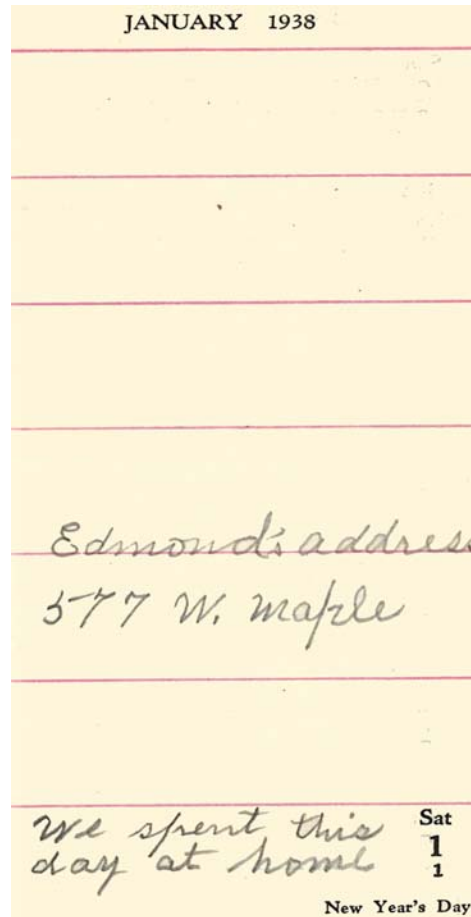


Mary Ella Somers Diary 1938

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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 spent this day at home.
- 2 - L.E. went to church. Marie spent the afternoon with me.
- 3 - Edmond and family came home for new year, went home Sunday.
- 4 - Mr and Mrs Fitzhugh were here and paid \$800.00 on mortgage.
- 5 - Lee and Julia were here tonight.
- 6 - I bought Cod fish today, paid 20c per lb.
- 7 - Annie was here today.
- 8 - Mr. Fader called tonight.
- 9 - Mr Thorn spent this afternoon with us.
- 10 - Cloudy and rain.
- 11 - Insurance men here today.
- 12 - Cloudy and some rain.
- 13 - I found my pocket book today it was in my shoe.
- 14 - Bethel Church members had prayer meeting here tonight.
- 15 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 16 - Mr Durgan, Mrs Durgan and Mary Bechtel called today.
- 17 - Cloudy and rain.
- 18 - Cloudy and cold.
- 19 - Thermometer down to 12 this AM.
- 20 - Not a very good week for a day to wash.
- 21 - Annie was here today.
- 22 - We received a card from Mrs Preecey. She and Carrie are at Norristown.
- 23 - Howard took his family and Lew to Port Norris this PM.
- 24 - Lee and Julia spent Saturday night with us.
- 25 - No callers today.
- 26 - I have received my tax bill for this year it is \$18.84 cts.
- 27 - Ed and Marie went to Philadelphia this AM.
- 28 - This was a nice day.
- 29 - L.E. was at Pville today.
- 30 - Lee and Julia were here this eve.
- 31 - R.J. Somers is gaining all the time.

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February

1 - Cloudy

2 - I paid half of my tax today amt was \$9.38.

3 - The ground hog saw his shadow yesterday.

4 - Annie here today.

5 - A Postcard from Carrie Rockstol today.

6 - L.E. was at church.

7 - It was partly cloudy today.

8 - Hilda and Shirley called this afternoon.

9 - Lee and Julia were here this eve.

10 - Marie was here this afternoon.

11 - I forgot to write today.

12 - L.E. was at Pleasantville today.

13 - L.E. went to church.

14 - Cloudy.

15 - We had hash for dinner today.

16 - I was at the doctors this AM.

17 - Addie Steelman sent a pretty card to me from Daytona Florida.

18 - Mr Mahoney visited us this afternoon.

19 - Harry Steelman and wife called today.

20 - Harry Steelman and wife were here again today.

21 - We had snow, rain, hail, sunshine and thunder shower yesterday.

22 - Fog and rain.

23 - Thermometer 17 this AM.

24 - Lee and Julia were here this eve.

25 - We have nine pullets they laid 7 eggs today and our old hens 20 of them laid 3 eggs.

26 - We sold 5 doz eggs today 25c a doz.

27 - Ed and Marie were here awhile this afternoon.

28 - This is the last day of winter. Cold and high wind. Ther 18 this AM.

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March

1 - I bought 2 tons of coal yesterday
12.00 per ton.

2 - We have 1 inch of snow this morning.

3 - A thunder shower last night.

4 - Annie here today.

5 - Lizzie was here this afternoon.

6 - Carrie Smith was here for dinner. We
had chicken pot pie.

7 - Mrs Walters was here today.

8 - Insurance man was here today. He
will call again in May.

9 - It snowed today.

10 - Snow all most gone tonight. Lee and
Julia here this eve.

11 - Mr Ewan was here this afternoon.

12 - Mr Fader here tonight.

13 - Mr Laughlin here today.

14 - Rain and fog.

15 - Mr Mahoneys birthday was
celebrated at the church. L.E. attended.

16 - Rain all day.

17 - Marie and Kathryn attended Mrs
Normans class at Salem church.

18 - Ed, Marie and Kathryn spent this
day in Phila.

19 - Edmond and Mary attended the
basket ball game in Phila tonight.

20 - Edmond and family went home today.

21 - Rain today.

22 - This was a fine day.

23 - Frogs are here and I saw robins
today.

24 - Mrs Piercey and Carrie came home
yesterday.

25 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.

26 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

27 - {Blank}

28 - Rain and fog.

29 - This was a nice day.

30 - {Blank}

31 - {Blank}

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April

1 - Annie did not come today.

2 - L.E. was at the Doctors this AM.

3 - L.E. at church this afternoon.

4 - {Blank}

5 - {Blank}

6 - {Blank}

7 - {Blank}

8 - {Blank}

9 - {Blank}

10 - L.E. at church.

11 - Bethel church is to have new windows in memory of members who have died.

12 - {Blank}

13 - {Blank}

14 - Mrs Piercey and sister spent this eve with us.

15 - Ida Lewis spent this eve with us.

16 - Lee and Julia were here tonight.

17 - L.E. went to church.

18 - Mrs Walters was here awhile today.

19 - This was a nice day.

20 - Mr Ewan was here this afternoon.

21 - Marie and Kathryn took me to a movie this afternoon.

22 - Aunt Maud and Kathryn were here today.

23 - {Blank}

24 - They dedicated the windows at the church.

25 - {Blank}

26 - I planted a few flower seeds.

27 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

28 - I bought a new hat yesterday.

29 - I mended stockings this AM.

30 - Annie here today.

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May

- 1 - L.E. at church this afternoon.
- 2 - Mrs Piercey and sister spent this eve with us.
- 3 - L.E. was at Julias yesterday.
- 4 - Kathryn took my sisters and myself up to Barnegat this afternoon. -
- 5 - We had a fine trip.
- 6 - {Blank}
- 7 - {Blank}
- 8 - {Blank}
- 9 - {Blank}
- 10 - {Blank}
- 11 - {Blank}
- 12 - {Blank}
- 13 - {Blank}
- 14 - {Blank}
- 15 - {Blank}
- 16 - L.E. taking paper off of sitting room. Mr Price is going to paper it for us.
- 17 - This was my birthday. I received flowers and cards.
- 18 - L.E. finished taking paper off today.
- 19 - We had to wait 12 days before we got the paper on the wall. -
- 20 - The man we were to get the paper for us -
- 21 - went out of business.
- 22 - {blank}
- 23 - John Blackmans funeral was today.
- 24 - {blank}
- 25 - John Gant died this AM.
- 26 - Sitting room papered today.
- 27 - Annie Burroughs funeral was today.
- 28 - Edmond and family came home today.
- 29 - Herbert and Pearl were here today.
- 30 - Edmond and family went home today.
- 31 - John W. Price and Martilla were here this afternoon.

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June

1 - Mr Ewan and my sister Lizzie were here today.

2 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

3 - Annie here today.

4 - {blank}

5 - Thunder shower and hail storm tonight.

6 - Rain

7 - Rain

8 - Marie went to New York today in a bus with Eastern Stars Ladies. -

9 - She returned this evening.

10 - I forgot to write today.

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

12 - L.E. was at church, this was fathers day.

13 - Rain and fog.

14 - Rain today and hail.

15 - Some rain. -

16 - Carrie, and Mrs Piercey were here tonight. -

17 - Elaie was here this AM.

18 - Lee and Julia were here last night.

19 - L.E. was at church.

20 - Rain today.

21 - I cleaned the refrigerator this PM.

22 - {Blank}

23 - {Blank}

24 - Lew Steelman passed away this morning.

25 - Mr Ewan was here today.

26 - L.E. went to church.

27 - Lew Steelman presented a communion service to Bethel church in memory of his and Eva's parents.

28 - {Blank}

29 - {Blank}

30 - Phebe Doughty called today and told me Mary Bechtel was poorly.

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July

1 - Edmond and family came home tonight.

2 - Annie was here today.

3 - The Somers families spent today at Mays Landing Park.

4 - We were home all day this 4th of July.

5 - This was a nice cool day.

6 - I was at the Doctors this AM. Edmond took me up there.

7 - Mrs Powers was here today.

8 - Lee and Julia were here tonight.

9 - L.E. was at Pleasantville this AM.

10 - Mrs Piercey and Carrie spent this eve with us.

11 - Edmond and family went home this afternoon.

12 - Marie did the wash today.

13 - Dorothy or Dot Keyport is visiting Kathryn.

14 - Another hot day.

15 - Annie is here. Mrs Walters called.

16 - L.E. Did not go to market today.

17 - This was a very warm day.

18 - Another hot day.

19 - Set a hen today.

20 - Rich and Emily were here awhile before dark.

21 - Mr Mahoney called this afternoon.

22 - Annie here today.

23 - I was up home today and had a ride down to Somers Point after I came home.

24 - Nine days in -

25 - succession -

26 - with hail twice -

27 - during the time.

28 - {Blank}

29 - {Blank}

30 - {Blank}

31 - Edmond, Mary and Lewis went home today.

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August

1 - Kathryn and Jack expect to be married next month.

2 - {Blank}

3 - We are having very hot weather.

4 - Belle Somers died yesterday, she was an old school mate.

5 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.

6 - Belle Somers funeral was today. I went up to her home to see her.

7 - I was at the Doctors yesterday.

8 - Hot and thunder showers today. We have had very hot weather this month.

9 - Hot again today Ther 93.

10 - Miss Bucanon called today.

11 - Mr Ewan was here today.

12 - Annie here this day.

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

14 - Louie here for supper.

15 - Ida Powers funeral was today.

16 - A heavy thunder shower tonight.

17 - Nancy 4 years old today.

18 - Kathryn married today at home by Mr Mahoney.



19 - Picture of wedding in paper today.

20 - Cooler weather today.

21 - L.E. went to church.

22 - {Blank}

23 - {Blank}

24 - {Blank}

25 - L.E. went in the bay today. He caught six fish.

26 - Annie here today.

27 - L.E. did the marketing this AM.

28 - Jack and Kathryn home this afternoon.

29 - Marie is busy making jelly.

30 - The wash was done today.

31 - I was up home this afternoon.

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September

1 - Cooler weather.

2 - Cold today.

3 - Edmond and Mary came down this AM to help Kathryn -

4 - with the papers. We were up to Mays Landing this afternoon.

5 - Labor Day we were home all day.

6 - Ed and Marie went on vacation today.

7 - They were down on the eastern shore of Maryland, visited Will.

8 - Ed and Marie stayed in the Shenandoah Valley one night -

9 - while they were away and two nights in Washington -

10 - while they were away, and came home today.

11 - L.E. was at church this afternoon.

12 - Edmond, Mary and Lewis went home today.

13 - Temperature 42 this AM.

14 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

15 - Anna Super called to see us, she lives at Haverford Pa.

16 - We went to Mr Ewans farewell supper over to the church Hall.

17 - Rain today a bad storm.

18 - Mr. Ewan preached his last sermon at Bethel today.

19 - Rain today.

20 - A hurricane along this coast today. The hurricane did much damage -

21 - from New Jersey as far up the coast as Maine. 500 people perished in the storm.

22 - Stanly and Marie Gandy came here tonight.

23 - Mary Bechtel sent a clock to me by them.

24 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.

25 - No church today.

26 - Rain

27 - Rain

28 - Conference this week.

29 - We went to see -

30 - Mary Bechtel.

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October

1 - {Blank}

2 - New Preacher today. L.E. did not go to church.

3 - {Blank}

4 - {Blank}

5 - Mrs Piercey and Carrie went to Phila this AM.

6 - I took some of my plants up today frost will be here soon.

7 - Annie here today.

8 - Ed's house got a fire today. Burnt a big hole in the roof. Fire engines helped put it out.

9 - We have a new preacher today.

10 - Dol came over for the wash this AM.

11 - We put the oil cloth on the wall this afternoon.

12 - We took the dahlias up today.

13 - {Blank}

14 - Anna Powers here this AM.

15 - I was at the Doctors today.

16 - Lee and Julia were here tonight.

17 - {Blank}

18 - {Blank}

19 - Ed, Marie and L.E. and I are invited to have supper at Kathryn's tonight.

20 - We were at Vineland this afternoon. Mary is failing all the time.

21 - Annie here today.

22 - Fitzhugh and wife here this eve.

23 - L.E. was not at church this afternoon.

24 - This was a rainy day.

25 - Clear and cool this day. Ther 40 this AM.

26 - Mrs Piercey and sisters here this eve.

27 - Mrs Sharp of Ocean City was here for dinner today.

28 - Rain

29 - L.E. went to Pleasantville this AM.

30 - L.E. was at church.

31 - L.E. and I spent yesterday at Ventnor. Mr Fitzhugh came over after us.

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November

- 1 - {Blank}
- 2 - Lizzie frosty.
- 3 - Ella Baker here this afternoon.
- 4 - Mr Ott cut my hair off today. It had to be done as I could not comb it with my two broken arms.
- 5 - {Blank}
- 6 - L.E. was at church.
- 7 - Temperature 69 today.
- 8 - I took my gla'ds up this afternoon.
- 9 - This was a fine day.
- 10 - Ed is having a new roof put on his house.
- 11 - Marie and Kathryn went to Phila this AM.
- 12 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 13 - Mrs Piercey here this afternoon. It is raining tonight.
- 14 - Temperature 27 this AM.
- 15 - Mr Martin called this afternoon for Orders.
- 16 - Bob Seamon was taken to the Asylum this AM.
- 17 - Lee and Julia were here last evening.
- 18 - Annie here.
- 19 - Severe storm.
- 20 - L.E., myself and Marie were at Vineland.
- 21 - John W. and wife spent tonight with us.
- 22 - We cleaned the garret [attic floor] today, some job.
- 23 - Tomorrow we give thanks to God.
- 24 - Edmond's family and ourselves were at Ed's for dinner.
- 25 - Snow 4 inches deep this AM.
- 26 - A nice day.
- 27 - Walker Tilton passed away today. Mister Ewan preached the funeral sermon.
- 28 - Edmond and Mary went home this AM.
- 29 - Mrs Piercey and sister here tonight.
- 30 - Edmond and Mary won't get home [here] any more until next spring.

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December

1 - Edmond and Mary won't get home anymore until next spring. -

2 - They were seven hours getting home this time. -

3 - The snow was 12 inches deep when they got there.

4 - Howard and Lena attended a funeral at Wildwood this PM.

5 - {Blank}

6 - Mrs Wooten's funeral was today.

7 - I was at the Doctors today.

8 - Ed and Marie took us over to Atlantic City today. -

9 - Lew bought an overcoat and shoes, and I got shoes.

10 - {Blank}

11 - Al Turner died today. He is the last son of the family.

12 - Kathryn's little dog Susie is very sick. -

13 - She is at a Hospital in Atlantic City.

14 - I sent money for renewal of Mc Calls magazine today.

15 - This is a fine day.

16 - Thermometer 23 this AM.

17 - Annie here yesterday.

18 - Paul and family here yesterday.

19 - This was a nice day.

20 - This is Lodge night but I never get there.

21 - I sent 2.25 DofA dues today.

22 - Very cold this day.

23 - We were up to Vineland. Mary is failing fast.

24 - Tomora

25 - Christmas - We were at Ed's and helped eat the turkey.

26 - This is a stormy day.

27 - Marie curled my hair.

28 - I gave an Electric Toaster to Marie today.

29 - Emily was here awhile today.

30 - Annie here.

31 - Ella and Carrie were here this eve.