

# Mary Ella Somers Diary 1921

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Maggie Heady SUN. 26  
St Regis, Florida  
Pacific Ave Apt 3 Atl City

W. S. Poice. MON. 27  
512 N Michigan Ave  
Atlantic City

Joe Gaskill TUES. 28  
28 N Texas ave  
Atlantic City

Wm H. Krauss WED. 29  
1419 Union St  
Allentown

Mrs Filton's father THUR. 30  
Pa

Harris Bros for flower and vegetable seeds. Cold water. New York  
FRI. 31

Herschel Heady  
2608 Atlantic Ave  
2nd story Apt

Jan., 1921, New Year's Day SAT. 1

I worked hard all day.  
If I do this all the year  
It'll be played out for 1922



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 - This was a fine New Years day. We had roast pork and fixins for dinner. Paid 28c lb for loin of pork. It was 45c lb last year. I worked hard all day. If I do this all the year I'll be played out for 1922.

2 - Lew went to church this afternoon. We donated \$3.00 toward new heater. He has been out of work since Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

3 - Mrs Pedrick called this afternoon.

4 - This was a spring day. Sallie English called this afternoon.

5 - Lew went up to the Doctors this A.M. We told him to go to Dr Martin to have his hand examined.

6 - Hand treated by Dr Martin this A.M. Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

7 - Partly cloudy today. It is raining tonight.

8 - I went to the Doctors this A.M. Mr & Mrs McKeag spent this eve with us.

9 - I haven't been very well today came near having a bad turn of cramps. Am better tonight.

10 - L.E. had his hand treated again today.

11 - L.E. took my deed up to Mina Burroughs tonight to recorded. (I sent check to the D of A for \$3.10)

12 - Emma came today she is going to the Sheriff Saturday.

13 - Lew & I went over to Atlantic City in the truck after a ladder. We took it to Absecon.

14 - Lew had the hand treated today. He took 7½ doz eggs over to Mrs Adams got 90c per doz amt \$6.75

15 - Emma went up to Mays Landing this A.M. She is to be the house keeper for the Sheriff.

16 - I went down this eve to see Ban. I don't think she can last much longer.

17 - It cost \$5.00 to have L.E.'s hand treated this A.M. Mrs Block and Mrs Erskine called this afternoon.

18 - L.E. commenced work at Mays Landing today.

19 - L.E. had his hand treated again today. Ther 4 degrees above zero this morning.

20 - I called at Uncle Martin's today and found them both sick.

21 - L.E. went over to see Dr Martin again this A.M.

22 - Ban has failed fast this week. Ed & Viola came down yesterday. 12.50

23 - We took a ride up o Scullville this afternoon via Somers Point.

24 - E.J. Powers made a waist for me today. I received a notice of Mary Turners death today.

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25 - I was at Atlantic City today. This was the coldest day this year.

26 - E.J. sewing for once again today.

27 - L.E. took 12 doz eggs over to AC this P.M. got \$10.10 for them.

28 - E.J. sewing for me again today.

29 - L.E.S. time today  $10\frac{1}{2}$  hours. This has been a nice warm day. 23.10

30 - Went up home this afternoon.

31 - I went over to pay the Association dues. Came home in a snow storm.

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### February

- 1 - Snow about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick, cold today.
- 2 - This is ground hog day. Not much snow. It snowed a little. L.E. went to see Cr Martin today.
- 3 - Ironed today.
- 4 - Lew and KI were at Dr Martin's this afternoon. We called at Maggie Neadig, she is poorly. We sold 14 doz eggs today amt 10.80
- 5 - { blank }
- 6 - We took a little ride this afternoon.
- 7 - I have been mending stockings today.
- 8 - Mrs Burnham & Adam brought Mr Burnham's body home from Pittsburg today.
- 9 - E.J. here again today finished up the work.
- 10 - Mr Burnham's funeral was this afternoon.
- 11 - Went up home this afternoon to get eggs for setting. Sold 8 doz today amt 6.00.
- 12 - I did the marketing this A.M.
- 13 - We called at Lee Herricks this afternoon.
- 14 - Mrs Fitton called this eve.
- 15 - I went down to see Ban tonight. She was bright and pleased to see me.
- 16 - Mrs Williams washed for me today. I bought a pair of shoes paid \$5.25 for them.
- 17 - Have been ironing this day.
- 18 - Did part of my Sat work today.
- 19 - Went to market. Lew took 10 doz eggs over to Mrs Adams 60c per doz.
- 20 - It has been raining and blowing a gale all day, and is snowing tonight.
- 21 - It is warm today but looks like snow.
- 22 - We are having a real snow storm today.
- 23 - Raining today at times, and cold too.
- 24 - Lew heard frogs singing today at Mays Landing.
- 25 - Cold today.
- 26 - I attended DAR meeting at the Library this afternoon.
- 27 - Rained all day.
- 28 - Monday, My umbrella was stolen from the Pville Post Office today. I also had a package taken from Swartz store at Atl City amt \$3.40. Some bad luck.

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March

1 - I rec'd word today my package had been returned.

2 - And they mailed it to me. It came and was OK.

3 - Mrs Williams did the wash for me today. Ina Smith called this afternoon.

4 - Have been ironing today.

5 - Was at the Doctors today. Ban died Thursday night March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

6 - I went down to see Ban tonight. Oh! I feel so lonesome.

7 - I attended Ban's funeral today. I'm feeling awful blue tonight.

8 - Wes was here tonight. We don't know what to do to pass the time away.

9 - Julia Herrick called today. This has been a stormy day. Dr Kaign treated Lew's hand this A.M.

10 - This was a beautiful spring day.

11 - Another nice day.

12 - We took 15 doz eggs over to Atl City amt 6.00

13 - I was up home a little while this afternoon.

14 - I set two hens today. My crocus' are blooming fine.

15 - I set one hen today. We are having fine weather.

16 - Mrs Williams washed for me today.

17 - I went up to the Doctors this eve. Bought my spring hat today.

18 - I am no good today, can hardly do my work.

19 - Not much good today. Will Headley died sometime today.

20 - We went up home this afternoon. Howard and Margaret Baker were there.

21 - Edmond took a bath in Cedar Swamp Creek today.

22 - I attended Will Headleys funeral today. Maggie is very poorly.

23 - Sent money order for 4,000 strawberry plants today. I called at Maggie Headleys. She was better than I expected to find her.

24 - Cold and stormy.

25 - This was a nice day, warm

26 - Another fine day I went up to the Dr's this A.M.

27 - We attended service at St Pauls Church this eve. Alonzo Dare is the Pastor.

28 - We are having a thunder shower, snow and sleet storm tonight.

29 - Thick ice this morning ther down to 24. Strawberry plants came today.

30 - Mrs Williams washed for me today.

31 - This has been a fine month. Came in like a nice old sheep, and went out like a dear lamb.

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April

1 - Rained part of the day.

2 - Finished setting out strawberry plants. Williams helped Lew.

3 - We spent this afternoon at Lee Herricks.

4 - This has been a fine day.

5 - I sent Sears & Roebuck for wall paper.

6 - Mrs Williams cleaned the sitting room for me.

7 - We are having a N.E. storm.

8 - Still raining.

9 - More rain today. Clearing tonight. I was at the Doctors this A.M.

10 - Mr Mckeag called this afternoon.

11 - Sewed today.

12 - Cleaned kitchen cupboard, top part.

13 - Mrs Williams did the washing.

14 - Edna Ingersoll papered the kitchen for me.

15 - It has been rainy all day.

16 - I bought crep for the kitchen today. And attended the D.A.R. session at the Y.M.C.A. We had a good time

17 - We took a little ride this P.M.

18 - Cleaned Cupboard.

19 - I ironed today.

20 - Mrs Williams cleaned the kitchen.

21 - Have been finishing up the kitchen today. It looks good new paper and new crep.

22 - Finished cleaning kitchen.

23 - Storming today. Lew has gone to market for me.

24 - Was at the old clay hole on grandfathers estate, looking for dogwood blossoms.

25 - I was at the Dr today. Am not very good.

26 - Ella J. has been sewing for me today.

27 - E.J. Powers here again today.

28 - Have been ironing.

29 - Rained today. I had supper at Maggie Headleys.

30 - Marie went up to Phila today. Mary Corson called this afternoon.

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May

1 - Ed and Marie came home tonight.

2 - I am not very well today. Mrs Burnhaven called.

3 - Cleaned cellar shelf today.

4 - Severe rain storm all day.

5 - Still storming wind N.E.

6 - A long N.E. storm, 3 days and no let up.

7 - This is a nice day. Attended D.A.R. luncheon at Hotel Chelsea, had a fine time.

8 - We went up home this afternoon and took Louie out riding through the woods.

9 - I cleaned the cellar today. L.E. scrubbed the floor for me.

10 - I did the wash today. The train burnt our woods, all we had.

11 - I went up to the Doctors. I was out of medicine.

12 - Ironed

13 - Did part of my Sat work today.

14 - I got some of my dahlias ready to sell.

15 - I was at Julia Herricks this afternoon.

16 - Cleaned garret. [attic]

17 - 65 years young today. Kathryn gave me a birthday cake.

18 - We took 33 doz eggs over to Atlantic City today amt 12.30

19 - I cleaned the big room was 2 days doing it.

20 - Cleaned the little room or nearly finished it. Oh! How I'm failing, can't do much in a day.

21 - Went to market.

22 - We called at Ina's this afternoon.

23 - We washed today.

24 - I was at the Doctors this A.M.

25 - I have been poorly for several days can hardly keep around.

26 - Am better today.

27 - Did the marketing this afternoon. L.E. took me up in the truck.

28 - Attended the parent teachers meeting at Granny wood.

29 - Lighting struck Geo Dunbars house and burned it down. New peas for dinner today

30 - We didn't go anywhere today. Carrie Smith came here this afternoon and stayed for supper.

31 - Carrie went home. Aunt Rebecca came this P.M. We called on Hannelte

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June

- 1 - I washed some shirt waists today.
- 2 - I have been setting out dahlias
- 3 - Did part of me Saturday work today.
- 4 - I was at the Doctors this A.M. Mrs Fish had a stroke today.
- 5 - I wrote a letter to Cora. We took Ollie & Louie for a ride this P.M. We went to Atl City, came home via Longport. Lew sent a letter to Salt Lake.
- 6 - I forgot to write what I did today.
- 7 - Have been washing Lew helped.
- 8 - Took 15 doz eggs over to Atlantic City.
- 9 - Ironed today.
- 10 - Spent the day with Emmie at Mays Landing.
- 11 - Worked hard all day
- 12 - We took a ride to Longport this afternoon.
- 13 - Have been ironing. Laura Tilton was buried today.
- 14 - Was at the doctors
- 15 - [ blank ]
- 16 - I picked peas.
- 17 - I worked in the parlor today.
- 18 - Lew bought a new suit today.
- 19 - We took Ollie & Louie for a ride
- 20 - I washed today it was nice and cool
- 21 - Have been ironing
- 22 - Mended stockings
- 23 - I sewed today
- 24 - I finished cleaning the parlor. I sent 3.00 up to the Odd Fellows Lodge tonight by Ed.
- 25 - We went up to the Doctors today. His leg is hurting him again.
- 26 - We called at Julia's this afternoon. I paid W.S.P. my share of the tax \$9.27
- 27 - We are having very hot weather.
- 28 - Hot and dry no rain yet.
- 29 - No rain hot and dry everything burning up
- 30 - It commenced raining about 2 o'clock this afternoon.



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### July

1 - We are having a N.E. storm, not a hard rain but drizzles a little most of the time.

2 - We went up to Bristol this afternoon in a thunder shower.

3 - Lew and I took a ride up to Harriman this P.M., saw the ship yard and war homes.

4 - We went up to Trenton on the boat today. It is a fine day.

5 - Lew went home this afternoon, I went over to Burlington with him.

6 - Cora and I went to the movie tonight.

7 - We were over to Burlington this afternoon. We are having very hot weather.

8 - I bought a dress for Marie, also one for Kathryn, got them in Bristol.

9 - I arrived home at 4:30 this afternoon, had a nice visit.

10 - We were up home a little while this afternoon.

11 - We had washing done today. It had been very warm for over two weeks.

12 - I was at the Doctors this A.M. It rained a little today.

13 - Have been ironing.

14 - Still hot

15 - It commenced raining about 5 o'clock and continued until midnight.

16 - [ blank ]

17 - We went up to Mays Landing this afternoon.

18 - I did the washing today.

19 - Have been ironing

20 - Sewed today

21 - Thursday nice and cool

22 - Cooler weather

23 - Went up to the doctors. And did the marketing this A.M.

24 - We took Ollie, Elizabeth and Lee Herrick over to Ina Smiths with us this afternoon.

25 - I did a small wash today.

26 - Marie, Kathryn and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon. And went to the Colonial tonight.

27 - Ironed today

28 - This was a hot day. Wrote a letter to Kreutz telling him to take sign down.

29 - I did the marketing this afternoon.

30 - Rec'd small payment on the lot at Northfield.

31 - A heavy thunder shower this afternoon. This was an extremely hot month.

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### August

1 - This was a fine day nice and cool

2 - Rained all day wind N.E.

3 - Raining again today wind N.E.

4 - I was at the Doctors this morning.

5 - Roberta Smith called this eve.

6 - Marie did my marketing today.

7 - Winfield spent the day with me. We called at Mark Kears this eve.

8 - Have been washing today.

9 - I ironed this A.M.

10 - E.J. Powers sewing for me. Emma, Maggie Headly and Carrie Turner spent the day here.

11 - Not much sewing done yesterday.

12 - E.J. finished my dress today.

13 - Mr and Mrs Marshall came down this A.M. and the money was paid for lot.

14 - I was up home this afternoon. We had a thunder shower while there.

15 - I deposited a check for \$1,500? in bank today.

16 - Have been washing today.

17 - I canned six jars of Bartlett pears today.

18 - Have been looking for Maggie Headley to come over all day. She did not arrive.

19 - Worked all day.

20 - I took a ride in the truck over to Ventnor this afternoon.

21 - We were at Herrick this afternoon. Stopped up home a little while. Josie is poorly.

22 - Lew turned the washer for me today.

23 - I have been ironing.

24 - I wrote to Cora last night. Went up to the Doctors this A.M. and up to see Mrs Bolton this eve.

25 - E.J. Powers sewed for me today.

26 - I called at Fittons a little while this A.M.

27 - Marie did the marketing for me today.

28 - We were up home a little while this afternoon.

29 - Rain and fog today.

30 - I went over and paid the Asso dues. It was very warm today.

31 - Carrie Smith and Mrs Masson spent the day with me. It was a hot day.

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### September

1 - More hot weather every day gets worse.

2 - Another warm day. Ed has a new auto.

3 - I was at the Doctors this A.M. very warm.

4 - We were at Lee Herricks this afternoon.

5 - We took the Herricks family down to Wildwood. We called at F.A. Bakers.

6 - I did the wash today.

7 - It is raining this A.M.

8 - I went over with Ed in the machine to see the parade, it was grand.

9 - I was at the Egg Harbor Fair went with Ed & Marie.

10 - It is very warm today.

11 - It rained this afternoon. Ed and Marie went to Salem to see Freda.

12 - Washing done today.

13 - warm

14 - I went over to Atlantic City this afternoon

15 - Canned tomatoes

16 - Did the sweeping up stairs today.

17 - A phone message from Sam, telling us they have a new baby.

18 - I was up home a little while this P.M.

19 - This was a fine wash day.

20 - Have been ironing

21 - I was expecting Maggie here today. Rec'd a postal saying she would be here next week

22 - I have been sewing a little today

23 - Did sewing a little today

24 - I was at the Doctors this A.M.

25 - We were at Julias this afternoon.

26 - The electric washer did the work and I went over to Atl City to pay the association dues.

27 - The Plumber is working in the bathroom this week

28 - This was a very hot day

29 - It is still hot. Lew is digging the cesspool.

30 - Maggie Headley came today for a visit.

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October

1 - Lew Maggie and I went over to Atl City

2 - We went up to see Chas Frambes this P.M.

3 - Chas finished the bathroom today.

4 - I was not very well today

5 - Mrs Fitton called today

6 - Julia Herrick spent the afternoon with me.

7 - Maggie is still here

8 - I was at the Doctors today

9 - We took Maggie up to Joe Lakes this P.M.

10 - We did the wash, it is fine with an electric washer.

11 - I did the ironing this A.M.

12 - Marie and I went up to Phila on an excursion train. We had a long day.

13 - L.E. did not go to work this A.M, his back is giving him trouble.

14 - L.E. made a concrete step at back porch door.

15 - Lew took me up to do the marketing.

16 - I was up home a little while this afternoon

17 - L.E. has a lame back

18 - Have been ironing. The wash is done in an electric machine.

19 - L.E. is working at the bath room, doing a carpenters job.

20 - L.E. worked on truck today.

21 - Today L.E. worked with the truck. Ed paid \$2.00 lodge dues tonight for Dad, Odd Fellows

22 - L.E. worked with truck in Atl City He brought 2500 lbs of coal home with him.

23 - We called at Bert Peters this afternoon

24 - L.E. paid \$4.50 for ton of coal and

25 - L.E. worked for Fry today. L.E. paid 14.50 for ton of coal and hauled it himself.

26 - L.E. made 11½ hours today 60C per hour.

27 - I did the marketing today.

28 - Worked hard all day

29 - Ed and Marie started to the Water Gap today

30 - Maggie Headley went home today. Jay came after her.

31 - Ed & Marie reached home tonight. Edmond took \$3.00 up to Mrs Wolfbrandt tonight (Lodge dues)

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### November

1 - L.E. dug six baskets of potatoes (Blue Victors) It has rained at times today.

2 - Rained nearly all day.

3 - Rain this A.M.

4 - L.E. and Ed dug potatoes

5 - L.E. and Ed finished digging potatoes today, they have about 80 bu.

6 - Frost killed the dahlias last night. Went home this afternoon. Win was there also.

7 - Washing done with electric washer.

8 - Edna Ingersoll papered bath room today.

9 - It has rained all day, commenced last night.

10 - We attended the Grange Fair tonight. Lew got two prizes, 1 for Blue Victor potatoes and one for turnips.

11 - This was Armistice Day, we attended the service at Ocean City.

12 - Lew did the marketing today. It rained all day.

13 - Ed took us over to Ventnor this afternoon to see some of the Bungalows. They are fine.

14 - It rained so we could not hang the clothes out.

15 - Wilson and Lutz are wiring the house for lights.

16 - The electricians are here today.

17 - Landis, Wilson and Lutz are working today. They expect to finish before they go home.

18 - The Inspector was here and OK'd the job.

19 - Mr. Wilson put the bulbs and shades on today.

20 - It rained all day.

21 - no light yet

22 - Lights tonight. The one in hall did not show up. Sent chicken to Cora tonight.

23 - Went up to the Doctors today. L.E. took 4 doz eggs over today. 85c doz.

24 - Thanksgiving Day - We had roast loin of pork, and fixins for dinner.

25 - Cleaned the hall at head of stairs and put the carpet down.

26 - Paul, Kathryn and I took up 25 dahlias this morning.

27 - We went up home this afternoon. Lew took up a basket of white potatoes and gave to them.

28 - It commenced raining last night and has rained all day.

29 - It has rained all day. 7 days out of 10. I have been poorly all day.

30 - Am better today.

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### December

1 - This was a fine day. I went over to Atl City this afternoon.

2 - It commenced to rain hard at 2 P.M. still keeping it up tonight.

3 - I was at the Doctors today. Clear and cool.

4 - Our first snow this season. 3 in fell cleared off tonight.

5 - The sun shone this morning. Snowing this afternoon.

6 - It is clear today, not so very cold, but it froze the radiator in Ed's new machine. He had to get it fixed cost \$8.00

7 - Ella J. here sewing for me.

8 - Cloudy and cold looks like snow.

9 - Edmond Jr fell off a boat into Patcong Creek today. He was after muskrats.

10 - This was a fine day.

11 - I was at Uncle Martins this P.M. and I stopped home a while.

12 - Rainy this A.M. but we hung the clothes out at 11 o'clock and they got dry.

13 - Cool and cloudy today. Mr Libe called this P.M.

14 - L.E. is down and out with a severe cold.

15 - I went over to Atl City with Ed & Marie this P.M. I went to the Colonial saw W.S. Hart in 3 words.

16 - Ther down to 12 this A.M.

17 - Lew and I went over to Atl City this P.M. in machine.

18 - This was a nice day. We did not go anywhere. Lew went down to the Chapel tonight.

19 - Cloudy today

20 - I was at the Doctors today.

21 - Have been getting presents ready for Christmas.

22 - Ther down to 6 this A.M.

23 - Rain and snow today and tonight.

24 - Emmie was here today, we took her up to Pville.

25 - Christmas Day - Took Christmas presents up to the girls this P.M.

26 - A fine day nice and warm.

27 - Florrie and Pauline Reed called this afternoon. Today was like a summer day.

28 - This was the warmest day of the week.

29 - A sudden change in the weather, windy and extreme cold.

30 - Cold today. We sold  $6\frac{1}{2}$  doz eggs at 90c per doz.

31 - No more work for L.E. on truck unless something else starts up.