

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1924

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JANUARY, 1924

TUES. 1
New Year's Day

This was a windy day.

WED. 2

It is raining tonight. The storm commenced with rain and sleet.

THUR. 3

It rained all day and is still at it tonight. Eggs sold today amt 9.80 (12 d)

FRI. 4

This was a fine day

SAT. 5

Rain and snow awhile today. It is blowing a gale tonight.



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 windy day.

2 - It is raining tonight. The storm commenced with rain and sleet.

3 - It rained all day and is still at it tonight. Eggs sold today 12 doz, amt 9.80

4 - This was a fine day.

5 - Rain and snow awhile today. It is blowing a gale tonight.

6 - Coldest day this winter.

7 - Still cold.

8 - Thermometer down to 14 this A.M.

9 - This was a fine day.

10 - Ed was made a member of the Free Masons last eve.

11 - Sold chickens to Mrs Adams, amt \$10.88. We got 50c per lb. 4 doz eggs 70c per doz.

12 - Ed laid Solomon off today. They did not have work enough to keep him busy.

13 - Cloudy and cold

14 - L.E. straightened out the Moore tract business. This is his 69th birthday.

15 - This was a fine day.

16 - Cloudy and heavy wind and rain this afternoon and eve. Lights out 2 hours tonight.

17 - Shenandoah airship brook loose from pole in a 72 mi wind. Edmond heard the news over his radio last eve.

18 - L.E. and Wes Smith went in the bay and got 5 doz eels.

19 - L.E. took 1 chicken and 16 doz eggs over to Atlantic City and rec'd \$2.62 for chicken and 65 per doz eggs.

20 - This has been a cloudy and rainy day.

21 - Ther 10 at 7 A.M.

22 - Ther 1 above zero. I took 4 shares of paid up stock in Linwood B & Loan Asso, amt paid \$400.00

23 - The goods for my dress came this A.M. It was delivered by a Gimbels auto driver.

24 - It has been cold all the week.

25 - Raining and blowing a gale.

26 - Cold this A.M. L.E. has gone up to Mays Landing. He will spend the day with Emmie.

27 - I was up home this afternoon.

28 - Ther 8 this A.M. L.E. caught an opossum in the barn this A.M.

29 - This was a fine day.

30 - Have been mending. Geese flying north this afternoon.

31 - John and Carrie Turner called this afternoon.

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February

1 - Cloudy all day.

2 - Eggs and chickens sold today, amt \$10.07

3 - L.E. and I took a ride down to Ventnor. Lee and Julia called while we were away.

4 - Geese flying north tonight just before dark.

5 - Thunder showers several times during the day.

6 - Edmond heard Wilson funeral sermon on his radio.

7 - I was at Atlantic City today.

8 - We killed a 9 lb rooster and it was some fete to clean him. Kathryn has the mumps.

9 - I am very sick had to have Dr Fish. This time is the worst I've ever had.

10 - Dr was here today. I am not much better. Mrs Scanlon called this afternoon.

11 - Am still sick. This was my worst attack, don't want any more.

12 - Am gaining slowly, not much appetite. Snowed most of the day and is sill at it tonight. Dr was here today.

13 - Hammett was here this afternoon and stayed for supper.

14 - L.E. took 11 doz eggs, amt 6.60

15 - Doctor was here again today. Mrs Fitton called.

16 - E.J. Powers and Wes Smith called.

17 - It is snowing tonight.

18 - We have $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches of snow this A.M.

19 - It snowed all day rain and sleet tonight, wind blowing a gale, snow going fast.

20 - E.J. came to sew. Plenty of slush this A.M. roads in bad condition, worst storm this winter.

21 - Snow went fast today.

22 - E.J. is making a dress for me.

23 - Attended the C.A.R. chapter at Fireside hall this afternoon.

24 - Ed took me out for a ride this afternoon.

25 - I heard the Gov of Massachusetts speak in Boston tonight over the radio. We listened in on Atlanta, Ga, also Jefferson City, Mo.

26 - Snow three inches deep this A.M.

27 - Cold and windy, N.E. blowing a gale.

28 - This was a fine day. I was at the Doctors. Maggie and Carrie were here this afternoon. Maggie stayed for supper.

29 - This was a cold stormy month.

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March

- 1 - This was a fine day.
- 2 - Lee and Julia took me for a ride this afternoon.
- 3 - This was a fine day. L.E. took 18 doz eggs over to Atl City, amt \$9.00
- 4 - The first 4 days of this month were like summer.
- 5 - Rain
- 6 - Rain
- 7 - E.J. is here sewing for me. Mary is two years old today.
- 8 - This is a windy day.
- 9 - Lew & Julia took us for a ride. We went down to Sea Isle and from there to Ocean View, and home via Ocean City.
- 10 - We are having a severe N.E. storm tonight, wind is blowing a gale.
- 11 - Heavy N.E. gale all day long. Hotel took 10 doz eggs today, amt 4.50
- 12 - It is blowing a gale today. We had a ton of coal come today amt \$16.25.
- 13 - E.J. sewing for me.
- 14 - L.E. took 8 doz eggs over to Mrs Bew, amt 4.00.
- 15 - Smith, Collins and Mary, Aunt Rebecca, and Marie J. spent Fri eve with us.
- 16 - This has been a cold and gloomy day.
- 17 - This is a good day for drying clothes, plenty of wind.
- 18 - E.J. is making my black silk.
- 19 - E.J. here today.
- 20 - The dress is almost finished.
- 21 - Rained all day. Willie Force came with the Juniors check this morning, amt \$9.00
- 22 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 23 - We were up home a while this afternoon. Will Lake of Ocean City died today.
- 24 - E.J. did not come today to finish sewing. Ida is sick.
- 25 - L.E. took 12 doz eggs over total City, amt 5.20
- 26 - Doct gave me medicine tonight. I didn't have any money with me. Pay next time I see him.
- 27 - Edmond started to school again today.
- 28 - He lost 16 school days with mumps.
- 29 - [blank]
- 30 - Ed took me over to Ocean City this afternoon. We had a fine ride.
- 31 - We did the wash.

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April

1 - It rained today, it also snowed, blowed and we had a thunder shower.

2 - It is blowing a gale today.

3 - Ida Powers still in the hospital. They haven't operated on her yet.

4 - E.J. finished my sewing today.

5 - I was at Pville today.

6 - It has rained all day.

7 - Windy today it is not fit to do the wash.

8 - Plenty of wind again today.

9 - This was a stormy day. Mary stayed home while Marie went up to Pville.

10 - [blank]

11 - Attended concert at Central church. L.E. took 15 doz eggs amt 4.50

12 - Emmie came today from Mays Landing. I attended the D.A.R. meeting.

13 - We took Emmie home tonight. She enjoyed her visit very much.

14 - We did the wash.

15 - I went over to Atl City this afternoon.

16 - mended

17 - Franks wife came for eggs today.

18 - It rained hard all day.

19 - I was at the Doctors.

20 - We had heavy wind and rain this afternoon. I was up home a little while.

21 - I went up to Phila with Ed & Marie. I bought a coat and other necessaries.

22 - I took my coat up home for Ollie to shorten.

23 - We did the wash today. Bargaintown school closed on account of small pox.

24 - Every child in Linwood school has to be vaccinated.

25 - L.E. painting at old telephone house this week.

26 - L.E. did the marketing.

27 - I was up home. I saw brother and he looks bad. He may have to be operated on.

28 - I put the beds out on the kitchen roof today. Am expecting to do some house cleaning this week.

29 - Have been ironing today.

30 - mended stockings.

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May

1 - Have been cleaning big room today.

2 - Hannelte and Ina called this afternoon.

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

4 - Sam, Freda, Charley and Ida spent the day at Ed's.

5 - We did the wash.

6 - Have been ironing.

7 - We set out 50 gladiolas.

8 - Have been sewing today.

9 - Have been sewing and I did part of the Saturday work today.

10 - I attended the D.A.R. luncheon, Marie was my guest. I saw Fannie Wainwright and many old friends

11 - I'm not very well today.

12 - This is the 6th day in succession it rained or has been foggy. Susie Ireland called today.

13 - I am fixing an old carpet to put on my room.

14 - It is quite a job. I have to rip the seams and turn it.

15 - Then sew it over again. This was Mothers day celebrated by the Kiwanians.

16 - We had our luncheon at the Victoria.

17 - I went to see Doctor Hudson today. [Dr] Fish is away. I'm 68 years young today.

18 - We took a short ride. I stopped at Mrs Dilks and got 2 dahlia bulbs.

19 - I set out 65 gladioli bulbs today.

20 - Worked on bedroom carpet.

21 - Worked on bedroom carpet again today.

22 - Edna Ingersoll papered the large room on 2nd floor.

23 - Emily Somers called today.

24 - L.E. is poorly with rheumatism. It is raining tonight.

25 - It is raining again tonight.

26 - L.E. went up to the Doctors this A.M.

27 - Rain

28 - Foggy and rain. This is our 45th wedding anniversary.

29 - Rain most of the day.

30 - Memorial Day - We were up at Tuckerton and heard Colonel A

31 - I as at the Doctors.

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June

1 - Rained tonight, but we wet up to Central Church and heard Colonel A

2 - Rain

3 - Raining again tonight.

4 - I did the ironing today.

5 - Have been planting dahlias.

6 - Work with flowers.

7 - L.E. took six doz eggs over to Mrs Bew, amt 2.70

8 - Thunder shower tonight.

9 - Raining today.

10 - Wind easterly but sun is shining.

11 - Cleaning cellar. Cloudy

12 - Rain

13 - Mailed check to John A. Irelan for Central lawn, amt \$5.00. Rained most of the day.

14 - Thunder showers tonight. We went up to see Ina this eve.

15 - I was up home this afternoon. Brother was there also.

16 - Raining this A.M.

17 - Hot today.

18 - warm

19 - I bought a black and gingham dress.

20 - Rain this morning.

21 - It as been a hot day.

22 - We took a ride over to Ventnor. I have \$39.00 Int due today.

23 - We did the wash.

24 - It is warm today.

25 - Bess & Amelia spent this eve with us. We had a cyclone of wind and rain this afternoon.

26 - Ed, Marie and I attended an open air meeting at the ball park tonight.

27 - I finished the cellar today.

28 - I worked hard all day.

29 - I was up home this afternoon.

30 - We did the wash this A.M. and I ironed this afternoon. Ed found over 2,000 dollars worth of jewelry today.

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July

1 - The owner of jewelry and diamonds came for them today. She did not reward him.

2 - A check since came for 25 dollars and a nice letter.

3 - Sallie Sicklers funeral was this afternoon.

4 - We spent this afternoon at Atlantic City.

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

6 - Uncle John & Aunt Rosie were at Ed's today.

7 - This was a warm day.

8 - It is hot today.

9 - Hotter

10 - This is the hottest day so far in July.

11 - I am not very good today.

12 - We went to an Ox Roast tonight at Absecon.

13 - We were at Uncle Martins this afternoon.

14 - We did the washing. L.E. worked 5 hours today.

15 - L.E. and I spent the day with Emmie at Mays Landing.

16 - I was at the Doctors

17 - We had heavy thunder showers today.

18 - This was a nice cool day.

19 - We sold 18 qts of blackberries at 20c per qt.

20 - We were at home all day. L.E. went down to the chapel tonight.

21 - Jodie went home this P.M. after a visit at Ed's of almost 4 weeks.

22 - We had a thunder shower tonight.

23 - It was very warm today.

24 - Ed took Ralph over to the Kiwanis Club today.

25 - This was the hottest day of the year.

26 - I did the marketing this A.M.

27 - We were at Uncle Martins a little while this afternoon. I saw Winfield and gave him a check for my tax.

28 - I notified the J.O.U.A.M. that I wanted the money that I had loaned them. They have had it 18 years.

29 - [Junior Order of United American Mechanics]

30 - It was a hot day. I have been cleaning the parlor.

31 - Sam Smith came this afternoon for a few days visit.

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August

1 - It is nice and cool today.

2 - Lew and Wes Smith went clamming this A.M. They got 175, tonged them.

3 - They had a speaker at the chapel tonight.

4 - Sam Smith went home today.

5 - E.J. is making a gingham dress for me.

6 - Colonel A died yesterday morning.

7 - I went up to Pville and saw Colonel A funeral pass on Washington Ave.

8 - This was the 5th hot day of the week.

9 - I did the marketing.

10 - A memorial sermon for Colonel A at Pville tonight.

11 - Hot today gardens are almost a failure this year, worst ever.

12 - Rained nearly all day.

13 - It is much cooler since the rain. L.E. caught 9 weak fish today.

14 - Walter Steelman took his mother & sister, Marie, Kathryn, Mary and I over to A City in the car. We went on the Million Dollar Pier and had a fine time.

15 - Harry Steelman and family went to their home in Ohio today.

16 - Ed went up to Great Bay fishing and got 9 weak fish.

17 - I was up home a while this afternoon.

18 - Thermometer was down to 51 this A.M. 19 above freezing.

19 - Mrs Walters is sick. Doctor Grier is attending her.

20 - Lew is painting Corson's truck.

21 - Mrs Walters keeps about the same.

22 - Anna Marshall was struck by an auto this morning. I don't think she is seriously injured.

23 - I went over to Ocean City this afternoon to see the Covered Wagon.

24 - Joe Gaskill's funeral is tomorrow afternoon. Lew went over to Atl City to see him.

25 - It rained today.

26 - We are having a N.E. wind and rain storm. My dahlias are getting twisted and many are breaking off.

27 - [blank]

28 - This was a very hot day. We went up to the Egg Harbor fair tonight.

29 - Hot today.

30 - L.E. went to market. Somers Adams paid Lew 32.00

31 - Charlie & Ida Lockhart were here for super tonight.

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September

1 - This was a hot day thermometer 96 in the shade.

2 - We had a nice rain tonight.

3 - Cooler today. We had a Spread and 2 blankets on our bet tonight.

4 - Cool today. Mrs Pfouts settled for loan today.

5 - Cool this morning Ther down to 43.

6 - Cool this A.M.

7 - Ther down to 42 this A.M.

8 - We did the wash

9 - Have been ironing

10 - Canned pears and peaches

11 - Canned peaches

12 - I viewed the World War Veterans Parade at Atlantic City.

13 - Canned more peaches.

14 - Was up home this afternoon.

15 - I notified the Juniors again today about my note.

16 - Winfield was operated on yesterday at Atl City hospital.

17 - Winfield is getting along fine.

18 - I was at the Doctors today.

19 - I forgot what I did today.

20 - I saw the Shriners parade today.

21 - It was stormy today.

22 - It is raining today.

23 - It is still raining

24 - I've been busy getting ready to go to Washington.

25 - I took my teeth up to the Dentist to have them repaired.

26 - I was up home a while this eve.

27 - We left home at 7:30 this A.M. for Washington. Reached Pennsgrove at 11:30, crossed the river to Wilmington, arrived at Washington 6 P.M.

28 - We went to Arlington this A.M. and this P.M. were at the top of Washington Monument.

29 - We were at Continental Hall Pan American bld, and Congressional Library today.

30 - We visited the Capital this A.M. and went to Mt Vernon this P.M.

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October

1 - We came up to Bristol on the B&O this afternoon.

2 - We went over to Burlington this afternoon.

3 - We arrived home this eve after having a fine trip.

4 - I did very little work today. I am tired out.

5 - Went up home this afternoon.

6 - I did a small wash.

7 - Ed and Marie have left Columbus O and are on their way to Detroit, Mich.

8 - They went from Detroit to Buffalo by water, were on Lake Erie all night.

9 - Ed and Marie arrived home tonight. J.O.U.A.M. paid off their mortgage today. \$300.00 check.

10 - F.A. Baker and wife were here today. Ella Baker called this afternoon.

11 - Lew finished painting for Dr. Fish this afternoon. Roberta Smith married today.

12 - I saw Winfield this afternoon, he is not very well.

13 - It is cool today.

14 - We had a slight frost last night.

15 - I was at the Colonial this afternoon.

16 - Julia Herrick spent the day with us.

17 - I sold a large bouquet of dahlias, got 50c for it.

18 - Sold 2 young chickens, amt paid \$4.82 We got 55c per lb.

19 - I was up to see Amelia Walters this afternoon. I put a bouquet on Mama's grave this afternoon.

20 - This was a fine day.

21 - My dahlias were froze stiff this morning. Ther down to 28.

22 - Hannett and Ella Baker were here this afternoon.

23 - It has been cold today.

24 - L.E. is painting one of Ed & Marks apartments at Pville.

25 - L.E. did the marketing.

26 - Ed took me out riding this afternoon. We went up to Leeds Point.

27 - We did the wash today.

28 - I have been taking up dahlias.

29 - Ed & Marie started for South Bend, Ia, this A.M.

30 - L.E. hurt his back today.

31 - L.E. s better.

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November

- 1 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 2 - Emmie is sick. We went up to Mays Landing to see her. We found her much better.
- 3 - Ed & Marie home from South Bend, Ia, tonight.
- 4 - I voted for Coolidge today.
- 5 - Ella Baker helped me take up dahlias this afternoon.
- 6 - Lizzie Lee called today.
- 7 - I am no good today.
- 8 - I attended the D.A.R. meeting at Haddon Hall. We had luncheon at 1 P.M.
- 9 - Was up to see Emma this afternoon, she is gaining slowly.
- 10 - We did the wash.
- 11 - Herbert was here this morning, says his mother is better.
- 12 - The Grangers started their exhibit on the Steel Pier.
- 13 - I mended today.
- 14 - Eva Steelman called this afternoon.
- 15 - L.E. did some glazing for Mr Corson.
- 16 - It is cold today. We had our first snow last night.
- 17 - A big fire at Atlantic City tonight, Steel Pier badly burned.
- 18 - Cold this A.M. Ther down to 20.
- 19 - Cold. Ther down to 13. I went up to the Doctors.
- 20 - This was a fine day, normal temperature.
- 21 - I worked hard this day.
- 22 - L.E. did marketing and went to a mobile show.
- 23 - Cold and windy.
- 24 - Stormy. We sent a chicken to Cora.
- 25 - Fine day.
- 26 - Have been making pies.
- 27 - Thanksgiving - We had a fine dinner and I am very thankful that I was able to cook it.
- 28 - [blank]
- 29 - It is raining hard today.
- 30 - Cloudy and cold. We did not go any where.

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December

1 - Cold and windy. Clothes froze before you could get them on the line.

2 - I went up to the Doctors. Eva Baker spent the eve with us.

3 - Mrs James called on us yesterday.

4 - Forgot what happened this day.

5 - Forgot what happened this day.

6 - Forgot what happened this day.

7 - Spent this eve at Fittons.

8 - Washed and ironed.

9 - Washed and ironed.

10 - Herbert was here.

11 - Emma came today for a visit, she will be here a week.

12 - Castor called here today.

13 - L.E. was at Pleasantville.

14 - Cold and windy

15 - L.E. painted in Atlantic City. Mr Castor called to see Lew but he was away.

16 - Castor called today and offered \$800.00

17 - We phoned to Castor tonight that the sale was off.

18 - He came today and said he would come on us for 2 per cent.

19 - We sold our lots on the West Side Atlantic City for \$1,200, Did not get as much as we paid for them.

20 - [blank]

21 - I was up home today. Winfield is better. I gave him a pair of squabs.

22 - I went over to Atlantic City. It was very cold.

23 - Ther down to 11 this morning.

24 - Cold and cloudy.

25 - Christmas - This was a clear day but very cold.

26 - The Chapel had their Xmas entertainment tonight.

27 - Geo and Tom Camp were drowned yesterday.

28 - Clear and cold, we did not go any where today.

29 - Ther was down to 8 this morning.

30 - Tom Camps funeral was today.

31 - Rain, wind, snow and sleet tonight. Tomorrow will be bad for Mummers parade.