

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1927

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Mrs Fittler's address
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Electric
Lewis E. Somers
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Edmond came home SAT.
today and New Year's Day brought
Dave Stamm with
him



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 - Edmond is home today. He brought Dave Stamm home with him.

2 - Ed took Edmond and Dave up to Camden this afternoon.

3 - I was at the doctors this AM. And I called on Mrs Corson this afternoon.

4 - The colored woman did our wash. We rec'd In't on bank stock today.

5 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.

6 - I made an apron.

7 - Paul finished shingling one side of the garage.

8 - Ther down to 8 this morning.

9 - Lew went over to church.

10 - Notified B&L about paid up stock.

11 - Cold and cloudy.

12 - I was at Myra Ralstons for dinner Friday.

13 - Mr and Mrs McKeag spent this eve with us. Rec'd a check from Brister I'nt.

14 - Mre Pdouts passed away this eve at 8 o'clock. A good neighbor gone. A church member.

15 - L.E. took two chickens and 6 doz eggs over to Mrs Bew. Amt 10.32. Snowed all day.

16 - Ther 7. No trollys running on Suburban on account of snow. One did get down about 4 o'clock. It took 7 men to clear the tracks.

17 - E.J. Powers called this afternoon. Mr Mahoney called this eve.

18 - Mrs Pfouts funeral this AM from Blairs funeral parlor, Phila.

19 - Mrs Fitton called and had supper with us.

20 - Mrs Powers was here soliciting for potpie supper for Bethel church.

21 - This is the third foggy day in succession.

22 - The sun shone a little while this afternoon.

23 - Rain again today. Herbert and Pearl called this eve.

24 - I was at the doctors today. Mary is getting better.

25 - E.J. here today. She made a change in two of my dresses. Mary Haines called this eve.

26 - E.J. Powers here.

27 - Ther down to zero this AM. Potpie supper at Bethel Hall tonight.

28 - Mayor Bader died tonight. Cloudy and fog this eve.

29 - Ed and Mason friends gone up to Camden. Foggy again tonight.

30 - Rain today.

31 - Ella here today, she is making house dresses for me.

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February

1 - Uncle Job passed away this AM. He was in his 97th year.

2 - Ella here sewing. Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

3 - Mrs Merker called today.

4 - Uncle Job's funeral was at 10 AM today, at Snug Harbor, Staten Id.

5 - It snowed nearly all day.

6 - The snow went fast today. L.E. went dawn to the chapel tonight.

7 - This was a nice day.

8 - I was at the doctors.

9 - L.E. and I went up to Pville to see Tom Mix. It was a good picture.

10 - Lew went over to see Charley Smith today. He is poorly.

11 - I was not very well today.

12 - Kathryn and I attended a C.A.R. meeting this afternoon. We had a fine time.

13 - It rained all day. Edmond went up to Phila tonight.

14 - It rained again today.

15 - This has been a nice day. Mr Mc Keag called yesterday.

16 - I went to Atlantic City to get my Building loan fixed up for int.

17 - This was a summer day. Ther stood at 62.

18 - We had a thunder shower this AM. Lee and Julia were here for supper tonight.

19 - A N.E. gale blowing heavy with sleet and snow. A severe wind tonight.

20 - A stormy day with high winds and tides. A lot of damage at Atl City and Longport.

21 - Rain or fog all day. L.E. has a bad cold.

22 - Doctor was here to see L.E. He has the grip and bad heart.

23 - I went over to Atl City this afternoon.

24 - Mr Mahoney called this afternoon.

25 - A thunder shower this eve. Lew went up to Absecon tonight and paid his income tax.

26 - Edmond came home at 2 PM.

27 - Lew went to church this afternoon. Edmond went back to Phila tonight.

28 - R.J. Somers called this afternoon. We set a hen today.

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March

- 1 - This was a fine day.
- 2 - Cold and cloudy.
- 3 - A nice day but cold. Louie was hit by a bike tonight.
- 4 - Ther down to 15 this AM.
- 5 - I was up home this AM.
- 6 - L.E. went to church this afternoon. Edmond was here for dinner today.
- 7 - This was a fine day, raining tonight.
- 8 - I covered a cushion for the couch.
- 9 - F.A. Baker fell asleep at 6 PM today.
- 10 - I called at Uncle Martins yesterday.
- 11 - We did not hear of F.A. Bakers death until 5 PM today.
- 12 - Lew, Ed, Marie and I went up to the funeral. He was buried in Harleigh Cemetery.
- 13 - L.E. went over to the Tabernacle to hear Anderson preach.
- 14 - Lew is painting for Mre Seaman.
- 15 - L.E. Painting today.
- 16 - The gas range came today.
- 17 - We got permit to have range set.
- 18 - Mr Smith hooked up the range this AM and the gas was turned on this afternoon.
- 19 - The range works fine. A heavy thunder shower tonight.
- 20 - We were going to hear Anderson preach tonight but it rained.
- 21 - Rained all day.
- 22 - Rained this AM, cleared off this afternoon.
- 23 - Ther 26 this AM. I was at the doctors today.
- 24 - Ther 24 this AM.
- 25 - We were at the Tabernacle tonight. It was a good meeting.
- 26 - L.E. was at the Doctors. Lee & Julia took me down to Sea Isle this afternoon.
- 27 - Mr Mahoney took L.E. over to the Tabernacle this afternoon.
- 28 - Marie and Edmond went over to see Dr Pennington this AM.
- 29 - We did the wash this AM.
- 30 - Edmond had his tonsils operated on at Atlantic City Hospital this AM.
- 31 - Marie went over after Edmond this afternoon. He is suffering very much.

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April

1 - Edmonds throat is a little better today.

2 - Lew & I had to go to the Doctors this AM.

3 - L.E. and I were at the Tabernacle tonight. Anderson goes away tomorrow.

4 - Edmonds throat is so he can eat. He had mashed potatoes and chicken gravy for his supper.

5 - This was a cold cloudy day.

6 - Edmond and his mother went to Phila today.

7 - Edmond went over to see Dr Pennington this afternoon. He is getting along fine.

8 - Ther was down to 25 this AM. There was ice in a bucket.

9 - Rain and snow.

10 - Ther 24 made ice.

11 - Ther 25 ice this AM.

12 - L.E. went up to the Doctors. Mattie English's funeral this afternoon.

13 - Mrs Merker called this AM.

14 - Ther 26.

15 - Edmond came home today to spend Easter.

16 - I was at the Dr's this AM.

17 - Ed took us over to Brigantine this afternoon, it was a fine ride.

18 - This was a fine day.

19 - Cool this AM, have had a fine day.

20 - This was a hot day Ther 87. L.E. finished painting Ed & Marks garage.

21 - Mr & Mrs Fitzhugh spent this eve with us.

22 - Cleaned our bed room.

23 - I bought wallpaper for sitting room & kitchen today. Got it at Atlantic City.

24 - Cool today. L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.

25 - Ice this AM. Herbert boy found dead in boat.

26 - L.E. and I were at the Doctors today.

27 - We ate a turkey supper up at the Fire House last night. I cleaned the bathroom today.

28 - I am on the Blink today a lame back.

29 - I can hardly do anything, am no better.

30 - Back no good hurts most of the time. I'm some discouraged.

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May

1 - This was a fine day.

2 - Fire around McKee City, did lots of damage.

3 - Mrs James called this eve.

4 - Ray Garwood called.

5 - L.E. panting at Merkers.

6 - {blank}

7 - We were at the Dr's today. Took flowers up home to be put on Mama's grave. They were tulips.

8 - L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.

9 - Rain so we did not do the wash. Doc Fish went on his vacation today.

10 - This was a find day.

11 - L.E. is painting Mrs Merkers porch. He is not very well.

12 - Attended Kiwanis Club. It was Mothers Day.

13 - We set out gladioli today.

14 - I attended the D.A.R. luncheon. We had a very pleasant meeting.

15 - Somers Burroughs and wife spent this eve with us.

16 - L.E. and I cleaned the kitchen cupboard. He painted it for me.

17 - L.E. is not any better today.

18 - Mr. Pedrick's funeral was this afternoon. Doc Pettit came over to treat Lew this eve.

19 - L.E. better today.

20 - We tore the paper off kitchen wall.

21 - Finished painting kitchen wall.

22 - I was up home this afternoon.

23 - Lizzie Lee called this afternoon.

24 - Ed took Marie and I up to the city. I bought a coat.

25 - L.E. and I cleaned kitchen.

26 - Edna Ingersoll papered the kitchen today.

27 - L.E. and I went over to see Dr Pettit this eve.

28 - We put a new linoleum rug on the kitchen floor.

29 - I was up home this afternoon. Ollie is not very well. Her heart is troubling her.

30 - I set out 24 dahlias today.

31 - This was a poor day for drying clothes.

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June

1 - I cleaned closet in big room.

2 - We finished cleaning big room.

3 - A letter from Mrs Fitton. She is looking after Dr Harvey home while they are in Europe.

4 - Edmond is home today.

5 - Edmond went up to Phila tonight.

6 - This was a fine day.

7 - I planed the last of my dahlias today. Ther 46 this AM.

8 - I cleaned the parlor windows today.

9 - Cleaned parlor cupboard. Dr Pettit not home tonight.

10 - Dr Pettit called this afternoon, here this afternoon.

11 - This was a hot day. L.E. went over to Alt City and bought a new suit of clothes.

12 - Edmond went up to the city tonight.

13 - Louie and I were on the Steel Pier tonight. Heard the minstrels and saw many Shriners.

14 - Rained all day. The Shriners paraded this AM. I did not go to see them.

15 - I saw the parade tonight. It was fine. L.E. went with me.

16 - I saw the Electrical parade tonight. It was fine.

17 - I cleaned the sitting room closet today.

18 - L.E. did the marketing.

19 - L.E. attended church at the chapel.

20 - Commencement exercises at Pville tonight. Kathryn gave the opening address.

21 - We did the wash today.

22 - It was 2 AM when L.E. got home from the primary election.

23 - We went over to Atlantic City today to see Old Ironsides.
[\[1926 BW-Silent movie\]](#)

24 - I cleaned parlor cupboard this afternoon.

25 - L.E. was at Pville this AM.

26 - Rained today. We took Edmond up to Pville tonight.

27 - I put blankets away today.

28 - We were at Doc Pettit's this eve.

29 - This was a hot day. 96 in Phila.

30 - Cool today.

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July

1 - Ther 50 this morning.

2 - Rain today. Woolworth opened his store at Pville today.

3 - {blank}

4 - This was an ideal day. It was nice and cool. Ther 50.

5 - Doors and windows closed this morning Thermometer 48.

6 - Edna did not come to paper sitting room today, guess she is sick.

7 - Edna disappointed me again today. Guess she is better.

8 - Walt Sanders papered the sitting room for me today, it looks fine.

9 - Mark and Ed went to Virginia this AM. Marie, Kathryn, Mary and Josie went to Salem.

10 - Cloudy and warm.

11 - I was up to Doc Fish this AM.

12 - We did the wash.

13 - Hot

14 - Hotter

15 - Mrs Fish died last night.

16 - Ollie and Lizzie came home tonight. They had a fine time.

17 - It is a little cooler today.

18 - Service at the home of Dr Fish tonight. Burial at Bath, Pa tomorrow.

19 - This was a very rainy day, torrents of rain.

20 - Rained all day.

21 - L.E. and I were on the Steel Pier, heard Minstrels and Sousa in the eve.

22 - This was a warm day.

23 - Rained hard all day. Ed Marie went for a 3 day trip.

24 - L.E. was not able to walk over to church.

25 - I was up to Dr Fish this AM. Mr Mahoney gave me a ride home.

26 - Hot today.

27 - Hot again today.

28 - Marie, Kathryn, Mary and I went up to Verga and stayed all night.

29 - I called to see Lettie Baker but did not find her home.

30 - Came home last night.

31 - Thunder showers this afternoon and eve.

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August

1 - Rained today the clothes did not get dry.

2 - Mr Mahoney called today.

3 - Another warm day.

4 - Sam Smith, Roberta and her husband called.

5 - I made [blackberry duff](#) for dinner.

6 - I was at the Doctors today.

7 - L.E. was at the Chapel tonight. We were at Harry Camps tonight at Ocean City.

8 - I was up home this afternoon.

9 - Lizzie was here this AM. Mrs Merker and Sister called today.

10 - Very cool today.

11 - Another nice day.

12 - A letter from Cora. They want us to come up soon.

13 - Lew over to Atlantic City today.

14 - Harry Steelman and family start for Ohio this afternoon.

15 - Rain this AM cleared off at noon.

16 - L.E. went in the bay today got 50 clams.

17 - {blank}

18 - Rained. L.E. went over to see Dr Pettit.

19 - Rain and fog today.

20 - L.E. did the marketing.

21 - Mr Langhlin very sick with gall bladder trouble.

22 - Ed, Marie, Kathryn, L.E. and myself started for Niagara this AM. We rode 357 miles today.

23 - Arrived at Niagara 7 PM tonight, it was raining. We went out and saw the illumination of the falls.

24 - Were over in Canada Wednesday.

25 - We left Ridgeway Pa this AM and arrived at Gettysburg tonight.

26 - We left Gettysburg this AM and got home tonight at 6 PM. It was raining.

27 - Rain all day.

28 - Rain today, N.E. storm.

29 - A good wash day.

30 - Ironed this AM.

31 - Ida and children came to Ed's this AM.

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September

1 - I canned Bartlett pears.

2 - Lew went over to see Doc Pettit this AM.

3 - Marie did our marketing.

4 - Hot today.

5 - I was at the Steel Pier and heard Wheelocks Band this afternoon. Minstrels tonight.

6 - We did the wash. A check from Tripician amt 360.00

7 - L.E went fishing got 10 little black fish.

8 - I was at the Doctors today.

9 - I was up home awhile tonight.

10 - L.E. did the marketing.

11 - Sam Loper and family spent the day at Ed's.

12 - Edmond arrived at Brownsville last eve.

13 - Canned tomatoes.

14 - Cooked peaches today.

15 - Canned tomatoes.

16 - I was at the County Fair. Mrs Pedrick took me in their car.

17 - I was at the Doctors.

18 - Edmond came home from Brownsville tonight. It was terrible stormy night, thunder shower.

19 - It rained today.

20 - L.E. up at the election tonight.

21 - I fell and hurt my foot tonight. Lew was at the carnival.

22 - I mailed a letter to Lettie Baker yesterday.

23 - I have a lame foot and can't do much.

24 - Just the same today.

25 - Marie and Edmond took me up to Pville this eve.

26 - My foot don't improve very fast.

27 - Not much better.

28 - I was up to see Doctor today. He scolded because I did not come sooner.

29 - I have forgot what I did these three days.

30 - I have forgot what I did these three days. L.E. is painting for Mr Porch.

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October

1 - I have forgot what I did these three days.

2 - L.E. went down to the Chapel tonight.

3 - Marie would not let me hang up the wash today.

4 - Mrs Powers called this afternoon.

5 - I was at the Doctors this AM, my foot don't improve very fast.

6 - Lettie and Mrs Riley spent today with us.

7 - Lee and Julia were here for supper last night.

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

9 - Rained all day.

10 - Lew & I arrived at Bristol about 2 PM.

11 - Saw the parade at Burlington. It was a fine affair. We were in the Quaker church.

12 - We attended the parade today.

13 - Cora and I went shopping this afternoon.

14 - We came home tonight tired out.

15 - This was a fine day. L.E. dug sweet potatoes. We had 15 baskets.

16 - Lew went over to Bethel this afternoon.

17 - Rain all day.

18 - 2nd day rain.

19 - 3rd day rain.

20 - 4th day rain. Fitzhughes spent this eve with us.

21 - This was a fine day.

22 - I was at the Doctors today. Ernest Seamans funeral this morning.

23 - Rained all day. I wrote a letter to Cora tonight.

24 - Marie, Mrs Pedrick, Hannah Scull and I were at Mays Landing this AM.

25 - We did the wash today.

26 - L.E. is digging white potatoes. This is a fine day.

27 - Our potatoes did good this year 15 bask sweets and 51 baskets of whites.

28 - L.E. is painting for Mr Porch today.

29 - L.E. was at Pville this AM.

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

31 - L.E. up at the town hall tonight.

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November

1 - This was a fine day. R.J. and Emily called this afternoon.

2 - {blank}

3 - Riger brought the radio over tonight.

4 - Set the radio up today.

5 - I was at the Dr's this morning.

6 - L.E. went to Bethel this afternoon.

7 - {blank}

8 - {blank}

9 - 7 weeks tonight since I sprained my ankle.

10 - {blank}

11 - Flora & Pauline Reed called today.

12 - {blank}

13 - Marie, Mary and I went for a ride this afternoon.

15 - Marie took me over to Atlantic City today.

16 - 8 weeks since I hurt my foot and am wearing an old shoe.

17 - I was at the Doctors today. He told me I could get new shoes. My foot is better.

18 - I did the sweeping up stairs today.

19 - L.E. did the marketing.

20 - L.E. attended church at Ocean City today.

21 - E.J. Powers came today to make my striped dress.

22 - E.J. Powers here today.

23 - Getting ready for tomorrows dinner.

24 - Thanksgiving - We had roast duck for dinner.

25 - E.J. here sewing today.

26 - L.E. went over to see Doc Pettit this AM.

27 - L.E. at church tonight.

28 - Rain

29 - Rainy

30 - We did the wash.

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December

- 1 - I was up home this afternoon.
- 2 - Stormy rain
- 3 - Rain
- 4 - Rain, snow and sleet. A bad storm at sea.
- 5 - Clearing.
- 6 - L.E. painting for Mr. Porch.
- 7 - A fine day.
- 8 - Raining.
- 9 - Thermometer down to 17.
- 10 - Masonic Temple Atlantic City dedicated this afternoon. Ther down to 8 this AM.
- 11 - {blank}
- 12 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 13 - We did the wash and I ironed this afternoon.
- 14 - Thermometer 62 this morning.
- 15 - Have been getting Christmas presents ready for mailing.
- 16 - Edmond came home today for 3 mo work at Atl City.
- 17 - We went up to Dears & Roebuck store in Camden. Ed took us.
- 18 - Submarine seen yesterday off the Connecticut coast.
- 19 - Ther 18 this AM.
- 20 - Cold this AM.
- 21 - Was up at Pville yesterday.
- 22 - This was a nice day.
- 23 - [Mrs Grayson started for Europe in an airplane](#) this afternoon. 3 men went with her.
- 24 - Lizzie was here for supper tonight.
- 25 - Christmas - We received a nice lot of presents.
- 26 - Air plane Dawn in trouble.
- 27 - The Los Angles gone to hunt for the Dawn.
- 28 - Los Angles back again with out any news from Dawn.
- 29 - We had a fine Christmas -
- 30 - and received some nice -
- 31 - presents during the holidays.