

Levi Mark Trace

b. 25 March 1883 in Elmvale, Flos, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada

d. 17 November 1918 in Innisfree, Alberta, Canada *from the "Spanish Flu"*

**Grandpa Levi's Journal - 1901** (as he wrote them)

Jan 1: New Years again, and also a new Century. God help me to give better this year than last.

Jan 2: Killed pigs today. Jim was over and brought 2 of his. Pretty stormy!

Jan 15: Father took a load of chop to Elmvale today. Amos and I went out with him and had the doctor dress my arm. Rather sore from a granulation growing in it. (He had bone cancer in his arm). Otherwise doing first rate. Mother got her sausage machine.

Jan 22: Clover thresher came this afternoon. Queen Victoria died today, age 82 next May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jan 23: Went out to Elmvale this morning and got the horses shod. King Edward 7<sup>th</sup> ascended to the throne today.

Jan 24: Out to see the doctor today and got a (acid) solution to burn out a small granulation.

Feb 2: Took Mother to Elmvale today. There is a Memorial service in the Presbyterian church, on account of Queen Victoria being buried, but we didn't stay for it.

Feb 8: Went to see the doctor as my arm does not seem to be getting much better. Expect to have it opened in 2 or 3 weeks.

Feb 18: Went to Elmvale this morning with 2 fat cattle and sheep.

Feb 22: Went out and saw the doctor today. Examined my arm and left the tube out. Wishes to see it again in 10 days. May get along without opening it again.

Feb 25: Had to help clean the wheat today, and did not get done till supper.

Mar 4: Amos came out and I went home with him as he is going to Toronto to attend the Harness Makers Convention tomorrow.

Mar 5: Went to see doctor today. Arm is no better. Expect to have it reopened in about a week.

Mar 7: Came home this morning to get my arm dressed and took mother out to Elmvale with me to get a new set of dishes. I got a suit of clothes today for \$4.50. Amos came home on the noon train, and I came home with father tonight.

Mar 8: Father and Mr. Clarence and I went to Jim's to clean up father's clover seed, but could not get the mill to work good. We took it to Elmvale and cleaned it, and then took it to the station and shipped it to Toronto.

Mar 13: Went to Elmvale with Father and took out some butter and eggs.

Mar 14: Had my arm opened today, taking out I hope all the decayed bone. Was pretty sick the rest of the day.

Mar 30: Went out with Uncle to see the doctor, and had the gauze cleaned out today. Doing first rate.

Mar 31: Went to church with the sleighs this morning, but as roads are very bad, we did not get to go out any more today. Expect it to be the last sleigh ride this Spring.

Apr 3: I started to piece a print quilt today and got 1 block done.

Apr 6: Went to Elmvale today with wheels. Roads bad on account of high tracks of snow. Saw the doctor and he thinks my arm is doing nicely.

Apr 12: Roads drying up fast. Will soon have my quilt done.

Apr 17: Finished piecing my quilt today.

Apr 25: Went to Elmvale today with Father and Mother. Saw the doctor and my arm is doing excellent. There is some bare bone yet, where he chiseled the last out, but that is all.

May 4: Gathered up some wool from 3 lambs that were killed, that I intend to clean up.

May 6: Tom Langman was buried today. Amos came over so I went with him to the funeral. 77 rigs in all.

May 14: Started to put my quilt together today but my back is bothering me considerably.

May 15: Put some more quilt together today. Finished the seeding today.

May 16: Back aching too much today to work on the quilt comfortably, so did not do any.

May 18: Went to see the doctor. Arm doing excellent. Got a bottle of Warners Salic Cure to see if that will fix me up.

May 28: Finished cleaning up my lamb's wool today. I only weighed 92 ½ pounds today. Mr. Argue died very suddenly today.

Mar 31: Finished putting my quilt together today.

June 1: Went to Elmvale today and got a tooth out. Doctor saw my arm and says its doing fairly well. Says my lungs are a little bit weak, and gave me a bottle of meds.

June 3: Weighed 97 pounds. 4 ½ pound gain in 6 days. Not bad work!

June 6: Went over to Wills last night and went to Collingwood with him today. We went through the packing house and watched them killing 200 pigs per hour. Well worth seeing.

June 14: Amos and I went to Barrie today. Amos bought some of Jims stock.

June 18: Went with Father up to see Matt Lawson's farm this afternoon, and we bought 25 acres for \$100.

June 27: Went out to Elmvale this morning with Father, and took out the wool.

July 1: Dominion Day again. Home all day as we started haying today.

July 11: Went to Elmvale this afternoon with the men after taking in the field of hay on the farm.

July 16: Picking cherries out on the farm this forenoon, and haying at home this afternoon.

July 17: Finished haying today.

July 19: Went out to Elmvale this morning to pick cherries. Started harvesting today.

July 22: Amos came out this morning, and Mary and baby Martha and I and Amos and Torey, all went to the huckleberry plains.

July 23: Went out to the farm today and picked currants.

July 24: Mary and I went out to Ore Lake today to pick raspberries and as they weren't very good we went to the lake fishing, and I caught 2 fish.

July 26: Mary and I went out to Gibsons to pick raspberries, and when we came home I went out to Amos' and stayed all night.

Aug 5: Went out to Elmvale this morning to help with the harvesting.

Aug 6: Raking this forenoon, and this afternoon I ran the binder.

Aug 8: This afternoon we went out to Elmvale and drew in the barley and some of the oats.

Aug 9: I went out to the farm to bring in the rest of the oats, but as it rained we did not get them all in. Saw the doctor today.

Aug 15: We threshed this afternoon before going to Elmvale to get some meat.

Aug 16: Threshing all day. Went out to Elmvale with Amos tonight.

Aug 17: Brought the team home this morning, and took Mary to Elmvale this evening and stayed overnight.

Aug 18: Went to class this morning and stayed for Sunday school. Mother and Torey got pitched out of the wagon, coming home from class when the hind seat fell out, and they were pretty badly hurt.

Aug 27: Took Matt out to Elmvale this morning to start school, and picked up some apples.

Aug 29: Finished drawing in our sheaf grain today with Amos.

Aug 30: Helped Amos today. Saw doctor today.

Sept 2: Matt and I rode out to Elmvale this afternoon to pick plumbs.

Sept 5: Received a letter from Bradley Garretson & Co. today, offering me a situation of \$2.50 per day wages.

Sept 9: Picked plums this morning and worked for Amos this afternoon. Accepted BG & Co. offer today and also saw the doctor.

Sept 11: Went to Elmvale tonight to hear Pvt. Mulloy, a blind trooper of C.M. Rifles from South Africa lecture on the war effort. Threshing machine came in this evening.

Sept 12: Threshing all day today.

Sept 19: Took Mother out to Elmvale this morning, and took the team out to Amos this evening after seeing the doctor this afternoon.

Sept 21: Lew Philips and I went hunting today. We went to Elmvale this morning to the marsh and the clay banks but we had poor luck. Finished the harvesting this afternoon.

Sept 23: Went to Elmvale this afternoon and helped Amos put tar on his roof.

Sept 26: Posted a letter this morning to BG & Co. for the prospectus of "President McKinley's Life".

Sept 28: Went to Elmvale this morning with Father to pick apples.

Sept 30: Went out to Elmvale this afternoon to begin book canvassing, but as my prospectus did not come in, I worked with Amos.

Oct 1: Worked with Amos this forenoon, and this afternoon came home and fixed my arm, and then took the buggy back to Amos, so that he could go to the Stayner Faire tomorrow.

Oct 2: Sold Nell today to Anderson Spence for \$125.

Oct 4: Worked for Amos, and came home to dress my arm, and went back again.

Oct 5: Received my prospectus of Life of McKinley today.

Oct 10: A good many people went to Toronto today to see the Duke and Duchess of York. I was selling books today. Sold \$6.50 worth and saw the doctor today.