

# Mary Ella Somers Diary 1931

© Mary Ella Somers Family, John Dilks Editor, Dec 2019

		Calendar 1931														
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S								
JANUARY	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	4	JULY	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19		20	21	22	23	24	25	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	26		27	28	29	30	31	...	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	
FEBRUARY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	AUGUST	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		30	31	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
MARCH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	SEPTEMBER	...	...	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31	...	...	...	...		27	28	29	30	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
APRIL	...	...	...	1	2	3	4	OCTOBER	...	...	...	1	2	3		
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	26	27	28	29	30	...	...		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
MAY	...	...	...	...	1	2	NOVEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	10	11	12	13	14	15		16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	17	18	19	20	21	22		23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	24	25	26	27	28	29		30	29	30	...	...	...	...	...	
	31	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
JUNE	...	1	2	3	4	5	6	DECEMBER	...	...	1	2	3	4	5	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	28	29	30	...	...	...	...		27	28	29	30	31	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

JANUARY, 1931

---



---



---



---



---



---



---



---



---



---

THUR  
**1**

New Year's Day

*We had corned beef and cabbage for dinner*

---

FRI  
**2**

*Mr Thom spent this eve with us. (Receipt for American magazine in grass basket)*

---

SAT  
**3**

*Olav Leyer called this eve. Mrs Powers was here this afternoon*



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]

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### January

1 - We had corned beef and cabbage for dinner.

2 - Mr Torn spent this eve with us. (Receipt for American Magazine in grass basket.)

3 - Olan Leyer called this eve. Mrs Powers was here this afternoon.

4 - L.E. went to church.

5 - Rained all day. Mr Faber called today.

6 - Cloudy and rain. R.J. Somers spent this morning here.

7 - Clear and windy. Mailed a letter to Mrs Fitton.

8 - Mailed a letter to Mrs Rockstol today. John Turner and Carrie were here this afternoon.

9 - Received a box from Churchtown, contains sausage, spare ribs, side meat and headcheese.

10 - L.E. was at Pville today.

11 - Mr Mc Keag called this eve. Fitzhugh and wife called this afternoon.

12 - Rain all day. Discontinued Home Companion today.

13 - I attended a food demonstration at Mrs Lee's on Bethel Road this afternoon.

14 - I was at the Doctors this AM. Lew is 76 years young this day.

15 - Cold thermometer down to 11.

16 - Cold this AM Ther 12.

17 - L.E. at Pville.

18 - Cloudy today. L.E. went down to the chapel tonight. They are having a revival.

19 - Rain.

20 - We undertook to wash today. The washer broke down, and had to finish by hand.

21 - Ed's folks and L.E. went over to the supper at Bethel tonight.

22 - We had mush & milk for supper tonight. It was some good.

23 - Made a pillow case.

24 - L.E. got a pork roast for dinner tomorrow.

25 - Revival meetings at the Chapel.

26 - The washing machine did not get home in time for us to wash today.

27 - Lee and Julia were here awhile today.

28 - I ironed today.

29 - Lee Herrick and Lew have gone clamming. They didn't get many.

30 - I attended a food demonstration up at Linwood today.

31 - L.E. did the marketing today.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### February

1 - I wrote a letter to Mrs Piercy this afternoon.

2 - Cold this AM and cloudy.

3 - Ther down stood at 14. Marie and I went over to Atl City today. I bought a carpet for the parlor. Paid \$50 dols for it.

4 - Darned stockings.

5 - Mr Mahoney called. L.E. and I cleaned the parlor cupboards.

6 - Finished the parlor today.

7 - Thermometer 22 this AM.

8 - Cloudy and a little rain.

9 - Rain tonight.

10 - E.J. Powers called this afternoon.

11 - Maggie Headly and Carrie Turner spent this day with me.

12 - We heard fine talk and music in memory of Lincoln.

13 - Lizzie Brower Price's funeral was this afternoon.

14 - Mary sent a valentine to grandpop and I.

15 - L.E. went over to church over at Bethel. I went over to see Emily this eve.

16 - We worked in the parlor.

17 - We got the carpet on the floor today.

18 - We have painted the stair steps and put rubber treads on them.

19 - I'm trying to get house cleaning over before it get hot weather.

20 - I know I won't be any good then, I'm not much account now.

21 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

22 - Splendid talk over Radio on Washington. Edmond came home this AM.

23 - Edmond bought a Ford machine today.

24 - Edmond left home at 10 AM, drove to Hazelton and arrived there at 4 PM.

25 - E.J. Powers did a little sewing for me this afternoon.

26 - Louie was here for supper tonight.

27 - We attended a potpie supper at Bethel church last night.

28 - Mrs Walters spent an eve with us this week.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### March

- 1 - It rained today. L.E. did not go to church.
- 2 - This was a nice day. It was cold this morning.
- 3 - It looked like rain or snow all day, wind N. East.
- 4 - We had rain and a very little snow today! Lee & Julia here this afternoon.
- 5 - Marie and I were at Atl City today. I had bought goods for a dress, it is green.
- 6 - Just every day work.
- 7 - Lew and Ed went up to Tacony this AM. Rockstol and Piercys came home today.
- 8 - Rain an N.E. wind last night and today. Did lots of damage on the coast from Maine down to Hatteras.
- 9 - Cold like winter.
- 10 - Cloudy and cold.
- 11 - Ed and Mark are working on a 7 story apartment. They have the contract. It is built of brick.
- 12 - I attended the fashion show at Mays Landing.
- 13 - I did the upstairs sweeping today.
- 14 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 15 - We have a new preacher at Bethel and Asbury, Central dropped us.
- 16 - Rain
- 17 - 2 inches of snow, cloudy part of the day.
- 18 - Roast pork supper at Firehouse tonight. L.E. and I attended, a fine supper for 50c
- 19 - I was up home this afternoon. Lizzie bad off with Neuralgia.
- 20 - A check came from Tripician yesterday.
- 21 - Marie did the marketing for us.
- 22 - Rain L.E. did not attend church.
- 23 - Rain all day.
- 24 - This was a fine day.
- 25 - Annie came down this afternoon.
- 26 - I sewed a little today.
- 27 - Rich and Emily spent this eve with us.
- 28 - I attended the movie at Linwood this afternoon. Mrs Piercey spent this eve with us.
- 29 - R.J. Somers and Ed were here this eve.
- 30 - We did the wash.
- 31 - Cloudy and cold. N.E. storm tonight.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### April

- 1 - Rain all day, wind N.E. High tides areal old Northeaster.
- 2 - Sent Easter cards to Mrs Fitton and Mary Rockstol.
- 3 - We set a hen today. Edmond came home this afternoon.
- 4 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 5 - Harriet and Jean spent Easter at Ed's, both boys wee home.
- 6 - We are having another N.E. storm today.
- 7 - We did the wash today.
- 8 - Annie cleaned the kitchen.
- 9 - I wasn't very good today, tired out.
- 10 - Am trying to get the kitchen finished today.
- 11 - I was up home today.
- 12 - L.E. is at Church. He likes Mr Trainen very well.
- 13 - This was a fine day.
- 14 - I cleaned a closet in the big room up stairs.
- 15 - Cleaned a bureau this afternoon, L.E. went over to a 35c supper at Bethel tonight.
- 16 - Cleaned another closet and bureau today. Hattie Frambes and Bess Somers spent this eve with us.
- 17 - The central preacher called this afternoon.
- 18 - L.E., Marie, Mary and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon.
- 19 - Edmond, Jim and Harriet were at Ed's today.
- 20 - We did the wash today.
- 21 - I've been house cleaning.
- 22 - Annie cleaned the chamber today. Fitzhughs were here tonight.
- 23 - Marie and I went over total City. I bought a hat.
- 24 - The thermometer was 46 this AM. Mrs Piercy called this eve.
- 25 - We had shad for supper tonight.
- 26 - Ed, Marie, Mary and I went up to Cologne this afternoon.
- 27 - Very windy today.
- 28 - Cold and windy.
- 29 - Annie cleaned the sitting room today.
- 30 - Thermometer down to 30 this AM. Paul is 22 years old this day.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

May

- 1 - I didn't do much work today.
- 2 - Raining today.
- 3 - L.E. went to church this afternoon.
- 4 - I was at the Doctors this AM. I stopped off home on the way down.
- 5 - Foggy this morning.
- 6 - Marie and I went up to Phila on a bus this morning. I bought a coat.
- 7 - I am not much good this day.
- 8 - Mrs Piercy and sister called this eve.
- 9 - We planted flower seeds and gladioli this afternoon.
- 10 - L.E. not very well has a bad cold.
- 11 - L.E. went over to Dr Pettit this morning.
- 12 - Rain. We bought 2 tons of coal. 14.50 per ton.
- 13 - Rain wind N.E. L.E. loaned Kathryn \$10.00
- 14 - I was at the Doctors this AM. Walt Sanders papered the kitchen today.
- 15 - I'm no good today.
- 16 - Marie and I attended the D.A.R. luncheon at the hotel Morton.
- 17 - Fitzhughs folks were here this afternoon.
- 18 - E.J. here making a dress for me.
- 19 - E.J. here again today.
- 20 - Harry Steelman and family arrived a 5 PM. Lee and Julia were here this eve.
- 21 - Raining today.
- 22 - E.J. Powers sewing for me.
- 23 - I worked hard all day.
- 24 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.
- 25 - Showery today we did not do the wash.
- 26 - R.J. and Emily also Mrs Piercy spent this eve with us.
- 27 - We did the wash.
- 28 - I did the ironing.
- 29 - Edmond and Harriet arrived home tonight.
- 30 - We were home all day.
- 31 - Fitzhugh and the Mrs and her mother spent the day with us.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

June

1 - It rained again today.

2 - Cloudy today. Lew and I attended field day exercises at the school house.

3 - I was up home this afternoon.

4 - Not much good today.

5 - I sewed on an apron today.

6 - Olga called today.

7 - John Rockelman and Josie called this afternoon.

8 - We had a thunder shower last night and it rained today.

9 - I did the ironing.

10 - Have been trying to get my flowers planted. Rec'd Edmonds photo today.

11 - Planted flowers today.

12 - Emily Somers called this eve.

13 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

14 - L.E. did not go to church.

15 - Our wash did not dry today.

16 - I forgot what I did today.

17 - I was up home today. Ollie was better.

18 - Harriet and Mary Steelman called.

19 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with me.

20 - It was very warm this day.

21 - Hot today.

22 - I attended the Atlantic High School Commencement. Kathryn graduated.

23 - It was foggy today and not fit to wash.

24 - We did the wash today.

25 - Marie took her mother and I up to the Baptist picnic at Mays Landing.

26 - Hot today.

27 - Another hot day.

28 - This was the hottest day so far this summer.

29 - Wash and Iron today.

30 - Very hot weather every day. We need rain very bad.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

July

1 - {blank}

2 - I was up home today. Ollie was better.

3 - Edmond came home tonight.

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

5 - L.E. went over to church.

6 - Edmond went back to Hazelton this afternoon.

7 - Cloudy and hot today.

8 - L.E. attended Alfred Frambes' funeral this afternoon.

9 - I stayed with Mrs Buchanan this afternoon while her daughter did an errand.

10 - It is very warm.

11 - HOT

12 - Hot weather it is fierce.

13 - Awful hot. Mr Trainor called this PM.

14 - Mrs Buchanan was taken to the hospital this AM to be operated on.

15 - Mrs Buchanans leg was taken off above the knee.

16 - Mrs B stood the operation fine for an old person. Her age 77 years.

17 - Mrs B surprises everyone by improving so fast.

18 - Edmond came home last night brought Mule(?) with him.

19 - Lew went to church.

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

21 - We did the wash.

22 - My feet are swollen so I can't get my shoes on.

23 - Hot

24 - Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.

25 - It was very hot all this week.

26 - Central has asked the Bethel folks if they will accept \$2,000 dollars for their share of the parsonage.

27 - {blank}

28 - My feet are in bad shape, can't get my shoes on.

29 - Miss Buchanan called this eve. Her mother is better.

30 - Mr Mc Keag called today.

31 - I sewed today.



# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### August

1 - L.E. did the marketing.

2 - Warren Morris spent this afternoon with us.

3 - My feet are better. I can get my shoes on.

4 - Hot weather still with us.

5 - I was up home this afternoon.

6 - It is awful hot every day. No let up and hardly any rain, everything drying up.

7 - Ella Baker came this afternoon and stayed till 10 PM.

8 - Edmond came home today, brought Mary with him.

9 - Hot every day -

10 - the hottest summer -

11 - I've ever known.

12 - Hot

13 - Hot. L.E. and I were at Ocean City today.

14 - Hot

15 - Hot

16 - Hot

17 - Hot

18 - I was at the Doctors today.

19 - Louie and I were on the Steel Pier this afternoon. We did not see the High Wave.

20 - Ed's folks went up to Caledonia this AM. Arrived there at 4 PM.

21 - Cloudy and seems like rain. It did rain.

22 - Rain today wind N.E.

23 - This is a very stormy day, wind N.E. Ed's folks are camping out.

24 - It cleared off this afternoon.

25 - We bought a basket of peaches today for 45 cts.

26 - I went over to see Mrs Buchanan this afternoon.

27 - Webster Price died Tuesday eve age 65.

28 - We attended Websters funeral this afternoon.

29 - This was a warm day so much humidity.

30 - I called on Mrs Buchanan this afternoon.

31 - We did the wash.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

### September

1 - I wrote a letter to Carrie Smith tonight.

2 - Ed's folks arrived home from Caledonia at 6 PM.

3 - I called on Mrs Buchanan this morning.

4 - I forgot what I did today.

5 - Edmond came home for two weeks vacation.

6 - L.E. went to church.

7 - We didn't go any where.

8 - Mrs Buchanan went home yesterday.

9 - I had a bad fall in the porch today. I rec'd a letter from Cora.

10 - I was at the dahlia show at Atlantic City today. It was fine.

11 - Very hot.

12 - Hot today.

13 - We had callers from Oklahoma tonight, Mr & Mrs Willard Smedley.

14 - Kathryn is eighteen years old today.

15 - Hot again.

16 - Kathryn commenced school at Trenton today. Edmond went to Hazelton this PM.

17 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

18 - Hot

19 - L.E. went to Pville this AM.

20 - It rained a little this afternoon.

21 - Mrs Buckley called this afternoon.

22 - Hot today 96 in the shade.

23 - Another hot day. Mrs Buchanan came over to see us, she looks fine.

24 - Cooler today. Mrs Rockstohl called today.

25 - Ollie had her teeth out today, got along pretty good.

26 - Kathryn came home tonight.

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

28 - We had a good rain today.

29 - We washed and I did the ironing.

30 - I don't remember what I did today.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

October

- 1 - Mrs Piercy called.
- 2 - Kathryn came home from Trenton tonight.
- 3 - I cleaned the bathroom.
- 4 - Annie here this afternoon, Paul took Kay up to Trenton tonight.
- 5 - We did the wash. I listened to the ball game this afternoon at Shibe Park.
- 6 - I was at the Doctors today.
- 7 - Worked all day.
- 8 - I swept the bathroom and my room today.
- 9 - Tripician was here tonight.
- 10 - We are expecting to go to Bristol tomorrow.
- 11 - Ed took us up to Trenton to see Kathryn and from there to Bristol & Washingtons Crossing.
- 12 - I did a little shopping today.
- 13 - I took a walk over to see the fire house.
- 14 - We came home from Bristol.
- 15 - It rained all day.
- 16 - Cleared off the afternoon.
- 17 - Kathryn stayed here all night. She went back to Trenton today.
- 18 - L.E. was over to the church this afternoon.
- 19 - Edmond and Mary went back to Hazelton tonight.
- 20 - We did the wash.
- 21 - Mrs Piercy called this AM.
- 22 - Tripician sent a check today.
- 23 - Another check from Fitzhugh today.
- 24 - I was at the Doctors this morning.
- 25 - Lew went up to Asbury Church at English Creek with Howard Smith.
- 26 - I dug my Norristown gladiola bulbs up this afternoon.
- 27 - I potted colored slips today. No frost yet.
- 28 - I went up to see Ollie last Sunday afternoon, she is better.
- 29 - Ed got some oysters for us today.
- 30 - Kathryn came home tonight.
- 31 - Halloween - No callers tonight, very quiet around this neighborhood.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

November

1 - We spent this day at Ventnor with Mr & Mrs Fitzhugh.

2 - L.E. expects to commence painting Mr Porch's house on the inside tomorrow.

3 - We did the wash today. Democrat Gov elected today. Harry A Moore.

4 - This was the second day of L.E.s painting. He was very tired, made 8 hours.

5 - I did the sweeping up stairs.

6 - I was up home awhile this afternoon, Ollie is better.

7 - My dahlias are gone this AM. Thermometer down to 24, It is cold.

8 - Charlie Smith died tonight.

9 - L.E. is painting today.

10 - I saw AKRON fly over our home this morning at 8:30.

11 - Charlie Smiths funeral was this afternoon.

12 - Our friend across the way went to Churchtown this AM for the winter.

13 - I swept the sitting room this afternoon.

14 - L.E. painted for Mr Porch this AM and went to market this afternoon.

15 - Foggy and cloudy all day. I made out a check for Kathryn amount \$72.50.

16 - Fog today the wash didn't get dry.

17 - I was at the Doctors today. Thermometer 76.

18 - Ona Somers and May have gone over to Atlantic City for the winter.

19 - L.E. is through with painting for Mr Porch.

20 - I sewed a little today.

21 - We had 5 foggy days in succession this week.

22 - Misty and cloudy.

23 - We rec'd a letter from Mrs Fitton.

24 - A postcard today from Mrs Piercy. We sent a chicken up to Bristol this PM.

25 - Edmond, Mary and Kathryn came home tonight.

26 - Thanksgiving - Ed's folks had a turkey for dinner today, all of the children were home.

27 - {blank}

28 - Edmond and Mary went up to Lakehurst to see the AKRON.

29 - Cloudy. Lizzie was here tonight.

30 - Edmond went back to Hazelton and Kathryn up to Trenton today.

# Mary Ella Somers Diary

## 1931

December

- 1 - {blank}
- 2 - I was up home today.
- 3 - I sewed today, made an apron.
- 4 - Washed windows.
- 5 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 6 - L.E. did not go to church.
- 7 - Cold today.
- 8 - Mrs Piercy & Mrs Rockstol called today.
- 9 - Sewed today.
- 10 - I was at the Doctors and stopped off home for dinner.
- 11 - It rained today.
- 12 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 13 - L.E. did not go to church. It was raining.
- 14 - {blank}
- 15 - {blank}
- 16 - I sewed today.
- 17 - Did mending.
- 18 - I cleaned the bathroom.
- 19 - I went up to Pleasantville today.
- 20 - Ed took Ed to church.
- 21 - Cloudy and cold. Lizzie was here tonight.
- 22 - Rained all day. L.E. and Ed went up to Council meeting this eve.
- 23 - Kathryn came home for the holidays.
- 24 - Edmond & Mary came tonight to stay until Sunday.
- 25 - Christmas - We had our Christmas dinner at Eds.
- 26 - L.E. went to Pleasantville.
- 27 - Annie called this afternoon.
- 28 - Paul took Jean up to Phila this afternoon.
- 29 - L.E. and I did the wash. Mary is sick with a bad cold.
- 30 - I was at the Doctors today. Maggie and Carrie were here this afternoon.
- 31 - This was a fine day. I went to see Seth Parker this afternoon.