this last a certificate for Stock. 70 shares. Ed Van Pelts sister Mrs. Chesterfield died in Denver. Em writes of her.

No. Stock Certificate 461 for 70 shares

**1917** Friday not quite as cold but real winter weather. I am not feeling very well, have not done much today. A letter from Dora she has not been well. Vey cold in Chicago.

**1919** Saturday Warm roads wet and muddy. Freezes some nights. Letter from Will, Beatrice in the hospital underwent an opperation for Apendicitis on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. They are anxious about her.

### **JANUARY 26**

**1916** Wednesday, Warm & muddy. Eva went to town in forenoon. I have done some mending. Feel very well. A message this evening that Trudie Green died today. "One by One"

6437 Green St

**1917** Friday A very cold day Ther. dropped to 4 below zero. At home here all day and finished a stocking for little Dora. A letter from Eva. All well at home. Wrote to Robt. Dawson

**1918** Saturday I could not keep warm today, very cold. Made a warm skirt for myself. began knitting a stocking for little Rose. sleighing good when there is not too much snow.

**1919** Sunday. Roads muddy. I went to Church heard Mr Ackland first time. Convention report. I thank the Lord for our pastor. Let us hold up his hands that Israel may prevail.

### **JANUARY 27**

**1916** Thursday. Rainy and mild Canned apples and did some sewing.

Chicago

**1917** Saturday. Warmer only about 18 in the night. Dora attended a funeral

**1918** Sunday A very cold day, below zero. Fred Eva and the children went to Church. Roads not very good but people get through, in various ways

**1919** Monday. Sewing. Day fine. A furnace fire too warm.

### **JANUARY 28**

**1916** Friday mild in morning but grew cold towards evening. Fred and I attended Trudie Green's funeral drove to Woodstock and then by car. On my return did some shopping in Town.

**1917** Sunday. I went to Church Dr Ford's subject "Our Inheritance" Then was baptism. The service all through was very good. I walked home. Rested in afternoon.

**1918** Monday a very cold day. Last night the cactus froze in the dining room. have not tried to have the room warm have staid in the little sitting room and the kitchen. An uncomfortable day through out.

**1919** Tuesday. A fine mist during the forenoon. Eva and I went to town. Did a little banking and a little shopping. Glad to get home going out tires me.

### **JANUARY 29**

**1916** Saturday Cold ground frozen. I washed very thankful I am able to do so. I like to wash my own things. and let them freeze. grew warmer in night.

**1917** Monday So warm the snow is nearly gone. Streets wet and dirty. Dora out in afternoon. I wrote to Margaret. Set up a knitting. Letters from Dora and Harold. Dear Children

**1918** Tuesday very cold I have been knitting and trying to keep warm today and longing for warmer weather. Roads bad so much snow. not evenly distributed.

**1919** Wed. A little snow last night just a skim. Chapins Sale Fred, Clerk He did not get home until late at night. Colder but more moderate towards night

### **MEMORANDA**

19 Belle came Sep.19.1914

19 Harold came June 3 1914 and left the next day  
Mrs. Vichert came 3.1914 left the next day

19 Linus Wolverton died May 7. 1914

19 I went to Wolverton June 30. 1914  
Came to Princeton July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
returned home July 6.

R.W.G.

**1919** January unusually mild and no snow of any account. Weekend and month end Jan. 31.  
1919

### FEBRUARY 1

**1916** Tuesday. Cold and some snow. The children complained of being very cold. Letters from Ted and Fred Wolverton A good sewing day.

**1917** Thursday. Grew cold with promise of colder. Dora went to a Luncheon at Morgan Park. I finished the ironing. Rested some and knit some. Wrote to Norah.

**1918** Friday cold Ther. hovers about zero most of the time. I have been knitting today and trying to keep warm.

**1919** Saturday. A little colder but still mild. Have not felt very vigorous Trying to mend a fur lined coat has tired me. A letter from Will.

### FEBRUARY 2

**1916** Wed. A fine winter's day. Fred had men cutting straw I did some sewing

I am feeling well but tired Letters from Newton and Harold

**1917** Friday. Very cold, Ther. 15 below zero Chicago can be cold. Dora away all day to Union (Women's) Missionary Meeting. Read the papers. Great unrest anxiety & excitement for Germany's determination to strike all ships in war zone indiscriminately

**1918** Saturday Very cold. I took up the rug and cleaned the dining room putting down the old carpet. Tired, but very glad it is done.

**1919** Sunday a mild day. Roads fine for wheeling. no snow. I went in afternoon to see Mrs. {Van} Parker. She is very ill, and much depressed. My heart aches for her

### FEBRUARY 3

**1916** Thursday. A cold day some snow flurries but not much snow. Men still cutting straw. 6 men to dinner. ~~Letters~~ made pies and sewed some, very tired.

Chicago

**1917** Saturday. Weather moderating, but cold Increasing excitement in the country. The German Ambassador has been given his Passport to leave the country and the Am. Ambassador in Germany is recalled. Will it mean war. God forbid, but it looks like war. with Germany.

**1918** Sunday cold and stormy looking yet Fred Eva and the children went to Church and Fred & Eva went again in the evening. I staid at home as usual read, slept and rested.

**1919** Monday Still very mild clothes dried out of doors, did not freeze. My head and neck pains me today. Old age has pains and aches but many comforts too. "The Lord is good."

#### **FEBRUARY 4**

**1916** Friday. Not very well. The men finished straw cutting A fine day. Finished a peice of sewing. Parliament Buildings at Ottawa burned last night. Seven dead

**1917** Sunday. A great storm, snow and wind. Ther. below zero in morning. A cold night. W. and Dora have gone to Church. I am glad to stay at home Read "The Kings Highway" by Mrs. Montgomery.

**1918** Monday very cold indeed. Dora and Harold went to School. H. very cold when he got home. I sewed up rips in dining room carpet and knit some. Finished reading "Eight Cousins" to Dora

**1919** Tuesday dull and misty all day, but warm. I finished a pr. of stockings for Rose. A letter from Minnie.

#### **FEBRUARY 5**

**1916** Saturday A busy day, did a little washing, swept sitting room and dining room. very tired at night. A nice day as to weather.

Chicago

**1917** Monday Cold, but bright 6 below zero in the night. Wrote to Will and Tessa. Dora home all day. Cleaning silver in forenoon.

**1918** Tuesday Still very cold I finished Rose's stockings.

**1919** Wed. Cold freezing and a little snow, Snow is scarce this winter so far, but all this moderate weather is very acceptable. Sewing a little today.

#### **FEBRUARY 6**

**1916** Sunday. A warm day Thawing some on roads. Fred, Harold and I went to church. Mr. Rutledges subject "The Lord's Supper" which we observed after.

**1917** Tuesday. Cold but more moderate I have finished reading "An affair of dishonor" by De Morgan an English author who died recently. Dora away all day to a Board Meeting at Training School.

**1918** Wednesday. I sewed in forenoon. Could not warm up the dining room. But weather moderated in Afternoon. Ironed a few things and did some mending

**1919** Thursday. Not much change in weather cold and clear. Sewing, mending an old dress Thankless job

### **FEBRUARY 7**

**1916** Monday A very stormy day indeed. Wind and snow and cold. I have sewed all day making a pr. of trousers for Harold. very tired.

**1917** Wednesday. Cold. We expected Mr. James McArthur to dinner but he phoned he had to leave for Calgary that evening. Dora not well lying down all day.

**1918** Thursday Considerably warmer. washed a few flannels.

Have not felt like doing much else. Pipes from windmill to house frozen

**1919** Friday Weather pleasant not very cold. Little flurries of snow I finished some mending. Letter from Dora. She goes to New York for the 18<sup>th</sup> and will come this way for me

### **FEBRUARY 8**

**1916** Tuesday. A bright day but cold below zero. Finished Harold's pants today and cut out some more sewing. Letter from Emma all usually well there.

**1917** Thursday clouds and snow in morning but pleasant in afternoon with a little sunshine. but growing colder. Dora gave an Afternoon tea, five ladies came. Mrs. Cristy, Mrs Boyer and three Mrs Simpsons . A very pleasant Afternoon indeed.

**1918** Friday Warmer yet the house seems cold. An east wind prevents warming the dining room. I did some mending, swept my room and pressed a skirt.

**1919** Saturday Weather about the same Have done some mending some sweeping &c. Wrote to Dora that I will go home with her when she comes. I am very tired tonight.

#### **FEBRUARY 9**

**1916** Wednesday. A nice Winter's day. Some snow and pretty cold. Sewing all day. Fred at Trees cutting straw. Children home no school Teacher sick.

**1917** Friday Ther. 4 this morning. Cold again changes in temp. very sudden.

Wrote to little Dora.

Dora Laycock away all day. Com. in morning Concert in afternoon

**1918** Saturday. After the intense cold it seems like spring today, rained some during the night. So good to have it warmer. Letter from Dora Wolverton. Shall I go with her to Chicago? have not decided yet. Wrote to Ida Baker.

**1919** Sunday A fine day. Only now and then a skim of snow. Roads good. Frozen and pretty smooth. I went to Church Mr Ackland gave us a good sermon. Go to the lost and find them and bring them to God. God bless our pastor.

#### **FEBRUARY 10**

**1916** Thursday Cold but pleasant Sewing all day, making night gowns. The terrible conflict in Europe unabated. War and desolation {s?} God when will it end

**1917** Saturday Washington had word of the death of an Uncle (Mr Orr) in Canada He is getting ready to go to the Funeral which is to be Tuesday 13th - very cold

**1918** Sunday warm and comfortable Fred Eva and the children went to Church. Such a quiet restful day. I have enjoyed the day. It has been good. Eva and Dora staid to S.S. and walked home.

**1919** Monday A bright sunny day, unusual weather for winter

#### **FEBRUARY 11**

**1916** Friday. Sleighing good. So much easier getting about. Pleasant weather. I did not sleep well last night. but am feeling fairly well to-night. Wrote to Clara, sent her 5.00

**1917** Sunday. Dora in bed all day. Washington left on an afternoon train for Woodstock. Below zero this morning. I did not go out. Read "The Little Green God" by Mrs. Atwater.

**1918** Monday. Thawing all day. Water running. I have helped Annie wash. I am looking after the house work this week that Eva may get some sewing done. I am very tired tonight we have got soft-water now. We wanted it.

**1919** Tuesday East wind could not keep the dining room warm. I sewed in Eva's sitting room. Making night dresses for Dora

### **FEBRUARY 12**

**1916** Saturday. Finished up all the work I planned for today A comfortable feeling

**1917** Monday a little warmer but below zero during the night

Dora in bed most of the day. I am doing housework, reading and knitting. War cloud looms over this country

**1918** Tuesday The thaw continues although it froze some last night. doing housework today

Made a custard pie for dinner It was good.

**1919** Wed. Cold east and south winds. Not freezing but house cold I was sewing all day

### **FEBRUARY 13**

**1916** Sunday A beautiful day but very cold. Fred, Harold and I went to Church. Mr.Rutledge's subject. "The Secret of the Lord is with them who fear him."

**1917** Thursday. I went with Dora to a Union Meeting of Womens Missionary Interests at Hyde Park Church. Many women present. Good program. A missionary from China spoke, also the Pastor of the Ch. Rev. Mr Gilkey Met Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs Ford & others Had lunch. All day meeting. Glad I went.

**1918** Wednesday Still warm but roads in places impossible for teams. Ironing day. I dont do much but housework. this week. Letter from Dora. Have decided I will not go to Chicago now.

**1919** Thursday A very cloudy dark day Sewing all day. Wrote to Mr Geddis about lots in Calgary. Letter and Statement from Wolverton

## FEBRUARY 14

**1916** Monday Very cold last night 18 or 20 below zero so it is reported but a wonderful clear winter day. I mended up Fred's fur coat. A good letter from Will.

**1917** Wed. A bright day. just comfortably cold. Dora's cleaning day. Viola came Letters from . Eva, Dora, Harold & Annie also one from Newton. I wrote to Eva. Much snow at home and very cold.

**1918** Thursday Warm and wet. A thunderstorm tonight. I baked bread today. Made a bread pudding for dinner. Good. Knitting a little Am tired tonight. Snow disappearing

**1919** Friday Children enjoying Valentine's day. They made many Valentines, bought some and got some by mail.

## FEBRUARY 15

**1916** Tuesday, Milder, the Oxford St. S.S. had a sleigh ride and a supper in the Church after. Fred went with his team. Harold and Annie went. Dora not well.

**1917** Thursday. Letters from Norah and Ida Baker. Warmer, thawing. Dora away {met} in conference with Dr Butrick & others. I ironed some. rested some. Wrote to Newton who is in California. I hope he may be benefitted He is failing in health and strength. Fanny is with him.

**1918** Friday colder and some snow. some sunshine and freezing some. Busy at housework. Letter from Dora. She wants me to come. I wrote to Eliz. and George. Eva and the children at a Red Cross meeting tonight.

**1919** Sunday. I did not go to Church. Eva and children went. Fred not well. Eva staid out after S.S. and at Ch. in evening

## FEBRUARY 16

**1916** Wednesday fine weather and good sleighing. Neither Dora nor baby well. Fred in bed with grip. Much sickness generally. Wrote to Will. Letter from Margaret.

6427 Avenue St.

**1917** Friday. Washington came home from Canada. Dora away most of the day weather moderate. I marked and began a towel for Dora.

**1918** Saturday a cold disagreeable day North East wind. Could not get the dining room warm. I knit and tried to keep warm

**1919** ~~Monday~~ Sunday ~~cold but not intense I washed some Clothes froze inside~~ I did not go to Church {Tis} as I said on previous page.

#### FEBRUARY 17

**1916** Thursday A midl {mild} beautiful day but snow melting away. Eva and I went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Craigs. Subject Missions to the Jews. A very interesting and impressive meeting. Attendance unusually large. Collection for Jewish Missions in Toronto. Over \$13<sup>00</sup>

**1917** Saturday Warmer hardly freezing. Mrs. Julius Johnson called. Afternoon tea. I worked on my towel.

**1918** Sunday Again this blessed day. roads bad. Eva Fred and Dora went to Church. I had a lovely quiet restful day. Eva & Children went out for walking and airing. a Change for the children. {"children" written vertically up the side of the page}

**1919** ~~Tuesday~~ Monday busy at odds and ends. Washed some. Sir Wilfred Laurier died today He was ill but a very short time. 78 years old

#### FEBRUARY 18

**1916** Friday. Cold and some snow. Will help the sleighing. Our pastor Rev. Mr Rutledge to dinner. Fred drove out for him. A letter from Clara. A pleasant day as so many are. Truly God is Good". {The last sentence written diagonally}

**1917** Sunday a cold East wind I did not go out. Read Hawthorne's "Hall of Fantasy". fine. and the Standard. Dora and W. went to Church and S.S. in afternoon.

**1918** Monday a bright day. not very cold. I have been doing house work and rested some. In the evening wrm. J. Parker and Laura came. Were here to tea.

**1919** Tuesday. Occasional snow but only a skim at any one any time. no sleighing

#### FEBRUARY 19

**1916** Saturday. cold. I did quite a washing of my own, and while tired am very well. Eva went to town "dollar day." Finished a night dress for Dora. Letter from Dora, Chicago.

**1917** Monday East wind and rain. Letter from Eva. The children have had German Measles. Sewing on a towel.

**1918** Tuesday Raining and thawing all day long. Much snow disappearing, but ice left. I have not felt very well. have not done much except look after housework.

**1919** Wed. Weather very bright but cold. I have mended an old coat did some sweeping and so on.

### **FEBRUARY 20**

**1916** Sunday very cold but fine. Fred, Harold and I went to Church. Subject "prayer." not many out. Dora coughs so continually she does not go. Must be whooping cough.

**1917** Tuesday cold but not freezing very hard. Dora away all day at Board Meeting. The women are doing a great deal for missions.

**1918** Wednesday Grew very cold during the night. Zero at night. Harold froze his nose coming from School. Eva walked over bad roads to town to attend an open Circle Meeting at night. Good program but not many out on account of bad weather

**1919** Thursday A very cold East wind but not freezing much.

Eva and I went to the Mission Circle at Mrs. Chines. 19 present and a good long meeting on the Jews. Mrs Craig spoke and there were some readings

### **FEBRUARY 21**

**1916** Monday, cold, below zero. I have been busy about housework. War news more favorable for "Allies". The suffering must be very great in most European Countries.

**1917** Wed. Much East wind, but no storms. Dora home all day. her housekeeping is not neglected in spite of the much she does outside of the home. I do what I can. Wash the dishes, some mending &c

**1918** Thursday. A very cold day. Zero weather Eva got home about noon. I have knit some today. Too cold for the Children to go to School, or go out. so we have had a good deal of noise. Mrs. Fletcher died at Vernon B.C. on this date

**1919** Friday Snow flakes fly but no sleighing busy at many things getting ready to go to Chicago with Dora.

Eva not well today. A bad cold

## FEBRUARY 22

**1916** Tuesday. Milder not much snow. Just thin sleighing.

Finished by ironing and sewed a little. Eva & Fred out in the evening I kept the dear little girl. bless her.

**1917** Thursday. Washington's birthday a general holiday in this country. ~~Dora away Down town and Concert.~~ {*Concert doubly crossed out*} I have been sewing.

**1918** Friday cold but weather moderated towards night. The government is sending out men to make a survey of the farms in Oxford County. One young man here today. He stayed to dinner Letter from Norah

**1919** Saturday. Cold and very stormy in Afternoon and towards night. Dora Came from New York. She is well but Eva is sick. Had the Dr come. he calls all such colds flu

## FEBRUARY 23

**1916** Wed. Thawing, the weather changeable. Emma's birthday - how old? 48 years. Began a little slip for baby Marion.

**1917** Friday. Emma's birthday Another milestone on her road. 49 years. Dora away weather moderate and pleasant. I finished a towel I have been working it is satisfactory.

**1918** Saturday A very nice day. Eva went to the knitting factory in the morning. God {*good*} defected remnants that will be useful. I baked some in morning and rested and swept dining room in Afternoon. Emma 50 years old

**1919** Sunday Cold East winds could not keep the house comfortable. no one went to Church. Eva no worse. She stays in bed. I will not go to Chicago now.

## FEBRUARY 26

**1916** Sat. A letter from Rose Van Pelt. her mother my dear Cousin Joanna Wolverton Montague died the 17<sup>th</sup> at Louisville Ky. and was buried at Lexington on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> She suffered much for 5 years, Mentally and now is at rest. *{now is at rest written vertically along right side}*

**1917** Monday. A letter from Rose Van Pelt this morning. Just a year ago I had one as above. Mending & sewing Dora away during the day

**1918** S Tuesday a heavy driving storm wind, snow and very cold. The children could not go to School.

I have been mending. Eva doing the housework.

**1919** Wed. Cold. Rose in bed all day. but this sickness not very serious Children not at school. We just do enough to keep along.

## FEBRUARY 27

**1916** Sunday A very stormy day snow and strong North West winds. Cannot see across the road. Eva Fred and Harold went to Church I did not go. No one went out in Afternoon.

**1917** Tuesday. A fine day. I went with Dora to the Ruby Anniversary banquet at Mandel's rooms. A fine banquet and good program. A most enjoyable meeting in the interests of Home in every way. Met many of the Ladies 662 present. Met Mrs. Moore of Brooklyn who knew of our family. Ted was her S.S. teacher in Toronto and her husband was a Woodstick College man.

**1918** Wed. Warmer today. Weather very changeable. Reports in the papers of the inconvenience and damage by floods in many places. War news disquiting. Russia has fallen out of the conflict largely

**1919** Thurs - Weather moderating. Both Eva and Rose are better. A letter from Dora. She reached home safely. Eva sat up a little while and Rose is better.

## FEBRUARY 28

**1916** Monday. Still stormy but not as bad as yesterday. I have done but little today. Am well, but do not feel like working.

**1917** Wed. Weather cool but pleasant. Tired from yesterday's outing. Did a little sewing. Dora's cleaning day. Mrs. Lofton called.

**1918** Thursday weather cool but not unpleasant still rather stormy I washed a few flannels. I have been repairing my blk dress for a few days off and on. Finished now.

**1919** Friday. Warmer. Dora in bed today. Eva and Rose both up. Last day of Feb.

#### **FEBRUARY 29**

**1916** Tuesday. Cold but fine wintry weather. I finished a blouse for Harold. Wrote to Jenny Wolverton I am glad I feel like sewing There is ever much that needs doing

March 1st

**1917** Thursday An East Wind but not severely cold about 26 in the night. Did a little more sewing. It takes time to read the papers. It looks as if this country would be embroiled in war with Germany. The British are gaining in France. Tis a dreadful world war.

Mar. 1st

**1918** Friday. Weather nice sleighing improved by the last snow.

Sweeping and knitting. All but baby Marion Rose and I went to the Refuge in the evening.

#### **FEBRUARY 28**

*{Duplicate scan of the two previous pages}*

#### **MEMORANDA**

**1916** March 1st. The winter is past but no sound yet of singing birds or open fountains. We have had on the whole an open Winter some, a few very cold days but Many mild ones and often thaw, there is more snow just now than at any previous time. There has been much grip.

1916 and severe colds but we have escaped any serious ones. The children have contracted Whooping Cough and cannot go to school but have not been seriously hard up at any time. Truly we as a family have great cause for thankfulness.

**1916** My best loved Cousin Joanna Wolverton Montague died on Feb. 17 at Louisville Ky. and was buried at Lexington her old home.

#### **MARCH 1**

**1916** Wednesday. More snow, but fine days. March has come in very lamb like altho' it is cold Fred went to a stock sale. Eva and Harold walked to town.

Mar. 2nd

6437 Chicago

**1917** Friday. The war cloud looms big over this country. Germany bribing, Germany plotting, Germany wants world dominion. God grant she may be defeated.

But the papers tell of British advances on the Western front in France and on the Tigris in Mesopotamia.

**1918** Friday, See previous page which belongs here.

**1919** Saturday. Colder in morning, prospect of a stormy day. But grew calmer and warmer. Dora much fever all day. I am glad I can keep up. Eva not very well.

### MARCH 2

**1916** Thursday. Cold but bright. A notice came of Mrs. Buck Sen. death which occurred on Tuesday Feb. 29. She was in her 87<sup>th</sup> year and had been ill and suffering a long time. She rests

**1917** Saturday. A ~~telegr~~ I should have omitted Feb. 29 as there are only 28 days in Feb. this year of 1817

**1918** Saturday. A mild day but is a little colder tonight. North wind. Pearl Tree here to dinner. Dora and Harold are taking music lessons. Their mother keeps them at practise. She is faithful if they are not. Letter from Dora Wolverton.

**1919** Sunday. A mild day. Only Fred and Harold went to Ch. Dora better we think. Our pastor and his wife both sick.

### MARCH 3

**1916** Friday. Sweeping day and some sewing. Making a short waist for my self.

**1917** Saturday a telegram from Frank a son was born to him and Norah this morning. Weighing 9lbs

I have sewed some today. Weather fine Washington in bed. Letter from Eva.

**1918** Sunday a pleasant day Fred Eva and children went to Church with the buggy. Sleighing gone. I rested and read the Baptist The weeks go very fast I am not feeling as well as usual Old with its infirmities Coming on

**1919** Monday A beautiful warm day clothes all dried outside. We only do the necessary work these days. Dora in bed. Eva not strong. Rose a bad cough and I am not equal to much.

#### **MARCH 4**

**1916** Saturday. Much as other days. doing little things. Baby Marion cough bad. real whooping cough

**1917** Sunday. A cold East wind, a little snow. Dora went to Church and Chinese S.S. in afternoon. Too cold for me Washington in bed all day.

A Sabbath of rest and reading

**1918** Monday A bright morning but grew cloudy towards noon and some rain in afternoon. Clothes did not get dry. I have not felt very well, sore throat and head ache. I wrote to Dora.

Annual Statement from Koenay F{illegible} Lands not very encouraging. A leaflet from Eva Rose York. Her Christian experience.

**1919** Tuesday Warm and indications of rain, but only a little sprinkling came. Dora not quite so well today. Willing to stay in bed. Letter from Newton. with business directions. Dear Brother he is tired of business difficulties.

#### **MARCH 5**

**1916** Sunday pleasant, snowy and cold. No one went to Church in morning. Fred nursing a sick cow. Eva went to S.S. in Afternoon.

**1917** Monday Did not write so dont know what happened on Monday. O! yes a letter from Margaret. Dora made calls in afternoon. Church calls.

**1918** Tuesday Cold and stormy some wind and snow. I looked after housework. Knit a little have finished footing a pr of sok for Fred. Am not doing much

**1919** Wed. Mild weather

#### **MARCH 6**

**1916** Monday a very stormy day. Strong East wind. Hard to keep the house warm. Snow, hail & sleet. I did some mending

**1917** Tuesday. A pleasant day. Dora away all day at Board Meeting. Annie Richie called and later Mrs. Fales. Wrote to Margaret. Announcement came of the arrival of Frank Gordon Goble

**1918** Wed. It keeps cold but not as severe as has been. A sale of fine stock. One cow bought \$410<sup>00</sup> Mr Machon's sale in Woodstock

**1919** Thursday A bright day, warm and summerlike

### **MARCH 7**

**1916** Tuesday. Storm seems over. Warmer a little rain. Fred unloaded a car of feed. strong sun melting the snow. Washing day.

**1917** Wednesday. Rain and flurries most of the day. Dora at home. I am sewing a little these days but do not get very much done. housework an reading both of which I like. Papers from home.

**1918** Thursday Eva went to town and was at the "Ladies Aid" Meeting. I am doing a little housekeeping but am not very well.

**1919** Friday Eva went out with the milk. Rose went with her and they were late home. Fred got another load of wood. Sweeping day.

### **MARCH 8**

**1916** Wednesday. Fine in the morning but very stormy towards noon and in Afternoon. The early promise was not fulfilled. like some lives.

**1917** Thursday a cold day. Dora away to a Mother's Meeting at the Church. Trying to enlist the ~~Mothers~~ cooperation in the Mothers in the S.S. work. the children attend. Dora says a satisfactory meeting. I finished a peice of sewing, read some and rested some.

**1918** Friday A bright sunshiny day but strong wind. I did some washing in forenoon. but clothes were badly blown.

**1919** Saturday Another bright day. Fred got a load of wood. East wind. Cold in dining room.

### **MARCH 9**

**1916** Thursday. It has grown very stormy during the day.

I wrote to Marion Rose & Norah Have sewed this afternoon. for the children.

**1917** Friday some sunshine after a gray morning. Warmer than yesterday I wrote to Norah. Dora away. I began another towel. I am reading Joseph Vance by De Morgan. Letters from home. Dora, Harold and a forwarded 'Letter fr. M{o}ss Stone' { ' ' *written vertically along right side*}

**1918** Saturday, truly a stormy day wind and snow. Not intensely cold but hard to keep the house warm A cold East wind. Could not keep the dining room comfortable.

**1919** Sunday A change in weather Cold and stormy snow and sleet. Fred in bed. Annie and Harold doing the barn work. No one went to church but Eva Annie and Rose went to S.S. Some snow

### **March 10**

**1916** Friday. Weather fine, sweeping day, and sewing. The days are much alike. It is a work a day world but on the whole comfortable

**1917** Saturday. A thunder storm in forenoon. Wrote to little Dora and Eva. A letter from Frank enclosing snap shots of Mill, Autos &c Sewing in Afternoon. Cloudy. Sewing and reading too much. My eyes trouble me. Otherwise I am very well.

**1918** Sunday The storm continued but abated considerably towards night no one went to Church. Some singing by the others. I read.

**1919** Monday. Frank in bed all day. Ground white with snow but not cold. Dora went to School. Annie & Harold doing the work outside. Only the necessary work inside. Letters from Emma & Eva Rose York.

### **March 11**

**1916** Saturday. A fine day but snowy. I washed quite a few things. I might put them in the general wash but I like to do my own. I am able but was rather tired today.

**1917** Sunday. Very warm and cloudy mostly but hot sunshine when we walked home from Church for I went today. Dr Ford's subject "Ye must be born again." good sermon. I enjoyed espically the old hymns and tunes "I need thee every hour." "How tedious and tasteless the hours" and the last one I knew. I loved the Service

**1918** Monday Reports from many places of the storm. Roads blocked trains cancelled and inconvenience much snow in places. Not so severe here.

**1919** Tuesday Another bright day. Fred in bed. not even washing today not doing any extras except writing a few letters.

### **March 12**

**1916** Sunday. went to Church Fred. H and I. Mr. Rutledges subject. "All things work for good to those who love God." Am I one of those? Much snow.

6437 Green St.

**1917** Monday A very stormy day Snow. Wind and heavy rain towards night. Dora away all day. Missionary Meetings of various kinds. I sewed and was comfortable indoors.

**1918** Tuesday really Spring like today after the storm. Washing was done and clothes got nicely dried outdoors.

**1919** Wed. Days bright but roads wet and muddy. A letter from Eva Rose saying she is on the way to B.C. instead of Chicago. Ida is sick

### **March 13**

**1916** Monday. A bright morning. and a warm sunny day. Clothes dryied out of doors. I ironed some and sewed some. very tired

**1917** Tuesday Storm over and some sunshine. Dora away at Board Meeting. I have been sewing on a towel. A letter from little Dora which she addressed. Also scribbling from Marion

**1918** Wed. Cooler in morning but bright which did not last all day grew cloudy, a chilly East wind and rain at night. I washed some flannels and mended an old coat.

**1919** Thursday Cold and chilly. An East wind. Fred down stairs. Letter from Newton and Certificate.

### **March 14**

**1916** Tuesday Stormy weather and snowy. Wrote to Emma. I am anxious about Richard, told Emma about my Mother and my brother Daniel

**1917** Wednesday A fine day. Dora's cleaning day Viola here. I finished second towel. A good deal of work on these towels. Dora home. Have been here nearly two months.

**1918** Thursday A very dark foggy day with some rain.

Eva and I mending barn bags all day. These bags for feed.

**1919** Friday Still East wind cold, *{'cold' written above 'wind'}*. hard to keep house warm. Fred goes to barn but not very strong. not much but necessary work being done. doing a little sewing and mending.

### March 15

**1916** Wednesday. A very cold day. Said to be zero in the morning. Fred all day at a sale of stock at Woodstock. Eva went out in afternoon. I sewed making Harold a shirt waist. Children noisy.

**1917** Thursday Dora home today I have been here two months today and it was this day I finished that towel not yesterday. Ironing day

**1918** Friday. Such a beautiful bright morning. Cold and everything coated with ice. A world of diamonds. I baked bread. very tired.

**1919** Sat. Warmer but rainy. Tank overflowing. Sitting in Eva's little parlor. Cold elsewhere. Sewing on a slip for Rose. Eva went to town.

### March 16

**1916** Thursday. bright and sunny in morning but stormy towards Evening. I have a cold and did not go to the Mission Circle. Eva went.

**1917** Friday. Snow came last night strong East wind today. and some rain. Dora away. I have read two books on Mahomedan women in Turkey. "A Child of the Orient," and "Haremlik" both by the same authoress.

**1918** Saturday Cold enough to have kept the ice on everything a'l day yesterday and most of today. Eva and Dora and Harold went to town. I have been doing house work and am rather tired.

**1919** Sunday, rained during night and raining during forenoon. Water, everywhere. Eva, Dora & Harold went to Church.

### **March 17**

**1916** Friday. Weather fine but very cold Mar. is surely lion like. My cold worse did not get up until noon. Fred and Eva went to a Concert tonight at Oxford St. I am taking care of the children.

**1917** Saturday. Strong West wind but not very cold. Dora and I cleaned the China cupboard. The Czar of Russia has abdicated and it is reported that his young son is dead. This may affect the war some predict. He is said not to have been a very strong ruler.

**1918** Sunday Day pleasant but roads very wet. Warm. I did not go to Church read the Baptist and read some for Dora. A restful day.

**1919** Monday Rain all day but not heavy; very wet everywhere. St Patrick's Day. A man named Green died very suddenly in town. Member of Oxford St Church.

### **March 18**

**1916** Saturday. very cold said to be below zero. Unusually cold for Mar. Snow and wind every day. I am not able to do anything. Sit up part of the day.

**1917** Sunday. A snow storm this morning. March in truly variable much cold & storms I did not go out. Dora & W. went to Ch. and S.S. in Afternoon. They reported very cold I rested and read. I am very well.

**1918** Monday A beautiful Spring like day. I meant to write letters today but have not done so. Have done some housework, and washed a skirt and so on.

**1919** Tuesday Still rainy & colder Washing day. but clothes could not be put out. I sewed on a slip for Rose. Sent papers filled in and witnessed to Newton transferring stock to Will & Frank.

### **March 19**

**1916** Sunday Cold and snowing. Fred and Harold went to Church. I rested comfortably most of the day. A quiet restful day. not much change in my cold, a little soreness of one lung.

**1917** Monday. A fine day after the cold and storm of yesterday. Letter from Frank and Norah. They want Em and I when Em comes to come over to White Plains. I dont know. Will see what Em

thinks. Dora and I polished silver a long forenoon. Sewing some this afternoon. I wrote to Fred and Eva

**1918** Tuesday A very warm day for this time of year. I feel languid and not like work. Although so warm there are piles of snow in places, but the fields are bare. Still the war goes on. Germany gaining in the East.

**1919** Wed. A bright day, warmer. Missed post man yesterday sent papers today to Newton. Also wrote to Dora. Fred and Eva went to the funeral of Mr Green

### March 20

**1916** Monday. I am no worse. Cough troublesome in the night. Another stormy cold day. A letter from Harold Wolverton they are studying the Telegre. and find it slow work.

**1917** Tuesday. Weather quite Spring like Dora away to Board Meeting. I washed my curtains &c. Sewed some in afternoon wrote to Fred and Eva. I love these quiet days. Am so much better than a year ago.

**1918** Wednesday, Warm. Eva went to red cross meeting all day. I look after the house and baby Marion Rose. She is four and says she is getting a big girl. Wrote to Dora *{written above first line}* A letter from Margaret.

**1919** Thursday. Another fine warm day. Eva and I went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Ackland's good meeting. on our Indians. good attendance. Mr Ackland spoke. Roads very muddy

### March 21

**1916** Tuesday still cold and stormy but milder than for a few days Thawing in middle of day and snow softening. I have been up most of the day but rather shaky

**1917** Wednesday. Letter this morning from Newton and Eva. Wrote to Newton and sent signed business paper. Warm bright and like spring. but cold at home.

Have done some housework and some sewing. So the days go

**1918** Thursday still warm. Mission Circle I do not feel ♡ like going until the roads are better. Eva goes and reports good meetings.

**1919** Friday not so pleasant cold East wind. A busy day, washed my flannels, swept my room and mended a blanket for Polly horse

### **March 22**

**1916** Wed. Colder again, froze hard last night, snow not going yet. Fred went to Princeton hunting a man for the farm. My cold almost the same.

3764 Green St.

**1917** Thursday a very warm day Ther. 64. Dora gave an afternoon tea to 12 ladies who came. A delightful gathering. I met Mrs Donnelly who is a Canadian but has lived a long time in Chicago. We knew many old friends and we all had a pleasant time. The afternoon passed all too quickly. Wrote home.

**1918** Friday a little colder. Eva took Annie the maid to the doctors to see about her eye. I have not felt very well. I made bread and have not done much else.

**1919** Saturday Weather pleasant again. Washed a little and clothes dried nicely. The weeks go very fast. I never get all done I plan, but I am thankful and fairly well.

### **March 23**

**1916** Thursday the weather keeps around the freezing point. I have sewed some today on a coat for Harold. but am not very well.

**1917** Friday. Windy and growing cooler. Dora away. I wrote to Mr. H. H. Lloyed about transferring stock to the Superannuated M.F. as Jasper desired to have me do.

Have sewed this afternoon

**1918** Saturday Colder froze last night I am feeling better. did a little washing and a little sweeping and dusting Letter from Beatrice. I wrote to Margaret.

**1919** Sunday. A beautiful day and roads are drying up a little. We all went to Church except Annie and Rose. A practical sermon. "If ye Know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

### **March 24**

**1916** Friday. Cold, but thawing some Sun went down clear. Fred, Eva and Maid went to a Mission Band Entertainment. I staid with the children very tired and not very well. Wrote to Dora.

**1917** Saturday. A bright warm morning so warm Dora had to order ice. I wrote to Frank and Norah. A busy day. Dora doing her Saturday work and I made bread and rolls. All good but I am very tired. A letter from Em. She plans to come.

**1918** Sunday. How fast the weeks fly and this blessed day returns. What a blessed provision for a weary world but alas! so many avail themselves of the benefit and good it might be to them

**1919** Monday A fine day warm and sunny. Odd jobs left over from last week finished Rose's slip washed my corset and a blanket. Made pies. Mended some stockings. Set up a knitting &c.

### **March 25**

**1916** Saturday, A bright sunny morning remained fine all day. I finished Harold's coat but was too tired to clean up the dining room. Eva did it. Wrote to Robert Dawson. {*Wrote to Robert Dawson' written above 'the dining room'.*} Letter yesterday from Will who is not well.

**1917** Sunday. A fine warm day, but not too warm. I went to Church. Dr. Ford gave a good sermon, on heart, and life religion. Donald and Annie Ritchie to supper

**1918** Monday, bright but a strong cold wind. I am not feeling vigorous these days. I am not doing much.

War news very disquieting. Germans advancing in France. God help the Allies.

**1919** Tuesday Another warm fine day. A little ironing a little mending, and in Afternoon Eva and I went to town. We called on Mrs. W. Parker. She is some better, but far from well. Mrs. Clarkson so ill we could not see her. Both cases are sad ones.

### **March 26**

**1916** Sunday. I did not feel able to go out. Eva, Fred and Harold went to Church. roads bad neither sleighing or wheeling. Thawing much. but in places there is too much snow.

**1917** Monday, I finished a peice of sewing and marked another towel I want to work for Dora. The days are very pleasant here. And I am fairly well.

**1918** Tuesday. Continues Cold but sunshiny during the day. Ground still hard frozen and water pipe in shop froze last night. wrote to Hellen and Eva Rose York.

**1919** Wed. A dull day, but warm and Spring like. Packing my trunk. Did several little jobs that needed doing, put new strings on my bonnet &c

### MARCH 27

**1916** Monday. A warm day a sprinkle of rain. Tank empty we need rain. I do not feel well enough, to do much in any way.

**1917** Tuesday. Very variable weather. Snow flurries and sunshine. Wrote to Emma. Dora away all day.

Working on a towel. I like to be busy.

**1918** Wed. Cold froze pretty hard Fred Thawing out water pipes no chance yet to get the barn pipes thawed out.

I have written to Emma. I imagine she is very busy at this Easter time in her office as superintendant of Schools.

**1919** Thurs. Colder and a little snow. Got ready and off in good time. A man and car came and took me to the Station, and Fred brought my trunk. and helped me on the train. Miss Stewart went as far as Flint Mich. had a comfortable journey, reached 47 st Chicago at half past 10. P.M. Dora and Washington met me and we soon got to 6437 Green St. and rested

### MARCH 28

**1916** Tuesday {No Entry}

Mar 30 Friday

**1917** O! dear I turned over two leaves. Truly "the mistakes of my life are many" shall have to call this Mar 30. I wrote to Eva this morning. Weather pleasant. Dora away all day. I have been busy some mending and baked bread and rolls. Very tired because the bread burned. Dora home in time to bake the rolls. Letter from Emma. Coming!

**1918** Thursday Weather continues fine, Warmer. Jenny Wolverton phoneing about my going to Wolverton. Answered I would go on Saturday Afternoon. busy at odds and ends.

**1919** Friday Warmer today. A very restful day. Dora away to a Miss. Meeting. Emily Weir came in afternoon and staid to dinner I wrote to Fred. It is nice and comfortable to be here again. and find all well.

## MARCH 29

**1916** Wednesday, Warm bright days I am sewing a little each day and am gaining in health, but not very fast. I

**1917**, Sat. 31. Warm this last day of March. Ther. 60. Dora sick in bed this morning. Dr came and left medicine.

Emma got here in afternoon very tired and very warm. Ther. somewhere in the 70s I am rather tired. a busy day.

**1918** Friday A beautiful day this "Good Friday. much warmer, I have been very busy. A little cleaning, made bread, sweeping and so on. I am tired.

## Chicago

**1919** Saturday Warm. I wrote to Clara. Dora home all day. W home to lunch he has a half - holiday on Saturdays It is very clean and bright in doors but vey smoky outside. Just like Chicago

## MARCH 30

**1916** Thursday Another warm day unusually warm for Mar. I am making an Apron for Dora, sewing a little each day

**1917** Wed. 28th! A bright day. Dora's Cleaning day. very necessary when there is as much smoke and black dust as in Chicago. Mrs. Mitchel and Mrs. Edwin Laycock called pleasant to meet them altho' it hindered our cleaning. Social intercourse more important than cleaning *{cleaning written vertically along right side}*

**1918** Saturday A pleasant day. I went to Wolverton in afternoon. Fred took me to the Station met Mr. & Mrs. Green. Alonzo met me at the Wolverton Station. Found D<sup>r</sup> Brown at the house Had a pleasant Evening with my brothers family and D<sup>r</sup> Brown. Conversation and music made the hours indeed pleasant.

**1919** Sunday in Chicago. Dora & Washington went to Church and Chinese S.S. in Afternoon not getting home until after evening Service. I staid home all day, rested and read "Missionary Review."

## March 31

**1916** Friday Still warm. I have the door open much of the time. I really feel stronger today. Have down some things besides sewing. Mud all around. Last day of March.

29th

**1917** Thursday. Letters from Clara & Frank. dear children they all are. also letters yesterday from home Eva and little Dora.

A busy morning. Dora ironing. In afternoon we went to a tea at Mrs Simpsons many ladies there. Pleasant time. Walked there and Mrs. Grow brought us home in her Auto.

**1918** Sunday a beautiful Easter Sunday. Went to Church just across the street. Dr. Brown preached on the Resurrection. In the evening he spoke on Foreign Missions. A Collection of over \$60. was given for missions. The day was good and the evening after Church was good too. Conversation and sacred music.

**1919** Monday colder some snowflakes flying. Dora home all day. I wrote to Beatrice. and got a letter from little Dora at home. Neither Eva or little Rose are well. heavy colds Dora writes. Did a little sewing today.

### Memoranda

**1916** I some way caught a cold about Mar. 16 and at the end of the month still have it, but I am getting better, but still have a cough.

**1916** This last week in Mar. has been really warm. snow nearly gone. much mud and water about

**1916** We keep up the furnace fire but have not needed it much this week, but think it many turn cold. The children are getting better of whooping cough.

**1916** Until about the middle of the month it was very cold hovering around zero point, and the snow of the winter ~~was~~ had fallen.

**1918** March has been very pleasant some cold days but many fine ones. We have all been well.

**Mar. 1919,** Eva, Rose, Dora and Fred all have had Influenza but not very severely. Harold and I escaped. Weather mild and mostly sunny.

### April 1

**1916** Saturday. Some rain today and generally cloudy. We are glad of the rain. it has put some water in the tank, and will settle the roads. some snow still lying in places.

Chicago

**1917** Sunday. a rainy day. Washington Emma and I went to Church at Englewood Baptism. Many received Communion and altogether a very fine up lifting service. Palm Sunday. Dora in bed all day. Have not read much I seemed to need rest most. Blessed provision, a day of rest.

Wolverton

**1918** Monday a dark rainy day. Such a fine warm rain Dr Brown left in the morning. I am knitting mittens for another winter for Harold.

Chicago

**1919** Tuesday. Colder last night Ther. 28. I wrote to Eva. Dora away all day at Board Meeting. I did a little sewing I am working the edge on a towel for Emma.

**April 2**

**1916** Sunday. A bright day but cold winds I did not feel able to go to Church. The rest went. I do not feel well today. This cold clings

Chicago

**1917** Monday. I am very much better than a year ago today. and am thankful. It is lovely having Emma here. Dora is better but in bed most of the day yet.

Wolverton

**1918** Tuesday. A very bright day and very warm. Alonzo beginning gardening I enjoy being here. A lovely home. I thank the Lord for such homes.

Chicago

**1919** Wednesday, Rainy just gentle April rain. There is not so much black dust when it is damp outside. Dora away during afternoon.

**April 3**

**1916** Monday a beautiful day but very muddy. Harold started to School. Eva and I making a dress for Dora I feel much better today.

Letter from Clara.

## Chicago

**1917** Tuesday. Dora and Emma away to a Mission Board Meeting all day. I have had a restful quiet day. W. home. An Election holiday at City Hall.

**1918** Wed. Cooler

Letters from Dora, Emma, Eva and Marion Rose. Franks little daughter. It is nice to get letters when away from home. Finished a pair of mittens.

**1919** Thursday warm and some rain April showers and sunshine between The grass in backyards is getting green. Dora home all day. She has been washing some things she does not put in the general wash. Washed the crape in my dress and put it in. I wrote to Newton.

## April 4

**1916** Tuesday. A cloudy day and indications of rain but it does not seem easy for rain to come. It would settle the ground. Sewed very steadily am very tired. Letter from Margaret.

**1917** Wednesday. bright in morning but rain towards night. Dora, Emma and I went to a luncheon at Mrs. Donnelly's. All very fine and luxurious, but I had a very pleasant time. ten ladies present Mrs. D sent her car for us. She is a Canadian and was born in Woodstock.

**1918** Thursday. Bright morning but a cold wind. I have been working on a towel. Am reading "Jesus the Man" I like it We see Jesus as a man, among men. Letter from little Dora. Dear Child. she says she misses me.

**1919** Friday. Ap. 4. Anniversary of Clara's wedding day. Dora away to a Board Meeting. She is much interested in Home Mission work in this Country. I am all alone here and enjoy it Luncheon and all.

Sewing on Ems towel. Mr. Richie and Emily came in the evening

## April 5

**1916** Wed. Weather fine. I sewed very steadily on Dora's dress and put buttons on an Apron for her.

## Chicago

**1917** Thursday, not a pleasant day as to weather conditions. Cloudy. some rain and cold winds.

Dora gave a dinner to thirteen people. The day was a busy one making preparations. The dinner was given for Emma.

Mrs. & D<sup>r</sup> Ford, Mr & Mrs Eulette Mr & Mrs Fales. Mr & Mrs Julius Johnson, Miss Simpson. and the home people, a pleasant time.

#### Wolverton

**1918** Friday. A bright pleasant day. I went in afternoon to see Jasper's new office at the mill. It is very fine. and then to George Dawsons where I staid to tea. It is well to visit these old time friends sometimes.

#### Chicago

**1919** Saturday rain during the night. Warm. Dora home. when home she is very busy with her housekeeping too busy for her strength. I finished Em's towel.

#### **APRIL 4 & APRIL 5**

*{These pages are a repeat of the above entries}*

#### **April 6**

**1916** Thursday. A very stormy day. Snow and wind, and clouds, and generally uncomfortable. I finished Dora's dress and Eva left for a weeks visit at Guelph taking Dora and Marion Mrs McLeod. Mr. Tree & Fred a practise in the Evening

**1917** Friday Weather good but cool. I did not feel well in Morning, but better after a while Too much dissipation I think. Dora and Emma away. Union Miss. Meeting for Dora and Concert for Emma. I had a nice rest in afternoon. Eva sent a notice of Mr Joseph Fletcher's death

**1918** Saturday. Weather pleasant Mrs. Currey of Drumbo called the days are all restful and pleasant here. I am pretty well too. Mr Ray Harris is to preach tomorrow

**1919** Sunday very warm Ther. 70. I did not go to Church. Dora and W. went I read the Missionary Review. Much of interest in the April No.

#### **April 7**

**1916** Friday a beautiful day after the storm of yesterday. I have rested today. My cold is better but does not leave me yet.

## Chicago

**1917** Saturday. Cloudy and cold north east winds. Letter from Eva and Easter cards from Dora, Harold and Annie.

Dora and Emma away. Dora to a Mission Conference and Emma at Luncheon with friends. I kept house

**1918** Sunday Rather colder. A rest day. I did not go out until Church in the evening. Mr Harris a McMaster student preached. Good sermon. Text. "They got to their deserved haven". Ps. 107:30

**1919** Monday a large batch of letters this morning, from Eva, Dora and several appeals from McMaster and Woodstock. Educational work. I wish I had more to give.

Dora left at night for Cleveland

## April 8

**1916** Saturday a stormy day. Spring tarries. As usual a busy day. Wrote to Clara. Have read about the Guelph Stream and the wonderful Ocean Currents. Who can doubt that the Hand that made all is Devine

**1917** Sunday. A cold wind but not bad. Emma W. and I went to Church, Dora not well. A fine Easter Service at Englewood Church large congregation Baptism. much music, Solo. Anthems, Quartette, and we all sang, "My country 'tis of thee." Flags and patriotism in evidence.

**1918** Monday nice weather. Warm and comfortable. Mr. Harris went away in morning. I working on my towel.

**1919** Tuesday very warm. Dora away all day. I have not done much read a little, rested, and wrote to Ida Baker.

## April 9

**1916** Sunday. Regularly the Blessed. Rest day comes. What a beneficent institution? because Divine.

Read for Harold in afternoon. Fred & Harold went to Ch. in morning. I did not

**1917** Monday Letters from Tessie & Clara. I wrote to Tessie and home.

Weather warmer bright sunshine Dora and Emma lunching down town with Mrs. Ford. I was invited but feel better at home here. altho' I have been busy. Finished a towel for Dora

**1918** Tuesday. It has grown oh so cold. Ground frozen. Jenny washed but clothes froze on the line. Cold outside but pleasant inside. Eva came from Toronto. Jasper went to Toronto in afternoon.

**1919** Wed. A little cooler. Dora came home from Cleveland on an early train she has been writing all day. Signed 300 Checks as Treasurer of Women's Home Missionay Society. I have sewed a little.

### **April 10**

**1916** Monday. A beautiful day. Annie washed. I helped some. Clothes all got dry. I wrote to Eva at Guelph. Fred brought in a lot of little pigs to get them warmed up.

**1917** Tuesday. Cloudy. Dora and Emma at a Union Miss. Meeting all day. I have washed a few things and did some mending. Getting ready to go to White Plains. Letters often from all the home folks.

**1918** Wednesday very cold, ground frozen. Jasper came home in evening. Sewing and reading have read "A Captive Singer" a good love story. Scene in Australia.

**1919** Thursday It grew cooler in the afternoon. Dora busy all day cleaning. I wrote to Eva and Fred and sewed a little.

### **April 11**

**1916** Tuesday. A cloudy cold day and some rain. One of the dark days. I ironed in forenoon, rested in Afternoon and did a little mending. How the days step by.

**1917** Wed. Cloudy and a little sprinkling of rain. Dora's cleaning day. Emma went to Evanston lunching with friends of hers. I have not felt very well and have rested some and done many things. just getting ready to go on Friday. Wrote to Norah.

**1918** Thursday. Ground covered with snow in the morning. Finished my towel and gave it to Hellen. Letter from little Dora. Finished reading "The Eyes of the World"

**1919** Friday. much cooler this morning so cold in Afternoon I had to put on my sweater. Letters from Dora & Harold. I have read papers, sewed some and wrote to Elizabeth

## April 12

**1916** Wednesday. Warm and rather cloudy. Busy all day at odds and ends. Fred unloaded a car of fertilizer. Wrote to Norah. I am not very strong.

**1917** Thursday. A bright morning, packing. Dora, Emma and I went to a luncheon at Annie Ritchie's. Walked and Mrs. Grow brought us home in her car. A very nice time at Annie's. Six ladies at table.

**1918** Friday. Not quite so cold. Getting ready to go home. I have had a very pleasant time here. Alonzo is growing old but he is fine and his home is a beautiful one. Hellen is not as well as she has been. Jenny, Eva and Jasper at home. I left at half past five. Goodbye dear people.

**1919** Saturday. Warmer. Dora at home today. Dusting and cleaning as usual. Letters from Clara {*several smudges*} and Elizabeth. Such a funny letter from Eliz. She wants me to go to the River this season very, very badly so she says. I may go if I am well. And the Lord will.

## APRIL 13

**1916** Thursday. Cloudy day. Ground very wet. Eva and children came home in evening. Neither Dora or baby Marion left their cough behind as we hoped they might.

**1917** Friday. Emma and I left 634437 Green St. Dora got a Taxi cab and went with us to Station. Left Chicago at 10.39 a.m. on a fast train. A comfortable day on train.

### Home

**1918** Saturday. Home again. Fred met me at Station. My train an hour late. All well and all seem indeed glad to welcome me home. I am glad especially to see the dear children. This has been a beautiful day.

**1919** Sunday. Weather fine, Dora resting this forenoon, and I did not rise early either. Only Washington went to Church. I do not feel I have spent the day profitably. Read some. Dora went to Chinese S.S.

## APRIL 14

**1916** Friday. A cloudy unpleasant day. Have been looking up material for a paper on Grande Ligne Mission. Two years ago my husband was ill but we did not think his illness serious at that time.

**1917** Saturday Arrived at Harmon where Frank met us at about 9.a.m. we had a very comfortable journey. Lunched with Norah and we had dinner at night at Tessie's. Nora, Frank, Will, Tessie Emma Tessie's sister and I a delightful reunion. Good dinner

**1918** Sunday a beautiful day, I went to Church. Mr Rutledge spoke on Romans 8: 33,34. A comforting message from God's Word .

**1919** Monday. A rainy morning. Viola came to wash. Rained all day. Dora away all day and went in the evening to a Board meeting in the Church altho' it rained I wrote to Harold.

#### **APRIL 15**

**1916** Saturday. A beautiful bright morning after the cloudy days. truly a "morning without clouds." Have finished my paper on Grande Ligne and have been much interested. The Mission is just as old as I am.

#### White Plains

**1917** Sunday. We went to Baptist Ch. Emma. Frank the children and I. staid to S.S. Will and Tessie came to Franks for Sunday dinner.

Music on phonograph and dear visit with all

#### At Home

**1918** Monday Such fine Spring weather buds are not noticably swelling yet, and grass is not green. but Warmth and and promise are in the air.

Men are busy in the brown bare fields

#### Chicago

**1919** Tuesday a very cloudy day and rain part of the day. Dora away to some kind of a meeting in connection with the Missionary training School. Annie Ritchie called.

#### **April 16**

**1916** Sunday. I did not feel well enough to go to Church. The rest went and came home in a shower of rain. A year ago ~~we~~ I sent messages to all the children of Father's serious condition

White Plains

**1917** Monday. Fine weather but cool Emma went to New York City and spent the day with Franklin Cogswell. saw Rose and got back to Norah's in time for dinner I am having a very pleasant time here. The children are fine. Little baby gaining

**1918** Tuesday, Warm with promise of rain Fred sowed one field today. Has one man helping. I have not felt very well today. Did a little too much yesterday.

**1919** Wed. A very dark day and some rain. Dora at home. ironing day. A letter from Norah Marion Rose and Clara sick. Also Tessie.

**April 17**

**1916** Monday A cloudy rainy day. Two years ago my husband was lying most of the day in an unconscious state and yet I think he knew me, but did not talk. Towards evening Frank left New York and Dora Chicago on their way home.

White Plains

**1917** Tuesday. A fine day. I have been hemming table napkins for Norah. Clara Fitch Gates came from Nyack, I was glad to see her. My dear sister's daughter. A pleasant time and Will came with his car and took us all for a ride. roads fine we went with Clara to the Ferry

**1918** Wed. *{No Entry}*

**1919** Thursday. Another dark rainy day but the sun came out a little about 6, o'clock We went to a concert in the evening in the Church. Good music

**April 18**

Ap.18 1914 Two years ago.

**1916** Tuesday. My husband passed away about half past eleven o clock in the morning. Frank Fred Eva and I were close beside him. He had repeated several times during the forenoon. "Goodness and Mercy" and these were his last words. Dora came in afternoon. and Minnie and Emily came from Toronto. He was placed in the casket that afternoon. And I was left alone.

White Plains

**1917** Wednesday. Three years ago Jasper my husband died. I miss him. We are here but in memory I live over again the three years ago.

Emma visited two Schools here. Will came in the evening for a while at Frank's and went to the Station for Clara and little George.

**1918** Tuesday, I do not forget, four years ago today. I miss my husband very much. May I be as well prepared as I think he was, when I too will pass away.

Chicago

**1919** Friday A bright sunshiny day. fine after the dark rainy days.

Five years ago today my husband went away. I wrote to Miss Hatch

### **April 19**

**1916** Wed. Two years ago today was on Sunday. Will came in the morning and Clara towards evening. Mrs. Craig and other friends called. A quiet day. Father lay in his coffin. I went to Mission Circle today

**1917** Thursday. A beautiful sunshiny day. Will brought Clara and George over in the morning. They stay at Will's home 87 Waller Ave. while Emma and are at Frank's. Will came and took us to the Station and we Em, Clara and I went into the City. Rose met us, we lunched at Charlottes. Charley fine. We saw the Charlotte junior. Rose took us for a delightful ride Such a beautiful day. Dinner at Tessie's at night.

**19** {No Entry}

**1919** Saturday a fine day. Dora at home and very busy, put up marmalade for Charlotte. I shortened a bath robe which Dora got for me at Marshall Fields. It was too long.

### **April 20**

**1916** Thursday. Two years ago today my husband was laid away in Woodstock Baptist Cemetery. Dr. Bates our dear old friend spoke at the funeral. Eva Rose York sang "Jerusalem the Golden". All the children except Emma ~~was~~ were present. Many people came. Very many flowers Charley and Rose sent flowers from Brampton. A wreath from the County S.S. Association and from the children several peices of various designs. He rests.

**1917** Friday. Tessie came to lunch at Frank's where late in the afternoon we said Goodbye to Tessie, Pegay, Clara & George and later Will came to take Emma and I to the Station. We said Goodbye to Norah and the children how kind they all have been. Left for the City Met. Frank at the Grand Central Station took train for Hamilton & Woodstock toward home

**1918** Saturday Four years ago we laid Jasper away in the grave, but I know "He is Risen".

Chicago

**1919** Sunday. A fine day here. I went to Church. A beautiful Easter service at Englewood Baptist Church. Much music Good sermon. Quickened together with Christ." Eph. 2:6.

### April 21

**1916** Friday. Good Friday" dull and threatening rain. The memory of the last sad days two years ago is mingled with love and mercy. His illness was short and the end peaceful. He giveth his beloved sleep" Letters from Dora and Emma. I have worked some in the garden today. I am better than I have been.

Penhurst

**1917** Saturday. Arrived safely at home & found all well. We have had truly mercy and safety in all our way. Thank the Lord. Weather pleasant but cool. Fred has men on the farm work is going on. War news in favorable but we feel the war conditions. Many who have gone to the front will not come back *{back written vertically on right side}*

**1918** Sunday A rainy day Fred and Eva went to Church. The children have colds. We had a little Sunday School at home in Afternoon

**1919** Monday A fine day. Dora away. Reading and sewing Easter cards from Dora, Harold and Arthur Fitch.

Charlotte's birthday.

### April 22

**1916** Saturday Did a little work in the garden and various odd jobs. Wrote to Alonzo on business.

Penhurst

**1917** Sunday we went to Church. Fred Emma Dora and I. Mr. Rutledge gave a good sermon. "Sympathy for others." We went to the Cemetery and saw again where Father was laid three years ago. Emma had not before seen the lot and grave.

**1918** Monday. Rainy in morning but cleared up in Afternoon so the clothes got dry. Monday night Eva went to hear a lecture by D<sup>r</sup>. McArthur at the 1<sup>st</sup> Church. She said it was very time. On Russia

**1919** Tuesday Dora at home all day We put covers on some sofa pillows Dora not well. She needs rest

### **April 23**

Home

**1916** Sunday A pleasant day. I went to Church. Easter Sunday Sermon on the Resurrection. Dora sick I sat with her all the Afternoon.

**1917** Monday Fred and Emma went to town. got my trunk and Emma received her ticket for Denver. g And in the evening Fred took her to the Station where she left at 9:10 for Chicago. It has been lovely to have this visit with her. It is lonely now

**1918** Tuesday Colder.

Ironing day. I swept and cleaned sitting room and dining room. Very tired at night. Snowed in evening

**1919** Wed. Rainy in morning but cleared up later. Dora went down town. I finished reading "Christine." sewed a little. Letter from Margaret

### **April 24**

Penhurst

**1916** Monday. A dull day and some rain. Dora very sick. I fixed a vest for Fred and staid with Dora a good deal. My eyes trouble me very much.

**1917** Tuesday. Cold and cloudy I think of Emma as having reached Chicago this morning and having breakfast with Dora and Washington.

I sewed a little today. But dont get very much done.

**1918** Wed. A very cold and disagreeable day. Red Cross meeting here a large attendance. Annual meeting. Miss Stewart who has been a war nurse in Egypt spoke on her work there. Mrs. McLeod sang the Holy City." about forty including children for lunch after the Meeting.

Chicago

**1919** Thursday Weather fine and cool.. Dora at home all day and busy polishing silver and dusting in forenoon. Miss. Simpson and Mrs Ford called in Afternoon. and Mrs. Cookson and daughter came. We had a pleasant visit. Old Canadian friends of the Timpanys and McLauren's, and ours too.

## April 25

**1916** Tuesday Another dull day and some rain. The Spring is very late Dora seems better. My eyes are sore.

**1917** Wednesday. A very cold day. East wind and rain in afternoon and a thunderstorm in the evening. Too cold for Comfort Eva went to a Red Cross meeting. War news favorable to the Allies, but O! such fearful loss of life. I must go to bed and see if I can get warm.

**1918** Thursday evening a little warmer. I have been busy putting away dishes and cleaning up. I am tired from yesterday. I am not strong to do a great deal.

**1919** Friday. Cool

## APRIL 26

**1916** Wed. Still dull weather Dora still pretty sick. is worse at night. Fred had wood cutting done I have not been very well

**1917** Thursday A very cold dull day some rain, but work on farm not stopped. Fred has three men on the land. I am fairly well, but feel the cold

**1918** Friday. Still cold winds. Threatened rain but only sprinkled. Fred has only one man on the farm. Annie the maid has to help in the barn and outside. Eva and the children went to a Concert in the evening.

## Chicago

**1919** Saturday pleasant weather Letters from Eva, Dora and Rose. Fred has a man but a very poor one. I am working on towels as my sewing.

## April 27

**1916** Thursday. some rain some thunder and thank the Great Giver some sunshine. I have worked in the garden and yard most of the day I am better for being out I think.

**1917** Friday. I wrote to Frank and Norah. Have not been very well and have not done much in any way.

**1918** Saturday Cloudy in morning but cleared up before noon. Fred is putting in seed. It is much warmer.

Did work in the kitchen in forenoon. Paper from Frank. The boys have secured a Government contract for some buildings

**1919** Sunday Cool, rain in afternoon I went to Church, D<sup>r</sup>. Ford talked about "Statutes becoming songs. Ps. 119.54 Doing right until it becomes a delightful habit. A song. Wrote to Emma.

#### **April 28**

**1916** Friday. I have not done much today. A little work in the garden. Wrote to Dora. My eyes trouble me a good deal. Weather warm but ground very wet and cold.

**1917** Saturday Weather good. Work is going on, on the farm. I have a lame back. and do not do much, I had planned to do so much when I got home

**1918** Sunday A bright morning and day until evening when a little sprinkling of rain came. I was at home all day. Eva Fred and children went to Church and Eva staid out all day.

**1919** Monday Cloudy in morning but brightened up later. Viola washed and Dora had a regular cleaning day. I finished a towel for Emma.

#### **April 29**

**1916** Saturday. A fine day I have been out most of the day. digging in garden and raking lawn. Very tired, but my eyes a little better.

**1917** Sunday Cloudy and some rain. Eva, Fred and children went to Church. Dora & Eva staid out to S.S. I did not feel well enough to go.

**1918** Monday A bright morning but rain towards night. high winds. I helped in the kitchen. Annie had to help in the field.

**1919** Tuesday A bright day. Dora away all day. I washed some clothes over that the black had fallen on. This is a dreadfully smoky black city.

#### **April 30**

**1916** Sunday Weather pleasant. Fred and Harold went to Church. I did not go, did not feel well. Eva not well. Reading to Dora in Afternoon

**1917** Monday. Warmer but Cloudy. Mr. E. Sale came out from town and staid over night. We raked a little in the yard. Letters from Dora and Rose Van Pelt.

**1918** Tuesday I ironed my clothes I washed yesterday. very windy did a little mending.

**1919** Wed. rainy and cloudy. Dora home ironing. Cold the leaves on the trees look shrivelled up with Cold. I have been sewing on a towel for Dora.

### Memoranda

**1916** ~~Monday~~ {No Entry}

**1917** April has come and gone, An eventful month. I left Chicago 13<sup>th</sup> with Emma. had a comfortable, journey to White Plains. Spent 6 lovely days there and one in New York with Rose, Charlotte and Charly. Clara came from Boston. A dear visit all around with loved ones. Children Grand children and the dear New York ones.

**1918** Another April has been here 30 days and gone to return no more. I have not been very well part of the time but have kept around and am thankful for that. There has been a good many cold stormy days. and very little growth.

#### Chicago

**1919** I have been better this April than April of 1918. Have spent the month here in Chicago with Dora very pleasantly. hearing from home often. Too cold this end of the month for vegetable growth.

### May 1

**1916** Monday some rain during day but heavy towards evening. I worked in garden a little while, Ground very wet, Farmers cannot do much.

**1917** Tuesday a rainy morning Mr Sale went away in morning Too wet to work on the land.

The men went away. I wrote to Dora.

**1918** Wednesday wind very high and rather cold. I canned a gal. of maple syrup. It rains easily but has not been at any time very heavy.

**1919** Thursday, rained during the night cloudy this morning. I did not sleep well. rain and dark all day. Dora at home all day sweeping and cleaning O! The black here is dreadful. I wiped off the windows Cloth black. Have sewed on a towel.

## May 2

**1916** Tuesday. I worked in garden, cleaning grass out of the holly.

**1917** Wed. Still rainy cloudy weather. I am sewing a little but am not very energetic for work

**1918** Thursday. Windy again. generally fair. A sprinkle of rain now and then. Mr Davis working in the garden. I am not strong enough to do anything there this year. I am helping what I can in the house. Help on the farm very hard to get.

### Chicago

**1919** Friday a fine day after the storm of yesterday. Dora invited some Ladies to Afternoon tea. Eight came and in every way the afternoon was enjoyable. Many of the ladies I had met before. I had a pleasant time.

## May 3

**1916** Wed. A rainy day. just had to stay in house and knit. I have felt unusally well today A dear letter from Clara

**1917** Thursday {*No Entry*}

**1918** Friday. Mr Davis worked for Fred on the farm. He will came another day to the garden I washed my flannels. Swept my room &c. Letter from Dora at Denver

### Chicago

**1919** Saturday a rainy day here. Dora at home. I wrote letters to the Home folks and Elizabeth. Also rec. letters from Eva and Dora (little Dora.

## May 4

**1916** Thursday I washed my curtains and bed spreads and got them dry and was out some in afternoon. I am getting over this winter long cold I have had

**1917** Friday Cold and cloudy. Men working on the land putting in oats Eva cleaning kitchen. I wrote to no one. Letter from Emma. She arrived safely home and found all well

**1918** Saturday. Will Parker and Miss Stone married today at St. Catharines Weather fine. Wrote to Clara enclosing Dora's letter.

**1919** Sunday. Washington went to Church Dora rested in bed, and I did too. A thunder storm in the early morning. Dora & W. went to Chinese S.S. rained in afternoon I did not feel very well

#### **May 5**

**1916** Friday Some clouds and some rain every day. I ironed my curtains and worked out a while. Letter from Margaret.

**1917** Saturday Cold and some rain men left after dinner too wet for work. I fixed the kitchen rocking chair and began mine in dining room

**1918** Sunday Very warm. Fred and children went to Church. Read the Baptist. Messenger and "Uncle Tom's Cabin for Dora

#### Chicago

**1919** Monday Cloudy in morning but cleared up later. I have felt very well today. Wrote to Harold Wolverton in India. Dora down town all day, shopping. I sewed on a towel. Read some.

#### **May 6**

**1916** Saturday The season is very late too wet for seeding and too wet to work much in the garden. Eva is getting a good deal of cleaning up done in and about the plum trees.

**1917** Sunday. A pleasant morning but a little rain in Afternoon. I did not go to Church. Mrs Bayne and Isabel came in Afternoon. Have not read much.

**1918** Monday. Fine warm weather and things are growing. Washing done and clothes all dry. Eva went to a Reception in the evening for Mr & Mrs M. Parker.

**1919** Tuesday Bright morning. Warm in afternoon a little rain in evening. Dora away all day at Board Meetings. The days seem to go very fast. Dora got me a new trunk

#### **May 7**

**1916** Sunday A beautiful warm day. We all except Annie and baby Marion went to Church. Fred drove his new carriage very comfortable indeed. Eva & children went to S.S. in afternoon.

**1917** Monday A fine day just a sprinkle of rain at one time. The men seeding. I finished my rocking chair. Wrote to Harold and received a letter from him written Mar.15 telling of the birth of a son. *{birth of a son written vertically along right side}*

**1918** Tuesday. Some rain in morning Eva did not get home until nearly noon I got breakfast and the children off to School. I wrote to Harold in India. Windy and cooler.

**1919** Wednesday. beautiful weather. trees are growing leaves fast now. Dora had to go out in Afternoon

I wrote to Harold. Sewing on towels.

### **May 8**

**1916** Monday We were waked this morning by a thunder storm. The continued rains are becoming serious for the farmers.

**1917** Tuesday. Weather unsettled a little rain but not enough to stop work on the farm. I had a busy day sweeping and cleaning.

**1918** Wed. Cooler and windy I did a little mending, and some housework. Mr Gracy is helping on the farm. A card from Will. he was in Washington

**1919** Thursday. Rain all day. Great parade of returned soldiers in the rain. Dora went down town and did some shopping. I have been sewing. We still have fire on morning and evening

#### Jonathan Goble

born 1773 a third child of Jacob Goble and Anna Fairchild  
Jacob Gobble was one of 16 children  
of Robert Goble of Mooristown N.J.

### **May 9**

**1916** Tuesday. A fine day but windy I cleaned my room with some help from Annie and feel it is well done. The wind helped to clean the carpet.

**1917** Wed. Cloudy and a little rain in Afternoon. A meeting of the "Red Cross workers here about 30 present. Sewing & knitting for the soldiers. Served afternoon Tea. I was very tired at night

**1918** Thursday A dull morning but grew brighter. A sprinkle of rain towards evening. Fred finished seeding. Children working in their School gardens. I wrote to Marion Rose

**1919** Friday Pleasant. I wrote to Annie and sewed in the Afternoon

## May 10

**1916** Wed. A rainy day. all day rain But little seeding done in any place. I finished my room and cleaned the guest room. Very tired.

**1917** Thursday A fine day but cold wind. Mrs McLeod called. I cleaned cupboards and silver today. A satisfactory day's work.

**1918** Friday Cool, cloudy and a little rain.

I wrote to Bella Wolverton, and did some housework

## Chicago

**1919** Saturday A fine day. Dora very busy. I have darned stockings went to Mrs. Johnsons to Giving Circle many ladies there. I went in a taxi and Dora came later. A pleasant time

## May 11

**1916** Thursday. A very high wind all day. 60 miles an hour. Considerable damage done to property. One man had his silo blown down

**1917** Friday. A fine day for work but a cold wind. Letters from Dora & Minnie. I washed my bed covers and did some mending.

**1918** Saturday really cold, Fred says the ground was frozen during the night. His cow died, A good cow. I have not been very well today.

**1919** Sunday Weather fine. I went to Church. Went on Street Car. Rev Mr Bromley preached. good sermon. The Fatherhood of God. Personality sacredness of human life, and Brotherhood.

## May 12

**1916** Friday no rain today. but some wind. I did some washing and was so tired I did not do much else.

**1917** Saturday. Another week is ended. What has been its record? Have I done anything to help others? Cold winds. I have been busy at various things. a little ironing. a little sweeping. a little resting.

**1918** Sunday. A rainy morning and most of the forenoon. Fred Eva and Harold went to Church. and Eva and Children to S.S. I read the Baptist & rested.

**1919** Monday A beautiful day. Viola came and washed. Both Dora and I very busy. Cleaning and housework.

### May 13

**1916** Saturday. A very fine day warm and bright. Fred sowed Oats for the first. I have been rather tired and have rested often.

**1917** Sunday A pleasant day but cool. I went to Church wore my fur coat not too warm. "Mother's day." Church waited after service voted to buy, rent or build a parsonage. In the afternoon Dr Bates and Geo. Parker came to see me. A pleasant visit with these old friends. It was good to see them.

#### Letter from Emma

**1918** Monday The weather cool at times really cold. Farm work at almost a stand still for need of help. Annie the maid is out most of the time helping. Clothes dried in afternoon

#### Chicago

**1919** Tuesday A fine day; but the wind is cool. Dora very busy all day getting ready to go to Denver. There is always some last things to do. Donald Richie called.

### May 14

**1916** Sunday. How regularly returns the day of rest.

Rain in the morning but Fred & Eva went to Church. I was home all day.

**1917** Monday. A fine day, warmer. ~~I did quite a washing. I am thankful i am strong, and well enough to do it.~~ The dreadful war still rages. Many of our Canadian boys have fallen. O God may it soon come to an end.

**1918** Tuesday A very fine day. Mr. Rutledge came out in Afternoon to help on the farm. I did a little sewing and housework Letter from Frank

#### Chicago

**1919** Wed. Up early this morning Dora got away a little after 8 o'clock. I am going to keep house while she is away. Have rested a good deal today. I felt I was tired. Letter from Dora Goble

## May 15

**1916** Monday. Rain in the morning but cleared up so the washing was done. Too wet for work in garden

**1917** Tuesday Not yesterday Monday but today I washed. A nice day but windy. Ironed a few things.

**1918** Wed. A beautiful day. not very well. but I did a little mending, and some housework. Eva went to a Meeting in Evening, Circle and prayer meeting combined.

### Chicago

**1919** Thursday. May half gone. It is slipping away A beautiful morning. "God opens the front door every morning and lets in the sunshine". I had a busy morning but managed to read the paper. Many phases of the "League of Nations" is under discussion. Will Germany sign it? Circle meeting at Oxford St. today.

## May 16

**1916** Tuesday. Rain every day. Hard for farmers to get their work done. I dismantled the sitting room and got it cleaned, the principal part.

**1917** Wed. Warm but a good deal of wind. I ironed my curtains. Trimmed rose bushes in Afternoon and got well scratched. Annie cut the lawn.

**1918** Thursday. A really Summer day. Eva and I went to town in Afternoon. I did a little shopping and we called on Mrs. Wm. Parker. A very pleasant little visit.

**1919** Friday. A little rain last night clouds and sunshine today. I wrote to Norah yesterday and Rose today. Finished a towel for Dora, the third one I have worked.

## May 17

**1916** Wed. Still much rain. Not good weather for housecleaning. I am finishing up the sitting room books, book case &c It is very clean and satisfactory.

**1917** Thursday A beautiful day. Eva and I went to Circle Meeting at Mrs. Hall's not many present. talked about mission work in Bolivia and about the Apostle Peter Did some shopping and tried to find a painter but failed. *{but failed written vertically along right side}*

**1918** Friday I cannot remember anything special I did this day. just odds and ends. Much of life is made up in this way. A card from Dora in Atlantic City

Chicago

**1919** Saturday A fine day I have been busy all forenoon sweeping dusting &c Washington home for lunch. I fried bread it was good with maple syrup.

**MAY 18**

**1916** Thursday Some rain and cold. Eva and I drove to Circle Meeting at Mrs. Clarksons. Mr. Rutledge present. Had a good Meeting. South America and Latin Am. countries.

**1917** Friday A shower last night making everything green and growing. A fine day I cleaned my room with Annie's help. I am rather tired today from going out yesterday.

Called at Mrs. Craig's yesterday her sister is dead. She will miss her sister.

**1918** Saturday Weather very warm. I sewed all day. Making Harold a pr. of trowsers. I did not get them finished. Very tired at night

**1919** Sunday Weather fine. I did not go to Church Washington went and said Dr. Ford gave a good sermon, I read the Standard and the Upper Room by Ian McLaren. Harley Laycock called.

**May 19**

**1916** Friday. Got the dining sitting room curtains dry after being in water since Monday on account of rain. Too wet for seeding or work in garden. The situation seem serious. Wrote to Clara.

**1917** Saturday A fine day I finished up my room and put the carpet down after a good deal of mending done to it. It looks well. I got very tired.

**1918** Sunday. Again returns this blessed day. Very warm went to Church without a wrap. Fred the children and I went. Mc{Rith}ie gave a good sermon on "Be not conformed to this world , but be ye &c"

Chicago

**1919** Monday Cloudy and some rain A letter from Dora. She reached Denver safely and on time Emma met her the Station. She took dinner at Emma's house but is staying at the Brown Palace Hotel. I wrote to her.

## May 20

**1916** Saturday. A fine day, no rain. I ironed sitting room curtains and put them up. They look well. Did a number of other little jobs. A satisfactory day as to work.

**1917** Sunday. I went to Church A heavy storm last night, wind and rain and much thunder and lightening. A good many barns destroyed and one man at least killed by lightening.

**1918** Monday Another warm day. & a busy one. It rained a little last night. A growing time - Washing, and cooking &c all day A little rain about noon.

**1919** Tuesday Cold Ther. 50 in morning rain. Cleared up in afternoon Election day in Denver Emma wrote. Mrs. Backman & Mrs. More called.

## May 21

**1916** Sunday. No rain. Fred & Eva went to the funeral of Albert West A very large gathering. Dora & Harold went to S.S. I was home all day. Read The Baptist.

**1917** Monday Cloudy and some rain Mr. Davis worked in the garden he did good work but had to quit before night on account of rain I paid him \$1.75. Cold and wet.

**1918** Tuesday. A little cooler. I did a little washing and some housework. Not feeling very well. The water pipes from the house to the barn have at last thawed out.

**1919** Wed. A very dark rainy day, too dark to see to read or sew in forenoon. Sewed some in Afternoon. Wrote to Eva. A letter from her. No help for the farm work the situation very serious. Weather keeps very cold.

## May 22

**1916** Monday. Rained all day. I covered an umbrella for Dora. A day's work but the Umbrella is a success. Clara is attending a Convention of Settlement Workers in New York.

**1917** Tuesday A rainy day and not very warm. I staid in bed during the forenoon. Not feeling very well. A letter from Margaret.

**1918** Wed. A thunder storm towards morning. Eva took the children to School. I worked an hour at sprouting potatoes down cellar. Cloudy & warm. Eva went to Red Cross meeting.

**1919** Thursday Still cloudy this morning Sewing making a corset cover. I wrote to Dora and Emma a joint letter. Ther. does not go above 50. Wrote to Arthur Fitch.

### **May 23**

**1916** Tuesday A fine warm day washed the covers of the sofa pillow and other extras and ironed them a busy day but lovely to have a dry day

**1917** Wed. Rain

**1918** Thursday A pleasant day cool bright and nice. I felt very well. did a good deal of work.

Dora came in Afternoon. It is good to see her and have her here.

### Chicago

**1919** Friday not much change in temperature. About 50. Cold here when the heat is not on. Have sewed today. The housework does not take all my time. A letter from Dora at Denver.

### **MAY 24**

**1916** Wed. Children at home. They enjoyed the holiday. bonfire, fire crackers &c. I put on the cushion covers. quite a lot of sewing. A busy warm day. Letter from Margaret.

**1917** A very cold rainy day and some snow. Truly cold stormy weather. " Wrote to Margaret sewing making a dress for Marion Rose

**1918** Friday "Victoria day. Children home from school.

Dora Laycock here. I have been particularly grateful for this visit. She has been attending the Northern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City.

**1919** Saturday. Warmer Ther up to 58. I had a very busy day, to the usual housework I did dusting the floors. W. to lunch, tried to finish a peice of sewing and got very tired. No rain. Wrote to Clara

### **May 25**

**1916** Thursday a fine day no rain Eva cleaned the hall upstairs. I sewed a little. Making a dressing sack for myself. Worked an hour after supper out of doors.

**1917** Friday Clearing up. Got the clothes dry. and most of them ironed in Afternoon. I finished Marion's dress.

**1918** Saturday. A rainy day. Dora and Eva went to town and bought paper for my room. and found a man to put it on. He can come in two or three weeks. A little sunshine but very showery. I was very busy and very tired at night. finished a little sewing

**1919** Sunday A fine warm day. I did not go to Church. I read the "Standard" 12 chapters in Isiah. And a good deal of Church history by John F. Hurst. with much interest.

### **May 26**

**1916** Friday Sewing part of the day Weather fine. no rain.

Eva went to town in Afternoon. I worked in garden a little while in evening A card from Dora. Wrote to J. G. Wolverton.

**1917** Saturday A fine day Eva went to town. doing a little housework swept dining room. ripped up a dress in afternoon to try and make Dora one of it. Week ended.

**1918** Sunday. So rainy in morning no one went to Church. Eva and Children went to S.S. in Afternoon. A dear day with Dora but she left in evening on train for her home in Chicago

### Chicago

**1919** Monday, warm. A card from Annie too much rain at home to get the crops in. Washing. Viola came, cleaning and some ironing. I was very tired at night. Wrote to Dora at Denver.

### **May 27**

**1916** Saturday. Alas for farming operations. A rainy day beginning with a thunder storm. The outlook serious for seed sowing. I went to town in Afternoon with Fred. Took up the note of 1000.<sup>00</sup> Mr Kent held gave a check for this amt. due June 1st on Molson Bank. Will get 500.<sup>00</sup> from Wolverton and settle this matter up.

**1917** Sunday An East wind I did not go to Church. Read to Dora. Some rain in afternoon.

**1918** Monday Very warm, cloudy and showery.

I help what I can in the kitchen and do not do much besides.

**1919** Tuesday. Very warm. I finished the ironing Viola left.

Washington home all day. Not much sewing. had to rest some

## May 28

**1916** Sunday. Heavy rain during the night. but a pleasant day after. Fred, Harold and I went to Church. Roads muddy. Mr. Rutledges subject "The Sower" but few out. "Where are the nine"

**1917** Monday. bright in morning but rain all afternoon. windy and cold. A plumber all forenoon repairing. in bath room. No work in garden. Mr Gracey ploughing for Fred until rain came

**1918** Tuesday Cooler this morning I was busy in kitchen all the morning baked bread which I do not often do. Wrote to Will but failed to post my letter Rain at night.

### Chicago

**1919** Wed. Warm but pleasant weather. Arthur Hers(er) came and stayed part of the forenoon. finished my corset cover and washed flannels and did some mending.

## May 29

**1916** Monday A bright morning but very heavy rain in Afternoon. Water is lying on the fields. I put a screen on dining room door and a window. Men spraying the barn. Letter from Eva Rose York

**1917** Tuesday A bright day. washed the sitting room table cover. Clothes got dry. began a dress for Dora.

**1918** Wed. Cool, but cloudy and rainy stopping farm work in Afternoon. I have felt very well today. did a little hoeing in the garden and a little sewing in the house. My doing is by littles.

### Chicago

**1919** Thursday A bright warm morning. finished some mending and fixed a sofa pillow

## May 30

**1916** Tuesday. bright mostly. A little rain. I washed and ironed some curtains worked a little in garden but very wet. very tired at night. blessed nights for rest. "Tired natures sweet restorer."

**1917** Wednesday Another fine day. Sewing on Dora's dress. I do not work very fast but do my bit I hope. My thoughts are much in the dreadful world war. Alas! that there should be war.

**1918** Thursday. Terrible days of fighting & blood shed in France.

We are very busy. Mr Davis working in garden today. Fred has one man on the land, and Annie helps.

**1919** Friday A very warm day. Seems oppressive after the cool days we have had. I began a corset cover. Sewing all the time after the housework. Letter from Dora at Denver.

### **May 31**

**1916** Wed. A fine day, cool & bright I am well and have done some mending. A letter from Clara she wants me to meet the children at the River. I will go (D.V.) June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**1917** Thursday Rain off and on. Thunder storm towards evening. Mr James White has passed away. "One by One." I have sewed steady today

**1918** Friday Weather warm and comfortable. Mr. Davis here today. I am making a pr. of pants for Harold. but my hands are lame and stiff. Rains a little most every day.

**1919** Saturday A little cooler today Letters from Dora at Denver and Eva at home. Dora plans to come home on Friday June 6. Eva wants to attend this Ass. on the 10. Can I get home for that?

### **MEMORANDA**

**1916** The month of May has been unusually wet, Almost daily rain. Many farmers have not got their seeding done. Others who have

**1916** light soil or well drained fields have some seed in. The situation is really very serious for many farmers.

**1916** We have all been fairly well during the month. some colds and baby Marion still coughs. and is well enough to be terribley

**1916** mischievous. but with it all is most lovable and interesting. We are all very busy. Housecleaning a little gardening and so the days go by too rapidly.

**1916** The war in Europe rages with ever increasing violence. When will it end

**May 1917** has gone. What has its record been? The war still rages.

### **June 1**

**1916** Thursday. A fine cool day. May June keep it up.

Fred and I went to the funeral of Old Mr Brooks. He was 83. A good man" Wrote to Dora.

**1917** Friday Very stormy looking in the morning but fine most of the day. I finished Dora's dress. Mr Fowler came in the evening to look at the house for painting. Will do it for \$65.

**1918** Saturday. Very warm. I have a woman today cleaning. Cleaned the guest room and got the paper off the bathroom. preparatory to re papering I have indeed been busy.

**1919** Sunday. A very warm day indeed Ther. between 80 & 90. W. went to the hospital to be with one of the Chinese pupils who is sick. Neither he nor I went to Church. W. went to Chinese S.S.

### **June 2**

**1916** Friday, A rainy day. June is behaving badly.

Eva drove to town in afternoon. I worked in the garden between showers. Ground very wet.

**1917** Saturday Pleasant during the day but heavy rain in evening. I ironed the sitting room table cloth and some other things. swept dining room. swept dining room mended some and nearly finished a night dress for Marion. Very tired at night

**1918** Sunday A beautiful day. I did not go to Church. Fred Eva and children went. I walked about the grounds and gathered some flowers. Everything is very beautiful. "Every prospect pleases and only sin is vile.. .war rages. Men perish.

**1919** Monday A little cooler this morning I wrote to Eva and sent a card to Dora I have sewed on a corset cover. A Pkg. of Denver papers came Reports of the Convention.

### **June 3**

**1916** Saturday. A bright fine day I worked in the garden. edged the border on the South side, but have not strength to accomplish very much. The white Lilacs are fine. Wrote to Clara.

**1917** Sunday Rainy in the morning I did not go to Church. Eva and the children went. Read several chapters of Amos. What an arrangement of sin and prophesy of punishment.

**1918** Monday. A beautiful day, cool and comfortable. I washed a little sewed a little, finishing a pr of trowsers for Harold and ironed a little and am tired more than a little. Letters from Dora and Emma.

**1919** Tuesday Very warm. too warm to sew but I have done that very thing should have rested more.

## June 4

**1916** Sunday. A bright morning but alas! rain in Afternoon & evening. We all went to Church in morning leaving baby with Annie. Mr Rutledge spoke on the Fatherhood of God. Communion -

**1917** Monday A beautiful day. I cleaned the guestroom.

All spring work is very late this year. Rain at night.

**1918** Tuesday. A rainy morning, but clearing towards noon.

Took up Sewing room carpet.

Baked bread

**1919** Wed. Still very warm. A little rain I have taken the edgeing off some old Curtains of Dora's. Letters from Dora. from Denver and from Eva. Fred has a man but he knows nothing about farming.

## June 5

**1916** Monday. Cloudy but no rain worked a little in garden. put out verbena plants.

Did some mending &c

Wrote to J. G. Wolverton.

**1917** Tuesday A rainy day. I made a dress for Marion.

**1918** Wed. A fine day. and a busy one I had a woman to help, took the old paper off my room and did some cleaning. Very tired but satisfied with the day's work.

**1919** Thursday Weather more comfortable bright in morning but clouding up. I had a busy morning cleaning silver and the rest of the regular housework. Dora expected to leave Denver today. Washington got my ticket and reservation for the Sleeper from Chicago to Woodstock \$16.50 Fares steadily increasing. Showers.

## June 6

**1916** Tuesday. Rain in evening. Eva went to Ingersol to Ass. meeting I repaired and cleaned my dresses. Wrote to Will and Frank on business matters.

**1917** Wednesday. Much rain and a heavy thunderstorm between 5 & 6 o'clock. The water is lying on the fields. Will the grain be drowned out? Fred drawing hay to market.

**1918** Thursday A thunderstorm in the early morning and some rain. Cleared up in afternoon so Eva and I went to town. I bought a rug for my room and did some other shopping. Raining tonight.

**1919** Friday Cloudy and showery. Arthur Hersce called again. hindered my morning work, However I got through and Dora came in the evening after a comfortable journey from Denver where she left Emma and the boys all well. It is good to have her home again after an absence of over three weeks. Thanks be unto our God.

### June 7

**1916** Wed. Rain all day. The ground so wet the cows cannot be let on the pastures. I made a skirt for Dora. Very muddy everywhere.

**1917** Thursday Still rainy A good deal of damage done last night. from the heavy rain. Culverts washed out, and a few buildings in town injured from the lightening Wrote to Minnie *{written vertically along right side}*

**1918** Friday A pleasant cool comfortable day. Everything grows finely these days. Had a woman and cleaned the sitting room in the Afternoon. I was very tired at night.

**1919** Saturday Fine weather. A busy day. talking Dora marketing, looking over accounts getting my trunk out and packing for the baggage man comes early Mondy morning I regret leaving this quiet restful home but I want to get home and the dear Children

### June 8

**1916** Thursday. A clear day, only a little rain towards evening. I began to clean the dining room. Put out a few verbenas. Will they grow in so much water?

**1917** Friday The prospect of rain prevented me from going to the Ass. Meeting of Circles as I planned to do. Sewing and some housework.

**1918** Saturday A fine day. And a busy one. I have done a good many odds and ends. and am very tired.

Fred planted potatoes. A letter from Emma

**1919** Sunday. A wonderful beautiful day. I went to Church at Englewood A good sermon on rearing an Altar to the Lord. Read a book Emma sent me on Girls. Much interested.

### **June 9**

**1916** Friday. Wrote to Newton. Worked an hour in the garden. Finished cleaning dining room. Rain in Afternoon.

**1917** Saturday Weather fine. I washed a little, sewed a little. A busy day and I was more than a little tired when night came.

**1918** Sunday Weather fine. Fred Harold and I went to Church. Our pastor talked about " Zeal & enthusiasm. In the Afternoon Mr & Mrs. Wm Parker called.

**1919** Monday. Cloudy This morning but hope it may clear up. Finishing my packing. I had a good restful night. Left Chicago at 10-45. Dora and W. Came to the Station with me.

### **JUNE 10**

**1916** Saturday. Much rain, O so much. put up Curtains and down rug in dining room. Sewed a little in afternoon. Letter from Will & Frank Fred not well.

**1917** Sunday Another fine day. We all went to Church Mr Rutledge gave Assocional reports I rested in afternoon.

**1918** Monday. A little rain last night but a nice day. Clothes got dry. I did many little items of work and mending as I expect to go to Brantford tomorrow to the Baptist Association.

**1919** Tuesday Arrived at Woodstock at 1.8 P.m. I had a very comfortable journey. Eva met me. found all well when I reached home. I am thankful.

### **JUNE 11**

**1916** Sunday Day fine. no rain. Flower day and children's day at Church. Dedication day for all the babies of which there were a good many. A fine service. Mr Rutledge then gave the life of Edwin E Davis Our Martyr Missionary. A memorial service.

**1917** Monday We are thankful for these fine days. Clothes all got dry. I washed and ironed curtains. And was very tired.

**1918** Tuesday. Fine. I went to Brantford Miss Marquis met Mrs. Wm. Parker and I at the we had dinner with Miss Marquis and then went to Calvay Baptist Ch. Our Womens Homes and Foreign Annual Associal Meeting was in Afternoon and Evening. Attendance and interest good. Ida Baker was present. She went with me to Mrs. Kempts where we staid.

**1919** Wed. Very warm and dry. Unpacking and getting settled. Wrote to Dora and sent enclosed 5.<sup>00</sup> hope it may reach her.

### **JUNE 12**

**1916** Monday A fine day. We churned and butter not very good. Fred had cream and no where to put it. I canned my maple syrup and sewed some. A very busy day and I was very tired at night. too tired.

**1917** Tuesday The men came to paint the outside of the house. I began cleaning the sitting room. Weather fine. Fred at Mr Trees' putting in corn.

**1918** Wed. A thunder storm last night. Ida left for Toronto in the morning. I went to the General Ass. Meeting. Had a little visit with Mr Bates. He conducted a conference on Church finance. Mr Merrill also conducted one on "The work of the Boards." both these conferences were very good. Address by Mr Mathews on Organization. Good. I met many old friends and some new ones.

**1919** Thursday Washed my bedspreads Very warm. put away my fur Coat. began housecleaning in the guest room.

### **JUNE 13**

**1916** Tuesday Another day without rain the ground surely will dry some. too wet to work as yet. Nancy Green spent the day with us. A pleasant visit with her.

**1917** Wed. A fine day but a heavy thunder storm towards night. washed and ironed sitting room curtains. Eva and I fixed my screen door up stairs Cleaned eave trough. Jas and Jenny W in town. did not come out We are so upset generally. Men painting. Letter from Clara.

**1918** Thursday Weather fine but cool almost cold. Many good things at the meeting today especially an address on S.S. work by Mr Langton of Paris. I was too tired to stay for all of the evening Meeting,

## Home

**1919** Friday began cleaning my room I work slowly, but will get through sometime. Farm man sick Eva had to take him to the doctor.

### JUNE 14

**1916** Wed. A little rain today. How long for continued dry weather. I sewed today for the Children, mending &c. There is always much in that line that needs doing.

**1917** Thursday. Wrote to Clara and some business letters.

Finished cleaning Sitting room. Painters did not work today.

**1918** Friday Fine but cold. I came home this morning Laura Parker came with me Eva met me at the train. I think I am better for this little outing, and am glad to be home again. Pleasant home during the Meetings at Mrs. Kemp's.

**1919** Saturday Warm and dry. We long for rain. Very busy, finished cleaning my room. Very tired and no time to tidy up the dining room.

### JUNE 15

**1916** Thursday Signs of rain but no rain came for which we are thankful. Union Mission Circle in Oxford St. Church. A very good Meeting. We thank thee O Lord for it.

**1917** Friday It has not cleared up Some rain. Very wet Fred cannot work on the land. He drew bailed hay from Station. Letters and papers from Dora. Planning trousers fr Harold

**1918** Saturday Weather fine. I did housework mostly today. with odd jobs between. The County is very beautiful.

**1919** Sunday Weather fine but warm and dry. Fred Harold and I went to Church. Rev. Mr. Jaynes preached. Subject "The joy the Lord has in his people". I did not have a restful afternoon. Very hot and children restless

### JUNE 16

**1916** Friday. Fine in morning but rain towards evening. I went to town in morning with Eva. Arranged about my ticket, and did a little shopping. Sewed in Afternoon. Eva made calls in Afternoon.

**1917** Saturday. Fine today The men painted part of yesterday. Did not come today Finished Harold's trousers I am getting a little sewing done

Very tired at night.

**1918** Sunday Beautiful weather. We all went to Church, Children's Day. A pleasant service mostly by the children. I rested in Afternoon.

**1919** Monday. House cleaning is the order of the day.

### **JUNE 17**

**1916** Saturday. Rain in Afternoon. Fred got some mangle seeds in. Such a busy day. Washing, ironing & sweeping. Very tired at night. I must not do so much in one day.

**1917** ~~Sat~~ Sunday. A fine day We all went to Church. Text "Come unto me all ye weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**1918** Monday Weather fine. A little warmer. A busy day, washing &c I washed the sitting room curtains. A letter from Belle Wolverton Mr Rutledge helping Fred.

19 House cleaning.

### **JUNE 18**

**1916** Sunday A rainy morning but Clear in Afternoon. I did not go to Church. Eva and Children went. I read the Baptist. A strong call for money for educational work.

**1917** Money. Rainy by spells. Cut out a dress for Marion Weather very unsettled and not good for farming operations

**1918** Tuesday Such fine weather. Not too hot, almost too cool. Eva & I registered. I spent the day in town, the forenoon with Mrs. Withrow and the Afternoon at Mrs Rutledge's A pleasant day indeed. but I came home tired.

19 House cleaning

### **JUNE 19**

**1916** Monday A rainy morning and cold. I did many odds & ends of work. Finished a skirt for Dora. knitting on a stocking for baby Marion. A letter from Harold in India.

**1917** Tuesday Bright during the day but a thunder storm in the evening altho not much rain fell. I worked all day on a belt for Marion's dress.

**1918** Wed. Cool and pleasant. I have been very busy. Ironed the dining room curtains and the table cover Got on some screens and other items of work. This is a work a day world truly.

**1919** I have cleaned guest room my room, Sitting room and dining room. have been pretty tired so tired I had to leave some things undone.

#### **JUNE 20**

**1916** Tuesday A dull morning a little sunshine during the day. I ironed and did some mending. Letters from Dora and Clara. Mrs. Craig Mrs. Moon & Mrs. Barton called.

**1917** Wed. A bright morning but rain at noon which lasted long enough to wet things generally. too wet to put in corn and the painters had to leave I sewed most of the day.

**1918** Thursday A pleasant day. Eva and I went to the Union Circle Meeting at the Church. Attendance very good. I presided and had a good time. Assocional reports by delegates who attended. Mrs. Webb. Mrs Springham Mrs Pengilly. Mrs Wm Parker. All very good. Mrs. McLeod sang a solo. Mrs Fred Goble closed with prayer No. luncheon. A good meeting. Mrs Rutledge read The Scripture. *{written veritcally in right margin}*

**1919** Friday I did some washing Weather fine but very dry Eva and Rose went to Guelph.

#### **JUNE 21**

**1916** Wed. Packing up and getting ready to go away. Day pleasant but cool. No rain. For which we are thankful.

**1917** Thursday A bright day like an oasis amid so much rain. Union Mission Circle. A very good Meeting, but rather disapointing in some ways.

**1918** Friday. Rain in forenoon and some showers during the day. I have not felt very well. have sewed some. In the evening a male quartette of which Fred is a member had a practise here. others came about a dozen. had a lunch. good music but late hours.

**1919** Saturday A busy day at house work. Sweeping dusting and may other things.

## JUNE 22

**1916** Thursday A bright cool day. Eva and I drove to town. Got my ticket and trunk checked for Aultsville. I am well and thankful "Thus far I am led.

**1917** Friday Wrote to Dora Sewing on Marion's dress

**1918** Saturday. A dull damp morning. Forget what I did this day but think it was housework.

Wrote to Norah.

**1919** Sunday. Went to Church in the morning. Mr Ackland preached. Went Fred, Dora, Harold and I to Mrs. Clarkson's funeral. Many people. very hot. Mr Davidson came home with us.

## JUNE 23

**1916** Friday. A beautiful day Eva drove me to the Station. got a train at 6.24 for Prescott Ticket from Prescott to Aultsville. found Margaret, Eliz. & George waiting for me. Mr Brownell brought us over to the Sale cottage. *{last word vertically written to the right of entry}*

**1917** Saturday A rainy day. Not much work in garden or on farm Eva had the dining room paper taken off. I sewed what I could, but did not seem to accomplish much

**1918** Sunday A very cold morning I made a fire in my kitchen and tried to keep warm. Fred and the Children went to Church, and Eva and Children to S.S. in Afternoon.

**1919** Tuesday 24th Very hot and dry I ironed in the morning and made a pie for dinner. Fred planted some potatoes in afternoon. Cloudy sprinkled toward night. May showers come.

## JUNE 24

St. Lawrence River La Cabannes

A little rain today

**1916** Saturday. I am here at Clara's home Very tired last night but had a good night's rest. Yesterday a very satisfactory day How good it is to be so preserved & cared for. Margaret & I very busy today getting housekeeping in order *{last two words written vertically on right}*

**1917** Sunday A pleasant day after so much rain. We all went to Church "Childrens day". A fine service. Our pastor spoke on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ps. Large Attendance

**1918** Monday. Washing day. Clothes all got dry. I ironed my curtains. Went down to the barn

**1919** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Very warm Annie washed and I did house work Eva and Rose came home Fred went to the Station for them.

### **JUNE 25**

**1916** Sunday A fine day. I did not go out. Margaret and the children went to a service at a little church not far away. Very quiet & restful Sabbath quiet and Sabbath rest.

**1917** Monday A fine day amid so many rainy ones. Finished Marions white dress.

**1918** Tuesday. Weather fine. Eva helped Annie clean her room I sewed some. and as usual got very tired

**1919** Wed, A lovely gentle rain this morning. Cloudy & Misty all day. I am feeling tired. Mending &c. This rain is very delightful, a real God send, but we need more.

### **JUNE 26**

**1916** Monday Some rain. The days are busy here have done some mending for the children. Reading "Seventeen" by Booth Tarkington. Funny but not worth reading.

**1917** Tuesday Rain all day

**1918** Wed. Weather continues fine I did not feel well and staid in bed until noon. In the afternoon I helped Annie in the cellar. cleaning, Fred at barn raising in Afternoon.

**1919** Thursday Weather fine and not so hot. Eva and I went to town I got curtains for my room and guest room and called to see Mrs. Parker. Very tired at night. too tired to sleep Roses picnic  
{written vertically on right side}

### **June 27**

**1916** Tuesday. A grey Morning some rain in Afternoon. Wrote to Dora.

We are still cleaning up and getting things in order.

**1917** Wed. Eva and I went to town in the morning. Did some shopping and looked after train times &c The painter came in Afternoon. A fine day. Cut out trowsers for Harold.

**1918** Thursday, Fine Eva drove out for Mrs. Rutledge and her neices two young girls to spend the day. All I think had a pleasant time. I was tired from the morning work. Fred went to help finish up the barn raising. Eva took our guests home in evening.

**1919** Friday Very dry but weather otherwise very comfortable. cleaned my room, got up curtains.

### **June 28**

**1916** Wed. A rainy day. I am reading "Pendenis" by Thackery. Am interested.

**1917** Thursday Another rainy day. The painter came and papered the dining room.

**1918** Friday a busy day in the house Eva did some extra washing we are hoping for rain.

**1919** Saturday We are hoping for rain so very dry. I finished the curtains and put up those in the guest room.

### **JUNE 29**

**1916** Thursday. Margaret and I did some washing. grey in morning but cleared up and clothes got dry. A shower in forenoon

**1917** Friday Rain in Morning but cleared up later. A very busy day putting dining room in order, put up pictures, books and rubbing up furniture and finishing up everything.

**1918** Saturday Another fine warm day Eva's birthday. I did some washing. Made bread. got too tired.

Mrs Waters and Dorothy came from Guelph in Afternoon.

**1919** Sunday. Fred, Eva, Harold and I went to Church. fine sermon Thanksgiving for the signing of peace. Retribution, remembrance & rededication.

### **June 30**

**1916** Friday A week ago I left home. The days beside this fine river are pleasant. Card from Eva, all well at home. A week old paper came. Dont know what is going on in the world. *{last four words written vertically on right side}*

**1917** Saturday A bright morning. Eva & the children went to town. I wrote to Emma. Sewing in Afternoon. It is very nice to have the house cleaning an all finished up after so long a time.

**1918** Sunday Cloudy and a little sprinkle during the day. Fred, Dora, Harold, Dorothy and I went to Church, and Eva & children to S.S. in afternoon. A heavy shower came after Supper. A welcome rain

**1919** Monday Fine but no rain, Eva and the children went to town to see the Peace parade. Not much demonstration or enthusiasm. I fixed a dress for Dora and got the dinner.

### MEMORANDA

**1916** Saturday A beautiful day. Spent the forenoon cleaning the living room &c. The maid Clara sent from Boston came Afternoon. We will be releived of housework.

**19** {No Entry}

**19** The month of June has been a very rainy month. Hope July will behave better

**19** The Eropean war goes on with if anything renewed violence Many Canadians have died or are missing. Many Canadian

**19** homes are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Verdun is still held by the French. **1918** The Germans did not take Verdun. The war continues, Alas!

### July 1

**1916** ~~Saturday~~ // {two slashes}

**1917** Sunday. Rained nearly all day. We did not go to Church. Annie went to S.S.

Read and rested all day

Wrote

**1918** Monday. Cloudy with occasional sprinkling. A sharp shower in evening. I ironed some, sewed some, wrote to Dora. sent proxy for Sunset Mills Annual meeting and so the day passed.

Tuesday

**1919** Confederation day. No one celebrating from here.

Eva went with the milk. Annie washed, I did housework. Hilon Pedly helping Fred two days.

## JUNE 2

### The River

**1916** Sunday. Rain all day We all staid in the house and read and rested. Even if it had been fine there was neither Church or S.S. to go to in this place.

**1917** Monday A bright day after yesterday's rain.

Finished some sewing. Went to Mrs. Chapins in Afternoon. Staid to tea. Eva & children went to Town. Letters from Dora and Frank *{last two words written vertically on right}*

**1918** Tuesday. Cold for July. but bright in morning. I am not very well so lame and a good deal of pain in hands and arms and cannot sew much. Two things I did today. pressed a pr of pants for Fred and got the sleigh robes cleaned and put away. Wrote to George *{last sentence written vertically to the right}*

**1919** Wed. Very hot and no rain. Sewing on a Jacket I cut out for myself yesterday.

Carson came to help Fred in haying today.

## July 3

**1916** Monday still it rains. I wrote to Sunset Mills" and to Dora. Eva and Harold. read some and knit some. The Globe" came. Verdun is still in the French hands.

**1917** Tuesday. Finished Harolds trousers did some mending some ironing and generally very busy.

**1918** Wednesday. Weather good but cool. looked like rain in morning, but later seemed to clear up. Mrs. Waters and Dorothy here. I made bread today & sewed a little. Fred has a new man another {Ba}tered farmer. Fred cut a little hay since supper. nearly 11,o,'clock when he came in.

**19** Thursday The heat continues and increases. I do not get much sewing done. too much housework after which I am too tired to sew.

## July 4

**1916** Tuesday a grey day and some rain. Wrote to Harold Wolverton in India. A Card to Eva. Very quiet here. no July 4th demonstrations.

**1917** Wed. A fine day. Eva and I went to town in the forenoon, I got my ticket and trunk checked for Prescott. Ticket for P. & Trunk for Aultsville. Called on Mrs Cockburn & Mrs. Reason.

**1918** Thursday I worked two hours in the garden and got very warm and tired.

**1919** Friday The heat is very great and no rain. Fred overcome with it for a time. both Dora and Harold helping in the hayfield.

## **JULY 5**

**1916** Wed. A fine day. I washed my flannels and they got dry reading much and knitting little

**1917** Thursday Left Woodstock 6\_5 in the morning for Aultsville. Eva drove to the Station with me. Got up soon after 4 to get ready.

reached Aultsville about 4 in afternoon the cottage perhaps about 5 Margaret and the Children came about noon.

**1918** Friday Fine weather for haying I did a little sewing Put a binding on my best dress and cleaned the collar.

Ther. registered 99 in some places.

**1919** Saturday All available hands in the hayfield. Eva went to town and Mr Clarkson came to help. I have helped all day in the kitchen Very tired A little rain in the evening.

## **July 6**

**1916** Thursday Fine Card from Eva, George Goble and his wife have been at Penhurst, Came Sat 1<sup>st</sup> and staid until Monday.

### **La Cabanne**

**1917** Friday A Beautiful day. We have been very busy Margaret and I cleaning up and getting supplies of various kinds I wrote to Eva and Globe Very tired but will rest tonight. tired nature's sweet restorer balmy Sleep"

**1918** Saturday Weather fine. Fred got in hay in Afternoon. He worked out until nearly 11 o'clock. S.S. picnic only Annie went. Eva went with the cream to town. I worked in Kitchen in forenoon. rested some in Afternoon.

**1919** Sunday Weather fine. No one went to Church. All so tired from the excessive heat of the week I read and rested. A day of rest is truly God given.

## **JULY 17**

**1916** Friday Some rain and some sunshine. The days are much alike here. The children and I brushed off the potato bugs. The garden is growling finely. Finished "Pendennis".

**1917** Saturday Fine weather. We are trying to get into living order. Many things to do.

**1918** Sunday. Beautiful weather. Fred the Children and I went to Church. Subject Thomas' confession, "My Lord and my God" rested and read in Afternoon. Beautiful rest days.

**1919** Monday A delightful day but very dry. Good hay weather I did a little cleaning, a little sewing and as usual got tired. A letter from Emma.

## **July 8**

**1916** Saturday Cloudy but no rain Margaret away part the day attending a birthday picnic of a young girl near here. I wrote to Will Two Globes came plenty of reading

**1917** Sunday Another fine day but cloudy towards evening I read the July Miss, Review" an interesting Number. Did not go to Church.

**1918** Monday A fine hay making day. Fred got in 15 loads in good Condition. Mr Clarkson helped in afternoon.

**1919** Tuesday Fine hay weather but everything else needs rain badly Have done mostly house work today. Reading a little about our Mission Stations. Eva went to a sale.

## **July 9**

**1916** Sunday A very beautiful day. I have read the "Standard" and most of 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. read to the children after they were in bed. Much of Sabbath rest.

**1917** Monday. Heavy rain in the evening. Made the mistake of turning two leaves. How careless of me.

**1918** Tuesday A grey rainy day just a very moderate rain, but no haymaking. I baked bread. Looks tonight as if it might be clearing up.

**1919** Wed. Another good hay day. Clouded up towards night and rain for about 5 minutes a few minutes more in the night.

Eva & Dora went to a Women's Meeting.

### July 10

**1916** Monday A beautiful day I had a letter from Dora who is unsettled about Summer plans. Washington not well. Some young people to tea here. Ans. Dora's letter.

This should be Tuesday 10th

**1917** Sunday Sunday was 8th *{written vertically along right side}* Another fine day but cloudy towards night At home all day. Read the July Miss Review An interesting No. Margaret went to a nearby meeting. Too far for me to walk.

**1918** Wed. A rainy day. Not good for haying I have not felt very well have knitted some. My hands are painful and stiff. Letter from Elizabeth.

**1919** Thursday Weather warm and fine and dry. I covered Fred's kitchen chair and cleaned bath room. Eva cleaned the hall. Fred cutting hay.

### July 11

**1916** Tuesday Another fine day. I did a little washing. Margaret and Children had a picnic over to the Island Beautiful surroundings here. bright water and green trees. And rest.

This should be Wed. 11th

**1917** Monday Cloudy all day some rain, and heavy in the evening trying to get the house in order. Margarets bed fell down and various vicisitudes befall us. no mail no papers

**1918** Thursday Cleaning up. Some hay making. Card from Clara and letter from Ida Baker.

### July 12

**1916** Wednesday. Wrote to Jenny Wolverton and Eva. A severe thunder storm in the afternoon and heavy rain. Letters and papers from Eva. Lizzie Walker died Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. The poor tired body is at rest. I will write to her sister.

This should be Tues record

**1917** ~~Tuesday~~ Thursday A tiresome day the coal oil stove will not work, and we have no bread, and the coal oil can leaks, and Margarets bed fell down, and it is rainy dull weather.

**1918** Friday Weather good. Fred got in 8 loads of hay. Stoning cherries and canning. Fred got in 8 laods of hay. We are all busy these days.

**1919** Saturday finished cleaning hall and ironed and put up curtains.

### July 13

**1916** Thursday Cloudy in morning, but fine in afternoon and a beautiful moonlight evening. I have done a lot of mending today. Children clothes mostly. Have felt very well.

**1917** Friday. No rain today

**1918** Saturday Fine bright morning, Eva takes the milk and cream often to Town. Mrs. Waters and Dorothy went home and Dora went with them for a visit. Eva drove them to the Station in the afternoon. Haymaking going on.

**1919** Sunday Went to Church Mr Ackland preached. Subject the Christian life. Joy. Assurance, safety. Studied our Mission Stations in Afternoon. Weather fine. No rain

### July 14

**1916** Friday A warm clear day. A cleaning day here. There is not much dust but spider webs and bugs in plenty. Wrote to Mrs. Parker. Letters from Eva, Dora and Emma

**1917** Saturday There has been rain every day this week but one. but not heavy storms.

**1918** Sunday Again the day of rest returns. Fred, Eva, Harold and I went to Church. No minister came. Mr Scofield conducted a prayer meeting which with the song service was very good. Think Jesus was present

Day very warm and pleasant.

**1919** Monday. Not quite as hot as it has been but no rain. doing some housework some sewing and some missionary reading. Eva and children /went to a social.

Letters from Norah

## July 15

**1916** Saturday A fine day. Clara came from Boston. It is good to have her here. I wrote to Emma. Clara brought a basket of fruit and much good cheer.

St. Lawrence

**1917** Sunday. No one went to Church from here. Margaret not very well. I read to the Children in Afternoon.

**1918** Monday Another fine day. Fred busy in the hay. We stoned and canned more cherries. Eva picked these from our own trees

**1919** Tuesday Still very warm but cooler tonight A sprinkle of rain last night. have been working at fruit all day. Goose berries and Cherries. tired tonight.

## July 16

**1916** Sunday. I did not go out, Clara and children went to S.S. and a Service. A quiet day. I read the Baptist" and Standard", and rested some. A thunder storm in Evening.

**1917** Monday A fine day. Margaret and I try to give Eliz and George two hours of lessons in the forenoon. They are backward in reading. I wrote to Eva.

**1918** Tuesday A gray morning but some sunshine during the day. Housework the days work Washing &c A sharp shower about 6 o'clock. Fred rushed in his hay, got all in but about two loads. Rain was needed.

**1919** Wed. Cooler but no rain. No vegetables. Much that was put in has not germinated at all. doing some missionary reading.

## July 17

**1916** Monday. A warm day but pleasant. A lot of mail. Letters from Norah, Frank, and business from Sunset Mills. Message from Eva all well at home. Papers, much reading.

**1817** Tuesday Day fine but rain in evening and during the night. Each day brings some little extra work so the days are full.

**1918** Wed. Clearing up. Clothes finishing drying and ironing done A little housework and a little resting was my part. besides I pressed Fred's trousers. Wrote to Elizabeth.

**1919** Thursday Weather fine and warm. Went to Mission Circle. not many out. I told about our Mission Stations. I was too long but we learned much I think. Did a little shopping after

### July 18

**1916** Tuesday A very warm day not trying to do much just try to keep cool. read "New Chronicles of Rebecca", and the "Globe."

#### La Cabanne

**1917** Wed. A letter from Will which I answered. Growing very warm. Mending Comforters that the mice ate during the winter here.

**1918** Thursday A warm bright day I wrote to Ida Baker. Eva and I went to Mission Circle in Afternoon. Good attendance and good meeting at Mrs. Gibson's. I wrote to little Dora after I came home.

**1919** Friday Still warm and O so dry. I did some washing got very tired. Wrote to Newton acknowledging receipt of papers making over "Sunset Mills stock to Will and Frank. that and "Pacific Investment equally divided between the two boys.

### July 19

**1916** Wednesday not quite as hot as yesterday. A cool breeze if one can find it. Wrote to Fanny. Her father died at Lindsay the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst, He was full of years and honors.

**1917** Thursday *{No Entry}*

**1918** Friday Weather fine, good hay weather. Mr Fowler came and papered my room and the bath room and put in some glass for which I paid him \$5.00

**1919** Saturday I did some sewing for Dora. Eva finished cleaning her kitchen. A general holiday A Peace Celebration.

### July 20

**1916** Thursday Another very hot day even here it is hot only on the River is it cool. I washed a little. too hot in Afternoon to do anything but read. Read "The Master's violin."

**1917** Friday A heavy thunder and wind storm towards night. Margaret went to a Church concert in evening.

**1918** Saturday Fine. Fred cut down hay after chores until about midnight. beautiful moonlight. Fowler came and put a coat of paint on my floor. and one coat on most of the wood work.

**1919** Sunday Fred Dora, Harold and I went to Church. A Mr Pollock preached. Warm and close in Church. I was too tired and sleepy to listen . A grand rain in the afternoon.

### **July 21**

**1916** Friday four weeks since I left home. I wish I could see the dear children there. Dora, Harold & Marion. Wrote to Nora at Lewisburgh Pa.

**1917** Saturday The days are busy here with the housekeeping and lessons in the forenoons for the children.

**1918** Sunday Fine but very warm. Fred Harold and I went to Church A Rev. Mr Soules preached. "Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated." Jacob tho not by any means perfect could cooperate with God in His great plans and purposes in regard to man.

**1919** Monday Warm and Cloudy most of the day with a little sprinkle of rain. I have not felt very well. did a little sewing and a little ironing. A box of cherries came from Bro. Neuton. Nelson B.C.

### **July 22**

**1916** Saturday A very warm day. Rain would be very acceptable. I am busy in the forenoons but do not do much the rest of the day not even to knit It is so warm.

**1917** Sunday A very warm day and some rain. I did not go out. Reading "The secret garden" to the children.

**1918** Monday A very warm day Ther. 92 I did quite a washing. Fred drawing in hay 10 loads. Worked very fast, looked so like rain. Annie helping, and Harold

**1919** Tuesday Weather fine. Doing various things some washing. Washed and ironed Dora's best dress. Some mending &c

### **July 23**

**1916** Sunday Another very warm day too warm to even read much Margaret and the children went to S.S. A few here in the evening for Singing.

**1917** Monday A very warm day Letter from Dora she expects to come here in Aug. Washed a little in the morning but had to rest in afternoon.

**1918** Tuesday Very warm, cloudy and sprinkled some during forenoon but bright in Afternoon and Eva got her clothes dry. I ironed O! so warm. Mr & Mrs. Bert Karn called in evening

**1919** Wed Very warm. Letters from Clara, Fred getting ready to go on a trip tomorrow. I wrote to Newton A poultry demostration here today. Packed my trunk.

### July 24

**1916** Monday Dreadfully hot

**1917** Tuesday A letter from Will. Good to get letters but it is too hot and too many bugs to write much.

**1918** Wed. Warmer still today. I have had to rest a good deal. I did too much the last two days. A thunder storm towards night. Fowler put another coat of paint on. Eva away in Afternoon at Red Cross work. Card from Clara.

**1919** Thursday Still warm Fred and Harold have gone for a week's holiday. Will leave Toronto at 3, o'clock by boat for Montreal and Saguenay. May the Lord in His infinite goodness take care of them. I have sewed all day mending &c.

### July 25

**1916** Tuesday Seemed cooler in the morning but as hot as ever in Afternoon. I did some mending. How dreadful it must be in the trenches where our boys are fighting

#### River

**1917** Wed. Very hot weather. I cannot do very much work. I had planned to do both knitting and sewing. Word from home All well.

**1918** Thursday. Very warm, almost every day a little rain War news more favorable to Allies. I have been reading some old McMaster Monthlies in which there is much interesting.

#### River

**1919** Friday A fine day. I got up a little after 3 o'clock. O, so early, Called the rest got away in time to get a train at 5.10 at Woodstock for Prescott & Aultsville Clara met me at Morrisburgh. Got to the Cottage about 5 after a long tiresome day.

## July 26

**1916** Wed A shower in Afternoon which has cooled the air. It has been 95 in Toronto. 250  
Children died in Montreal from heat.

River

**1917** Thursday I cleaned my room. The children's lessons x *{written above "s"}* take most of the forenoon. x Elizabeth and George's lessons.

**1918** Friday. Very hot but a little wind A little shower in forenoon.

I did a little mending. My doing seems to be only by littles. I feel the heat.

River

**1919** Saturday. I rested today did not wake up until 10 o'clock much suprised when I woke up. Clara and Margaret went to Massena.

## July 27

**1916** Thursday. It is much cooler but very smoky. There must be forest fires somewhere. Now it is cooler I am knitting some.

**1917** Friday Cooler. Housework most of the time

**1918** Saturday Still very warm I swept sitting room dining room and baked bread. Very tired at night.

A fine week. A little rain every day

**1919** Sunday Very warm. Have read a little and rested Very windy and rain. Margaret and Children went to Church. We sang in evening.

**1916** Friday Very hot 85 in Toronto

**1917** Saturday day pleasant. Making a Cushion for a Chair Plenty of vegetables. Peas. Beans and beets.

**1918** Sunday. Day of rest". We all went to Church but Annie Very warm especially in Afternoon. Mr Rutledge preached and gave in his resignation as pastor.

**1919** Monday I got up late and am not doing much. Wrote to Eva. heavy rain last night I did not sleep well.

### July 29

#### La Cabanne

**1916** Saturday still very warm but a little cooler. Letters from Eva and little Dora no rain at home very dry and hot.

**1917** Sunday Some rain but just sprinkling at several times. Finished reading "The Secret garden" by Mrs. Burnett to the children.

**1918** Monday A bright morning Fred had some hay cut, but clouded up in afternoon and a heavy shower came, with thunder and lightening. A great surprise came to me. A fine rug from my boys.

1919 Tuesday Here at the River We were pleasantly surprised while at dinner on the piazza to have Fred and Harold come So glad to see them.

### July 30

**1916** Sunday A very sultry hot day I did not feel well.

Song service in the evening heat, and bugs and flies made it unpleasant.

**1917** Monday. Very warm today very windy which made the heat more bearable. A letter from Will I wrote to little Dora.

**1918** Tuesday. Cleared up during the day. Some hay drawn in, in Afternoon. Eva and Harold went to a farmer's picnic\_ I did housework and some mending.

**1919** Wed. So cool we need a little fire Mornings and Evenings. Fred and Harold here all day. Mr Brownell took all but me up the River for a motor trip as far as Chrysler's farm. they took their lunch reported a good time. Letters from Eva and Harold Wolverton in India.

### July 31

**1916** Monday The weather is a little cooler. My bed fell down and Clara has fixed the bedstead. It is a good thing to know how to use a saw and a plane.

**1917** Tuesday Another very warm day. I sew a little, read a little. I am reading Mr Brittling by T G Wells. Much about the beginning of the war. And I wash the dishes We are quiet and Comfortable here.

**1918** Wed. Weather fine and cool. I took up the dining room Carpet preparatory to cleaning.

**1919** Thursday We got up early to get Fred off, but he missed the stage & staid another day. Weather fine. Some rain at night. Harold is to stay here. Mrs. Laycock Senior, died on this date.

### MEMORANDA

19 Amt stock in Sunset Mills  
1279 shares at 1.00 share  
Offer \$2.25 per share  
100 shares for grand children

**1918** July has been a delightful month A few very hot days but mostly cool and rain coming very oppotunely. Crops except the wheat look well, hay good.

**1919** July A very dry month Hay in, in good order. So dry not much else to bring in. No vegetables, Very little growth. Rain much needed. Fred and Harold left for a trip down the St. Lawrence on the 24<sup>th</sup> I left for Clara's at the River on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### AUGUST 1

#### River

**1916** Tuesday. A very pleasant cool day. had a little fire in the morning. It was Comfortable. I wrote to little Dora and Knit.

**1917** Wednesday A very hot day Ther has been as high as 98 in Toronto. Mending a little and housework and I have to rest occasionally Wrote to Will & Clara.

**1918** Thursday Fine, cool & pleasant. With a little help I cleaned the dining room and did not get very tired. I am surely stronger. And am Thankful.

**1919** Friday. Fred left this morning. I slept late, About the same routine here We sleep and eat a good deal. And dont do much else

## AUGUST 2

**1916** Wednesday A beautiful day Cool and bright but very dry. Nothing unusual happened today.

### River

**1917** Thursday Last night was very warm. Not good for sleeping but it grew Cloudy and Cooler towards night. I have been here four weeks.

### At Home

**1918** Friday Weather very fine I cleaned my kitchen A hard day's work but I stood it finely. Washed the ceiling and walls. Letters from Clara & Elizabeth. Fred, Eva & Harold went to a Red Cross gathering.

**1919** Saturday Cool we need a little fire. The Children go in bathing every day. I am trying to sew a little. The River is ever an attraction.

## August 3

**1916** Thursday. Indications of rain but no rain came. Letter from Newton and papers to sign about "Sunset Mills" Investment Signed papers and sent to Newton.

### River

**1917** Friday Much cooler this morning. I did a little washing Eva writes Their Garden Party Last Thursday was very successful \$180.00 the result for the Parsonage.

### Home

**1918** Saturday. A busy day finishing up and putting down new rug in dining room. It is very good.

Mrs. Davison and Billee came home with Dora from Guelph. Weather very warm again and very dry We long for rain.

### River

**1919** Sunday Another Sunday here which does not seem like Sunday No Church for any one to go to. A few neighbours came in the Evening to sing on the verandah. I enjoyed it.

## August 4

**1916** Friday. I washed some in morning. Very hot in Afternoon.

The great heat general every where.

**1917** Saturday A fine day. Clara came from Boston much to the joy of all. We looked for her at noon but trains were delayed and she did not arrive until afternoon.

**1918** Sunday A fine day. We went to Church. A Mr Sedgeworth preached and after Communion, The daily living of. Christians and must preach the Gospel.

**1919** Monday Like other days. Sleeping, reading, working and eating.

### **August 5**

**1916** Saturday Another hot day A breeze makes the heat a little more endurable. Pulled a few weeds in the garden. Weeds grow if it is dry.

#### River

**1917** Sunday Weather fine but it did not seem like Sunday. There are two cases of smallpox in the immediat neighbourhood and Clara & Children went to Louisville and were all vaccinated. Dinner at 6,o'clock.

**1918** Monday Very warm. highest in Toronto yesterday was 93.

Mrs. Beatty and the Misses Taylor called today. Old friends always welcome.

**1919** Thursday At the River. All well. Harold is learning to swim.

### **AUGUST 6**

**1916** Sunday. Cooler. A fine day I rested. Seemed to need rest. A delightful Song Service in the evening. A good many out.

**1917** Monday Weather continued fine and dry but much wind. I am getting a cold.

Letter from little Dora.

**1918** Tuesday Very warm indeed Mrs. Davidson and Billy went home. Eva took them to the Station. I ironed some.

**1919** Wed. Very warm. I finished a skirt I have been working on for Dora.

## AUGUST 7

**1916** Monday. Cool in morning but very hot during the day. Letters from Eva Miss Stone and Norah. I pulled weeds in the garden towards evening. Very tired.

**1917** Tuesday. Fine. My cold makes me feel rather unwell. Margaret has a cold too. Just doing housework.

**1918** Wed. Heat is very great. I got my curtains up and pictures hung. Too warm to work hard. Fred cutting oats and barley. Very dry. O for rain

Very warm. River

**1919** Thursday Letters from home It is good to get them. from Fred, Dora and Eva. All well at that end of the line. Also a letter from Dora Laycock at Lakeville.

## AUGUST 8

**1916** Tuesday A dull morning but cleared up towards noon. Clara and Margaret went to Massena, and Dora came A comfort to have her.

**1917** Wed. A dull rainy day. I staid in bed until after noon. My cold worse. Card from Dora she is in Maine at Kennebunk with Rose

**1918** Thursday I do not remember that anything special happened this day.

River

**1919** Friday Very warm yesterday but cool enough to need a fire this morning. I wrote home yesterday.

*{written in different colour ink}* Frank came in afternoon

## AUGUST 9

**1916** Wednesday A gracious rain last night and a dull morning. but all, everyone except me went on an excursion to Ogdensburgh, And came home in a heavy rain. I had a quiet all alone day.

**1917** Thursday. A heavy shower last night. The garden needed it. My cold better. Wrote to Norah

**1918** Friday Weather continued warm I cleaned the woodwork in the up stairs hall. Nice to get it done. I was very tired at night. Letters from Dora and Emma.

**1919** Saturday At the River Frank here.

Clara Frank and Margaret went to Aultsville

#### **AUGUST 10**

**1916** Thursday A fine bright day I wrote to Tessa.

Pleasant days by this grand old river. Wonder how long it has been going on? ever to the Sea

**1917** Friday not very well. My cold clings

**1918** Saturday Very warm. I washed quite a large washing, the guest room sheets, counterpane &c, Very tired.

**1919** Sunday Rain in afternoon and threatening in Evening. not many at Song Service. Frank read the 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm. All went to the Church in afternoon but me.

#### **AUGUST 11**

##### River

**1916** Friday. Pleasant morning but rain in Afternoon. About twelve young people came by invitation to spend the evening. too cloudy for moonlight on the river so spent the evening in games and music and refreshments. Pleasant time.

**1917** Saturday. A beautiful day. Letters from Charlotte and Eva a busy day and I got very tired not feeling well.

**1918** Sunday I did not go to Church have felt the heat very much all day. The children did not go to S.S. in Afternoon too hot.

**1919** Monday Warm but pleasant A wonderful electrical display in the heavens at night.

#### **AUGUST 12**

**1916** Saturday. I cant remember what kind of a day it was but presume it was much like other days. Wrote to Eva.

**1917** Sunday. A very warm day not like Sunday here when there is no Service of any kind, but then is still the Sabbath rest — blessed provision

**1918** Monday Very hot. I ironed in Afternoon. The heat was great

**1919** Tuesday Very bright sunshine in forenoon. Clouded up in afternoon I washed some. Clara, Frank, Geo, and Eliz. went to Massena.

### **August 13**

#### River

**1916** Sunday. So cold and windy we had a fire all day. Clara and the children went to Church. A song service at night in the house. Not many present.

**1917** Monday Letters from Mrs. Rutledge from Buffalo, and from Dora who is in Maine with the Parsons.

**1918** Tuesday The Ther. rose to 102 in Toronto hottest in seven years the papers say. I put up some curtains and mended some.

**1919** Wed. A dull morning. Frank and the boys Geo and Harold gone fishing. They got two nice fish.

### **AUGUST 14**

**1916** Monday. Warmer than yesterday. But still very windy

**1917** Tuesday Weather pleasant My cold better - No letters today but I get the Globe fairly regularly. Days are much alike here

**1918** Wednesday. Weather cooler. It is a great relief. Fred busy too busy in harvesting oats. He cannot get help enough and works too hard.

A letter from Norah. We have had rains

**1919** Thursday Warm and fine. We had fish for dinner.

I am knitting today. Finished reading the "Prestons." Not much interested in the book.

### **AUGUST 15**

**1916** Tuesday Windy still. I worked a little while in the garden. Fanny Wolverton came in afternoon from Lindsay. Clara & Dora went over to Aultsville to meet her.

**1917** Wed. Thunder storms both in forenoon and Afternoon. Clara and Margaret rowed, or rather paddled (they went in the canoe) over to Aultsville. Wrote to Harold.

**1918** Thursday A beautiful day. Eva and I went to Mission Circle in the Church 12 present A good meeting on the literature of the Bible. Eva and Rose went. We got home in time to get supper for the men in Oat harvest

**1919** Friday Warm. An East wind. Wrote to Eva.

### **AUGUST 16**

**1916** Wednesday Growing very warm busy in kitchen in morning, rested and knit some in Afternoon. It is very pleasant to have Fanny here. Old friends are dearest friends.

#### River

**1917** Thursday. Beautiful and fresh after the storm yesterday. Wrote a little to Dora at Lakeville.

**1918** Friday Weather fine. I did housework. Eva went to a neighbour who is ill. Dora had some little girl friends in Afternoon. They called it a Red Cross Meeting.

**1919** Saturday Weather fine. A busy morning for Margaret and I Dora came in time for dinner. Clara, Eliz and Geo. met her at Massena.

### **AUGUST 17**

**1916** Thursday. A very warm day Over 80 on the piazza. I have not felt very well today. Have rested and knit some. Too warm for doing much.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Saturday. Fine, Fred drawing in Oats. Mr Clarkson is helping. I have been busy. sweeping, made a pudding for dinner and doing some mending. Eva did not get home until 4, o'clock in morning wrote to Norah.

**1919** Sunday A rainy day off and on Moderate showers. Frank Clara and the Children went to the Church for service which proved to be a well attended funeral. Song Service in the evening.

## AUGUST 18

**1916** Friday Pleasant weather but very warm and getting very dry. The days go on pleasantly and Comfortably here. reading & working or resting as one feels inclined

**1917** Saturday. I am knitting mittens for the children

**1918** Sunday Weather fine. We all went to Church. Mr Rutledge preached. Phil 3:10:11, "The power of His resurrection" "Fellowship of His sufferings" A good sermon.

**1919** Monday Rained last night also this morning. Wrote to Will and Rose

Knitting.

## AUGUST 19

**1916** Saturday. So very warm. busy ironing and I made a pie for dinner. After supper we all went on the river for a motor ride. almost too cool on the water.

**1917** Sunday Rain all the forenoon. Margaret sick. No one went to Church. I read in Miss. Review." Some women Called. Not like Sunday

**1918** Monday Fine, Fred drawing in Oats, Mr Clarkson helping, Busy in the house. Washing day.

**1919** Tuesday, Warm Rain and Sunshine alternating all day.

I am knitting mittens for the Children A letter from Eva. Clara having some repairs about kitchen doors &c.

## AUGUST 20

**1916** Sunday. Still very warm. The children, Dora and Fanny went to Church. A song Service in the evening on the verandah.

Letter from Tessa

**1917** Monday A heavy thunder storm. heavy thunder and much rain. Knit one mitten today. Weather warm.

**1918** Tuesday Fine weather still. Earl Chapin helping getting in Oats. Eva takes out the milk and cream and I do all I can in the house I get very tired. but want to do all I can

**1919** Wed. Cloudy morning. Wrote to Norah.

All except me went on a little trip down to the Rapids. Day fine and all said they had a good time.

### **AUGUST 21**

**1916** Monday We long for cooler weather and we do need rain. Fanny went away today. We have enjoyed her visit very much. and did not like to see her leave. Letter from Norah

**1917** Tuesday Pleasant after the storm. Finished the last mitten of the second pair.

**1918** Wed. Cloudy and theating rain all day which came in earnest about 5, o'clock. Thunder and a heavy shower. The men came in wet.

**1919** Thursday. Morning fine Frank and Harold Left on the stage to go by boat from Prescott to Toronto. We miss them. The ladies here had a Missionary Meeting here on the verandah in the Afternoon. had refreshments. A heavy rain and wind storm in the evening.

### **August 22**

**1916** Tuesday Weather very hot 98 in the shade in Toronto. Card from Eva no rain at home.

**1917** Wed. Dora came from White Plains. Clara went to Massena to meet her. Weather warm but very fine. Thanks be unto the Lord for His preserving care.

**1918** Thursday Cloudy but only now and then a sprinkle. Some ladies Called. Arranging for a little farewell visit for Mr & Mrs Rutledge.

**1919** Friday. Clear this morning but windy. A lot of "Campfire girls having a picnic here. today. I wrote to Mr. Geddes

### **AUGUST 23**

**1916** Wednesday A gracious shower towards morning. Cloudy all day I have been here two months, Have been knitting today A little cooler

**1917** Thursday. Pleasant day visiting with Dora. Rose sent me a generous check. She is dear and liberal with her money.

**1918** Friday Still cloudy. Eva and Annie went to town. Dora and I did the housework and got dinner

**1919** Saturday Warm. I finished one pr mittens. Mrs Straith called. I wound yarn for another pr of mittens. Letters from Eva Rose York and Eva.

#### **AUGUST 24**

**1916** Thursday A lovely day A letter from Eva

Finished two prs stockings for George. Good warm ones for winter

**1917** Friday dull and some rain Wrote to Rose. A message from Eva Rose York from Toronto. A note from Eva All well at home

**1918** Saturday very warm It has cleared up Fred got in a few loads of Oats in Afternoon Eva went to Town. I cleaned a good deal in the Cellar. Had the safe brought up and cleaned it. Very tired.

**1919** Sunday. A very heavy rain in the morning rain inside and outside, Clara sent up Crackers and hot coffee to our rooms Dora and I. Then we had an early dinner and all but Eliz and I went to Church. Song service in the evening. Later rain, rain.

#### **AUGUST 25**

**1916** Friday A shower in the night A birthday party for George. He will be seven years old the last day of this month. An enjoyable day for children and all. I wrote home.

**1917** Saturday Still dull and showery I have finished the third pair of mittens for the children here. have to pack my trunk today to go early on Monday.

**1918** Sunday Very warm but pleasant. Went to Church. Mr Rutledge preached his farewell sermon. A good service. Had Communion.

**1919** Monday A stormy day. frequent showers. much rain has fallen. Knitting most of the day. Not feeling very well. Wrote to Will and Eva.

#### **AUGUST 26**

**1916** Saturday We looked for Will today but he did not come.

**1917** Sunday high winds but no rain. Dora and Clara went to Church. I read to Elizabeth. She likes Bible stories. O God bless the Children My last Sunday at La Cabannes.

**1918** Monday Fine. Fred had men getting in Oats about 5 men. Fine for the farm work

**1919** Tuesday Still the storm continues. Rain and cool weather I wrote to Jenny Wolverton. Knitting most of the time.

### AUGUST 27

**1916** Sunday, Rain all the forenoon. So wet no one went to Church. A very pleasant Song Service in the evening. Elizabeth sick

**1917** Monday Left about 6, o'clock Went over to Aultsville in a motor boat. Dora, Clara and Margaret went with me to Cornwall. Eliz & Geo went to Aultsville returning with the man. We four spent about 3½ hours at Cornwall when I got an Express at 11:38 for Woodstock. Will met me at the Station with his Car, An hour lat *{last two words written vertically on right}*

**1918** Tuesday Another fine day and more men harvesting the Oat crop. And they got all the Oats in except the rakings. A good yield.

**1919** Wed. Still it rains some sunshine but heavy showers frequently. Finnished the third pr. of mittens. Reading "The Undefeated" by Snaith A story of the war.

### AUGUST 28

**1916** Monday. Weather cool and fine. Will came from Massena way. in time ~~from~~ for dinner.

#### Penhurst

**1917** Tuesday Rainy. At home and find all well. Will and family here They motored from White Plains arriving here the fifth day. They all seem very well and comfortable. Lovely to have them here. I wrote to Clara. I rested today after my long Railway journey yesterday.

**1918** Wednesday A rainy day which will do much good to the pasture and vegetables.

**1919** Thursday. Hoped the storm was over but a heavy shower this forenoon. I am packing to go home tomorrow.

Always feel a little sorry to leave this friendly river.

### AUGUST 29

**1916** Tuesday. beautiful weather. Clara left for Boston and Will for New York. A lonely feeling seems to prevade the house tonight.

**1917** Wed. Will, Tessa, Beatrice, Peggy, Eva, and Harold went to Wolverton on this day. Cloudy but no rain. Fred cutting oats.

**1918** Thursday Cleaning up after rain. I pickled pears and some apples. I am very well except pain from corns and pain in my feet.

**1919** Friday. A pleasant morning. Got up early Clara got breakfast. Mr Weaver came with his motor boat. Dora and Margaret went with me to Cornwall. A long wait of nearly 3 hours Dora and Margaret went into the town I staid at the Station. Got my train at 11.6 for Woodstock had a comfortable journey. Eva, Dora, and Rose met me at the Station. found all well at home.

### **AUGUST 30**

#### River

**1916** Wed. A fine day. but rather lonely without Clara. I did a few odd bits of work. A little rain but bright after.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Friday I have pickled a lot of apples. Golden Sweets." We got at Mrs. Walter Karns

A letter from Frank, he and Norah are coming tomorrow.

#### At Home

**1919** Saturday. Cloudy and rain towards night. Eva got my trunk. I unpacked. Did some washing. Wrote to CLara. A busy day

### **AUGUST 31**

#### St. Lawrence River La Cabanne

**1916** Thursday A truly fine day. I have packed my trunk and wrote to Miss Stone in California. A letter from Eva. We expect to leave early in the morning for Woodstock.

Georges 7th birth day

**1917** Friday A fine day Will Dora L, and I motored to Princeton had dinner at Mrs Vicherts. Called on several old friends. In the evening Will went to the Station for Dora Laycock. She came from the River

**1918** Saturday Weather fine. Frank and Norah came, Frank from N.Y. and Norah from Toronto. A card from Elizabeth. Circular from "Sunset Mills"

**1919** Sunday. I went to Church in the morning. The pastor's subject was "I serve" The Welsh motto on their flag. The life of Jesus was one of Service.

### MEMORANDA

**1916** {No Entry}

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** August has been a fine month, rain and sunshine has made everything grow. Vegetables fine, pasture good. and War news, encourageing. The Allies are having much success.

**1919** The summer here has been very dry. Vegetation has suffered in consequence. I spent the month at Clara's home on the St. Lawrence. I have been well & comfortable. Dora came for part of the month and Fred a day. Frank and Harold a longer time.

### SEPTEMBER 1

Penhurst

**1916** Friday Dora and I left early in the morning. Motor boat over to Aultsville. train to Cornwall. 3 hours wait to get an Express that stops at Woodstock. Rain in afternoon, but fine when we reached Toronto about 6, o'clock reached Woodstock. Found a man with an Automobile waiting for us. Soon home and found Eva and the Children waiting for us.

**1917** Saturday Visiting with Will and family & Dora Laycock. We have to designate the Doras in some way.

Eva and Children went for a picnic in Afternoon. A pleasant day.

**1918** Sunday A beautiful day bright and cool. Frank, Norah, Fred, Dora, Harold and I went to Church. Rev. Mr Simmons preached. "God is)  
Spirit")

## Home

**1919** Monday A bright morning but cloudy in Afternoon and rain towards night. I got the clothes dry that I washed. Saturday. A very busy day. Sweeping, ironing &c Children started to School Rose went for the first. "Heavenly Father" keep them safe.

## SEPTEMBER 2

**1916** Saturday. The dry weather has made the lawn brown and burned. It is good to get home. Little Dora not very well. Baby Marion remembers me and is sweet and good. Fred got home from Toronto Fair late at night, very tired and not very well.

**1917** Sunday, Went to Church Will, Dora little Dora and Beatrice and I. Mr. Rutledge was preacher. "Pardon for the past. Strength for the present, and Hope for the future" Henry Parker and others came in Afternoon

**1918** Monday Another fine day. Getting ready for thrashing if it dont rain so they cant come tomorrow Frank and Norah here. It is pleasant to have them. Card from Clara

**1919** Busy did not get quite through with work before Will, Tessa, Beatrice and Peggy came. They came in a motor car from White Plains New York. Very good to see them.

## SEPTEMBER 3

**1916** Sunday. Fred, Dora, the Children and I went to Church but one who had nearly always been there, was not. Maggie Parker died Wed. Aug, 30 and was buried Friday 1st leaving her husband and daughter Laura to mourn their loss. We went to the Cemetery.

**1917** Monday. Labor day. Mrs Vincent spent the Afternoon with us. Fred thrashing at the Trees. True Labor day for him and others.

**1918** Tuesday Rain in the morning and forenoon. In afternoon Frank got a car and we, Frank, Norah, Eva, Rose, and I went for a delightful ride. Went to Gobles looked around the old home strangers are there now. Saw Amos Gage. went to Princeton saw the Vicherts there. to Wolverton spent two hours there most pleasantly. Frank & N. got a car for Toronto Eva came Home. *{written vertically along right}*

**1919** Wed. Weather warm I am thankful to have Will and family here. The Children are having a nice time.

## SEPTEMBER 4

**1916** Monday The weather warm and so dry. It is dear to have Dora at home a few days. Will Parker called and told us of the last sad days of his wife's illness and death. Labor day

**1917** Tuesday. Will, Tessa and the Children left early in the morning for White Plains. expect to reach their home in three days. Dora & Harold started School.

**1918** Wed. Weather cool and damp some showers. Thrashed in the barn too wet for the field. Had 14 men to dinner and supper. Made much work for us. Did not get to work very early in the morning but seemed to thrash steadily.

Home

**1919** Thursday very warm. Thrashing in the afternoon. We had the men for supper. Crops very light and thrashing not a long job this year.

## SEPTEMBER 5

**1916** Tuesday. Warm. The Children started to School A new teacher rules. I am reading {Queed?} and like the book. Honor & honesty empasized.

**1917** Wed. Dora and I went to town. getting material for a dress. Miss Thomson will make it. Did some shopping. rain just as we got home.

**1918** Thursday Thrashing all day until late at night finished in barn. Thrashing Oats. Crop good but some in field but too wet to thrash. I am tired at night.

**1919** Friday Very warm but pleasant. Finished thrashing in the forenoon did not have the men for dinner. In the afternoon Will took me to town in his car and I made a number of calls. Went first to the Taylors. Pleasant visit. Mrs. Field not at home saw Geo Parker. Called to see Mrs Thomas Scott. She is 86 years old. Spent a little time at Somer's Kipp's.

## SEPTEMBER 8

**1916** Friday Very warm. Canned Tomatoes and Plums A very busy day

**1917** Saturday. Thrashing in afternoon. Weather favourable

In the evening the Wolverton folks motored over bringing Dora Wolverton with them.

**1918** Sunday All so tired no one went to Church in the morning but Eva and Children went to S.S. in afternoon. A rest day.

**1919** Monday. Warm. Washing day. Fred has bought a Tractor for ploughing It was brought today and this Afternoon it has been on trial. We have all been interested in the working of it.

### **SEPTEMBER 9**

**1916** Saturday Cooler weather fine. I washed some. A busy day very tired at night.

Fred sowing wheat.

**1917** Sunday Eva, Fred, Dora W and Harold and Dora Laycock went to church. "Press on to the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

**1918** Monday A fine day, I did quite a big washing for me. Fine for drying clothes. Tired but rest is good when weary.

**1919** Thursday Very warm in the morning but cooler towards night. The Tractor seems to be a success. We, Eva, Tessie, Bill, Bee, Peggy and Rose had afternoon tea at Mrs Dr McLay's. had a pleasant time.

### **SEPTEMBER 10**

**1916** Sunday Day fine. Fred, Eva the children and I went to Church. The Congregational Minister preached Rested in Afternoon

**1917** Monday Dora Laycock left for her home in Chicago.

Thrashing all day. Weather fine. I was very tired at night. Dora W. helped such a busy day

**1918** Tuesday Fred thrashed in the field in the Afternoon. Had a lot of men to supper. I made pies in the forenoon. Elder berry and apple

**1919** Wed. Will and family left for New York about 11, O'clock. It was rainy in the morning but cleared up. We had a pleasant visit with Will Tessie and the dear children Bee and Peggy.

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

**1916** Monday Weather fine for drying clothes but too dry for corn and potatoes. Canning plums.

**1917** Tuesday. Fred went to London Fair.

Some frost this night, quite cold.

**1918** Wednesday Rain in Afternoon. Eva washing. I did housework some and ironed in Afternoon. Busy day.

**1919** Thursday Cloudy and some rain. I washed, sheets, pillow cases & towels after a week of Company. I am very thankful I am able to do it.

### SEPTEMBER 12

**1916** Tuesday like rain in morning but no rain came. Eva, Dora, and Harold went to Hickson to a School Fair. Fred went to London. I ironed and was very tired at night. Letters from Dora & Fanny {Dora and Fanny written vertically on right}

**1917** Wednesday. A beautiful day Warmer -- Fred, Eva, Dora & Harold also Dora Wolverton went to Hickson to the School fair. Dora got 5th prize on her Apple. Harold 2nd on Potatoes.

**1918** Thursday A rainy day. Four Gobles from Villa Nova came They had motored to London Fair and stopped. We had a hurried up dinner but it was good. Fred thrashing at Karns and the Refuge.

**1919** Friday A very windy day, worked at getting my washing dried. The Wolvertons motored over in the Evening. Jasper Jenny & Eva. Carson left at night. He has been a good help on the farm. A very fine fellow.

### SEPTEMBER 13

**1916** Wed. Very warm. Mended the table cloth. And helped Eva put up plums.

**1917** Thursday. Weather continues fine I did some ironing. Mr Squires the School teacher here to tea and staid over night. Had music in the evening Dora W. played and all sang. Fine

**1918** Friday. Such a long rain. It is trying to clear up today. but still cloudy and some rain. Fred still at the Refuge thrashing. Such a hurry in the evening getting ready for the School Fair tomorrow. Dora much excited. baking a pumpkin pie and a corn cake. An essay and drawing a pear. Well it only comes once a year.

**1919** Saturday Weather fine. I have ironed most of the day. Did some sweeping towards evening and so ends another week.

## SEPTEMBER 14

**1916** Thursday. A telegram came saying Ted died this morning. Sent a message of loving sympathy to Emma. The poor tired body will rest. He has suffered much and long.

**1917** Friday. Beautiful weather. Fred finished sowing a field of wheat. Jasper came in the evening and took Dora W. to Wolverton in his car. Letters from Dora and Tessie.

**1918** Saturday, A fine day for the School Fair Such a bustle getting off in the morning. Fred went too, with Eva and the children. Annie took out the cream. A busy Saturday. Letters from Eva Rose York. A Mr & Mrs. Currah and two children to tea. I was too tired to meet them.

**1919** Sunday Rain threatened but did not come until a sprinkle towards night. I did not go to Church. The others went Rev. Mr Co{n}mans preached. Mrs McIlIuraith Miss Stark and Harold King called in Afternoon.

## SEPTEMBER 15

**1916** Friday Cold yesterday and today. Wrote to Emma.

58 years ago was my wedding day I am alone but not lonely.

**1917** Saturday. Fine. Warm. I am feeling tired. It had been a busy time. Company, Thrashing & so on. 59 years ago How fresh the memory of my wedding day remains.

**1918** Sunday. Another Anniversary of my wedding day. Sixty years ago. the happiest day of my life. I am sure. The Lord has been "All Goodness" ever since O my soul "enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." A rainy day, today. I did not go out.

**1919** Monday, Strange that I did not remember this Anniversary of my wedding day. Sixty-one years ago.

Pitting up peaches and making jelly. Letter from Dora written on train from New York to Chicago  
*{to Chicago written vertically on right}*

## SEPTEMBER 16

**1916** Saturday cool. a fire is comfortable. Letters from Emma, Dora and Frank. Dora and Frank will be with Emma today if there are no delays. I am glad they could go.

**1917** Sunday Weather fine Eva the Children and I went to Church.

**1918** Monday. Cloudy in morning and rain late in Afternoon & Evening. Cards from Clara and Elizabeth and business papers from Wolverton. It is not very cold.

**1919** Tuesday Cloudy. Fred silo filling at Hartlys. Children at school Rose goes too. Working at fruit pulping grapes for Spiceing.

#### **SEPTEMBER 17**

**1916** Sunday. Today is Ted's funeral. One more gone from our family Circle. I did not go to Church. Rainy this morning. May the rain come. Fred Eva and the children went to Church.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Tuesday I have been writing to Dora, Clara and Emma today and sending transfer papers of Wolverton M.C. stock for them to sign.

**1919** Wed. A very beautiful day. Went to mission circle at Mrs. Sophia Mission among lepers. A good meeting. fair Attendance

#### **SEPTEMBER 18**

**1916** Monday not well staid in bed until noon.

A cold cloudy day Much like fall. Letter from Frank nearing Omaha.

**19** X {only entry}

**1918** Wednesday pleasant in morning but a thunder storm in evening. Eva went to prayer meeting which was also our Sep. Circle Meeting. She reported a good meeting

**1919** Thursday A fine day Canning tomatoes, Mending &c. Card from Will. they expected to be home Tuesday evening 16th

#### **SEPTEMBER 19**

**1916** Tuesday A heavy frost last night all tender vegetation touched potatoes in places. Corn looks sickly. Cucumbers and such vines killed

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Thursday rain every day. Sent letters and papers to Dora & Emma I am waiting Clara's to be sure she is at Boston. Sewing today.

**1919** Friday. Dull and like rain in the morning. Eva and the children went to Woodstock Fair in Afternoon. Came home very wet and muddy

#### SEPTEMBER 20

**1916** Wed. Warm and bright I wrote to Miss Hatch.

Eva went to town and made some entries for the Fair

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Friday. Sweeping in morning and sewing in Afternoon. Eva and children went to Woodstock Fair. Shower during afternoon. Much rain A photo from Margaret. good. Fred 40 years old.

**1919** Saturday A pleasant day. I finished some sewing, did some sweeping Eva finished up some pickling. Week ended. Fred's birthday. 41 years old.

#### SEPTEMBER 21

**1916** Thursday Frank came on an early train Eva drove out for him. He told me about his journey to Denver and about Ted's funeral and Emma and much I wanted to know. He left in afternoon for N.Y. D.W. Karn buried today. Woodstock Fair Some rain in Afternoon. Busy day.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Saturday Cloudy and colder. So cold Harold gathered his tomatoes for fear of frost.

I finished some sewing, made pumpkin pies.

**1919** Sunday So rainy in morning that no one went to Church. Toward night the storm was very heavy, rain and wind. Much water fell.

#### SEPTEMBER 22

**1916** Friday, bright in forenoon but some rain in afternoon. All at Woodstock Fair but baby and I. Fred got prizes on animals and Eva on apples. Came home in rain.

19 {No Entry}

1918 Sunday I was in bed all day with a bad cold.

Weather cold. Fred Eva and Dora went to Church. Harold not well.

1919 Monday Cloudy in morning but clearing up in Afternoon. I wrote letters to Beatrice, Newton, Eva Rose York and Emma. Received Announcement of Dora Wolverton's Wedding.

### SEPTEMBER 23

1916 Saturday. Fred sowed some wheat. There has not been much rain but slight showers have indicated that the dry time is over and that there is moisture to germinate the seed. *{the seed written vertically on right}*

19 {No Entry}

1918 Monday Letters from Clara and "Sunset Mills." \$60.00 taxes due there. I got up before noon and my cold is much better. Good plan going to bed. Wrote to Clara. sent Wolverton N.C. papers.

1919 Tuesday. A bright day after the mists had rolled away. Eva and Fred have gone to Mrs. Morrency's Mothers funeral. Posted letters that I wrote yesterday

### SEPTEMBER 24

1916 Sunday A little rain in morning. Eva the children and I went to Church. rally day in Church and S.S. Baptism. An interesting Service. Eva and children went to S.S.

19 {No Entry}

1918 Tuesday No rain today. Warmer. Sent Sunset Mills taxes 60.<sup>00</sup> Letters from Dora and signed papers. Knitting today. Feeling well

1919 Wednesday. Mrs. Bennet and two Children came to spend a few days. Eva went to the Station for them.

### SEPTEMBER 25

1916 Monday A pleasant day, weather fine. I canned peaches.

Fred finished putting in wheat.

**1917** Tuesday I think this was the date I was taken sick. I had chill and went to bed.

**1918** Wed. Showers. It rains easily. A busy day, A little cleaning a little mending, such is life, made up of little things, daily duties, daily cares; and daily blessings.

**1919** Thursday Eva and Mrs Bennet went to a Missionary Meeting at Mrs. Osborns Mrs McLaurin was there and came home with them. A great pleasure to me to see Mrs. McLaurin again.

#### **SEPTEMBER 26**

**1916** Tuesday Fine in morning but some rain during the day, but only slight showers. Canning pears and peaches. We are busy all the time in various ways.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Thursday, A fine day in morning. Eva Rose York came towards evening. Roy Harris brought her. Day grows cold and uncomfortable

**1919** Friday. Mrs McLaurin went to Toronto in Afternoon. I went out to town to have some business finished up but had not the necessary papers. Mrs. Biggins dead.

#### **SEPTEMBER 27**

**1916** Wed. I have not been very well today, but am better tonight. Eva and Fred went to the funeral of a little baby. Miss McKenzie called. Sister of Mrs {Anny} Raining a little tonight.

**1917** Thursday Miss Taylor a nurse came

**1918** Friday A very pleasant day. Good visit with Eva; Mending Socks for Fred, and housework in between. Canning pears in Evening. Warmer.

**1919** Saturday Weather fine. I have made Chili sauce, busy all day. Very at night. Mr Bennet came late in the evening. Letter from Dora, Card from Eva Rose York. Day fine & warm.

#### **SEPTEMBER 28**

**1916** Thursday A fine afternoon after a wet morning. Eva and I went to Mission Circle at the Church. A memorial meeting for Mrs. Wm Parker We had a good and impressive service Fred silo filling.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Saturday A busy day I have been doing some mending Eva Rose York here all day. It is pleasant to have her. She is a consecrated Christian

**1919** Sunday. Very warm. Mrs. Bennet, Fred, Harold, Dora and I went to Church. Good sermon.

The Bennets left for Toronto in the evening

#### **SEPTEMBER 29**

**1916** Friday I canned pears in forenoon the days are all busy this time of year. Sweeping in afternoon. Card from Dora she leaves Denver today for Chicago.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Sunday A fine day. We all went to Church. Eva Rose conducted the Services Morning and evening. She gave a Gospel message on John's vision on the Isle of Patmos. Alone and in the Spirit.

**1919** Monday. Weather keeps fine some rain. All well

#### **SEPTEMBER 30**

**1916** Saturday Weather fine We have occasional showers. Cistern and tank being filled. Did some mending. Coat and stockings for Harold. Fred away silo filling

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Monday. Some shining of sun some clouds and grew cold towards night Eva and Dora went with Eva Rose York to a meeting of the Young People in the evening. Not a satisfactory meeting neither in attendance or interest.

**1919** Tuesday Cool. Cloudy, dark. I have knit today.

#### **MEMORANDA**

**1916** {No Entry}

**1917** Sept was a beautiful month so many warm, bright days.

**1918** The latter part of the month was very rainy.

Thrashing over and silo filling begun

**1919** Wednesday Cloudy, rainy, Eva went to a meeting at Bonds Corners. On the Temperance question. Knitting.

### OCTOBER 1

**1916** Sunday A beautiful day. Fred, the children and I went to Church. Bert Kipp, wife and baby Came were here until after supper.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Tuesday A fine day. We Eva and I went to an afternoon Meeting for women at Oxford St. Eva Rose York spoke on the new life and service for the Master. We were lost He saw us and said to us Live". Good attendance. Good Meeting

**1919** Wednesday see over leaf

### OCTOBER 2

**1916** Monday. A beautiful day warm and so bright. The day filled with washing, house work and a little mending. Fred having corn cut

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Wed. Rain during forenoon. I peeled pears for Canning. Clearing in afternoon. Eva Rose York left us. She spoke at the prayer meeting at night. Eva took her out. She is to stay at Mrs Swantons for the night and go to Toronto in morning.

**1919** Thursday A beautiful day but very warm. I washed some but not feeling well. Eva went to town in morning. Letter from Arthur Fitch

### OCTOBER 3

**1916** Tuesday beautiful weather I Can hardly say "Golden Oct" for the leaves are mostly green yet. Not frost enough to turn them golden. I washed. corn is finished cutting.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Thursday A bright day but windy. I washed and was less tired than I expected. Eva away helping Mrs. Braggs with silo filling. Letter from Clara she has influenza, but is getting better

**1919** Friday Very warm. Business letters regarding Sunset Mills". Wrote to Will and Frank.

#### OCTOBER 4

**1916** Wednesday Wonderful. warm, days these. Silo filling in afternoon. fourteen men to supper. A busy time for they came unexpectedly. Silos are soon filled this year for the corn is not an average crop. I am very tired and have a cold. *{cold written vertically along right}*

**19** *{No Entry}*

**1918** Friday. Warm and pleasant, but looks like rain tonight. Fred away all day silo filling at Mr. Bayne's. I ironed in forenoon. Sweeping day and making Chili sauce. Wrote to Fred Wolverton, Vancouver.

**1919** Saturday I wrote letters for the thank offering meeting of the Mission Circle most of the day.

#### OCTOBER 5

**1916** Thursday. We are thankful for this fine weather. Fred finished filling silo in forenoon so we had all the men for dinner. It is a good job through with. I ironed in Afternoon. Eva gathered some apples. Not many this year. Mrs. Lynn came in the evening.

**19** *{No Entry}*

**1918** Saturday Fine in morning but rain in Afternoon. Such a busy day. I took down my stove pipes cleaned them and my stove and Eva helped me put up the pipes. All without the help of a man these war times. Truly men must fight and women work, yes and pray too. Fred began cutting corn.

**1919** Sunday Weather fine Eva Dora and Harold went to Church

#### OCTOBER 6

**1916** Friday The fine weather still continues. Mrs. Lynn here.

Fred silo filling at the Refuge. The Globe announces the death of Gordon Sale. killed in Action in France.

**19** *{No Entry}*

**1918** Sunday Cloudy in morning, only Fred Dora and Harold went to Church. I was not well in the night

Wrote letters to Circle Members about our Thanksgiving Meeting.

**1919** Monday Wash day. I am not able to do much.

#### OCTOBER 7

**1916** Saturday A very fine warm day All busy. Mrs Lynn helping towards evening the Company from Sarnia came by Auto. Mr & Mrs Sharpe and two daughters and a Mr Johnson. A pleasant evening of music &c.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Monday A pleasant day. I made Chili sauce all day. finished up the tomatoes. Eva and Annie picked apples in afternoon. Fred cutting corn.

**1919** Tuesday. Annie left today She has been dissatisfied for some time and not much good.

#### OCTOBER 8

**1916** Sunday Glorious weather only very warm Ther. 86. Outdoors beautiful. I am not well my cold increases. Most of the Company went to Church and Children to S.S. in Afternoon. All went in the Auto. I did not feel well enough to go.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Tuesday. Some clouds and rain prospects but none came. Washing day. Fred cutting corn. I did a little mending. Word came at noon that our old friend Lucy Landen was found dead in her home funeral this afternoon. too late to go. She died as she had lived alone. Very sad I wrote to Clara

**1919** Wed. Fred began cutting corn I am not well the same trouble I had two years ago. the Dr Called it then abdominal grip.

#### OCTOBER 9

**1916** ~~Saturday~~ Monday A little sprinkle of rain in morning. Cooler. 86 yesterday 51 today All the Company left in the morning for Sarnia. I was in bed all day trying to leave some of my cold there

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Wed. A beautiful day. Fred finished cutting corn. Eva went to a Red Cross Meeting in Afternoon. I did a little sewing. My Cold no worse and no better. Much sickness about. Influenza

**1919** Thursday Rainy but warm. Rose went to the hospital and had adenoids and tonsils removed. Eva brought her home in Afternoon. She is sick but the operation was a success. I ironed in forenoon

#### OCTOBER 10

**1916** Tuesday Weather fine but cooler. I staid in bed all day.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Thursday I wrote to Newton about transferring stock in "The Sunset Mills" and P.I.C. to Will and Frank

**1919** Friday Rainy but not cold Weather keeps very warm for time of year. I am not well have been particularly shaky today. have done a little sweeping.

#### OCTOBER 11

**1916** Wednesday Weather fine as can be. beautiful October.

I still am in bed and think my cold better.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Friday Weather continues fine. Sweeping day. Apple picking &c. Fred came from silo filling at Montmorrency's and went to E. Trees. Wrote to Dora about Calgary lots.

**1919** Saturday Cloudy much like rain. Various little jobs today. not well. Have to rest often

#### OCTOBER 12

**1916** Thursday Fine and bright outdoors. A long dear letter from Emma telling much about Ted's funeral and her plans. I came down stairs. My back very lame.

Wrote to Clara sending Emma's letter.

**1917** Friday. Rain all day. Fred drawing tile.

I am gaining in strength Miss Taylor still here.

**1918** Saturday Weather warm and fine except a little sprinkle now and again. busy in kitchen in forenoon rested and cleaned dining room in Afternoon. So passes the days.

**1919** Sunday. Harold sick. Rose much better. I am not improved today. Only Fred and Eva went to Church. Cold outside and in the Church I have rested lying down most of the day *{the day written vertically on right}*

### OCTOBER 13

**1916** Friday. A really rainy day. began in the night. fine for wheat and in many ways. I began knitting stockings for Marion. I am better of my lame back and am thankful.

**1917** Saturday Rainy. Fred drawing tile. He finished.

**1918** Sunday. Like Indian Summer Warm and hazy. Fred Dora and Harold went to Church. Eva not well. I read about that first Thanksgiving day in New England in 1821, and rested.

**1919** Monday Thanksgiving day. A beautiful bright day. Fred cutting corn Eva washing. I have washed the dishes I think I am better. I am Thankful Wrote to Tessie

### OCTOBER 14

**1916** Saturday, bright and not very cold. Very pleasant. Busy about odds and ends. Sweeping, making grape jelly &c. Fred ploughing with four horses.

**1917** Sunday. I went down stairs to dinner W. Parker called.

**1918** Monday. Sunshine and a little rain. Washing day. High wind. Apples falling. Fred away all day silo filling at E. Trees'. I have a good deal of Cold. Harold not well.

**1919** Tuesday Weather holds good Fred finished cutting corn and is getting ready for filling silo

### OCTOBER 15

**1916** Sunday bright in morning but cloudy and grey in Afternoon. I did not go out all day. My back still lame. The rest all went to Ch. & S.S. in Afternoon

**1917** Monday. I am growing stronger Wrote a little to Dora Letters from Clara & Sunset Mills. Children started to School again weather fine. Mrs. Waters came.

**1918** Tuesday. Silo filling at E. Trees' Fred came home towards evening and they got the engine placed here. I made pies

**1919** Wed. A wonderful day so bright and warm. Silo filling 15 men to dinner and supper. All went well in the forenoon but the tractor failed in the afternoon and corn not finished

#### **OCTOBER 16**

**1916** Monday A grey day threatening rain not cold. Wrote to Norah.

heavy rain and wind at night. have knit on baby's stocking today

**1917** Tuesday I am gaining slowly. Miss Taylor left a beautiful day

**1918** Wednesday Weather fine. Silo filling all day we had 14 men to dinner and supper. Such hungry men they do eat a lot. I made more pies.

**1919** Thursday A damp disagreeable day. No silo filling Men came to fix the tractor. Circle Meeting Eva went. A fine meeting over \$40. offering.

Letters from Dora and Emma

#### **OCTOBER 17**

**1916** Tuesday A bright morning after the wind and rain. I mended a pr. of Overalls for Fred. I like to mend up things. Do I like as well to mend my ways?

**1917** Wed. Rainy. Jenny & Eva Wolverton spent the Afternoon. I am not very strong. Convention opened at 1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Three delegates came out at night to stay.

**1918** Thursday Another fine day. Silo filling all day. Finished in time for supper. More pies. 15 men. No Mission Circle because of Spanish Influenza. it was thought wise to call it off.

**1919** Friday Another fine day. Not very well. We planned for Silo men for Supper but the tractor failed again and corn not finished. A disappointment for Fred. Wrote to Dora

#### **OCTOBER 18**

**1916** Wed. A heavy frost last night but sun shine today. Fine weather for Oct. A man fixed my chimney and the house chimney.

**1917** Thurs. Warm but showery bad for silo filling. Fred away all the week hard work for him. At Trees today. Eva & Mrs Waters went to Convention in Afternoon. 5 delegates at night.

**1918** Friday. The fine weather holds. Colder at night. Eva not well. I did a little washing, a little housework and a little mending, and was tired. White frost last night. Leaves are mostly fallen.

**1919** Saturday Weather fine. I am gaining in strength and ability to do. Swept my room and dining room. Very tired in the evening.

### OCTOBER 19

**1916** Thursday rain and mist all day went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Sheldrakes Thanksgiving Meeting. Good attendance and good Meeting Offering \$17.<sup>00</sup>

**1917** Friday. Cold.

George Goble came in afternoon he had been attending the Con. at 1<sup>st</sup> Ch. 5 delegates over night. I am not yet very well.

**1918** Saturday A fine day but colder A busy day Eva went to town in forenoon. I have been doing housework. Ironing in afternoon. My cold is better but still clings.

**1919** Sunday Fred Eva and children went to Church. Mr Ackland gave them a temperance sermon. Eva, Dora & Rose went to S.S. in Afternoon

### OCTOBER 20

**1916** Friday rain all day but not very cold. I cleaned my kitchen put up stove pipe and had a little fire, very comfortable. My cold is disappearing. I am thankful. Wrote to Hellen.

**1917** Saturday. I am better I, with Dora's help swept sitting room and dinning. Men mostly gone just two for supper.

**1918** Sunday A rainy morning, no Church or S.S on account of the Spanish Influenza Which has become epidemic. The Sunday has been, not a Sabbath. The Lord knew we needed a Sabbath

**1919** Monday A wonderfully fine day. Voting on the temperance question. I went Mr Tree Called for me a delightful motor ride. Crowds of people. I voted for the first time, for prohibition and for Mr. Calder for parliament. Report at night a great majority for prohibition Praise the Lord".

## OCTOBER 21

**1916** Saturday an unpleasant day Cloudy with now and then a gleam of sunshine. A busy day, Varnished my stove pipe. Tiresome job. Very tired at night.

**1917** Sunday. A grey day. Eva, Mrs. Waters. Mr Davison & Harold went to Church. Mr Bates called in Afternoon. Nice visit with such a dear old friend. Eva & Children went to Convention meetings in afternoon.

**1918** Monday A beautiful day and warmer. Fred filling silo at Hartley's I have done a little mending. Wrote to Fred Wolverton. Letter from Margaret she was sick in bed. Clara better not strong.

**1919** Tuesday A rainy day. I have been knitting finished mittens for Rose. Eva not well. Election day too much for her. Great turnover. Conservative Government defeated. Great changes, but Prohibition holds

## OCTOBER 22

**1916** Sunday, beautiful sunshiny day not very cold, roads muddy. Went to Church Rev. Mr. Gray preached. "There shall be no more sea."

Eva appointed by Circle to go to Convention

**1917** Monday A bright day. Fred silo filling, but did not get through 18 men to dinner and one less to supper.

**1918** Weather fine.

I sewed all day making under wear for Rose A satisfactory day's work. I am very well. Letter from Margaret she is sick. Wrote in bed.

**1919** Wed. Eva sick in bed Rose not well. I am trying to keep the home fires burning

## OCTOBER 23

**1916** Monday Another nice day Fred getting in Mangles. The Youngs moved to town. I began cleaning the sitting room.

**1917** Tuesday dark, and rainy. Fred finished filling silo in Afternoon Frank came towards evening Wrote to Dora

**1918** Wed. Another fine day. I have sewed today I find I can still sew, altho' I am slow.

Men came to drain putting in tile.

**1919** Thursday Eva still sick

#### **OCTOBER 24**

**1916** Tuesday no rain but cloudy, not cold. I finished the sitting room and I washed and Fred put on six storm windows. Fred got in the potatoes.

**1917** Wed. Another cloudy day. Frank here, nice to have these visits Fred away, silo filling at Baynes. A letter from Minnie.

**1918** Thursday. Weather good. Men draining with a machine. Eva not well I ironed all afternoon Several men to cook for.

**1919** Friday I am chief cook and all. Two men for dinner Fred finished up his silo filling I am rather tired Eva in bed. Rose suffering a good deal.

#### **OCTOBER 25**

**1916** Wed. bright morning but clouded up and both wind and rain in Afternoon The Cockburns came out for the day Eva went for them and Fred drove them home in the evening

**1917** Thursday. A dull morning but some sunshine in Afternoon. Eva went to Circle Meeting and reported a very good meeting Thank Offering \$24.<sup>20</sup> Frank left for New York.

**1918** Friday Weather good. Rain indications but rain hold off. A very busy day. Eva in bed and five men for meals. with the regular house work.

The Priests went away

**1919** Saturday A busy day for me. Eva in bed. Rose suffering much with her throat and ears.

Mrs. Pedley came out towards night & brought us a little maid. Hellen Evans

#### **OCTOBER 26**

**1916** Thursday. Cloudy but pleasant. Attended a reception for Mrs. Mitchell at Mrs. McNeal's. A very pleasant time Eva & Mrs. Cockburn went with me.

**1917** Friday I am gaining in strength but my feet swell and are very ~~unf~~ uncomfortable cleaned my room.

**1918** Saturday. Weather favorable for the draining operations. Warm. I have not felt very energetic. Eva able to be downstairs so I have rested some. Tonight we change to old time

**1919** Sunday A rainy dull day. No one went to Church.

Dr. Sinclair came to see Eva and Rose. Mr & Mrs. Wm Parker called.

### OCTOBER 27

**1916** Friday A little rain. Sweeping day. began a pr of stockings for Harold. finished a pr. for Marion.

**1917** Saturday *{No Entry}*

**1918** Sunday Another Churchless Sunday Eva took the children for a drive in Afternoon. Cloudy in morning but pleasant in afternoon. I read and rested.

**19** *{No Entry}*

### OCTOBER 28

**1916** Saturday. A bright day I did quite a washing and got the clothes dry. tired but I am very well.

**1917** Sunday I did not go out The family went to Church and S.S.

**1918** Monday A rainy morning, clearing up in Afternoon. Windy. Word came of the deaths of Mrs. Bach and her son Frank in Toronto. Frank on Sunday 20 and his mother on Tuesday 22nd - Minnie's mother and brother.

**1919** Tuesday Eva came down stairs Rose better Dora not well. I wrote to Emma.

### OCTOBER 29

**1916** Sunday A fine day I went to church. Two baptized. Eva and children went to S. S. in Afternoon. I read the chapter on Light in Boardman's "Creative Week." Very fine.

**1917** Monday rainy.

Knitting and sewing My feet do swell badly

**1918** Tuesday Weather sometimes cloudy but good for work of most kinds I have sewed today

**1919** Wednesday, A fine day after several rainy ones. Eva so much better she washed with Hellen's help.

#### **OCTOBER 30**

**1916** Monday bright and not very cold cloudy towards night

I ironed my Saturday's washing.

Fred pulling turnips.

**1917** Tuesday Still rainy & dark. Sewing on children's clothes. Card from Clara. All well.

**1918** Wed. Fred began potato digging the children and Annie picking up. I have sewed some today. Weather good.

**1919** Thursday Another rainy day.

#### **OCTOBER 31**

**1916** Tuesday A dark rainy day. Mrs. McLeod called.

I have been knitting most of the day very poor yarn. We don't get good yarn these sad war days.

**1917** Wed. Dull days That remind us "that we are in the sere and yellow leaf." Sewing all day. Halloween but no disturbances A letter from Dora.

**1918** Thursday No sewing today Eva helping with the potato harvest and I helping in housework. Letters from Dora and Emma

**19** {No Entry}

#### **MEMORANDA**

**1916** Wed. {No Entry}

**1917** Oct has been on the whole a dull month. A good many rainy days. and has hindered getting in the roots. Also made slow silo filling. I have been ill most of the month.

**1918** Friday Oct. this year has been a delightful month as to weather warm and mostly bright, But a dreadful epidemic called Spanish Influenza has raged generally here and everywhere. Many have died.

**19** {*No Entry*}

### NOVEMBER 1

**1916** Wednesday {*No Entry*}

**1917** Thursday. Snow came last night the children are delighted, but not so their elders. Potatoes are not all dug and mangels and turnips are still in the ground. Sewing today.

**1918** Friday Colder today but not freezing. Eva helping with potato digging A fine crop. I have been busy at housework. Draining going on. No school yet. Fred and all very busy. A little hail

**19** {*No Entry*}

### NOVEMBER 2

**1916** Thursday A very fine day bright and sunshiny. I cleaned my room Mrs. Lynn went away. Fred drawing in turnips.

**1917** Friday, Cold, snow stays on the ground. Have been sewing today. Eva went to Red Cross Meeting. My feet are getting some better.

**1918** Saturday Chilly outside Eva went with milk, and went to G.T.R. Station for Eva Rose York and took her to a boarding house. Working at Potatoes in afternoon. I doing housework.

**19** {*No Entry*}

### NOVEMBER 3

**1916** Friday A pleasant day but not so bright as yesterday. Eva cleaned her room. Fred finished his turnips. A poor crop this year. Letter from a man in Princeton about our graves in the Cemetery.

**1917** Saturday. Weather keeps dull and grey. I have made pickled Apples all day. have peeled two baskets of sweet Apples. Fred thrashing all day at E. Trees.

**1918** Sunday Cloudy and some rain in evening. Eva Fred and Children went to Church. Eva Rose York conducted the Services. I rested. Day of Rest

**19** {No Entry}

#### **NOVEMBER 4**

**1916** Saturday. A busy day sweeping cleaning &c I got very tired. Letters from Hellen and from Dora. Weather dull and unsettled.

**1917** Sunday A bright sunshiny day. good to have such a lovely day. All went to Church and S.S. I rested and read all day. A comfortable day.

**1918** Monday A bright day after rain last night. The children started School. The drainers finished and have gone. We are all well.

**19** {No Entry}

#### **NOVEMBER 5**

**1916** Sunday A bright Nov. day I went to Church. Our pastor's subject was "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." After the needs of all was supplied plenty left. So "Grace abounding"

**1917** Monday Weather fine. I did odds and ends finishing bits of work left over from Saturday

**1918** Tuesday fine and warm

**19** {No Entry}

## NOVEMBER 6

**1916** Monday Cloudy in morning but bright in Afternoon. Knitting most of the day. Washing day clothes got nicely dry.

**1917** Still fine

I cleaned the guest room. I wonder who will occupy it next?

**1918** Wed. A beautiful day warm and bright

I love November so many fine days. I am very well, washed my clothes and not too tired.

**19** {No Entry}

## NOVEMBER 7

**1916** Tuesday Warmer and very bright Eva left in Afternoon to attend the Woman's Baptist Mission Convention in Toronto. I am housekeeper. Wrote to Hellen.

**1917** Wednesday Another lovely day. I tried to make over a Coat of Grandpa's for Harold a hard job and not very satisfactory.

**1918** Thursday fine mostly. A little rain Mending &c. A great demonstration in Woodstock. A rumour spread that the war was over which however lacked confirmation. Eva and children drove out.

**1919** Friday A busy sweeping day Emma telegraphs she will come tomorrow

## NOVEMBER 8

**1916** Wed. A beautiful day. Fine for the Convention in Toronto. I wrote to Rose Parsons.

Have knitted all the time I could get. The days are not long enough.

**1917** Thursday Weather glorious Our pastor Mr. Rutledge came to dinner. A pleasant visit with him. Knitting all spare time A letter from Margaret

**1918** Friday. A heavy mist which did not roll away, but became a gentle rain. Sweeping day. Men came to put a ~~little~~ Litter Carrier in the barn.

**1919** Saturday. Emma came It is indeed fine to have her come She came to Chicago for a Meeting of which she was an appointed delegate and came on for a short visit. Dear child she looks and is well.

#### **NOVEMBER 9**

**1916** Thursday. A rainy day. not very cold but decidedly unpleasant. Have given thought to business matters in Connection with "Sunset Mills" Government taxes 70.<sup>00</sup>

**1917** Friday Bright sunshine I wrote to Harold Wolverton in India

**1918** Saturday A beautiful day. Some rain last night or early in the morning but fine in Afternoon  
I cut out a dress for Rose did not get much done to it.

**1919** Sunday Weather pleasant. Emma Harold Dora and I went to Church. Mr Acklands subject "Soul winning." Good sermon.

#### **NOVEMBER 10**

**1916** Friday A bright morning but clouds and rain in Afternoon. Fred went to a barn raising.

A letter from Margaret.

Wrote to Newton a business letter.

**1917** Saturday This wonderful fine weather still lasts. I did quite a washing today. This fine sunshine tempted me. A letter from Mrs. McNeil Containing ten dollars from Miss Hatch

**1918** Sunday Pleasant weather. I went to Church Eva Rose York conducted Morning and Evening services at Oxford St. "Whom the Son makes free shall be free indeed" Born of God. freedom.

**1919** Monday A dear visit with Emma all day. She left in the evening for Chicago in a rain, dark and dismal, but a cab came out from town for her.

#### **NOVEMBER 11**

**1916** Saturday Eva came home at noon. I got dinner and spent a busy forenoon Did some mending in Afternoon & other things.

**1917** Sunday Weather fine. All went to Church but Marion Rose and I. A quiet restful day. reading and resting.

**1918** Monday. Wonderful indeed The war is ended. Surrender papers signed by Germany at 6, o'clock this A.M. Gread demonstrations everywhere. great rejoicing, mingled with tears by bereaved ones.

**1919** Tuesday Eva left for Guelph to attend the Womans Baptist Miss. Convention she took Rose with her. I am housekeeper for a week.

#### **NOVEMBER 12**

**1916** Sunday A pleasant day I went to Church. A young man from the College spoke on the words "In those days every man did what was right in his own eyes." Read in afternoon.

**1917** Monday Such lovely weather I ironed in the evening.

**1918** Tuesday Fine weather still holds. Washing day and I have been doing housework. Such busy days. letters from Dora and Emma.

**1919** Wed. Weather Colder. Everything moves on smoothly. I am pretty busy but am feeling well. Eva and Harold go to School.

#### **NOVEMBER 13**

**1916** Monday. Cold. Eva went to the factory with the cream. I did housework in forenoon and knit in Afternoon too stormy to put out the clothes. sleet and rain.

**1917** Tuesday Warm and bright and sunshiny. I cleaned my room. Fred has men draining and a man ploughing.

**1918** Wed. I wrote to Rose and Charlotte letters of sympathy on the death of their Mother Mrs. Parsons. Warm weather all along.

**1919** Thursday It has grown very cold, ground is frozen for the first and we all feel the sudden change.

#### **NOVEMBER 14**

**1916** Tuesday very cold, freezing I staid in bed all day. A severe cold seized me. The children did not go to School. colds and coughs prevailing.

**1917** Wednesday Bright from early morning. I wrote to Annie McNeal My feet trouble me otherwise I am stronger.

**1918** Thursday. Mr Clarkson helping Fred to harvest the turnips Good weather for such work. I am doing housework mostly.

**1919** Friday So cold Fred made the furnace fire in the evening Sweeping day and Hellen the little maid cleaned the kitchen.

#### **NOVEMBER 15**

**1916** Wednesday Still very cold, some snow. I stayed in bed all day and tried to keep warm.

Eva went to a Red Cross meeting at Mrs. Baynes.

**1917** Thursday A dull day and damp. Eva went to Mission Circle I do not feel quite sure on my feet. and do not go out. Busy all day and tired.

**1918** Friday. Weather fine & warm Sweeping day. Mr Clarkson helping Fred they got all the turnips in I was very tired at night.

**1919** Saturday. It is comfortable to have the house warm. A phone from Mr S. S. Bates I have not been very well for a few days and have rested this Afternoon and so my work is not all done.

#### **NOVEMBER 16**

Mission Circle I could not go.

**1916** Thursday The weather has moderated a little. I got up this A.M. I think staying in bed was the right thing to do. Fire in furnace and in my kitchen. Comfortable. A little snow.

**1917** Friday. Bright in morning but rather dull and chilly later in the day I helped in the kitchen made Chili sauce and so on.

**1918** Saturday Eva went with the milk to Town and was late home. Finished putting up quince and Apple.

**1919** Sunday Weather has moderated. but the furnace fire is good have Harold, Hellen and I went to Church Fred could not get his work done So much stock to look after alone.

## NOVEMBER 17

**1916** Friday Much like winter weather. My cold is still in evidence but better.

has been perhaps an inch of snow.

**1917** Saturday A fine day. Thrashers are here. A letter from Newton and Sunset Mills business

**1918** Sunday. A rainy morning - but just very gently. warm. Fred Eva and Harold went to Ch. Eva Rose York Conducted the Service I rested and slept.

**1919** Monday, Warmer. I am very busy. A fine day. A letter from Elizabeth. Her mother says Come to Boston? Shall I go?

## NOVEMBER 18

**1916** Saturday Weather moderates. Cold winds.

I hemmed that table cloth that has lain on my stand and my mind for some time. Baked bread a long time since I so did.

**1917** Sunday A cold wet day not rain but so dull and damp. I did not go out. All the rest went to Church or S. S. in Afternoon. I sent 10.<sup>00</sup> for Ch. Current expenses.

**1918** Monday. Rained in the night. Cloudy and a little rain all day. A telegram came to Eva that her brother Wm. B. Waters in Calgary was critically ill with pneumonia and late at night a message saying he had died.

**1919** Thursday pleasant in morning but cold and stormy towards night some snow. Eva and Rose came from Guelph. Rose is better but not well she still carries her head on one side

## NOVEMBER 19

**1916** Sunday Day fine but roads muddy. I did not go to Church the rest except Fred all went morning and afternoon

**1917** Monday. The thrashers finished weather was favorable. I went to town in Afternoon and had my long delayed dress fitted. Thankful I was able to go. I am better. Eva went with me.

**1918** Tuesday A cloudy day and a little rain. Eva went to Guelph We were busy getting her and Rose off. She mourns the death of her brother.

**1919** Wed. Eva washed today The members Tea at Oxford St. Church Mr McLeod came he went with Eva and Dora to the Church

#### NOVEMBER 20

**1916** Monday The days slip by and all much the same, just the ordinary routine of getting up in the morning, breakfast dinner & suppers. And yet much to be thankful for on just this account *{last two words written vertically in the right margin}*

**1917** Tuesday An unpleasant day cold and some rain

I have been knitting mittens for Harold.

**1918** Wed. A bright morning so bright that I put out my mattress to sun and air but alas! the brightness soon clouded over, and I got my bedding in as soon as I could. Knitting & other things. quiet without Rose

**1919** Thursday Dull Nov. weather mostly but some bright days. and this was one Mr McLeod here he is a sick man. Cancer claiming him. I am knitting these days. Went to Circle Meeting Late home Very tired. *{written between lines}*

#### NOVEMBER 21

**1916** Tuesday An ordinary day like many others. bright in the morning, clothes got mostly dry, froze some.

**1917** Wednesday Rainy and cold no chance to get clothes dried. Knitting mittens.

**1918** Thursday A comfortable day but cold. Mission Circle at Mrs. Siples. Good attendance and good Meeting A good Thank offering about \$30.<sup>00</sup> Eva Rose York gave a good address. So many good things We were thankful indeed *{last two words written vertically in right margin}*

**1919** Friday dull and wet. sweeping day.

The routine of housekeeping is not much varied.

#### NOVEMBER 22

**1916** Wednesday A very fine day. Milder, busy. I baked bread, and knitted between times. The family afflicted with colds.

**1917** Thursday Cold and some snow looks as if Winter had come Mr Ephraim Sale came out from Woodstock to visit us and stay over night. Knitting today.

**1918** Friday. Sweeping day. Weather fine not intensely cold

**1919** Saturday Cold, rainy in morning I have done some mending Cleaned dining room. Not well in evening went to bed early. Mr McLeod left in the morning.

### **NOVEMBER 23**

**1916** Thursday A grey rainy day. My 81st birthday Surely "goodness and mercy have followed me all my days. I wrote to Dora. My cold rather bad

82 years old

**1917** Friday It froze hard last night. A little snow. Mr Sale left after breakfast. Finished a pr of mittens and cut out a dressing sack for myself. Men could not work at draining frozen (*written vertically in right margin*)

**1918** Saturday Weather moderately Cold. A busy day. I have been sewing for Dora Mending &c. Letters come from Eva Her brother's body is expected to reach Guelph on Monday. My birthday 83.

**1919** Sunday Another milestone on life's road my 84 birthday, not well at home all day resting and reading some. Eva and children went to Church and S.S.

### **NOVEMBER 24**

**1916** Friday A very stormy day. Wind & snow. My husband would have been 82 had he lived. How is time counted on the other shore? Finished Marion stockings. My cold still grips me. Letters from Dora & Minnie.

**1917** Saturday. It seems very cold. We have not got used to cold weather yet. three birthday letters came today. from Dora, Emma and Norah. dear loving letters. God bless them all.

**1918** Sunday A bright morning but a cold wind. All who were at home went to Church. Eva Rose York conducted the Services Satan is powerful, but the Lord Jesus Christ is greater than he and through Him we can over come.

**1919** Monday cold and snow flurries A little mending and much resting. And so the days pass.

## NOVEMBER 25

**1916** Saturday A truly wintry day, some snow and wind but tempered with sunshine. I made Harold a pair of trousers and am tired tonight. Such is life but on the whole very good Letter from Emma

**1917** Sunday A bright day but cold. I was at home all day. not very well. reading &c. read Dr Broughton's "Bible for a plain man". All the rest went to Church or S. S.

**1918** Monday Cloudy and cold and very little snow. I had birthday letters from Dora and Emma. precious remembrances. The funeral of Wm Waters in Guelph. Very sad he leaves a wife and 3 little Children.

**1919** Tuesday Cold and dull like Nov. weather. A letter from Annie McNeil and a Contribution for Oxford St. Church and Missions from Miss Hatch, India A parcel came from Eaton's Yarn &c

## NOVEMBER 26

**1916** Sunday I did not go to Church but read and rested most of the day Eva and the children went in the morning. Dr Kirstead preached

**1917** Monday A bright cold morning. Letters from Clara, Eva Rose York and a card from Mrs. Annie McNeil washed a few things and sewed a little

**1918** Tuesday. Eva and Rose came home This is Dora's birthday my first born. She is fifty nine years old. And has been ever a dear helpful child God bless her. Eva & Rose came home from Guelph.

**1919** Wed. Very cold. I keep a fire in my kitchen

Knitting stockings for Dora.

## NOVEMBER 27

**1916** Monday The weather has moderated. Thawing & sun shiny. Harold came home from School sick Had Dr Sinclair. He thinks it grip I wrote to Harold Wolverton, India

**1917** Tuesday Cold and some snow Sewing and knitting but don't get much of either done. hindrances and interruptions. Fred cleaned chimneys & stove pipes. I wrote to Tessie.

**1918** Wednesday A bright day and a little higher temperature. We have been sewing today beginning dresses for Dora which she much needs.

**1919** Thursday Wrote to Elizabeth A letter from Emma very cold Knitting

#### **NOVEMBER 28**

**1916** Tuesday Warm, Grey and a little rain. Fred ploughing in Afternoon Harold much better but Eva had a restless night Marion sick in night but seems all right today. I wrote to Dora.

**1917** Wed. Weather has moderated Fred sick in bed. A cold & sore throat. I have sewed some and mended some. A letter from Tessie. I do not write very well. My hands are rather lame.

**1918** Thursday Cold and rainy. High winds. Eva Rose York came. I have sewed a little. A fine musical evening Eva Rose plays and sings well. We enjoyed hearing her.

**1919** Friday, Cold Letter from Fanny at Lyndsay. She will come next week. I wrote to Ida. Knitting.

#### **NOVEMBER 29**

**1916** Wed. A rainy day. The Ch. Annual Thank Offering Meeting. No one went from here. Eva drove out before dark with Chickens for supper. I sent 1.00 (One dollar). Fred sick in bed.

**1917** Thursday A fine day, bright and not too cold. Fred sick in bed. I sew some but do not get much done. do not feel very vigorous

**1918** Friday Cold and damp. Eva look the milk in the forenoon, And took Eva Rose York to Station in Afternoon to go to Toronto. I did the sweeping. not much time for sewing. Eva and Fred went out in the evening

**1919** Saturday A very rainy Windy day. blew off barn and implement shed doors and broke the wind mill. I finished one stocking.

#### **NOVEMBER 30**

**1916** Thursday Fred sick in bed Dora's Cough no better

**1917** Friday A rainy misty day. I ironed in forenoon. Eva cleaned the soft water tank. Fred better came down stairs.

**1918** Saturday Cold and grew colder Mr Gracy went away at noon, too cold to plough. I did a little sewing. Swept the dining room &c. The first snow came towards evening. Wind and snow. Wintry

**1919** Sunday The storm did a great deal of damage yesterday. Trees down roofs blown off and still it is a windy day today. no one went to Church from here Eva went in afternoon with Children to S. S. and Mission Band.

### MEMORANDA

**1916** Notable men have died during November. Norman Duncan a Canadian writer

Henry k Sienkiewicz a great Polish Author died at Vevey in Switzerland

**19** Francis Joseph Emperor of Austria died Monday 20th aged 86.

Sir John Boyd died in Toronto on the 23rd

**1918** November has been a fine month a great many bright days and farmers could plough until the last day in Afternoon Peace has been proclaimed, Germany beaten much reconstruction work to be done now.

**1919** While peace from war has come yet there is great unrest in the world Socially, industriously, and politically O that the Prince of Peace might reign.

### DECEMBER 1

**1916** Friday bright in morning but cloudy later in the day. Eva went to the Union Circle Meeting at 1st Church. reported a good Meeting. I had a busy day. swept my room and much else. Knitting mittens for Harold

**1917** Saturday. some snow a little sun shine, not very cold. A letter from Dora. She is planning attending Missionary Conferences and would come for me if I could go home with her. but I have written I am not ready to go now.

**1918** Sunday Sunshiny after the storm. Fred, Eva and children went to Church Mr. C. McKechnie preached Morning & Evening. I have rested most of the time this Day of rest. not very cold

**1919** Monday Cold and some snow. I have been knitting all day and in the evening. I dread the winter as I never have before.

### DECEMBER 2

**1916** Saturday Day pleasant not cold Fred still in bed. I finished a pr. of mittens for Harold.

**1917** Sunday. Fred Eva and the children went to Church. I as usual read and rested My feet still are considerably swollen

**1918** Monday A stormy day snow and wind but not very cold. I sewed some on Dora's dress but did not get much done Letter from Norah and Card from Clara.

**1919** Tuesday Cold

I am knitting all the time I can get

### DECEMBER 3

**1916** Sunday A damp chilly day and rain in afternoon. I went to Church with the children in the morning. Subject "Fellowship with God." impressive sermon. Friendship. Partnership. Fellowship. I want it all

**1917** Monday. Cold in the morning but weather moderate in Afternoon. Eva and I went to town. Miss Robinson again fitted my dress. and I got some little gifts for Xmas. Saw D<sup>r</sup> Sinclair he gave me some Medicine.

**1918** Tuesday Wrote to Mrs Wm Parker in forenoon and sewed a little in Afternoon. not very well.

**1919** Wed. Cold. A letter from Will. All well but complain of shortage of Sugar and coal. Knitting

### DECEMBER 4

**1916** Monday A rainy day not cold. does not freeze. Fred came down stairs. The children are none of them well. Chickenpox we think. My cold has not yet taken leave of me. A letter from Newton.

**1917** Tuesday Weather dull but not very cold. I have been knitting today. We are all better in health than last year at this time. Cause for thankfulness.

**1918** Wednesday I staid in bed most of the forenoon. Snow keeps falling but weather not very cold. I sewed a little in Afternoon.

**1919** Thursday Very cold milk frozen in back kitchen. Letter from Dora Sugar famine in Chicago. Still I knit

## DECEMBER 5

**1916** Tuesday A rainy day but not cold. I canned sweet apples and quinces. Harold still very sick.

**19** {No Entry}

**1918** Thursday More snow today. I think sleighs are running. helped in the kitchen some in forenoon and sewed a little in Afternoon I am better today. Influenza prevails in many places.

**1919** Friday Weather has Moderated snowing some.

## DECEMBER 6

**1916** Wed. The weather has cleared up. but high winds. Warm enough for farmers to plough. I wrote to Margaret. Baked bread. Harold better. Chicken pox coming out.

**1917** Thursday I set up second stocking for Dora. Knit a nice peice in the evening Eva went to town in Afternoon. A terrible Calamity in Halifax Over 2000 dead.

**1918** Friday Union Mission Circle meeting at 1st Ch. Eva went. I washed my flannels. did some sweeping &c.

## DECEMBER 7

Thursday

**1916** Still warm Winter's delay is fine Harold continues very sick. Fred not well but keeps about With no regular man he must

**1917** Friday A pleasant day but cold I went with Eva to a Union Circle meeting with the 1st Ch. at Mrs. Mahon's. A good Meeting glad I could go. Met many old friends.

**1918** Saturday. A very busy day I finished Dora's dress, and did several other bits of sewing some of which I could not finish. I got too tired and went to bed late. not very cold.

**1919** Sunday Not very cold, Dora Harold and I went to Church I got very tired Mr Ackland's subject Sacrificial Giving. Good.

## DECEMBER 8

**1916** Friday The month is gliding by. A chilly East win. Earl Chapin helps Fred occasionally. He is here today. They are ploughing. A card from Clara yesterday. All well. Letter from Robert Dawson. Winnipeg

**1917** Saturday A very stormy day, wind and snow and cold. Fred, Eva and Dora went to town in forenoon. I spent the day knitting The horrow in Halifax increases.

**1918** Sunday Weather mild and pleasant. Fred and children went to Ch. I did not get up until nearly noon. So tired, too tired even to read

#### **DECEMBER 9**

**1916** Saturday Stormy snow, sleet, wind &c. Eva has been in bed two days Came down a little today. We are a poor lot. Dora is much better, but Harold does not improve rapidly.

**1917** Sunday A very cold stormy day. no one went to Church. East wind and snow and very cold. I read the Baptist & Northern Messenger. Annie went to S. S.

**1918** Monday A beautiful day warm sunny. I finished up some of the left over jobs of Saturday. So warm I put out a mattress and bedding and we got on a few double windows Snow all gone.

**1919** Tuesday Fanny Came from Wolverton. Cold.

I am not very well.

#### **DECEMBER 10**

**1916** Sunday. Not much snow but the ground is white. Has not seemed like the Sabbath. No one went to Church Harold suffering with a gathering in his ear. Eva in bed Fred not well. I am better but have been busy here and there.

**1917** Monday Still very cold, high winds Halifax news more and more harrowing Two ships collided in the harbor one a Munition ship. A fearful explosion. 1500 homes destroyed. Some estimate 4000 dead much suffering.

**1918** Tuesday Such a very cold East wind, Everything in my kitchen that was freezeable, froze. Could not stay in the dining room at all. I staid all day in Eva's sitting room. sewed & rested

**1919** Wed. Fanny here. I am not well not able to do much. Knitting a little

#### **DECEMBER 11**

**1916** Monday. Snowed in Afternoon Washing day and Eva has been cleaning up. Busy day. Eva down stairs. Harold much better. Thankfulness is the note we strike

**1917** Tuesday Storm abated not very cold. I have been knitting all day finished stockings for Dora and began a pr for Harold.

Ther. as low as 5

**1918** Wed. Wind has gone down. It seems much warmer. Thawing. Letter from Annie McNeal. Sewing petticoat for Rose did up some Xmas packages.

**1919** Thursday Very cold. not able to do much

#### **DECEMBER 12**

**1916** Tuesday Letter from Norah all well there. I dont do much these days except ordinary necessary work, just a little knitting.

**1917** Wed. Clear but very cold Ther. down to 2 towards morning. Knitting all day. Tired tonight. Eva attended a red cross Meeting Children at school

**1918** Thursday A bright day, not very cold. Sewing finished working an edge on Rose's skirt. Wrote to Emma sent 5<sup>00</sup> for xmas for her and the boys.

**1919** Friday Weather moderated. Fanny went out and was vaccinated necessary to be permitted to cross the lines. Fanny left in the evening S. S. Christmas Entertainment.

#### **DECEMBER 13**

**1916** Wed. A nice winter's day. Winter seems to have set in. We are all very much better. Eva drove to town. I baked bread. Many are trying to economise in this way these war times.

**1917** Thursday Weather moderated a little. Stormy in afternoon, snow and softer. Eva and Annie went to town. Letter from Norah

Knitting today. Mrs. Gage buried today

**1918** Friday rain all day not cold. Sewing and mending. We are peeling Apples evenings for drying. Apples are not keeping well.

**1919** Saturday I am not well not able to do my usual work. very lame and generally miserable

## DECEMBER 14

**1916** Thursday Cold, some snow. sleighs are beginning to run. some sunshine and some storm today. I have written several letters and done up some Xmas cards and so on.

**1917** Friday Very stormy in afternoon snow and cold. Looks as if Winter had set in.

**1918** Saturday. Rain all day. not heavy just very moderately, but very wet. Finished Rose's skirt today

The days do slip away very quickly I am well but not very vigorous

**1919** Sunday Weather damp and cold Cousin Hellen Scott died aged 86 and nine months

## DECEMBER 15

**1916** Friday A bright day, cold Ther about 12. Have been doing up little Xmas remembrances for the grandchildren, some letters &c

**1917** Saturday A bright day but cold. I cleaned the sitting room we got a few storm windows on. I was very tired at night. feet hurt. Letter from Dora

**1918** Sunday A pleasant day after the rain. Weather warm, roads muddy. I did not go out all day. read a good deal. rested.. Rev. Mr Acland preached. The family went.

**19** {No Entry}

## DECEMBER 16

**1916** A cold day and a little more snow. Eva and the children went to town in the afternoon and I sent out some xmas cards to be mailed.

**1917** Sunday Cold I did not go out. The rest went to Church in morning. I kept in. Rose, Eva and children went to S.S. I read and rested and in evening began a paper on the Capture of Jerusalem by the British on the 11th by Gen. Allenby.

**1918** Monday A beautiful sunny, warm day. I cleaned the sitting room. more storm windows put on. I wrote to Fred Wolverton. A letter from Arthur Fitch.

**1919** Fri Tuesday Fanny came from Wolverton

## DECEMBER 16

*{This page a repeat of the previous one.}*

## DECEMBER 17

**1916** Sunday The cold holds on but we can keep warm indoors. Eva and the children went to Church Fred not well. I have been reading up "Mothers in Israel" for the Mission Circle

**1917** Monday A bright cold winter's day Election day much interest & anxiety in this Election. The War is the great issue Shall Canada do her "bit" or not. May God guide and keep our country.

**1918** Tuesday. A fine day but colder. ground frozen. No snow. We Eva and I made mince meat. S. S. Concert tonight Eva and children went. Moonlight night.

**19** *{No Entry}*

## DECEMBER 20

**1916** Wednesday Weather moderating Harold very sick. The Dr came out. he has a combination of grip and chicken pox. and suffers much.

**1917** Thursday, Thaw continues. Fog and mist. Eva drove out to town. I sent a basket, with Xmas cheer to Lucy Landon. She is not well and she is alone.

**1918** Friday. A heavy white frost last night, but melted away during the day. Fred has men cutting straw. made busy work. for us. Eva went with the milk. The Children had a Xmas tree at the day School. They took Rose and Eva drove up for them in afternoon. Sweeping day &c

**1919** Saturday A bright winter's day but cold. I dread the cold more than ever before. Wrote to Eliz. and Frank.

## DECEMBER 21

**1916** Thursday Weather moderate I went to Mission Circle. not many out. Elections of Officers. One ones re elected except Mrs. Barton second Vice. Annie went with me.

**1917** Friday. The thaw has lasted until the snow is mostly gone and wheels are being used. All have gone to a Xmas entertainment at Oxford St. except M. Rose and I. It is colder tonight & freezing some.

**1918** Saturday. I have been neglecting my "Line a day" I dont remember what I did this day but I know I was busy for I swept after up the dining room in the evening and Annie washed the floor for me.

**19** {No Entry}

#### DECEMBER 22

**1916** Friday such a busy day. helped Dora make a cake. wrote to Dora Took up the rug in Afternoon and cleaned the dining partly. Men to supper Fred moved a hen house.

**1917** Saturday. Cold again. I washed some I wanted my clothes to freeze. I did other things and too tired at night to knit much. And so the week has gone and mercy has crowned each day.

**1918** Sunday A damp misty day but not cold. I went to Church Rev Mr. Cameron of Burgessville preached. "Unto us a Child is born, Unto us a son is given &c in Isiah.

**19** {No Entry}

#### DECEMBER 23

**1916** Saturday Another busy day, too busy. Finished the dining room and got Carpet down and curtains washed and up. Marion sick with chicken pox. Harold getting better. I am too tired tonight.

**1917** Sunday. Cold and a little stormy but a great day. I went to Church and was not very cold. What was the secret of the wonderful power of Jesus Christ over men "He was born of the Holy Ghost. Spirit born. Spirit led and spirit filled." Good music. Good sermon.

**1918** Monday An unpleasant day East wind and Chilly. I began mittens for Harold

**1919** {From here onwards, Dora takes over as author of this diary} Tuesday

Mother dear had not been feeling well for several days. She went to bed on this afternoon and did not get up again.

#### DECEMBER 24

**1916** Sunday. Fred and Dora only went to Church. An East wind dining room could not be warmed. I sat by the kitchen stove most all day to keep warm did not even read. not much like Sunday. but a rest day. I needed it.

**1917** Monday Weather milder. almost like rain towards night. A busy day. I finished Harold's stockings & washed them out. Ironed in the Afternoon. tied up Xmas boxes in the evening. All well and should be truly Thankful. wrote a line to Margaret.

**1918** Tuesday East wind Cannot warm the dining room. Ironing day. Finished Harold's mittens Xmas remembrances from many old friends. "Good Will" is in the air

**1920** Wednesday. After a somewhat disturbed night but without acute suffering Mother dear died at 11 a.m. Fred was very miserable, just escaping an attack of pneumonia.

#### **DECEMBER 25**

**1916** Monday. A fine winters day. not intensely cold. Good sleighing. We had a Christmas Tree. All satisfied I think. I had many dear remembrances from loved ones. Much to be thankful for May we take in the meaning of "Peace on earth &c

**1917** Tuesday. O that Peace on earth might come. Cold a real wintry day Our Xmas tree was a success. The Children satisfied with all that came to them. I too am satisfied Letters and remembrance Cards from many dear friends. Letter & check from Rose

**1918** Wed. Fine after the storm ground white with snow. Xmas tree for Children which we all enjoyed. Ten dollars from Will. A Layer check from Rose. Letters from Dora Frank. Belle Wolverton and gift from Emma, Leo, Little Dora, Harold Annie & others. God bless them all.

**1920** Thursday. A sad Christmas for us all. Dora arrive from Chicago in the P.M. - a little later Will & Jessie came from New York.

#### **DECEMBER 26**

**1916** Tuesday Very cold. I have not felt well today. An East wind could not warm the dining room. We staid in the kitchen. I did not even knit much.

**1917** Wed. A pleasant winters day but no sleighing. I did some mending in the forenoon. Eva, Harold and baby M. Rose left for Guelph to spend a week. I am in Charge. It is quiet after the bustle.

**1918** Thursday A pleasant day not very cold. sleighing. Have written letters today to Margaret. Will and Tessa, Miss Marquis and sent for The Globe It is our best daily newspaper I think. A good many Xmas Cards coming yet.

**1919** {19 is written in blue pen on top of 20} Friday. Frank came on forenoon train & Clara in late P.M. we all sat around the fire in the evening reading Mother's Christmas letters and opening her gifts.

#### DECEMBER 27

**1916** Wed. A great change in the weather. rained during the night & much warmer. Harold and Marion very much better. I feel a little better today but not very well.

**1917** Thurs. I began a pr of mittens for May at White Plains I hoped to send them for Xmas. but could not get them done.

**1918** Friday A pleasant winter day not intensely cold. Xmas cards, letters &c today. Gifts from Clara and Margaret Eliz. and from the Children at White Plains I wrote to Rose Parsons, Bella Wolverton and Fred. So nice to get some letters written

**1919** {19 is written over 20 in blue ink} Saturday. The funeral service was held at 2 P.M. Dr. S. S. Bates conducted the service. Sara Baker & Eva Rose York sang. The house was filled with old friends who truly mourning Uncle Lou & family were here & Geo. Goble from Waterford. A beautiful service then we drove to the cemetery & laid the precious body beside that of our beloved father.

#### DECEMBER 28

**1916** Thursday Colder again. This is Harold's birthday, nine years old. I gave him 26¢ with which he was much pleased. Sent Globe subs.

**1917** Friday A very cold day Ther. below zero part of the day. knitting finished one mitten and began another. Sent for the "Globe"

**1918** Saturday Weather fine I wrote only one letter and that to Elizabeth. Knitting most of the day Mittens for Rose got one done except the thumb. Harold 11 years old.

**1919** {19 is written on top of 20 in blue pen} Sunday. Will and Jessie left on an afternoon train. Some of us went to church in the morning.

#### DECEMBER 29

**1916** Friday. Pleasant winter weather I do not go out. Wrote a letter of thanks to Rose. her Check was very acceptable this year. May she have "the favor of the Lord." which maketh rich.

**1917** Saturday. Still colder. A cold wave has enveloped us. I have hardly been warm once today. It was 30 in dining room this morning. One little Gold fish is dead. and one plant frozen.

**1918** Sunday A fine day. went to Church in the sleigh. Rev Mr        preached I rested in afternoon. Only Eva Children and I went.

**1919** {19 from "1919" is written over 20 in blue ink} Monday. The day was spent putting things in order and taking care of mother's personal effects, papers, letters &c.

### DECEMBER 30

**1916** Saturday. Have knitted all the time I could get today. a little sweeping a little cleaning and so goes the time. It goes too fast. I am not feeling very well.

**1917** Sunday So cold no one went to Church. I made a fire in my kitchenette and have kept warm most of the time Dora and Annie walked to S. S. I have read and rested all day.

**1918** Monday A beautiful day. Have knitted today, finished Rose's mittens

**1919** {19 is written on top of 20 in blue ink} Tuesday. Frank left in the morning. Clara on an afternoon train & Dora on one later. Eva could not come. she could not have arrived in time.

A keen sense of loss we all feel, but we are glad mother dear did not have a long time of illness & suffering and we have the most beautiful memories of our

### DECEMBER 31

**1916** Sunday. The year ends. The record is closed. What has it been? I have been home all day. Have read "The Other mile" by Fosdick. The thought a searching one.

**1917** Monday. The old year has closed. It is very cold. Some say coldest in 50 years. We cannot warm the dining room. Are staying in the little sitting room. Eva wrtes it is very cold at Guelph

**1918** Tuesday Weather mild for Dec. I have been knitting today Mittens for Frank Gordon Goble got one done. Eva cleaning her kitchen. Good bye old year

*{Continuation of 1919 entry on previous page}* father and mother to cherish through the coming years.

## MEMORANDA

**1916** Thursday September 14th Rev. Edwin Seldon died on this date at Denver. Colorado.

**1917** During 1917 the war has raged Many have been killed in action and many homes are in mourning for loved ones. At the end of the year there is much anxiety about the outcome Russia has fallen out and Germany has the advantage in some ways. When will the strife end? As a family we have much to be thankful for. We are all fairly well better than last year at this time All have been spared, and we have not wanted for any good thing Thanks be unto God.

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**1917** Frank Gordon Goble born at White Plains March 3, 1917

**1918** The war closed this year. On Nov. 11. Germany surrendered at 11, o'clock Arms were laid down and fighting ceased. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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