

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1923

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JANUARY, 1923

MON. 1
New Year's Day

TUES. 2
This the first day of the year has been a stormy one, rained all day.

WED. 3
Clear today, we got the wash dry. Rained hard all day, snowing tonight.

THUR. 4
It was cloudy most of the day. The snow is nearly all off the ground.

FRI. 5
The sun showed itself 2 or 3 times today.

SAT. 6
Cloudy all day. L.E. did the marketing.



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 the first day of the year has been a stormy one, rained all day.

2 - Clear today, we got the wash dry.

3 - Rained hard all day, snowing tonight.

4 - It was cloudy most of the day. The snow is nearly all off the ground.

5 - The sun showed itself 2 or 3 times today.

6 - Cloudy all day.

7 - It rained all day, Mary is 10 mos old today and she has been doing (??) all day. She broke a plate, upset the coffee can, secked the blacking off the stove and played in the ashes.

8 - It rained all day.

9 - We washed this A.M. and got the clothes dry. It rained again this afternoon.

10 - This was a fine day, sun shone much of the time. We had some snow squalls.

11 - We took 11 bu of potatoes over to Ventnor this afternoon. I called on Myra, Kenneth is pretty and cute.

12 - Windy today and cloudy part of the time.

13 - Clear and cold today. Home Companion receipt expires in Feb 1925

14 - We were up home a while today. We spent a part of the afternoon at Lee Herricks. It is raining tonight.

15 - Cold and cloudy.

16 - We did the wash, the clothes froze dry.

17 - This was the coldest morning this winter Ther down to 9. Ed went away on a gunning cruise today.

18 - Cold again today. It looks like a storm tonight.

19 - We attended the Odd Fellows banquet. It was at the Northfield Country Club.

20 - Ed got home from gunning cruise today. They got 51 ducks.

21 - Lew went over to Bethel church today.

22 - Stormy today

23 - We did the wash this A.M.

24 - It rained all day.

25 - I attended the canners national convention on the Steel Pier this afternoon.

26 - We bought 1300 lbs of nut coal and this dealer sent 1,000 lbs of buckwheat, amt paid \$16.15.

27 - L.E. sick today.

28 - We have 2 inches of snow

29 - L.E. sick with the grip had a bad heart. I was up all night with him.

30 - L.E. had a sinking spell this A.M. I've got the grip myself tonight. Dr has just been here.

31 - L.E. is better today but weak, I'm not so good.

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February

1 - L.E. is improving. I am better.

2 - L.E. has had severe pain in head all day. I am better.

3 - L.E. still has severe pain in head.

4 - Ida Cadwalader and Charley came down today.

5 - Cold and dreary, no sunshine for several days.

6 - Alfred Doughty's wife's funeral was today. It commenced snowing hard at 11 A.M.

7 - Snow 5 inches deep this A.M.

8 - L.E. went to Pville today.

9 - This was a nice day.

10 - Sleet and snow today.

11 - Somers Burroughs and wife spent this afternoon with us.

12 - 5 inches of snow this morning. Marie, Kathryn and I were at the Colonial this afternoon

13 - It has been foggy all day.

14 - Cold blizzard raging in the west.

15 - Colder high winds.

16 - Thermometer down to 10 this A.M.

17 - Ther down to 8 this A.M. I attended the D.A.R. meeting at the Library. Election of officers, Mrs Erly elected 2nd vice Regent.

18 - Cold today ther down to 8 this morning. Mary walked 5 steps alone. Aunt Rebecca operated on today.

19 - We did the wash today. It was cold.

20 - Snowed nearly all day.

21 - I was at the doctors today. And stopped of home on the way back.

22 - Washington's Birthday - Lew and I went to Phila today on an excursion.

23 - It was very cold today.

24 - This was the cold day of the year. Ther down to 5 this A.M.

25 - Lee, Julia and the children were here this afternoon.

26 - Rain this afternoon

27 - E.J. Powers here making my dress a (dotted tissue??)

28 - E.J. Powers was here today sewing.

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March

- 1 - Bible class met tonight at Powers
- 2 - I rec'd 80 packages of flower seed today, from Washington 5 varieties; I am giving them to friends.
- 3 - Emmie came down to stay over Sunday.
- 4 - Ed and Marie went to Phila yesterday. Kathryn stayed with us.
- 5 - Ed and family arrived home this A.M. We have 5 fine days so far this month.
- 6 - It is snowing hard today.
- 7 - Will Barrett was electrocuted at 10:15 this A.M. A high wire was blowing, and a wire caught him.
- 8 - A terrible accident. His wife is prostrated. He has 4 children.
- 9 - This was a nice day.
- 10 - Will Barrett was buried today at Pleasantville. It was a very rainy day.
- 11 - L.E. went over to Bethel Church this afternoon. Mr Libe preached his last sermon for the year.
- 12 - It is raining today.
- 13 - It is still raining. I went up to Pleasantville Trust Co. and transferred 6 U.S. Liberty bonds to Ed Somers.
- 14 - Clear and windy today.
- 15 - Wind S.E. and blowing a gale.
- 16 - Rain and fog all day and night, bad storm. Ed & Mark are up at Little Egg Harbor. They expect to build a chimney tomorrow.
- 17 - Mr McKeag & Wes Smith called this eve.
- 18 - Lew and I spent this eve with Hammett and Mary Steelman.
- 19 - Stormy all day.
- 20 - Cold today ther down to 15. I bought my summer hat today. It is a fancy straw. Color brown.
- 21 - Hannette and I went over to Ocean City to see Aunt Rebecca.
- 22 - My Crocuses are blooming.
- 23 - I have had rheumatism in my limbs all day could hardly get around.
- 24 - We took Dixie down to Ventnor this afternoon. I gave him to Mrs Keating. He caught (pigconds?)
- 25 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon and heard the new preacher.
- 26 - The wind has been blowing hard all day.
- 27 - Another windy day.
- 28 - Elwood Steelman committed suicide this morning at his home at Ocean Heights.
- 29 - It has been cold all this week. Ther down to 10 this morning.
- 30 - I was at Atlantic City yesterday. Maggie Headley is better.
- 31 - Very cold last night. It froze water in the basin that stood in the sink, ther 10.

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April

1 - Florence Brown baptized this eve age 13

2 - Ther down to 10 this morning.

3 - This was a nice day.

4 - Warm today, raining tonight.

5 - L.E. glazing for Ed and Mark.

6 - Lew worked for a while for English & Somers this A.M.

7 - We took 10 bush red skins over to Keating today, amt \$10.00

8 - Raining and blowing a gale tonight wind N.E.

9 - This was a fine day.

10 - Ther 2 below freezing this morning

11 - Eva Steelman spent this evening with us.

12 - Wes Smith called tonight.

13 - N.E. storm blowing hard and rainy tonight.

14 - Rain, hail, snow and wind today. Snow 3 inches deep in Phila. Not much here. Ther 30. Harold Williams operated on for appendicitis.

15 - Rain and sleet today wind N.E.

16 - Rain again today.

17 - Washing done this A.M. I went to market this P.M.

18 - Lew is painting at Pleasantville this week.

19 - I took 5 doz eggs over to Mrs Adams today. I called at Joe Gaskill and stayed for supper.

20 - Lee, Julia and Lee Jr spent this eve with us.

21 - Lee & Julia took me about 50 miles in their auto this afternoon.

22 - I went to Salem with Ed & Marie today. We visited Freda. It was a fine day and a nice ride.

23 - We did the wash this A.M.

24 - I went to the doctors this A.M.

25 - I cleaned kitchen cupboards today.

26 - Lew & I cleaned the kitchen. The lady I engaged to do it failed to come.

27 - I finished the kitchen today. And I'm tired out.

28 - L.E. went to market for me.

29 - It rained nearly all day.

30 - We washed.

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May

- 1 - Tired out from house cleaning.
- 2 - I'm no good today.
- 3 - Cleaned sitting room cupboard.
- 4 - Did all kinds of work today.
- 5 - I set out 40 gladioli bulbs.
- 6 - Ida Cadwalader was down today.
- 7 - I was at Doctor Grier's today.
- 8 - We did the wash
- 9 - Have been raining today
- 10 - This was Mothers Day at the Kiwanis Club. Dwight Hillis gave us a fine talk on Mothers of this country.
- 11 - Susie Ireland called today.
- 12 - I attended the D.A.R. session and also the luncheon.
- 13 - It rained all day.
- 14 - We did the wash
- 15 - Have been ironing
- 16 - I mended today and did lots of other things.
- 17 - Lew and I cleaned the cellar. This was my 67th Birthday.
- 18 - Cleaned sitting room today
- 19 - I set out 50 gladioli bulbs
- 20 - Lee & Julia took us to Ocean City, Tuckahoe and Mays Landing in their auto. I left the Baile mortgage with Emma to be recorded.
- 21 - It rained all day. We did not wash. I cleaned the bath room.
- 22 - Washing done today. Sold Lillies of the Valley amt \$2.00.
- 23 - I went up to see Dr Fish this A.M. Mrs Thorn called this afternoon.
- 24 - Set out dahlias today
- 25 - Sold Lillies of the Valley amt \$1.50
- 26 - L.E. took 9 doz eggs over to the hotel Elwood amt 3.60
- 27 - We took a ride over to Ventnor this afternoon.
- 28 - This is our 44th wedding anniversary. It don't seem so very long ago.
- 29 - I was at Atl City today. Paid the Association dues.
- 30 - Memorial Day - I decorated my parents graves. And then we went over to Zion and decorated the graves in that cemetery.
- 31 - I set out dahlias

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June

1 - I did the ironing today.

2 - This was a very warm day.

3 - We did not go anywhere today.

4 - Mrs Fitton called. 2 tons of coal came today, amt paid to dealer \$31.00, \$15.50 per ton.

5 - I was at the Doctors today.

6 - This was Edmond's birthday. He is 16 years old.

7 - Forgot to write up what I did today.

8 - Sewed today.

9 - Lew and I went up to Pleasantville tonight.

10 - Lew and I went over to Charley Smiths tonight in the little truck.

11 - We washed this morning but the clothes did not dry.

12 - Hung clothes up today and they dried although it rained at times.

13 - It has been raining at times today.

14 - I cleaned the parlor.

15 - I finished the parlor today.

16 - Lew and I went over to Atl City, we went to a movie and saw animal pictures.

17 - I was up home this afternoon, stayed to supper.

18 - We did the wash today.

19 - I was at Julia's for dinner. Stopped there on the way home from the Doctors. It was hot

20 - This was a hot day.

21 - Today was hotter. We attended the commencement at Pville, Paul graduated from 8th grade.

22 - Another hot day. Edmond passed the examination. His 3rd year in high school.

23 - We did not attend the D.A.R. picnic. We had a thunder shower and stayed at home. (hot)

24 - Very warm, this is the 6th day in succession.

25 - Chapel picnic at Mays Landing. Ed's family have gone. 7th hot day.

26 - 8th hot day.

27 - 9th hotter! It is the longest hot wave on record for June.

28 - A little cooler today.

29 - I went up to Pville this afternoon and did the marketing.

30 - Foggy and raining.

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July

1 - I went up to Central Church this eve. They raised \$2,675.00 today for improvements on church.

2 - I went to Atlantic City today. I deposited a check for \$39.00 to my acct.

3 - Have been ironing.

4 - 1812 soldiers monument was veiled today. We went over to Ocean City this afternoon.

5 - [blank]

6 - I picked blackberries this afternoon.

7 - Sold 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz eggs at 50c per doz. We had a stand out front for benefit Parent Teachers Asso.

8 - We went to Somers Point this P.M. to see the new monument erected to the 1812 war soldiers.

9 - We did the wash.

10 - I did the ironing today.

11 - L.E. went up to Pleasantville tonight the car struck an auto, mashed it up. But no one was hurt.

12 - It has been hot today.

13 - Our blackberries are fine, sell quite a few.

14 - Trolley wires down today from Belhaven Ave to Bells.

15 - We went up to Uncle Martins this afternoon.

16 - Heavy rain this morning.

17 - I picked blackberries today. Hattie called this eve.

18 - Kathryn and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon and eve.

19 - Neighborhood children had a parade today.

20 - I'm sick today, my old trouble.

21 - I'm no better.

22 - I am not much better.

23 - I was not able to help with the wash today. L.E. took me up to the Doctors.

24 - L.E. mailed a check for \$8.00 to Raymond Somers for Odd Fellows dues.

25 - I am not very well yet.

26 - I feel better today. It is nice and cool.

27 - Marie did the sweeping for me.

28 - A heavy thunder shower tonight.

29 - This was a hot day.

30 - E.J. Powers came this morning to sew for me.

31 - E.J. here today, finished my dress.

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August

1 - E.J. finished my sewing today.

2 - Sam Smith came this A.M. for a visit.

3 - Sam took Kathryn over to Ocean City this afternoon.

4 - Sam is spending today at Atl City. President Harding passed away Thursday eve.

5 - This has been a hot day. 92 in the shade. We had a shower this afternoon.

6 - Sam went home this morning and Carrie came this afternoon.

7 - I went up to the Doctors this A.M.

8 - Hot today 94 in the shade. Harding funeral in Washington this day.

9 - Harding funeral on way to Marion, Oh today.

10 - President Harding at rest in his old home town today. (Many sad hearts)

11 - Weather still hot.

12 - Harry Steelman family of Columbus, Oh spent this afternoon and eve at Ed's.

13 - Marie sick today. We did not do the wash.

14 - Marie is all right today.

15 - Emma and Pearl called this afternoon. Paul went to Schwenksville today.

16 - Kathryn and I were on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon and eve.

17 - L.E. and Wes finished painting at the hospital. Pollie Wilson called.

18 - I was at the Doctors today.

19 - We were up home awhile this afternoon.

20 - We did the wash this morning.

21 - E.J. Powers called this afternoon.

22 - Ther down to 43 this A.M.

23 - L.E. and I went on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon. Julia Kern called this eve.

24 - I'm not feeling very well today.

25 - Mrs Scanlon called this afternoon.

26 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon. We gave \$5.00 to church. We were over to Charleys tonight.

27 - E.J. Powers here to make my black & white gingham dress.

28 - It is raining today.

29 - [blank]

30 - I was at the Doctors today, am not very good.

31 - Rec'd a letter from Cora today. We sold 6 doz eggs, amt \$3.90

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September

1 - Ed took Lew and I up to Camden in his machine. We went up to Bristol on a steam train.

2 - Cora has company, Mary Clayton and Ruth Albertson.

3 - We took a trolley ride to Langhorne, also Newtown and Morrisville.

4 - Lew went down to Phila on the boat.

5 - We arrived home tonight. Chas Corson gave us a ride from Pville.

6 - I have been canning peaches today.

7 - Canning tomatoes

8 - L.E. did the marketing.

9 - We were up home awhile today.

10 - We washed and ironed today. Wes Smith was here for supper. We had squabs.

11 - I made peach jelly.

12 - Went up to the Doctors this morning.

13 - I made raspberry jelly.

14 - Did all kinds of work today.

15 - We had chicken for supper.

16 - We took Ollie up to O'Neals with us to see their flowers.

17 - We did the wash today. We sold 5 doz eggs at 70c per doz

18 - Lew and Wes went in the bay today. They got 140 clams, big ones.

19 - It rained awhile today.

20 - I was at Atl City today. Bought a pair of low shoes with arches, paid \$9.00 for them.

21 - L.E. went to market for me.

22 - [blank]

23 - We called at Ina's this afternoon.

24 - We spent this evening at Johnny Irelan's. We had a fine time.

25 - Attended the primary election.

26 - Canned tomatoes.

27 - I've forgot what I did.

28 - Made raspberry jelly, 11 glasses and it is fine.

29 - Called on Mrs Fitton this afternoon.

30 - Was at Herricks awhile this afternoon and stopped up home on the way to our home.

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October

1 - We did the wash.

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

3 - No frost yet.

4 - Ed & Marie started their vacation this afternoon.

5 - We had frost last night.

6 - More frost but it has done no harm.

7 - Heavy frost this A.M. but my flowers are all right.

8 - Frost again this morning, no harm done yet.

9 - Mr & Mrs Fitton took us over to the Vineland dahlia farm this afternoon. We saw 30 acres of them.

10 - I did the ironing this morning.

11 - It is a week today since Ed & Marie went away. It seems like two weeks to me.

12 - Holiday, and I worked all day.

13 - L.E. took eggs and chickens over to Mrs Adams, eggs \$3.50, chickens \$4.40.

14 - Was up home this afternoon.

15 - Raining today.

16 - Ed & Marie arrived home tonight. They had a fine time.

17 - Mr & Mrs Fitton took us over to Seabrook Farms. We returned via Bridgeton and Millville today, 112 miles.

18 - [blank]

19 - It rained a little today. We needed it badly.

20 - Lew took 2 chickens and 2 1/3 doz eggs over to Mrs Adams. 2 chickens, amt 4.82

21 - We went down to see Mrs Dilks Dahlias, they were beautiful.

22 - Ed went to see the Doctor today. He has a very bad cold.

23 - We are having a very severe storm, it commenced last night. Wind N.E. and blowing 80 miles an hour.

24 - Still cloudy and raining a part of the time.

25 - [blank]

26 - We went over to the Bethel bazaar this eve. Very few people there.

27 - L.E. took 3 chickens over to Mrs Adams, amt \$6.74

28 - Ed took us up to Mays Landing to see Emmie. Sheriff will have to move by the 16th of November.

29 - Ollie came down this afternoon.

30 - Heavy frost tonight.

31 - I wrote a letter to Cora. My dahlias were killed by frost last night.

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November

1 - I took up my gladiola bulbs today.

2 - I took up some of the dahlias today.

3 - L.E. took 3 chickens over to Mrs Adams, price 55c per lb, amt \$6.88

4 - John and Aunt Rebecca were here yesterday.

5 - We did the washing and ironing today.

6 - Election today. I voted for Poulson.

7 - I dressed a chicken and cooked it for Central Church supper.

8 - I cleaned the big room today. Lew built a new closet for me.

9 - Ther 27 this A.M. We dug dahlias this morning.

10 - Ther 24. Ice in milk bottles this morning. I was at the Doctors this A.M.

11 - We were at Lee Herricks this P.M. They had a weeks vacation with Alice near Patterson, NJ.

12 - We washed but did not hang the clothes out.

13 - Sent my teeth to the Dentist to get repaired.

14 - It cost 2 dollars to get a new tooth put on the plate.

15 - Have been poorly all day. I mailed C.A.R. dues amt \$250. [DAR?]

16 - We put the stove up in the bathroom. It looks pretty good.

17 - This is the 3rd day with our Suburban Cars. The Motormen won't run the Dinky cars. Chickens & eggs 8.90.

18 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon. I am not very well, have a bad cold.

19 - This was a fine day.

20 - I was at Maggie Headlys today.

21 - I did the ironing.

22 - Laura Somers died in Chicago. She was staying with Maggie.

23 - Sallie Scull Collapsed today.

24 - I was at the Doctors. Laura Somers funeral today.

25 - Lee and Julia took us out in their new machine. We went to Atlantic City.

26 - Washed and ironed

27 - Washed and ironed

28 - L.E. went to Pville to buy our thanksgiving dinner.

29 - Emmie came this morning at 9 o'clock.

30 - It rained all day.

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December

1 - Emmie went home this morning. I attended the D.A.R. It was at the Northfield Country Club.

2 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon.

3 - Emmie was here a little while tonight.

4 - I am not very good. Could not help with the wash.

5 - It rained hard all day.

6 - I was at the doctors, I'm no good.

7 - Sewed

8 - I went over to Atl City in Ed's machine this afternoon.

9 - I was up home a little while this afternoon. Brother was there also.

10 - Raining again today.

11 - This was a nice day.

12 - Another fine day. Lew is painting for Corson.

13 - I was at the Doctors.

14 - Snow 2 in deep this morning. Ed & Mark have gone on a gunning party up at Great Bay.

15 - L.E. took chicken over to Mrs Adams.

16 - Lee & Julia took us out for a ride. We went to Mays Landing and Egg Harbor City.

17 - This was a nice day.

18 - I did the ironing. Another fine day.

19 - This was a warm day.

20 - Cloudy today. I was at Atlantic City shopping for Christmas.

21 - Ther up to 60 today.

22 - Rain today.

23 - Rainy all day, thunder shower tonight.

24 - L.E. painting in Atlantic City.

25 - We are having a fine day and many presents to be thankful for.

26 - L.E. finished painting today.

27 - It is raining tonight.

28 - We spent this eve at Fittons. Mrs Pfouts was there also.

29 - L.E. did the marketing.

30 - Rained all day.

31 - Raining today.