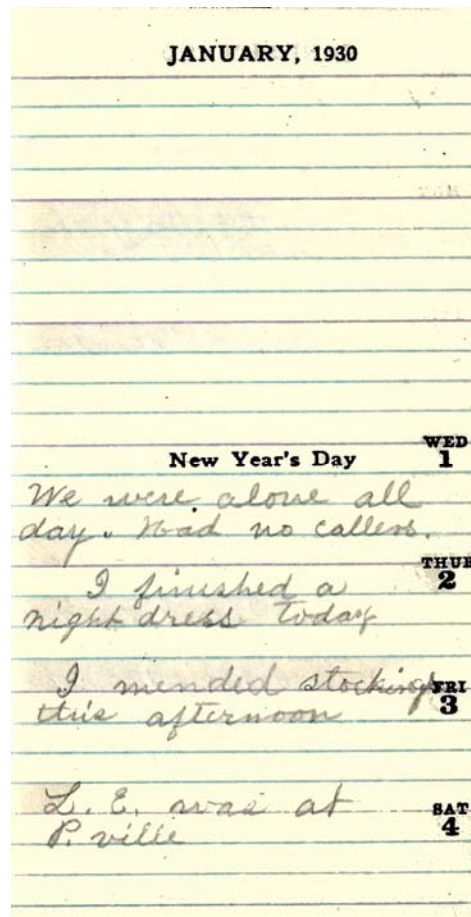


Mary Ella Somers Diary 1930

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Calendar 1930							
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OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER



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 - We were alone all day. Had no callers.

2 - I finished a night dress today.

3 - I mended stockings this afternoon.

4 - L.E. was at Pville.

5 - Mrs Fitton called this afternoon. She is looking fine.

6 - This was another fine day.

7 - Another nice day.

8 - A nice day. We are having remarkable weather.

9 - This was a fine day. Marie and I were at Atl City. We went to the Colonial.

10 - We have a Majestic radio here on trial. Another fine day the 6th in succession.

11 - Today is cold. Cloudy with a little snow. The grass in the yard looks like summertime.

12 - Annie called this afternoon. Cloudy this day.

13 - Rain

14 - Rain all day.

15 - Rain all day.

16 - Ed and Marie went up to Trenton to attend a farm meeting. Cloudy & snowed all the morning.

17 - Attended Hannette birthday party.

18 - Rain again today.

19 - Clear and cold Ther down to 8 AM this morning. Louie was here this afternoon & evening.

20 - Cold Ther 12. I was at the Doctors this AM. I gave Lerer \$50.00 in payment on Radio.

21 - Thermometer 8 this AM.

22 - Rain and snow not enough to cover the ground.

23 - Clearing today.

24 - Cold

25 - Ed and Marie wet up to Phila. They took the radio up to Edmond.

26 - L.E. wet over to Bethel this afternoon.

27 - Stormy today.

28 - Cold and windy.

29 - Lizzie was here for supper tonight.

30 - Snowed all day, cold.

31 - Snow about 6 inches deep. Clear and cold.

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February

- 1 - Edmond came home this AM brought Chiz with him.
- 2 - L.E. went down to the Chapel tonight.
- 3 - Rain
- 4 - I was at the Doctors.
- 5 - I did the ironing this AM.
- 6 - Lee and Julia were here this AM. Mrs Cope called this afternoon.
- 7 - Rec'd a post card from Mrs Bechtel, she is at Richmond Va.
- 8 - L.E. was at Pville.
- 9 - Annie called
- 10 - This was a windy day.
- 11 - We elected Paul Frye as member of school board. Lee and Julia were here this evening.
- 12 - E.J. finished my house dress today. Ther down to 17 this AM.
- 13 - Rain all day.
- 14 - I mailed a letter to Mrs Rockstol this AM.
- 15 - Marketing done at Linwood this AM.
- 16 - Snow 5 inches deep and Ther down to 6 this AM.
- 17 - Temperature 6 this AM.
- 18 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 19 - Mrs Cope called this afternoon.
- 20 - Marie and I were up to Lloyds this afternoon and we were over to the potpie supper.
- 21 - Ther 77 today in the shade.
- 22 - A fine day like summer.
- 23 - Weather not so good today looks like rain. Edmond and Harriet went up to Phila tonight.
- 24 - It cleared up at 10 o'clock. It was fine the rest of the day. Ther 77 in shade.
- 25 - Fine weather today Ther 77.
- 26 - Lew is painting an apartment for Mark and Ed at Pleasantville.
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March

- 1 - I was up home today. Lee and Julia were here this afternoon.
- 2 - L.E. over to Bethel this afternoon. I wrote a letter to Cora.
- 3 - Cold and a gale of wind today.
- 4 - Ida Lewis spent this eve with me.
- 5 - I was at the Doctors today. Mr Mc Keag here this eve.
- 6 - I am using an [Electraply](#) on my leg. I hope it helps me.
- 7 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.
- 8 - L.E. finished up the apartment painting today.
- 9 - L.E. went down to hear Mahoney preach tonight.
- 10 - Mr Keller sent back to Linwood.
- 11 - E.J. Powers called today.
- 12 - Mrs Piercy and Mrs Rockstol called today.
- 13 - We attended Mr Mahoney reception at the Chapel this eve.
- 14 - Marie and I attended Mrs Gneilbels hat and dress show at Mays Landing this afternoon.
- 15 - Addie called this afternoon.
- 16 - L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.
- 17 - This was a fine St Patrick Day
- 18 - I went up to the Doctors this AM.
- 19 - I did the ironing.
- 20 - Sewed a little this afternoon.
- 21 - Marie and I went up to Egg Harbor City this AM. We came home by way of Mays Landing.
- 22 - {blank}
- 23 - Milton Hagerthy took Lew over to church this afternoon.
- 24 - This was a fine spring day.
- 25 - Sam Smith and Carrie were here for dinner today.
- 26 - Mrs Piercy called today.
- 27 - Olga English was here today.
- 28 - I did a little sewing today.
- 29 - Flora & Pauline Reed called this afternoon. Somers & Annie Burroughs called this eve.
- 30 - L.E. went over to church.
- 31 - Renewed subscription to Country home. I am to receive six rose brushes.

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April

- 1 - I was at the Dr's today. Was up home this afternoon.
- 2 - Fitzhughs folks were here this eve.
- 3 - Mrs Rockstol called this eve.
- 4 - Hattie Sharp and Nellie Ober called this afternoon.
- 5 - I am not very well today.
- 6 - We had a good rain tonight.
- 7 - Marie went up to the Doctors. He says she will have to be careful about her eating.
- 8 - Cold and windy today.
- 9 - Hattie Sharp spent this afternoon and eve with us.
- 10 - I forgot to write this up.
- 11 - I forgot to write this up.
- 12 - I forgot to write this up.
- 13 - I forgot again what I did these three days.
- 14 - I forgot again what I did these three days.
- 15 - I forgot again what I did these three days.
- 16 - Annie cleaned the kitchen today.
- 17 - Edmond came home tonight.
- 18 - I swept up stairs today.
- 19 - Mrs Piercy called this eve.
- 20 - Harry Clayton and Cora, Joan Lee and Chas Cook and family spent this day with us.
- 21 - Windy today.
- 22 - Marie and I were at Atlantic City. We had corsets fitted. We bought ourselves a silk dress.
- 23 - I was at the Dr today.
- 24 - Mr & Mrs Fitzhugh were here tonight. They paid \$500.00 on West side property and \$120.00 int on house.
- 25 - I was up home today.
- 26 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 27 - House keeping.
- 28 - House keeping.
- 29 - House keeping.
- 30 - Annie cleaned the sitting room today.

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May

- 1 - I swept up stairs today.
- 2 - I covered a cushion for the kitchen.
- 3 - Mrs Piercy called this eve.
- 4 - L.E. went over to Bethel.
- 5 - We did the wash. E.J. Powers came to make a dress for me. Hot today.
- 6 - It was very warm today.
- 7 - Hotter today. It is like August weather.
- 8 - Hot.
- 9 - Hot, E.J. is sewing for me today. I did not get the dress finished.
- 10 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 11 - L.E. went down to the Chapel tonight.
- 12 - This was a good wash day.
- 13 - E.J. finished my dress. Sold lilies of the valley, amt 4 dollars.
- 14 - We were on a kitchen tour today.
- 15 - We were at a supper over at Bethel tonight.
- 16 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.
- 17 - I attended the D.A.R. luncheon. This was my 74th birthday.
- 18 - Cloudy and rain.
- 19 - Rain and fog
- 20 - I was at the Doctors today. He is taking his vacation tomorrow.
- 21 - Have been cleaning closets and cellar way cupboard this week.
- 22 - Ironed today.
- 23 - Went up to the children's May Day exercises in the school house.
- 24 - Lew did the marketing. Mrs Mc Keag passed out this morning.
- 25 - I sent peonies down to Mc Keags this afternoon.
- 26 - I went down to see Mrs Mc Keag tonight, she looked fine and had many flowers.
- 27 - Cleaned closets cold and cloudy.
- 28 - Annie cleaned the up stairs today. It rained.
- 29 - I took flowers up home tonight for Decoration Day.
- 30 - Edmond is home over Decoration Day.
- 31 - Thermometer down to 40 nearly every morning this week.

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June

1 - Edmond and Chiz went bask to Phila tonight.

2 - We did the wash.

3 - I commenced to make an apron this afternoon.

4 - I finished the apron.

5 - I attended the exhibit at the fire house this afternoon.

6 - Attended the exhibit again this afternoon, Marie won 7 prizes and was given a ten dollar gold piece.

7 - I worked hard all day. It is raining this afternoon.

8 - Rained all day.

9 - It is cloudy this morning.

10 - {blank}

11 - I was at the Doctors.

12 - Lew and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon and eve.

13 - {blank}

14 - Sam Smith, Carrie, Linford and his wife called today.

15 - Edmond graduates tomorrow.

16 - Ed, Marie, Lew and myself attended the commencement at Drexel College. Edmond came home with us.

17 - Edmond is having a good time running around in the machine.

18 - Ironed today.

19 - Mary Collins was here this afternoon. A telegram came today for Edmond to go to work.

20 - Drexel called Edmond this morning to see if he had rec'd the telegram.

21 - Ed and Edmond went to Hazelton this AM. They called on Mrs Fitton at Allentown.

22 - {blank}

23 - {blank}

24 - {blank}

25 - I made curtains for the bathroom.

26 - I made the other curtain today. I was up home this afternoon.

27 - I attended the picnic at Mays Landing. Saw John W. Price and all his family. Myra and Kenith were there also.

28 - Myra looked good. Josephine is at Cheswick.

29 - We are having very hot weather.

30 - {blank}

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July

1 - Hot today.

2 - Hot

3 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

4 - I heard Vice Pres Curtis deliver his address at Ocean City. It was fine.

5 - Edmond is entertaining Harriet at home today.

6 - Edmond left home last night for Hazelton, arrived there at 8 PM Sunday eve.

7 - {blank}

8 - Freda Loper and children are visiting at Ed's this week.

9 - Lee and Julia spent the eve with us.

10 - A heavy thunder shower tonight.

11 - Cloudy and rain all day.

12 - Linwood fireman had a parade today, it was fine. Mr and Mrs Fitzhugh paid \$10.00 int today.

13 - Annie called this afternoon. This was a hot day.

14 - E.J. Powers making a dress for me.

15 - E.J. here today.

16 - E.J. finished the sewing this afternoon.

17 - Lew and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon and eve.

18 - I wasn't very well today not much work done.

19 - This was a very warm day.

20 - A hotter day than yesterday.

21 - Ther 102 in shade.

22 - One of the hottest days on record. A thunder shower today.

23 - I was at the Doctors this morning.

24 - Cooler today, not as warm today.

25 - Excessive heat.

26 - Hotter

27 - Hot today. Sallie Scull passed away tonight at 8 PM.

28 - It sprinkled a little today.

29 - A heavy thunder shower tonight.

30 - Sallie's funeral was this afternoon. Mr Raven preached the sermon.

31 - This was a nice day, not as hot.

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August

- 1 - I was up home this afternoon.
- 2 - Very warm today.
- 3 - L.E. went over to church.
- 4 - I am not very good, it is such of weather.
- 5 - Hot every day.
- 6 - Louie and I were at Ocean City this afternoon. It was a little cooler today.
- 7 - No rain yet, every thing is drying up.
- 8 - Cattle dying in the west for want of water.
- 9 - People can walk across the Susquehanna River at York Pa. the water is so low.
- 10 - Gettysburg is suffering for water. They have to cart it 30 miles.
- 11 - The wash and ironing are done.
- 12 - I was at the Doctors this morning and from there I went to Atlantic City.
- 13 - This was a nice day. Sallie English and Viola called today.
- 14 - Another nice day.
- 15 - Wilda Smith spent this eve with us. A little rain last night.
- 16 - Paul and Charlie Camp went to Hazelton this morning. Bess Somers called to see us.
- 17 - We had a little rain last night.
- 18 - It rained a little today. The drought is broken.
- 19 - I finished a dress today. Made it all myself. I am past seventy four years old.
- 20 - Sallie English called to see us.
- 21 - Ella Baker Fisher called this afternoon and stayed for supper.
- 22 - Bess Somers spent this afternoon and evening with us.
- 23 - Ed's family started on their vacation yesterday.
- 24 - Ed's family left Washington this AM for Luray.
- 25 - Ed arrived at Caledonia tonight.
- 26 - I ironed this AM.
- 27 - Canned two jars of Bartlett pears.
- 28 - Lew and I were on the Steel Pier today. I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 29 - I canned five jars of Bartlett pears.
- 30 - I canned 4 jars of Beach plums today. Lizzie was here this afternoon.
- 31 - Annie called this afternoon.

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September

1 - We were home all day, didn't go any where.

2 - We did the wash.

3 - Ed's folks came home today.

4 - I was up home this afternoon.

5 - I did the up stairs sweeping.

6 - Harriet and Grace Williams called today.

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

8 - Cloudy and a little rain.

9 - I didn't do much work this week it was too hot.

10 - too hot

11 - too hot

12 - too hot

13 - I attended the dahlia show, Ed took me over to see it.

14 - Hot today, Kathryn is 17 years old today.

15 - Not fit to do the wash

16 - Hot

17 - Hotter today.

18 - I was at the Doctors this AM. L.E. bought a suit of clothes at Atlantic City.

19 - We were at the Colonial yesterday.

20 - We still have chicken for dinner tomorrow.

21 - Bethel church collected over \$100.00 dollars this afternoon.

22 - We did the wash.

23 - Ella Baker Fisher called this afternoon.

24 - I canned tomatoes this afternoon.

25 - Canning tomatoes today.

26 - I finished canning today.

27 - Paul and Granddad went to Hazelton this AM.

28 - Louie stayed with me all night while L.E. was away.

29 - L.E. arrived home last night.

30 - We are having a drought, no rain for a longtime.

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October

- 1 - No rain.
- 2 - I was up home this afternoon.
- 3 - Getting ready for our vacation.
- 4 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 5 - L.E. went over to church this afternoon.
- 6 - We left home at 7:15 this morning arrived at Washington D.C. at 2 PM, visited Community Hall tonight.
- 7 - We were at Alexandria this AM and Arlington this afternoon, also the D.A.R. building, & Pan American Building.
- 8 - Today Smithsonian Institute and White House.
- 9 - We spent this AM in the new National Museum. We were in another building too but I've forgotten the name.
- 10 - Arrived at Valley Forge this AM and Bristol this afternoon.
- 11 - We were at the movie in Bristol tonight. It was a good show.
- 12 - We didn't go out any where today.
- 13 - We left Bristol at 8 AM spent 4½ hours in Phila and home by bus at 4 PM.
- 14 - We are tired today and have been resting.
- 15 - I did a little wash this AM.
- 16 - {blank}
- 17 - I canned plums today.
- 18 - I broke my glasses tonight.
- 19 - This was a fine day.
- 20 - I had my eyes examined and ordered new glasses.
- 21 - L.E. is digging his white potatoes.
- 22 - We had a poor crop of potatoes both white and sweet.
- 23 - I got my new glasses this AM they seem all right so far. They cost 20 dollars.
- 24 - Chickens have layed 2 eggs this week.
- 25 - L.E. went to Pville this AM.
- 26 - {blank}
- 27 - {blank}
- 28 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 29 - I did every day work today.
- 30 - I called on Mrs Piercey today. She is gaining slowly.
- 31 - Thunder shower tonight. Heavy at Vineland and Mays Landing.

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November

- 1 - Marketing done at Linwood.
- 2 - L.E. went to church.
- 3 - Stormy today.
- 4 - Rain
- 5 - Rain. Bethel Church had a potluck supper tonight. We did not get over.
- 6 - We did the wash today. It was very windy, almost a gale.
- 7 - Addie Steelman called this eve.
- 8 - L.E. is putting my dahlia bulbs away today.
- 9 - Mrs Piercy and sister called this afternoon. Paul took me up to Lee Herricks after the company went home.
- 10 - Somers and Annie Burroughs spent this eve with us.
- 11 - We did the wash today.
- 12 - Sewed a little today.
- 13 - Ella Baker Fisher spent this afternoon with us. Harry Camp died this afternoon.
- 14 - Rain today.
- 15 - Rain again today.
- 16 - Harry's funeral was this afternoon.
- 17 - Cloudy and rain.
- 18 - Rainy and fog.
- 19 - Clouds and fog looks like rain. I went up to the Doctors between rain and fog.
- 20 - This was a fine day, like summer.
- 21 - No sun shining today.
- 22 - Chicken for dinner tomorrow.
- 23 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.
- 24 - We did the wash, not a very good drying day.
- 25 - I did the ironing.
- 26 - Lee and Julia were here a little while this afternoon.
- 27 - Thanksgiving - No one here to eat dinner with us.
- 28 - Thermometer down to 14 this AM.
- 29 - Ther 8 this AM. We bought 7 white rocks of Lee Herricks today. They are fine chickens.
- 30 - Cloudy and rain.

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December

1 - Cloudy and rain.

2 - Cold and windy. Miss Buchanan sent me word that Pauline Reed is very ill.

3 - Julia Kern passed away this morning.

4 - Lew and I went over to see Pauline Reed and found her very ill.

5 - I mended stockings this day.

6 - Lew attended Julia's funeral today in Phila. Went with John Scull and family.

7 - This was a cloudy and rainy day.

8 - Clear and cold.

9 - I was at the Doctors today.

10 - I forgot to write what I did these three days.

11 - I forgot to write what I did these three days.

12 - I forgot to write what I did these three days.

13 - I did the Christmas shopping at Pleasantville today.

14 - Stormy all day. John W. Price called this eve.

15 - Our neighbors across the way went to Church Town today for the winter.

16 - Mr Pedrick is a little better.

17 - Mr Pedrick is gaining a little every day.

18 - Marie and I were over to Atlantic City today.

19 - I have been getting Christmas cards ready to send.

20 - We mailed 10 cards today.

21 - L.E. went over to church.

22 - Snow tonight.

23 - Paul and Kathryn went to Hazelton this morning. Snow two inches deep.

24 - Edmond, Paul got home a 10 PM.

25 - Christmas - This was a nice day, we were at Ed's for dinner. Louie was here for supper last night.

26 - It is raining tonight.

27 - Rained all day. Harriet came down to Ed's tonight.

28 - Edmond and Harriet went up to Phila late this afternoon. Edmond had to leave for Hazelton at 7 PM.

29 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

30 - {blank}

31 - {blank}