

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1925

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JANUARY, 1925

*This day came in THUR. 1
with snow New Year's Day rain
sleet, and continued stormy
the whole day.*

*The storm today is FRI. 2
worse than yesterday.
It is blowing a gale.
with snow and rain. SAT. 3
more rain today*



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 day came in with snow, rain and sleet, and continued stormy the whole day.

2 - The storm today is worse than yesterday. It is blowing a gale with snow and rain.

3 - More rain today.

4 - It is still raining this morning. The sun is shining this afternoon.

5 - This was a fine day. We did the wash.

6 - I was at the Doctors this A.M. He has raised his office fee to \$2.00

7 - Lee Herrick Jr came down after school tonight.

8 - This was ladies night at the Kiwanis Club.

9 - I finished my bedroom slippers tonight.

10 - I boiled ham and made rice pudding for dinner tomorrow. It rained all day.

11 - It has been snowing all day.

12 - Rained all day. We finished business with the Fitzhugh's today.

13 - Rained all day.

14 - This has been a nice day. Lee and Julia took me out in their machine this afternoon.

15 - Lee & Julia came this afternoon and took us up to Bellcoville to see Emmie.

16 - It rained all day.

17 - Cloudy & foggy all day.

18 - Winfield and Junior were home today. Almira Block and myself were there also.

19 - Cloudy all day and raining tonight.

20 - This has been a very stormy day.

21 - Rain and foggy.

22 - Sun shining today but cold. Hattie Sharp came to see me today. We didn't know each other.

23 - It had been 35 years since she was here.

24 - Ther 4 this A.M. I rode up to Chestnut Neck with Lee & Julia this afternoon.

25 - [blank]

26 - I was over to Atlantic City today. I started a bank acct at Pville.

27 - Plenty of snow and sleet tonight. The cars are stalled along the road, 3 out front. A very cold night.

28 - Clear and cold Ther down to 6.

29 - Raining tonight.

30 - Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

31 - Lee and Julia came this afternoon and took us over to Vineland. We did our marketing while there.

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February

1 - Partly cloudy today. We did not go any where. Listened in on the radio tonight at Eds.

2 - Went up to Pville this afternoon and had impression taken for new set of teeth.

3 - Cloudy and cold wind N.W., clothes are not drying very good.

4 - I was at the Dentist this afternoon.

5 - This was a fine day.

6 - Another nice day. L.E. has been painting two signs for Corson.

7 - Lee & Julia took me out in their auto. We went to Bridgeton.

8 - I did not go any where today. Lew went up to the Doctors. He told him he has the grip.

9 - This was a nice day.

10 - The D of A had a turkey supper tonight. It was a fine affair.

11 - It has been raining all day.

12 - Put fringe on my scarf.

13 - Sewed today.

14 - I was at the Doctors today. Lee & Julia took me down to Ocean City, Sea Isle, and Palermo.

15 - John & Grace Sanders were here this afternoon.

16 - I was at Uncle Martins this afternoon. L.E. started to paint for Mr Porch today.

17 - Cloudy and a little rain.

18 - Julia & I attended the D.A.R. & Historical Society Entertainment at Atl City this eve.

19 - L.E. worked 2 hours on Mr Porch's house. Chickens & Eggs 4.20

20 - L.E. worked this afternoon.

21 - L.E. worked this A.M. His head is getting better.

22 - Did not go any where today. Heard talk on Washington over radio.

23 - L.E. made 5½ hours today painting for Mr Porch.

24 - I listened in on the Ocean City Kiwanis choir tonight. It was fine.

25 - I attended the movie at Pville. Saw pictures of Lincoln from babyhood till death.

26 - Cold and windy, Ther down to six this A.M.

27 - Still cold.

28 - I attended C.A.R. meeting at Fireside Hall

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March

- 1 - Raining today. Have been listening in -
- 2 - I heard from Zion City, Springfield, Mass, Pittsburgh and other cities tonight.
- 3 - I darned stockings.
- 4 - I heard Pres Coolidge take the oath of office over the radio, Marine Band played Hail to the Chief, Mocking Bird song, My Maryland.
- 5 - Old Oaken Bucket, Rally Round the Flag, When You and I were Young Maggie, and I'll Not Forget You Mother.
- 6 - I also heard the four Trumpeters and the Presidents Speech.
- 7 - Lew and I were out with Lee and Julia. We went to Bridgeton and Seabrook Farms.
- 8 - We were home all day. Heard sermon and hymns over the radio. Fittons folks spent this eve with us.
- 9 - We did the wash today, it was a fine day.
- 10 - I'm looking for E.J. tomorrow to make my silk dress.
- 11 - E.J. came today.
- 12 - E.J. must be sick as she did not come today.
- 13 - [blank]
- 14 - Ed & Marie went up to Verga today. They will be home tomorrow.
- 15 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon. He heard the new minister and liked him very much.
- 16 - This was a fine day.
- 17 - I was up at the Doctors today.
- 18 - A phone message from L.J. saying she won't be home until Monday.
- 19 - Mrs Fitton was over a while tonight.
- 20 - This was a fine day.
- 21 - L.E. did the marketing. Camellia Frinks funeral today.
- 22 - L.E. went over to Bethel again today.
- 23 - E.J. commenced to make my dress today. Marie we went to Phila this morning.
- 24 - L.E. & Wes finished painting Mr Porch's house today.
- 25 - L.E. commenced to paint Mr Devlin's house this A.M.
- 26 - L.E. painting today.
- 27 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 28 - I worked hard all day.
- 29 - Emmie came to Ed's this afternoon for a visit.
- 30 - L.E. and Wes Smith attended Howard Somers funeral this afternoon.
- 31 - E.J. finished my dress. It looks fine.

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April

- 1 - I was at the Doctors today
- 2 - Sewed today
- 3 - We attended Mr Bishop's reception, it was held at the church hall. (Bethel)
- 4 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 5 - L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.
- 6 - Ice this morning.
- 7 - Emmie was here for dinner Sunday. Joe Adams funeral was today.
- 8 - Sewed
- 9 - Sewed
- 10 - Sewed
- 11 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 12 - This was a fine day.
- 13 - I went to Phila today and bought a rug for the living room.
- 14 - Frank Brown struck Lew yesterday with his bicycle and knocked him down on our own side walk. It hurt Lew's arm and leg
- 15 - L.E. painting at Ocean City.
- 16 - The rug came today.
- 17 - I've been busy all day, swept several rooms.
- 18 - I attended a D.A.R. meeting held at the All Wars Library (Memorial)
- 19 - Emmie spent today with us. We had a thunder shower tonight.
- 20 - It has been cloudy and cold all day.
- 21 - Ther down to 27 this morning. Made heavy ice last night.
- 22 - Bad accident on the Atl City Boulevard, Alvin Risley was in the mix up.
- 23 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 24 - Have been poorly all day.
- 25 - I had a long ride today with Lee & Julia. We rode to Glassboro, Pitman, Mullica Hill, Deerfield, Bridgeton and other places.
- 26 - Emmie went to Mays Landing today.
- 27 - This was a fine day.
- 28 - Sent \$2.00 to Mays Landing by Mrs Charlton Risley. N.E. storm today.
- 29 - Cleaned setting room closet, 2nd day of N.E. storm.
- 30 - This is the 3rd day of rain in succession.

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May

1 - I went over and paid the B & L this afternoon.

2 - Was at the Doctors this A.M.

3 - L.E. wrote a letter to Uncle Job.

4 - We did the wash today.

5 - I started house cleaning today up in the big room, got it almost done.

6 - Worked in our Red room today.

7 - This was Mother's Day at the Kiwanis Club. I attended it.

8 - I got the bath room cleaned today.

9 - The D.A.R. had luncheon at Chelsea Hotel. I attended, Marie was my guest.

10 - L.E. right leg troubled him today.

11 - Kathryn sick with scarletia.

12 - Edmond & Paul are staying here while Kathryn is sick.

13 - Dr was here today and says Mary has scarletia.

14 - Ed's house is quarantined. I was at the Doctor today.

15 - I finished cleaning the kitchen cupboard today.

16 - Mrs Fitton called this afternoon..

17 - This was my 69th birthday. Marie made a cake and gave it to me. Jeffries arrived home today.

18 - We did the wash and I ironed this afternoon.

19 - Cleaned shoe closet.

20 - Kathryn and Mary are getting along all right with scarletina.

21 - The woman came to clean the kitchen but had to go home without doing it.

22 - Kathryn and Mary going out today.

23 - This was a hot day Ther 96.

24 - We are having a N.E. storm tonight. It is blowing a gale.

25 - It is raining today.

26 - I am expecting a woman tomorrow to clean the kitchen.

27 - Woman disappointed me.

28 - I am cleaning cellar today.

29 - I am not able to do much cleaning.

30 - Cellar finished today.

31 - Ed took me up to Zion and Central Cemetery is tonight. I put flowers on the graves.

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June

- 1 - This was a hot day.
- 2 - Was at the Doctors today.
- 3 - Hot today.
- 4 - Cleaned sitting room today. We are having a hot and dry spell if weather.
- 5 - Mr McKeag laid linoleum in sitting room this A.M.
- 6 - This was the hottest day yet.
- 7 - Very hot today cooler tonight.
- 8 - Edmond & Paul are still here. We have had 7 very hot days in succession, hottest on record.
- 9 - I blacked the stove.
- 10 - Two colored women came from Ocean City and finished the kitchen.
- 11 - We put the crux on the floor today. Kiwanis entertainment Alt Cty high school class.
- 12 - The boys moved home tonight.
- 13 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 14 - Lee & Julia took L.E. and I down to Corsons Inlet this eve.
- 15 - L.E. painted today for Breckley.
- 16 - L.E. on Election Board.
- 17 - L.E. went to Mays Landing as a witness for Corson in accident trial, Corson won,
- 18 - Marie and Kathryn went on the Chapel picnic held at Mays Landing.
- 19 - Cleaned Cellarway shelves.
- 20 - I am played out today.
- 21 - I was up home this afternoon, stayed for supper. Winfield was there too.
- 22 - We did the wash.
- 23 - I attended commencement at the Atl City high school. Edmond was a graduate.
- 24 - I was at the Dr today. He told me not to work hard to go careful.
- 25 - More hot weather.
- 26 - I'm no good today.
- 27 - L.E. did the marketing and went to a movie.
- 28 - Rain or cloudy most of the day.
- 29 - I was not vey well today, am very much discouraged.
- 30 - Este called this eve.

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July

1 - We cleaned the parlor today, Marie helped me.

2 - This was a hot day.

3 - Cool this day.

4 - We went over to Atl City.

5 - Rain early this morning.

6 - This was a very hot day. E.J. Powers is making a voile dress for me.

7 - E.J. here today. It was hot today.

8 - Still hot E.J. came today. It is so warm she can hardly work.

9 - Dress is finished. Joe Wilsons body was found and funeral is today.

10 - L.E. finished painting at Ocean City today. No more work until fall.

11 - I was up to the Drs this A.M.

12 - We went over to Ocean City this afternoon. A heavy thunder shower came up while we were there.

13 - It was cooler today. A man came this A.M. to see what we would sell our lower field property for.

14 - [blank]

15 - The same man came again today to see about buying the field.

16 - I did the sweeping up stairs today.

17 - Cortelyen decided not to take the field at our price.

18 - I had a long ride with Lee & Julia. We went to Pennsgrove, Salem & Bridgeton.

19 - I went up home this afternoon. Edmond started on the Delaware today.

20 - L.E. Ploughed and planted late spuds today.

21 - L.E. is planting potatoes this A.M.

22 - Winfield spent the day with us. Mrs Camp funeral was this afternoon.

23 - I was on the Steel Pier this afternoon.

24 - L.E. panting for Mr Merker.

25 - Ed took Marie, Kathryn, Mary & I down to Wildwood in his new machine.

26 - It is very warm today with a little rain at times.

27 - Hot and foggy early this A.M.

28 - I spent today at Uncle Martins. They were pleased to have me come.

29 - Lew commenced to paint the house.

30 - Julia and I were on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon and eve.

31 - It rained hard all day.

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August

1 - This was a nice cool day.

2 - Another cool day. I hope we have nice weather all this month. It has been a hot summer so far.

3 - We did the wash and I ironed this afternoon.

4 - I was at the Doctors.

5 - It rained hard all day. Isacc Arron phoned for L.E. & Ed to go over to Atl City and meet sat his office.

6 - It rained again today. L.E. painted the back porch.

7 - This was a warm day.

8 - L.E. went to market.

9 - Mr. Van Hook presented at Central and Bethel.

10 - It is very warm.

11 - Mrs James called this afternoon.

12 - All work and no play. I don't know how I can stand it much longer.

13 - Hot today.

14 - Hottest day this summer. I took a bouquet of Glads over to Mrs Fitton.

15 - I went up to the Doctors today.

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

17 - Tabby cat is missing he didn't come for his breakfast.

18 - We found Tabby under the front porch dead. Sallie English called this eve.

19 - We were at Ocean City this eve. We heard the Wheelock Band. It was fine.

20 - A thunder shower this afternoon, raining tonight.

21 - A N.E. storm today. Clearing tonight.

22 - Ther 48 this AM Clear and cool.

23 - We spent today with Harry Steelman family at Wildwood.

24 - Edmond came home last night. He is not going on the steamer any more.

25 - Ina called today. I was not at home.

26 - Este Carter and Ethel Ray Corson spent last eve with us.

27 - We had Lima beans for dinner today.

28 - Winfield Jr. was here for supper tonight.

29 - I was over on the Steel Pier this afternoon.

30 - Harry Steelman family are at Ed's.

31 - Winfield Jr. was here this eve.

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September

1 - It is a warm day

2 - Ed is sick this week has been in bed a part of the time. As soon as one abscess gets well another one comes.

3 - Ed is very poorly today.

4 - Issac Arron did not show up tonight.

5 - Ida and Charlie Lockart came today.

6 - Sam and Freda came to Ed's this AM.

7 - We did not go any where today.

8 - Mr Bishop called this afternoon.

9 - We attended a movie this afternoon.

10 - We are having hot weather.

11 - Kathryn helped me do the Sat work today.

12 - I did the marketing.

13 - This was a hot day.

14 - Thunder shower early this AM. A house in the grove at Linwood was struck by Lightning.

15 - E.J. Powers came to remake my cloth dress.

16 - E.J. finished the dress.

17 - L.E. & I took a ride over to Longport this AM. We saw Billy Walsh while there.

18 - I swept the chamber today.

19 - L.E. did the marketing today.

20 - Ed took us up to Barnegat this afternoon. It was a nice ride.

21 - We spent this eve at Fittons. It was hot today.

22 - L.E. took 8 doz eggs over to Atlantic City. We got 65c per doz.

23 - I was at a movie today. I saw the Ten Commandments movie. It was fine.

24 - Fittons moved away today. We have lost fine neighbor.

25 - I canned 2 jars of tomatoes.

26 - Ed took us over to Atl City to see the Shriners parade. Mrs Fitton called this AM.

27 - I was up home awhile this PM. Winfield was there too.

28 - We did the wash today.

29 - We came up to Bristol today.

30 - Cora and I toured Burlington this PM.

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October

1 - L.E. Cora and I went up to Trenton this PM. Came home on Pennsy side.

2 - L.E. and I went down to Phila this AM.

3 - L.E. and I are at Verga. Ida was in Phila when we arrived.

4 - Charles Lockart took us to Red Bank this AM saw the monument and were in the Whitehall home.

5 - Came home Sunday night.

6 - Mrs Fitton and Ella Baker were here this afternoon.

7 - Ina and Lana called this afternoon. A postcard came from Ed mailed at Portland Maine.

8 - L.E. is painting on Bethel Church today.

9 - L.E. painting at the church.

10 - We are having a severe wind storm today.

11 - Ice this morning but it did not hurt the dahlias. Ed is snowbound at Springfield Mass.

12 - Kresge did not call.

13 - Ed and Marie arrived home this afternoon.

14 - Sold property on lower side of Shore Road.

15 - We went up to Pville to get the deed.

16 - I went over to Alt City to get mortgage fixed up for Bristerh(?)

17 - I was at the Doctors today.

18 - L.E. went over to church this afternoon.

19 - L.E. went up to Mays Landing to get a deed recorded.

20 - Sold the meadow last night. We are to get 1,500 for it.

21 - Mrs Pfouts called today.

22 - Rained nearly all day.

23 - L.E. finished painting on the church today.

24 - Frost last night took my dahlias.

25 - Cyclone at Linwood today, did quite a lot of damage.

26 - We did the wash

27 - I went to get my hat. It is a brown velvet. Went to the movie to see Tom Mix.

28 - 29 - I forgot to write what was done these days

29 - 30 - Edmond is having a tedious time with boil on his leg.

31 - I was at the Doctors today.

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November

1 - I am having a severe attack of rheumatism in my right hand.

2 - I can hardly use my hand.

3 - Rheumatism is a little better.

4 - I went to Phila today and bought a new coat. It is brown print.

5 - Marie came home from Trenton tonight.

6 - I did not get the ironing done this week, cause rheumatism.

7 - I was in the parade yesterday, went with Ed. It was a fine affair and a long ride 47 miles.

8 - L.E. went over to church.

9 - We did the wash, had plenty of wind to dry the clothes.

10 - I took my coat up to Ollie to shorten. (Kean was here tonight) He took agreement.

11 - Carrie Smith, Emma Snyder, Harry Risley & wife called today.

12 - Electric wire down tonight, no street lights.

13 - It is blowing a gale today.

14 - Another gale today. I was at the Doctors this AM.

15 - I was at Julias's awhile this afternoon and was up home also.

16 - We did the wash.

17 - Ed & Mark went to Florida today.

18 - Ollie was here today.

19 - Mr McKeague called this AM.

20 - L.E. went over to the new Clarion.

21 - L.E. took chickens and eggs over to Atl City today.

22 - I got a ride home from Bakersville with Stephenson and Mrs. Cobb.

23 - Back ache today.

24 - Heater came today.

25 - Mr. Smith worked on furnace all day.

26 - Thanksgiving - We had a roast chicken, cranberry sauce and Minced pie for desert.

27 - Mr Smith worked all day.

28 - I did the marketing today.

29 - L.E. went over to church.

30 - E.J. Powers here fixed my sleeves. Cloudy and rain.

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December

1 - More rain.

2 - More rain.

3 - Raining and a severe gale all along the coast.

4 - Rain heavy all day.

5 - Rain and fog. John Flemings wife killed tonight in auto accident on White Horse Pike.

6 - This was a fine day. Winfield was up home but did not stay long. He is failing fast.

7 - Herbert's family and Emmie were here last evening.

8 - I was at the Doctors today.

9 - It is two weeks today since Mr Smith commenced work on the heater outfit.

10 - Harry Hemphill here most of the time.

11 - Heat turned on today.

12 - L.E. could not get much sleep tonight. Sore throat was the cause.

13 - L.E. up most of the night with sore throat.

14 - Kathryn has a bone felon. Dr Grier dressed it every day for her.

15 - Have been ironing.

16 - I was at Pleasantville yesterday. I bought a pair of kid slippers for Lew.

17 - I rec'd a letter from Winfield asking me to come over and see him.

18 - I went over to see Winfield he is very poorly.

19 - Julia took me for a ride. We went as far as Elmer.

20 - Rained nearly all day

21 - Rain and fog all day

22 - I was at the Doctors.

23 - Windy today

24 - I did the marketing today.

25 - Christmas - We had a fine dinner roast pork and fixins.

26 - We were at Fitzhughs for supper. He came over after us.

27 - Thermometer down to 10 this AM.

28 - This was a cold and cloudy day.

29 - Ther down to 12 this AM.

30 - I was at the Hospital today. Winfield is growing weaker.

31 - It is warmer today but still cold. New Clarion gave L.E. check for 78.00.