

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1919

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SUN. 29

MON. 30

TUES. 31
Winfield arrived at Newport news tonight from France. It is New Year's Eve

WED. 1
 JAN., 1919 New Year's Day

THUR 2
Gertie Rockelmann called today. It rained all day. Rained all day

FRI 3
Pearl came late this P.m. and stayed to supper. Recd a postcard from Norman Scull, he is still in France

SAT. 4
Doctor told me I was pretty good today.
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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

1 - Gertie Rockelmann called today. It rained all day.

2 - Rained all day.

3 - Pearl came late this P.M. Rec'd a postcard from Norman Scull. He is still in France.

4 - Doctor told me I was pretty good today.

5 - Lew went over to Bethel Church this afternoon.

6 - I went up home today.

7 - Mrs Fitton, Helen and her mother called.

8 - Washing done today.

9 - Have been ironing. Emmie came tonight.

10 - Cold today.

11 - We killed our pig it weighed 200 lbs. Winfield arrived home from France this morning.

12 - Went up home this afternoon.

13 - We tried our lard today.

14 - Lew, Emma and I went up to Mays Landing this P.M. I gave Marie Cavileer 1.50 for Lodge dues.

15 - Made Sausage.

16 - Emmie spent the day with Ban.

17 - Finished the hog work.

18 - Accident at Linwood, Russell Ireland was killed by a fast line car.

19 - Lew, Emma, and I called on Lizzie Lee.

20 - Emma and I went over to Atl City, bought my broad cloth coat.

21 - Helen and her mother spent this eve with us. Louie was here for supper.

22 - Emma and Marie are making a dress for me.

23 - Emma went to Atl City for a few days.

24 - Have been making mince meat.

25 - Went up to the Doctors.

26 - Lew took Emma and I up to home this afternoon.

27 - Mrs Pfouts called this eve.

28 - Mary Ella Adams died a week ago today at Pasadena Cal.

29 - Emmie came back from Sallie (Re??) this eve.

30 - Our hens layed 17 eggs today. Clark Frambes was buried today.

31 - Emma went back to Mays Landing.

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February

1 - L.E. got a full weeks pay. Amt 28.80 painting for Sam Jeffers.

2 - Wrote a letter to Barrie. Ground hog day. It was sunny all day, had no trouble to see his shadow.

3 - Lew laid off today until more work comes in.

4 - Lew went to the Grange meeting. Wrote a letter to Emmie.

5 - This was a fine day. I wrote a letter to Mrs VanGilder this eve.

6 - Ollie came down this P.M. and stayed to supper.

7 - Another fine day.

8 - K of P Lodge disbanded tonight after nearly 50 years.

9 - Went up home. Lew called on Mark Kears.

10 - Ed and Mark went to (Perkins?) to look for work, nothing doing any where.

11 - I went up to the Lodge this eve.

12 - It snowed and rained today.

13 - Mabel and Melta were soliciting for potpie supper.

14 - A thunder shower tonight the first one this year.

15 - Attended D.A.R. meeting at hotel Chalfont. Lew took Bertha Dixon and I over in machine.

16 - Was not very well today. Did not attend funeral services at church for Mary C. Adams.

17 - Mrs Fitton called this A.M.

18 - 1½ inch of snow fell last night.

19 - Sold 7 doz eggs at 60c per doz, also 2 chickens amt 4.35.

20 - Church supper tonight (potpie)

21 - Rainy all day.

22 - Sold 2 chickens today 45c per lb. amt \$4.05

23 - Was up home for supper.

24 - Lew, Sallie Scull and I went up to Mays Landing this afternoon.

25 - Have been ironing. It is raining tonight.

26 - Lew took Marie and I over to Atlantic City.

27 - Ther down to 16 this A.M.

28 - Belle Somers is sick.

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March

- 1 - A nice day
- 2 - Wrote a letter to Cora. This was a nice warm day. Uncle John and Aunt Rosie called.
- 3 - This month came in like a lamb, every day has been fined so far.
- 4 - Another nice day.
- 5 - E.J. Powers here sewing for me.
- 6 - E.J. still here.
- 7 - Ella J. made me a silk poplin waist. K of P officers were here today.
- 8 - Went after my hat today.
- 9 - Rained today. Did not go home. Frogs are singing.
- 10 - Washing was done today.
- 11 - Lizzie came down this afternoon. We rec'd a letter from Emma.
- 12 - Marie, Lizzie and I went over to Atl City with Lew in machine.
- 13 - Lew attended an Odd Fellows invitation at Pville tonight.
- 14 - It rained snowed and blowed. The worst winter day of the year 1918 & 1919.
- 15 - Rainy and foggy today.
- 16 - Rain and fog all day. Wes, Ban & Helen were up tonight. Ban is better, much encouraged.
- 17 - We engaged pig today, got it about May 1st (price 7.00)
- 18 - Was up at the Lodge tonight paid 50c dues.
- 19 - Cloudy stormy day.
- 20 - Another cold stormy day.
- 21 - Did my Sat[urday] work today.
- 22 - We took 14 doz eggs over to Atlantic City got 50c per doz.
- 23 - We visited the sick this afternoon. They were Ham Smith, Ann H. Somers, and Belle Somers.
- 24 - Harry VanGilder called on us. He is looking fine. He weighs 150 lbs.
- 25 - Went up to the Lodge tonight. Ann H. Somers very sick.
- 26 - Mrs Piper and Mrs Laws called today, also Mrs Miller.
- 27 - Set a hen this A.M.
- 28 - Snowed and blowed a gale all day. This is a rough night.
- 29 - Still having a heavy gale of winter.
- 30 - We were up home to supper. Brother was there also.
- 31 - Cold and windy today.

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April

1 - We had a good time at the Lodge tonight. We decided what to do with our old members.

2 - Went to Atl City today sold 9 baskets of potatoes, and 14 doz eggs at 55c per doz.

3 - I enjoyed a school entertainment in my old home town tonight. It was for the benefit of Jr red +

4 - Cleaned the big cupboard today.

5 - K of P met tonight to see about reorganizing Lodge.

6 - Took Ollie & Lizzie out for a ride.

7 - We washed today.

8 - Ella J is sewing on a gingham dress for me.

9 - Finished the dress this morning.

10 - Herbert Pearl & Ruth were here for dinner today.

11 - We went over to Atlantic City took 11 doz eggs got 55c per doz.

12 - Went up to Pville and did the marketing.

13 - Was up home a little today Brother was not there.

14 - I commenced to clean up stairs, got the best room partly cleaned.

15 - Finished the room today.

16 - Lew helped me clean the cellar, then we went to a movie.

17 - Helen called this eve. We rec'd Easter cards from Emma.

18 - Did my Saturday work today.

19 - We went over to Atl City to do our buying. I got (cnex?) for the kitchen. Sold 11 doz eggs at 55c

20 - We went up to Wesley church tonight and heard the Mealings preach & sing.

21 - We washed today.

22 - Have been ironing. Went up to the Lodge tonight Lydia had decided to pay up.

23 - Cleaned the little room today.

24 - Been doing odd jobs today.

25 - Did my Pat work today. Odd Fellows had an entertainment and treat tonight.

26 - Went to market this A.M. was at the Doctors also.

27 - Ollie was here for supper.

28 - Cleaned my bedroom today.

29 - Cleaned hall and stairway.

30 - We went over to Atlantic City this P.M. got 55c per doz for eggs had 9 doz.

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May

- 1 - Mr Jordon papered the kitchen for me.
- 2 - Did a little of everything today.
- 3 - Attended the D.A.R. meeting. I was held at the St Charles Hotel. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock (some lunch)
- 4 - Was up home a little while today. Winfield was there also. Sara Doughty died tonight.
- 5 - We washed our blankets today. Thunder showers tonight.
- 6 - Asparagus for dinner today. The first time this year.
- 7 - Our pig cost \$7.00 was 7 weeks old. We went after the pig this eve. Our D.A.R. Regrets funeral today Sarah N. Doughty.
- 8 - Cleaned a cupboard this afternoon. Cut more asparagus today. It is raining.
- 9 - Thunder showers early this A.M.
- 10 - This is the 3rd rainy day wind N.E. Ticks all over the meadow.
- 11 - Was up home a little while.
- 12 - We took 14 doz eggs over to Atl City got 55c per doz.
- 13 - Set Bonny Best tomato plants out today.
- 14 - Ed plastered the kitchen wall.
- 15 - Lizzie Williams cleaned the kitchen for me.
- 16 - Mrs Fitton gave me 4 choice Dahlias.
- 17 - Ann H. Somers funeral today. This is my birthday 65 years young.
- 18 - We took the Herricks out for a ride this P.M.
- 19 - Sold 10 doz eggs at 60c per doz. We got a kitten today.
- 20 - Raining again today.
- 21 - Washing and ironing done, away from home this week.
- 22 - Oma, May, and Helen spent this evening with us. Auntie Shick's funeral was today.
- 23 - A thunder storm tonight.
- 24 - Airplane accident at Atlantic City this P.M. Beryl Wright and James Pero were killed. Heavy thunder showers tonight.
- 25 - Went up home a while this afternoon. Wrote a letter top Cora.
- 26 - I sold \$5.00 worth of dahlia bulbs today.
- 27 - This was a hot day. The first of the season.
- 28 - This is our fortieth wedding anniversary. We were married in Phila.
- 29 - We attended the Atl City soldiers parade Battery B. & 104 Engineers. Took the girls over with us.
- 30 - Lew took the Odd Fellows to cemeteries to decorate there members graves.
- 31 - I did all kinds of work today.

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June

1 - We took Ina out for a ride this afternoon.

2 - Have been cleaning sitting room.

3 - It had been very warm today.

4 - Went up to the Doctors this A.M.

5 - Finished cleaning the sitting room today.

6 - Had a woman to clean parlor for me. I'm no good any more.

7 - Picked our first peas today. Ed and his family have gone to Bridgeton over Sunday.

8 - Rained today

9 - We took our eggs over to Atl City had 9 doz, got 60c per doz.

10 - Addie Steelman called this afternoon.

11 - Was up home for supper tonight. Sarah Fox from Reading was there also.

12 - I got the yellow kitchen last night. Ban and Helen spent this eve with us.

13 - Have been poorly today.

14 - Had a bad turn of cramps today. Doctor came this afternoon

15 - Am better today. My back don't get right yet.

16 - Lew took me up to the Doctors this A.M.

17 - We picked raspberries today. The first of the season.

18 - We need rain bad things are drying up.

19 - No rain yet, poor prospects for the farmer.

20 - We were at Atl City this afternoon and saw the large cannon used by Army and Navy, Some guns!

21 - Attended the Odd Fellows picnic at Mays Landing, Louie went with us.

22 - Spent this eve with Ban.

23 - Was at the Doctors today.

24 - Went to the Lodge tonight.

25 - I picked raspberries today.

26 - Made 10 glasses of raspberry jelly. Rained today.

27 - We had a good rain last night and most of today.

28 - Started the stand out front today.

29 - Went up home a little while this afternoon.

30 - Cold this A.M. They had frost at Medford.

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July

- 1 - We washed today.
- 2 - It has been warm today. Lew finished planting late potatoes yesterday.
- 3 - We are having a heat wave (Ther 98)
- 4 - We spent most of the day at Ocean City. We went down to Sea Isle via Corson's inlet, over the new route.
- 5 - Hot today July 5
- 6 - We were up home to supper tonight. Cora Shick was there also. Rained tonight.
- 7 - Mrs Rockelmann's funeral was today.
- 8 - Went up to the Doctors this A.M. Addie Steelman called this afternoon.
- 9 - It has been very cool since Sunday.
- 10 - Raining this afternoon and eve. Elks parade today.
- 11 - This has been a nice cool day.
- 12 - Emmie came today for a visit.
- 13 - Thunder showers nearly all day, hard one too.
- 14 - Rained nearly all day.
- 15 - Raining all day.
- 16 - Rainy all day. This is Saint Swithins weather. Rain 40 days.
- 17 - Lew, Emmie and I went up home for a little while tonight.
- 18 - Rained again today. 6 days out of seven.
- 19 - Raining again no let p only for a short time some damp.
- 20 - We went up home for about 2 hours. W.S. Price was there also. Rained
- 21 - Raining most of the day.
- 22 - Rained nearly all day. Things are getting musty.
- 23 - More rain today. This was a fine day.
- 24 - No rain today.
- 25 - Picked Lima beans today for my first.
- 26 - Our sales at the stand today \$14.46
- 27 - This has been a hot day.
- 28 - I went up to the doctors this A.M. Hot again today.
- 29 - Emma and I did the washing.
- 30 - Ed's new Max[well] came today. Bought 9 qts of huckleberries today. Paid 20c per qt.
- 31 - Emma, Marie, Pearl, Sallie Scull, Lillie Samson, and I went over to Atl City today. Saw Mickey.

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August

1 - This was a fine day but I felt bad enough.

2 - Another cool day. Ed's new Maxwell arrived July 30th 1919.

3 - Went up home this P.M. Win was there.

4 - I washed a few pieces today, and did some patching.

5 - Attended D.A.R. meeting held at Somers Mansion. It was a rainy day.

6 - It was rainy all day. Poor sales this kind of weather.

7 - Emma and I canned peaches. This was a hot day.

8 - Emma and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon.

9 - Winfield spent the day with us. He expects to start work at the Chalfont Monday.

10 - Lew Emma and I went up to Mays Landing this afternoon.

11 - We washed today.

12 - Lillie Samson called this eve.

13 - We had a severe N. Easter today. It certainly tore things up. Washed bridges away.

14 - We went up to the Doctors tonight.

15 - Emma and I called on Ida and Lillie Barrett.

16 - Roast beef and chocolate pudding for dinner tomorrow.

17 - Rained all day. Wrote a letter to Cora.

18 - Hot today thunder showers tonight.

19 - Emma and I went over to Ocean City this eve.

20 - Emma and I spent the day at Sallie Sculls.

21 - Emma visited Mrs Ott today. We canned peaches this A.M.

22 - This has been a fine day.

23 - Julia Kern came today.

24 - We took Emma and Julia up to Mays Landing this afternoon, bought a new tire today.

25 - Rained today. It is much cooler.

26 - Lillie Samson called this eve.

27 - Louie was here for supper. It is raining hard tonight, commenced with thunder showers.

28 - I was at the Doctors this A.M. Made jelly this afternoon.

29 - We went over to take eggs this afternoon. We also went to the Colonial.

30 - Rained this A.M. amt sold today 15.86 Season nearly over.

31 - We visited the Eccles peach farm today. 52 peach trees.

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September

1 - Raining. Louie came down this P.M. and stayed for supper.

2 - I went up to the Lodge tonight, came home in the rain.

3 - Louie and I went over to Ocean City and heard Vessel's Band.

4 - Addie Steelman called this afternoon.

5 - Sold 2 baskets of tomatoes this eve 1.50 each.

6 - We took a ride to Longport this eve.

7 - Took the girls out for a ride. Hot today.

8 - This was a hot day. Thermometer 95 in shade.

9 - Cooler today. Canned tomatoes.

10 - Two letters today. One from Emma and the other from Cora.

11 - Ed took us over to Atl City this eve. We went to the Colonial, saw Pershings arrival in NY.

12 - Dahlias sold today 3.00 rec'd check from J Mcoamins \$9.00 interest.

13 - This was a fine day.

14 - I went up to see Risleys dahlias.

15 - Ida Cadwallader moved back to Phila today.

16 - Mrs Seamen moved in Ida's house yesterday.

17 - I had my glasses changed today. Called on Maggie Headly to night.

18 - Ther at 50 this A.M. It has been cold all day.

19 - I wrote a letter to Cora last night.

20 - This is the last day of stand out front for this year.

21 - We rode over the Absecon Atlantic City Boulevard this afternoon.

22 - No stand out front today.

23 - Rained nearly all day. Election today.

24 - We commenced to get our milk from H.J. Ireland today.

25 - Lew started to run truck for Mark and Ed today. We got along fine.

26 - Canned tomatoes today.

27 - Went up to the Doctors this A.M.

28 - Lew and I went up home this afternoon. Bro was there also.

29 - Lew cut bedding for the horse today.

30 - I went over to pay the Association dues.

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October

1 - We made quince honey. It commenced to rain this afternoon.

2 - Rained all day.

3 - This has been a hot day. Ther 90 in the shade at 4 P.M.

4 - Warm again today. I had to pay 7.00 for a pair of high shoes, and \$5.50 for low ones.

5 - We took Howard and Margaret for a ride, went up to Absecon.

6 - We went cranberrying this P.M., picked 23 qts. Mr & Mrs Fitton went with us. They got 20 qts.

7 - Have been ironing this day.

8 - Went up to the Doctors this A.M.

9 - Had several callers today.

10 - Thermometer stood at 86 at 4 P.M. Rec'd 2 tons of coal today \$21.55 Pea coal is 10.00 per ton.

11 - D.A.R. met at the Country Club this P.M. Had a good number out and a fine time. Thunder showers tonight.

12 - Rained all day.

13 - Cora Clayton called today.

14 - Rained all day.

15 - Mrs Fitton called this P.M. I had severe pain today but it did not last long.

16 - I was at the Doctors but did not see im. Stopped up home on the way back.

17 - We picked raspberries today, 2 boxes. Worked all day, did part of Saturdays work.

18 - Was at the Doctors again today.

19 - We took the girls out for a ride this P.M.

20 - Mrs Harding called. She brought me a can of cookies, and gave each of the children 20c.

21 - Ironed today.

22 - Picked lima beans and peppers.

23 - Rained.

24 - Rained today. I made pepper and onion relish this P.M.

25 - We took Mrs Adams eggs over to her 4 doz at 83c per doz.

26 - We were up home today.

27 - Cloudy today.

28 - I went over to pay the association dues. Took Mrs Claytons book over to get fixed up.

29 - Mrs Fitton called. Went up home to see about selling place.

30 - I ironed and picked lima beans this after noon

31 - Halloween tonight we had several callers.

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November

1 - Thunder shower tonight. Wes and Ban were here.

2 - We went over to Atl City and saw Winfield Jr. He told us about his trip over seas.

3 - I've been on the bum all day.

4 - Am better today. This is Election day. Have been mending and taking things easy.

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6 - Went up to the Doctors today.

7 - Sold chrysanthemums. Amt 1.25 Walker from Cardiff bought them.

8 - Sold 7 doz eggs at 85c per dozen. Amt 5.95

9 - We went up to see Julia this afternoon.

10 - Went to see the Dentist and ordered a new set of teeth.

11 - Went to have my new set fitted. Rained today.

12 - I washed but could not hang out the clothes it rained.

13 - Rained again today.

14 - Took up dahlias. Paul was burned by a flare of powder.

15 - We killed the hog today.

16 - Mrs Mark L. English's funeral was today. She was 87 years old.

17 - Louie helped me make the lard.

18 - Cleaned souse and made sausage.

19 - Cleaned head, and salted pork.

20 - Made mince meat.

21 - Did all kinds of work today.

22 - Made head cheese, and finished up the hog work. Am tired out and don't expect to ever attempt it again.

23 - We went up to Baily's and got 2 baskets of apples.

24 - I washed today.

25 - I had a woman to clean sitting room and black stove for me.

26 - We took 11 doz eggs over to Atlantic City. Got 90c per doz amt 9.90

27 - Roast chicken for Thanksgiving dinner and cranberry sauce.

28 - Made mince pie the first of the season.

29 - Went up to the Doctors.

30 - It has been windy today. We did not take a ride.

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December

1 - I went over to Atl City and paid the Assoc dues amt 9.00

2 - This was the coldest day we have had this winter.

3 - I sold 1 doz eggs for 1.00 today. This is the most I ever got for them.

4 - Swept up stairs today.

5 - Done my mending today.

6 - Went up to do the marketing.

7 - Called on Beckey Creasy. She is bad off. I took Her some fruit & Jelly.

8 - Rained today.

9 - Went up to the Doctors and I also did some Christmas shopping.

10 - Went up to the Chantangua this eve.

11 - Attended Chantangua

12 - Attended Chantangua again today.

13 - Worked hard all day. Caught an Opossum in our hen house tonight.

14 - Rained today. Wes and Ban spent the eve with uis.

15 - Addie Steelman called this afternoon.

16 - Sold 10 doz eggs today at 1.00 per dozen, amt 10.00. Received my Home Companion for 1920. Sent from Pville P.O.

17 - Mr and Mrs Fitton started for Florida this A.M. I shall miss them. It snowed this morning.

18 - Temperature this morning 2 above zero, looks like more snow tonight.

19 - Snowed all day. Jim Price died today.

20 - Cloudy and cold.

21 - We went over to see Jim Price this afternoon. Funeral is tomorrow.

22 - Foggy and damp today.

23 - Foggy again today. (great weather)

24 - Snowed

25 - Christmas Day - The sun is shining today. One inch of snow is on the ground.

26 - Cloudy and chilly.

27 - Hardly any sun in sight today.

28 - Attended Rebecca Creasey funeral this afternoon. Rebecca's and D of A officiated at grave.

29 - Sold 4 doz eggs at 1.00 a doz 4.00. Snowed again.

30 - Went up to the Lodge tonight.

31 - This was a fine day. The last one of the year. "Fairwell 1919"