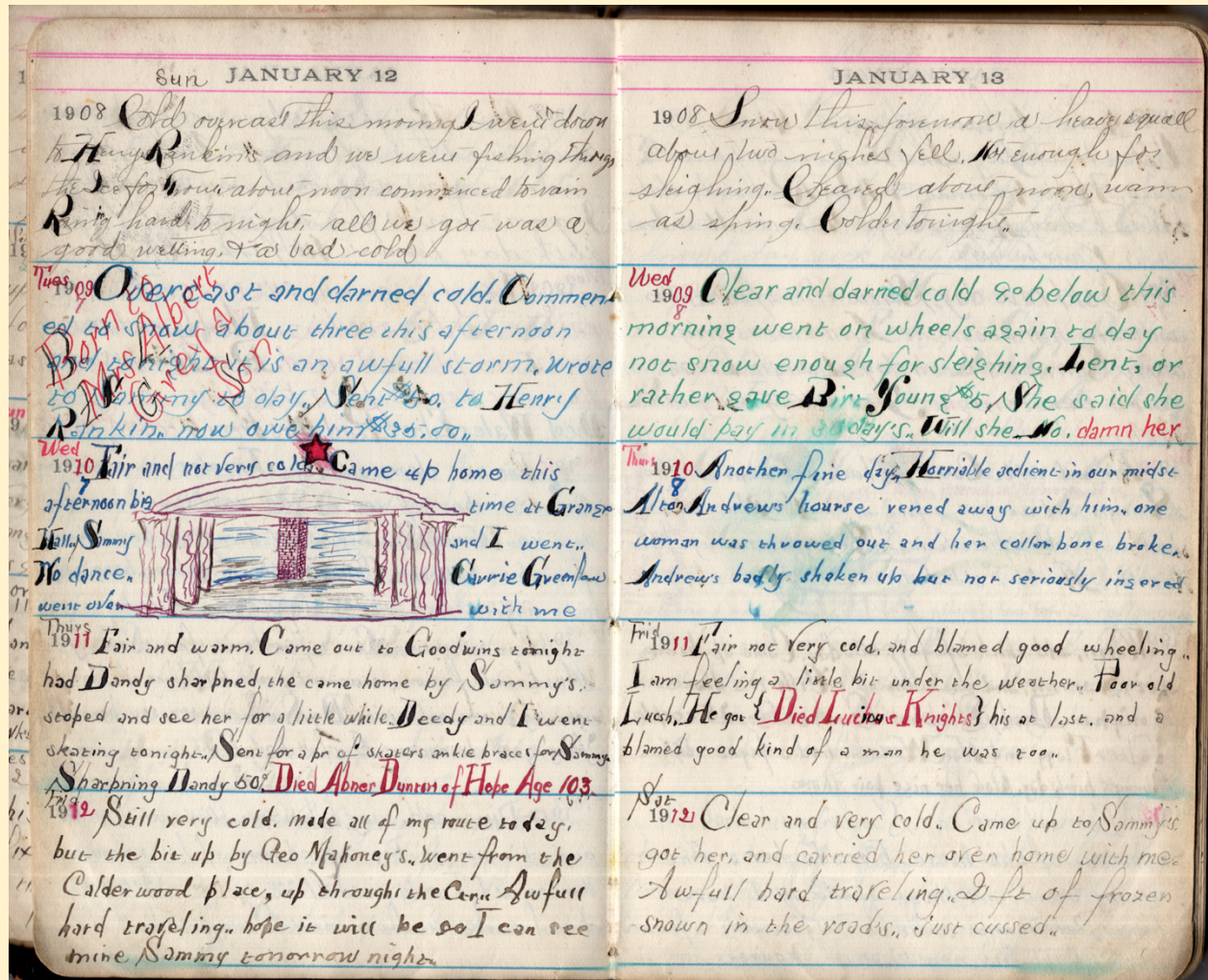


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910



**Saturday, Jan. 1** Fair and a nice day. Sammy has not been feeling very well, so my hollerday has been something of a fizzle. Just lay round and took it easy.

**Sunday, Jan. 2** Very warm, glass went way up by 40° today. Warm southerly wind, almost a spring day. Did a very little work on my Ice Boat. And tonight took Dandy and carried Sammy home. Mattie Thomas Heal has gone clean stark raving crazy. Hell.

**Monday, Jan. 3** Snow most all day, a fine soft drizzle but tonight it has set in for a right smart storm with plenty of wind. Wrote a letter to my Sammy tonight and almost finished the Stag Head Panel I am burning.

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**Tuesday, Jan. 4** Fair but oh so cold. Coldest day this winter, brisk northly wind been howling all day. 18° below this morning and it has been below all day. And I am still wearing shoes.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5** Fair and cold 18° below this morning. Came up home tonight by way of Sammy's. She's pretty well. Snowing hard tonight. Died Mabel wife of Albert Marriner aged 27 years.

**Thursday, Jan. 6** Warmer and it has rained about all day and is still raining tonight. Got a letter from Sammy. Good one. Went in sleigh today first time this winter. Came up home again tonight. Went down to the Beech and back with Dandy. Married Leroy Marriner and Emma Hunt Hills Hell.

**Friday, Jan. 7** Cold raw day. Rain and snow all day. Everything covered with ice. Tim lame as the devil just like Dandy in his stifle joint I reckon. Father hawled me down about 100 lbs of hay. Went out to Goodwins tonight got Molly sharpened. Went in waggon today Sleigh tomorrow.

**Saturday, Jan. 8** Fair and some cold. When I got home this noon I had to shoe Tim, had the shoes all sharpened and I put them on. Came up to Sammy's over the Coleman Pond. See three men fishing on the ice. They had 25 nice Pickeral. Sammy could not come over home with me.

**Sunday, Jan. 9** Fair and a fine fine day. Went over and got Sammy, we went up to Chas Stevens to see about some hay. I didnt get any. This afternoon have been at work repairing my old sleigh. Carried Sammy home tonight. We took a little sleigh ride. Dandy sleighing. All ice.

**Monday, Jan. 10** Cold overcast raw but cold and fair tonight. Got a Pk. of stuff from S.R. Co. and still those dumed fools have not sent what I ordered. Damn em, anyway. Father went to Camden with two bbls of truck for Will's folks today. Paid Mrs. F. board in full \$20.00

**Tuesday, Jan. 11** Fair nice clear cold day. Just elegant sleighing about 2 inches of ice in the roads and no snow just ice. Wrote Sammy. Shall hear from her tomorrow if nothing happens. Charlie Pendleton has been here tonight singing hymns while I played on my Alto horn.



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**Wednesday, Jan. 12** Fair and not very cold. Came up home this afternoon big time at Grange Hall. Sammy and I went. No dance. Carrie Greenlaw went over with me.

**Thursday, Jan. 13** Another fine day. Horriable accient in our midst. Alton Andrews hourse runed away with him, one woman was throwed out and her collarbone broke. Andrews badly shaken up but not seriously injured.

**Friday, Jan. 14** Fair and cold. Came up home and went over to Sammy's and we had a fire in the Fire Place and a foin bit of an evening. Sammy is twenty five today. A real old ladie-o.

**Saturday, Jan. 15** Married Belle Turner and Marlton Knowlton. Cold yes darned cold. Nearly did freeze solid. I went in Tim's Top sleigh. Came up and carried Sammy over home with me tonight. Herb Thomas got me a new white shirt and 2 collars. Dottie Turner married Marlton Knowlton.

**Sunday, Jan. 16** Butifull day warm and just elegant sleighing. Sammy and I went on a long sleigh ride. We went down to the Coleman Pond and planted 20 Landlocked Salmon in the old Qurry. Then out across the Medow down the Corner and Camden Ponds. Home by Wiley's Corner. Burned Eliza Parker's house caught from chimney.

**Monday, Jan. 17** Another butifull day, not very cold and nice traveling. Carried Sammy home this morning. Came down over the pond. Got 3 sofa pillow backs and cords to match for Sammy Snowball Jonsing.

**Tuesday, Jan. 18** Rain hard all day long, not very cold, everything is just covered with ice and so slippery, that one ought to have wings. Went in Em's covered sleigh. Shot a big White Arctic Owl up by Chas Dickey's but lost him.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19** Fair and very warm, warm wind and rain all last night and this morning thear was no snow on the ground only a few patches of ice. I hired a wagon of Furnal 25¢ and towed my own down from home this afternoon. Wrote Sammy a letter.

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**Thursday, Jan. 20** Butifull warm day, fine weather. Have been working on my ice boat today. Did not get any letter from Snowball Jonsin. Just wonder if she is sick or angry at me.

**Friday, Jan. 21** Fair and "Oh so warm" just like a day in April. Tonight it is raining hard. Got a letter from Sammy. Poor little woman. Up against it again. Her Mother had to get out on the ice to show how smart she was and managed to fall and lame herself, very bad.

**Saturday, Jan. 22** Rain ye pour a flood another deluge God but it has been an awfull rainstorm. Frost all coming out of the ground. Not storming tonight but very warm. And I did not go out tonight and can't be with my own Snowball Jonsin.

**Sunday, Jan. 23** Fair and warm. Ground froze a very little went out to Sammy's this morning. She could not go over home with me but I came over to her home for a little while this evening. Buried Delina Knight Age 93 years.

**Monday, Jan. 24** Fair and warm. Awfull rough ground froze hard. Just cussed traveling. And I am about sick with a beastly old cold and head-ach. Took a big dose of whiskey and pills now feel better. Miss Foster and Mrs. Worster been down playing cards.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25** Fair warm ye very warm. Looks like rain tonight. Wrote to Sammy. Just wish I could see her tonight. My Sammy. Could not work on my Ice Boat today. Orren away, shop locked.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26** Still fair and warm. Rather hard traveling. Roads are quite muddy. Got a letter from Sammy, she is not very well "Cough" and this is what I don't like. Worked on mast for my ice boat this afternoon. Emery sick. Bad cold. "Gripp"

**Thursday, Jan. 27** Very warm overcast bum traveling muddy as the devil. Finished mast for "iceboat" and now to night it is snowing. Soft damp snow. Just wish I was out with my Snowball Jonsin tonight. T.G. and his clerk and conkerbine have had a falling out. She threatens to leave. Oh Guts.



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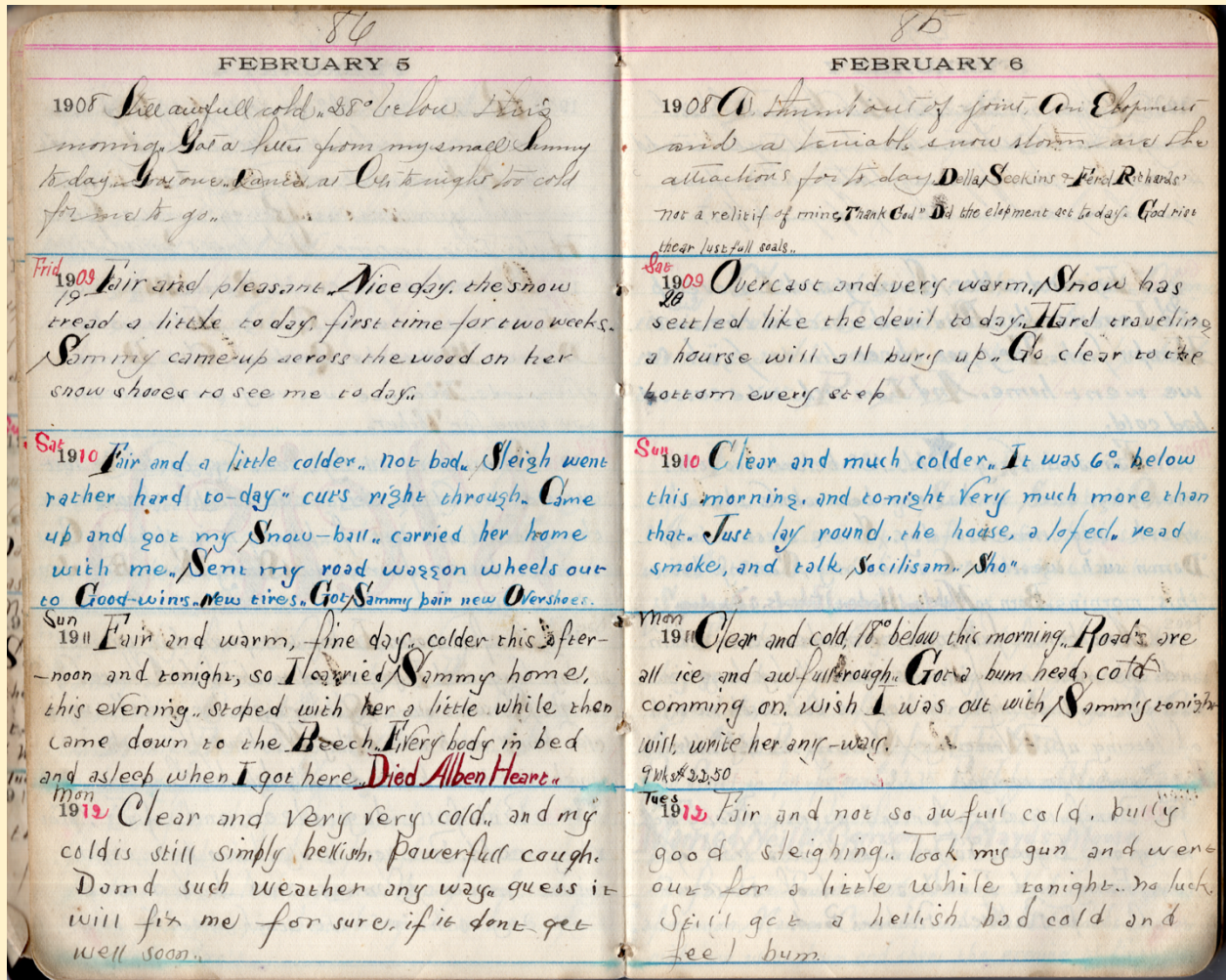
**Friday, Jan. 28** Fair and warm. Snow a little last night, about an inch but it went off with the sun so at noon it was all gone. Big flock of wild geese went over today, flying North. Geo Lermond shot and killed a fine red fox this morning, right in his orchard. H. Buchanan's dog driving. Wrote to Snowball Jonsin.

**Saturday, Jan. 29** Rain like Hellen Blazes all day. Died John Miller. I went in one of Fernald's top-buggys and went out in it tonight. Sammy could not come over with me "sick" so I have had a bum old evening. See 3 big deer tonight up in the head of the old Hills field.

**Sunday, Jan. 30** Fair and very warm. Went over and got Sammy for a little while carried her home at 12 M. tonight. We both see the new Comit in the west this evening. And I have a rotten cold and am now going to bed. Shelah.

**Monday, Jan. 31** Fair and some colder. Ground froze just cussedly rough. Came down this morning. Got a letter from ye "little Hans". He is working a Bug House in Worcester for his living this winter.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 1** Overcast all day, looks like a storm. Big Mask Ball at Grange Hall went with Sammy did not mask. Fine time, 65 couple.

**Wednesday, Feb. 2** Bright fair day, Sunshiney. Now we shall see what we shall see. Will it storm or not. Have we had part of our winter or is it all to come. Feel pretty well used up tonight.

**Thursday, Feb. 3** Overcast and rather cold not bad but a little disagreeable. Been spitting snow, very fine all day and tonight it is storming hard. Lena McKinney and Charlie Pendleton were in tonight to do what they call sing. Oh Hell.



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**Friday, Feb. 4** Snow hard all day, not very cold but just cussed traveling. Sleigh cuts right through to the ground and lots of places it is all bare. Got a nice letter from my Sammy Snowball Jonsin tonight.

**Saturday, Feb. 5** Fair and a little colder not bad. Sleigh went rather hard to-day cuts right through. Came up and got my Snow-ball, carried her home with me. Sent my road waggon wheels out to Good-wins, new tires. Got Sammy pair new Overshoes.

**Sunday, Feb. 6** Clear and much colder. It was 6° below this morning, and tonight very much more than that. Just lay round the house, a lofed, read, smoke and talked Socialism Sho'

**Monday, Feb. 7** Fair and very cold. 12° below zero this morning, and it has not been above the zero mark anytime to-day. Strong west wind. "Damn such weather". Carried my Sammy home this morning. Born to Mabel and Herbert Richards, a Daughter.

**Tuesday, Feb. 8** Fair and much warmer. Rather a nice kind of a day. Wrote to my Sammy Snowball. Orren Ames made me a pair of wooden sleigh shoes 4 in wide \$2.00. Durned lonesome to-night without Sammy.

**Wednesday, Feb. 9** Warm, very warm, dark and overcast tonight. Will rain before morning. Went on my new wooden sleigh shoes today, they work fine. Got a letter from Sambo Jonsin.

**Thursday, Feb. 10** Fair and warm. Last nights rain turned to snow and to-day it has been fine sleighing. Wrote my Snow-ball Jonsin a letter. High wind blowing to-night and it's much colder.

**Friday, Feb. 11** Another nice day, fair and cold. Bully good sleighing. Got a "little note" from Sammy and if it don't storm she will go over with me tomorrow night.

**Saturday, Feb. 12** "Did it snow" Well some, and then some more. Awfull old storm. Such a bad one that I did not go out home tonight but stopped down in this God forsaken hole and I want to see Snow-ball Jonsin so much.

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**Sunday, Feb. 13** Fair and cold. Went out to Sammys this morning, awfull hard traveling, about a foot of hard snow, had to break my own track most of the way. Carried Sammy over home with me then carried her back at 12 tonight.

**Monday, Feb. 14** This has been a nice day, but rather cold. 6° below zero this morning. Dance at the Grange Hall tonight. Prof. Brown's Full Orchestry meaning all will be tite. I didnt go but I reckon Sammy is thear and I hope she has a fine time.

**Tuesday, Feb. 15** Fair and much warmer but the traveling is still pretty bum. And Sammy did not write me. Now that's darned mean for I expected a letter telling me all about the fool dance last night. Hell Horrible Skandal. Woman "calved" "miscarried" "beshit". In fact "everything" on the Hall floor Roomer said twas Ella Young.

**Wednesday, Feb. 16** Overcast, raw cold fogg over everything this morning. Cleared away about noon and has been a nice warm afternoon. Took Em's rifle and went up on the Mt shot one poor old Hedghog. Got a good letter from my Sammy.

**Thursday, Feb. 17** Snow hard all day and very cold. And tonight it is still snow-ing and commencing to blow. I am afraid the roads will be drifted full tomorrow. Wrote my own Sammy this morning. Do wish we were together to-night.

**Friday, Feb. 18** Fair and some cold. Just horriable traveling. Had to break my own track for about twenty miles of my road today. Aint that fun. Did not go up by Geo Mahoney's. Road full of drifts. Went over by Sammy's and up through Pottle's wood road. See Sammy. Married Allie Allen and Flossy Athens [Athearn].

**Saturday, Feb. 19** Fair nice day. Came up and got Sammy. She went over home with me and tonight I have been giving the folks a concirt on my Alto Horn. When everybody had gorn to bed, It dawned on me that my music was not appreciated. Shelah.



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**Sunday, Feb. 20** Fair and warmer. Nice day and nothing to do. Sammy and I have fought a little (fun) and danced a few. Carried her home tonight after 11 o'clock. Storm coming all thickening up.

**Monday, Feb. 21** Rain rain rain all day long. Awfull storm. I hired M's top sleigh and made my trip in that. Came up home got Snowball Jonsin, and she went over with me. Tomorrow I rest. Stabbed to death a Mrs. French of Belfast. One Grady and a Benner held for the slaughter.

**Tuesday, Feb. 22** Fair and some colder this morning. But commenced to snow just before dark, and it is coming down now in bunches. And we can't get to the dance Kaws they won't have it. Made a picture frame to-day.

**Wednesday, Feb. 23** Snow like the very devil this morning but cleared early and it has been a fine day ever since. Carried Sammy home. Father hawled a load of hay to-day from the old Stevens Place. Have to pay \$20 a ton in the barn. Aint that cussed.

**Thursday, Feb. 24** Fair and cool but a nice day. Sleighing pretty good. Wrote Sammy a letter today. Came down with Dandy this afternoon, intend to drive him over the route tomorrow, it will be the first time in six months.

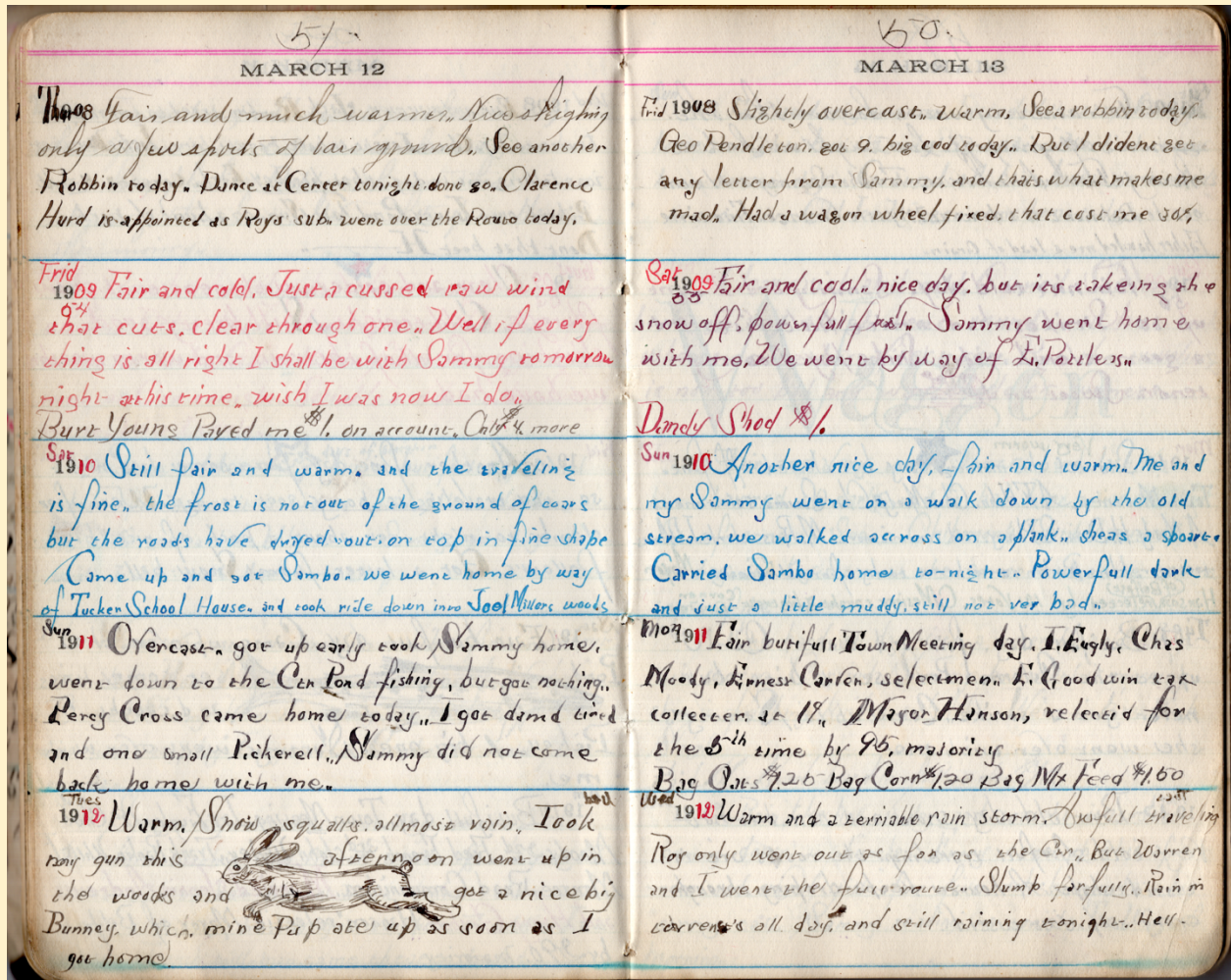
**Friday, Feb. 25** Fair this has been a rippen old day. Pretty cold this morning. 16° below zero out home and 24° below in E Searsmont. Went out to Goodwins and had Molly shod new \$1.00 Had her shoes fitted so I can put quarter boots on her.

**Saturday, Feb. 26** Another nice day but very cold this morning. 23° below and that's going some. Snow squalls tonight and much warmer. Went up got Snow-ball and she went home with me.

**Sunday, Feb. 27** Warm rain most all day just whittleing the snow. Sambo Jonsin is not feeling very well, bad cold, and as for myself I have hardly looked out of doors today. Born to Mrs and Mr Homer Smith a Son.

**Monday, Feb. 28** Rain very hard this morning but stoped about sun-up. Overcast and misty most all day. Father carried Sammy home this forenoon and took Tim down to Goodwins and had him shod. Sleighing about ruined.

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**Tuesday, Mar. 1** Nasty, rain, mist, fogg. Bitch of a day. Most of the snow gorn. Durned hard traveling. Wrote Sammy. Raining to-night. Put on pr. of stocking I bought of Mother. Wonder how long they will last me.

**Wednesday, Mar. 2** Overcast, thick fogg, not very cold. Bum sleighing. Got a letter from Snowball, she's good. Write her allso. Just wish I was out there this night. Died Will Barton aged about 45 yrs.

**Thursday, Mar. 3** Butifull warm day. Went on sleigh this morning but came in from home on a waggon. Sleighing all gone. Went up to Renis Mathews tonight. He's been playing for me on his cornet.



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**Friday, Mar. 4** Butifull fair warm day, just fine. Went out to Good-wins tonight and got my wagon wheels. Have been having them new tired and new rims. \$6.00. Dance Grange Hall tonight. I suppose Sammy went. Hope she has a good time.

**Saturday, Mar. 5** Fair and very warm. Came up and got my Snow-ball. She went over home with me. See Manly Turner this morning. He is on his way to Liberty to see his sister. Born to Mrs and Mr Parker Dean, a son, 9 lbs. Hell.

**Sunday, Mar. 6** Butifull day, very warm. Sammy and I went on a ride. Went up to the place whair Hump used to live. Then down through the Ctr. to the Coleman Pond, then Home.

**Monday, Mar. 7** Rain just come down in bunches, it has been an awfull storm. It has rained, snowed, haled and thundered mit [with] litnin. Sammy is at my house. Wish I was out with her to-night. I do. Paid Mrs F. in full \$10.00.

**Tuesday, Mar. 8** Butifull day, froze a little last night but the traveling got rather sticky about noon. Sammy Jonsin is still at my home when I got thear. I'se glad but she had to go home to-night.

**Wednesday, Mar. 9** Another butifull day, just fine. Got a letter from Mrs. Green. She writes that she has put her propity in Judge Robinson's hands of Camden to sell. So I wrote to him tonight just wish I could see that Green Acre place.

**Thursday, Mar. 10** (53 days of sleighin) Some colder but a butifull day and this afternoon it is warm again. Went clambing but never got a bite. Wrote to Sammy to-day. Do wish I was with her to-night.

**Friday, Mar. 11** Another fine day, froze some last night so the traveling was pooty good to-day. Went after clambs to-night, got about a peck of nice big fellows. Got a letter from Snow-ball.

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**Saturday, Mar. 12** Still fair and warm and the traveling is fine. The frost is not out of the ground of course but the roads have dried out on top in fine shape. Came up and got Sambo and we went home by way of Tucker School House and took a ride down into Joel Miller's woods.

**Sunday, Mar. 13** Another nice day, fair and warm. Me and my Sammy went on a walk by the old stream, we walked across on a plank. She's a sport. Carried Sambo home to-night. Powerfull dark and just a little muddy, still not very bad.

**Monday, Mar. 14** Very warm. Snowed this morning early but cleared off fine. Town Meeting, A.F. Hahn, Chas Moody, Chas Stevens, Selectmen. A. Moody, H. Dean, S. Phinney, Road Commissioners. M. Ross, Clerk, L. D. Ames, Treasurer. Hans Rankin came home today from Worcester. Mayor Hanson of Belfast reelected by 12 Votes. C. Mesirvy caught 3 big trout Corner Bridge.

**Tuesday, Mar. 15** Fair and very warm. Froze hard last night but thawed up early, and it has been quite muddy this afternoon. Seen a Chipmonk (striped squarrell) to-day. The boys at the corner bridge are getting some fine trout.

**Wednesday, Mar. 16** Fair and very warm and dumed hard traveling. Wrote to Sambo Jonsin. Emry went up the Metcalf Brook this afternoon fishing and he got 8 (Eight) fine large trout. What do you know about that. Born to Eddie Marriner and his wife, and now they have 6.

**Thursday, Mar. 17** Fair and a bit colder. Awfull rough traveling. See two Robins today. Renis Mathews and his foster sister Bessie Fernald were in tonight. Been having what old Clam Jonsin would call a Musical.

**Friday, Mar. 18** Fair and darned cold. Roads are awfull rough. Tonight I burnt a picture frame for Mother. Next Monday is her birthday. Made the frame myself. Drew and burned Poencitys on beam. Got a good letter from little Sambo Jonsin. Born to Mr and Mrs Melbry Hunt, Girl.

**Saturday, Mar. 19** Another nice day, the wind has just howled all day long and to-night it's still whooping. Very much warmer, and nice traveling. Came up and got Sammy. She went over home with me. Plenty Robins now.

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**Sunday, Mar. 20** Warm, and a darned fine kind of a day. Southerly wind still howling. Did some grafting this afternoon. Finished re-topping a tree. Sammy's not feeling very well.

**Monday, Mar. 21** Another fine warm day. Sammy stoped over home today helping Abbie make a waist so I came up from the Beech and carried her over home this evening. And this is my Mother's birthday. 59 yrs old to-day.

**Tuesday, Mar. 22** Overcast this morning, raw, and cold. Rained about four hours in the middle of the day but has all cleared away, fine to-night. See many Blue Birds today. Died Gideon Young an old old citizen aged 91 yrs.

**Wednesday, Mar. 23** Butifull day, warm, just great. Quite muddy so it is rather hard traveling. Wrote Sammy allso. Sent money order to S.R. & Co. \$2.25. Silver Spavin Renidy. Got to use it on Tim. Signed 3 months for National Sportsman 25¢. Born to Mr and Mrs Elisen Morse a son 10 ¼ lbs.

**Thursday, Mar. 24** A fine warm day. Roads are getting pretty bad - frost coming out all the way. Fred Hardy and Jerry Young are here at Emrys sawing fire wood. Had my shaft ends put in new 60¢. Got a letter from Sammy.

**Friday, Mar. 25** Fair and Hot. This is the hottest day thear ever was this time of year. It's been 72° of heat in the shade all day. Frost almost all out and terriable traveling. One foot of mud every whair.

**Saturday, Mar. 26** Warm, worst traveling I have ever seen. Was 6 hrs - 30 minutes. Went out to my Sammy's tonight. Walked, was 1 1/2 hours going out. Stoped tonight at Snow-ball's.

**Sunday, Mar. 27** Butifull day, warm and plesant. Sammy and I went up on Harvill's Hill. I walked down to the Beech tonight. Ice went out of the Andrew's Pond to-day. Road awfull, frost all out.

**Monday, Mar. 28** This has been a rather bum old day raw and cold. Heavy thunder squalls and hail showers. Cussed traveling. Stephen Young was planting peas this morning. Wrote a letter to Sammy.

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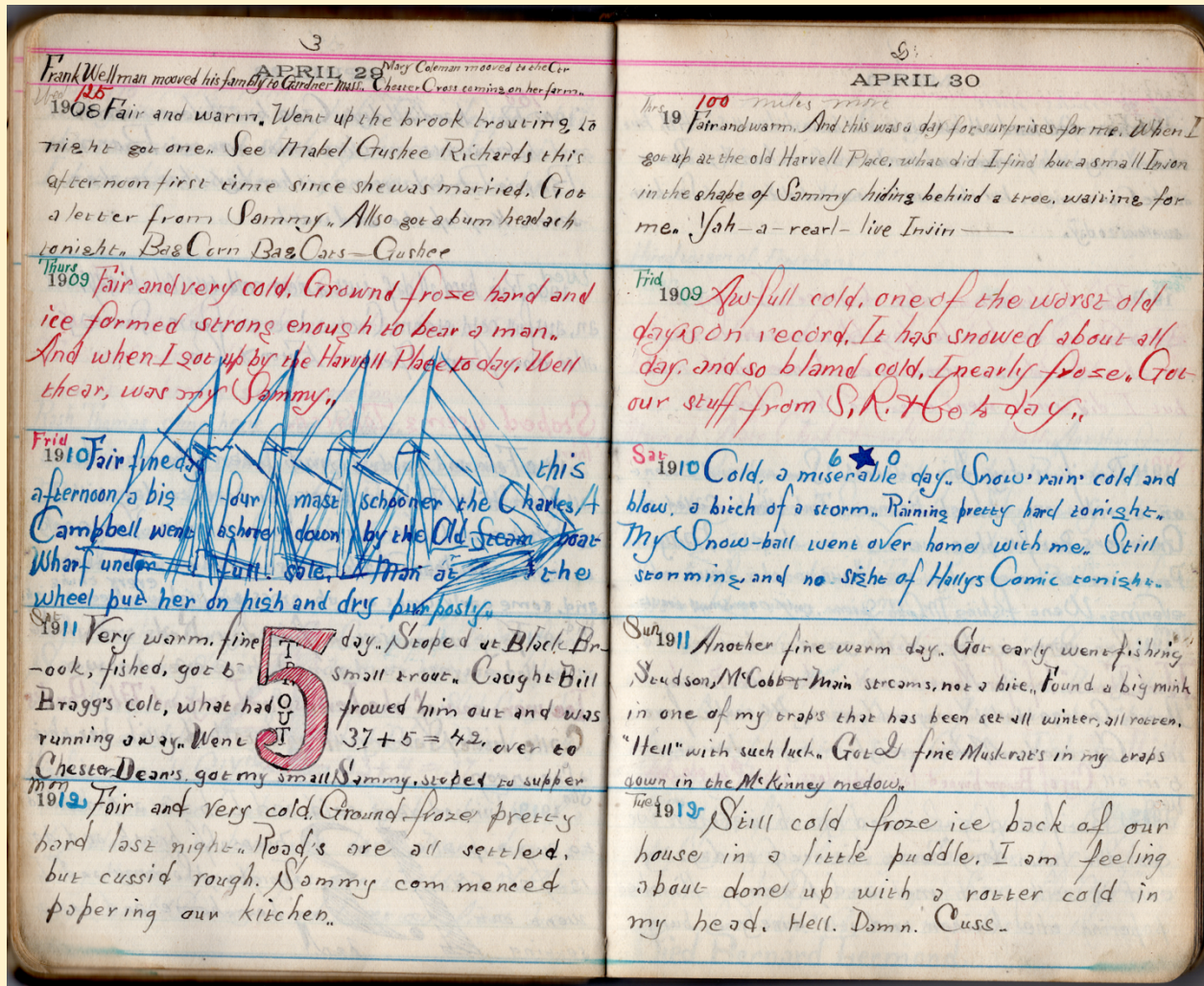
**Tuesday, Mar. 29** Another nice day, fair and warm, the mud is drying up, just a very little. Went fishing "9 nice Trout" Metcalf Brook. Got a goot letter from Sammy Jonsin to-day. See a Yellow Hammer to-day.

**Wednesday, Mar. 30** Ice went out of the Seller Pond today. Fair nice day, but still awfull hard traveling. Wrote letter to Snow-ball. Everybody in town sick with the Gripp. I'm just coming down with it, have had a terriable head ach all day.

**Thursday, Mar. 31** Raw cold overcast, showery. Traveling improving a very little but still very hard. Was sick last night but feeling O.K. to-day. Just finished counting up my mail had 4,812 pieces this month.



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**Friday, Apr. 1** Fair and warm, butifull day, just great. April fool. Hudson French killed himself by shooting his throat out with a shotgun down in his meat market. Horriable nasty old mess. Got a nice letter from Sambo Jonsin.

**Saturday, Apr. 2** Butifull day fair and warm. Came up and got Sammy. She went over home with me tonight. The traveling is improving fast. Much of the roads are all settled.

**Sunday, Apr. 3** Fair, elegant day. Just a little colder tonight. Went fishing the main stream this afternoon but nothing doing not even a small bite did I get.

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**Monday, Apr. 4** Butifull day. Carried Sammy over to her home this morning. The ground froze hard last night. The first time in a month. Lelia French carried away to Augusta Bug house.

**Tuesday, Apr. 5** Another butifull day, like summer. Very warm. The roads are drying up fast, nearly settled. Wrote a letter to Sammy. Went over to Orren Ames this afternoon and made a case for my cornet.

**Wednesday, Apr. 6** Very foggy this morning but out back of the hills it has been a fine warm day. Did not get any letter from Snow-ball, now I wonder if she is sick. Dont see why she didn't write. Thick fogg to-night. Died in E. Searsmont John Wellman.

**Thursday, Apr. 7** Warm, very foggy. Heavy shower this morning, pretty hard traveling. Got a letter from Sammy Kinney this afternoon. Took my gun tonight after dark and went up to Crehor's Point looking for wild gees.

**Friday, Apr. 8** Thick fogg all day but late this afternoon it cleared off and to-night it is bright starlight and some colder. Many flocks of wild gees went over today. Big flocks. Commenced work on new flote and boat whaf to-day. Been working on the outer cribb.

**Saturday, Apr. 9** Rains about all day, wet nasty. See 2 ducks in the Seller Pond this morning. Came up home got Sammy, she went over with me. Went down to the stream tonight after trout, nothing doing. Died Cinthy Levenseller. Strange case.

**Sunday, Apr. 10** Fair nice day but just a trifle cold. Took my gun and went down in the Big Woods. Wanted to graft but to very cold. Sammy and I had a very good day, not many fight's.

**Monday, Apr. 11** Fair and cold big wind been blowing all day, just howling. Carried Sammy home this morning. The ground froze last night. This afternoon I have been helping build the new boat whaf.

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**Tuesday, Apr. 12** Another fine day, just a good one. Only we had one heavy snow squall. This afternoon I helped Ai Young tear down Dearborn's old barn. The roads have all settled and the mud has all dried up. Hollis Dean has been working on roads today with a split scraper.

**Wednesday, Apr. 13** Fair nice day strong west wind. And today my Sammy flashed a message to me with her mirrow. This afternoon I've been holding plow for Emry. Father went to Belfast with Tim for a load of grain.

**Thursday, Apr. 14** Butifull warm summer like day. The roads are all settled and the traveling is bully. Went out home to-night and went fishing, went up to the Gould Mille and fished down to the bridge. Caught 4 nice trout. Died in a New York hospital Annie Patten age 23.

**Friday, Apr. 15** Butifull weather, fair and warm. The news came this morning that Annie Patten is dead. Died in a NY hospital, got blood poisning and it went in her sholder, they operated on her and she died on the table. Went fishing tonight, Metcalf Brook, got 8.

**Saturday, Apr. 16** Fair, another fine day. Came up home tonight stoped a while at Slab City and fished but got nothing. Carryed Sammy over home with me to-night. My Snow-ball's not feeling very well, she is about half sick.

**Sunday, Apr. 17** Butifull day, but very cold last night. Sammy and I went May flowering this afternoon. Heavy white frost. Got up this morning at 5 o'clock took my fishing rod went over to the McCobb Brook, fished that. Got 1. Fished the Studson stream up and back got 7. Then followed the Main stream up home. See 2 black ducks.

**Monday, Apr. 18** In Belmont died Hiram Brewster. Showers this morning and during forenoon, rain and fogg tonight. Carryed my Sammy home this morning. Annie Patten's body came to day. I sent up to Belfast and got 2 doz pinks for the poor kid, but she will never know anything about that. (Kismet)

**Tuesday, Apr. 19** Rain hard this morning. It's been thick fogg all day long. Wrote my Sammy a letter today. Poor Annie Patten buried. Wish I was out with my Snow-ball tonight. Victor Goldeing came from Worcester.



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**Wednesday, Apr. 20** Rain hard again this morning and has been a mean foggy drizzly old day. Now that Sammy Kinney girl must be sick or a mad on, for no letter came today for her poor old Uncle Ebb. "Hell"

**Thursday, Apr. 21** Overcast and a dumed cold fogg day this morning, better tonight. Got a letter from Sammy, she isn't feeling very brisk. Went out to Goodwins tonight, had Molly shod. Tearing down the old Harvill house.

**Friday, Apr. 22** Still a nasty foggy, drizzly bitch of a day. Just cussed. Wrote a letter to my small Sammy girl allso one to Mrs Green and one to Rennis Mathews. Will be with Sammy tomorrow. Died Leila French in the Me Insane Asilum at Augusta.

**Saturday, Apr. 23** Another miserable rotten old day. Thick as mud, bum traveling, drisselly showers and a damd stinking kind of a day anyway. Died Edgar L. Lunt age [blank]. Came up and got Sammy, carried her over home with me. She's not very well this spring.

**Sunday, Apr. 24** And still it remains foggy and showery, damd such weather anyway. Sammy and I took a long walk, went up to the burying ground whear Annie Patten's grave is to see the pretty flowers, then down to the new mill, and across the fields home.

**Monday, Apr. 25** Thick of fogg, and several showers today. Carried my Sammy home this morning then came down to this hell nest. School commenced today in all districks of town.

**Tuesday, Apr. 26** Allmost the same it has been for the last nine days. Only difference, it commenced to rain hard about noon and has kept it up till tonight, it is just a down pore. Wrote Sambo Jonsin to-day.

**Wednesday, Apr. 27** Fair, nice day, wind strong westerly, some colder. Went out to Goodwins. Got Dandy shod. And Sammy stood in her door when I came down by Barrows and flashed a message to me with her Mirror. Allso wrote me a nice letter.

**Thursday, Apr. 28** Fair and cold. Wind been blowing like all Sam Hill. Wore Em's fur coat today till I got home then I got into my own. Very cold

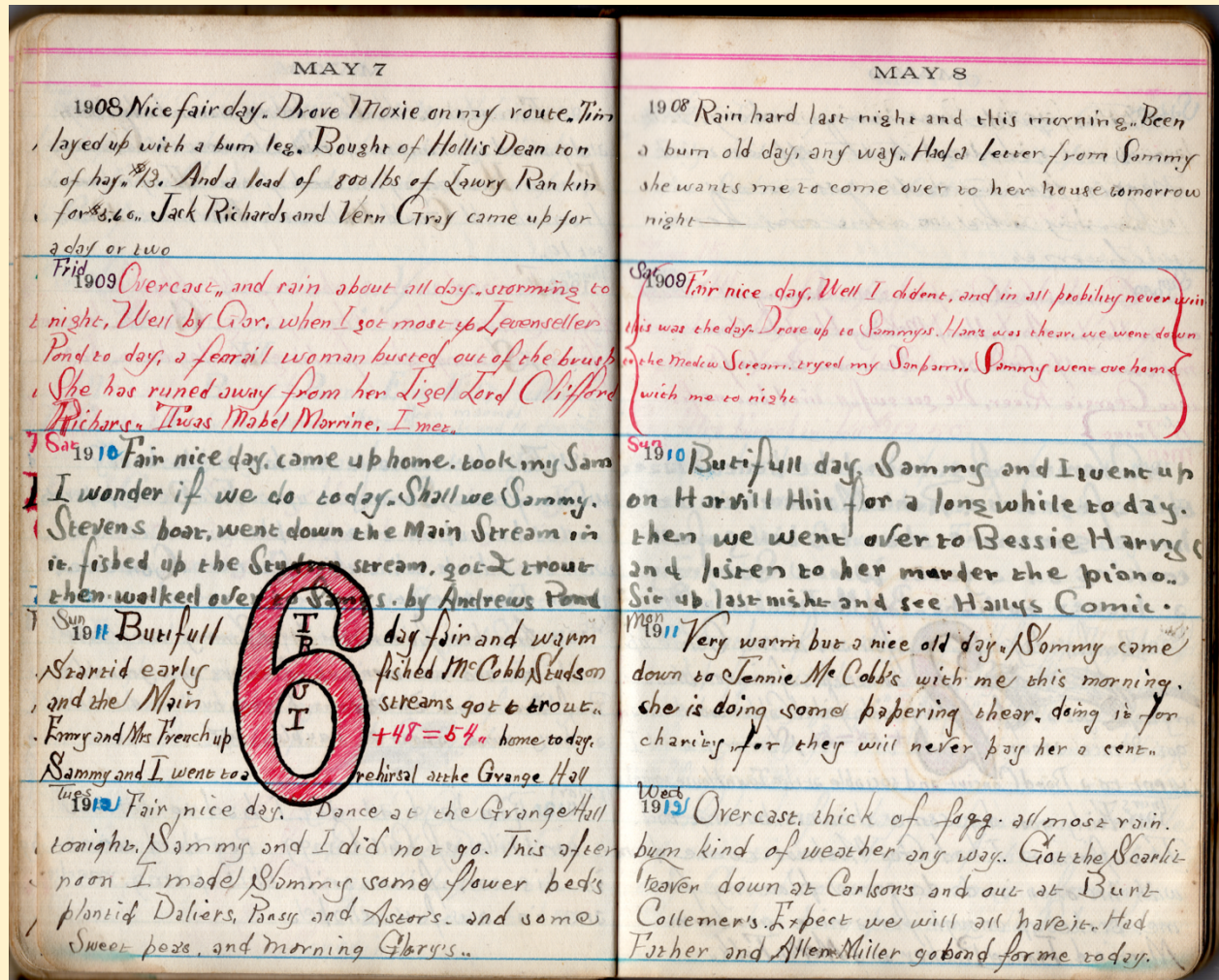
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tonight. The leaves have all started on the trees and some early crops are up. Grass in high everything will freeze tonight.

**Friday, Apr. 29** Fair, fine day. This afternoon a big 4 mast schooner the Charles A. Campbell went ashore down by the Old Steamboat Wharf under full sale. Man at the wheel put her on high and dry purposly.

**Saturday, Apr. 30** Cold and a miserable day. Snow, rain, cold and blow. A bitch of a storm. Raining pretty hard tonight. My Snow-ball went over home with me. Still storming and no sight of Hally's Comet to-night.

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**Sunday, May 1** Butifull day fair and cold. Sammy and I went on a ride out through Belmont, Tunk Wood. Called at Green Acrs. Butifull place, we ought to buy it. Milly Patten came home today, was down to the house this evening. Went fishing McCobb Stream. Only one small trout.

**Monday, May 2** Another miserable bitch of a day. Rain like hell in blazes. Carried Sammy home very early this morning. Wrote that small girl and sent her a bunch of stamps. H. Thomas went to Belfast after grain today. Went with Tim.

**Tuesday, May 3** Rain chilly fog and overcast. Heavy thunder shower tonight. Damn such weather any way. Dell Daly up home this noon stayed to dinner. Got a letter from Sammy. She has not been up to Eva Dean's yet.



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**Wednesday, May 4** Rain hard all last night and this morning but stoped up about sun up. Cold raw Eastly wind all day and raining again tonight. Just wish Sambo Jonsin was with me tonight. Wrote him a letter just now any way.

**Thursday, May 5** Raw cold day, wind awfull cold, North East. Born "Comet" a pretty black mare colt. Sire, Young Gemake. Colt very weak, poor little thing. Will die in all probility. It's a damd rotten shame. Wrote a letter to my small Sambo Jonsin.

**Friday, May 6** Fair but terriable cold last night heavy white frost. Sammy is up at Eva Dean's papering. I called her up on the telephone and talked with her a little while this afternoon. Comet died at sundown tonight.

**Saturday, May 7** Fair, nice day, came up home. Took my Sam I wonder if we do today. Shall we Sammy. Stevens boat, went down the Main Stream in it, fished up the Studson Stream, got 2 trout and then walked over to Sam's by Andrews Pond.

**Sunday, May 8** Butifull day. Sammy and I went up on Harvill Hill a long while today. Then we went over to Bessie Harvey's and listen to her murder the piano. Sit up last night and see Hally's Comit.

**Monday, May 9** Overcast fog, rain like hellen blazes this afternoon. Renis Mathews is at home. Got more than his belly full of cooking on a yact. Wrote Sammy a letter tonight. Paid Mrs French in full \$10.

**Tuesday, May 10** This has been one butifull day, fair and cold. Brisk west wind. Just lonesome tonight, wish I was with Snow-ball. It's a rotten way to live, this.

**Wednesday, May 11** Fair, that is partly overcast and showers everything looks smoky. Sun looks like a hunk of boiled salmon. Guess we are in the zone of Hally's Comit. No letter from Sammy. Just wonder what is the trouble.

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**Thursday, May 12** This has been one fine and butifull day. I now owe Jackson & Hall \$94. C.A. Stevens \$51. H.A. Dean \$10. L.H. Knight \$22. Goodwin \$9. Total \$187. And have \$100 saved up. That is Sammy has it. Got a letter from her, my Sammy. Died Otis Heal.

**Friday, May 13** Nice day. Sammy is up to Benson Noyes. Wrote her today. S. B. Sylvester has been up home making a few days viset. Went home to Belmont this afternoon. Roy Hurd bought the Pearson place yesterday.

**Saturday, May 14** Butifull day just a fine one. Went out home went fishing a little while. Got only one trout. I.V. Miller lost his pocket book today while fishing. Had \$50 in it. Sammy has been up to Benson Noyes. I went and brought her home.

**Sunday, May 15** Butifull day. Got up early 3 AM went fishing. Went over to the Bryant place, then down to the Turner Fall, up the Studson stream, and home. Got 26 butys, little over 8 lbs. Emry and Mrs French were up home today.

**Monday, May 16** Another butifull day, foine. Carried my Sammy home this morning and then came down home. Am feeling rotten, awfull feeling in my breast, feels like a half a brick was loged in my throat and the upper chest. Hell.

**Tuesday, May 17** Butifull day. Renis Mathews and I went out to a dance at the Grange Hall tonight. Music by Brown and twas rotten. Sammy not feeling well so did not go and I stayed long enough for one waltz with Stella Miller. Got a fine view of Hally's Comet while coming home.

**Wednesday, May 18** Another nice day, but tonight is all thickening up will storm tomorrow, I am afraid. Hans Rankin and Carlo Don Pedro are having a hell of a drunk to day. Driving around in Han's foine rig.

**Thursday, May 19** Butifull day fair and cool tonight but rain like all Sam Hill this morning and forenoon. Been down to Goulding's Pool Rooms tonight.

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**Friday, May 20** Butifull summer like day, just foine. Did not see anything of [Sammy] today. She must be up to Benson's in the best spar room. Been down to Gouldings watching the Younger Set play pool.

**Saturday, May 21** Butifull day fair and nice. Went up to Uncle Benson's and rescued Sammy from a night "in the best spar room". She came over home with me, we see Hally's Comet, big tonight in the West. Jack Richards came up from Rockland tonight.

**Sunday, May 22** Another fine day. I had a cussed headach last night and have had it all day today. Jack R. went back home this afternoon. Roy the Gabso went to Belfast tonight. Has hired to work with one Kimball.

**Monday, May 23** Fair nice day. Father hawled me a load of hay today from Chester Cross 1030 pounds @ \$18.00 per ton. Carried Sammy home this morning.

**Tuesday, May 24** Rain hard this morning but cleared away, nice warm day. *[rest too light to read]*

**Wednesday, May 25** Thick and raining again this morning. Got a letter from my small Girl today. Grace Robinson blowed in here on the stage tonight and Ross got me to carry her out to the Ctr. E.S.S. Belfast rammed and sunk S.S. J.T. Morse in Rockland Harbor.

**Thursday, May 26** Thick of fogg again this morning, but a foine warm day after we got out back of the hills. Wrote Sammy Snowball and looked for her flash light but never a glimps of the child do I see.

**Friday, May 27** This has been a butifull day. Had a heavy shower last night and today everything looks so bright and lovely. Dident get any letter from Miss Shortcake today. Wonder if she is all right. Played six games of pool tonight. Won them all.

**Saturday, May 28** This has been a foine kind of day. Came up and got Snowflake Jonsin, she went over home with me. And tonight we went down to the Beech to Emry's after my black suit of cloth's. Came home by way of Ctr, nice ride.



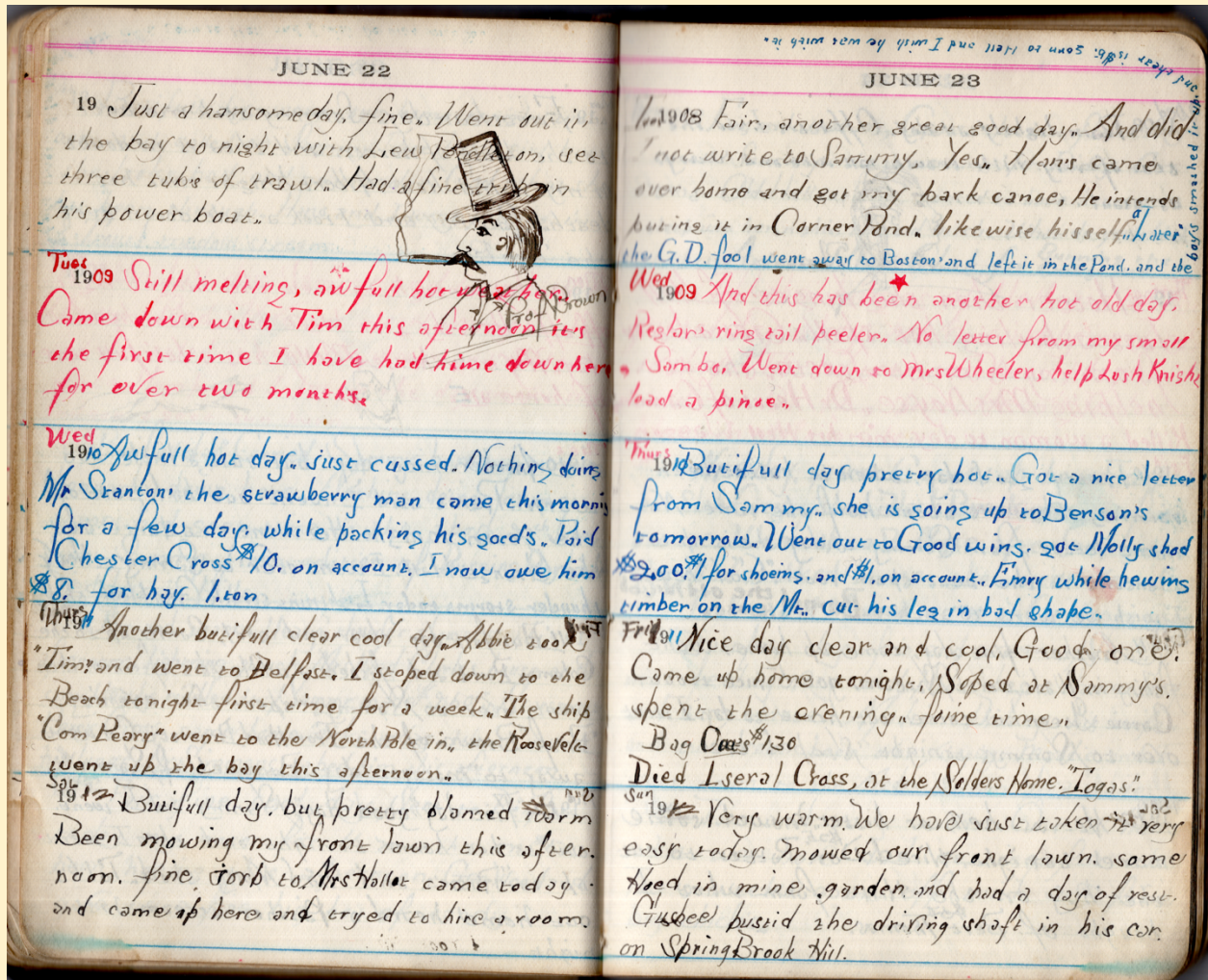
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**Sunday, May 29** Butifull day. Washed my wagon this morning and this afternoon Sammy and I attendid church at the Ctr. First time I'd been to church for years. Elder Bryant oficiated while the congregation slept.

**Monday, May 30** Rather foggy this morning but cleared away early, and its been a fine day. Sammy and I went to the Ctr. Nice time. Parade, Brass Band and 3 Veterans. We took dinner at Will Knight's. Ball game Ctr. Lincolnville via Camden. Score 7-3 favor Lincolnville. Simmon's pitched.

**Tuesday, May 31** Rained about all day. Damd nasty. *[rest too light to read]*

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**Wednesday, Jun. 1** This has been a very pretty day, fair and cool. Wrote and sent a letter to Miss Short-cake this morning. Mr Litchfield came today. He is after his Mother's body that is buried here, intends to carry it to Auburn whair they now live.

**Thursday, Jun. 2** And this has been a butifull day. Cool and nice. Now what the divel is the trouble. My Sambo has don forgot to write this migger at all this week. Got my deed today from the Register's Office.

**Friday, Jun. 3** Another butifull day. And I got a fine letter from Sammy. She is all O.K. Mr Litchfield went today. Will be with Miss Lasse's tomorrow at this time I hope. My shortcake.

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**Saturday, Jun. 4** Butifull day fair and warm. Came up home tonight. Stoped at Slab City and fished Black Brook. Got 20 big hansome trout. Butys. Went and got my small Sammy, she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Jun. 5** Another fine day, clear and cool. Heavy frost last night froze Dad's potatoes and peas. Will McCobb built a fire to keep his strawberrys from freezing. The mulching caught and burned them all up. Sammy and I went fishing, she caught 4. Smart Little Girl.

**Monday, Jun. 6** Did it rain, well rather. It's been an awfull cold raw storm and has rained something firce. Miss Shortcake did not go home this morning and I do wish I was out home with her tonight.

**Tuesday, Jun. 7** Showers part of the day. Went out home tonight and Sammy and I went fishing. Stream very high, but not so high that Sammy got one fine trout, all by herself. She is shorely a smarty. My Snowflake. Carried her home tonight.

**Wednesday, Jun. 8** This has been a middeling good day. Some hot some cold, some sun and more showers and I feel G D. lonesome without my Sammy. Wish I was out with her tonight. I do.

**Thursday, Jun. 9** Another bitch of a day. Fair part of the time and a goodly grist of showers. Wrote a letter to my small Sammy Jonsin girl. Wish we were together tonight, I do. Pobily she will write me tomorrow, just hope so anyway.

**Friday, Jun. 10** Rain in big drops all day long. Just a nasty drizzle. Got a letter from small Sammy Kinney and tomorrow night we will be together if nothing happens. Wish it was tonight.

**Saturday, Jun. 11** Another nasty rainy old day. It's just come down in bunches all day long. Came up and got Sammy, she went over home with me tonight. Guess it will storm so much we cannot go fishing tomorrow.

**Sunday, Jun. 12** Still raining, went fishing a little while this afternoon. Got 7 trout. Stream too high for good fishing. Sambo Jonsin is not feeling very well today, but we are glad we are together this mean old day.

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**Monday, Jun. 13** Fair at last aint it good to see the sun once more. Well some. Carried Sammy home this morning and told her mother we are to be married soon and she wouldnt believe it but we are aint we Sammy girl. My little Sammy.

**Tuesday, Jun. 14** Still fair a fine day. Very warm, yes hot. Wrote Sammy a letter, do wish I was out with her tonight. Hope the people out her way are not making life miserable for my little girlie.

**Wednesday, Jun. 15** Butifull day, fair and warm. Wrote my little girl a letter and got one from her. God but how I wish I was out with her tonight for I know she is lonely and wants me. \$22 now due L.H. Knight.

**Thursday, Jun. 16** This has been a foine day. I intended going to Camden tonight but it came in foggy and the stage had a load so did not go. Let Guss Heald have my Ithica gun today. He thinks of buying it. Wrote letter to my little Sammy.

**Friday, Jun. 17** Rain like all Sam Hill all day. Wrote a letter to my small Snowflake. Just wish I was out with her tonight. Will be with her tomorrow night any way.

**Saturday, Jun. 18** This has been a very nice kind of a day. Went out and got my Sammy, she went over home with me and tonight we have just been out walking and enjoying ourselves. Great. Bag Oats \$1.50 Bag Meal \$1.55 Mx Feed \$1.45 Total \$4.50

**Sunday, Jun. 19** Butifull day. Sammy and I went on a ride out troo Belmont and E. Searsmont down by the Seller Pond. Went in swimming this morning down in the stream. First time this year, water dam cold. Died Atlanta Dunton Fletcher age 33 yrs.

**Monday, Jun. 20** Butifull day. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down here. Nothing doing for me. Same had good time in the above 20<sup>th</sup> June. [*referencing last year's entry*]. Sent Sammy first edition of Burning Baylight. Died Lizzie Hills.



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**Tuesday, Jun. 21** Another nice day, just a little too warm. Renis and I went out in the back part of the town tonight. He went to a dance at the Grange Hall. I went over to Sammy's. Heavy thunder storms today. Lightning struck Geo Heals shop.

**Wednesday, Jun. 22** Awfull hot day. Just cussed. Nothing doing. Mr Stanton, the strawberry man came this morning for a few days while packing his goods. Paid Chester Cross \$10. on account. I now owe him \$8. for hay. 1 ton.

**Thursday, Jun. 23** Butifull day pretty hot. Got a nice letter from Sammy, she is going up to Benson's tomorrow. Went out to Goodwins, got Molly shod \$2.00. \$1. for shoeing and \$1. on account. Emry while hewing timber on the Mt. cut his leg in bad shape.

**Friday, Jun. 24** Pretty good day when it hasent been raining. Showers about half the time. No more letter from Sammy today. She is up to Benson's in the best spair room. God, how I wish we was together. Burned the old McCobb house.

**Saturday, Jun. 25** Nice day, warm. Came up home, stoped at Slab City fished Black Brook got 16 fine trout. Went up to B. Noyes for Sammy and she had walked home. She went over with me. Father and Mother went to Camden tonight.

**Sunday, Jun. 26** Fair, nice day. Deedy Tomp. came. Sammy and I went out to Rad Mahoney's in E. Searsmont fishing. We got 1 big White Pirch and lots of yellow ones. B. Oats \$1.55 B. Corn \$1.50 Covel.

**Monday, Jun. 27** Overcast very hot, sultry. Sammy went home with me this morning. And tonight I wish I was back home with her, in God country. My Sambo Jonsin girl.

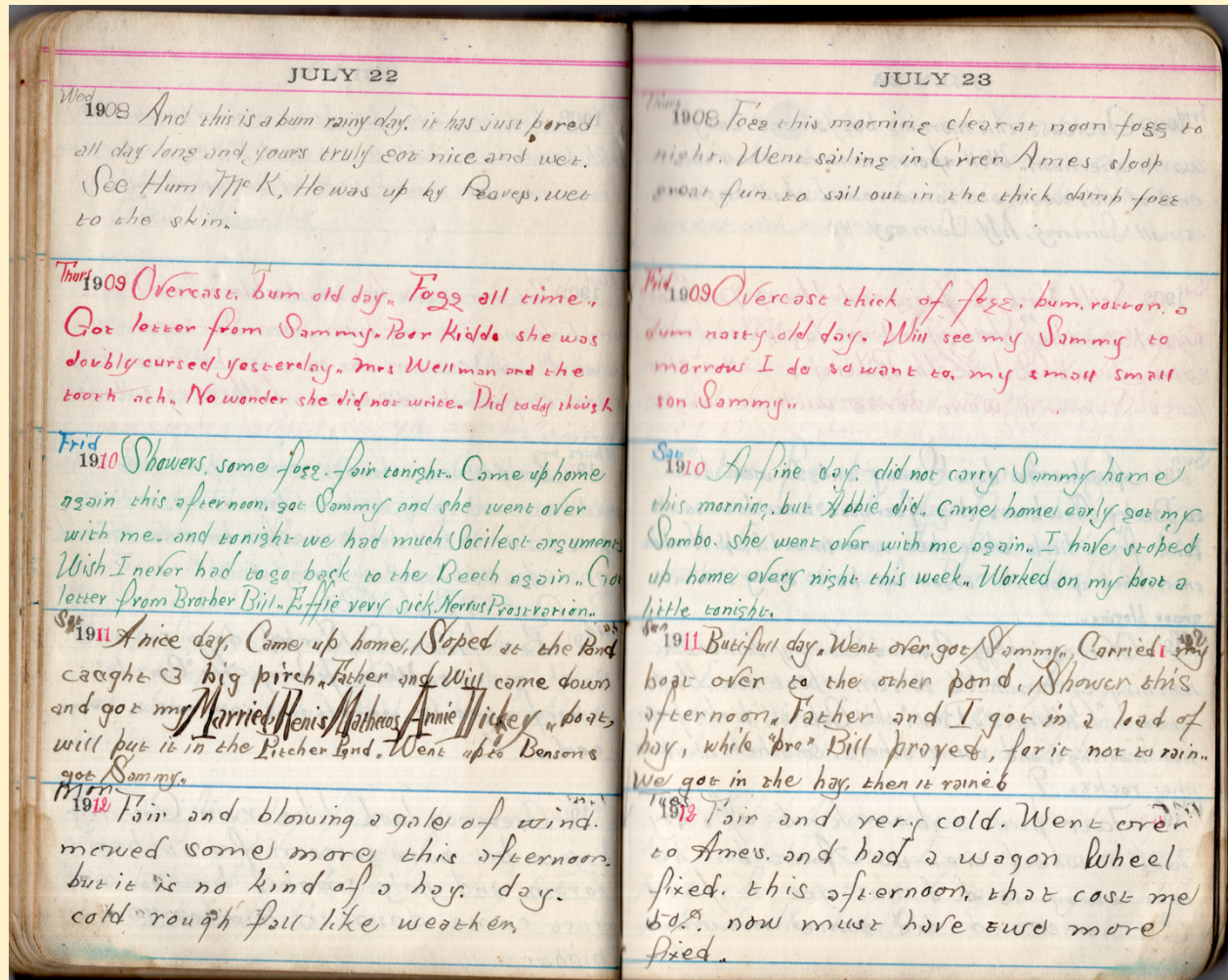
**Tuesday, Jun. 28** Butifull warm summer day. Wrote my small Sammy and allso got a letter from her. Sent her out a pair of Oxford shoes by Roy and Sammy is pleased with them \$2.50. Wish I was with her tonight. Commenced building new butment at Wadsworth Bridge the span is now 38 feet and they are shorting it up to 18.

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**Wednesday, Jun. 29** Another fine day. Sammy is up at Noyes again. Wrote her a letter, the dear little girl sent me a dollar in her letter yesterday to pay for her shoes and I sent it back today.

**Thursday, Jun. 30** Fine day, pretty warm. Drove Emrys colt Margie today, he wanted her exicised and by G--. she got it the lazy little bitch. Wish I could see my Sammy tonight. God Almighty but how I want her.

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**Friday, Jul. 1** Butifull day but darned warm. This morning two Torpedo boat Destroyers went up the bay on thear way to Bangor and this afternoon the Gunboat Montgomery passed up bound for Belfast. No letter from Sammy. Died, Mrs Mary Mills "Old Hans" wife.

**Saturday, Jul. 2** Fair and warm. Went out to Goodwins got Dandy shod paid him \$3.50 on account. Went and got my Sammy carried her over home with me. Wish she could allways be with me my small girlye.

**Sunday, Jul. 3** Fair nice day. Sammy and I went fishing down at the stream caught 9 nice trout. Put them in the Mineral Spring. Got one big 13 in. long. Carried my Sammy home tonight.

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**Monday, Jul. 4** Hail storm this morning. Fair nice afternoon. Sammy, Deedy and I went to Ball Game at Ctr. Camden via Lincolnville. We won 16 - 15. We all went to the dance at Grange Hall, nice time. Keys played \$2.46. Paid C. Cross for hay in full \$8.00. Jack Jonson knocked out Jim Jefferys in 15 rounds at Reno, Nev.

**Tuesday, Jul. 5** Butifull day but very warm. Wrote Sammy and sent her some stamps. Emry is sick in bed. Wish I could see my Sammy tonight. Paid Mrs French board in full \$10. Paid Mathews house rent \$5. Paid Covell for grain in full \$8.12. Paid for Sammy's shoes \$2.50.

**Wednesday, Jul. 6** Butifull hot summer day, and I ought to have gotten a letter from my own little Sammy, but no letter came. Just wish we were together tonight. Oh little girl.

**Thursday, Jul. 7** Warm, southerly wind fogg and darned sultry. Jack Miller, Horace Mc. dog was killed this afternoon, a big automobile run over him and broke his neck. Sent Sammy this week's instalment. Burning Daylight. Bag Oats Covell \$1.55. Married, Grace Robinson and [blank].

**Friday, Jul. 8** Rain like Helly this morning but has been nice day only cussed hot. Wrote my Sammy "Oh girl" dont I want to see you tonight. Paid Hollis Dean in full for 1/2 ton hay. \$10.

**Saturday, Jul. 9** Butifull day. Came up home got my Sambo she went over home with me. Sammy paid me my Half Dollar's worth of Cigars. I won from her on the Jeffry & Jonson fight. Bag Corn \$1.55.

**Sunday, Jul. 10** Hot, awfull hot. Went fishing for troute this morning, went way down stream. Got 10 nice big fellows. One 15 and one 14 inches long. Found a dead buck deer, brought his skull and antlers home.

**Monday, Jul. 11** Another scorcher, awfull hot. Carried Sammy home this morning. Just wish she was down here with me. Emry has been walking on his cut leg today first time. Bag Oats \$1.55.



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**Tuesday, Jul. 12** Butifull day fair and warm. Wrote my small Sammy today. Wish I was with her tonight. Emrys leg is in bad shape, all swelled up. Paid C.A. Stevens \$25. for hay.

**Wednesday, Jul. 13** Slightly overcast some fog and one shower. Got a nice letter from Sammy girl this afternoon. She is going up to Benson's again. Went in swiming with the boys today. Foine swim.

**Thursday, Jul. 14** Butifull day but very warm. Got the bestest letter from Sammy today. She is up at Benson's again, sleeping I suppose in the best spair room. Went in swimming again today.

**Friday, Jul. 15** Very nice day, warm, ye hot. Wrote my Sammy a letter, allso lost a note that belonged to H. Morse. Said note given to A.P. Knight for \$125. I paid the note then lost it. Went in swimming this afternoon.

**Saturday, Jul. 16** Another fine day fair and very warm. Came up got Sammy up at Bensons. She went home with me. Deedy and I went down to the stream. I washed my waggon and we went in swimming.

**Sunday, Jul. 17** Fair and a nice day. Sammy Deedy and I went on a long ride out through Belmont and Searsmont up over Muzzy Ridge and home by the Seller Pond.

**Monday, Jul. 18** And still another fine day carryed Sammy home this morning, came down to the office then this afternoon went back out home again and tonight went to the Old Church to a Socilest Lecture by Clinton Simonton. Great time, big crowd. A gang of telephone men came to Mrs. French today 11.

**Tuesday, Jul. 19** Another fine day. Went out to the Grange Hall tonight to a sociable. Clinton Simonton the Socilest spoke for half an hour after the program, and he is surely all right. Father Mother Abbie Deedy Sammy and I went both tonight and last night.

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**Wednesday, Jul. 20** Butifull day, fine. Went out to Goodwins this afternoon had Tim shod. Went up got my Sammy and she went over home with me. Born to Mr and Mrs Richard Crooker a son. They lost no time, have been married nine months and three days. Tim Shod not paid. Now owe Goodwin \$7.50.

**Thursday, Jul. 21** Partly overcast showery. Went out home again tonight and did some work on my double end boat, am going to fit her up to put in the pond but it's in awfull bum shape. Painted one side. Wish I could see Sammy tonight. Bag Oats \$1.45 Bag Corn \$1.50.

**Friday, Jul. 22** Showers, some fogg fair tonight. Came up home again this afternoon, got Sammy and she went over with me and tonight we had much Socilest argument. Wish I never had to go back to the Beech again. Got letter from Brother Bill. Effie very sick. Nervous Prostration.

**Saturday, Jul. 23** A fine day. Did not carry Sammy home this morning, but Abbie did. Came home early got my Sambo. She went over with me again. I have stoped up home every night this week. Worked on my boat tonight.

**Sunday, Jul. 24** Another hot day. Sammy and I went down to Becky Newbert's this afternoon. Went down to the Pond for a little while, then went in and Ralph Newbert entertained up on the organ and he is surely an artist great playing.

**Monday, Jul. 25** Hot. Fog this morning. It has been one cussed scorcher of a day. Carried Sammy home this morning. Just feel soused this hot weather some thing awfull. Borrowed \$2. of Sammy.

**Tuesday, Jul. 26** Fair nice day. Came up home tonight. Got a Telegram from Will that Effie is dangerously ill and for Abbie to come at once for the children. She went on tonights boat. Sammy went over home with me. Mother wants her to paper some for her. Got a telegram tonight saying Effie is dead. Died at 2 P.M. Age 36 years.

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**Wednesday, Jul. 27** Butifull day. Came down to the office this morning. Got another telegram from Will asking me to take Deedy and come to Melrose for the funeral. We go on tomorrow night's boat. Sammy papered the sitting room cealing to-day white.

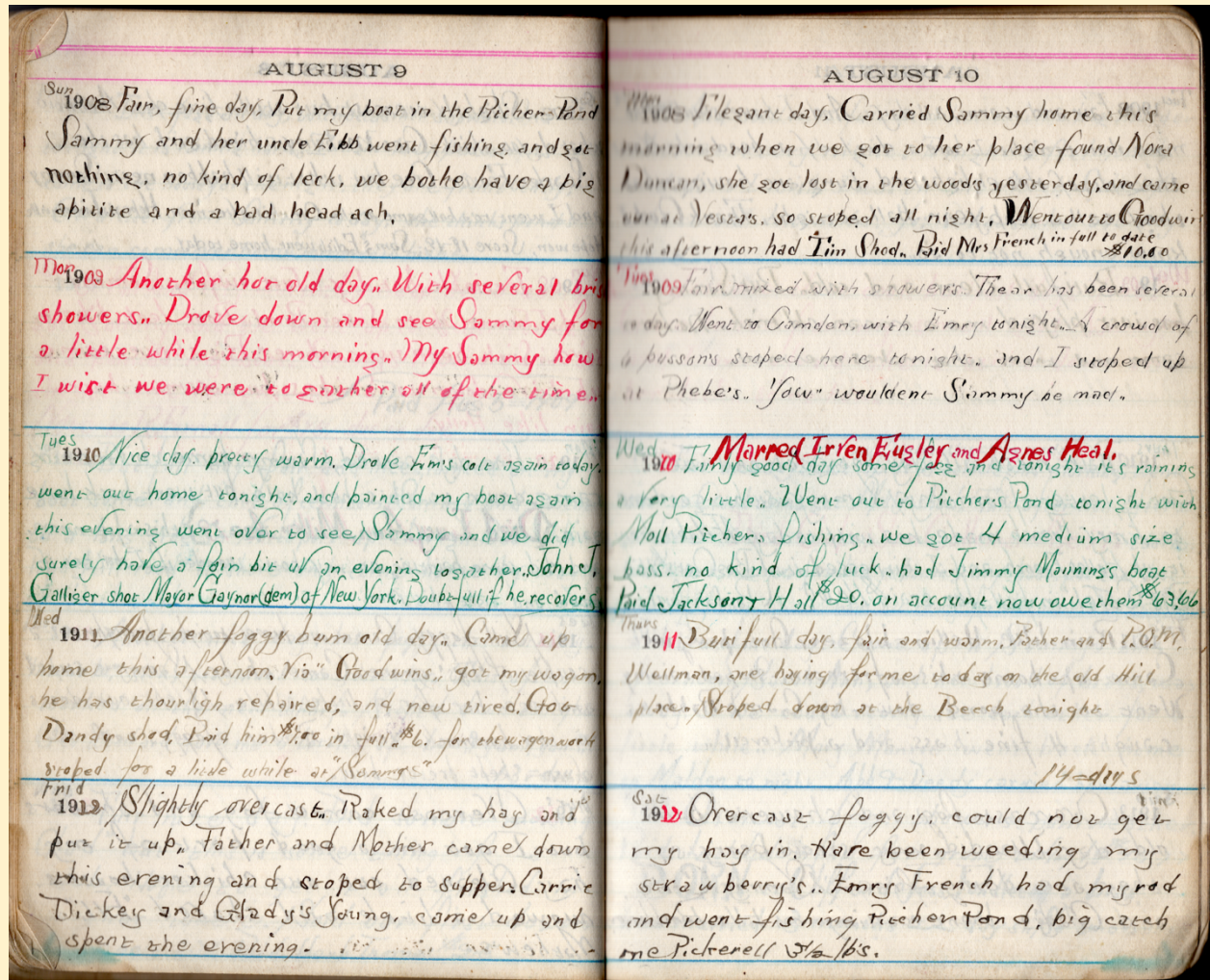
**Thursday, Jul. 28** Fair nice day. Deedy and I went to Boston tonight on the S.S. Belfast. Got a state room and my little Deedy wasent very sick. Set up on deck this evening and watched the Camden Mts. fade away, and my little Sammy is way out back of them and cant be with me tonight.

**Friday, Jul. 29** Fair. Got in to Boston at six this morning. Will met us at Fosters Wharf. Took elevated car to Sullivan Sq. then the electrics to Malden. We walked up to Fells from thear. Poor Effie she looked as natural as if she was sleeping. Deedy bore up wonderfull. Poor girlie. Mountins of flowers at the funeral. Effie was buried in Wyoming Cematerly.

**Saturday, Jul. 30** Fair. Went in to Malden Will Deedy the boy and I. Will went to Boston, and we-all children went over to Ediths. Rain some. Came into Boston tonight to take boat home. Sam Perry, Duncan and John McIntosh and Will came with us. I bribed the head Stewardess gave her \$5.00 for a stateroom. S.S. Camden. Darned rough tonight.

**Sunday, Jul. 31** Fair and some cooler. We got in Camden at 6 this morning. Abbie Deedy boy Archy and I went up to Mrs Owens. I went down street and telephoned for teams from home. Father and Sammy each came with one, and wasent I glad to see that girl. Seems as if I had been gorn a year.

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**Monday, Aug. 1** Butifull day clear and cool. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down here. T.E. Gushee drove my route for me last Frid. and Sat. and I paid him \$6. The whole expence since Effie died is about \$29. Poor girl. Wish I could see my Sammy tonight.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2** Showers part of the day. Wrote a letter to my Sammy. Dance at the Grange Hall tonight but none of it for me this time. Went over to Orren Ames this afternoon got two cans of paint Drab and Green and a set of boat timbers. Want to get my boat in the Pond.



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**Wednesday, Aug. 3** Fair nice old day. Went out home tonight and worked on my boat put five new timbers into it. Got two more then calking and a double coat of paint and she is ready for the water. Got a nice letter from my small Sambo.

**Thursday, Aug. 4** Rain well some of it about all day, heavy showers and still hitting it up tonight. Dr's Heart and Codman, a Philadelphia speclist were here to see Emry tonight. He is in awfull shape. Drove Em's colt Margy today for exicise. Damn her any way.

**Friday, Aug. 5** Fair nice day. Went out home to-night and worked some on my boat. Wish I could get it in the pond by Sun. but can't get it fixed in time. Got a nice letter from Sammy. Will see her to-morrow. Bag Corn \$1.55 Bag Oats \$1.50

**Saturday, Aug. 6** Nother nice day. Came up home got Sammy and she went over with me. Did a little more painting on my boat. Hope I can get her good and tight this time so not to get Sammy's feets wetted.

**Sunday, Aug. 7** Butifull day fair and nice. Painted on my boat some, and this afternoon Sammy and I went on a long ride in Northport up through Beech Hill then Pond Hill road to shore and came home by way of Ducktrap.

**Monday, Aug. 8** Fine day carried Sammy home this morning. Came down to this hell hole but went back home again [Died Lucy Ann Miller Age 79] this afternoon and did some painting on my boat. Wonder if I can get it good and tight this year.

**Tuesday, Aug. 9** Nice day pretty warm. Drove Em's colt again today, went out home tonight, and painted my boat again this evening went over to see Sammy and we did surely have a foine bit of an evening together. John J. Galliger shot Mayor Gaynor (dem) of New York. Doubtfull if he recovers.

**Wednesday, Aug. 10** Married Irven Eugley and Agnes Heal. Fairly good day some fogg and tonight it's raining a very little. Went out to Pitcher's Pond tonight with Moll Pitcher fishing. We got 4 medium size bass. No kind of luck. Had Jimmy Manning's boat. Paid Jackson & Hall \$20. on account now owe them \$63.66.

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**Thursday, Aug. 11** Rain most all day. Got good and wet. Got a letter from my Sammy. Such a good one. Emry French made his will today. A.F. Hahn drew it up. Holles French and I witnessed it. Paid Covell in full for grain \$16.60. Bag Oats \$1.50 Paid in full.

**Friday, Aug. 12** Fair nice day. My brother Will came today. Got up at 5 o'clock this morning, went out to Goodwins got Molly shod. This afternoon after I got done work went out home finished repairing my boat, put the last coat of paint on it now ready for the water. Bag Corn \$1.60 Bag Oats \$1.50 Died Capt. Sam Collemer Age 94.

**Saturday, Aug. 13** Nice warm day. Went and bought H.C. Thomas hay standing, gave him \$22. Paid him \$10. down. Ought to get 12 ton at least. Went over to Sammy's and stoped tonight. First time for ages. We had a fine old time. Deedy and I went fishing tonight 7 fine trout 3 = 14 inches long. Bag Meal \$1.60. Paid Goodwin \$5. Now owe him \$3.50.

**Sunday, Aug. 14** Fair and pretty hot. Have been down at Sammy's all day and we all had just had a slick viset. One of Allen Miller's team hourse's taken sick. They had to kill him. Broken blood vessel in his stumock. Leslie and Frank Dickey's wives Lena and Georgie have been over calling on Sammy tonight.

**Monday, Aug. 15** Pretty dumed hot. Brought my old Ira Jonsin biycle down this afternoon. Traided it even with Renis Mathews for a Brass B-flat Cornet. Over to Orren Ames and tirmed out 3 1 1/2 inch rollers for Will's new patent rolling machine. Paid Mrs. French for board \$10. in full to date.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16** Slightly overcast this morning but a nice fair day for-a-that. Went up to Sammy's this afternoon and she went over home with me for a while this evening. I carried her home about 9 PM. Butifull moonlight and we had a jolly ride.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17** Butifull day. Fine. Anual Picnic today. Dance at Ctr. tonight. Did not go. Father, Ernest Heal and Herb Thomas commenced cutting the Rash Thomas hay for me. Hope I get 10 ton. God knows I shall need it.

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**Thursday, Aug. 18** Butifull day. Father and the boys got home 3 load of my hay to-day and one load last night a little more than 3 ton I think. I went out home tonight and Will, the boy, Deedy, and I went trouting but caught only 3. Wrote letter to Sammy. Bag Oats \$1.50 Bag Corn \$1.60.

**Friday, Aug. 19** Rain hard about all last night and part of today. Fair tonight. Got a letter from Sammy. She is pretty tired after her day and night of disapition. Picnic and dance. Wish I was out with her tonight.

**Saturday, Aug. 20** Fair nice day. Roomer said a ball game at the Ctr. Went up to Sammy's this afternoon no game. Carried her home with me. Mother and Abb acted like a pack of damn dogs so Sammy and I walked over to her home at 12 oclock tonight.

**Sunday, Aug. 21** Butifull day, but a hell of a hard one for Sammy and I. Her mother played sick and sozzled around so Sammy had everything to do. Damn them for using we-all-so.

**Monday, Aug. 22** Thick fogg this morning. Got up and came down here. No breakfast or dinner. Damn them if they want to get rid of me. All right two may play the same game.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23** Butifull warm summer day. Will went back to work. Abb, Dede, and the boy carried him away. Expected to see Sammy up papering the old Town House this morning but she was not thear. Will Howe of Camden killed a man in Rockport with his Automobil.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24** Fair nice day air awfully full of smoke. Wrote Sammy a letter. Grange field day. Dance tonight at the Grange Hall. Suppose Sammy will be thear. Drove Emrys colt today. Bag Oats \$1.50 Bag Corn \$1.60.

**Thursday, Aug. 25** Nice day very warm. Got a letter from Sammy. She wrote that Ab had been over to see her and did some slobering. Boys have been catching smelts off the bridge here today.

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**Friday, Aug. 26** Very warm and very dry. Drove Em's colt today. Had a right smart shower out at the house this noon. Wrote Sammy a letter. Hollis French and I went up to the springs in Sleepy Holler and got a can of drinking water. Paid Herb Thomas in full for work cutting hay \$15.

**Saturday, Aug. 27** Butifull day. Went out got Sammy and we went to the Ctr. Ballgame. East Union played and won "Skore" of 7 - 15 in thear favor. Sammy went over with me and spent the evening then we walked down to her home late tonight.

**Sunday, Aug. 28** A fine warm day. Sammy and I went for a walk down by the Medow. She took me to the grave whair the first white man who died in Lincolnville is buried.

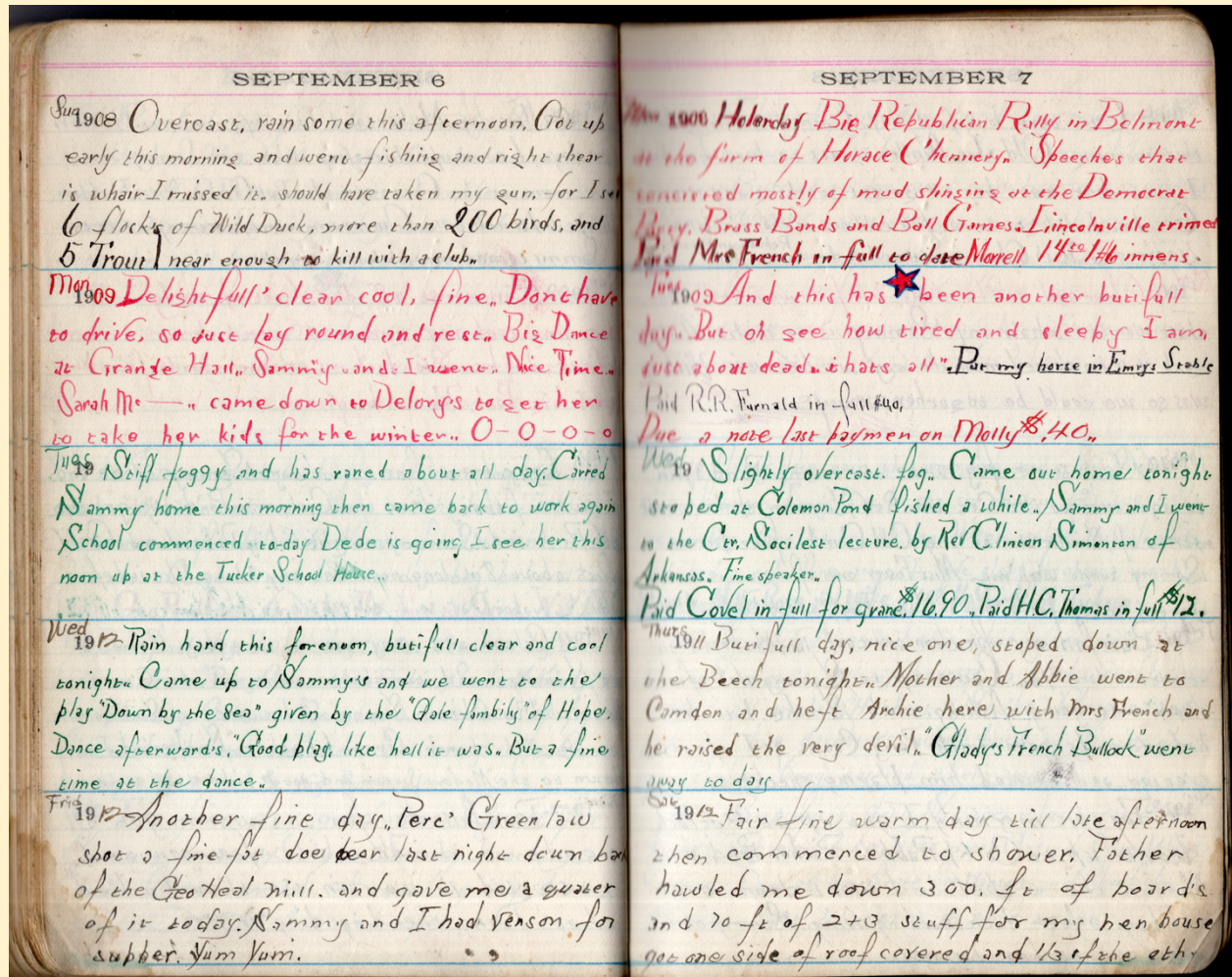
**Monday, Aug. 29** Another butifull day fine clear and cool. Wish I could see Sammy tonight I do. Born to Warren Pitcher and Wife another Son making 4 boys in all- fine? Fine?? Let the good work go on thear's lots of fun in the makeing's?

**Tuesday, Aug. 30** Fair and cool nice day. Went out to "Goodwins" this afternoon had Dandy shod and had the tires set on my waggon. Went up and see Sammy a little while this evening. Awfull cold tonight. Now owe Goodwin \$6.50.

**Wednesday, Aug. 31** Raw cold overcast day. Did not get any letter from Sammy and she promaced me last night she would write today. I know she must be sick. I wish we were togather tonight. Bag Oats \$1.50.



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**Thursday, Sep. 1** Butifull day fair and cool. Went out to the Ctr. to Ye oald Church. Big time musical to raise money to repair the Church. Big crowd. Sammy went with me allso Dede. Bag Oats \$1.50.

**Friday, Sep. 2** Another foine day. Big Democratic Rally at Ctr. Ex Gov. Folk of "Mo" spoke allso Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville Me and this evening John Brown of Surry spoke on Socilisam. Sammy and I took in the whole thing.

**Saturday, Sep. 3** Overcast but still a nice cool day. Went up home this afternoon and took my double end boat down to the Coleman Pond. Rain this evening but I went over and got Sammy tonight. Bag Oats \$1.50.

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**Sunday, Sep. 4** Overcast and thick fog this morning. I got up early "4-30" and went down to the pond. Took my gun, see a fox below Ai Young's. Fired at him. No Luck. Fine shot. Caught 3 nice pirc and a big pickeral. Drown, Geo Pendleton. Age 34. Fell from tow boat in N.Y. Drunk.

**Monday, Sep. 5** Foggy, but a fine calm day. Sammy, Dede and I went fishing down the Coleman Pond.. We got 22 W. Pirc and Sammy caught a big Pickerel and a Gold fish about 8 in long never see any thing like it before. This is Labor Day so I don't have to drive.

**Tuesday, Sep. 6** Still foggy and has rained about all day. Carried Sammy home this morning then came back to work again. School commenced today Dede is going. I see her this noon up at the Tucker School House.

**Wednesday, Sep. 7** Slightly overcast fog. Came out home tonight. Stopped at Coleman Pond fished awhile. Sammy and I went to the Ctr. Socilest lecture by Rev. Clinton Simonton of Arkansas. Fine speaker. Paid Covell in full for grane. \$16.90 Paid H.C. Thomas in full \$12.

**Thursday, Sep. 8** Still some fog. Went out to the pond again tonight. Also to the Ctr. The Rev. Simonton spoke on the merits of Socisiam at the Old Church. Fine lecture. Sammy went with me. Miss Foster one of our towns women started today for a viset in China. Bag Corn \$1.55 Bag Oats \$1.40.

**Friday, Sep. 9** Heavy fog rain this morning and a big shower this afternoon. Emry is so he can sit up now. 12 weeks yesterday since he cut his leg. Went to bed this afternoon and had a nap, first time I have slept in about a week. Born to Miller Ross and wife a 10 ½ lb Son. Hugh Jackson.

**Saturday, Sep. 10** Another fine day. Went out to Goodwins tonight had tire welded and set, shaft iron mended then went up to Benson Noyse and got Sammy. She has been working thear. Then she came over home with me. Bag Oats \$1.40 First frost tonight.

**Sunday, Sep. 11** Butifull day fair and cool. Sammy and I went on a long ride out through Belmont "Tunk Wood". Nice time. Jaded a sliver under my finger nale tonight gad but it is sore.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Monday, Sep. 12** Fog this morning but clear away early butifull day. Carried Sammy home. This is election day. I stoped and voted and voted the Socilest Ticket. Democrats electid Gov. Plaisted by 9,000 magority first time in 30 yrs. Socilest vote in this town 33 straight 2 split a gain of 9 in 2 yrs. Paid Mrs F. in full to date \$10.

**Tuesday, Sep. 13** Nice day fair and cool. Geo Pendleton's body brought home from N.Y. and buried. Returns from election shows the Democrats carried about everything in the state and electid a U.S. Senitor first time in 50 yrs. Wrote Sammy a letter.

**Wednesday, Sep. 14** Rain like the devil all last night. Wrote Sammy a letter. Cleared away and has been a fine day. Democrats swept everything in the state. 21 Senater and 88 in the house. Only 3 sheriffs elected by the Republican Machine. The other 13 are Democratic. Ed Marriner moved away from E. Searsmont to Belmont.

**Thursday, Sep. 15** Butifull day fair clear and cool. Sammy I spose is up to Benson's to-day. I shall write her to-day. Went out home this afternoon gunning. Only see one very wild Partridge. Roy Hurd sold his setter Rex to the Mayor of Rockland for \$75. Hollis Dean is working on the Old Gid Young Road with a split log scraper. Bag corn \$1.65 Bag oats \$1.40.

**Friday, Sep. 16** Butifull day fair and cool. Emry went out doors on his own legs first time in 12 weeks. I don't know what the trouble is but I am feeling rotten. Must be on account of the big Democratic Victory. And I didnt get any letter from Sammy eather. Paid C.A. Stevens in full \$25.

**Saturday, Sep. 17** Overcast. Came up home took my old 10 boar gun and went out looking for birds. I looked that's all the good it did. Went down and got Sammy tonight. Raining a little this evening.

**Sunday, Sep. 18** Butifull day fair and very warm. Sammy and I went down to her house, then drove down to the pond. We went over to the Soap Stone Qurry on Loon Island first time Sammy was ever thear. I carved a picture of the Old Meeting House on a hunk of soapstone tonight.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Monday, Sep. 19** Overcast, showers and a miserable cold raw day. Carried my Sammy home this morning. This afternoon have been building the model for Will's shoe soleing machine over at Orren Ames.

**Tuesday, Sep. 20** Butifull day, clear and calm. Got a letter from Sammy. She went up to Benson's this morning. Worked on Will's model this afternoon for a while and then went over to the Island with Orren Ames and his powerboat, first time. Guss Gardner had a shock.

**Wednesday, Sep. 21** Another butiful day. Went over to Ames shop this afternoon and worked on the model. Wrote Sammy a letter. And this is the day Leslie C. Dean is tryed for stealing Fifteen Thousand Dollars worth of Bonds from his Aunt Mariah after her death.

**Thursday, Sep. 22** Butifull day clear fair and cool. Went out got Sammy and tonight we went up to Cilly's Hall to a dance and had a fine time. 25 couple. Frank Pendleton and Clarence Hurd played on violins, Oscar Gould the Pinao, The L.C. Dean bond case decided against Dean. Bag Corn \$1.50 Bag Oats \$1.40.

**Sunday, Sep. 25** This has been a nice day warm, but slightly overcast. Just took a good long sleep to-day = rested. Geo Thomas Jackson was here for a while tonight. Sammy and I have just lofed the day away.

**Monday, Sep. 26** Rain hard last night, but it has been a butifull day. Carried my Sammy home this morning. This afternoon did some work on the patent. Tonight Orren Ames, Sidney Pendleton and myself apprised the Otes Heal estate at \$600.00. \$1760.00 in the Cam- den Bank making \$2360.00 in all. Died Guss Gardner.

**Tuesday, Sep. 27** Butifull Day. Town Fair. Did not go but went to the dance tonight. Keys Orchestry of Belfast was billed to play but Keys got on a spree and could not be found, so the management got Prof. Brown's. Had a fine time about 125 couples. The Grange made \$104.43. Cost me \$1.25 Bag Corn \$1.50 Bag Oats \$1.40 Had Tim shod now owe \$7.12.



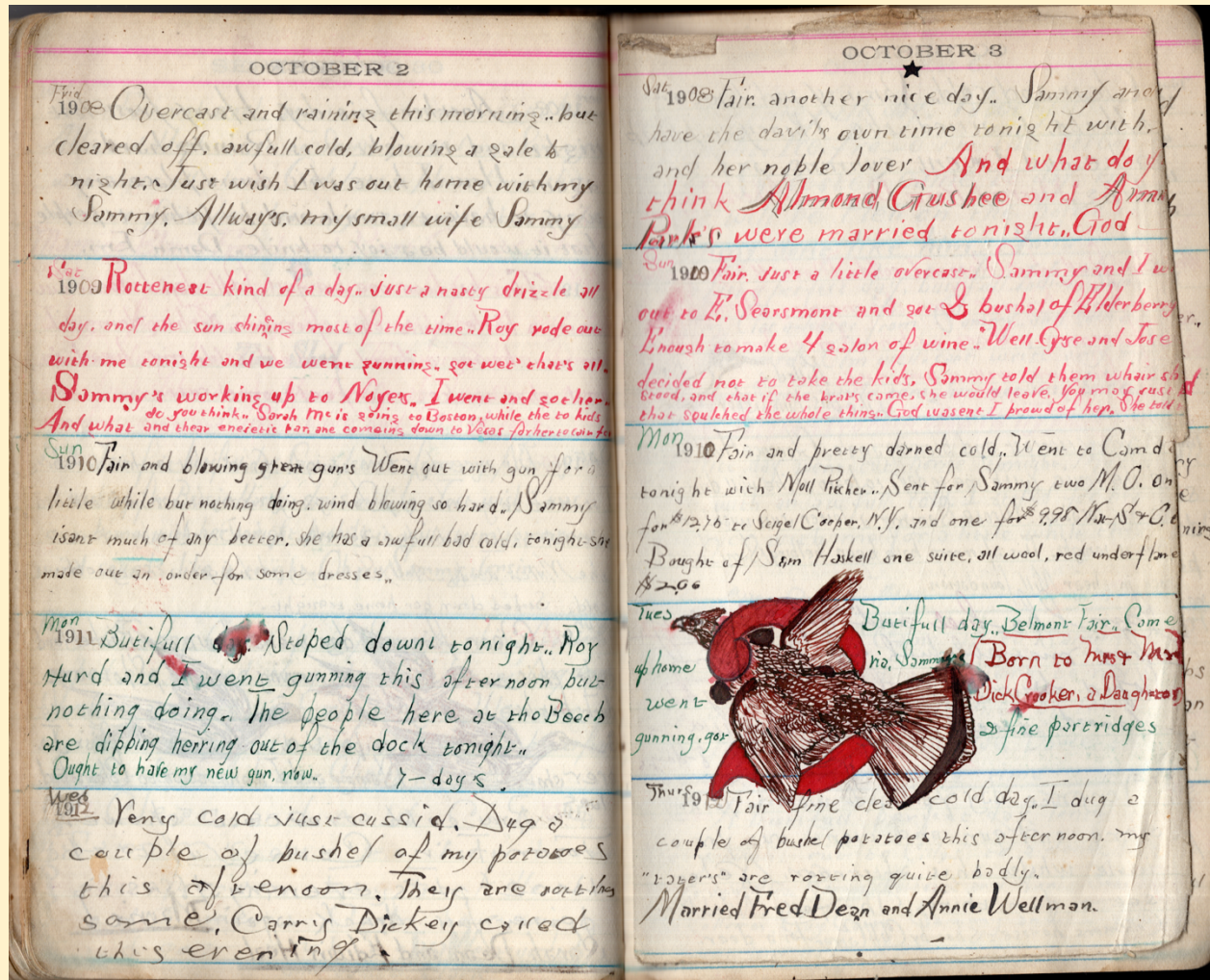
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**Wednesday, Sep. 28** Rain this morning hard. Cleared away early and has been a butifull day. Went out to Goodwins this afternoon got Molly shod \$1. paid. Emry broke ground today for the new mill. And I am feeling bum, no sleep and a rotten cold.

**Thursday, Sep. 29** This has been another fine day clear and cool. Wrote my Sammy a letter but did not get one. Expected it too. Went over to Orren's shop and fixed Ren Mathews wheel. Died Willard Calderwood's youngest boy Age 3-1/2 years. Bag Oats \$1.40.

**Friday, Sep. 30** Fair fine butifull day. Got a letter from my Sammy. She is working for Bessie Harvy, dressmaking. Just wish I was out home with her tonight. Probily it will storm tomorrow. Wind sounds like it tonight. Oh you Sammy Jonsin.

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**Saturday, Oct. 1** Fair nice day, but tonight Gee what a thunder shower. I started to go over to Sammy's, got caught out in it and had to crawl under a bridge over Tucker Bridge way up in the Miller woods. And Sammy girl has got a nasty old cold . Stopped down her home tonight.

**Sunday, Oct. 2** Fair and blowing great guns. Went out with gun for a little while but nothing doing. Wind blowing so hard. Sammy isn't much of any better. She has a awfull bad cold. Tonight she made out an order for some dresses.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Monday, Oct. 3** Fair and pretty darned cold. Went to Camden tonight with Moll Pitcher. Sent for Sammy two M.O. one for \$12.75 to Seigel Cooper N.Y. and one for \$9.98 to Nat. S. & C. Co. Bought of Sam Haskell one suite, all wool, red under flannel \$2.06.

**Tuesday, Oct. 4** Slightly overcast and blowing a gale. Clarence Hurd went around the route with me today to learn it, he will drive while I take my vacation. Wrote Sammy a letter, just wish I knew how she is tonight. This afternoon been helping Sam Stevens lay rock in thear Mill foundation.

**Wednesday, Oct. 5** Nice day. Went out home tonight. My Sammy is sick with an awfull cold. I stoped for her, she went over with me for a little while this evening. Bag Oats \$1.40 Bag Corn \$1.50

**Thursday, Oct. 6** Very warm. Went out home again tonight. Stoped at the Coleman Pond, went gunning, drove up 3 partridges. Sammy commenced papering the Town House. Clarence Hurd went round with me.

**Friday, Oct. 7** Rain like the very devil all day and terriable cold. I nearly froze. See Sammy she was up at the Town House again and I'm afraid she will get her death, workin in that cussed hole.

**Saturday, Oct. 8** Butifull day, went out to Goodwins to get Dandy shod but thear was two horses ahead of me so did not wait. Came up got Sammy and we went to a dance up at Cilly's Hall. Had a great good time about 42 couple most all Home Folk's. 75¢

**Sunday, Oct. 9** Rain early this morning. Overcast and showers all day. Took my gun and went down stream as far as the fall's. See a few very wild duck but got no shot at them.

**Monday, Oct. 10** Clear and cool. Carried Sammy home this morning and wore my fur coat today. Went out to Goodwins tonight got Dandy shod. \$1. paid him. Wish I was out home with Sammy tonight I do. Paid Mrs French in full to date \$10.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Tuesday, Oct. 11** Butifull Indian summer day. Sammy got her new Blue Dress From Seagel Cooper Co. Hollis French fell from an apple tree hurt his back very bad. Wrote Sammy. Been working on Wills model this afternoon. Paid Allen Miller for hay in full \$23.23. Paid Covell in full for grane \$18.75.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12** Nice day went out home this afternoon to decide Sammys new blue suit and I decided it was too large so we will send it back to Siegel Cooper Co. Butifull suit of Blue Broadcloth. Bag Oats \$1.35 Bag Corn \$1.40 Bush Meal 70¢

**Thursday, Oct. 13** Fine day pretty blamed cold. Went out home tonight. Borrowed Chas Warren's gun. Set 3 trap for coon up on the Allen Heal meadow. Plenty of signes. Sent Sammy's suit back to N.Y. Just hope they will rush another suite back to her.

**Friday, Oct. 14** Rain this morning but clear away and has been a fine day. Sammy is up to Bensons working again for old Aunt Noyse. Went down on the Point gunning tonight fired at a partridge but failed to score. Uncle Vine is working for Father hawling stave-wood to the Ctr.

**Saturday, Oct. 15** Butifull this morning, but has cloudid up and raining tonight with thunder and lightning sandwiched in. Went up to Benson's and got Sammy, she went over home with me and we could not go up to Cillys to the dance. Bag Corn \$1.40 Bag Oats \$1.35

**Sunday, Oct. 16** Butifull day. Went down the stream duck hunting got two fine black duck. Shot 1 tonight after dark, down on Hill intervale. Sammy and I went up to Seller Pond I screened the dam.

**Monday, Oct. 17** Fine day fair and warm. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down here. This afternoon went over to Orrens shop and worked on the model. Its hard slow work but is growing all the time.

**Tuesday, Oct. 18** This has been a butifull day, nice and warm. Went gunning a little while this afternoon but never see a thing to shoot. Found a skunk in one of Almer Keen's traps, but wouldnt touch it for a s-cent.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Wednesday, Oct. 19** Bag corn \$1.40 Bag Oats \$1.35 Very warm. Came up home tonight via Sammy's. She did not come over with me. Went skunk hunting tonight got one. Whole strip (stripe) got him over on Hollis Dean's hill allso got an awfull headach. Start on my Vacation tomorrow.

**Thursday, Oct. 20** Vacation days. Slightly overcast. Set 3 Mink traps down in the stream, and went to my coon traps over in the old medow had this skunk in one of them. Went over got Sammy. Sam Morse got 3 coon on Withem Hill this morning.

**Friday, Oct. 21** Fair and cool. Went in, borrowed Coggin's big wagon. Sammy and I went down to the fish hatchery (Camden Pond) and got 1,360 fine big salmon for the Seller Pond and put them in this afternoon. Fine fish. Carried Sammy home tonight.

**Saturday, Oct. 22** Fair nice day. Went down to the Old Lime Quarry at Coleman City and put 23 Salmon in it. Sammy came over home with me tonight. It began to rain but we went to Cilly's to the dance 16 couple and we had a slick time 75¢.

**Sunday, Oct. 23** Clear and colder. Sammy and I went down to the Fish Hatchery, carried the cans back, came up the west side of the pond and Sammy came up home with me tonight. Herbert McCobb little boy got shot in his leg today. No one knows who shot him. "Later" Vespa Mahoney.

**Monday, Oct. 24** Nice day, carried Sammy home this morning. Left team at her house and went gunning. No luck. Tonight Hans Rankin and Arthur Young came over and we went skunk hunting got 2. Dug one of them out up in Oscar Gould's field. Father got me a new lining for my fur coat \$1.50.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25** Fair and warm. Went over to Sammy's this morning. Got Spot the fool dog and went down to Coleman City, only see one bird and did not see her. Mrs Wellman over to Sammy's today.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26** Fair and darned cold. Went to the Beech this morning got load grane. Went gunning afternoon got a mink and a skunk. Went over to Sammy's tonight. Corn \$1.35 Oats \$1.30.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Thursday, Oct. 27** Awfull cold. Storm most all day. Snow and rain first snow of the season. Went down to L.L. Richards to a hearing of the Fish and Game Commissioners about closing Levenseller Pond and they closed it. Went down to Sammy's stoped tonight.

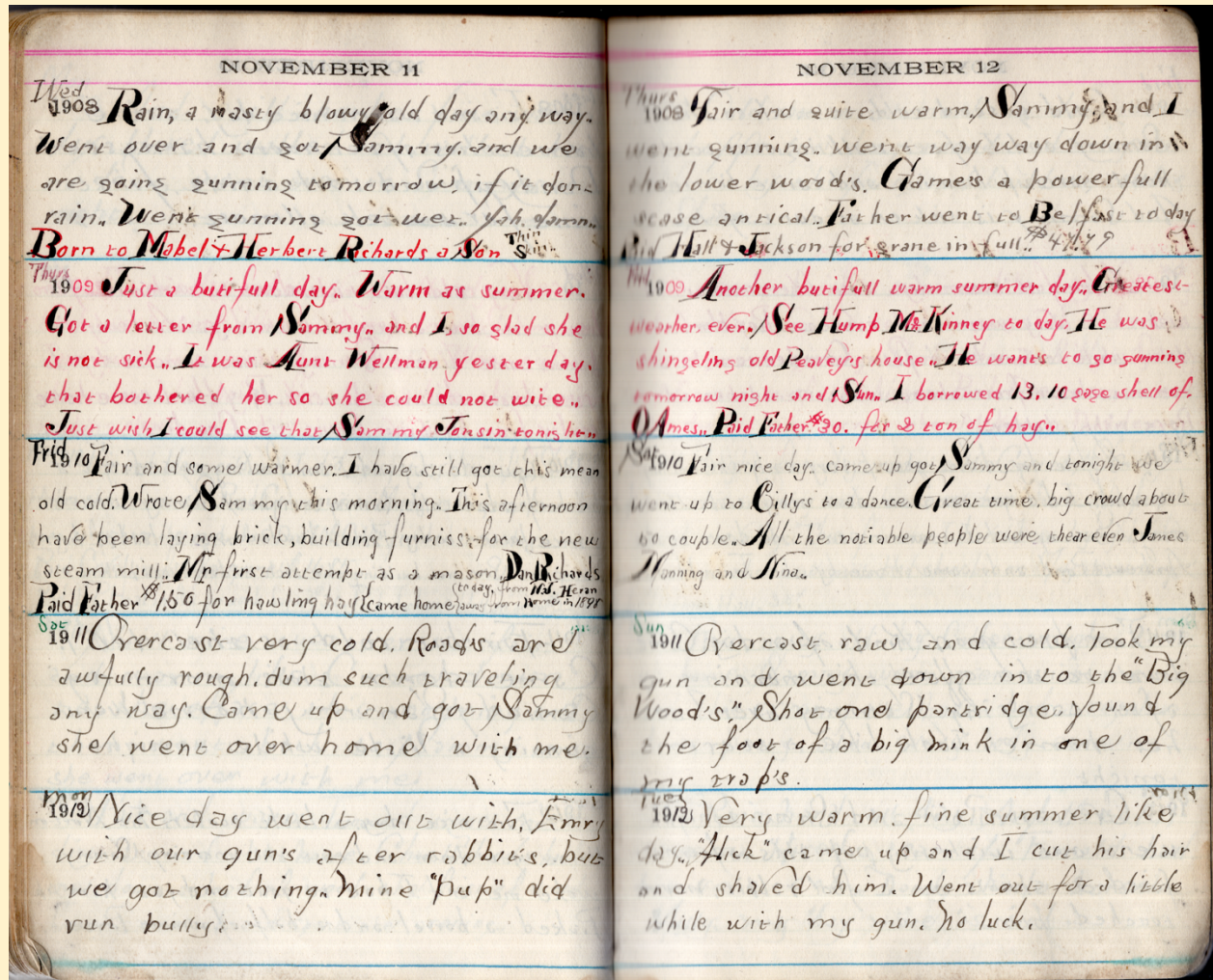
**Friday, Oct. 28** Overcast, showers. Came home this afternoon from Sammy's by way of Tucker Orchard see lots of partridges but never got a shot at aney. Been sowing on my fur coat tonight. Sammy's sitting up with Miss Harvy tonight. She's sick. Gut's ach I spose.

**Saturday, Oct. 29** Bum day, cold showers and tonight it is raining hard. Went over got Sammy. See a lot of big troute in the stream today. Caught one for bate. Built a log trap down by the stream, whear I used to have one when a boy.

**Sunday, Oct. 30** Fine day. Went gunning way down to my lower traps in the Big Woods. Got one Musk-rat. When I got home Emry French and his wife were thear maiking a little call. No luck shooting today.

**Monday, Oct. 31** Another fine day. Went gunning part of the time this afternoon. Took Sammy home and tonight we went to the Hallowean dance at the Grange Hall. We had a nice little time 55 couple. Brown's music. \$1.25.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910



**Tuesday, Nov. 1** Nice day. Slept pretty late this morning did not get to bed till 4 o'clock. Sammy came over home with me. This afternoon took a long tramp through the woods gunning, no luck, can't seem to shoot this year a little bit.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2** Fair nice warm day. Sammy and I took Molly and went to Belfast. I bought me a Contoocook Blue all wool undershirt \$1.50. Sammy got a new Black skirt and don't like it a bit. But anyway we had a nice ride.

**Thursday, Nov. 3** Just a little colder, slightly overcast. Abbie and Sammy went to Belfast today. Sammy carried her new skirt back and got her money. I went gunning again this afternoon, but all I got was a wetting in a shower.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Friday, Nov. 4** Rain like the very dickens. Abb and Sammy were going to Camden, but it was too nasty so they put it off till tomorrow. I carried Sammy home tonight. Stopped for a little while. Married Albert Weatherspoon and Blanch Lamb.

**Saturday, Nov. 5** Rain most all day. Cleared about noon. I took my gun and went down to the Big Woods to my traps but got no luck. See a big white Weasel. Fired two shots at him. God he doged them both times. Went over and got Sammy, and it is raining hard again tonight.

**Sunday, Nov. 6** Nice day. Went gunning for the last time for this vacation, but had no kind of luck. Flushed but a few birds. This evening Sammy finished lining my fur coat. Sammy and I took a little ride in by the Coggin farm. Visited my traps. Came home by the old Blood Place.

**Monday, Nov. 7** Harold Dean went to Portland for treatment. Tubicoletus of spine. Fair nice clear morning, but raining hard tonight. Carried Sammy home then came down here. My vacation days are over. Hell on the Potomac. Roy starts on his today. He is going up to Grindstone, Penob. Co. again this fall. Paid my tax \$5.25. Bag Oats \$1.30.

**Tuesday, Nov. 8** Carried Tim to Dr. Darling Belfast to be operated on, Shoe Boil. Fair and cool day, the roads are in pretty bum shape now, awfull muddy. Took Em's gun this afternoon, went gunning only flushed one bird. Wrote Sammy a letter. Wish I was out with her tonight. I suppose Roy is in the wilderness tonight. Bag Oats \$1.30. Born to L.L. Richards and Wife a Son.

**Wednesday, Nov. 9** Fair and blame cold, and I did not get any letter from Sammy. Hope she is not sick. Road commissioner Moody and a gang of men have been straighten the road above David McCobbs. Finished it today. Paid Covell in full for grane \$16.85 Paid E.P. Heal in full for work haying \$30. Paid Jackson & Hall on account \$22.62

**Thursday, Nov. 10** Raw cold day and I am feeling cussed. Got a bitch of a bad cold. Raining tonight. Sammy wrote me a nice letter today. Father hawled me a load of hay. Emory and Sam are building the arch under the boiler.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Friday, Nov. 11** Fair and some warmer. I have still got this mean old cold. Wrote Sammy this morning. This afternoon have been laying brick, building furniss for the new steam mill. My first attempt as a mason. Dan Richards came home today from N.J. He ran away from home in 1898. Paid father \$1.50 for hawling hay.

**Saturday, Nov. 12** Fair nice day. Came up got Sammy and tonight we went up to Cilly's to a dance. Great time, big crowd about 50 couple. All the notiable people were thear even James Manning and Nina.

**Sunday, Nov. 13** A fine day didnt get up very early this morning but when I did get out went down to my traps. Nothing doing. Sammy and I went on a ride down to the Andrews Pond and came home by the Town House.

**Monday, Nov. 14** Bright fair day, rather cold. Carried Sammy home this morning and then came down here. Awfull rough traveling. This afternoon I have been laying brick again in the new mill. Had shoe put on Molly this morning by Herman Hall 25¢

**Tuesday, Nov. 15** Fair pretty nice da. This afternoon I helped lay brick again on the new mill works. See Ben Hall this morning, he told me Sammy was sick, bad soar throate. Poor little girl wish I was with her. Paid Dr. Darling of Belfast \$7. for cutting Shoe Boil out of Tim.

**Wednesday, Nov. 16** Nice day clear and cold. Wilber Clark and wife came in on the mail this morning from Florida, wheair they went for the winter. Dident like. Went out home then over to Sammy's poor kiddy. She has an awfull cold. Total Eclips of moon tonight. Sammy and I watch it, fine clear night. Bag Feed \$1.50

**Thursday, Nov. 17** Clear and cold nice day. Bought a load of hay of Deve McCobb and then had to borrow \$8. Mrs. French to pay for it with. Took up one of my traps that I had set in Slab City this morning, been setting a month. 1540 pounds hay D.P. McCobb \$9.24. Married Burleigh Ordway and Velma Woodbridge.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Friday, Nov. 18** Another fine day. Wrote a letter to Sammy, wish she is better of her cold. This afternoon set two traps down the shore. Patranised our young blacksmith to the extent to have a shoe put on Molly's off hind foot 25¢

**Saturday, Nov. 19** Raw cold overcast bum rotten hell. Came up home this afternoon, then went over to Sammy's to stop tonight. Sold my fur 3 Skunk, 1 Mink, 1 Muskrat to Wash Tower \$7.75. Bag Corn \$1.30 Bag Meal \$1.30 Bag Oats \$1.30

**Sunday, Nov. 20** Fair clear and cool. Went down to the Coleman Pond and took my boat out, turned it over, it's all ready to fetch home. Sammy and I have had a fire in the fireplace today and had a elegant time.

**Monday, Nov. 21** Butifull day some warmer. Came down this morning. Uncle Vine went home today, he did a lot of plowing for Father. Wrote to Sammy tonight. Set a mink trap this afternoon down the out shore. Married Robert Hardy and Gladys Richards

**Tuesday, Nov. 22** Overcast and rain about all day, still raining tonight. Got a nice letter from Sammy today. Wish I was out with her this evening, shall see her tomorrow if nothing goes wrong. Father went to Camden with a load of poultry.

**Wednesday, Nov. 23** Slightly overcast. Came up home tonight, see Sammy. She could not come over with me. Entertainment Hill's School House tonight. Some fiend in human form unhooked the tugs, his hourse went out of the shafts and broke them. Dandy fell down and broke a shaft in my waggon. Bag Corn \$1.35 Bag Oats \$1.30

**Thursday, Nov. 24** Snow this morning Thanksgiving Day. Herb Thomas and I chased a deer down into the Lower Woods, but did not get a shot at him. Rain hard this afternoon. I went over to Sammy's and took dinner allso spent the evening. Had a elegant time.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Friday, Nov. 25** Fair and warm. Awfull muddy. Roy commenced driving today. He got one fine buck deer up at Grindstone. Sent to Funsen Bros. after a can of Mink Baite today. Wish I was out with Sammy to-night. Born to Irvin Eugley and wife a Son. Been married 3 1/2 months.

**Saturday, Nov. 26** Raw cold snow squalls showers damd hard traveling, all round cussed. Came up home by Sammy's but her cold was so bad she did not come over with me. Just wish we were together tonight. Died Jasper Linsey.

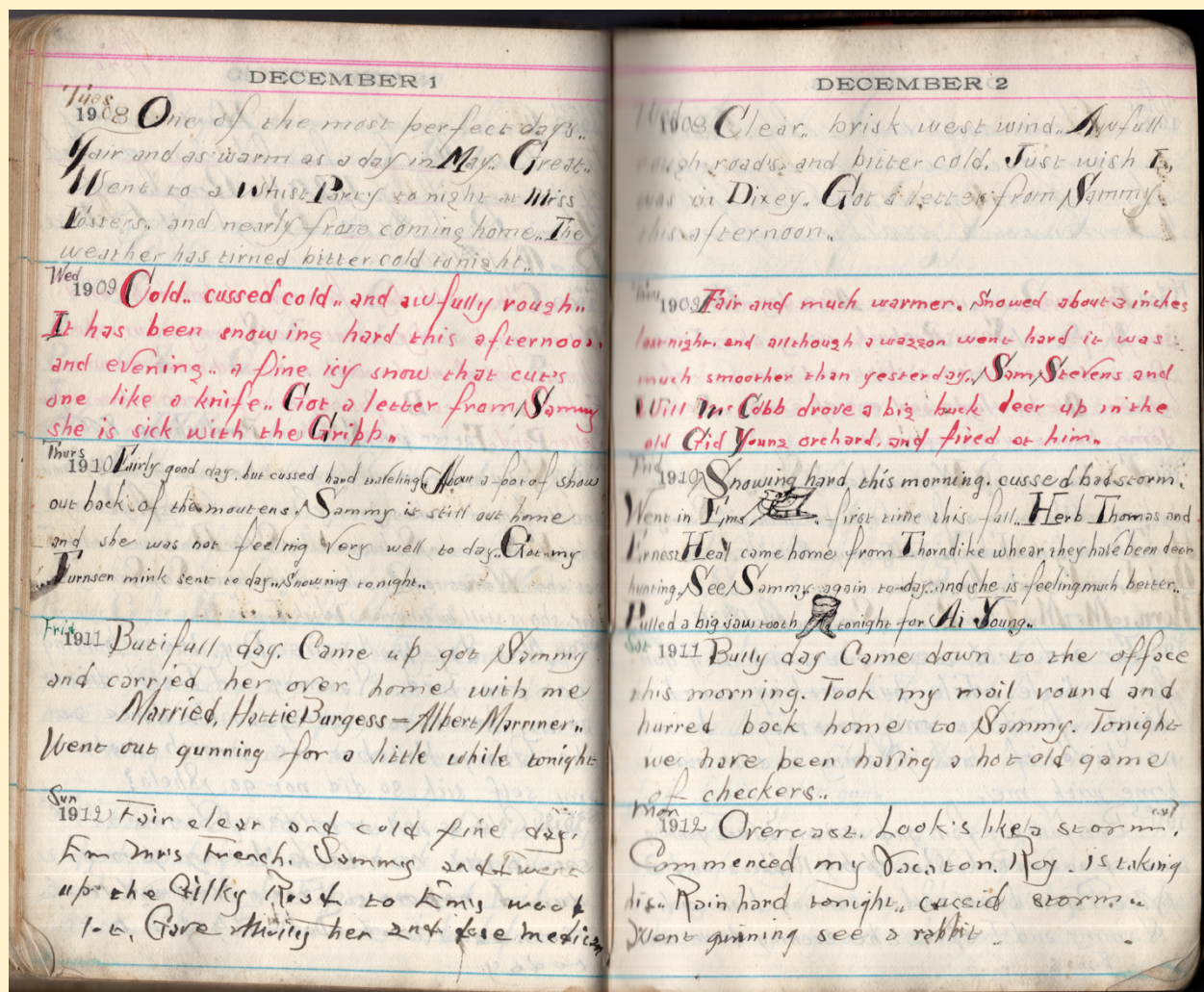
**Sunday, Nov. 27** Still storming, went to my traps this morning then went over and got Sammy. Poor little girl her cold and cough is no better. Went out gunning for a little while this afternoon.

**Monday, Nov. 28** And still it storms and cussed muddy. Came out home tonight. Deedy birthday, she is 13 yrs. old. She had 13 Preasants, 13 Cards and 13 guests. Horace & Hazel Miller, Gerald & Mary Coggins, Ella Pearl & Roland Thomas, Don Patten, Miss Hentz, Sammy, Viola Dean, Mark & Geo Hills. Nice time.

**Tuesday, Nov. 29** Cold raw misty old day. So bad that I would not take Sammy out in it this morning and she is still out home instead of being with me in a home of our own. Snowing and raining tonight, warm. Sent to The Newton Remidy Co. for a Heave remedy for Molly \$2.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30** Snow and rain all day long. About 6 inches of snow and 4 of mud makes pretty bum traveling. A Year agoe today Father put the salmon in the Seller Pond and today I got the Notices to post closeing the pond. See Sammy today, she is still out home. Wish I was?

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910



**Thursday, Dec. 1** Fairly good day, but cussed hard traveling. About a foot of snow out back of the moutens. Sammy is still out home and she was not feeling very well today. Got my Furnsen mink sent today. Snowing tonight.

**Friday, Dec. 2** Snowing hard this morning cussed bad storm. Went in Em's [drawing of sleigh] first time this fall. Herb Thomas and Ernest Heal came home from Thorndike whear they have been deer hunting. See Sammy again to-day and she is feeling much better. Pulled a big jaw tooth [drawing of tooth] tonight for Ai Young.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1910

**Saturday, Dec. 3** Fair clear and cold. Went up home. Sammy is still at the house, and she has an awfull bad cold. Poor little girl Sammy. Herb Thomas killed Fathers pig today. Weighed 267 pounds. Died Lewis Fenwick Age 35 yrs. Born to Mr and Mrs Tileson Brown a Son. Bag Meal \$1.35

**Sunday, Dec. 4** Fair bright day. Went down to the Qurry this morning and fitted up a shoe for Molly and put it on her. Went to my traps. Have had one of my Wolf Larson head-achs all-day. Carried Sammy home tonight. Both of us are half sick.

**Monday, Dec. 5** Clear and cold. Very cold, way below zero this morning. Came down this morning. My old head feels like a bag of jelly but it's some better. Just hope Sammy is better. Wish we were together to-night. Bag Oats \$1.30. Paid Mrs French in full to date \$10.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6** Clear and dumed cold. Traveling is pretty good now. It has worn down and is fair wheeling. Lewis Fenwick buried today. Wrote a letter to my Sammy girl. Do hope she is better from her mean old cold. Married Allie Dunton and Grace Moody.

**Wednesday, Dec. 7** Overcast and blamed cold. Got the nicest letter from Sammy, and she is much better of her cold. This afternoon went over to Orren's shop and did some work on my patent. Bag Oats \$1.30

**Thursday, Dec. 8** Clear and powerfull cold. Pretty nice traveling the roads are worn down fairly smooth. Wrote a letter to Sammy Jonsen, my Sammy. Worked over to Orren's this afternoon. Think about two days more will see the finished model. Got a letter from Will today.

**Friday, Dec. 9** Another clear cold day. Went out to Goodwins tonight and had Dandy shod. \$1. Paid. Got another fine letter from Sammy to-day. Emry's leg that he cut, and had such a bad time with, has broke open again, and is a running soar. Paid Goodwin \$5.00. Now owe him \$3.00.

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**Saturday, Dec. 10** Fair and still very cold. Went out to Goodwins to-night, got Molly shod. \$1. Paid allso 35¢ on account. Came home by Sammy's she could not come over with me, so I walked over to her house this evening. Paid Covell in full for grain \$15.95. Bag Meal \$1.35. 4 Bags Corn \$5.40. 5 Bags Oats \$6.50.

**Sunday, Dec. 11** Fair and very cold. Sammy and I have had a fire in the fireplace and have had a slick time. Took the dog and went down to the brook and dined a mink see him but could not get him.

**Monday, Dec. 12** A little warmer today, but still pretty blamed cold. Sent an order for Sammy to Seigel Cooper Co. today for Christmas stuff. \$5.82. Wish we were together tonight I do. Commenced giving Molly meditan for her cough. Gave her a quart of Linseed Oil to start with.

**Tuesday, Dec. 13** Clear and very cold. Came down this afternoon with Molly, and me thinks the oil I gave her yesterday is working by the way it came through her. Just covered my wagon. Wrote a letter to Sammy tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 14** Slightly overcast and some warmer. Drove one of Furnald's hourses. Molly kinder sick. \$1.25. Wrote letter to Sammy. Hourse ran away, trew Ross Furnald out. No Damage. Got another application blank for more fish Seller Pond. Worked this afternoon on my model. Bag Mx feed \$1.50

**Thursday, Dec. 15** Some warmer. Comenced to snow this morning about 10 o'clock, has kept it up all day and tonight. The wind is N.E. and a blizzard is rageing. Got no letter from Sammy to-day. Hope the little girl is not sick. Bought of Roy Hurd ½ doz No. 1 steel traps 90¢

**Friday, Dec. 16** Just one son-of-a-bitch of a day. 16° below and it has blown a howling gale all day. The snow has been flying so one could not see. Got a nice good letter from Sammy Jonsin. She is all right. Came down in my sleigh this afternoon.

**Saturday, Dec. 17** Fair and blamed cold. Came up to Sammy's this afternoon. Set two Mink traps on the brook by her home. She could not come over with me tonight. Her Mother not feeling very well.

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**Sunday, Dec. 18** Fair and very cold. 16° below this morning. Took Tim, first time he's been harnessed for a month, and went down got Sammy. See a big White Snow Owl, he was sitting on top of the Grange Hall.

**Monday, Dec. 19** Rain hard all day long, but has cleared tonight and come off cold again. Made my trip in a sleigh, but came down in my waggon. Snow is about all gorn. Wrote letter to Sammy tonight.

**Tuesday, Dec. 20** Fair and very warm. Very icy, but nice traveling, the roads are smooth. Brought Sammy's rifle down with me this afternoon, got 2 boxes of cartridges for it, now for some shooting. Bag Oats \$1.30

**Wednesday, Dec. 21** Warm and has snowed stiddy all day long, and is still hitting it up tonight. Got the bestest letter from Sammy today. Bought her a book. Good one. The Grip of Honor. Came down in my sleigh.

**Thursday, Dec. 22** Clear and cold. Pretty bum sleighing. Had a big mail today. \$3.25 cancellation today. Went down to the office this evening and sorted mail for tomorrow. Been drawing pen and ink pictures to-night. Wrote Sammy a letter this morning.

**Friday, Dec. 23** Beauti-full day fair and warm. Heavy Christmas mail. Abbie and Sammy went to Camden today. Sammy's pk came tonight from N.Y. Looks like rain. Ai finished working for Em.

**Saturday, Dec. 24** Rain and blow all day long an awfull storm. Came up home to-night. Sammy was thear. Going to stay over Christmas. Gee but it is raining something firce tonight. Candy \$1.00 Nuts 40¢

**Sunday, Dec. 25** Fair and warm. Sammy and I went down to her home and took Christmas dinner. While thear, I set two Mink traps. Then we came back home and ate another big dinner.

**Monday, Dec. 26** Fair and powerfull cold. Carried Sammy home this morning. Roads full of ice and awfull rough. Dance at the Grange Hall tonight. None of it for me thank You. Snowing again tonight. Paid Ames for material Bill's model \$1.

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**Tuesday, Dec. 27** Fair not very cold only a raw wind. Sammy's Mother sick. Wrote Sammy tonight. Been at work on the nicest pair of skates. Am building them for Miss Sammy. Forged them out myself.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28** Fair and warm. Snow melted today, and tonight it is snowing hard. Mrs French got runed away with today, coming from Camden, got trowed from her team and shookup badly. No letter from Sammy just hope she is not sick.

**Thursday, Dec. 29** Warm, thick o fog all day, and tonight it is very very foggy. Got a dandy letter from little Sammy, she wrote that the Dickey crowd are on the trail of our mink.

**Friday, Dec. 30** Fair and cold again. Came up home tonight via Sammy's. We went and set trap for Mink. Sammy could not come over with me, her mother is not feeling very well.

**Saturday, Dec. 31** Fair and very cold. Went home by Goodwins had Molly sharpened. .50¢ then went up to Sammy's, her Mother very sick, so I came home and this evening walked over to Sammy's house.