

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1918

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TUES.
1 JAN., 1918 NEW YEAR'S DAY
Ther 8 below zero, cloudy
all day.

WED.
2 snowed today
Ther 6 above zero

THUR
3 Ther 8 above zero.
Central Church had
their annual supper
tonight.

FRI.
4 Mrs Isbrand called
this afternoon. Ther 3
below zero this a.m.

SAT.
5 Ida loadwalader called
today. This has
been a nice day. It
is still cold.



Olive, Lizzie and Louie Price
[a.k.a. "the girls", sisters, aunts, -
they live "up home"] & Mary Ella Somers



Lewis E Somers
[a.k.a. L.E. and Lew]

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January

01 - Ther 8 below zero. Cloudy all day.

02 - Ther 6 above zero snowed today

03 - Ther 8 above zero. Central Church had their annual supper tonight.

04 - Mrs Gerald called this afternoon. Ther 8 below this a.m.

05 - Ida Cadwalader called today. This has been a nice day. It is still cold.

06 - This was a fine day, nice and warm. I went up home.

07 - We killed the pig today it weighed 133 lbs.

08 - Have been trying lard today. Wes. Bah and Helen were here this p.m.

09 - Mrs. Pfouts came in this eve.

10 - Made mince meat today.

11 - Hog work about done, made head cheese and fixed the hams and shoulders.

12 - We had a terrific wind and rain storm last night.

13 - Cold Ther 10. I went up home this p.m. Hattie came while I was away.

14 - I went over to Atl City this a.m. We had the boys birthday party tonight at Smiths.

15 - Rained nearly all day. Wind blowing a gale tonight.

16 - This has been a fine day like spring time.

17 - Another spring day. Helen was here awhile this afternoon.

18 - Cloudy all day. Mamie Cavileer called this a.m.

19 - Aunt Maggie died the 15th funeral was today. Lew and I attended.

20 - We took a walk through the woods down to the creek.

21 - Have been sewing today. It is snowing.

22 - I am trying to make a house dress. But it is slow work. Snow 8 inches deep today.

23 - Sold 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs of chicken at 30 ¢ per lb. amount 4.28. It is still cold. Ther 12 above.

24 - Lizzie came down this eve. Annie Price funeral is to be tomorrow. Ther 4 above zero.

25 - Mrs Fitton called this p.m. This was a nice sunny day, snowed still 6 inches deep.

26 -It is snowing tonight.

27 - Snowed today 4 inches on what we already have. About 10 in all! Some snow.

28 - Mailed check to Mrs O.J. Hammell. For D.A.R. dues amt 4.00. Rec'd telegram from Snug Harbor. Uncle Job is bad off.

29 - We had a severe snowstorm yesterday. Snow about 14 in now. No papers, no cards, only enough to keep the road open.

30 - Commenced snowing at 2 P.M. I went to Atl City this A.M. got caught in storm.

31 - The weather was fierce this month, severely cold. Also 11 snow storms.

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February

1 - Very little sunshine today, the house tops covered with snow that fell on Wed.

2 - Groundhog could see his shadow for a little while. Diah Samsoms funeral today.

3 - Mr & Mrs Fitton, Wes, Smith and wife spent this eve with us. Snow melted some today, but the roofs are pretty well covered from Wed snow.

4 - (No mail) Mrs Pfont's called this a A.M. this has been a cold and windy day.

5 - We get our mail every other day. Thanks to the Post Master General. (Ther 6 below)

6 - Sun shone most of the day. But did not thaw the snow. Ther 4 above.

7 - This has been a fine day warm and sunny. Our pipes are froze up today. Uncle Job is better.

8 - I was up home a while today.

9 - This was a rainy day, plenty of snow on the ground yet.

10 - Sun shone today but it was chilly.

11 - This has been a nice warm day lots of snow yet. Mrs Fitton and Mr McKeag called.

12 - I called on Eva Steelman this afternoon.

13 - Israel G. Adams died today.

14 - The League met up home. We cut out pajamas for sailors.

15 - Mrs Fitton called today.

16 - Mrs Pfont's called Carrie Smith came today to stay over Sunday. I G. Adams funeral today.

17 - We took Carrie up to see Ina and then went up home. Winnie had to go to Camp Dix the 25th.

18 - Carrie went home today. Mrs Fitton called this P.M.

19 - We washed today. Our water pipe thawed out this afternoon, had been frozen 13 days.

20 - Mrs Pfont's called today. Lew attended the Grange meeting.

21 - Lew went to Atlatic City , took 4 doz eggs got 68c per doz.

22 - Mailed a letter to Cora. It snowed all day.

23 - Attended D.A.R. meeting. Ther spent the eve with Winfield Jr.

24 - Lew and I spent this eve at Wes Smith

25 - Lee and Julia spent the afternoon here. Winfield Jr. went to Camp Dix today.

26 - We had a very windy day, it seems like March weather.

27 - Lew saw two flocks of geese going north today.

28 - We went over to Atl City in machine. Called on Josie and read Jrs letter from Camp Dix. Ollie came home with us.

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March

1 - This has been a stormy day, rain and fog

2 - We went up to market this afternoon.
Took Ollie with us.

3 - Stayed home all day.

4 - Washed today. Lew bought an open wagon of Clark Frambes.

5 - We were up at P'ville and came home by John Blackmans. We were there quite awhile, enjoyed the visit.

6 - Heard frogs today. It has been very warm. Thunder showers tonight.

7 - Geese going north today. The W R Smiths spent this eve with us.

8 - Lew painted wagon.

9 - Lew and Ed have gone up to the Odd Fellows Lodge tonight. Cloudy and showery all day.

10 - Went up home this PM. Winfield was there. Raining tonight.

11 - Was at Pleasantville today.

12 - Rained this afternoon.

13 - Rained all day. I had a sick turn today in the auto.

14 - Had the kitchen (?)opened today. Raining again. Thunder shower tonight.

15 - A gale of wind today.

16 - Ther down to 12 this A.M. Sold 23 doz eggs today. Prices 40 & 45c per doz.

17 - Was up home a little while today, called to see Aunt Rebecca.

18 - Harry Camp is home and is as crazy as a red rover.

19 - Went down to see Ben Broadhead. He is bad off. Left 1.35 for Lydia to pay in Lodge X for me.

20 - They caught Harry Camp at a movie tonight.

21 - Raining today. Harry is back at the Asylum.

22 - Bull frogs having a grand concert today.

23 - Went to the Doctors. Sold 4 doz eggs at 43 per doz. Too a ride in the machine.

24 - Went over to Longport this P.M. called on Harnett. Winfield Jr. home today.

25 - Phebe Haines called today for eggs. They are 43c per doz.

26 - I made two rum bonnets today. We had several snow squalls this day.

27 - Bought a barrel of cobbler potatoes to plant paid 7.50

28 - Lew and Ed have gone up to Elwood & Mays Landing to look at Gov jobs.

29 - Sold 22 doz eggs today at 45c per doz.

30 - WE went over to see Myra and Josephine this A.M.

31 - We went for a short ride this afternoon. Took Louie with us.

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April

1 - Set 2 hens today.

2 - Ed took Marie and I up to Mays Landing, and from there to Tuckahoe and home via Ocean City.

3 - It rained this afternoon, is blowing a gale tonight.

4 - Went up to the (?) today.

5 - Sold 5 doz eggs at 43c per doz.

6 - Lew heard patriotic speeches held at the Grange tonight.

7 - We called at Angermans this afternoon, and were treated to coffee and pie.

8 - I cleaned kitchen cupboard this A.M. and am a sick girl tonight. Vomited much.

9 - I am not very good today. Severe wind and rain storm tonight.

10 - The wind has broke off one of (my?) and fathers apple trees, bad storm.

11 - It is still blowing a gale 65 miles an hour, lots of damage done, high tides.

12 - It rained all day, mixed with hail.

13 - Snow and rain until 3 P.M. This long storm caused much damage. I wrote a letter to (Gone?) today.

14 - We rode over to Longport this P.M. took Mrs Pfont's with us. The N. Easter flattened the town.

15 - Lew planted tomato seeds in hot bead today. We will bring early plants.

16 - Set out white onion sets today. Mrs Fitton called.

17 - Mrs. Pfont's called this P.M.

18 - Trans planted lettuce today, Red + met at Len Williams this eve.

19 - It was foggy a part of the day.

20 - Rained all day.

21 - Winfield Jr home today, we went over to get him. It rained all day. L E went up to the Doctor.

22 - I finished cleaning kitchen cupboard.

23 - We went over to Ocean City to hear Trooper A.H. O'Connor talk on the war. Check for \$9.00 from JO in A.M.

24 - I went up to the Dairy League this afternoon.

25 - Mrs. Tilton called today.

26 - Lew set out 120 cabbage plants

27 - Wind blowing a gale today. It is hard on young plants.

28 - Was up home today. Winfield Jr. leaves Camp Dix tomorrow. To go farther south.

29 - Lew has rheumatism and tooth ache today.

30 - This is Paul's birthday, nine years old. We had a party tonight.

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May

- 1 - Cleaned the kitchen closet.
- 2 - Kathryn and I went up to Bakersville to see the Liberty Bond Flag raised.
- 3 - Worked all day.
- 4 - I attended the D.A.R. meeting. It was held at the Presby Church. We had a juiire good luncheon.
- 5 - We took Ollie & Lizzy for a ride this afternoon. Winfield home today.
- 6 - Went down to see Ben Broadhead. He is better, gave Lydia 65c today to pay in lodge for me.
- 7 - Boys locked out tonight came here to sleep.
- 8 - Mrs. Pfouts called today. Have been cleaning the big room up stairs.
- 9 - Cleaned the little room today.
- 10 - Sold 23 doz eggs at 46 per doz amt \$10.58
- 11 - Went over to Atl City this afternoon to see the French Blue Devil's parade.
- 12 - We took a ride up to English Creek this P.M. Mrs Pfouts & Mrs Adair went with us.
- 13 - Mrs Tom J Steelman's funeral was yesterday, at New Gretna.
- 14 - Rainy a part of the day.
- 15 - Found a kitten today. Named it Scottie.
- 16 - Cleaned the kitchen today.
- 17 - I am 62 years young today. Mrs Pfouts and Mrs Adair called this eve.
- 18 - I set out 30 dahlias this afternoon.
- 19 - We took a ride up to see the Bethlehem Steel plant.
- 20 - Not very well.
- 21 - Had a woman to clean the sitting room. Sick today could not work.
- 22 - Went up to the movie to see Charlie Chaplin.
- 23 - Bought pepper plants today at Davies.
- 24 - I finished setting out my dahlias.
- 25 - Went over to Atl City this A.M. took 17 doz eggs got 46c per doz.
- 26 - We went over to Atlantic City to hear the Belgian girl tell her story about the war.
- 27 - Cleaned closets in my bedroom.
- 28 - We went to Bohle's for tomato plants.
- 29 - We are having a N.E. storm
- 30 - Went to Julia's English's funeral. She was buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery.
- 31 - I went home with Carrie and stayed until Sat morning.

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June

1 - Went up to Bristol this P.M. got there at 7 o'clock.

2 - Went up to the Bristol ship yard this afternoon.

3 - Arrived home tonight, left Burlington at 2:45. The weather was hot while I was away.

4 - Haven't been very well today.

5 - This has been a long day of work no idle minutes. A letter from Uncle Job.

6 - Nothing new, the same old tiring work, work, and then work some more.

7 - Am still working.

8 - Went up to the Doctors.

9 - This is Ed's birthday 36 years old. We went to see Grace Davis today but she was not home.

10 - Frank Cadwalader fell today. He is in a very serious condition, no hope for him.

11 - Frank passed away at 10 A.M.

12 - Thunder showers today.

13 - We attended the funeral services of Frank Cadwallader this eve at Atl City.

14 - Cleaned the cellar.

15 - We took Josie and Kathryn up to Pleasantville in the auto. Came home the Fire road route.

16 - We took Ollie and Lizzie out for a ride.

17 - Bought a pig today it weighed 24 lb (price 8.00) it's a nice one.

18 - I am not very well

19 - Better today. Ida came home today I wrote a letter to Cora.

20 - Better today

21 - Started our vegetable stand today.

22 - Went up to the Doctors today.

23 - Ther 48 this A.M.

24 - Still cold

25 - Rec'd a letter from Emma also one from Carrie Smith.

26 - A cold N.E. storm today.

27 - Roberta came today.

28 - We went up to the commencement Marie, Robert, Mrs Fitton and I.

29 - Roberta and I went up to Pleasantville

30 - Lew took Ollie, Louie, Roberta and myself for a ride. Went up to the Seaview Links

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July

- 1 - Roberta went up to Bargaintown.
- 2 - Gave Lydia Broadhead 1.30 for lodge dues.
- 3 - Thermometer down to 48 this A.M.
- 4 - 4th July We went to Cape May today. Took the girls with us.
- 5 - Roberta went home this P.M.
- 6 - Good sales today at the stand out front.
- 7 - We went up to Absecon today. Called at Emma Johnsons. Ollie and Lizzie were with us.
- 8 - Harry Camp home from the Asylum again. I hope he is all right this time.
- 9 - Lew, Ed, and Mark went over to bring Frank Caldwell's tools home.
- 10 - Lew went to the Dentist today and had 10 teeth extracted.
- 11 - Lew lost no sleep on acct of having teeth out.
- 12 - Paul Rockelmann was called to the colors today. Am sorry he had to go.
- 13 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 14 - We called at Bohle's today. Ollie and Louie were with us.
- 15 - Met Maggie Headley in Atlantic City this P.M. Our kitten died at 8:30 tonight.
- 16 - Went up to the lodge tonight paid \$2.00 for dues.
- 17 - Rained today.
- 18 - Attended navy lawn fete held on Jim Farish's lawn. We had a good time.
- 19 - Have felt pretty good today.
- 20 - Went over to Atl City this P.M. and heard the Minstrels on Steel Pier.
- 21 - Up home this afternoon.
- 22 - Edmond helped me wash today. The woman did not come.
- 23 - Eva Steelman spent this afternoon with me.
- 24 - Sold 6 doz eggs at (35?) per doz.
- 25 - Mrs Adams came for eggs today.
- 26 - I was on the Steel Pier today. Heard the Minstrels.
- 27 - It has been very warm today. We need rain badly.
- 28 - Took Ollie and Lizzie to Longport by way of Atlantic City. + Louie came home with us for supper.
- 29 - Was up at the Doctors this A.M.
- 30 - Mrs Fitton called this P.M.
- 31 - It has been raining all day. Not much (trucks?) sold. I canned peaches this afternoon.

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August 1918

- 1 - It is nice and cool after the rain.
- 2 - We went up to Farish's tonight for apples.
- 3 - I have been cranky all day. Harriet was here to see me today.
- 4 - We went up home this afternoon. I am feeling better.
- 5 - I canned peaches today. The weather was hot and muggy.
- 6 - This has been the hottest day this year. Term 103.
- 7 - This has been a hot day. Temp 106 in Phila, broke all records.
- 8 - Hot again today. Lizzie was here for supper tonight.
- 9 - Have been mending today.
- 10 - We went over to Atl City this eve. Lizzie and Mrs Seaman went with us.
- 11 - Winfield here for supper and stayed all night.
- 12 - Heavy thunder shower tonight.
- 13 - Replanted red skin potatoes today. Helen and her mother were here this eve.
- 14 - Julia Kern, Sallie Scull, and Wida called today. Lew gone to a movie tonight.
- 15 - Went over to see Ida Barrett tonight, she is better.
- 16 - Louie and I were on the Steel Pier today.
- 17 - Sold over \$15.00 worth of vegetables today.
- 18 - We rode up to Farmington this afternoon. Ollie and Louie were with us.
- 19 - Mrs Adams was here for eggs today.
- 20 - Yellow kitten sick today. I canned pears this afternoon.
- 21 - Have been canning tomatoes.
- 22 - Cramps today. Yellow kitten died tonight. Mrs Canal called.
- 23 - Have been canning tomatoes today. Vegetables sold amt to over \$20.00
- 24 - This was a good day at the stand.
- 25 - We called at Bohle's today. I took some Bartlett pears up to the Mrs.(??)
- 26 - I've been sick all day had to have the Doctor. He put me on a light diet.
- 27 - I am better today but not any good. Am so sore.
- 28 - Kitten run over by auto. We had a good rain last night.
- 29 - I am better today.
- 30 - Lizzie was here today. I am getting better all the time.
- 31 - More rain again tonight.

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September 1918

1 - I went up home on the car this afternoon to save gasoline for the Gov.

2 - Went to Ocean City and from there to Longport by boat and came home via Atl City.

3 - Attended lodge tonight.

4 - Canned peaches today.

5 - I ironed this afternoon.

6 - Sick today. Ollie and Louie came down. Louie stayed all night.

7 - Better today. Lew is going to do the marketing for me.

8 - It rained all day. Geo Richter went home, after being with Ida all summer.

9 - Lew attended Joe Haines funeral this P.M.

10 - Ben called today. I went over to see Ida this P.M.

11 - Not much doing at the stand this day.

12 - We went over to Atlantic City this afternoon.

13 - Bottled ketchup today. + Lieut Seth Hetherington's mother (?) of us.

14 - Today ends the stand business out front for this year.

15 - Went up home this afternoon.

16 - Pearl and (?) came today. Lew started to work at Mays Landing this A.M.

17 - A heavy thunder shower tonight. Winnie was gassed today.

18 - Thunder shower today.

19 - Went up home this eve. Ed took me.

20 - Rained nearly all day.

21 - Went up to the Doctors.

22 - Was up home this P.M.

23 - Called on Aunt Lottie, Ida went over to Atlantic City.

24 - I did ironing today.

25 - Canned tomatoes and picked lima beans.

26 - Spent the day at Mays Landing with Pearl. A heavy thunder shower tonight.

27 - Mrs Fitton called this A.M.

28 - Went to market this P.M.

29 - Was up home a little while today. Brother was there also.

30 - Went up and got a sugar certificate.

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October

1 - Marie and I canned 24 pints of corn.

2 - Did the washing today.

3 - Ida went up to Phila for the winter. No frost yet, dahlias are beautiful.

4 - Eva and Addie called this afternoon.

5 - Went over to Atlantic City with Marie and Josie

6 - Went up to Pleasantville to see the war exhibit. I heard five speakers too.

7 - It rained nearly all day.

8 - Canned beans today. Wes Robinson died tonight at Camp Dix, Spanish Flu was the cause.

9 - Ironed today.

10 - Gathered the Quinces today and sold them all rec'd 1.30.

11 - Emma came today.

12 - Emma went back to Mays Landing. Wes Robinsons funeral was today.

13 - Mrs Gerrard and Este called this A.M. Wes and Ban spent the eve with us.

14 - Washed today.

16 - Went up to the Doctor's. No frost yet.

17 - Made quince jam. Winfield was gassed on this date.

18 - Louie came down this afternoon and stayed until 9 P.M.

19 - Helen and her mother called this eve.

20 - Lew had to work today.

21 - I put 50 in the bank today, and paid 10 on Liberty Bond last week.

22 - Marie, children and I dug sweet potatoes.

23 - We have been digging sweet potatoes today. Mr Williams will finish them tomorrow for us. This is my time, we must be patriotic.

24 - I'm no good today, it don't agree with me to dig potatoes.

25 - Have written for Ins Supt address.

26 - Made Curry chow chow. 47.50

27 - We went up to Bohle's and got 2 baskets of apples paid 1.00 per basket.

28 - Washed today my woman is sick with flu.

29 - Went to Pleasantville to get wool for my sweater, did not get it.

30 - I went over to Atl City to pay association dues.

31 - Ironed today. Paul is sick with the flu.

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November

1 - Mrs Fitton called today. Edmond sick with the flu. Temperature 102

2 - Paul is getting better. Frost killed the dahlias tonight 60.00

3 - Ollie came down this afternoon and stayed until 9:30 P.M.

4 - The boys are better, they came downstairs today.

5 - Went to market for Marie.

6 - Put the sitting room stove up. The boys have been out today.

7 - Edmond and I went over to Atl City for granddaddy.

8 - Mrs Redfield helped me clean the sitting room.

9 - Made tomato mince meat today. 41.25

10 - Stayed home all day. Armistice signed this A.M.

11 - We went over to Atl City to see the parade tonight.

12 - Took some of my dahlias up today.

12 - Dug up more dahlias today.

13 - Mrs Pfont's called also Mrs Walter.

14 - Was at Atlantic City this P.M.

15 - Wes and Ban spent this eve with us.

16 - Lew is digging his late potatoes. 36.88

17 - It has rained nearly all day.

18 - Lew finished digging red skins potatoes. We have 36 baskets.

19 - Marie and I went to Atlantic City today.

20 - Ironed today.

21 - Dug the rest of my dahlias.

22 - Cramps today but not as severe as usual.

23 - We took potatoes over to John Turner 7 baskets at 85c. 33.75

24 - Went up to see Mr Rockelmann. He looks bad, I don't believe he will last long.

25 - I forgot what happened today.

26 - Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

27 - Mrs Pfont's and Louie called today.

28 - Thanksgiving. And I have been sick with pains all the afternoon.

29 - Sick all night long. Ollie and Lizzie were here all day. Dr came at 11 o'clock.

30 - Better today Louie is here. 22.50

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December

1 - Louie still here. I am not very good yet. Mrs Fittons spent the eve with us.

2 - Ban Sallie and Helen called this eve.

3 - Mrs Sharp came this afternoon and stayed to supper. Doctor came this afternoon. Am getting better.

4 - Mrs Walter called today.

5 - Marie and Kathryn went to Philly for a visit.

6 - This day was very windy regular gale.

7 - Went over to Atl City to get Lew's watch. Ben Broadhead died today.

8 - Went up home this afternoon. Winfield did not come over today.

9 - Had washing done today.

10 - I went up to the Doctor this P.M. Winfield J. Price reported missing in today's paper.

11 - It rained hard all day.

12 - Ban and Helen called today. Marie and Kathryn came home from Phila.

13 - Rained all day.

14 - Rained all day.

15 - Raining again

16 - rained

17 - rained

18 - Went up to Pleasantville. It was a fine day.

19 - Mrs Rockelmann went home today.

20 - Samson put the heater in Ed's house today.

21 - Was in Atlantic City today.

22 - Rained today

23 - This was like a summer day.

24 - Raining again.

25 - A nice day went up home about 4 P.M. and stayed, until 9 P.M.

26 - Ban and I called on Mrs Pfont's.

27 - Ollie and I went over to Atlantic City this afternoon.

28 - Joe Gaskill and Joe Price went home today. 27.50

29 - Went up home this afternoon stayed to supper.

30 - I did my ironing today.

31 - Rained. Winfield arrived from over seas tonight. New Years Eve.