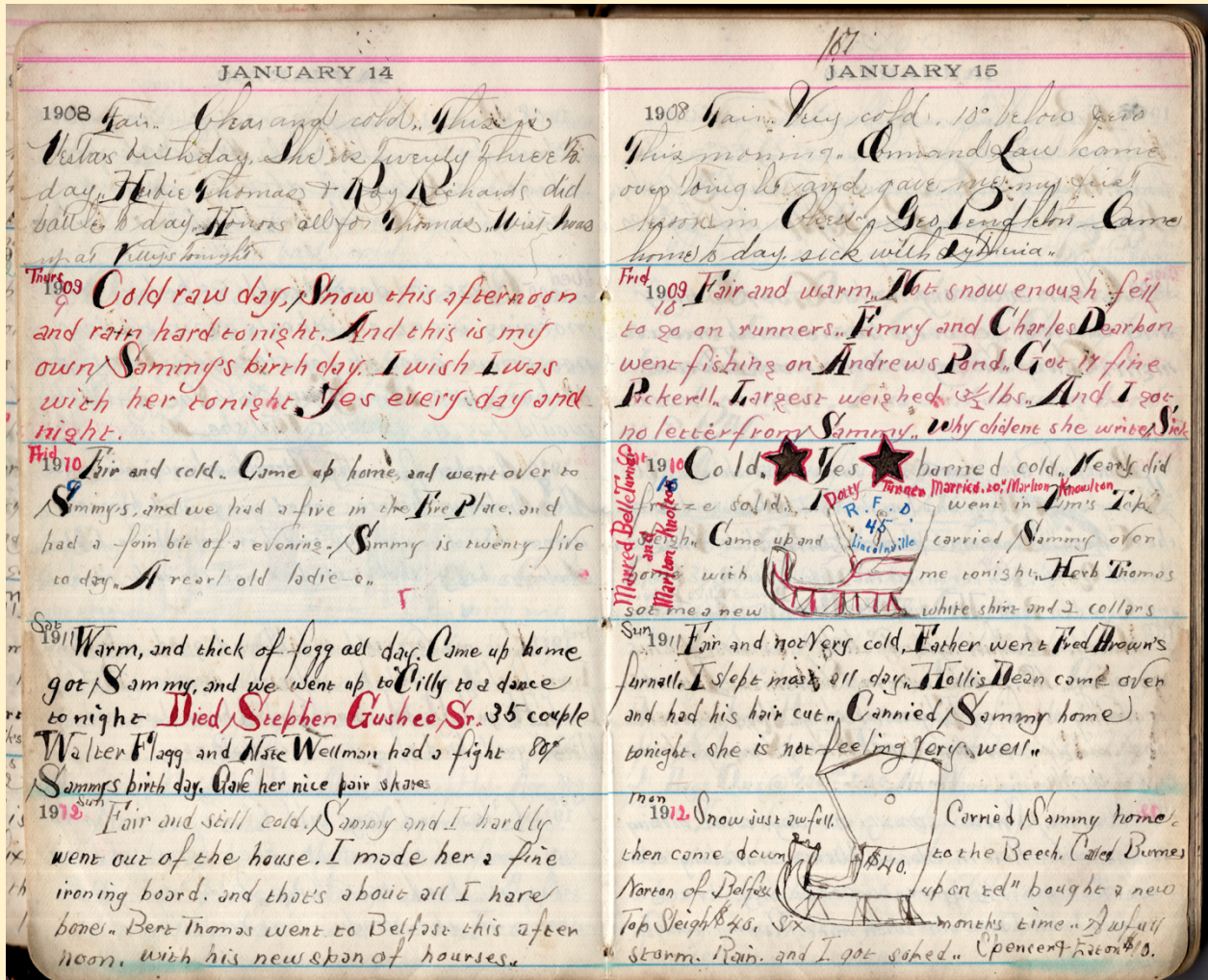


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1909



**Friday, Jan. 1** Butifull day clear and cold. Went out to Goodwins this morning and got Dandy shod behind. Went up to Herbs, got Sammy and we went to the dance in the new Grange Hall. Born to Helen and Lawry Rankin a BOY.

**Saturday, Jan. 2** Clear and cold elegant traveling. Went up home tonight first time I have slept at home for five weeks. Sick tonight. Just so sick as Hell. Lame sholder.

**Sunday, Jan. 3** Slightly overcast, and not very cold. Hump McKinney and I went Pickerel fishing on Andrews Pond. Got 3 big fish. One over 20 inches long. Went up to Smike's tonight to see Sammy.

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**Monday, Jan. 4** Fair and very warm. So warm that it has about spoiled the sleighing. Father got a load of hay Tom Hall, E. Seasmont 1230 lbs at \$13.00 \$8.00 Got my new pants from Sears Roebuck \$4.00

**Tuesday, Jan. 5** Rain hard all day. Just a mean cussed wet old day. Went in Gushee's Top Sleigh so did not get wet. And tomorrow I shall have to go in a wagon again. Dang the luck anyway. Snow all gone.

**Wednesday, Jan. 6** Rain hard all last night. This morning the snow was all gone. Frost coming out of the ground mud. Just cussed traveling. Went today in Em's Top Buggy. Got a letter from Sammy.

**Thursday, Jan. 7** Clear and cold. And Oh deary me how rough. Went in my own wagon today and tonight my innards meaning guts feel like a peck of angleworms. 8 below zero.

**Friday, Jan. 8** Clear cold and just cussedly rough. It seems as if every bone in me has been jolted out of joint. Father went out to T. Hall got another load of hay 1030 lbs. Bag Oats \$1.70

**Saturday, Jan. 9** Fair and clear, not very cold. Drove up to Herb's tonight and captured a small Sammy. She went home with me. Capt. Jake Coombs and wife Harriet celebrated their Golden Wedden tonight. Married Fifty Years.

**Sunday, Jan. 10** Warm, snow last night and this morning. Rain all day. Old Joe Wiggin came home today but is going back in the morning.

**Monday, Jan. 11** Very warm, overcast all day, rather hard traveling. Muddy and rough and I am plamed tired. Roy Hurd swapped his gray hourse for a big bay. Died Wales Elms. Paid Mrs. French to date \$15.00

**Tuesday, Jan. 12** Overcast and darned cold. Commenced to snow about three this afternoon and tonight it is an awfull storm. Wrote to Sammy to day. Sent \$50 to Henry Rankin now owe him \$35.00 Born to Mrs. Albert Grey a Son.



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**Wednesday, Jan. 13** Clear and darned cold. 9 below this morning. Went on wheels again today not snow enough for sleighing. Lent, or rather gave Birt Young \$5. She said she would pay in 30 days. Will she. No. Damn her.

**Thursday, Jan. 14** Cold raw day. Snow this afternoon and rain hard tonight. And this is my own Sammy's birthday. I wish I was with her tonight. Yes everyday and night.

**Friday, Jan. 15** Fair and warm. Not snow enough fell to go on runners. Emery and Charles Dearborn went fishing on Andrews Pond. Got 17 fine Pickerel. Largest weighed 3 1/2 lbs. And I got no letter from Sammy. Why didnt she write. Sick.

**Saturday, Jan. 16** Clear and very cold. Got Sammy and carried her over home with me to night. Gave Sammy a burnt work Taborrett.

**Sunday, Jan. 17** Snow. One of the very worst snow storms I ever see. Carried Sammy home this afternoon and came down to the Beech tonight. It is still snowing hard at 9 P.M.

**Monday, Jan. 18** Clear and just bitter cold and the damdest traveling. When it cleared last night it formed crust, and today have had to break my own road most of the way.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19** Bitter cold. This morning it was 18 below zero. And the traveling is just cussed and tonight it is snowing again. Bag Corn \$1.50

**Wednesday, Jan. 20** Fair and much warmer. Got a letter from Sammy and such a good letter too. Roy and I went Rabbit hunting got one went on Snow Shoes.

**Thursday, Jan. 21** Fair and very warm. Snow melted and trod on the road in fine shape, tis the first time in a week. Have been doing a little burn work tonight.

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**Friday, Jan. 22** Very warm overcast and rain a little this afternoon. Wrote to my Sammy today, but will be with her tomorrow, which is better. Fire The old Kindell Mill, burned this morning. Hot friction pulley. Owned by W & M. Hills. No inc.

**Saturday, Jan. 23** Fair and warm. Nice day. Sammy came over home with me tonight. Commenced to snow rain and sleet tonight.

**Sunday, Jan. 24** Not very cold, but it has snowed all day long, a fine dry snow. Sammy is with me so let it snow, we don't care.

**Monday, Jan. 25** Snow hard all day. Soft damp snow. Did not take Sammy home this morning. Stormed too hard. She is up home tonight and I wish I was.

**Tuesday, Jan. 26** Snow all last night and today. About 12 inches fell. Cussed traveling. Sammy is still at my home. God but I wish we were together tonight. My Sammy.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27** Fair and not very cold. The roads were drifted a little today, but not too bad. And my Sammy went home this afternoon. How I shall miss seeing her tomorrow.

**Thursday, Jan. 28** Fair and cold. Father went to Camden today with two barrels of grub for Will's folks. They are in pretty hard shape this winter, no work.

**Friday, Jan. 29** Fair and not very cold. Wind blew like the very devil today. Road drifted some but not bad. Got a letter from Sammy today and will see her tomorrow I hope. Died Thomas Little Aged 93 yrs.

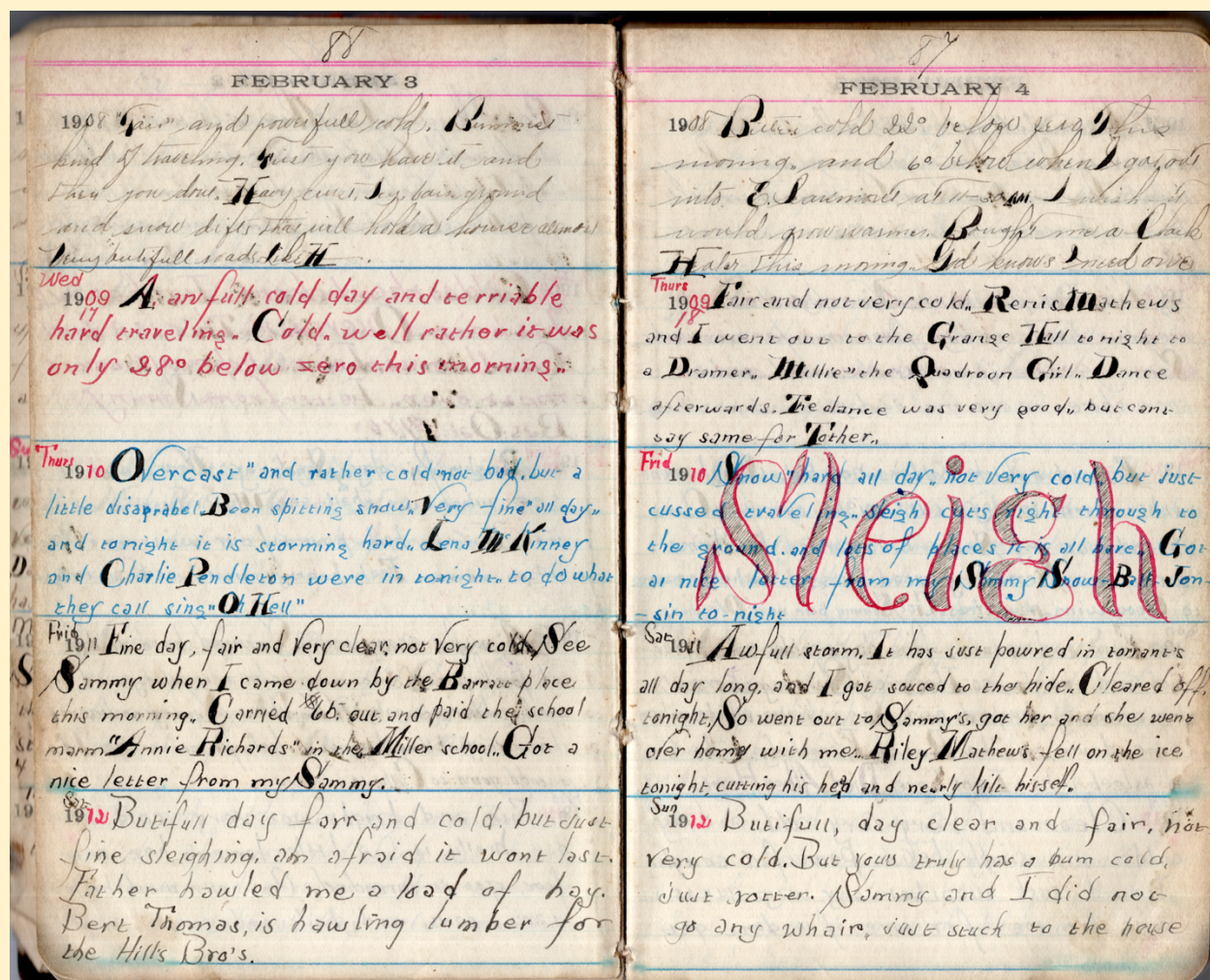
**Saturday, Jan. 30** Snow and blow all day, and still storming hard tonight. Worst storm for years. All the roads blocked. Mail did not get to Camden tonight. I stopped down. Got a letter from little Sammy. God how I wish I was with her.



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**Sunday, Jan. 31** Fair and not too cold. All the roads in town are blocked and tonight the wind is blowing like the very devil. This has been a lonesome old day for me without Sammy.

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**Monday, Feb. 1** Fair and cold as the devil. Made my trip all right, but the roads are in cussed shape. Drifted full, and not half broke out.

**Tuesday, Feb. 2** Cold as the dickens. The weather has been overcast. This is a good Candlemas. Let us hope winter is most over. Letter from Sammy. Bag Oats \$1.70

**Wednesday, Feb. 3** Awfull cold day and terriable hard traveling. Cold. Well rather it was only 28 below zero this morning.

**Thursday, Feb. 4** Fair and not very cold. Renis Mathews and I went out to the Grange Hall tonight to a Dramer. Millie "the Quadroon Girl" Dance afterwards. The dance was very good, but can't say the same for Tother.



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**Friday, Feb. 5** Fair and pleasant. Nice day, the snow tread a little today, first time for two weeks. Sammy came up across the wood on her snow shoes to see me today.

**Saturday, Feb. 6** Overcast and very warm. Snow has settled like the devil today. Hard traveling, a horse will all bury up. Go clear to the bottom every step.

**Sunday, Feb. 7** Fair and colder. Sammy and I drove up the Levenseller Pond and watched the two Humps fish. They got three little fish so we went home. And I am sick with a cussed bad cold.

**Monday, Feb. 8** Fair and quite cold and rough. Oh my, its just cussed. Carried Sammy home this morning, and it was so rough it nearly shook our — out. Paid Tom Hall for hay \$50.00

**Tuesday, Feb. 9** Clear and cold. Yes darned cold. 18 below zero this morning and that's going some. Wrote to Sammy, wist I could see her tonight.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10** Snow this morning hard, then turned to rain and it has just poured. I got wet to the hide and as I have a bad cold now, expect this will about finish me. Got no letter from my Sammy.

**Thursday, Feb. 11** Fair and warm. The roads are just a solid bed of ice, never see it so bad or smooth. Got a letter from Sammy, she like me own self has a bad cold. Mine is just cussed. Bought me a Tenor Horn.

**Friday, Feb. 12** Fair and not very cold. But oh so icy. Never see anything like it. Well tomorrow I will be out with Sammy if it don't storm. I just hope it won't.

**Saturday, Feb. 13** Fair and very warm. Snow melted awfull fast. Another day like this will spoil the sleighing. Sammy went home with me tonight. \$5 due from Birt Young.

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**Sunday, Feb. 14** Overcast and cold all day. Father set two traps last night and I went to them today and had a Hedghog in each. Carried Sammy home tonight, it commenced to snow so I came down to the Beach. Married Miller Ross & Margaret Jackson.

**Monday, Feb. 15** Overcast, snow sleet fog and mist all day raw and cold. Just a bum old day. Decorated a pair of Moccians with Pocopine Quills to wear to the Masquerade.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16** Storm all day hard. Snow sleet and hail and tonight it is storming worse than ever. Got a letter from Hans today he is layed up at a place called Clear Lake Wash, with a busted ankle. Got my Indian Suit from Bannerman.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17** Fair and cold. The cussedest kind of traveling, about a foot of frozen ice fell and it is like driving in dry sand. Letter from Sammy.

**Thursday, Feb. 18** Clear and cold. Big Masquerade Ball at the Grange Hall tonight. 100 couple. 60 couple masked, fine time. Sammy went as a Red Cross Nurse, I as a Red Injun. Lewis Fenwick filled his skin so full of poor whiskey that he just naturally went to sleep, Dead Drunk.

**Friday, Feb. 19** Fair and a little warmer today but tonight it is raining. Hope it won't storm so tomorrow so I can go see my Sammy.

**Saturday, Feb. 20** Fair part of the day. Nice tonight but the front part was rainy, went up and got my Sammy she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Feb. 21** Fair nice warm day. Just lay round home and tooted my old Horn. Percy Cross came over and gave me some lessons.

**Monday, Feb. 22** Fair nice day. Did not have to drive W. Greenlaw called today and gave us all a Ponygraf concert. Sammy and I took a ride up over the field and in pastures. Uper road.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23** Fair and warm the traveling is getting thin. A few more days like this will spoil it. Father hawled me a load of hay 820 lbs. Wrote to Sammy.



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**Wednesday, Feb. 24** Rain hard all day, and still raining tonight. Awfull cold old storm and it is just spoiling the sleighing. Lots of bare spots in the roads. Wrote to Hans today. He is out on the Pacific cost. State of Washington. Bag Oats \$1.70

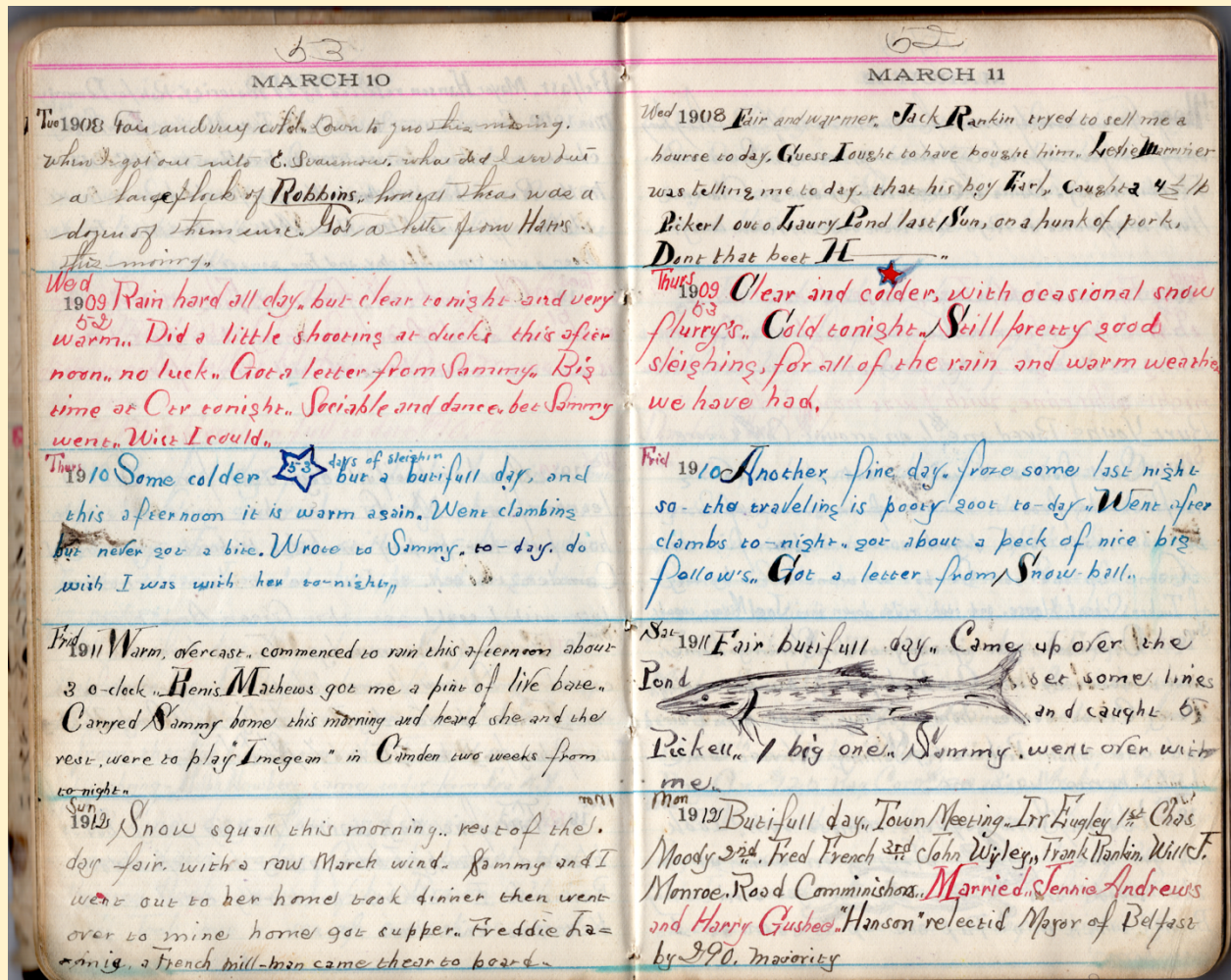
**Thursday, Feb. 25** Warm this morning rain and snow but it has grown colder all day and tonight it is way down below zero. Got a letter from Sammy. Married Ernest Heal via Mattie Thomas. Tim Shod \$1.00

**Friday, Feb. 26** Clear and cussed cold. The roads are just nickle plate with ice. Something cussed. But some bare ground.

**Saturday, Feb. 27** Fair nice day, not very cold. Came up home tonight via the Andrews Pond. Willis and Edna McKinnie are stopping thear in a cottage and I brought them up a load of grub. Sammy came over home with me tonight.

**Sunday, Feb. 28** One fine old day. Sammy and I took a ride. Were up to Hump's for a while this afternoon. P. Cross was up thear, tryed to pump some music into my empty think tank.

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**Monday, Mar. 1** Fair nice day not too cold. Big Mask Ball at Ctr Belmont tonight. Sammy went. Just hope she is having a good time. Rennis Mathews and I went out to the Ctr tonight, to a Band meeting.

**Tuesday, Mar. 2** Snow Slush and Rain. Just one nasty helly of an old day anyway. All clear tonight. Last night Mrs. French got a powerfull fall on the ice and was nearly killt.

**Wednesday, Mar. 3** Fair today quite cold and fine sleighing but tonight Oh my, it is blowing a eastly gale, and will storm something fierce before morning. Just wish I was out with Sammy tonight I do.

**Thursday, Mar. 4** Raw cold and partly stormy. Snow and sleet this forenoon. Raining hard tonight. Orvil Young moved into the Thomas house today. Born to Homer Smith and wife Abbie a Daughter.



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**Friday, Mar. 5** Overcast and snow squalls all day but just elegant traveling. Got a letter from Sammy to day. Father hawled my Guss Gardner log and had it sawed. Hansomest lumber I ever see. David Cross and wife came to day.

**Saturday, Mar. 6** Fair and quite cold. Went and caught little Sammy and carried her home with m. And tonight we set and talked till 3 o'clock. Yow.

**Sunday, Mar. 7** Fair, nice warmish day. Sammy and I went on a ride. Over to the ruins of the Old Pitcher Mill first then to Wilbur Greenlaws, then up to Smike's. Bought a big Phonegraph Horn of Greenlaw.

**Monday, Mar. 8** Clear and cool. Town meeting. Leslie Ames 1<sup>st</sup>, Charles Moody 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chas Stevens 3<sup>rd</sup>. A.F. Hahn Treasurer. In Belfast E.L. Hanson reelected mayor by 21 votes. Paid Mrs. French in full to date \$10.00

**Tuesday, Mar. 9** Clear and cool, fine day. Elegant sleighing roads and a bed of ice, not many bair spots, but it is warmer tonight and will rain before morning.

**Wednesday, Mar. 10** Rain hard all day but clear tonight and very warm. Did a little shooting at ducks this afternoon. No luck. Got a letter from Sammy. Big time at Ctr tonight. Sociable and dance, bet Sammy went. Wish I could.

**Thursday, Mar. 11** Clear and colder, with occasional snow flurry's. Cold tonight. Still pretty good sleighing for all of the rain and warm weather we have had.

**Friday, Mar. 12** Fair and cold. Just a cussed raw wind that cuts clear through one. Well if everything is all right, I shall be with Sammy tomorrow night at this time. Wish I was now I do. Burt Young Payed me \$1 on account. Only \$4 more.

**Saturday, Mar. 13** Fair and cool nice day but its taking the snow off powerfull fast. Sammy went home with me. We went by want of E. Pottles. Dandy shod \$1.

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**Sunday, Mar. 14** Fair nice cold day. Sammy and I went up to Smikes had a nice little viset and a good sleigh ride. Smike played on my tenor. Sweet and [*drawing of cleft and notes*]

**Monday, Mar. 15** Clear crisp and cold. Carried Sammy home in my sleigh went round in it but took wheels down this afternoon. But the traveling is not too bad anyway, wheels or runners.

**Tuesday, Mar. 16** Fair and not very cold. The traveling is very good lots of ice in the roads. Wrote to small Sammy today. Just hope I get a letter from the little girl tomorrow. See a big mink this morning down by the Old Steamboat Wharf.

**Wednesday, Mar. 17** St. Patrick Day Hoorah fur Oald Ireland. Musha. And a damd snowstorm. Gosh, but it has snowed awfull hard all day, a soft slushy mess. Came down in a sleigh. Sammy takes part in a play at the Grange Hall tonight. "A Reglar Fix".

**Thursday, Mar. 18** Snow and blow this forenoon. Fair and cold tonight. About 10 inches snow fell. Got out a set of boat frames and the two stems today. Gwan to build me a skiff.

**Friday, Mar. 19** Fair nice day but a helly of a strong wind. Roads drifted some but pretty good traveling. Got letter from Sammy. She don't think she will go over with me tomorrow night. Smike and fambly are coming down Sunday.

**Saturday, Mar. 20** Butifull day fair and warm. Went over to Sammy's tonight. Hawled over my boat boards. Put my hourse in Josh's barn. Sammy and I spent the evening over at Clara's.

**Sunday, Mar. 21** Fair and warm. Herb and Sarah came down to Sammy's. Smike and I built a boat. Skiff 15 ft long by 28 in wide [*drawing of boat*].

**Monday, Mar. 22** Damd snow squalls all day. Some times it has been an awfull blizzard. It has been what you can call, a son of a bitch of a day. But foin sleighing.

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**Tuesday, Mar. 23** Fair and warm. Well by Gav, but the crowd of hunters that are up here. Tis a trio of boys for sure. Uncle Job Ingraham 74 years, Charles Blackington 78, and Jimmy Wight 79. Now what do you know about that.

**Wednesday, Mar. 24** Fair butifull weather and nice sleighing only a few spots of bair ground. Got a letter from my small Sammy today.

**Thursday, Mar. 25** Warm and overcast all day, and tonight it is raining hard and blowing a awfull gale. Just wish I was out with my small Sammy. I wrote to her today. See 3 Robins today, first this spring.

**Friday, Mar. 26** Overcast. Powerfull wind and rain storm last night. 101 days of sleighing. Line Gale. It washed away the old Steamboat Wharf. Went out on runners this morning but came in on wheels. See a large flock of Blackbirds and many Robins.

**Saturday, Mar. 27** Fair and warmer. Went up and got my small Sammy. She went over home with me.

**Sunday, Mar. 28** Rain hard all day long, and still storming hard tonight. Sammy and I just spent the night sitting up and letting our jaws run.

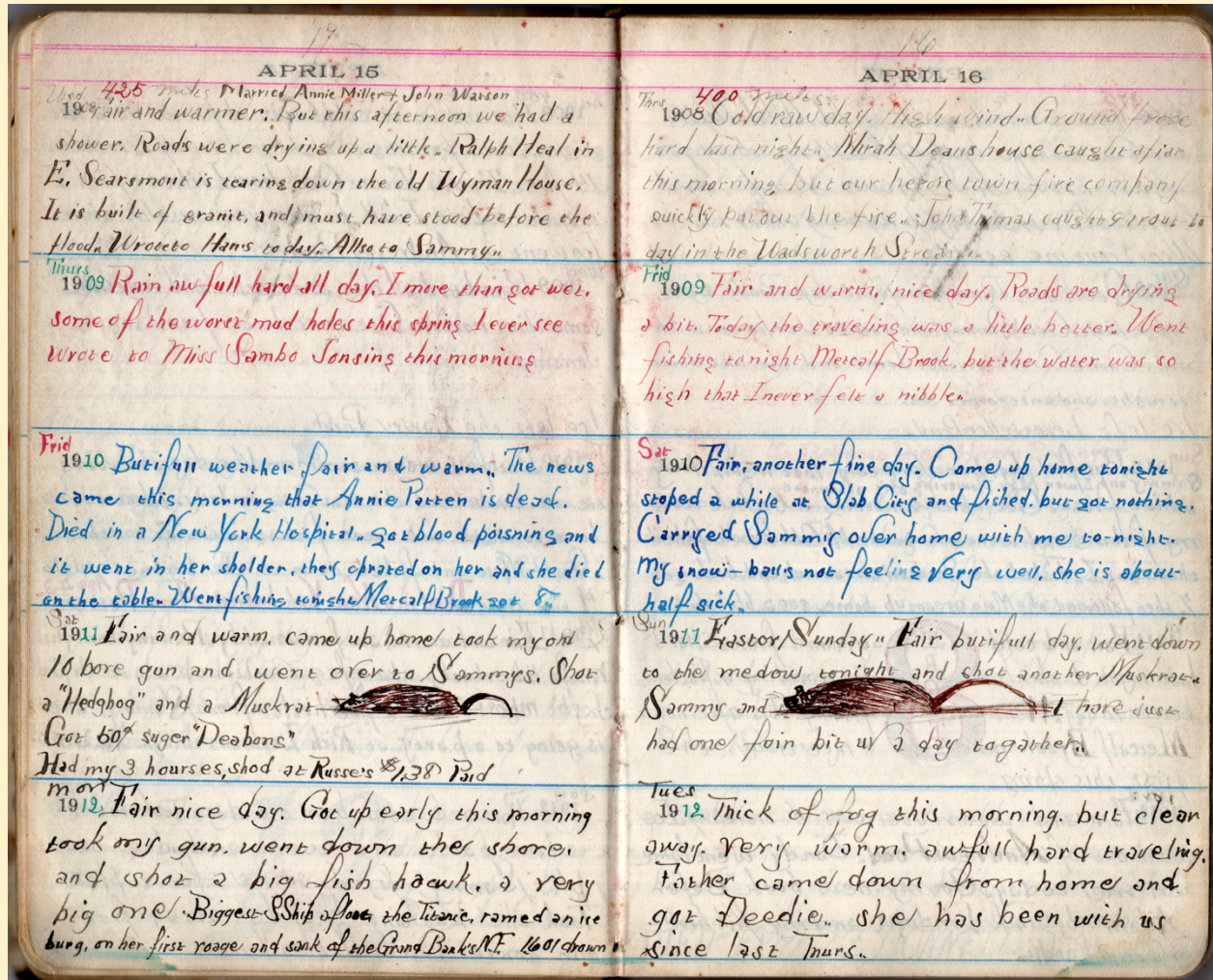
**Monday, Mar. 29** Clear and cool, strong west wind. Sammy and I started for her home this morning at three o'clock and then I came down here, landed at five feetnn [*fifteen?*] See a Blue Bird.

**Tuesday, Mar. 30** Fair and not very cold. Roads are breaking up some, and quite muddy but thear is lots of ice in the roads, so the traveling is not so bad. Made my trip today in 5 ½ hours. Wrote to Sammy.

**Wednesday, Mar. 31** Fair nice day. Snowed a little last night. Got a letter from Sammy, she is not feeling very well. Got cold on our midnight ride.



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**Thursday, Apr. 1** Fair and some colder. Ground froze hard last night, so the traveling was pretty good today. Earl Hannon and I went fishing for Flounders tonight. Got 24. Wrote to my Sambo Jonsing.

**Friday, Apr. 2** Fair butifull clear day. Traveling pretty hard but not as bad as it will be. Frost now coming out in many places. Got a letter from Sammy today. Will see her tomorrow I hope.

**Saturday, Apr. 3** Snow most all day. Overcast tonight. Sammy went over home with me. Calked my new boat this afternoon. Herb Thomas bought the old Hills farm today.

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**Sunday, Apr. 4** Snow hard last night ground white this morning but it cleared off nice and warm. Sammy and I went on a long walk down to the stream.

**Monday, Apr. 5** Fair and very warm. Mud drying up a very little, but the traveling is still very bum. Carried Sammy home this morning. Went after muskrat tonight. No luck. Paid Mrs. French in full to date \$10.00

**Tuesday, Apr. 6** Fair nice warm day, but tonight it is overcast, looks like rain. Wrote a letter to my small Sammy today and just do wish I was with her tonight. I do.

**Wednesday, Apr. 7** Fair and very warm. Awfull hard traveling. The woress we have had this year. It took me six hours to make my route. Overcast tonight and will rain tomorrow. Got a letter from my Sammy.

**Thursday, Apr. 8** Fair, one of the blowyiest day I ever see. Gee but it has blown something fierce all day. The traveling is powerfull bad. Roads full of big holes. Emery went fishing today and got 3 fine trout.

**Friday, Apr. 9** Snow all day hard. A soft nasty storm but fair and cold tonight. Ground is froze hard. Got a letter from Hans Rankin. He is in Vallyjo Calif.

**Saturday, Apr. 10** Clear and fair, cold wind blowing like the devil. Went over to Sammy's and stoped tonight. Smike put our new Skif in the meadow.

**Sunday, Apr. 11** Fair and cold. Smike and I went on a little fishing and duck shooting expidition, but got nothing. We ran the Calderwood Rapped's in the new boat. Gad but she is a bird.

**Monday, Apr. 12** Clear and awfull cold. Strong southerly wind been blowing all day. Went trouting this afternoon. Metcalf Brook. 12 Trout.

**Tuesday, Apr. 13** Butifull warm day. Fine. Mud drying up a very little. Wrote a letter to my Sammy. Went over to Orren Ames and built my multiplying Reel over. Ice went out of Andrews Pond.

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**Wednesday, Apr. 14** Rain hard all day and such damd traveling, something rotten. Got a nice letter from Sambo Jonsing. Ice left the Lawry Pond.

**Thursday, Apr. 15** Rain awfull hard all day. I more than got wet. Some of the worst mud holes this spring I ever see. Wrote to Miss Sambo Jonsing this morning.

**Friday, Apr. 16** Fair and warm, nice day. Roads are drying a bit. Today the traveling was a little better. Went fishing tonight Metcalf Brook but the water was so high that I never felt a nibble.

**Saturday, Apr. 17** Overcast. Rain part of the day. Roads drying up a little. Got Sammy and carried her home with me. Carrie Greenlaw out home and she was down tonight and entertained us. Ice left Levenseller Pond.

**Sunday, Apr. 18** Fair and butifull this morning. Went down to the stream for a little while but no luck. Water too high. Sammy and I went after mayflowers. Came home by the Old Gould Mill. Percy Cross over home been giving me lessons on my horn.

**Monday, Apr. 19** Fair overcast and a heavy Thunder Shower first this year. See two Yellowhammers today. Went fishing Metcalf Brook and got nothing but a good wetting mit the shower.

**Tuesday, Apr. 20** Fair butifull day. The traveling is improving fast. Ground settled in many places, and the mud drying up. Wrote to Sambo Jonsing. Sent order to Sears Roebuck.

**Wednesday, Apr. 21** Fair nice clear and cool day. Ground getting settled fast. Got a letter from Sammy. Went fishing Metcalf Brook this afternoon but the brook is fished to death no trout in it. Trout 3.

**Thursday, Apr. 22** Rain this morning, but clear away and it has been nice and warm, the first really warm day this spring. Sent my small Sammy a letter. Just wish I could see her tonight.



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**Friday, Apr. 23** Overcast this morning. Came on to rain early in the forenoon, and kept it up all day. Fair tonight. M. and I went down long shore tonight duck hunting. Got. Gut's. Died in Belmont Genie Thomas age 80.

**Saturday, Apr. 24** Showers, cold and raw. Came up to my Sammy's and got her, and she went over home with me. Awfull cold tonight. Hans Rankin came home from California.

**Sunday, Apr. 25** Just a mean cold old day. Sammy and I intended going after May Flowers but it is too cold. So I went alone. Fished a little while, but the stream is too high. 3 Trout.

**Monday, Apr. 26** Overcast. Just a mean dull cold old day. Snowed a little and awfull cold. Carried my Sammy home this morning and Lena McKinney rode down with me. She teaches the Beech School.

**Tuesday, Apr. 27** Fair and very cold last night. The ground froze solid. Nothing doing in this bum old burg. The roads are about all settled no bad mud holes and it is pretty good traveling. Rash Thomas came home from Roxbury.

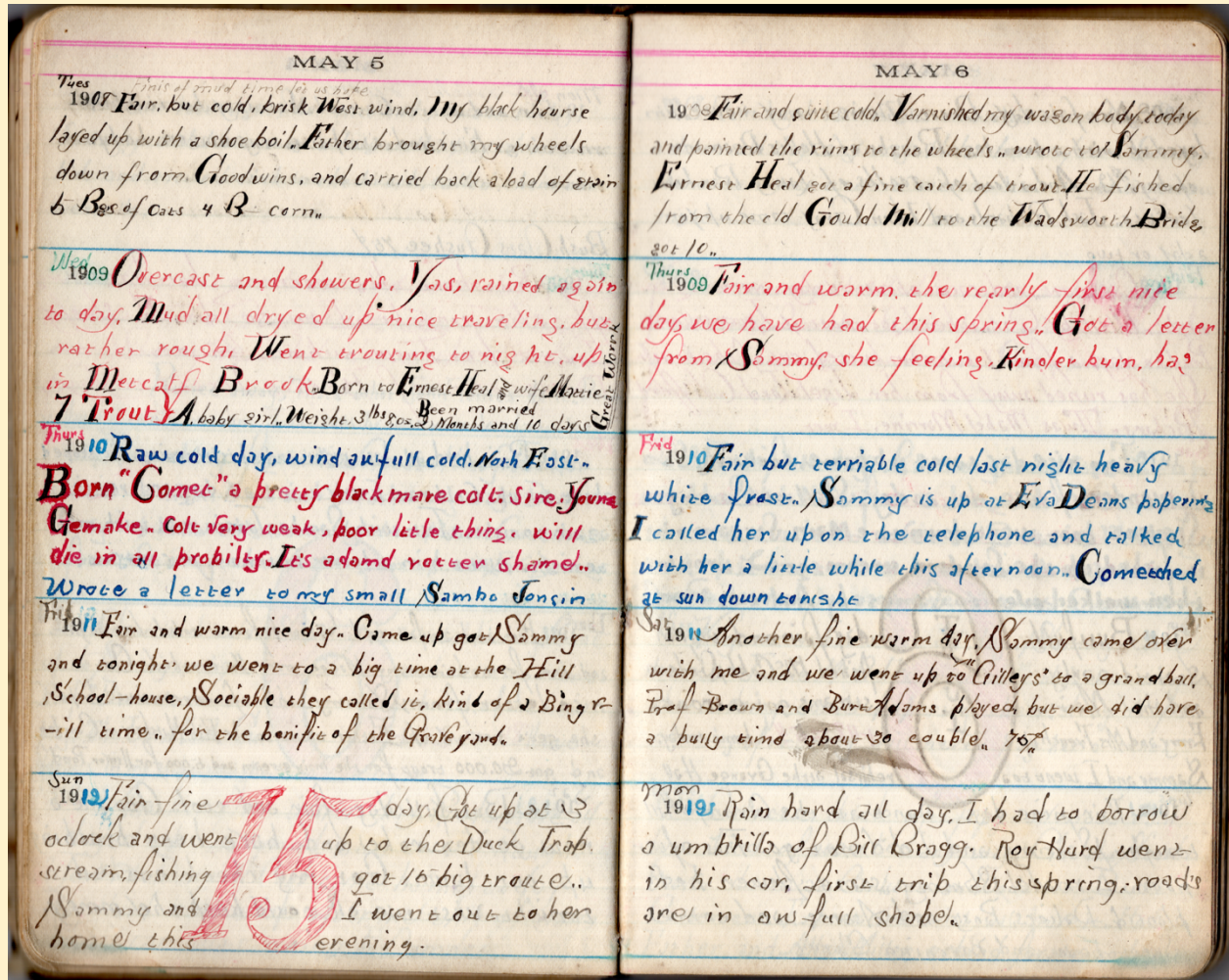
**Wednesday, Apr. 28** Rain hard all day, just a mean cold cussed old day. An awfull cold storm. Got a letter from Sammy allso one from Spencer Eaton & Co. Stoped useing Tobacco.

**Thursday, Apr. 29** Fair and very cold. Ground froze hard and ice formed strong enough to bear a man. And when I got up by the Harvill place today well thear was my Sammy.

**Friday, Apr. 30** Awfull cold, one of the worst old days on record. It has snowed about all day and so blamd cold. I nearly froze. Got our stuff from S.R. & Co today.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1909



**Saturday, May 1** Rain hard most all day. Carried Sammy's S.R. & Co up to her today. Her mover [Mother?] is sick so she could not come over home with me but I did just went over to her house.

**Sunday, May 2** Fair and colder than any kind of old hinges. Went fishing down by the Calderwood Place this morning. Water too high did not get any. Married Nate Clark & Edith Hall. Aint that good? [Nate Clark was accused of burning down Tranquility Grange in 1908]

**Monday, May 3** Fair nice clear and cold day. Big time at the Grange Hall, Dance. I come out Sammy & I did dance the Kan Kan. Runed away, That's what John Tomas done. Being as Mattie is comin in soon. John says he just won't be a Gran Pop.

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**Tuesday, May 4** Rain hard this morning but has cleared off a bit tonight. I am so damned sleepy. I just don't know whair I'm at. Drove one of Furnell horses today.

**Wednesday, May 5** Overcast and showers. Yas, rained again today. Mud all dried up nice traveling but rather rough. Went trouting tonight up in Metcalf Brook. Born to Ernest Heal and wife Mattie a baby girl weight 3 lbs 8 oz. Been married 2 months and 10 days. Great work. 7 Trout.

**Thursday, May 6** Fair and warm the really first nice day we have had this spring. Got a letter from Sammy, she feeling Kinder bum, ha?

**Friday, May 7** Overcast and rain about all day, storming tonight. Well by Gar, when I got most up Levenseller Pond today, a femail woman busted out of the brush. She has runed away from her Ligel Lord Clifford Richards. Twas Mabel Marriner I met. [*Mabel was a schoolteacher in Searsmont, daughter of Leroy Marriner*]

**Saturday, May 8** Fair nice day. Well I didn't, and in all probability never will this was the day. Drove up to Sammy's. Hans was thear. We went down to the Meadow Stream tryed my Sanpan. Sammy went over home with me tonight. [*this whole entry is bracketed*]

**Sunday, May 9** Overcast fogg. Got up at 3 A.M. Sammy and I drove over to Humps. And Hump McKinney, Hump Leadbetter and my own self fished all the Searsmont Brooks flowing into Georgie River. We got awfull tired but no fish. 5 Trout.

**Monday, May 10** Allmost fair, yes fair out back, but fog on the shore. I am so lame and tired can hardly walk a step. Carried Sammy home this morning. Paid Mrs. French in full \$12.50

**Tuesday, May 11** Damd such cussed weather, anyway, it is raining hard again this morning and I amin for a wet jacket.

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**Wednesday, May 12** Butifull day fair and fine. Lost my long barrel revolver up in the G. Young [*Gideon Young*] Road. Oswald Young of the long beak found it. Harry Jackson \$28, Goodwin \$1.50 Rankin \$35 Litchfield & Mills \$5.16 Total \$69.66. 6 Trout.

**Thursday, May 13** Fair butifull day. Yes elegant. One of the best that I can remember. Father hawled me a load of hay from Frank LLSellers [*Levensellers*] 1040 lb @ \$15 pr = \$7.85

**Friday, May 14** Fair nice day only one small shower. Pretty good. I calked the bottom of my dory tonight and renailed her garboards. Got a kink mit my back in and do feel bum. Sent Sears Roebuck for me a new knife.

**Saturday, May 15** Fair nice day, went up and got Sammy, she went over home with me. Drove Moxie down to the office this afternoon. Went fishing tonight. Thear is no trout to catch this spring. 2 Trout.

**Sunday, May 16** Fair nice day. Got up early 3 A.M. went over to the Bryant Place and fished the McCobb Stream. Fished the Wadsworth Stream up allso the Stetson stream. Awfull poor fishing only got 10 Trout.

**Monday, May 17** Nice day I guess but I have been so blamed sick all day that I just don't seem to remember much about it. One of my old Wolf Larson headaches. Ah!

**Tuesday, May 18** Overcast showers rather bum old day. This afternoon I renailed the lower laps on our dory. If it is warm tomorrow will paint her. Wrote Sammy a letter today.

**Wednesday, May 19** Overcast, one bum day some showers. Did some work on dory. Put four new thwarts in her. Got a letter from Sammy.

**Thursday, May 20** Fair nice day. Broke and enter that's what happened to Kate Marriners last night. Some pusson, unknown, broke into her house last night, hit her a welt in the jaw, choked her to sleep and swiped \$30. Got away. [*Katherine Marriner in Searsmont?*]



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1909

**Friday, May 21** Fair but not very warm. Raw and cold. Today I had Tim's sholder cut open shoe boil. Freeman of Rockland. God only knows how he will get over it if he ever does.

**Saturday, May 22** Butifull clear warm showery old kind of a day. Went over to Sammy's tonight. Just gawing to stop over Sunday with her. We have had much company tonight.

**Sunday, May 23** Fair butifull day. Sammy and I have had a fine day together. All to our self's. We went up in the grove and got lots of big yellow violets. Fine time did we have.

**Monday, May 24** Hot as the color of this ink. [Red] Just a boiling old day. I suppose it's a natural consiquence following the suicide last night of one Lean Armstrong. It just would have to be some warm. He's boiling.

**Tuesday, May 25** Overcast, showers this morning, fair and cold tonight. Emery and I went up the brook (Metcalf) fishing this afternoon. Got a fine lot put them in Chas Pendleton's Pond. 12 Trout.

**Wednesday, May 26** Dance and a foin old day both on the same night, had a rotten time. Paid that damd Ed Goodwin what I owe him. Some body trowed a hunk of rock troo the window tonight breaking two shabs of glass, allso barking Dick Crooker's leg.

**Thursday, May 27** Fair butifull warm summer day. Raw and cold tonight. Accoden to the above entry [*One year earlier entry*] I was tired. I still am. Orren Ames repaired a wheel for me. .75¢

**Friday, May 28** Rain hard all day, just a cussed old day anyway and didn't I get good and wet. Well rather moist, I recon. Hope it no will rain tomorrow want to go out see my Sammy. My Sammy at a distance still. No nearer today than a year ago.

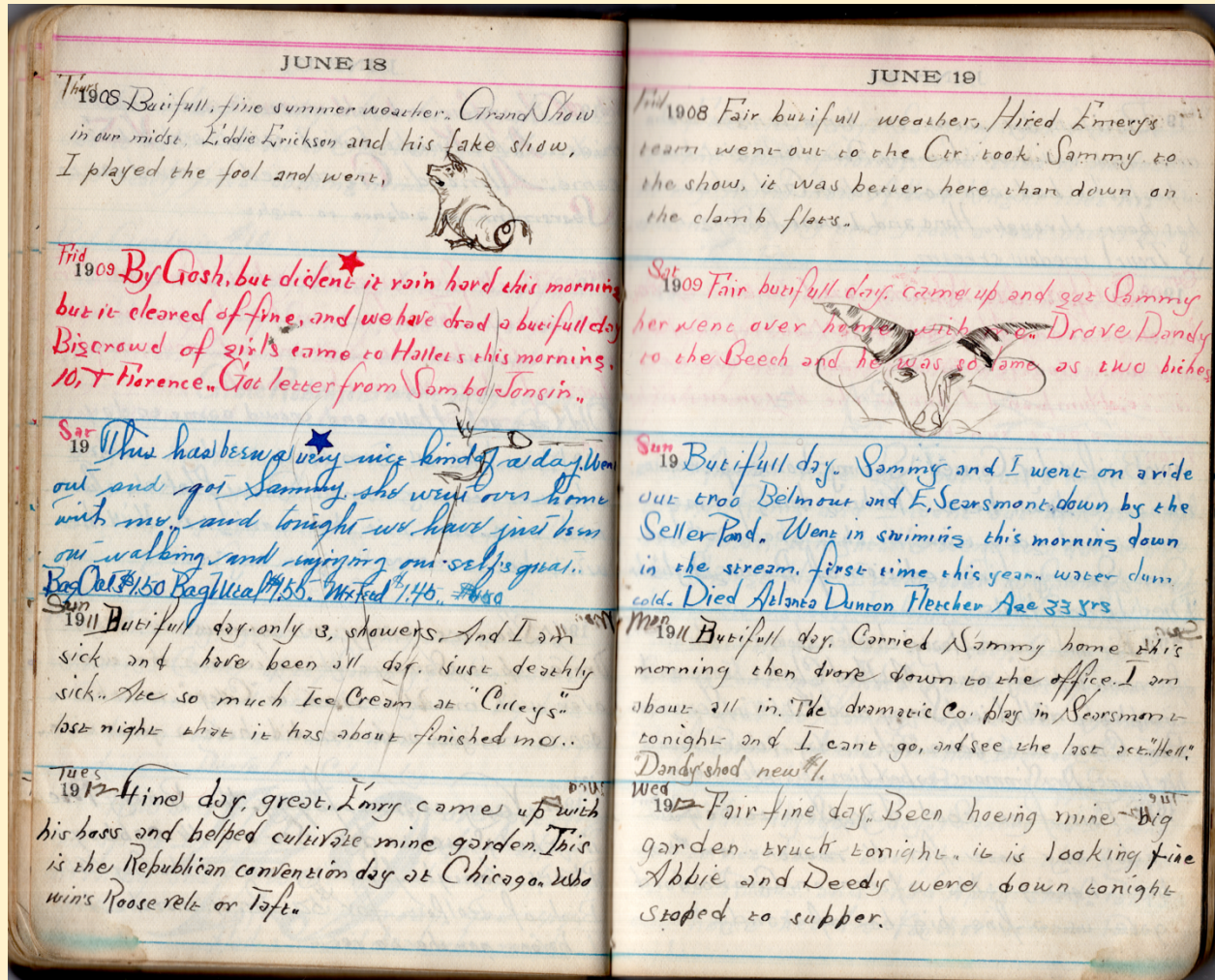
**Saturday, May 29** Rain most all the day just a damd nasty old kind of a day anyhow. Went up and got Sammy. She went over with me.

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**Sunday, May 30** Butifull day. Sammy and I went up to Smike's, then Hump and I went fishing. No trout. Could not find any. But talk about White Pirch. Well rather, the brook, or outlet from LLsellers Pond was full of them.

**Monday, May 31** Butifull day, big time at the Ctr. Memorial Service. Sammy and I went up L.H. Knights. I bought me a new wagon. \$70. Robe \$2.50. Ball game at Ctr Lincolnville via Camden. Camden won 12-5.

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**Tuesday, Jun. 1** Nother pootty day. Here's a good one, wish I could see Sammy. We had a most finest time yesterday, fought most all day and how we did enjoy it. Well rath I should say.

**Wednesday, Jun. 2** Another butifull day. This morning when I went to the stabel to feed, I found Dandy down. Got cast and pounded his self up some. Expect he will be down tomorrow morning. Wrote my Sammy today.

**Thursday, Jun. 3** Very foine day. Warm as summer. Yes that damd hourse of mine was down again this morning and if he is tomorrow someone else will own him. Total Eclips of the Moon tonight. We got a bully look at it. W



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**Friday, Jun. 4** Butifull day, foine. My Sammy is at work today for old aunt Noyes, damd old bitch is she. I went out with Sid Pendleton this afternoon to his salmon nets. Wrote my Sambo Jonsing. Died Myrick Richards my uncle.

**Saturday, Jun. 5** Showers, bum old day. Went over to my Sammy's tonight. She has been working for old aunt Noyes. She walked down in the rain tonight. Dr. V. Z. and Seth Jorden came, they are putting a new 17 1/2 h.p. engine in Dr's boat.

**Sunday, Jun. 6** Butifull warm summer day. Went down to the Medow Stream fishing, caught me fine big Pickerel. Got capsised out from my Sampan. Died John Dean.

**Monday, Jun. 7** Another butifull summer day. Wrote a letter from my Sammy. Bought of R. Furnall Bay Mare "Molly" 6 yrs old. \$165. God what a price. Paid Mrs. French board in full to date \$10.00

**Tuesday, Jun. 8** Fair and warm today, but colder tonight with a very strong west wind. Went over to Orren's this afternoon, and built me a rudder for my Sampan.

**Wednesday, Jun. 9** Another butifull day, a foine one. Got a letter from my Sammy but what good is that, I want her my Sambo Jonsin. Just wish I was out with her tonight.

**Thursday, Jun. 10** This has been a foine bit of a day but tonight it is overcast and commencing to rain. Dandy was cast again this morning and I had to help him up. I saw whair somebody will own a Dandy horse soon.

**Friday, Jun. 11** Butifull day but just a little mite warm. Went out with Dr. Vz tonight in his boat. He has just put a 17 1/2 hp engine in her and as for going well rather. Got a letter from my Sammy.

**Saturday, Jun. 12** Fair and warm, nice day. Came up home got ready, went over to Sammy's and got her then we went up to Smike's. Kind of a party. Perry Cross, Harry & Oliver Knight, Bernard Lermond, Mabel Peavey and Grace Robinson were thear.

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**Sunday, Jun. 13** Butifull day. Got my Skiff put in the LL'seller Pond. Put a keel on her and went sailing. Caught 9 White Pirch. Sammy Sarah and the kids up at the Pond.

**Monday, Jun. 14** Fair and very warm. Yes damd hot that's what we have had today. Carried my Sammy home this mawning. Just wish I was with her tonight. Died Benson Sherman.

**Tuesday, Jun. 15** Butifull warm summer day. Fine. V.J. and Jorden sailed for Bangor in thear yact Veda this morning. New Str City of Belfast made her first trip today. Twin screw, Tirbine Engine. Fast. Swapped waggons L.H. Knight got a light Watertown Road Waggon.

**Wednesday, Jun. 16** Fair butifull day. Great. Got a letter from my Sammy. My Sammy, and such a good good letter. Just wish I was out home with her tonight. I do. Grace Robinson went away today to Cushing. Had Molly shod today Goodwin \$1.00

**Thursday, Jun. 17** Thick fog down here but fine out in the cuntry. This afternoon I took my new dip net and bailed out a quart of mummy chubs lots of them up in the marsh. Old Gut ache Hallet and crowd came today.

**Friday, Jun. 18** By Gosh, but didnt it rain hard this morning but it cleared off fine, and we have had a butifull day. Big crowd of girls came to Hallets this morning. 10 + Florence. Got letter from Sambo Jonsin.

**Saturday, Jun. 19** Fair butifull day. Came up and got Sammy. Her went over home with me. Drove Dandy to the Beach and he was so lame as two bitches.

**Sunday, Jun. 20** Butifull day. Sammy and I went up to LL'seller Pond. Have got a sail on my sampan and we saled it over the water and under it too. Hump and I put in the day in our right and got a good sunburn.

**Monday, Jun. 21** Hot enough to melt the hinges right off of hell by gar. Have had a bum headache all day. My new horse Molly has a butifull case of horse aie.

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**Tuesday, Jun. 22** Still melting, awfull hot weather. Came down with Tim this afternoon it's the first time I have had him down here for over two months.

**Wednesday, Jun. 23** And this has been another hot old day. Reglar ring tail peeler. No letter from my small Sambo. Went down to Mrs. Wheeler, help Lush Knight load a pinoe [*piano?*]

**Thursday, Jun. 24** Hotter than the hinges of Hell. Just a boiling hot spell. Got a letter from my Sambo Jonsin, she is helping Mrs. Noyes. Dr. Heart of Camden killed a woman today mit his Hell Waggon.

**Friday, Jun. 25** If the hinges of Hell were hot yesterday, they have surely melted today. This afternoon been playing cards on Dr. VZ's boat. He and Jordan blew in last night.

**Saturday, Jun. 26** Still hot. Came up home and went fishing down in the Main Stream [*Ducktrap?*]. Went over and got Sammy, she came home wit me. 13 Trout.

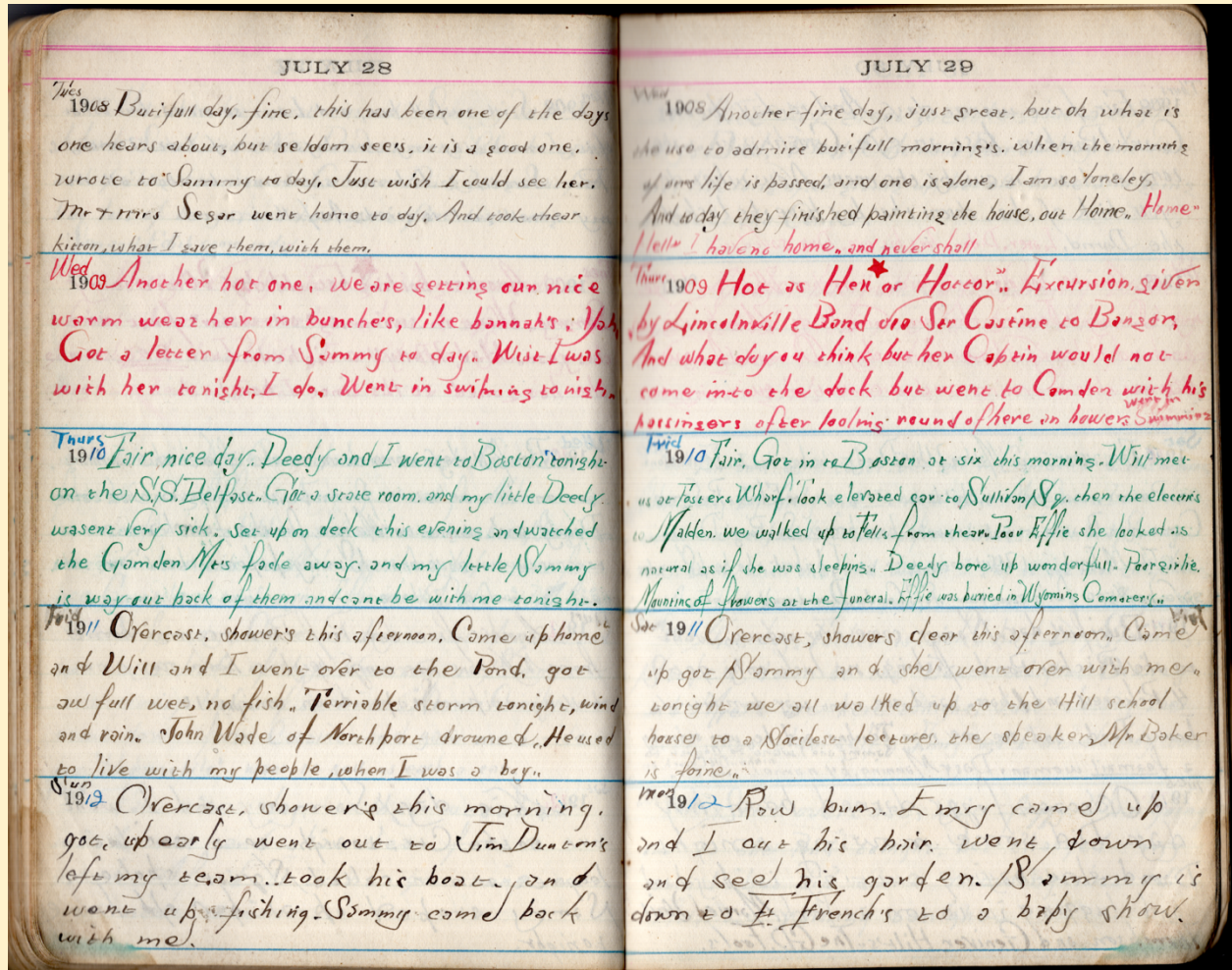
**Sunday, Jun. 27** Another fine warm day. Father went to Camden and got Deedy Tomp this morning. Put my boat in the LL-seller Pond. Sammy Herb T and Abbie came up and we all had a row. Went swimin, Sammy paddled the boat.

**Monday, Jun. 28** Fair and warm, carried Small Sammy home this morning. Just wish I could see her tonight, my small girrl. And we did not have any mad on's this time eather.

**Tuesday, Jun. 29** Another butifull day, fine, and a bit cooler than it has been for the last week. Wrote to my small Sammy today. Oh yes, when I got into the office this afternoon Mae was having a bullins or bawling spell. Don't know why. [*Tom Gushee's daughter?*]

**Wednesday, Jun. 30** A butifull warm day. Got a letter from my small Sammy she is at home this week. Brother Bill, split his thumb into two thumbs while splitting wood, with an ax.

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**Thursday, Jul. 1** Very hot. Powerfull dad drouth we are now having and what do you think Herb Thomas has been plowing today, intends planting more potatoes. He has six acers in the ground now. Orren Dean's wife and kids came today for the summer.

**Friday, Jul. 2** Fair butifull day. Just a little cooler than yesterday. Dident get no letter from my Temp today now that's no way to use a poor bie, I know.

**Saturday, Jul. 3** Rain almost all day, it's a good one but can't say as I like it much. Got my Sammy tonight, she came home with me.

**Sunday, Jul. 4** Butifull day, fine. Sammy and I went to LLseller Pond, took one Oren Dean. Hump was thear too, got a few fish, but it is blamed poor



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fishing. Went trouting this morning. Married Lewis Fenwick and Gertrude Whitcome. 13 Trout.

**Monday, Jul. 5** Another butifull day. Sammy and I up to Hump's, we all went up the Pond and had dinner. Went to dance at Ctr tonight. Clint and Phil Thomas had it in the old Band Hall. Had a hundred couple and a slick time.

**Tuesday, Jul. 6** Rain quite hard this morning, but clear away and its been a fine day, till tonight, and then the rain came down again in bunches. And bi Gar, I am too tired to write so am going to my bunk.

**Wednesday, Jul. 7** And tis a most butifull day, clear and cool, just elegant. Wrote a letter to Sammy. Blanch French Carver is a grass widow tonight both of her husbands have gone away. Burt and Lester Carver I mean.

**Thursday, Jul. 8** Fair and butifull this morning, but it commenced to thunder about noon and we have had three heavy showers and quite a hail storm. Got a letter from Sammy, my small Sammy, goes up to old Benson Noyes to work tomorrow.

**Friday, Jul. 9** One butifull clear cool day. Just fine and I suppose Sammy is up at old Benson's now for a week or two. Will she ever be with me I wonder. See her tomorrow. Dandy shod.

**Saturday, Jul. 10** Nice day. Sammy been working up at Ben's. Went up to Humps and got her tonight. She did not come home with me. Just tired.

**Sunday, Jul. 11** Overcast a fog spell. Got Sammy this morning and we went down to Cobb town got M. [Minot] Drinkwater's boat went fishing Pitcher Pond. No luck, a few small bass.

**Monday, Jul. 12** Overcast just same, carried my Sammy home this morning but just wish didnt ever have to carry her away from my own self.

**Tuesday, Jul. 13** Foggy this morning but all clear away good. Mrs and Mr French went out to Andrews Pond fishing. Got none. Wrote my Sammy Jonsing today. Father bought of O.E. French new Buckeye Horse Rake \$17.00

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**Wednesday, Jul. 14** Butifull hot day. Yes hot as the place I am every day drawing nigh. And I got a letter from my small Sammy and wrote her one this morning. Geo Woodward and a party of friends went out to Maiden Cliff today I bet they lathered wit thear crotch! in. Tim Shod.

**Thursday, Jul. 15** Fair, booty full fine summer day, but it's a storm comming. Everybody busy haying, lots of hay down today. Just wish I was with Sammy Jonsing tonight.

**Friday, Jul. 16** Come in thick fog this morning, then commenced to rain and its been one bum and nasty old day. And I want my own Small Sammy. Will see her tomorrow if the Goot Gott is willen.

**Saturday, Jul. 17** Fair one durned fine day. Sammy went over home wit me and we have just been having one L. of a time and aint I glad I am with that small Sammy of the Durch neck tonight

**Sunday, Jul. 18** Fair summer day. Sammy and I went on long ride out by the LLSeller Pond, throe Seasmont and up on the Mt back of Wales, and thear we had our dinner all to our self's. G. what fun.

**Monday, Jul. 19** Still my birthday, I am only a year older than when I made the above entry, but I feel fine. Butifull day carried my Sammy home this morning. And I am Thirty One today. Gee aint I old.

**Tuesday, Jul. 20** Overcast showers most all day, bum old weather anyway, wrote a letter to my own small Sammy today just with she was with me tonight. Died, Stimp Rhodes, an old old man at the Trap over 90 yr's. Hump McKinney caught a big Pickrel today 4 lbs 25 in long at LLSeller Pond.

**Wednesday, Jul. 21** This was just a fine wombochler of a old day. I did not get any letter from Sammy, now what the dickens can the matter be now. Big crowd from here gone to Islesboro to a dance tonight.

**Thursday, Jul. 22** Overcast bum old day. Fogg all time. Got letter from Sammy. Poor kid she was doubly cursed yesterday. Mrs. Wellman and the toothache. No wonder she did not write. Did today though.

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**Friday, Jul. 23** Overcast thick of fogg, bum rotten a damn nasty old day. Will see my Sammy tomorrow I do so want to, my small small Sammy.

**Saturday, Jul. 24** Still thick of fogg and Hump McKinney was up at the Seller Pond today when I went along with (2) 3 1/2 lb Pickerel's - 24 and 25 in long. Sammy went home with me tonight.

**Sunday, Jul. 25** Just a butifull fair summer day. Hump McK came over this morning and we went fishing Pitcher Pond. No luck. No fish. Got some Pond Lily Root's and Sammy and I planted them tonight in Seller Pond.

**Monday, Jul. 26** Hot ye verily. Just boiling, cussed, do feel bum when the glass is up to 100 degrees in the shade. Wish I could see Sammy tonight. I do. I do.

**Tuesday, Jul. 27** Another boiling hot old day. Wrote to my Sammy. Went in swimming (salt water) first time this year. Had Molly weighed. Just 900 strong she has gained 30 lbs since I bought her.

**Wednesday, Jul. 28** Another hot one. We are getting our nice warm weather in bunches, like bannah's. Yah. Got a letter from Sammy today. Wish I was with her tonight, I do. Went in swimming tonight.

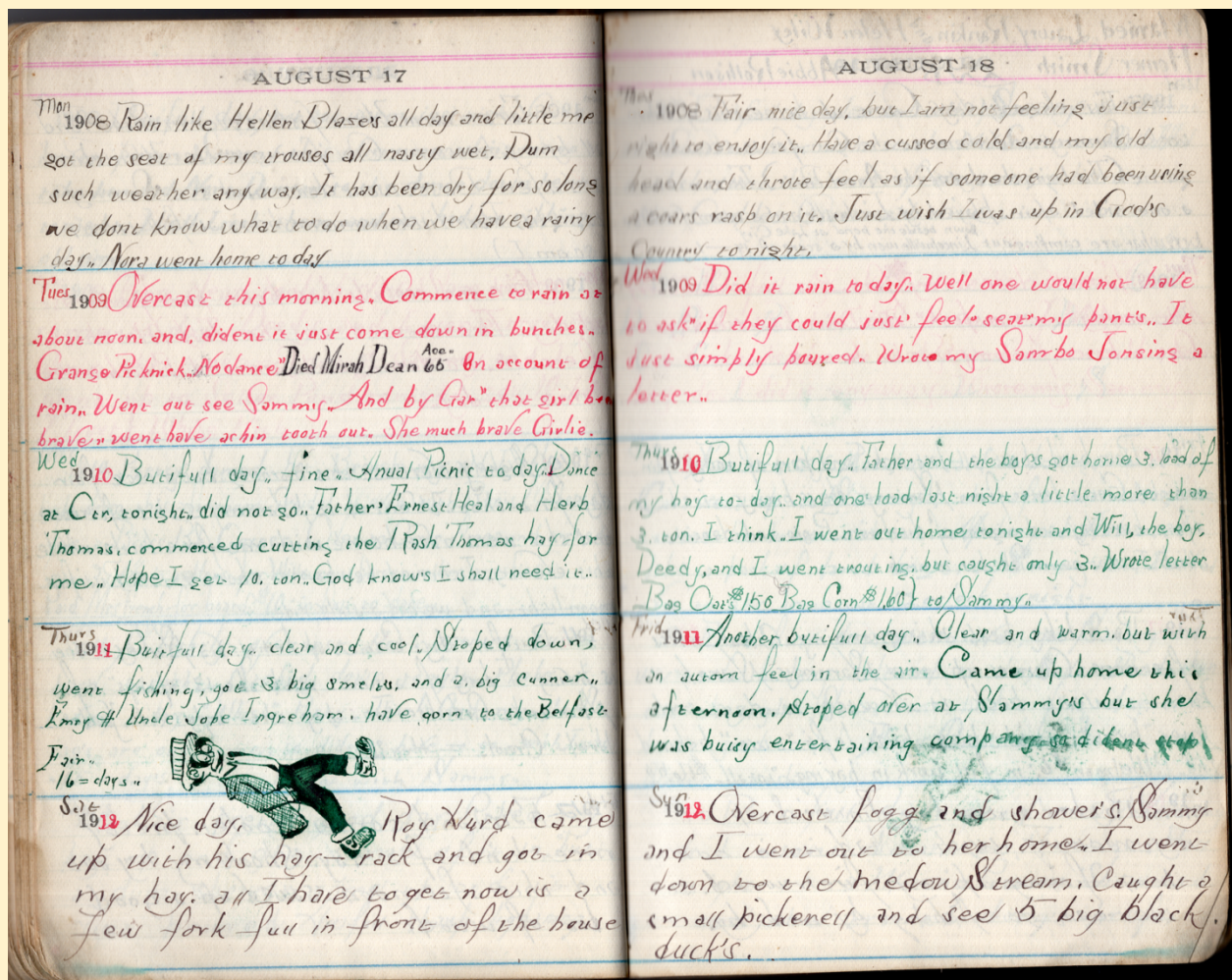
**Thursday, Jul. 29** Hot as hell or hotter. Excursion given by Lincolnville Band via Str Castine to Bangor. And what do you think but her Captin would not come into the dock but went to Camden with his passingers after lolling round of here an hower. Went in swimming.

**Friday, Jul. 30** Another hot old day. Just a scorcher. Wish I could see my Sammy Jonsing this mawning I do. We have had two heavy showers today. Ormand Law came this morning and we went in swimming tonight.

**Saturday, Jul. 31** Another butifull day. Sammy went over home with me and we had a bit of a good time this evening. Sammy's a good girl.



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**Sunday, Aug. 1** Butifull summer day. Sammy's mother sick. Phoned for Temp. and I carried her home. Pretty sick Sammy is her own self. Went up Seller Pond painted my boat.

**Monday, Aug. 2** Buttiful day fine. Wonder how my Sambo is making it. Just feel worried. Two of M's friends are here from Wocester Disney & Myers. Allso much liker.

**Tuesday, Aug. 3** Hot as the furnace of Hell or hotter. Went frog hunting this afternoon with Myers and Disnei, had frog's legs fried for supper.

**Wednesday, Aug. 4** Nother hot old day, but we can manage to stand it if we have plenty of Sterling Ale to wash our stumocks out with, and thear is surely a lot of it in the house now. Big old Masquerade Ball here tonight.



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**Thursday, Aug. 5** Butifull warm summer day. Slightly overcast with light showers tonight. Got a letter from my Sammy today. Gee, but didnt it seem queer not to have my own little girl with me. Paid C. E. French \$75 My Furnall note. Died Lidie Dean

**Friday, Aug. 6** Butifull warm summer day. Youngtown S.S. had their annual picnic at Crehore Grove mit a ball game. Roy and I went up a little while. I wrote to my small Sammy girl today. Hope she is OK.

**Saturday, Aug. 7** Fair and very warm. Came up home early, got Sammy and we went up to Seller Pond and painted my boat. Sammy's mother sick so she not come home mit me. Note to R. Furnall for \$75 due today. Paid August 5, 1909.

**Sunday, Aug. 8** Terriable hot day. Just awful. Sammy and I went up to Seller Pond. Boat leak like a sive. Sink her swim ashore. Big shower came up drive down to Smike's, put team in barn, rain like Helly.

**Monday, Aug. 9** Another hot old day. With several brisk showers. Drove down and see Sammy a little while this morning. My Sammy how I wish we were together all of the time.

**Tuesday, Aug. 10** Fair mixed with showers. Thear has been several today. Went to Camden with Emery tonight. A crowd of six pusson's stopped here tonight and I stopped up at Phebe's. Yow. Wouldent Sammy be mad.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11** Butifull clear and cold. But Sammy has just played me a mean old trick. No letter came and that's what makes me mad.

**Thursday, Aug. 12** Just one clear cool butifull day, fine. Got a letter from my small girl Sammy and I am afraid she is some down on her luck, somehow.

**Friday, Aug. 13** Just a nice kind of a day. Wrote to my Sammy Kinney and will be with her tomorrow at this time. She is such a good girl. Died Henry Duncan "Old Shackle" Shanks

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**Saturday, Aug. 14** Fair and some cooler. Went up and got Sammy and we went up to the Seller Pond. I got my boat up and bailed out, had it sunk for the past week. Sammy came over home with me.

**Sunday, Aug. 15** Fine clear coolish day. Sam Perry came today. Deedy and I went trouting down the stream got 7. Sammy and I went up to Seller Pond tonight got 10 big White Pirch. 7 Trout.

**Monday, Aug. 16** Fair and cool it has been partly overcast all day. Fire started on the Trap Mt. this afternoon. No damage. Sam and Edith went home today.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17** Overcast this morning. Commence to rain about noon, and didnt it just come down in bunches. Grange Picknick. No dance on account of rain. Went out to see Sammy. And by Gar that girl been brave, went have achin tooth out. She much brave Girlie. Died Mirah Dean age 65

**Wednesday, Aug. 18** Did it rain today. Well one would not have to ask if they could just feel the seat of my pants. It just simply poured. Wrote my Sambo Jonsing a letter.

**Thursday, Aug. 19** Fair all clear away fine. But it is just a very little muddy so's to speak. Mrs. Dean buried today. Got a letter from my Sambo Jonsin.

**Friday, Aug. 20** Butifull day clear and rather warm. Carlo Don Pedro Rankin shook a quart of Manhattan Club cocktails at me today and what could a poor boy do. I did it anyway. I wrote my Sammy.

**Saturday, Aug. 21** Fair nice day, went up and got my Sammy tonight and she went over home with me and we just had the mostest fun tonight.

**Sunday, Aug. 22** Butifull warm summer day. Sammy and I went over to her house early this morning. Hump and his fambily came down. Smike and I runned away down to the Ctr, Play Ball.

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**Monday, Aug. 23** Fair and darned warm. Ye hot as L or hotter. Roy Hurd got his new A.J. Aubrey shotgun from Sears Roebuck this morning. She's a buty, 28 inch barrel, 12 gage. Sammy had a gold crown put on one of her teeth today.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24** And this has been a fine yallar kind of a day. Wrote my small Sammy this morning. She had a Gold cap put on one of her [??] teeth, fine job. Killed in N.Y. on tugboat "Bee" George Drinkwater. Boiler exploded.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25** HOT Hottest and hotter. Terriable. And this is the Anual Picnic day. I drove over this afternoon. Biggest crowd ever. Ball Game at the Ctr, East Union via Lin EU won 3-1. Dance Ctr tonight, Sammy and I went.

**Thursday, Aug. 26** Overcast. Heavy shower this afternoon. Just a trifle warm today. But not as bad as it was last night and yesterday. The Disneys went away this morning. Ise so tired and so awfull sleepy. Ormand Law and all his people went to thear new home in Providence.

**Friday, Aug. 27** Butifull clear and cold with a brisk W. wind. Nothing doing. Took gun and went out a little while tonight. No luck. Tomorrow night I am hopeing I shall be out in God's country. Had Tim shod. \$1.00

**Saturday, Aug. 28** Fair nice day. Drove up and got Sammy tonight. She is not feeling very well but she went over home with me (just same). Father and Mother gone to Camden.

**Sunday, Aug. 29** This has been a regular mixed day. Now you have it and now you don't. Showers and sunshine. Sammy and I went on a ride up to the Seller Pond and down to Hump's.

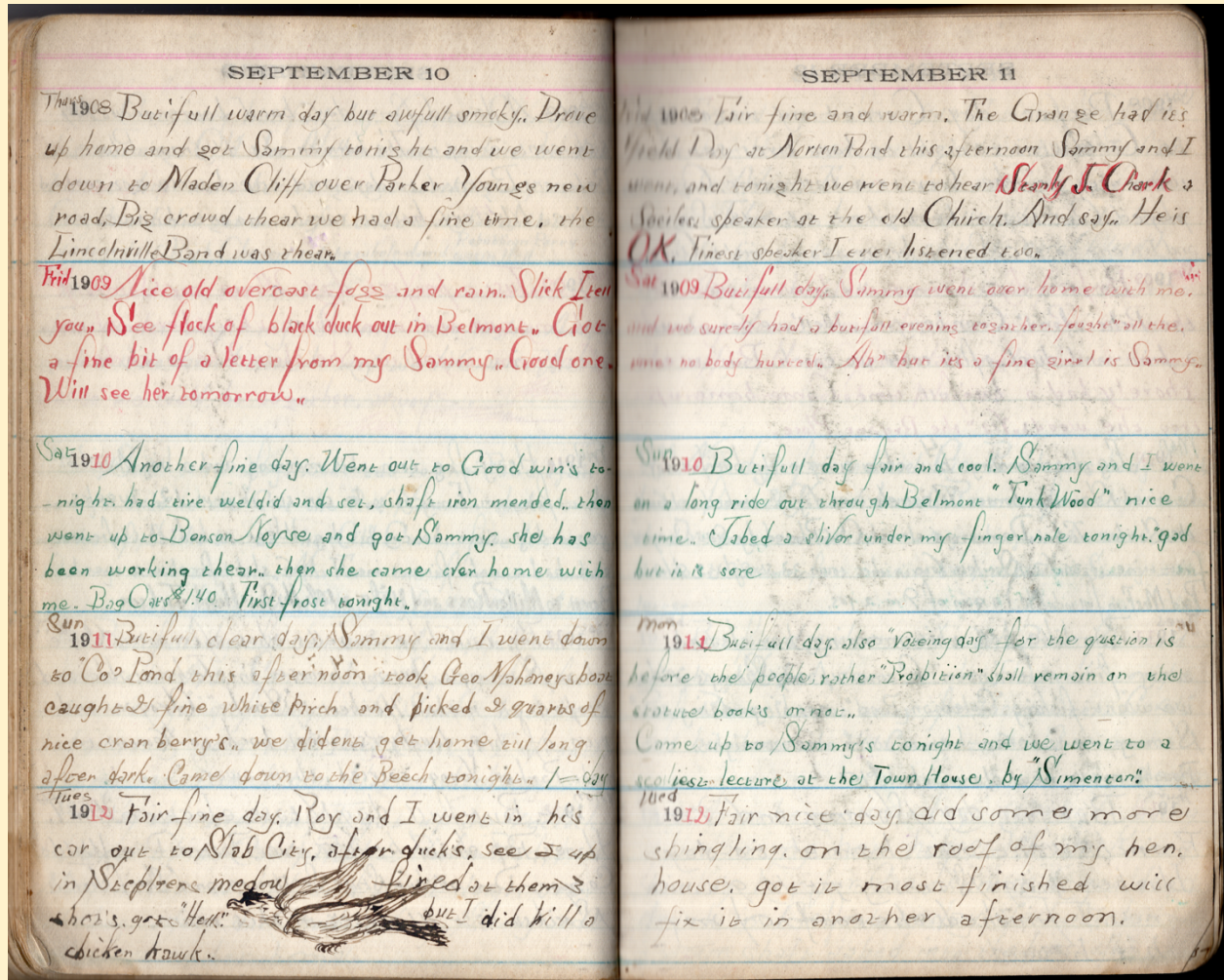
**Monday, Aug. 30** One of the most perfect days of the year. Butifull great fine good. Carried Sammy home this morning. And I have another S.B. of a tooth aching. Damn It Paid Mrs French in full to date \$20.00

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**Tuesday, Aug. 31** Another butifull clear cool day. Powerfull cold last night. Heavy frost froze the crops and raised the devil generally. Even froze ice. Father hawled me a load of hay. Put it in Em's Stable. Wrote to Sammy. 1380 lb of hay @ \$18 per ton equals \$12.42. Roscoe Hurd.



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**Wednesday, Sep. 1** Overcast and showers all day. Bum one. This is Florence Hallett's wedden day and it's the very biggest show that ever struck here. Got a letter from Sammy. Had Molly shod \$1.00  
Married Florence Hallett and Harry Forte.

**Thursday, Sep. 2** Butifull clear cold day. Well everybody went to the weddin last night. Great time. Six or seven hundred dollars worth of presents. By Gar but it pays to advitise.

**Friday, Sep. 3** Butifull day. Came up home and got my Sammy and we went to the Ctr to a Band meeting. It was a good one. Sammy came over home with me tonight.

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**Saturday, Sep. 4** Another butifull day. Carried Sammy home this morning. My Deedy went back to Melrose today. Went and got Sammy again tonight and she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Sep. 5** Rain most all day. Got up early this morning took my gun and went downstream after ducks. No luck. Got wet and found a good big Perl. Tis a buty.

**Monday, Sep. 6** Delightfull clear cool fine. Don't have to drive, so just lay round and rest. Big dance at Grange Hall. Sammy and I went. Nice time. Sarah Mc--- came down to Delory's to get her to take her kids for the winter. O-O-O-O

**Tuesday, Sep. 7** And this has been another butifull day. But oh see how tired and sleepy I am, just about dead that's all. Put my horse in Emery's Stable. Paid R.R. Fernald in full \$40. [*Roscoe R. Fernald had a livery stable at the Beach*] Due a note last payment on Molly \$40.

**Wednesday, Sep. 8** Clear and cool just butifull weather, great. Just wonder whear my Sammy is tonight. And by gosh it is too darned mean, the way we live, it is. Wish it was so we could be together allways.

**Thursday, Sep. 9** Just a perfect day. Wrote my Sammy. Took my gun and went down the shore this afternoon, tryed it. She shoot like a jade.

**Friday, Sep. 10** Nice old overcast fogg and rain. Slick I tell you. See flock of black duck out in Belmont. Got a fine bit of a letter from my Sammy. Good one. Will see her tomorrow.

**Saturday, Sep. 11** Butifull day. Sammy went over home with me and we surely had a butifull evening together. Fought all the time. Nobody hurted. Ah but it's a fine girl is Sammy.

**Sunday, Sep. 12** Perfect day. Sammy and I went over to the Pitcher Pond cranberrying. Well we got about a pint and divel a fish could we catch. But we shorely had a butifull time. Came home up troo the woods via the Bryant Place.

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**Monday, Sep. 13** Another butifull autom day. Perfect. Carried Sammy Jonsin home this morning then down to the office. Heavy frost last night but it went in streaks only touch in places.

**Tuesday, Sep. 14** Butifull day just a good one. And didnt I see a rousing big flock of Partridges this afternoon up in the old Gid Young Road. Well rather.

**Wednesday, Sep. 15** Fair great weather. Went out to the Grange Hall tonight. Big time sociable and dance and it was a good little time for sure. Mrs. Cogswell went away allso Hen Rankin.

**Thursday, Sep. 16** Fair just one fine day. Went out home tonight via Lincolnville Ctr. Stopped at Dr. Dunton's. Had Gold Crown put on one of my teeth \$5.00 By Gar didnt he hurt. Well some.

**Friday, Sep. 17** Rain about all day like all Sam Hill. Bum one. Fit *[fight]* in our midst two old relicks Charles Hartshorn *[63 years old]* Riley Mathews *[61 years old]* come to blows, each has a fine black eye but are otherwise uninjured. And by gar by the feeling of my teeth seems I must have fit *[fight]* too.

**Saturday, Sep. 18** One butifull day just grand, but I haven't felt much like enjoying the butifull this afternoon, went out to the Ctr and had two teeth filled with Silver Gawd didnt it hurt. Sam and Edith came this morning, just got back from Niagra Falls.

**Sunday, Sep. 19** Another fine autom day. Sam, Edith, Herb Thomas, Abb, Sammy and I went up on Seller Mountain this afternoon. Had a foine time, butifull view and a butifull climb. By Gar but "her" is a steep hill.

**Monday, Sep. 20** Still perfect weather. Carried my Sammy home this morning. This afternoon went down along the shore Gunning and shot Two cCrows. Well, I kin eat crows but I dont like to.

**Tuesday, Sep. 21** Just a little bit of fogg this morning but it all came out nice and clear, and has been a butifull day. Roy and I went out to Youngtown



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woodcock shooting. I fired three times and got not a feather. And Roy shot 2 times and missed both. Great Shooting. Uh.

**Wednesday, Sep. 22** Butifull summer day. All my people went up on Maden Cliff. Had a fine time. This afternoon I took my team, and Roy and I went out to Slab City bird shooting. We covered several miles and killed one Woodcock. The only bird we found.

*[A page is missing here, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>]*

**Saturday, Sep. 25** Butifull day, just perfect. Sam and Edith went back home. Father and Mother carried them away. Leslie Dean [*Farmer in Belfast*] was arrested today for pinching \$15,000 worth of Bond from Aunt Mariah. Hope he did and that he get clear.

**Sunday, Sep. 26** This has been one cussed nasty old day for it has rained hard all day long and tonight is still coming down in bunches. Sammy and I have maniged to kill the time allso each other.

**Monday, Sep. 27** And is it raining this morning, well by gar I guess it is. Just fell in junks all day long and still coming tonight. Father carried my Sambo home for me. Hired wagon Furnal. Top. 50¢

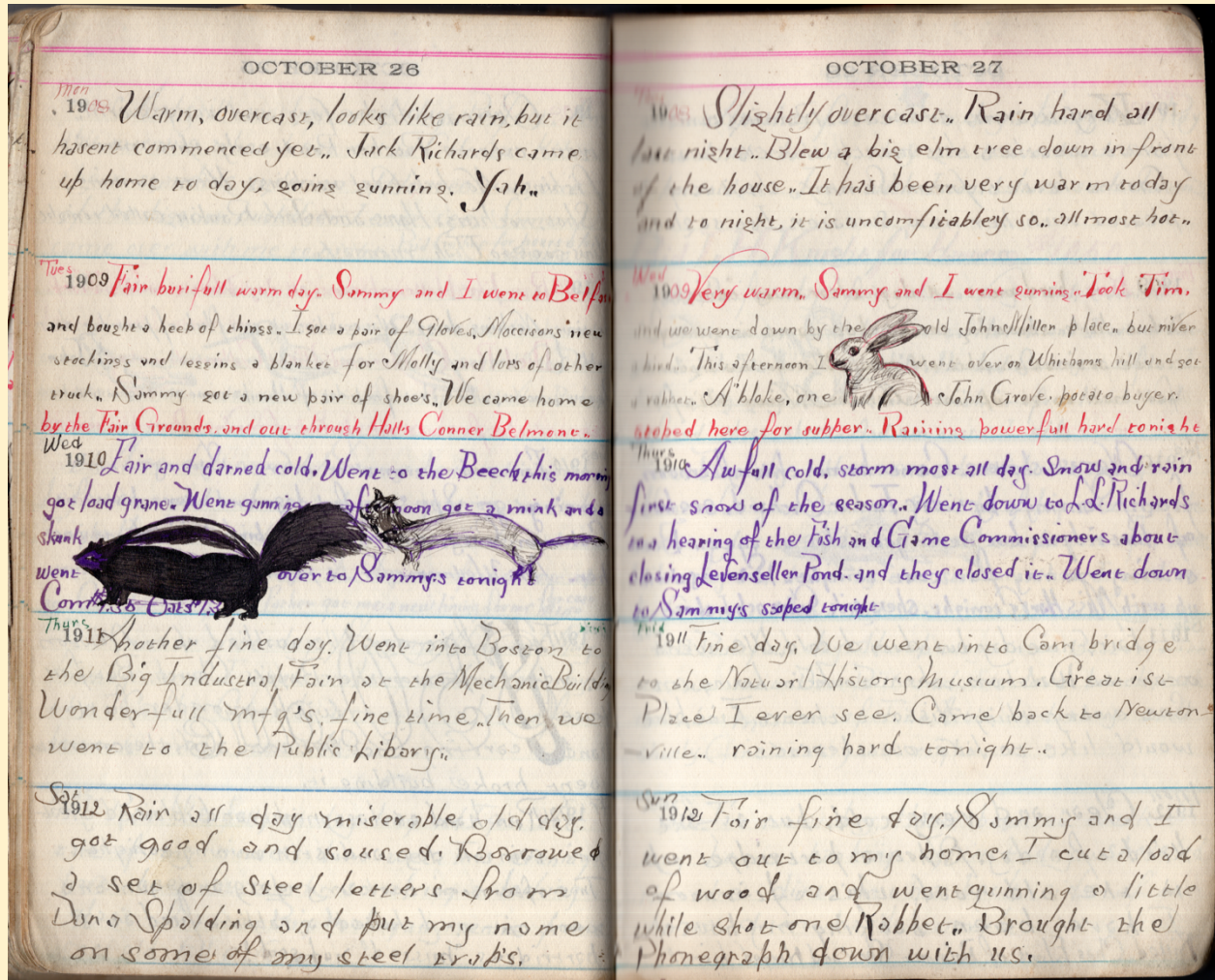
**Tuesday, Sep. 28** And Good God how much longer will it storm. The rain has fell in sheets all last night all today and now tonight it is still coming with no sign of a let up. All the brooks are full and the low lands flooded.

**Wednesday, Sep. 29** Overcast most all day, clearing tonight and this is the end of the Big Rain. 72 Hours and more has the rain fell in torrants. Road are in awfull shape; bridges washed away. Big Landslide Moody Mt. Molly shod. Wrote Sammy. Married Fred Achorn and Isabel Tilden.

**Thursday, Sep. 30** Fair nice day but tonight it is thick fog again. Got a letter from Sammy; she is better from her cold. Went out Goodwins had Tim shod. Thear was no less than nine land slides on the Fletcher Mt. [*Moody Mt. ? Up behind High Street?*] this last storm, some six feet deep and Fifty wide and 80 rods long.



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**Friday, Oct. 1** This has been one butifull fall day. I went out hunting a little while this afternoon. Nothing doing. I am now having a damd bum old cold, my head in, and that makes me feel some rotten.

**Saturday, Oct. 2** Rottenest kind of a day, just a nasty drizzle all day and the sun shining most of the time. Roy rode out with me tonight and we went gunning, got wet that's all. Sammy's working up to Noyes. I went and got her. And what do you think Sarah Mc is going to Boston while the two kids and thear energetic par, are comeing down to Vestas for her to care for.

**Sunday, Oct. 3** Fair, just a little overcast. Sammy and I went out to E. Searsmont and got 2 bushels of Elderberry. Enough to make 4 galon of wine. Well Cy'se and Jose decided not to take the kids. Sammy told them whair she

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stood and that if the brats came, she would leave. You may just be sure that squelched the whole thing. God wasn't I proud of her. She told *[them]*.

**Monday, Oct. 4** Butifull day clear and cold. Made 4 gallons wine. Carried my Sammy home this morning. Went gunning this afternoon and got nothing. Great hunting weather but as for game, well it isn't many. Killed a bird like this Kingfisher. *[drawing of a bird]*

**Tuesday, Oct. 5** Just a perfect day, butifull Indian summer. Very warm. Got a letter from Sammy and such a letter about four words. Am well can't write anymore. Went gunning little while tonight, nothing doing. Died in New York Myron Frohock aged 16 Typhoid Fever.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6** Butifull day, just perfect. Town Fair and say it was all right too, good one. Dance at Grange Hall tonight, more than 100 couple. Alexanders music. Sammy and I went and had just a helly of a time.

**Thursday, Oct. 7** Another butifull da., But tired. Oh no, got just 2 hours of sleep last night, and that isant too much. Died E. Edward Easton Shock and Paralysis. But we did surely have a time of it last night, all right. Paid Mrs. French \$10 Board Bill.

**Friday, Oct. 8** Just a butifull day. Very warm. Went out gunning for a little while tonight, see three partridge down on the Point "No luck" fired at one, much smoke, a few feathers.

**Saturday, Oct. 9** Butifull warm summer day. Came up got my Sammy and carried her home with me. Went up on the Harville Place with my gun for a little while this afternoon, nothing doing.

**Sunday, Oct. 10** Just a butifull hot summer day. Sammy and I took Molly and had a long ride, went out by Dickey's Mills to Hall's Corner and back home over Flagg Hill by Pitcher Pond. Butifull ride.

**Monday, Oct. 11** Overcast this morning, fogg and a fine mist all most rain. Carried Sammy home then came down to the office. Played cards tonight "500" Miss Foster, Emery, Mrs. French and I.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 12** Fair this morning, but it shut in foggy about noon and tonight it has been raining firce. Gee whiz but here it is almost winter again and no Sammy for mine. I might as well go south to Dixey as keep living like this.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13** Butifull day. Pohap's it seems more fine to me because it is the beginning of my Vacation. Sarah McKinney and the little Kinneys, 3 in number, went away to Boston today, for keeps she says. Sammy and I went to the Socilest Lockal tonight. Bing Ville [??] somewhat.

**Thursday, Oct. 14** Butifull nice old day. Just took my gun and went away gunning all up and down the places where I used to go when a boy. Nothing doing. Sammy and I went to the Ctr tonight. Band Concirt and Socilest lecture at the old Church. Miss Grace Silver spoke. Fine speaker. Sammy came home wit me.

**Friday, Oct. 15** Rain. Gee whiz how it rained. I got out early and took my small Sammy home, she is stoping at Harold's. Clara's mother is sick. Don't it just beat hell how someone is always after that girl and they see her too. And I have been after ten years and I haven't got her yet.

**Saturday, Oct. 16** Butifull day cleared off fine. Just great. Went out mit my gun but noddin to shoot. Stoped down with Sambo Jonsin for dinner. She came over home with me. Heavy shower tonight. Clear and cold now at 9:30. Sammy's asleep.

**Sunday, Oct. 17** Butifull this morning but lovely old rainstorm tonight. Sammy and I have just lofed round today. Went on a ride out into Belmont this afternoon, see Herb Morse two deer. He just brought them home from the back woods. Mooshead Lake. Married Dick Crooker and Lena Heald.

**Monday, Oct. 18** Fair and warm but didn't we just have a foine old frost last night. Froze the ground. I went up to the old Seller Pond today and got my two boats. Don't expect they will ever be in thear again now that Smike Grogan and wife have moved to Boston Town.



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**Tuesday, Oct. 19** And still we have butifull weather and I see Roy today and we can't go up river hunting together, that old fool wife of his has gorn away to Boston so now we just can't go up river. O' Hell.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20** Another fine day went over got Sammy. She is to viset a few days. Took my old lthica tonight and went down by the stream. Shot one black [*drawing of duck*] all alone. I made a beach of a shot but it took both barrels to bring her down.

**Thursday, Oct. 21** Fair butifull day, got up early 3-30 this morning and went down to the Knight's Medow duck hunting, got down on the marsh just at daylight. Only one duck came in and I got her by a corking long shot with the left barrel.

**Friday, Oct. 22** Fair and warm, nice old day. Sammy got tired of stoping over here, so we harnessed Molly and I took the small girrl home. My Sambo is just a little under the weather, she just ought to go see some old pill bag and get some thing to help her.

**Saturday, Oct. 23** Butifull day. Very warm. Took Molly this morning and drove out to E. Searsmont, tryed to get Harry Hart to go up Moosehead Lake deer hunting. Well I didnt get him. Went down to Sammy's and went gunning shot Six crows down below the Grange Hall but never a durned partridge.

**Sunday, Oct. 24** Rain hard all day. Stoped over to Sammy's tonight. Hump and I went gunning. I got two woodcock and one partridge. We swiped Geo Dickey's boat, went down the medow stream in it. Then we pinched Ann Beckeys and went across the Coleman Pond in it, set her adrift for home.

**Monday, Oct. 25** Rain like Hellen-blazes all day. Went gunning part of the time. Nothing doing. Was crawling up on a flock of partridges down in old John Dean's woods when that fool dog of Hump's came tearing in amongst them and the fun was all spoiled for mine. Damn him anyway. Died Rose Calderwood, Willard Calderwood's mother.



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**Tuesday, Oct. 26** Fair butifull warm day. Sammy and I went to Belfast and bought a heep of things. I got a pair of Gloves, Moccisons, new stockings and leggings, a blanket for Molly and lots of other truck. Sammy got a new pair of shoes. We came home by the Fair Grounds [*corner of Routes 1 & 52*]and out through Hall's Corner Belmont. [*Back Belmont Road to Hall's Corner*]

**Wednesday, Oct. 27** Very warm. Sammy and I went gunning. Took Tim and we went down by the old John Miller place but never a bird. This afternoon I went over to Whitham's Hill and got a rabbit. A bloke, one John Grove, potato buyer, stoped here for supper. Raining powerfull hard tonight.

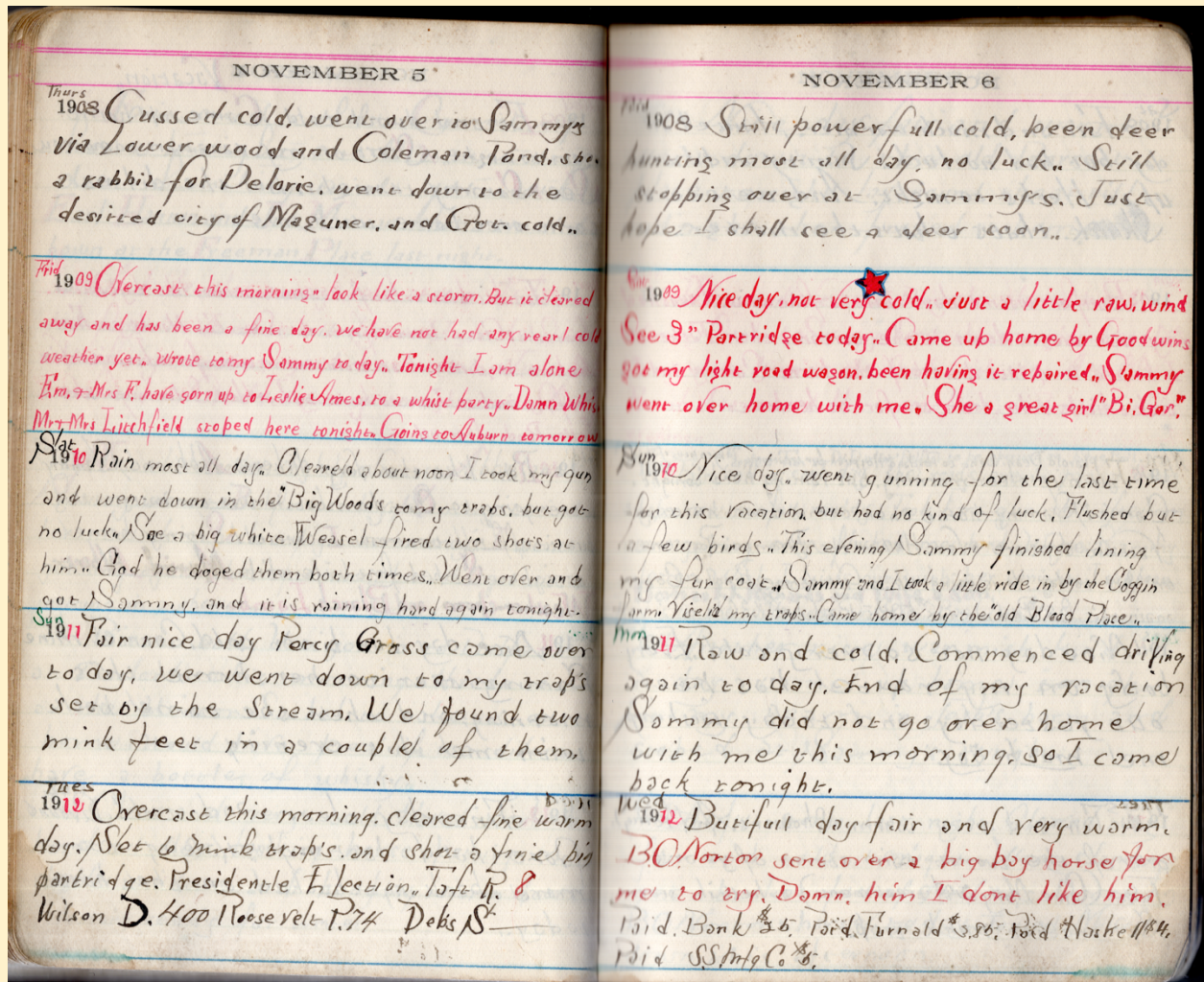
**Thursday, Oct. 28** Rain hard most all day. Clear away tonight. Did a little shooting today but game is very scarce artical in this old town. Wasn't I a big damd fool not to go up into Northern Maine this fall.

**Friday, Oct. 29** Butifull day fair and not very cold. Carried Sammy to her home. Hump and I went out gunning little while. He had Sammy's rifle I kilt a big gray squirrel with it after Hump had fired three shots. And am sorry I did.

**Saturday, Oct. 30** Butifull day fine one. Went out with my gun for a little while but nothing doing. Drove over and got Sammy and we went to a whist party down at Mrs. French had a fine time and a elegant ride home in the moon light.

**Sunday, Oct. 31** Fair nice old day. And don't I just wish my playday was to begin tomorrow instead of a long, long year of storms and exposier. Sammy and I took a ride up to the upper road [*High Street*] whair the big land slides are. Had a fine ride.

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**Monday, Nov. 1** Litchfield and Mills sold their grain business to Covell. Vacation ended no more fun for me. Roy commenced his vacation today and he has started right for tonight he is on his way to Grindstone in northern Penobscot for to kill a big bull moose and a bear also a deer or two. Butifull day. Hump McKinney broke his cow's leg. Had to kill and dress hen. Just the same as a dead loss. Carried my Sammy home this morning.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2** Overcast all day and very warm. Wrote to Sammy Jonsin. Am sick and tired of driving the rural mail. Wish I had a home of my own and could go gunning. Miss Foster was down to night. We played (500).

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**Wednesday, Nov. 3** And oh what a nasty rain storm. It has just fallen in bunches all day and I got the Shanker end of my trousers good and wet. Just wish I was out in God's country tonight with Sammy.

**Thursday, Nov. 4** This has been a butifull warm summerlike day just a foine one. Got a letter from the State Fish Hatchery at East Auburn inquiring about train connections from Lewiston via Belfast and so I am to have my Landlock Salmon for the Seller Pond after all.

**Friday, Nov. 5** Overcast this morning, look like a storm. But it cleared away and has been a fine day. We have not had any real cold weather yet. Wrote to my Sammy today. Tonight I am alone. Em & Mrs F. have gone up to Leslie Ames to a whist party. Damn whist. Mr & Mrs Litchfield stoped here tonight. Going to Auburn tomorrow.

**Saturday, Nov. 6** Nice day, not very cold, just a little raw wind. See 3 Partridge today. Came up home by Goodwins, got my light road wagon, been having it repaired. Sammy went over home with me. She's a great girl "Bi Gar".

**Sunday, Nov. 7** Butifull warm day. Just a fine one. I washed my new wagon down in the stream, then Father and I hoisted it up into the top of the barn. Sammy and I took a little ride down as far as her home.

**Monday, Nov. 8** Warm and overcast. Rain this afternoon and evening. Carried Sammy home this morning. Lena McKinney rode down to the Beech with me and Mrs. French has trimmed H— out of me at Peonocal this evening.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9** Fair nice day and not very cold, only a fine brisk west wind. Wrote to my small Sammy and just wish I was with her to-night. Went gunning down on the point for a little while this afternoon, nothing doing.

**Wednesday, Nov. 10** Very cold last night, down to within 16° of zero but it has been a butifull warm day. And why in hevins name didnt Sammy write to me today. I just know she must be sick. Roy Hurd came home today from his upriver hunting trip. One deer.



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**Thursday, Nov. 11** Just a butifull day. Warm as summer. Got a letter from Sammy and I'm so glad she's not sick. It was Aunt Wellman yesterday that bothered her so she could not write. Just wish I could see that Sammy Jonsin tonight.

**Friday, Nov. 12** Another butifull warm summer day. Greatest weather ever. See Hump McKinney today. He was shingeling old Peavey's house. He wants to go gunning tomorrow night and Sun. I borrowed 13 ten gauge shells of O. Ames. Paid Father \$30 for 2 ton of hay.

**Saturday, Nov. 13** A butifull warm day. Just like summer, tonight it is very warm and overcast. Roy Hurd and Helen while coming home from Camden tonight got run into thrown from thear wagon and busted Roy's right sholder.

**Sunday, Nov. 14** Another butifull summer like day. Sammy and I rode over to her home got Smike and then went gunning. Smike shot 3 Biddys. Sammy and I see one of the biggest buck deer ever was. Dog drove him across the McKinney Medow's.

**Monday, Nov. 15** And still another warm summer like day. Got a letter from Hans the wanderer. Pay Mrs French \$10. Went out to Goodwins tonight and got Tim shod \$1.00 See many deer tracks to-day.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16** This has been a nice day. But a little colder than yesterday. Coming down the old Trap Road I fired at partridge. Cut a streak of feathers out of her. Went out to Goodwins had Molly shod \$1.00

**Wednesday, Nov. 17** Miserable day. Rain hard all day, and it has rained hard too. Hired a top of Furnal to go in so did not get wet. Got a letter from Sammy Jonsin. She wrote Smike had shot another partridge. Rah for Smike.

**Thursday, Nov. 18** Fair but rather cold raw cold wind and tonight the ground is freezing hard. First time it has froze any to speak of for three weeks. Wrote my Sammy today. Roy's vacation was up yesterday but his sholder is in such bum shape that his sub will drive this week. See 26 Wild Geese.



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**Friday, Nov. 19** Fair but bully cold. Ground froze hard last night and has remained so all day. No letter from that Sammy girrl. Built a fire screen for Mrs. French to put in front of the Fire Place. Bag Corn Bag Oats \$1.36

**Saturday, Nov. 20** Butifull warm day, warm as summer. Had a row with "Old Joe Lamb" damd him anyway. Bi gar he go too far. My Sammy girl went over home with me tonight. Oh I forgot it snowed quite a bit early this morning, first snow this fall.

**Sunday, Nov. 21** Just as warm as summer. Sammy and I went over to her home this afternoon. Hump and I went gunning. Nothing doing and tonight we went skunk hunting. Still nothing.

**Monday, Nov. 22** Another fine warm day. I see a lot of deer tracks up by the old Gid Young place today so tonight M and I drove out thear and we see 4 Big live deer and fired two shots each but it was so dark we missed.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23** Slightly overcast rather raw and cold. Em and I went out to the Young Place tonight with our rifles but never the sight of another deer. I was surely a fool last night not to have killed one.

**Wednesday, Nov. 24** Nasty rain snow sleet and about everything else. Not nice. Came up home and got my Sammy for tomorrow is Thanksgiving day and Sammy Jonsin is to take dinner with me. Storming hard tonight, rain and snow.

**Thursday, Nov. 25** Snow and rain all last night and about all day. This is my rest day, don't have to drive. Sammy and I went to the dance tonight at the Grange Hall. Had a fine time. Sixty couple. Alexander's Orchestery.

**Friday, Nov. 26** Fair and warm. But Ise so sleepy tonight. See heep new deer tracks in the old Young road today. Em and I went out. Nothing. Been deer thear just the same.

**Saturday, Nov. 27** Fair and some colder. Sammy came over with me tonight. I called John Stanley Supt of the E. Auburn fish hatchery on the long distance tonight about the salmon he is shipping me for Seller Pond. See two deer tonight down on the old Hill Place.

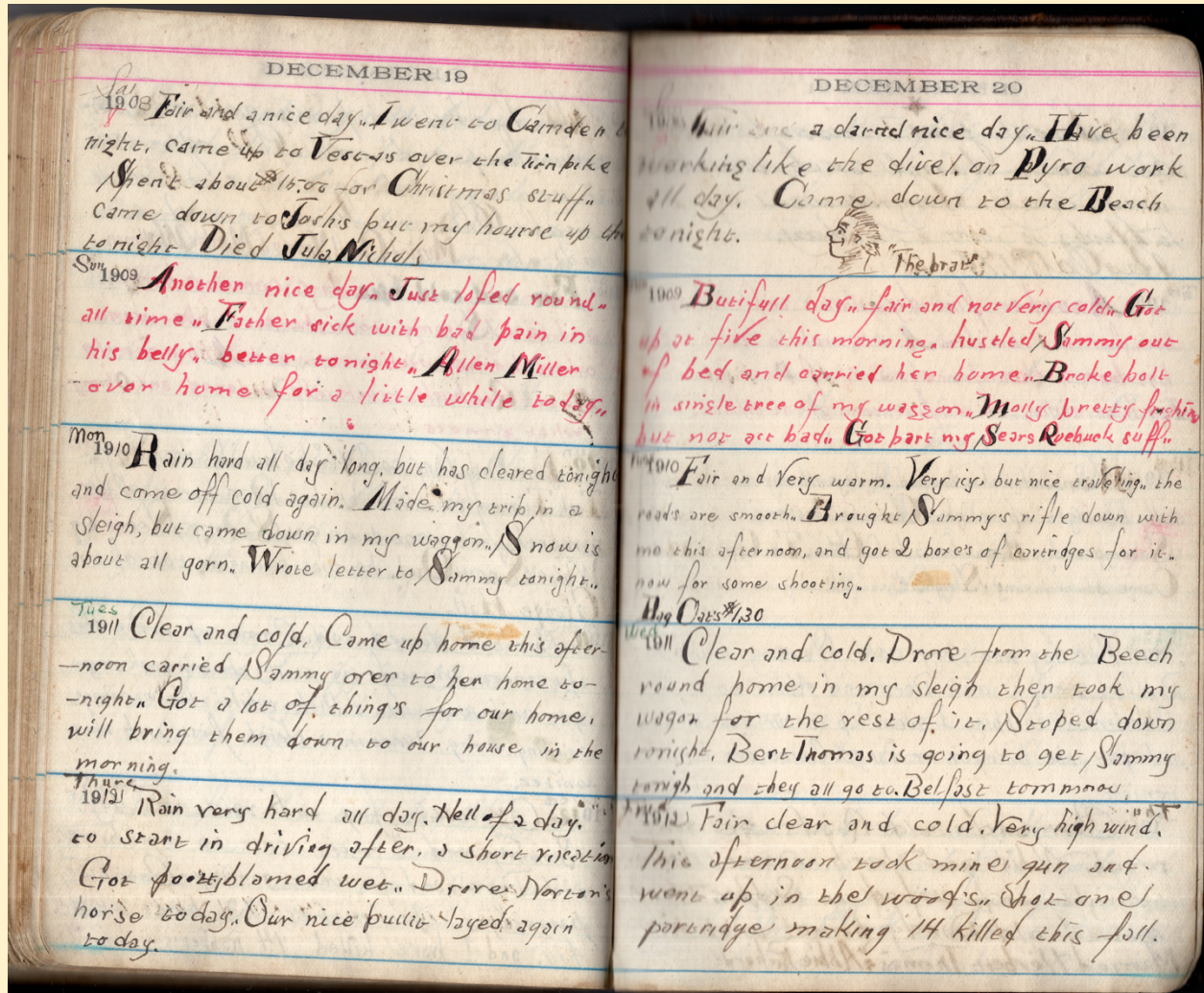
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**Sunday, Nov. 28** Butifull warm day. Fine. Carried Sammy home this evening. And by Gar that girl got mad at me for firing a shot at a docked tail dove [?]. But she is one smarty cat for all that. Just wish she wasn't so mad I do.

**Monday, Nov. 29** Fair and not very cold. Cussed traveling, mud. Rather cold tonight so Em and I did not go deer hunting. Poor old Smike Grogan went away today, Boston. I am sorry to have him go. Note to L.H. Knight for \$72 due.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30** Clear cold day, froze hard last night and oh so rough today. Wrote to Sammy but expect she is full of mads with me and won't answer. Father went to Belfast after my 4,000 salmon for Seller Pond. Father put salmon in pond about 8,000.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 1** Cold cussed cold and awfully rough. It has been snowing hard this afternoon and evening, a fine icy snow that cuts one like a knife. Got a letter from Sammy, she is sick with the Gripp.

**Thursday, Dec. 2** Fair and much warmer, snowed about 3 inches last night and although a waggon went hard it was much smoother than yesterday. Sam Stevens and Will McCobb drove a big buck deer up in the old Gid Young orchard, and fired at him.

**Friday, Dec. 3** Fair and much warmer. Nice day. Got my stuff from Sears Roebuck, everything I sent for, and in addition a shirt and two pair of gloves. One pair ladies and one of gents. Been doing burnt work tonight.

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**Saturday, Dec. 4** Warm, went up and got Sammy girl and she went over home with me. Poor Sammy has had a bum cold, but she is better now and we have talked history tonight till I bet some of the old Kings turned over in their graves.

**Sunday, Dec. 5** Butifull day very warm, just like a spring day. Have just taken it easy today. Carried Sammy home tonight. Gosh how its lonesome after she is gorn. Gladys French Bullock came home today from Idaho.  
*[Housekeeper in the home of Carroll French, 22 years old and with a child in 1910]*

**Monday, Dec. 6** Bute of a day warm as summer. But the traveling is cussed mud about six inch deep all the way. Have see several people Plowing today. Had a broken wheel tire and had a piece rivveted on.

**Tuesday, Dec. 7** And still another fine warm day. Great but tonight, Oh my but don't it rain. Some hard. Been doing some burnt work tonight. Burned. School Days on a cinnamon skin for Sammy.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** Butifull warm day. But didnt it just rain and snow this morning. Well rather. Awfull hard traveling, Roads all mud. See Sammy today, she met me down on the Sand Hill. Sent a order to Roebuck & Sears \$13.26

**Thursday, Dec. 9** Clear and cold And Oh so rough. Just cussed. Got a letter from Sammy. Went to a whist party at Fred French tonight. Nice time but a bum game.

**Friday, Dec. 10** Cold and rougher than Hell, so thear. Well only another day and I shall see Sammy Jonsin. Hope she can go over home with me. Been doing some burnt work tonight.

**Saturday, Dec. 11** Fair and cold. The roads are terriable rough. Sammy wrote me she could not come over home with me so I walked over to her house and passed one of the pleasantest evenings of my life.



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**Sunday, Dec. 12** Still fair and cold. Sammy and I had a fire in the fire place in the sitting room. And by G but we did have one corking evening together. Walked home late tonight.

**Monday, Dec. 13** Cold and overcast. Big storm coming. Wind just howling blue Murder tonight. And I am just feeling bum. Mrs French put a good big slug of whiskey into me, and I me hopes to feel better tomorrow.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14** Rain and blow like all Sam Hill. It has been an awfull storm. Snowed about all night back from the shore and has rained about all day. Cleared off tonight warm. Wrote Sammy. Been doing burnt work tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15** Fair and very warm, slightly overcast tonight with signs of snow. Got a good letter from a good girl "Sammy" to day. Finished burning my Christmas stuff tonight. Have burned 7 boxes and a Decorated panel. Married Leslie Richards and Mildred Paul.

**Thursday, Dec. 16** Fair and quite warm. Wrote my Sammy. Went out to Goodwins got Tim sharpened, found Father out thear having Dandy shod. Road are awfull icy, no snow on the shore about two inches out back in Searsmont.

**Friday, Dec. 17** Fair and real cold. Roads are getting worn down now so it is fairly smooth traveling. And tomorrow if it dont storm at this time I shall be with my Sammy.

**Saturday, Dec. 18** Fair and cold nice day. Came up home and got Sammy tonight and she went over home with me and Abbie got the Sears Roebuck truck she ordered, and Oh my what a mess.

**Sunday, Dec. 19** Another nice day. Just lofed around all time. Father sick with bad pain in his belly, better tonight. Allen Miller over home for a little while today.

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**Monday, Dec. 20** Butifull day fair and not very cold. Got up at five this morning, hustled Sammy out of bed and carried her home. Broke bolt in single tree of my waggon. Molly pretty frightened but not act bad. Got part my Sears Roebuck stuff.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21** Another fine day, just a trifle chilly but fair and bright. A automobile just went by, hows that for the 21st of Dec. Went Ice boat sailing this afternoon great sport.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22** And still another nice day and the traveling is bully. Roads are worn down nice and smooth, rather chilly wind blowing today. Got a good letter from Sammy, she is going to Camden tomorrow with Bessie Harvey.

**Thursday, Dec. 23** Fair and not very cold. Awfull nice traveling, road hard and smooth. Been ice boating this evening. Got a fake pk. [Package?] from Sears Roebuck this morning. G.D. thear rotten hearts anyway.

**Friday, Dec. 24** Fair foine day. Went out home tonight took Sammy and we went to the Christmas Dance at the Grange Hall. Big crowd and many slushed but we had a slick time. Sammy came home with me after the dance.

**Saturday, Dec. 25** Another fine day. I got a hustle on myself and got back home and ate my Christmas dinner with Sammy. And tonight we went to a Christmas Tree time at the Town House. Married Ella Thomas and Harry Forca [??]

**Sunday, Dec. 26** Snow, well some and powerfull cold. Gee whiz but it has come in bunches all day. Tis an awfull storm. But Sammy and I have raised the very devil so we have not minded the storm. Died Stephen Fredson. Age 94 Yrs.

**Monday, Dec. 27** This has been a nice day. The roads though are full of drifts and it is just cussed traveling. Sammy did not go home until this afternoon. Father carried her over.

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**Tuesday, Dec. 28** Nice day clear and cold. Very cold last night. The glass went down to 18° below zero. Awfull hard traveling, a wagon goes blamed hard through the heavy drifts. Wrote my Sammy today.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29** Fair and cold, crisp. But a nice day. Got a fine letter from Sammy, also one from ye little [?] Hans. Traveling some better but still a wagon goes hard through the snow. Borrowed Hans Alto Horn.

**Thursday, Dec. 30** Very cold, way below the zero mark and tonight it is pleasant, fair I mean, and bitter cold. Wrote to Sammy tonight and hope to be with her tomorrow night.

**Friday, Dec. 31** Fair and blamed cold. 18° below zero this morning. Came up and got Sammy and carried her over home with me and tonight we watched the new year come hoping in furnince [?] the coffin of the old.