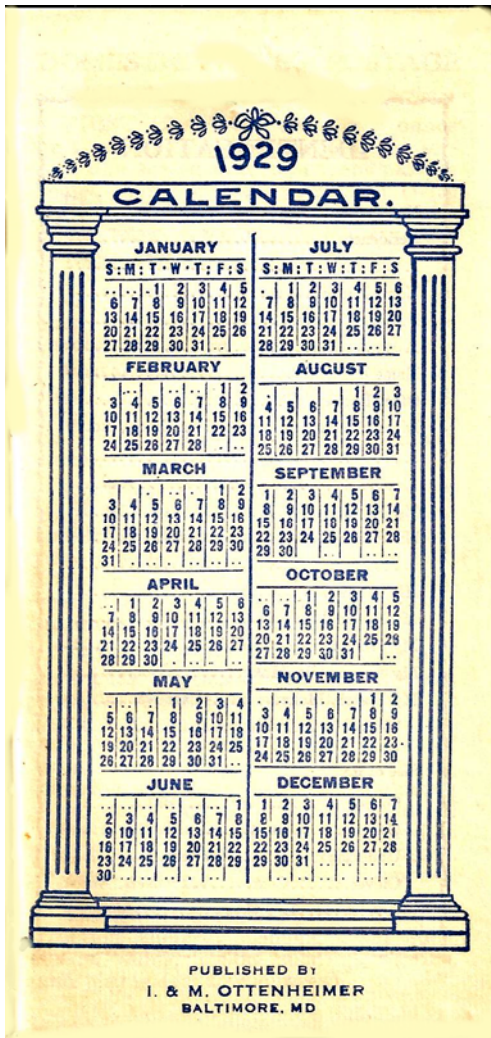


Mary Ella Somers Diary 1929

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JANUARY, 1929	
A man was found shot to death on Zion road	1 New Year
	WED. 2
L.E. went up to Pleasantville this afternoon	2
	THUR. 3
We attended the Foremen's annual venison supper tonight	3
	FRI. 4
Mr McKeag called today. Edmond came home tonight	4
	SAT. 5
L.E. did the marketing	5



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 - A man was found shot to death on Zion road.

2 - L.E. went up to Pleasantville this afternoon.

3 - We attended the Firemens annual venison supper tonight.

4 - Mr McKeag called today. Edmond came home tonight.

5 - L.E. did the marketing.

6 - Ed sick with flue.

7 - Mary sick with flue.

8 - Ed is not improving very fast.

9 - Ed a little better today.

10 - Ed is gaining slowly.

11 - Ed down stairs this afternoon.

12 - Ed was out in the sun awhile today, sat in the machine. He is not very well yet.

13 - I was at Herricks this afternoon. They brought me home after supper.

14 - Ther down to 4 this AM. Lew 74 years young today. I was at the Doctors today.

15 - Cold and cloudy.

16 - R.J. Somers was here this afternoon.

17 - Mr Mahoney sick in bed with flue.

18 - We sold 15 old hens. Amt rec'd \$38.80

19 - L.E. went up to Pville.

20 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.

21 - A dog killed one of our hens today.

22 - Frank got the dog tonight.

23 - This was a nice day. A little snow on the ground this AM.

24 - Made an apron.

25 - Rain and cloudy all day.

26 - cold

27 - Edmond went up to Phila tonight.

28 - Marie and I went over to Atlantic City today in the machine.

29 - Cold today ther down to 12

30 - Cold and windy.

31 - I was at Geo Obers this afternoon, went up to Hattie Sharp.

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February

1 - I did some darning this afternoon.

2 - Snellenburg's ought to get my letter today. I wrote them to send me a [bridge lamp](#).

3 - L.E. went over to church this PM.

4 - I was at the Doctors today.

5 - L.E. went up to Pville this PM. He went to a movie wile there.

6 - Paul is working nights at Atl City.

7 - Mr Mc Keag here this AM.

8 - This was a fine day, every day this week has been full of sunshine.

9 - Ollie sick with flue, I was up home this afternoon. It is raining tonight.

10 - This is a fine day, like spring.

11 - Cold today. We had a ton of coal come today.

12 - Have been listening to Lincoln programs all the evening.

13 - Ther down to 14 this AM.

14 - A nice day. We were over to the Bethel chicken potpie supper tonight.

15 - I cleaned bath room today.

16 - L.E. did the marketing.

17 - This was a fine day. Radio went on the blink tonight.

18 - We did the wash today. Harold Williams and Helen here yesterday.

19 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.

20 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

21 - We had 12 inches of snow to fall last night.

22 - Mrs Walters called.

23 - Ther down to 10 this AM. Edmond came home tonight.

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

25 - Lots of snow on the ground.

26 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.

27 - Lehner took the radio away to be repaired tonight.

28 - Mrs Walters sick with double pneumonia.

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March

- 1 - Lee and Julia spent this afternoon with us.
- 2 - Marie did the marketing for us.
- 3 - Mr Bishop preached his last sermon at Bethel this afternoon.
- 4 - Hoover sworn in as President. We heard it all over the radio.
- 5 - It rained all day.
- 6 - I covered a cushion for couch.
- 7 - Mr Mc Keag called.
- 8 - Carrie Smith spent today with us. I had a dizzy spell while she was here.
- 9 - Marie did the marketing for us. Ther down to 7 this AM.
- 10 - Mr and Mrs Mahoney called.
- 11 - I was at the Doctors this AM. This was a fine day.
- 12 - Mrs Pedrick, Marie and I attended the fashion show at Mays Landing.
- 13 - Radio came back tonight. Marine Band played America Beautiful Land.
- 14 - I was at Uncle Martins this afternoon.
- 15 - Lee and Julia were here this eve.
- 16 - We had a thunder shower, hail and rain this afternoon.
- 17 - Frogs have been holding concerts for several evenings.
- 18 - We have a new Preacher at Bethel.
- 19 - I did the ironing today.
- 20 - Hattie Sharp spent this afternoon and evening with us.
- 21 - We were at Atlantic City this afternoon. We called on the Fitzhughs.
- 22 - Have been sewing today.
- 23 - Lew was at Pville this AM.
- 24 - Annie called today.
- 25 - Rainy this day.
- 26 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 27 - Mrs Bew came today for 5 doz eggs, price 45c per doz. Mr Porch called this afternoon.
- 28 - I did the sewing today.
- 29 - We were at a movie this afternoon.
- 30 - Ed and Marie were in Phila today. They bought a refrigerator for us. It came from Sears & Roebuck.
- 31 - Edmond and Harriet called this afternoon.

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April

- 1 - Edmond went back to school this morning.
- 2 - We did the wash.
- 3 - Ollie came down this afternoon and stayed for supper.
- 4 - I darned stockings today.
- 5 - Somers Burroughs and Annie spent this eve with us.
- 6 - This was a hot day.
- 7 - The thermometer was 102 today partly in the shade. Lee and Julia took us for a long ride this morning.
- 8 - We did the wash. It was a hot day.
- 9 - I went up to the Doctors this AM.
- 10 - Annie Scot cleaned the kitchen for me.
- 11 - I've been putting things in the right place all day.
- 12 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.
- 13 - L.E. did the marketing. It is cold today.
- 14 - Cold and cloudy all day.
- 15 - N.E. storm all day, a gale tonight and raining.
- 16 - Still storming a heavy gale of wind, severe damage.
- 17 - Annie finished cleaning up stairs today. Rain all day and night.
- 18 - I sewed a little today. Clear and cold.
- 19 - Thermometer 38 this AM
- 20 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 21 - L.E. was at Charlie Smiths after church this afternoon
- 22 - Marie and I were at Blattts today. We each bought a silk dress.
- 23 - Annie cleaned the sitting room. We had a heavy frost last night.
- 24 - Cold this AM, ice made last night. I was at the Doctors.
- 25 - E.J. Powers is coming next week to make my dress.
- 26 - Have been working in the parlor today.
- 27 - Marie did our marketing for us.
- 28 - L.E. went over to Bethel this PM.
- 29 - Trolleys to be taken off for good tomorrow.
- 30 - This was Pauls 20th birthday. I gave him money to buy a ring.

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May

- 1 - Busses running today for Fast Line.
- 2 - E.J. making a silk dress for me.
- 3 - E.J. here today sewing.
- 4 - Marie did our marketing.
- 5 - L.E. went down to the chapel tonight.
- 6 - E.J. here today.
- 7 - E.J. here today.
- 8 - E.J. finished my dress charged me \$5.00
- 9 - Didn't do much work today. Sold lilies amt \$4.80.
- 10 - Cleared up the parlor after 5 days sewing.
- 11 - Marie did the marketing.
- 12 - Somers and Annie Burroughs spent this eve with us.
- 13 - Wash and ironing done today.
- 14 - Sold lilies of the valley today, amt \$4.80. I was at the Doctors today.
- 15 - Annie cleaned the parlor for me.
- 16 - I was over to Emily's a little while this eve.
- 17 - This was my 73rd birthday. It is cold tonight. Lew sat in sitting room with -
- 18 - over coat on and I put my bath robe on to keep warm.
- 19 - I was up home this afternoon. I attended the D.A.R. luncheon on Sat.
- 20 - I paid the ice man today. 3 weeks amt 2.40.
- 21 - E.J. went up to Phila to see Gideon Jeffries, he is very sick.
- 22 - I went up to the school this PM to see the field day exercises.
- 23 - I planted a few dahlias. Mrs I.G. Adams funeral was today.
- 24 - I attended the Atlantic City field day exercises this afternoon.
- 25 - Marie did the marketing.
- 26 - Sam & Carrie were here awhile tonight.
- 27 - Paid ice man 80c. I am [] with him today.
- 28 - This was our fiftieth wedding anniversary.
- 29 - Mr. Mahoney spent last evening with us.
- 30 - Annie Blackman funeral was on Tuesday.
- 31 - I received a letter from Cora this week. This was a hot day.

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June

1 - Very warm today. We need rain very much.

2 - Annie was here this afternoon.

3 - Thermometer was 46 this AM. E.J. sewing for me today.

4 - Cool this morning, Ther down to 40. We were over to Dr Pettit's tonight.

5 - I attended the fashion show at Linwood.

6 - Attended the fashion show again today. It was fine.

7 - Worked all day.

8 - It rained all day N.E. storms.

9 - The rain did lots of good.

10 - Cloudy today.

11 - E.J. finished the dress I bought in Boston.

12 - Linwood sewing club went up to New Brunswick.

13 - Sewed today.

14 - I am trying to make a house dress but don't get much time to sew.

15 - Hot today. Ollie is sick with heart trouble.

16 - Children's day at chapel. I wrote a letter to Cora tonight.

17 - This is the fifth hot day in succession.

18 - Hot today.

19 - Hotter this day, a little rain tonight.

20 - Hot. I spent this day at Josie's. Myra was shopping.

21 - Marie and I were on the Steel Pier today.

22 - This is the tenth day of excessive heat.

23 - Edmond has finished his fourth year at Drexel College.

24 - Edmond expects to work in the P.R.T. shops this summer.

25 - Tonight a thunder shower.

26 - I was up home today, Ollie is better.

27 - I cooked string beans for dinner.

28 - A thunder shower and heavy rain. Chapel picnic today. Folks didn't get home till 7 PM.

29 - I'm almost played out. The work is too hard for me.

30 - L.E. was at Bethel this afternoon. And down to the chapel tonight.

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July

1 - We did the wash today and I ironed this afternoon.

2 - L.E. and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon and eve.

3 - I was at the Doctors today.

4 - Ed took us over to Ocean City to see the parade and fire works.

5 - This was a hot day.

6 - Hot day.

7 - Hot

8 - Extreme heat.

9 - Fifth day of excessive heat.

10 - Hotter. It is raining a little tonight.

11 - Hot again today.

12 - Six days of extreme heat.

13 - Gardens are drying up for want of rain.

14 - Another hot day.

15 - It is nice and cool today.

16 - Cool. No rain.

17 - Nice day.

18 - A good rain tonight.

19 - Cloudy.

20 - This was a fine day.

21 - L.E. did not go to church this afternoon.

22 - Rain and fog today.

23 - I mailed a check to D. of A. this morning. Amount \$5.20 Six mo dues.

24 - I darned stockings.

25 - I swept the chamber today.

26 - {blank}

27 - We killed a young chicken today it's 3½ lbs.

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

29 - This was a hot day.

30 - More heat today. Maggie Headly and Carrie Turner called today.

31 - Marie took us up to Verga. We had a fine time. Called at Minnies.

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August

- 1 - This was a fine day.
- 2 - I rec'd a check from B&L amt \$12.00
- 3 - Ed & Marie went up to Sears & Roebuck today.
- 4 - L.E. saw Julia Kern at church.
- 5 - We did the wash. Mrs Merker and sister called this afternoon.
- 6 - I am having rheumatism with my leg.
- 7 - Louie and I spent this day at Ocean City.
- 8 - Julia Kern and Sallie Scull were here last night.
- 9 - My leg is troubling me a whole lot.
- 10 - Harriet and Mary called today. Mrs Krumm funeral was this afternoon.
- 11 - Mr Fitzgeorge preached at Bethel this afternoon.
- 12 - I mailed a letter to Cora today.
- 13 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 14 - This was a hot day. Ott Leeds mother died today.
- 15 - Ed's family spent this day at Henry Leeds farm.
- 16 - Ella Baker called today. I was not at home. Ed's folks started for Lake Placid this AM.
- 17 - L.E. did the marketing at Somers Point.
- 18 - This was a hot day. I notified the D of A that I was lame.
- 19 - It was cloudy most of the day and rained a little while.
- 20 - Cool this morning. I bet Kathryn is wearing stockings today.
- 21 - Cold today.
- 22 - Addie called this afternoon My leg don't get well very fast.
- 23 - Rec'd card from Ed's folks today. They are on their way to Lake Placid.
- 24 - Mrs Percy and friend called tonight.
- 25 - Ollie stayed here while Lizzie and Louie went to Seaville Camp meeting.
- 26 - Ida Cadwalder and children called today.
- 27 - Harry Steelman and family called. Ed's folks came home tonight.
- 28 - Annie did the wash and ironing.
- 29 - I was at the Doctors.
- 30 - Carrie Smith was here and had supper with us.
- 31 - L.E. was at Pville today.

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September

- 1 - This was a hot day.
- 2 - Labor day. Tommy was killed tonight.
- 3 - Lizzie called this afternoon.
- 4 - Mrs Rentchlers funeral was this afternoon.
- 5 - This is the fifth hot day in succession. It is raining tonight.
- 6 - Warm again today. A letter from Cora.
- 7 - We rec'd a check from Tripician. Hot again today.
- 8 - Mrs Piercy and Wolf called this afternoon.
- 9 - Hot wave still holding fast.
- 10 - A thunder shower tonight.
- 11 - It is nice and cool today.
- 12 - Marie took me over to Atl City to get a pair of shoes.
- 13 - I rec'd a letter from Carrie Smith today.
- 14 - L.E. was at Pleasantville.
- 15 - Emily Somers brought me a beautiful bouquet of dahlias.
- 16 - This was Mrs Piercy's birthday.
- 17 - Mrs Wolfbrant and Mrs Rose called this eve.
- 18 - I was at Pville, Marie took me.
- 19 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 20 - I did a little sewing today.
- 21 - Mary is staying here all night.
- 22 - L.E. went down to the Chapel. I was up home this AM.
- 23 - Foggy, not fit to wash.
- 24 - We did the wash.
- 25 - I did my ironing.
- 26 - Carrie Smith came here and stayed all night.
- 27 - Mary Bectel and Carrie Smith spent the day with me.
- 28 - Ed and Marie went down to Washington yesterday.
- 29 - Ed, Marie and Mr and Mrs Cope are camping at Washington.
- 30 - N.E. Storm today.

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October

1 - Tail end of a hurricane, much damage in Florida.

2 - Rain all day.

3 - N.E. storm still on.

4 - Rain storm 5 days in succession.

5 - This is a nice day. I was at the Doctors.

6 - Ed and Marie took us for a ride. We went up to Leeds Point.

7 - Miss Shinn brought me the Doctors Certificate for Si ni vitis.

8 - Aunt Eliza died today.

9 - Lee and Julia were here this morning. I bought a hat today.

10 - Aunt Eliza's funeral was this afternoon.

11 - My leg has been giving me trouble today.

12 - L.E. went to market this AM.

13 - L.E. was at the Chapel tonight.

14 - We did the wash and Marie took me up home this afternoon.

15 - Mr Mc Keag called today.

16 - L.E. and I were at the Colonial heard Al Jolson sing. It was fine.

17 - This was a cold windy day.

18 - Marie and I were at the fashion show. It was at Mays Landing.

19 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

20 - This was a fine day.

21 - Ed took us up to Phila. I bought a coat and then he took us up to Bristol.

22 - It rained all day. I didn't get out.

23 - We went to Uncle Billy's movie this afternoon.

24 - I went shopping this AM, and over to Burlington this afternoon.

25 - We came home tonight, rode down in an Atlantic City Bus as far as Pville.

26 - L.E. went to market.

27 - This was a fine day.

28 - L.E. is digging his white potatoes. Paul went up to Trenton this AM to work.

29 - I don't remember what I did this day.

30 - Darned the darned stockings.

31 - I have been sewing this day.

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November

1 - Lee Herrick came after us this afternoon to go up and see Julia.

2 - Paul came home tonight, He likes being at Trenton.

3 - Rained all day.

4 - Mr Fitzhugh bought 10 baskets of potatoes.

5 - I was up home awhile this afternoon.

6 - I did the ironing. Bishop stopped with Joetta Wilson.

7 - Lee and Julia were here for supper tonight.

8 - Sewed today.

9 - Marie did the marketing for me.

10 - We spent this day at Ventnor Mr Fitzhugh came after us and brought us home.

11 - This was a fine day. Armistice. Hoover made a fine speech.

12 - Rain today.

13 - Rain and foggy all day.

14 - Mr Mahoney called this afternoon.

15 - We had a visit from Mr Kellar today.

16 - I was at the Dr's today. He was not at home.

17 - Rain today.

18 - Rain and fog.

19 - We did the wash.

20 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

21 - I did the up stairs sweeping today.

22 - I darned stockings.

23 - We had a light snow last night. Kathryn attended the gost ball at Camden today.

24 - Rain. Annie was here awhile today.

25 - Mrs Rockstall and Piercey and Mr Manck went to Norristown today.

26 - I cleaned my chicken this afternoon for Thanksgiving.

27 - I was up home awhile today.

28 - Thanksgiving - Mrs sharp of Ocean City spent this afternoon with me.

29 - Somers and Annie Burroughs spent this eve with us.

30 - This was a cold day. Ther down to 10 this AM.

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December

1 - {blank}

2 - {blank}

3 - Cold clothes froze on the line.

4 - Cold and cloudy.

5 - L.E. and I went to Atlantic City today.

6 - {blank}

7 - L.E. did the marketing.

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

9 - John Phinn Wilson was killed tonight in an auto accident.

10 - Cold and cloudy.

11 - Rain

12 - Rain N.E. wind sleet tonight. We got a new cat this A.M.

13 - Moderate rain today.

14 - I was at the Doctors.

15 - This was a nice day.

16 - Rain not fit to do the wash.

17 - Lee & Julia spent this afternoon with us. Edmond came home tonight.

18 - Rain and Fog.

19 - Rain and fog. Carrie Turner called this afternoon.

20 - The sun shone awhile today.

21 - Lew has gone to Pville with Ed's folks.

22 - Annie was here this afternoon. L.E. went over to Bethel this PM.

23 - This was a cold cloudy day.

24 - Ed & Marie went over to Atl City this AM.

25 - We spent this day at Ed's all of the family had dinner together.

26 - Ed took Ernie over to the Kiwanis Club.

27 - Ed and Marie went over to Atl City today.

28 - Edmond, Kathryn & Kathryn Fry were up to Phila today in Ed's machine.

29 - It was stormy today.

30 - We did the wash.

31 - Flora and Pauline Reed called this afternoon. I was not at home. I had a long ride with Webster today.