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<p>1908 Rain this morning. Very warm. 40° degrees above a change of 60° in 24 hours. Went out to Goodwin's today. Had Duffy there. Snow squalls brought. Paid R. J. for half \$1.90</p> <p><u>Sat</u> 1909 Clear and very cold. Got Sammy and carried her over home with me to night. Give Sammy a burnt meal. <del>for</del> <sup>to</sup> her self</p> <p><u>Sun</u> 1910 Butifull day. Warm and just elegone sleighing. We <sup>11</sup> Sammy and I went on a long sled ride. We went down to the Coleman Pond and planted 20. Found Jack Simon in the old Quarry. Then out across the Meadow down the corner and Comden Pond's. <sup>Burned Eliza Parker's</sup> Home by Wiles Corner. House from chimney.</p> <p>1911 Cold. A wfull cold 8° below at home this morning. 18° below out in Searsman. But the travelling is fine. Eligent wheeling. Road smooth and mostly covered with ice. Wrote Sammy a letter to Wks. tonight.</p> <p><u>Tues</u> 1912 Warm. Snow, squally all day. wind blowing to night like Hell in Blazes. Worst travelling ever see. Took me 7½ hours to cover my truce today. Wish I was out with mine. Sammy tonight</p>	<p>1908 Fair and cold. Fine wheeling. Gathel Park him to the C. &amp; had him sharpened. Wondere why Vista did not write. Poor little girl. Am afraid of her. Sammy is sick. Will be with her tomorrow night anyway. <sup>about \$645</sup></p> <p><u>Sun</u> 1909 Snow. One of the very worst snow storms I ever see. Carried Sammy home this afternoon and come down to the Beech to night. It is still snowing hard at 9 PM.</p> <p><u>Mon</u> 1910 Another butifull day. not very cold, and nice travelling. Carried Sammy home this morning. Came down over the pond. Got 3 soft pillow backs and cords to match for Sammy's snowball. <sup>be cleaned on</sup></p> <p>1911 Clear and still Very cold. 12° below this morning. 20° below out in Searsman. Got my Barometer from Hoson. also a pair of ankle braces for Sammys skates. Sociable and dance at Town House. <sup>contd</sup> &amp; Boys Ohs @ 1.30 \$2.60. After dinner went to Rockland Hospital.</p> <p><u>Wed</u> 1912 Fair and not very cold. fine day, the travelling is a little better, but to night it is snowing again what it will be tomorrow God knows. Will mine Sammy see. I ever get to keeping house, God but I wear it just cussed.</p>

**Sunday, Jan. 1** Fair and warm. Went down to the Coleman Pond little while. Set another mink trap. Sammy's mother so sick she had the Dr. twice today. See 2 rabbits. Sammy about played out.

**Monday, Jan. 2** Warm, rain some bum day. Came home from Sammy's about noon. Went back again tonight. Carried the kitten Nero over for her. Burleig Ordaway started driving the Ctr. Lincolnville -- Belfast stage. 4 Wks.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3** Rain hard all day, one awfull storm. Mud about 5 inch deep all the way and the frost all coming out of the ground. Still raining hard tonight. See 2 rabbits side the road today. Wrote Sammy tonight.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 4** Fair come off cold again. Snowed some last night and has been awfull traveling today. Dick Crooker moved into the W.A. Mathews house. No letter from Sammy. Hope she is not sick. Paid Covel for grain in full \$16.05

**Thursday, Jan. 5** Slightly overcast. Snow squalls. Cold as the devil. Went over to Orren's this afternoon finished drilling the skate plates I am making for Sammy. Got a nice letter from her today. Father came down got me load of grane. Bag Mx Feed 1.50. 2 Bag Oats @ \$1.25 = \$2.50 Bag Corn \$1.30. Bag Meal \$1.30 = \$6.60.

**Friday, Jan. 6** Almost fair and cold. Rodes awfull rough. Sent Sammy a letter, wish I was with her to-night. Did some work on her skates tonight. Ray Coombs and I went down the shore gunning for a little while.

**Saturday, Jan. 7** Snow hard all day. Allmost rain. Heavy damp snow. Went in Em's sleigh. Stayed down at the Beech till about 10 oclock then came up home with my wagon. And I dident see Sammy tonight at all. Damd rotten shame. Bag Oats \$1.25. Died in Boston Baby Belle Fox Age only 27 years.

**Sunday, Jan. 8** Fair and warm. Went over to Sammy's and we went to our traps. She went on her snow shoes, and we got a white Weasel. Then we went on a nice long ride down through Youngtown. Nice Sammy. My own Sammy.

**Monday, Jan. 9** Rain awfull hard last night, but cleared off fine, very warm. Snow has meltid and run all day. Little colder tonight. Just wish I was out with Sammy. 5 wks

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** Fair and not very cold. Fred Brown of this place lost at sea off Highland Light with his barge and crew this morning at 5 oclock. Warren P. and I went to Camden tonight. Bought Sammy a nice pair of skates \$1.50. Sent to Montgomery and Co. for new cap .45¢

**Wednesday, Jan. 11** Fair and warm. Got a fine letter from Sammy. Mrs French fell on the ice and broke both bones of her right leg in the ankle joint. Dr Simmons set the bones. Dr Young gave the eather. Awfull bad break.

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**Thursday, Jan. 12** Fair and warm. Came out to Goodwins tonight had Dandy sharpened, then came home by Sammy's. Stopped and see her for a little while. Deedy and I went skating tonight. Sent for a pr of skaters ankle braces for Sammy. Sharpning Dandy 50¢ Died Abner Dunton of Hope Age 103.

**Friday, Jan. 13** Fair not very cold, and blamed good wheeling. I am feeling a little bit under the weather. Poor old Luesh. He got {Died Lucius Knight} his at last, and blamed good kind of a man he was too.

**Saturday, Jan. 14** Warm, and thick of fogg all day. Came up home got Sammy, and we went up to Cilly to a dance tonight. 35 couple. Walter Flagg and Nate Wellman had a fight 80¢ Sammy's birthday. Gave her nice pair of skates. Died Stephen Gushee Sr.

**Sunday, Jan. 15** Fair and not very cold. Father went Fred Brown's furnall. I slept most all day. Hollis Dean came over and had his hair cut. Carried Sammy home tonight, she is not feeling very well.

**Monday, Jan. 16** Cold. Awfull cold. 8° below at home this morning. 18° below out in Searsmont. But the traveling is fine. Eligent wheeling. Roads smooth and mostly covered with ice. Wrote Sammy a letter tonight. 6 wks.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17** Clear and still very cold. 12° below this morning. 20° below out in Searsmont. Got my Baromiter from Boston, allso a pair of ankle braces for Sammy's skates. Sociable and dance at Town House tonight. 2 Bags Oats @ \$1.30 = \$2.60. Alter Warren went to Rockland hospital to be operated on. Hell?

**Wednesday, Jan. 18** Fair and still awfull cold. 16° below here this morning and 20° out in Searsmont. Damd such cold weather anyway. Got a nice letter from Sammy Jonsin. Went over to Orren's and worked a little while on my skates. Bag Corn \$1.30

**Thursday, Jan. 19** Warmer, nice day and most elegant wheeling. Put the Ankle Braces on Sammy's skates this afternoon. Sent her a letter today. Dr Simmons came down tonight and put Mrs. French's leg in a plaster cast.

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**Friday, Jan. 20** Fair and cold, cold raw eastly wind and it's going to snow and snow hard I think and all becaws Sammy and little me were planing to be togather tomorrow night. Just wish we was togather tonight. Got 50¢ Sugar for Mother.

**Saturday, Jan. 21** Rain this morning, foggy very warm. Came up home and went over to Sammy's to spend the night. We had a bully fire in the fire-place, and had a jolly good time. Father took Tim and Molly down to Goodwin's and had them shod. \$2.00 Bag Mx Feed \$1.55. Died Rose Pendleton.

**Sunday, Jan. 22** Fair and not very cold. Sammy and I went skating, went down on the Medow Stream and the Andrews Pond. Had one fine time. Sammy is a pretty good skater. She had on her new skates for the first time. I got them in Camden Peck and Snyder.

**Monday, Jan. 23** Clear and cold. Got a early start this morning. Went over to Sammy's and she was not up so I did not see her at all. Damd mean old shame. Hell, damn, son of a gun, and gosh. Wrote her a letter tonight any way. 7 Wks.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** Fair and mild, nice day, bully good wheeling. Emry took my skate blades to Camden and ground and polished them to-day, and this afternoon I worked on them over to the shop. Wrote a letter to Sammy. Bag Oats \$1.30

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** Fair and warm, that is some warm. Got a letter from Sammy girl, just a very little short one. Wish I was out with her tonight. Got an insulting letter from Edith Perry this morning. I returned it and wrote her that when I wanted her advice I would ask for it.

**Thursday, Jan. 26** Fair, not very cold and dandy good wheeling. Only a horse must be sharp. Dident see anything of Sammy and I looked and looked. Darnation and gosh. Father down and got grain. I have bought \$6.25 worth this month and gave him \$4.00 for flour.

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**Friday, Jan. 27** Snow a little last night, mild and overcast today, snowing tonight. Hard traveling, cussed slippery horses ball and had hard work to stay on thear feet. Wrote Sammy. Wish I was out with her tonight. Ann Thomas and her litter moved to Belfast to-day. Thank God?

**Saturday, Jan. 28** Snow hard all last night, and all today. About 8 inches fell. Came up home tonight, was going over to Sammy's but it is blowing a regaler blizzard. Very cold and the roads are drifting full. Went in Em's old Sleigh.

**Sunday, Jan. 29** Fair and some warmer. Folks all sick at home, bad colds. So little me got breakfast. Went over to Sammy's, put my horse in Josh's stabel and Sammy and I have had a great time togather. One of the best we have had for ages.

**Monday, Jan. 30** Fair and very warm. Rain about all last night but it has been a fine warm day. Tonight it is very cold and is blowing Great Guns, the worst gale of the winter. God, don't I wish I was out with Sammy Jonsin. 8 wks.

**Tuesday, Jan. 31** Clear and very cold 10° below this morning. Fine sleighing, roads are all covered with ice. Sent Sammy a letter this morning. Just wish I was out at her home with her to-night.

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8 <sup>th</sup> 1908	Fay and mild. Drove down to Sammys but she could not go ride. Her father is worse. I went and brought D. Longmire. Poor little sweetheart they are just working her to death. She looks satirized. My Sammy 1/18.	7 <sup>th</sup> 1908	Fair and cold. Good sleighing, wrote to Sammy this morning. He to have a letter from her tomorrow. Dear, I wish I was with you to night. Bought of R. Huber 100 lbs hay \$7.42. Got a letter from the wandering Dutchman. He is now in Worcester.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fair and warm the traveling is getting thin. A few more days like this will spoil it. Father hauled me a load of hay 820 lbs wrote to Sammy.	10 <sup>th</sup>	1909 Rain hard all day, and still raining tonight. A full cold old storm, and it is just spoiling the sleighing. Lots of bare spots in the roads. Wrote to Hans today. He is out on the Pacific Coast, State of Washington. Bag Oats \$1.70.
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1910 Snow like the very devil this morning but cleared early. and it has been a fine day ever since I carried Sammy home. Father hauled a load of hay to day from the old Stevens Place. Went to buy \$10. a ton in the barn. And that cussed.	11 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	1910 Fair and cool, but nice day. Sledding pretty good. Wrote Sammy a letter to day. Came down with Dandy this afternoon, intend to drive him over the route tomorrow, it will be the first time in six months.
12 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	1911 Fair but just cussed cold. Worked over at the shop this afternoon on my big frame sled. Have got the cross bars and standers finished, riveted together, and riveted to the runners. No letter from Sammy. It's all over between us this time. God.	12 <sup>th</sup> Fri	1911 Another clear cold day. Was going out to the Grange Hall tonight to see Sammy. Perhaps she will stop being angry at me but when it came dark it was just cussed cold, and so I could not go.
13 <sup>th</sup> Fri	1911 Beautiful day, fair and warm. <del>11<sup>th</sup> M</del> = MING'S, HOUSE BURNED Lost every thing. No insurance. Poor cuss. Every thing burned even the dog & cat.	13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	1912 Another fine day. Snow melting quite a bit, getting thin in places on the road. Father hauled me a load of hay to day. Sammy and I gathered in our Brown tail Mornhs, got 186.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1** Clear and very cold 18° below this morning. Fine sleighing, roads are smooth and hard. Got a fine bit of a letter from my Sammy. Had a sleigh show put on my sleigh this afternoon. Orren Ames \$1.25

**Thursday, Feb. 2** A awfull snow storm. Snowed hard all day and fearfully cold, 2° or more below zero all day, and the wind is blowing a gale. H.E. Wrote Sammy a line this morning telling her not to look for me to-night. We intended going to Cilly to a dance.

**Friday, Feb. 3** Fine day, fair and very clear, not very cold. See Sammy when I came down by the Barritt place this morning. Carried \$65. out and paid the school marm "Annie Richards" in the Miller school. Got a nice letter from my Sammy.

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**Saturday, Feb. 4** Awfull storm. It has just powred in torrants all day long, and I got souced to the hide. Cleared off tonight. So went out to Sammy's, got her and she went over home with me. Riley Mathews fell on the ice tonight, cutting his head and nearly kilt hisself.

**Sunday, Feb. 5** Fair and warm, fine day. Colder this afternoon and tonight, so I carried Sammy home this evening, stoped with her a little while then came down to the Beech. Everybody in bed and asleep when I got here. Died Alben Heart.

**Monday, Feb. 6** Clear and cold, 18° below this morning. Roads are all ice and awfull rough. Got a bum head, cold coming on. Wish I was out with Sammy tonight. Will write her any-way. 9 wks \$22.50

**Tuesday, Feb. 7** Another awfull snow storm, the worst storm and the most snow fell this winter all day long it has fell, and tonight it's just as bad, with no sign of letting up. Wrote my Sammy today and wish I was with her tonight.

**Wednesday, Feb. 8** Fair clear not very cold. Road full of snow but they got a hustle on this morning and broke them out in good shape. Got a fine letter from Sammy. Paid Orren Ames \$2.60. Bought a sled for Archie \$1.50. Paid Covel in full for grane \$22.35 Paid Jackson and Hall on acct \$20.00

**Thursday, Feb. 9** Fair and warm day. Dance tonight at Freemans Hall, for benefit Alton Dean, he is slowly dying with consumption. Father was down here this afternoon and got some grane. I gave him \$5. Commenced building a frame sled. Got the runners out and bent.

**Friday, Feb. 10** Fair and warm, nice day. Have been wondering if Sammy is sick, got no letter from the small girl. Made the 4 cross bars for my frame sled and made a casting pattern for Will's patent. Em will take it to Camden to-morrow and get the moldid.

**Saturday, Feb. 11** Fair nice day but pretty hard traveling. Got a little note from Sammy and she is sick, aint that a damd shame. Drove up and see her tonight and she has a cussed head ach and just feels rotten. Married Everett Scruton and May Norton.

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**Sunday, Feb. 12** Overcast and snow squalls all day. Went over to Sammy early this forenoon, put Dandy in Josh's barn and we have had a fire in the open grate all day and have just had a fine time, till some of those bitches from the Grange sent over for Sammy to take part in a play.

**Monday, Feb. 13** Clear and cold, came down this morning pretty hard traveling. This afternoon went over to Orrens and made a pattern for a part to my model. Got a letter from Billy this morning. Paid Mrs French, board in full to date \$25.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14** Fair and very cold. 12° below this morning. Sent Sammy a card telling her I would go with her to the dance at Cilleys tonight. But it was so cold I telephoned her that I was not coming, pobily she went just the same.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15** Clear and very cold 20° below this morning. Got a letter from Sammy. She wrote me all about the dance at Cilleys. Shipped Will his old model today. Sent for 9 ft - 3 in 6 ply canvas belt \$1.23

**Thursday, Feb. 16** Fair and much warmer, the snow meltid a little today. The road up by Geo Mahoney's is blocked full of snow. Damd the snow anyway. Went over to Orren worked a little while. Emry and his crew set up thear Smoke stack for the new steam mill.

**Friday, Feb. 17** Overcast and much warmer, the air fells like spring. But we will probily have a couple of feet of snow. Road up by Geo Mahoneys blocked. I had to take my horse out of my sleigh turn and come back and go up the Old wood road, by Sammy's see her a few minutes.

**Saturday, Feb. 18** Clear and not very cold. Could not get up by Geo Mahoney's today, so went up through the wood road. Came up got Sammy she went over home with me. Bag Corn \$1.20 2 Bags Oats

**Sunday, Feb. 19** Clear and cold, Carried Sammy home about noon. She has to go over to rehirsal at the Grange. She plays the Witches part in Imogene, the dramer those damd fool Granger's are getting up.

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**Monday, Feb. 20** Fair and cold 6° below this morning. Got up at 4-30 carried Sammy home then came down to the office through Dean town. The firm of Steven's and French, Mill workers, started thear engine today.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21** Fair and cold. Came up home tonight. Sammy went over with me. And this evening we all have just had a foine kind of an old time. I wrote to the Supt of the State Hatchery in Camden asking for trout.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** Fair but rather cold and raw. Went down in the woods on snow shoes for a little while today. Tonight carried Sammy home she has to go to a rehirsal at the Grange Hall. We had an awfull querell and I guess it means (finis) for Sammy and I.

**Thursday, Feb. 23** Fair but just cussed cold. Worked over at the shop this afternoon on my big frame sled. Have got the cross bars and standers finished, riveted together, and riveted to the runners. No letter from Sammy, it's all over between us this time. God.

**Friday, Feb. 24** Another clear cold day. Was going out to the Grange Hall tonight to see Sammy. Pohaps she will stop being angry at me but when it came dark it was just cussed cold, and so I could not go. Hell.

**Saturday, Feb. 25** Fair nice day not very cold. Got a nice letter from Sammy, she is not angry with me anymore. Came up over the Andrews Pond and got her and she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Feb. 26** Fair and very warm. Sammy and I went down to the Grange Hall to a rehirsal. Horace Miller rode down with us. Sammy and Prof. Brown do thear parts fine. Can't say same for the others.

**Monday, Feb. 27** Fair and very warm, carried Sammy home this morning. This afternoon worked on my sled guess I can about finish it in two days more. Got my castings from Camden 8.19 also my belt from Chicago \$2.11

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**Tuesday, Feb. 28** Fair and very cold 4° below this morning. Cussed cold wind been blowing all day. No letter from Sammy and I expectid to get one sure. Damd? Finished my frame sled, now it is all ready to iron. Father has been down here today I bought him a Bag Meal \$1.20 and a bag Mx Feed \$1.50

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Tues 900	MARCH 24	876	MARCH 25
1908	Fair and warm, Bore of Odds, such traveling. Frost all coming out of the ground. Just cussed. Born to Moll Picher and wife a Boy. Shelan See a flock of Black Birds. Went out with Oeo Pendleton tonight when he see his travel. Born to Clarence Griffin and wife a Boy	1908	Fair but awfull cold, and its just cussed for so rough. Got a letter from Sammy to day. she is well, the lord be praised.
1909	76 Fair, but full weather and nice sleighing only a few spots of bare ground. Got a letter from my small Sammy to day.	1909	76 Warm and overcast all day, and tonight it is raining hard and blowing a awfull gale. Just wish I was out with my small Sammy. I wrote to her to day. See 3 Robin's to day, first this spring.
Thurs	1910 A fine warm day. Roads are getting pretty bad, frost coming out all the way. Fred Hardy and Tom Young are here at Emrys sawing fine wood. Had my shaft ends put in new, 609. Got a letter from Sammy.	Fri	1910 Fair and Hot. This is the hottest day these eve was this time of year. It has been 72° of heat in the shade all day. frost most all out.. and terrible traveling. one foot of mud every wharin..
1911	Clear and cold, cussid, weather and a cussid bum cold that I have got, damd, hell, darm. just wish Sammy girl was with me tonight	1911	Fair and warmer, nice kind of a day. Came up got Sammy. She went over home with me.
1912	Sun Snow all day, a heavy damp snow about 6 in. fell. Sammy wanted to go out home to day, but the snow storm knocked it out of us. See read tomo all day.	1912	74 days on sleigh Fair and cold. about 6 in snow fell yesterday and we all went Sleigh on runners to day. And coming down the old Trap road I rived the gates out of my new covered sleigh top. big tree fell across the road. Top caught on a log

**Wednesday, Mar. 1** Fair nice day, much warmer. Russell Ames and I went out to the Grange Hall tonight to a rehirsal. He is going light the Dramer with his Surch Light. See my Sammy, she is not very well, soar throt. Paid Covel in full \$12.90

**Thursday, Mar. 2** Fine warm day. Nice sleighing roads all ice, no bare ground. Wonder how Sammy's throte is tonight. Just wish I was out with her. Got my frame sled partly ironed this afternoon.

**Friday, Mar. 3** Clear and a very nice day. Big time at the Grange Hall. Russell Ames went out with me. The play was a huge success. And the star of it was my very own Sambo Jonsin, she was surely just simply great. Biggest crowd that they ever had, cleared over \$87.

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**Saturday, Mar. 4** Fair nice day. Came up home over the Andrews Pond, got Sammy. She went over home with me. Got my blank from the Fish Commissioners for the trout to put in the Levenseller Pond.

**Sunday, Mar. 5** Clear and cold, am feeling kinder bum. Sammy and I are both used up with this damd cold. Wanted to go fishing on the Corner Pond but it's too nasty cold. Dr. Simmons caught 10 big trout thear today, all about 18 inch long.

**Monday, Mar. 6** Fair and cold nice day. But I don't feel much like enjoying it. Got the worst kind of a cold, just about dead tonight. The folks here dosed me up with hot drinks and flat irons. Gee but I do feel bum.

**Tuesday, Mar. 7** Fair and cold this morning 9° below but this afternoon it is nice and warm. Wrote to my Sammy just wish I was out with her tonight. Finished my frame sled today, painted it blue, it's a good one.

**Wednesday, Mar. 8** Butifull day fair and warm. Emry went to Belfast today. Got a fine letter from Sammy, my Sammy. Started work on my new model. Got a notic from the Fish Commissioners that I would get my trout this spring. Ralph Newbert came today from Era, N.Y.

**Thursday, Mar. 9** Fair and warm nice day. Went out home tonight, carried my big new frame sled. Sammy went over with me. I came up over the Pond. Libby Sup. Camden Hatchery was fishing for Pickerell. He had 7. Slick sleighing.

**Friday, Mar. 10** Warm overcast commenced to rain this afternoon about 3 o'clock. Renis Mathews got me a pint of live bate. Carryed Sammy home this morning and heard she and the rest were to play "Imegean" in Camden two weeks from to-night.

**Saturday, Mar. 11** Fair butifull day. Came up over the pond set some lines and caught 5 Pickell, 1 big one. Sammy went over with me.

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**Sunday, Mar. 12** Overcast, got up early took Sammy home. Went down to the Ctr. Pond fishing but got nothing. Percy Cross came home today. I got damd tired and one small pickerel. Sammy did not come back home with me.

**Monday, Mar. 13** Fair butifull Town Meeting Day. I. Eugley, Chas Moody, Ernest Carver, Selectmen. E. Goodwin tax collector at 1¢ Mayor Hanson, reelectid for the fifth time by 95 majority. Bag Oats \$1.25 Bag Corn \$1.20 Bag Mx Feed \$1.50

**Tuesday, Mar. 14** Butifull day, fair and warm. Came up to the Coleman Pond, set 6 lines but never got a strike. Came up to Sammy's she came over with me.

**Wednesday, Mar. 15** Rain hard all day, just a miserable cold blowy rain storm. Carried Sammy home this morning. She is feeling kinder sick like. Went in Em's Top Sleigh. Paid Mrs French in full board to date \$10.

**Thursday, Mar. 16** Snow and blow hard all day awfull cold. Went in Em's top sleigh again today. The roads are drifted full. Wrote to my Sammy. Just hope she is feeling better. For she must be all right to play the witch tomorrow night. Got my new discharge papers from the Navy Dept.

**Friday, Mar. 17** Saint Pat's Day. Good stormy one this morning, clear tonight. Big time at the Grange Hall "Imogene" the dramer was played tonight. I went to the dance, fine time. They made \$2.05 each.

**Saturday, Mar. 18** Fairly bilious day, snowed hard most all day but cleared away this afternoon. Went in Em's Top sleigh. Came up to Sammy's and she went over with me.

**Sunday, Mar. 19** Butifull day grand sleighing. Sammy and I went on a sleigh ride. Went up over the Coleman Pond, fine sleighing. We see 6 robins when we came up from the Ctr. First I have seen this year.

**Monday, Mar. 20** Butifull day. Snowed some time last night about 10 in. Fine sleighing. Sammy and I went over to Josh's last night. P.B. Cross went with us. Well we did have a fine evening. Yes, some.

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**Tuesday, Mar. 21** Clear cold day been blowing a howling gale. I am sick as hell. "Gripp". Do feel cussed. Em wanted to drive for me today but none of it for mine, went myself.

**Wednesday, Mar. 22** Snow hard all day long. Went in Em's Top Sleigh. No letter from Sammy. Damd and poor me sick and nobody to cair. Fine sleighing, about 2 feet of snow evewheare. 2 Bg corn \$1.20 = \$2.40. 2 Bg Oats @ \$1.20 = \$2.40

**Thursday, Mar. 23** Snow again hard about all day. Been blowing a howling gale. My G. Damd cold is no better. Do feel like hell. Got a fine letter from my small Sammy.

**Friday, Mar. 24** Clear and cold, cussid weather and a cussid bum cold that I have got damd hell. Darn, just wish Sammy girl was with me tonight.

**Saturday, Mar. 25** Fair and warmer, nice kind of a day. Came up got Sammy she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Mar. 26** Fair and warm butifull day. Sammy Deedy and I went on a ride from home clear down through the wood whair Duster's Mill sets to the "Trap" and up home by the Geo Heal mill.

**Monday, Mar. 27** Overcast, commenced to rain early. Carried my Sammy home then came down here. It has just powred all day long and still coming tonight. See a flock of "Blackbirds". Butifull sleighing, no barr ground.

**Tuesday, Mar. 28** Fair this morning but startid to rain and has kept it up all day long. Snow going fast. Wrote Sammy a letter this morning. Uncle Jabe Ingreham came to-night. Went down the outshore this afternoon, took up one of my mink traps.

**Wednesday, Mar. 29** Fair and not very cold. Went my last trip on runners. Carried my sleigh out to Ai Young's tonight. Bro Will came today. We tirned out four big roolers to go in his Outer sole machine. Got a good letter from Sammy.

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**Thursday, Mar. 30** Thick fog and showery all day. This afternoon have set up a drill and drilled 4 castings and two face plates to go in our machine. Went in wagon first trip this spring. Now must write Sammy.

**Friday, Mar. 31** Fair and darned cold, miserable day. Finished the castings for our model. Sammy sent me a postcard. She and the other Ambros' play "Imogean" tonight in Belmont. 4,371 pices of mall this month.

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<p>Fri 1908 <sup>\$75</sup> Fair and quite cold. Old Mills sent me a bill of \$10.45 for day for grain, which I never had, and insisted on my paying him. Went troutting east 14.</p> <p>Sat 1909 Overcast. Rain part of the day. Roads drying up a little. Got Sammy and carried her home with me. Carrie Green saw out home and she was down tonight and entertained us.</p> <p>Ice left Liveriseller Pond.</p> <p>Sun 1910 Beautiful day, but very cold last night. Heavy white frost. Got up this morning at 6 o'clock took my fishing rod went over to the Mc Cobb Brook fished that, 20 &amp; I. Fished the Stedson stream up and back 500 ft. then followed the Main stream up home. saw 2 black ducks.</p> <p>Mon 1911 Fair and cold last night, I think the ground froze hard the traveling a little better to day. Went <sup>T R</sup> <sup>Q</sup> <sup>U</sup> <sup>T</sup> Metcalf Brook go fishing this afternoon &amp; nice trout, the first this spring.</p> <p>Tues 1912 Fair and warm just cussid croeling. Ice went out of Andrew Pond. Dandy went home on me today. Got my new book "Before Adam" by Jack London, and my fish hooks from Wards.</p>	<p>Sat 1910 Quite warm. Rain tonight. Went over to Sammings. This evening walked. Carried my runabout wheel out to Goodwins to night. Percy Cross rode out home with me.</p> <p>Sun 1910 Fair and beautiful this morning. Went down to the stream for a little while but no luck, water too high. Sammy and I went after May flowers, came home by the Old Gould Mills. Percy Cross over home been giving me lessons on my horn.</p> <p>Mon 1910 Showers in Belmont Died Hiram Brewster.</p> <p>Tues 1911 Showers this morning and during the forenoon, rain and fog to night. Carried my Sammy home this morning. Annie Patten's body came to day. I sent up to Belfast and got 24 oz pike for the poor kid, bushes will never know any thing about that. (Tismet)</p> <p>Wed 1912 Fair clear and cold, mud drying up a little and Dandy sore in his front feet, ham &amp; sore too, went dead lame, this afternoon. Sent Sammy a letter to day.</p> <p>Thurs 1913 Overcast raw and cold, raining very hard tonight. The traveling was a little better, but this rain will surely poach all the good that there is. Sammy painted up parlor today.</p> <p>*DIED* EVELIOTT DONNELL. Ice Weller 112 Main St.</p>

**Saturday, Apr. 1** Fair and very cold, snow showers in afternoon. Came up got Sammy, she went over with me, Tonight Will and I put the model together. Can't say it was a howling success, still it isn't a failer. Goodwin fixing wheel \$1.75 Paid him \$5, now owe him \$1.48

**Sunday, Apr. 2** Clear and cold. Sammy and I took a little walk down to the stream, whair the Frenchmen are chopping timber and tonight we went over to her home for a little while. She came back with me.

**Monday, Apr. 3** Fair clear and cold, got up at 3 o'clock this morning, brought Bill down to the Beech so he could take the 5 o'clock stage for Camden. The girls did not go to Belfast today. Too cold.

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**Tuesday, Apr. 4** This has been a fine day fair and mild. Sammy and Ab went to Belfast shoping. The traveling was bully today. No frost out of the ground yet, but it has dried off on top. Got my blue flannel shirt from Wards \$1.50

**Wednesday, Apr. 5** Snow hard last night about 8 in fell. Went in Ems (top sleigh). Sammy is up home, see her today. She and Abbie went to a lectur in Belfast last night by Prof. McMullen on Peary's discovery of the North Pole. \$1.50. Carlson Paid me \$3 my shair of the dory we sold him.

**Thursday, Apr. 6** Fair and very warm, but a corking good day. Fell from the hay scaffol and put his right shoulder out of joint, that's what Emry French did today. Dr. Simmons reset it. See Sammy again this noon she is still up home. Wish I was with her tonight.

**Friday, Apr. 7** Fair and warm, nice day but so muddy, frost just startid in a very few places. Colder tonight freezing. Wonder whair Misto Sambo is this evening and how she is feeling. Bought of Gushee a blue flannel (cotton) shirt .90¢

**Saturday, Apr. 8** Fair nice warm day. Came up home took my gun, went over to Sammy's by way Slab City Coleman Pond and the old horse railroad. Found my "sampan" in the McKinney medow emptied the water out of it.

**Sunday, Apr. 9** Cold and snow all day long. Sammy and I had a fire in the open grate. Just had a elegant day. Took my gun a little while this afternoon and shot a crow up by the "Sheep hole".

**Monday, Apr. 10** Fair and cold, raw cold wind snow squalls. Wrote Sammy a letter this morning. Father down got some grain again today. 2 Bg's Oats @ \$1.20=2.40 1 Mx Fd \$1.50 1 Corn \$1.20. Paid Covel \$15.00 on account now owe him \$18.75

**Tuesday, Apr. 11** Fair and cold, raw windy day. Sent Sammy a card this morning. Just would like to see her tonight. Cotterized the sore on Ems leg. Still lots of ice in the roads, ground has not settled anywhair. Bag Meal \$1.20

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**Wednesday, Apr. 12** This has been a bully good day but it is getting cusid muddy. Got a fine letter from Sammy Jonsin. This afternoon took my first lesson in running a board saw. Sawed several logs. Easy to lern. 4=\$10.

**Thursday, Apr. 13** Butifull spring day, the first rearl one we have had. The traveling is getting damd bad. Cussid muddy. Sent Sammy a letter. Been sawing logs again this afternoon. Shed my Fur Coat first time since last October.

**Friday, Apr. 14** Fair and warm, awfull muddy. Raining tonight. Got a fine little from Sammy, she is going to a party at Rich Lerman's tonight. Paid \$1.50.

**Saturday, Apr. 15** Fair and warm. Came up home took my old 10 bore gun and went over to Sammy's. Shot a "Hedghog" and a Muskrat. Got 50¢ suger "Deabons" Had my three hourses shod at Russe's \$1.38 Paid

**Sunday, Apr. 16** Easter Sunday. Fair butifull day. Went down to the medow tonight and shot another Muskrat. Sammy and I have just had one foin bit of a day togather.

**Monday, Apr. 17** Fair and cold ground froze hard last night. I think the traveling a little better today. Went fishing this afternoon Metcalf Brook got 8 nice trout, the first this spring.

**Tuesday, Apr. 18** Fair clear and cold, mud drying up a little and Dandy sore in his front feet. Damd sore too. Went dead lame this afternoon. Sent Sammy a letter today.

**Wednesday, Apr. 19** Fair and warmish pretty good day. Went up the Metcalf Brook fishing this afternoon got 9 nice trout. Got no letter from Sammy girl just hope she is not sick.  $8 \times 9 = 17$

**Thursday, Apr. 20** Fair this morning and dumed cold been a blame raw cold day. Mud drying up some, not so very hard traveling. Got a fine letter from Sammy.

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**Friday, Apr. 21** Snow squalls all day, just a damd nasty drizzle. Traveling not so very bad. Sent Sammy a letter this morning, we are invited to a party at Rich Lermen's tomorrow night. T.G. gave me a big black felt hat like this  
[drawing of hat]

**Saturday, Apr. 22** Snow squally cold and showers. Came up to Sammy's, went down to the meadow. Shot a fine big black duck and set 4 traps for muskrats. Sammy and I went up to Rich Lermen's to a big card party tonight.

**Sunday, Apr. 23** Still fairly cold bum day. Sammy, Abb, Herb Thomas Deedy and I went over whare the Frenchmen are chopping on the Hill place. They have got an awfull lot of lumber over 250,000 ft.

**Monday, Apr. 24** Fair and much warmer and I am feeling bum again, cold, headach. Carried Sammy home this morning, she is going to work at Tam Scruton's "Ctr" today. Bought the hay on Herb Thomas place gave him \$50 for it standing.

**Tuesday, Apr. 25** Fair butifull day. Went fishing Metcalf Brook, got 16 fine big trout. See a big bald Egal this morning up at Colman City. Got no letter from Sammy. Hell. Borrowed of Sadie Knight \$50 for 6 months 12%.  
17+16=33.

**Wednesday, Apr. 26** Butifull day, fair and warm. This noon at home I met one of the Frenchmen who are lumbering up home. "Ice went out of Andrews Pond." Twas the mess boy Placid Oshambo. Wrote a letter to my Sammy.

**Thursday, Apr. 27** Another butifull day. Got a fine letter from Sammy Jonsin. She is down at her Aunt Hatt's now. Emry and I went out to Slab City this afternoon and I fished Black Brook, got 4. Big fire out on the Gid Young place. 33+4=37

**Friday, Apr. 28** Very warm, just a fine day. Roads are about all settled, easiest mud time I have ever known. Ice went out of the Levenseller, Lawry and Tilden Ponds. Called little Sammy up and talked with her this afternoon.

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**Saturday, Apr. 29** Very warm, fine day. Stoped at Black Brook, fished, got 5 small trout. Caught Bill Bragg's colt what had throwed him out and was running away. Went over to Chester Dean's, got my small Sammy, stoped to supper.  $37+5=42$

**Sunday, Apr. 30** Another fine warm day. Got early went fishing Studson, McCobb and Main Streams, not a bite. Found a big mink in one of my traps that has been set all winter, all rotten. Hell with such luck. Got two fine Muskrats in my traps down in the McKinney Medow.

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911

MAY 19	MAY 20
<p>1908 Fair and very warm. Drove today in my Run about the first time since painting it</p> <p><b>\$3.40</b></p>	<p>1908 Fair fine summer day. Got a letter from Sammy. Called her up this morning and talked with her. The Pendleton Bros. finished setting an engin in their dory. They put in a horse to pull it.</p>
<p>Wed 1909 Overcast, one burn day some showers. Did some work on dory. Put four new thwart's in her. Got a letter from Sammy.</p>	<p>Thurs 1909 Fair nice day. Broke and enter that's what happened to Kate Marriner's last night. Some person, unknown, broke into her house last night, hit her a welt in the jaw, choked her to sleep and swiped \$30. Got away.</p>
<p>Thurs 1910 But full day fair and cool. Tonight but rain like all Sam Hill this morning and forenoon. Been down to Goulding's Pool Rooms tonight.</p>	<p>Fri 1910 But full summer like day, just fine. Did not see any thing of Kate Marriner's. She must be up to Benson's in the best Spain room. Been down to Goulding's, watching the Johnson. Set play pool.</p>
<p>Fri 1910 But full day fair and very warm. Came up to Benson's and made a big long visit. We intended going up to the Hill School, to one of the big socials, dinner time. It was so late and dark we just had a big chew chew.</p> <p><b>\$2.00</b></p>	<p>Sat 1910 Very warm and overcast. Came up to Sammy's. She went over with me and tonight we went to Colley's, to one of their balls. Fine time, nice big crowd. Prof Brown, dined the Dramatic Co. Good grub. Good time.</p>
<p>Sat 1910 Very cold overcast. snow squalls. cussed. Father fell and almost killed himself struck on a stump on his abdomen, started another rupture, and perhaps it is worse than that, had Dr Simmons</p>	<p>Mon 1910 Very cold overcast. snow squalls. cussed. Father fell and almost killed himself struck on a stump on his abdomen, started another rupture, and perhaps it is worse than that, had Dr Simmons</p>

**Monday, May 1** Fair warm nice day and the ground is about settled. Herb Thomas left for Montanar will work on the 101 Ranch. Dance Grange Hall Sammy and I went. Forty couple fine time. Got another Muskrat tonight in my meadow trap. 5 in all. City of Bangor burned last night loss about \$6,000,000

**Tuesday, May 2** Fair and warm. Stopped a while with Sammy after the dance then came down to the Beech. Dandy did one of his fancy steps and fell down bustid both of the shafts, damn him. God ant I sleepy. Died Mathew Drinkwater age

**Wednesday, May 3** Clear and cold. Strong W. Wind blowing. Came up to Sammy's tonight and we went over to Prof. Brown's to a rehearsal of the new play, The Iron Hand. Got two muskrats in my traps tonight. 7 in all.  $6+42=48$

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**Thursday, May 4** Fair and awfull cold. Ground froze solid last night and Ice formed in many places over 1/2 in thick. Got a nice letter from Sammy this afternoon just hope she gets restid up. Father went to the Fish Hatchery in Camden and got 20,000 trout for the Main Stream and 5,000 for L'seller Pond.

**Friday, May 5** Fair and warm nice day. Came up got Sammy and tonight we went to a big time at the Hill School-house. Sociable they called it. Kind of a bingr-ill time for the benifit of the Graveyard.

**Saturday, May 6** Another find warm day. Sammy came over with me and we went up to Cilleys to a grand ball. Prof. Brown and Burt Adams played, but we did have a bully time about 30 couple. 75¢

**Sunday, May 7** Buttiful day fair and warm. Startid early fished McCobb Studson and the Main streams got 6 trout. Emry and Mrs French up home today. Sammy and I went to a rehirsal at the Grange Hall.  $6+48=54$

**Monday, May 8** Very warm but a nice old day. Sammy came down to Jennie McCobb's with me this morning. She is doing some papering thear. Doing it for charity for they will never pay her a cent.

**Tuesday, May 9** Butifull day fair and warm. Came up home this afternoon went to my trap got a fine big mink. Fished Calderwood Stream got 2 nice trout.  $2+54=56$  Sammy and I went to a Band Concirt and sociable at the Town House tonight.

**Wednesday, May 10** Another fine day. Abbie went to Belfast today for Mrs Busly, doing some shoping for her. \$20 for her.

**Thursday, May 11** Fair and warm. Came up home got Sammy she carried me up to David Mahoney's then I went up to the old Jones Mill and fished down home. Got 3 good 'uns. Sammy and I went down to Davies McCobb to a big rehirsal, it dident amount to a pinch of shit. "Shelar"  $3+56=59$

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**Friday, May 12** Very warm, yes dumd hot. Came up fished at Slab City, no trout but plenty of black fly's. Joe Bushy and all the little Bushys went away to Biddaford. Goulding came to the Beech today. Very sevear thundershower this evening.

**Saturday, May 13** Another very warm day. Came up to Sammy's went down to the meadow took up my traps. Sammy came over with me and we went up to Cilleys to a dance just had one fine time. (Have been at Mrs French's but two nights this week.)

**Sunday, May 14** Butifull day. Got an early start and went fishing, got Hell. Walked ten miles to get 8 trout. Big rehirsal at the Grange Hall. The Grange is having the metal cealing and walls painted and tinted. The artist "Carlson of Rockport, Me".  $8+59=67$

**Monday, May 15** Cool nice day. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down to the Beech. Sent my furs this morning to "Kakas" fur dealer Boston. 1 Mink, 7 Muskrats 1 Weasel. Came up home this afternoon and plantid a bushal of potatoes. Father been hawling edgings from the Mill.

**Tuesday, May 16** Another fine day. Came up home to do some work but the folks sent me up after Deedy and that finished my working germ. Deedy and I went fishing and we got 4. Father sold his veal calf to John Wyler \$13.50.  $4+67=71$

**Wednesday, May 17** Still fair hot and dry no rains for more than two months. Came up home again tonight. Did some grafting tonight. Allso Gushee gave me a bunch of strawberry plants that came for Mrs. L.D. Richards and were refused. Deedy and I went to the Grange Hall to a rehirsal tonight.

**Thursday, May 18** Another fine warm old day. Came up and see Sammy this evening. We just had a foine bit of an evening. This afternoon I have been taking away the stone wall out side of the road.

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**Friday, May 19** Butifull day fair and very warm. Came up to Sammy's and made a big long viset. We intendid going up the Hills School to one of the big sociable times but it was so late and dark so we just had a big chew chew.

**Saturday, May 20** Very warm some overcast. Came up to Sammy's, she went over with me and tonight we went to Cilley's to one of thear balls. Fine time nice big crowd. Prof Brown, dined the Dramatic Company. Good grub Good times.

**Sunday, May 21** Fair and very very warm. Went fishing way down river got nine fine trout. Sammy and I went down to the Grange Hall to another rehirsal and they did pretty fair this time. Came home from the dance and went right fishing.  $9+71=80$

**Monday, May 22** Butifull day if one likes a hot one.  $130^{\circ}$  in the sun  $98^{\circ}$  in the shade, terriable hot day. Came up home again tonight, brought up load of grain. We have had one butifull old thunder shower this afternoon. 2 Bags Oats  $\$1.25=\$2.50$  1/2 bag Mx Feed 78¢

**Tuesday, May 23** Colder thank the hivens than it was yesterday. We have had two or three showers. I guess the drougth has surely broke. Came up home by way of Sammy's and had a fine long talk. Bag Corn  $\$1.35$  Bag Meal  $\$1.35$

**Wednesday, May 24** Overcast and pretty dum cold came up home this afternoon. This afternoon I have been doing the hard kind of labor, am taking the stone wall away from the drive way, up to the shop.

**Thursday, May 25** Fogg rain showers bum old day. Came up home went fishing got only 5 fished from the old "Mill" down. Went over to Sammy's tonight but she was away, down to Dave McCobb's to another dumded rehirsal.  $5+80=85$

**Friday, May 26** Fair and cold, wore my fur coat today and was not any too warm. Came up home this afternoon and have been working on my clearing up job. Came up by Sammy's and see her for a little while.

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**Saturday, May 27** Fair and some warmer. Came up home by stoping at the pond and did some target shooting with Sammy's rifle. Went over and see her this evening. Father went out to Hartson Farrows and got his buggy wheels.

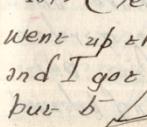
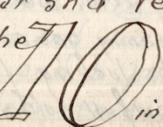
**Sunday, May 28** Butifull day very warm. Went over to Sammy's, got her, went up to the old Sanford Place, got a big bundle of white and purple lilacs and decorated the graves of our departed. "Russ" setting front shoes on Tim 25¢

**Monday, May 29** Very foine kind of a day. Came up home again tonight, went over and see Sammy. She am feeling some foine. She sent to N.Y. today for a new raincoat.

**Tuesday, May 30** Just a butifull day. Sammy Deedy and I went to the Ctr. to the decorations. Had our lunch on Willy Mahoney's lawn. Ball game this afternoon "Appleton" trimed the home team to the tune of 14-1.

**Wednesday, May 31** Butifull day. And tonight McCobb? McKinney's? dramatic co. played the Iron Hand in Freeman's Hall. Commenced to rain and I carried Sammy, Deedy, Horace Miller, Annie Richards and Mrs. Clark up to Mrs French's and by gar but dident it rain.

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911

<p><i>Married Bert Knights &amp; Bessie Dicker</i></p> <p>JUNE 6</p>	
<p>Sat 1908 Nice warm day. Came up home tonight and saw Sammy, she went over with me. Sammie, o-o-o Sammie, can't live without you. Got my pay check today. It takes me a month to get it, and a couple of day's to spend some.</p>	<p>Sun 1908 Fair and warm. Got up at three o'clock this morning and went fishing, fished the Tucker Brook and from the old Gould Mill down to the Wadsworth Bridge. Carried Sammy home tonight. Manley Turner came up home on his wheel today and took dinner. 20 burn Trout</p>
<p>Sun 1909 But full warm summer day. Went down to the Meadow Stream fishing, caught one fine big Pickerel. Got capsized out from my Simpson.</p>	<p>Mon 1909 Another but full summer day. Wrote a letter from my Sammy. Bought of R. Turnall Boy More "Molly" 6 yrs old, \$166. Paid what a price.</p>
<p><i>Died John Dean.</i></p>	<p>Paid Mrs French board in full to date \$10.00</p>
<p>Mon 1910 Did it rain well rather. It has been a awfull cold raw storm, ant has rained something since. Miss Shortaker did not go home this morning, and I do wish I was out home with her tonight.</p>	<p>Tues 1910 Showers part of the day. Went out home tonight and Sammy and I went fishing. Stream very high, but not so high but Sammy got one fine trout, all by her self. She is surely a smarty. My Snow Lake. Carried her home tonight.</p>
<p>Tues 1911 Fair nice day, came up to the Coleman Pond this afternoon and went fishing with Percy Greenlaw, we got 2 white fish and many, many, yellow darts. Came up to Sammy's and spent the evening. Handled \$35 in gold coin with her. Pay Date \$125</p>	<p>Wed 1911 Fair and a fine day. Came up to Sammy's and spent the evening with her, and we all had a fine time. Went down to the Meadow Stream fishing, nothing doing.</p>
<p>Thurs 1912 Still raining burn day, raw and cold. Made Dad a new bruss this evening. Paid Little Hale, \$35. on account now owe him \$250 on last month.</p>	<p>Thurs 1912 Clear and very cold. I'm and I went up the  Brook this afternoon and I got  to fine big trout but b- in my well. Been hoeing tonight</p>

**Thursday, Jun. 1** Clear fine day. Went my trip then came up to Mrs. F, took Sammy and Deedy, brought them up home. Emry had his leg operatid on today. Dr. Young cut and scraped it, think to cure it. Let us hope it will.

**Friday, Jun. 2** Another fine day, fine one till this afternoon then a big shower. Sammy and the Dramatic Co. played theaer play in Belmont tonight. They made \$3.40 each. Fine time big crowd elgiant dance. I stayed in back and was theaer coulaty [quality?] man.

**Saturday, Jun. 3** Fine day. Gee but I was awfull sleepy this morning. Made a flying trip and then came up home. Sammy still theaer. Got a new shaft for my wagon, must put it in tomorrow. Bag Corn \$1.35

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**Sunday, Jun. 4** Butifull day. Got a damd head ach. Put my shaft in today. Sammy and I went down to the "stream" and shot Lampher Eells. We kilt four big uns.

**Monday, Jun. 5** Butifull day, carried Sammy home this morning. Father went with a load of casks. Drove Em's colt on my route today. Paid Covel \$25 on account, now owe him \$16.38. Got 3 \$10 gold pieces today allso one \$5 pice.

**Tuesday, Jun. 6** Fair nice day, came up to the Coleman Pond this afternoon and went fishing with Percy Greenlaw, we got 2 White Pirch and many many yellow divels. Came up to Sammy's and spent the evening. Banked \$35 in gold coin with her. Bag Oats \$1.25

**Wednesday, Jun. 7** Fair and a fine day. Came up to Sammy's and spent the evening with her and we all had a fine time. Went down to the Meadow Stream fishing, nothing doing. 12=\$30 Died Cap Thomas French.

**Thursday, Jun. 8** Another fine day. Came up to Sammy's and we went to Hope tonight. Played the "Iron Hand" thear. I sold the tickets and took \$28.50. 148 sold, dance afterwards, fine time, Sammy made \$3.80. Died Geo Manning.

**Friday, Jun. 9** Butifull day. Came up to the Andrews Pond this afternoon, went fishing. No luck. Then went up to Sammy's and spent the evening, foine time. Bag Corn \$1.35

**Saturday, Jun. 10** Fair and very warm this forenoon. Heavy showers this afternoon. Came up and got Sammy she went over with me and we went to "Cilley's" to a dance tonight fine time. Suit Cloths S.B. Haskell \$15. Bag Oats \$1.25

**Sunday, Jun. 11** Slightly overcast during the day raining hard tonight. Went troutting way down stream got 6. See a big red fox down on Frank Patten's. Sammy and the folks went over to Hollis Dean's tonight and I slept.

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**Monday, Jun. 12** Rain this morning, rain all day and still raining tonight. Carried Sammy home this morning, stoped down at Mr. French tonight first time for over a month, paid her in full for board \$20. Married Leo Crooker and Edith Merriam.

**Tuesday, Jun. 13** Rain hard all day long and still coming down in bunches tonight. The dramatic co. were to play the Iron Hand tonight in "Liberty" but had to give it up on account of the storm. Wrote Sammy today first time for over a month. I owe tonight \$157.44 Cash on hand \$37.35.

**Wednesday, Jun. 14** Nice kind of a day, rain most of the time. Came up tonight stoped at the Andrews Pond and went fishing but all I got was a few yellow pirch. Died Oliver Pendleton. Bag Corn \$1.35

**Thursday, Jun. 15** Still rain showers and a dumed nasty old day. Came out home tonight. Stoped down at Sammy's for a while this evening. Bag Oats \$1.25

**Friday, Jun. 16** Nice day, good one, only one or two showers. Came up to Sammy's then went over home and tryed to get a big pine log down the stream, not water enough to drive it. Drove Em's colt today.

**Saturday, Jun. 17** Showers every ten minets all day. Drove up to Sammy's this afternoon, she went over with me. We went to "Cilley's" to the dance tonight and we did have a great time.

**Sunday, Jun. 18** Butifull day only 3 showers. And I am sick and have been all day. Just deathly sick. Ate so much ice cream at "Cilley's" last night that it has about finished me.

**Monday, Jun. 19** Butifull day. Carried Sammy home this morning then drove down to the office. I am about all in. The dramatic co. play in Searsmont tonight and I can't go and see the last act. "Hell" Dandy shod new \$1

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**Tuesday, Jun. 20** Fair and warm. Heavy thunder showers this afternoon. Lightning struck Mrs Fred Clark's house and compleatly riddled it. Sammy made \$2.50 in Searsmont. Percy Cross came home sick today. Water round his lungs. Dr. Simmons taped him this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jun. 21** Butifull day clear and cool. Came up to the Coleman Pond and fished a while this afternoon then went over to Sammy's spent the evening. Prof. Brown of the Iron Hand Dramatic Co. went away to Mass today. Borrowed of Sammy \$5.

**Thursday, Jun. 22** Another butifull clear cool day. Abbie took Tim and went to Belfast. I stoped down to the Beach tonight first time for a week. The ship "Com Peary" went to the North Pole and the Roosevelt went up the Bay this afternoon.

**Friday, Jun. 23** Nice clear day and cool. Good one. Came up home tonight. Stoped at Sammy's spent the evening, foine time. Bag Oats \$1.30 Died Iseral Cross, at the Soldiers Home "Togas".

**Saturday, Jun. 24** Another fine day. Came up home, went fishing in Wadsworth Stream, got 5 nice trout. Carrie Greenlaw came out home today. I went over to Sammy's tonight Stoped over.

**Sunday, Jun. 25** Butifull day fair and warm. Sammy not feeling very well. She has a lame lung and sore throte. Madison Dickey, his wife, and two brats been over viseting. Maddie and I went down to the Meadow Stream for a while.

**Monday, Jun. 26** Fair clear and cool. Came up home tonight, brought father up a bag of grain. Abb and Deedy went over after Sammy tonight but her lungs are so bad she daired not come. Died Frank Levenseller.

**Tuesday, Jun. 27** Overcast thick of fogg all day. Came up home this afternoon to Sammy's, carried her home with me. She is to do some paper hanging but is not feeling very well. She has got a very bad sick old lung.

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**Wednesday, Jun. 28** Slightly overcast hot and muggy. Sammy over home papering and painting. Came up home tonight. 50¢ sugar Graham 20¢ Bag Corn \$1.40 Bag Oats \$1.30

**Thursday, Jun. 29** Overcast, very warm and sultry. When I got home this noon Sanford Sylvester was thear. Came up home again this afternoon.

**Friday, Jun. 30** Bum old day, rain some this morning but cleared off fair. Came up home, mowed the lawn and did some painting. Sammy and I drove over to her home for a little while tonight. Father carried Sanford down to Clara Lunt's. Bag Oats \$1.30

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911

JULY 8		JULY 9	
Wed		Thurs	
19/8	Terrible hot, 106° in the shade. And tonight I have one of my Wolf Larson head aches. God but how I wish Sammy could be with me. we had a fine shower to day.	19/8	Fair and a little cooler, but still it is warm enough for comfort. Sammy is working up at Benson Noyes, for the rest of this week Sammy I wish was with me all-way-s.
	Bought of Alf Blood 2 to day \$8.50		
Thurs	19/9 Fair and awfull this morning. But it commences to thunder about noon, and we have had three heavy showers, and quite a hail storm. Got a letter from Sammy, my small Sammy goes up to old Benson Noyes to work tomorrow	19/9	One awfull clear cool day. Just fine, and I suppose Sammy is up at old Benson's now for a week or two. Will she ever be with me I wonder. See her tomorrow. Dandy shed.
Fri	19/10 Rain like hell this morning but has been nice day only cussed hot. Wrote my Sammy "Oh Girl" don't want to see you to night.	Sat	19/10 Awfull day. Came up home got my Sambo she went over home with me. Sammy paid me my Half Dollars worth of Cigars. I won from her on the Jeffry & Jensen fisher.
	Paid Hallis Dean in full for 1/ton hay \$10.	B19/10	Com \$1.50
Sat	19/11 Some cooler, came up home this afternoon Father and Al Young are now sitting the barn, I helped and got my right hand mangled on an old mowing machine, it's in bum shape. Went over to Sammy's tonight and she rode down to the Cor with him. Cussed hot, awfull, moved some this morning and some more tonight. Paid Bert Thomas \$5. now over him \$35. more.	Sun	19/11 Very warm. Went over and got Sammy. she came over and took dinner with me. Carried her home this evening and stopped for a while, had a fine call. Annie's Richards, went home today. (Jack) Leo Franklin Dena McKinney
		Tues	19/12 Terrible hot first cussed. Got in some more of my hay. looks like a shower tonight. it is lightning

**Saturday, Jul. 1** Very warm, came up home this afternoon. Father and Deedy have gone to Camden tonight to get Mamie Monroe a girl who is to stop here for the summer.

**Sunday, Jul. 2** Hot awfull hot. Father and the girls came early then Sammy and I harnised up and drove over to her home and I spent the day with her. We all just did have a fine time.

**Monday, Jul. 3** Still very hot, just awfull. Came up this afternoon direct to Sammy's. Set my team home by Abb and Mamie and stoped down with Sammy. Awfull hot and a powerful tame night before the 4th.

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**Tuesday, Jul. 4** Another awfull hot day, something terriable. Sammy and I have just snooped round and put the ice drinks into us. Olives, Sardines, Moxie, Cheese. Great spread.

**Wednesday, Jul. 5** Another awfull hot day terriable warm. Stoped down to the Beech tonight first time in over a month. Emry is still layed up in the house with his sick leg.

**Thursday, Jul. 6** Awfull hot just a terriable day. One of the fircest wind storms followed by a terific thunder shower this afternoon. Came up home tonight. Went up to Sammy's spent the evening. Bag Corn \$1.40 Bag Oats \$1.40

**Friday, Jul. 7** Clear and cool butifull day. Came up home tonight went fishing way down in the big woods but only got 2 small trout. Father got out and hewed a sill for the barn today, 36 feet long and he 63 yrs old.

**Saturday, Jul. 8** Some cooler, came up home this afternoon. Father and Ai Young are now silling the barn. I helped and got my right hand mangled on an old mowing machine. It's in bum shape. Went over to Sammy's tonight and she rode down to the Ctr with me for jack screws.

**Sunday, Jul. 9** Very warm. Went over and got Sammy, she came over and took dinner with me. Carried her home this evening and stoped for a while, had a fine call. Annie Richards went home today. Jack Rea Rankin and Lena McKinney married.

**Monday, Jul. 10** Very hot, 104° in the shade for more than 3 hours today. It was so hot that I nearly had a sun stroke. Got an awfull head ach tonight. Ai Young is up home today helping Father streighten up the barn.

**Tuesday, Jul. 11** Fair and very hot. Came up home by way of Sammy's, spent the evening. Stoped in Slab City at Will Fletcher's and helped Abbie and the girls pick 16 qts strawberrys. Ai and Father finished on the barn today. Bag Oats \$1.50 Paid Ai Young \$5.

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**Wednesday, Jul. 12** This has been an awfull hot day, am all most kilt with the heat. Stoped down at the Beech tonight. Sammy went up to Uncle Benson's today will stop the rest of the week.

**Thursday, Jul. 13** Still awfull hot, went out home tonight and the kid Archie and I went down to the stream and went swimming. Water's fine but not enough of it. Bag Corn \$1.50 Bag Oats \$1.50

**Friday, Jul. 14** Fair and awfull hot. Startid to go out home this afternoon then decidid to stop down. Emry's colt kicked Chas Pendleton on his a— today, knocked him flat. Wasent that good.

**Saturday, Jul. 15** Fair and warm. Came up to the Coleman Pond this afternoon. Deedy and Mamie Monroe came down and we went fishing. Got some water lilys. Went up to Uncle Benson's tonight, got Sammy she went over home with me.

**Sunday, Jul. 16** Very warm. Sammy and I went down to Will Fletcher's, picked 18 qts strawberrys took them to her home and presirvid them, went out in my boat for a little while and picked a bunch of lileys.

**Monday, Jul. 17** Thick of fog this morning. Carried Sammy home then came down to the office. Commenced raining about 3 oclock this afternoon and tonight it just powsr. Got from Haskell of Camden Pants \$5 2 Suits Undercloth \$2 2 Shirts \$2. stockings 5 pair 95¢

**Tuesday, Jul. 18** Overcast, fogg, showers, all togather bum. Came up home tonight. Brother Bill came today. 7 day at Mrs French. Went fishing Coleman Pond this afternoon, got 5 White Pirch.

**Wednesday, Jul. 19** Bum old day. Father and Frank Patten had a row tonight. Came up home tonight. Sammy and I went to the Ctr to the Old Church to a Socilest lecture. Good one too. Blind speaker.

**Thursday, Jul. 20** A fairly nice day. Came out home tonight. Stoped at the Andrews Pond fished got about 30 White Pirch. Dident see Sammy tonight.

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**Friday, Jul. 21** Fair fine day. Stoped down at the Beech tonight. Went fishing off Covel's wharf got 3 smelts, 3 cunners, 3 tommy [?] cod.

**Saturday, Jul. 22** A nice day. Came up home. Stoped at the Pond caught 3 big pirch. Father and Will came down and got my boat, Will put it in the Pitcher Pond. Went up to Benson's got Sammy. Married Renis Mathews and Annie Dickey.

**Sunday, Jul. 23** Butifull day. Went over got Sammy. Carried my boat over to the other pond. Shower this afternoon. Father and I got in a load of hay while Bro Bill prayed for it not to rain. We got in the hay, then it rained.

**Monday, Jul. 24** Overcast fogg. Carried Sammy home this morning commenced to rain about noon. Hard storm. Gilbertie's Boat, the "Gabrial", broke from her moorings and came ashore, smashed all up on the rocks.

**Tuesday, Jul. 25** Nice day. Came up home and Bill, Archie and I went over to the Pond fishing. Not a damd thing in that old pond anyway. Wish I had kept my boat in the Andrews Pond.

**Wednesday, Jul. 26** Butifull day. Came up home this afternoon and got in 5 loads of hay. Went over to Sammy's this evening. Had a fine time. A man Crie by name came down from Castine and gave me a ride in his "Hupmobile" want to sell us each a car.

**Thursday, Jul. 27** Another fine day. Prof Brown came home from N.Y. this morning, he has been away on a helling trip. Stoped down tonight 10.

**Friday, Jul. 28** Overcast, showers this afternoon. Came up home and Will and I went over to the Pond, got awfull wet, no fish. Terrible storm tonight, wind and rain. John Wade of Northport drowned. He used to live with my people, when I was a boy.

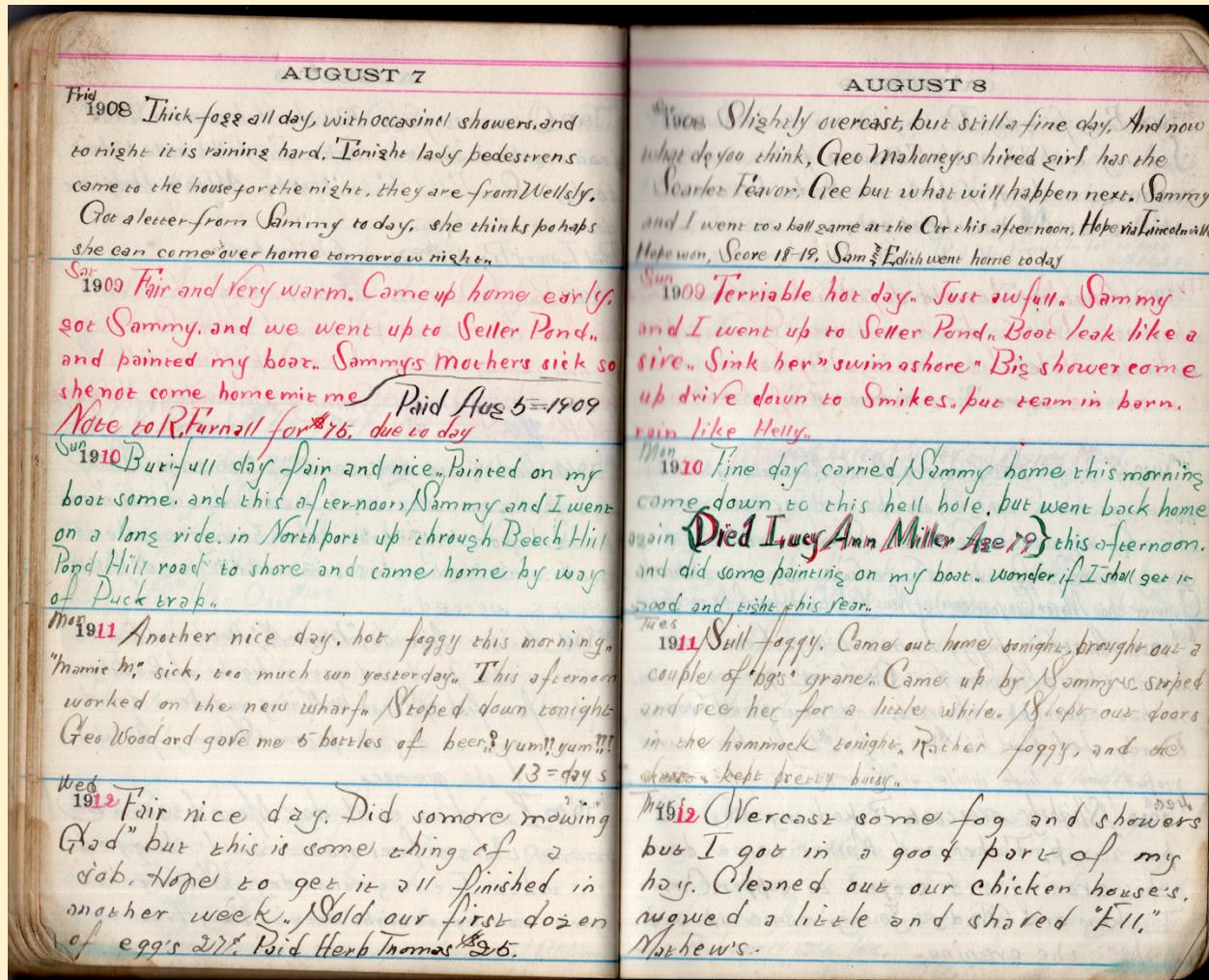
**Saturday, Jul. 29** Overcast, showers, clear this afternoon. Came up got Sammy and she went over with me. Tonight we all walked up to the Hill school house to a Socilest lecture, the speaker Mr. Baker is foine.

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**Sunday, Jul. 30** Butifull day. Sammy came over and we went to the Pitcher Pond fishing, no luck only got 4 Pickerell and 1 bass and we went way down into the Lower Pond, [Knight's?]and see one man Teuchno and he was seducing a feamail woman, Daisy Manning by name. Sammy and I went to church tonight, Old Church at the Ctr.

**Monday, Jul. 31** Nice day. Father is sick, had Dr. Simmons. Stopped down at the Beech tonight. Dizney and Myers are here tonight just sloshing the beer into themself's. Emry and I are sloshing too.

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911



**Tuesday, Aug. 1** Foggy overcast. Emry, Charlie Dizney, and Fred Myers went out to the Pitcher Pond fishing and got 20 good size bass. I went out home tonight and "Deedy" Mamie Munroe went over to the pond with me. Got one big pickerell. Today makes 7 yrs have carried mail.

**Wednesday, Aug. 2** Fair nice day, fog this morning but cleared away early. Stoped down to the Beech tonight. Emry and I went fishing off the new wharf, got 5 Cunners. Got my check, first one since the \$100 increase. Check is for \$83.33 = 12 days.

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**Thursday, Aug. 3** Nice day. Came out home tonight. Went over to Goodwins, had Molly shod, left my wagon to have new tired and repaired generaly. Paid Goodwin in full \$3.48. Paid Miss Hentz \$5.64. Paid Sammy in full \$6.61.

**Friday, Aug. 4** Butifull day, got up at 2-30 this morning and brought Will down to the Beech to take the stage for Camden. He went back to Melrose today. Dance at Grange Hall tonight. "Keys" music. Sammy and I went, fine time.

**Saturday, Aug. 5** Butifull day, came up to Sammy's spent the evening with her then went home and tonight slept outdoor in the hammock. "Myers" and Dizney went back to Worcester to day.

**Sunday, Aug. 6** Another fine day. "Mamie M", Deedy, and I went over to the pond and got a big lot of Pond Lileys and a few fish. Sarah McKinney and her 3 damd brats came today to pester Sammy for the rest of the summer.

**Monday, Aug. 7** Another nice day, hot foggy this morning. "Mamie M." sick, too much sun yesterday. This afternoon worked on the new wharf. Stoped down tonight Geo Woodard gave me 5 bottles of beer! Yum!! Yum!!!

**Tuesday, Aug. 8** Still foggy. Came out home tonight brought out a couple of bg's grane. Came up by Sammy's, stoped and see her for a little while. Slept out doors in the hammock tonight. Rather foggy, and the skeetos kept pretty buisy.

**Wednesday, Aug. 9** Another foggy bum old day. Came up home this afternoon via Goodwins, got my wagon. He has thourligh repaired, and new tired. Got Dandy shod. Paid him \$7.00 in full. \$6. for the wagon work. Stoped for a little while at "Sammy's"

**Thursday, Aug. 10** Butifull day, fair and warm. Father and P.O.M. Wellman are haying for me today on the old Hill place. Stoped down at the Beech tonight.

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**Friday, Aug. 11** Rain like Hellin-blazes. Got pretty wet. Came up home this afternoon, stoped raining. Went to the pond, down by Camp Rabbet, caught 4 fine bass and a pickerell.

**Saturday, Aug. 12** Butifull day. Came up to Sammy's this afternoon, Sarah Ann and her brood of brats was away, so we could realy see each other for a little while. Mary Munroe went back home to Malden tonight. Abb & Deedy carried her away.

**Sunday, Aug. 13** Fair and very warm. Been getting in hay all day, filled the barn full, every inch of it stuffed with hay. Went over and got Sammy, she stoped a little while, carried her home this evening.

**Monday, Aug. 14** Very hot. Heavy thunder showers this afternoon. Came up home, brought grane. Etta Richards up home, came with Abbie and Dedy last night. Bag Corn \$1.50 Bag Oats \$1.55

**Tuesday, Aug. 15** Slightly overcast. Hot. Raining quite hard tonight. Stoped down tonight. Phebe is having a big "Whist" Party. Thank God my glad rags are out home, so dident have to go. Wish I was out home with Sammy.

**Wednesday, Aug. 16** Butifull day. Came up home via Sammy's. She is having a helly of a time with the 3 sprigs of Shamrock. God but aint they the ugly kids. Yowl. Howl. Growl. Hell!!

**Thursday, Aug. 17** Butifull day, clear and cool. Stoped down, went fishing, got 3 big smelts and a big cunner. Emry and Uncle Jobe Ingreham have gorn to the Belfast Fair.

**Friday, Aug. 18** Another butifull day. Clear and warm but with an autum feel in the air. Came up home this afternoon. Stoped over at Sammy's but she was buisy entertaining company so dident stop.

**Saturday, Aug. 19** Rain like hell this morning. Clear this afternoon. Came up to see Sammy. Sarah Mc- went back to Newton to-day took one "brat" with her, but left "two" behind. Paid P. Wellman \$6 in full worked in haying total \$16.50.

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**Sunday, Aug. 20** Butifull day. Went over, got Sammy and we took a long ride up to the Seller Pond then out through Searsmont, had a fine day and bully good ride. Percy Cross over home to dinner to-day.

**Monday, Aug. 21** Another fine day. This afternoon "Em" and I went fishing, got a few cunners, no luck. Stoped down to the Beech tonight. P. Wellman hawled me down a load of hay

**Tuesday, Aug. 22** Butyfull day, came up home tonight via Sammy's, stoped and see her for a little while this evening. Cold tonight slept outdoors in the couch hammock. Bag Corn \$1.55 Bag Oats \$1.55

**Wednesday, Aug. 23** Overcast but a fine cool day. Came up to Sammy's this afternoon and we went to the dance at the Grange Hall. Prof Brown [Ikey] and Steve Adams played. Fine time 92 couple. Bought of "Gushee" pair of oxford shoes \$2.5

**Thursday, Aug. 24** Butyfull day clear and cool. Came down from the dance this morning went to bed at five oclock, slept 3 hours. The R.R. and Granit men were out home today. Stackpool and a big mut from the N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R. Abbie carried the Granit exipt to Belfast.

**Friday, Aug. 25** Another butifull day. Stoped down to the Beech tonight. See Carl Rankin this morning, he just got home on a little vacation. Wrote letter to Sammy this morning.

**Saturday, Aug. 26** Fair nice day. Came up to Sammy's tonight via Andrews Pond. Stoped for a little while and fished. No luck. Spent the evening with Sammy. "Mary", one of her little nices, has a hell of a tooth ach. Bag Oats \$1.55

**Sunday, Aug. 27** Slightly overcast, but a bully good day. Went over to Sammy's, got her and we went on a ride down through "Rackliff" town. Called at Chester Dean's and got a lemon tree. Emry and Eunis French were up home for a little while this afternoon.

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**Monday, Aug. 28** Overcast, fog, showers, tonight. Stoped at the Beech. Got my pipe this morning. Brother Bill carried it to Boston with him and got a new amber stem put on it. Mr & Mrs French & Mrs Wade been huckleberrying got about 25 quarts.

**Tuesday, Aug. 29** Rain like all Sam Hill. Came out home this afternoon via Sammy's. Stoped and spent the evening with her. Father is building an addition on his barn, will put on a pice large enough to tie up 3 more head of stock. Bag Oats \$1.55

**Wednesday, Aug. 30** Fair nice day. Came up home by Sammy's, stoped and see her for a little while. Davis Rubinstine, a Jew peddler, stoped to dinner today. Abbie bought a sweater of him. Bag Corn \$1.55

**Thursday, Aug. 31** Raw cold overcast. Raining tonight. Stoped down. Had 5,698 pices of mail this month. I am owing \$130.07. Cash and check \$119.43. Actual indebtidness \$10.64.

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911

SEPTEMBER 4		SEPTEMBER 5	
Fri 1908	Butifull day, fair clear and cool. Heard to day that Herbert True P.M. at the Ctr had resigned, and that N.D. Ross was to get the appointment.	Sat 1908	Fine day. Mother and Deedy, went to Boston today. I came up this after noon, got Sammy and we went to the Ctr to see the Ball Game. West Rockport played Lincolnville. Our team won by a score of 28 to 14. Sammy came home with me tonight.
Sat 1909	Another butifull day. Carried Sammy home this morning. My Deedy went back to Melrose to day. Went and saw Sammy again to night, and she wenç over home with me.	Sun 1909	Rain most all day. Got up early this morning took my gun, and wend down stream after ducks. No luck, got wet and found a good big Perl. Tis a <u>lucky</u> .
Sun 1910	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 Ali Youngs, fired at him, no luck, fine shot. Caught 3 nice perch and a big pickerel. Drawn. Geo Pendleton. Age 34. Fell from rowboat in N. V. Dran.	Mon 1910	Foggy, but a fine calm day. Sammy, Dede and I went fishing down the Coleman Pond. We got 22 W. Perch 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.
Mon 1911	Butifull day, "Labor day" also vacation day, don't have to drive. Percy Cross, Hans Franklin, Spike McKinney and went pleasureing, Coleman Pond, had a swell dinner of fried fish, boiled potatoes, roast corn and strong coffee. Got 21, big W. Perch and 2 big Bull head's.	Tue 1911	Clear and very warm, nice day. Came up to Sammy's and tonight we went to the Ctr to hear the "Rev Clinton Dimonson" lecture on Socialism at the old church. Great speaker, "Spike," and I wend down to the Meadow Stream and got 21 pickerell, and got wet.
Wed 1912	Fair fine day, good one. Bought for Sammy a new Singer Sewing Machine.	Wed 1912	Butifull day fair and warm. got 21 ready to shingle this afternoon and it started in to rain, so that puched that. Ding, ding, ding.
Wed 1912	Commenced shingeling my hen house. Bought 2000 shingle's.	Thu 1912	77.

**Friday, Sep. 1** Nice day clear and cool. Came up to Sammy's via Andrews Pond, stoped and fished for a little while from the shore but nothing doing. Spent the evening with Sammy Jonsin.

**Saturday, Sep. 2** Another fine day. Came out home this afternoon, stoped at Sammy's and spent the evening with her. Brought out load of grane. Bag Corn \$1.55 Bag Oats \$1.55

**Sunday, Sep. 3** A butifull day. Sammy and I went over to the Pond after huckleberrys. Got 18 quarts. Mr and Mrs French up home today. Emry has been bee hunting. Ralph Jackson's buildings in Northport burned.

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**Monday, Sep. 4** Butifull day, "Labor Day" allso vacation day, don't have to drive. Percy Cross, Hans Rankin, Smike McKinney & I went plesuring, Coleman Pond, had a swell dinner of fryed fish, boiled potatos, rost corn and strong coffee. Got 21 big W. Pirch and 2 big bull heads.

**Tuesday, Sep. 5** Clear and very warm, nice day. Came up to Sammy's and tonight we went to the Ctr to hear the "Rev Clinton Simonton" lecture on Socalism at the old church. Great speaker. "Smike" and I went down to the Medow Stream and got 2 pickerell and got wet.

**Wednesday, Sep. 6** Rain hard this forenoon, butifull clear and cool tonight. Came up to Sammy's and we went to the play "Down by the Sea" given by the "Gale family" of Hope. Dance afterwards. Good play, like hell it was. But a fine time at the dance.

**Thursday, Sep. 7** Butifull day, nice one, stoped down at the Beech tonight. Mother and Abbie went to Camden and left Archie here with Mrs French and he raised the very devil. "Gladys French Bullock" went away to day.

**Friday, Sep. 8** Butifull day fair clear and cool. Paid Mrs French in full today \$10. Came up to Sammy this afternoon was going fishing with Smike but he had already gorn with Percy Cross so I spent the evening and trimed him playing checkers.

**Saturday, Sep. 9** Fog, rain like 2 hells this afternoon. Came up to Sammy's, put my house in Josh's stable and stoped all night. "Herbert" "Smike" "Grogan" and two of his daughters went back to Newton tonight. Parker Young carried them away.

**Sunday, Sep. 10** Butifull clear day. Sammy and I went down to Co Pond this afternoon, took Geo Mahoney's boat, caught 2 fine White Pirch and picked 2 quarts of nice cranberrys. We didn't get home until long after dark. Came down to the Beech tonight.

**Monday, Sep. 11** Butifull day, also "Voteing day" for the question is before the people whether "Proibition" shall remain on the statute books or not. Came up to Sammy's tonight and we went to a sociliest lecture at the Town House by "Simenton".

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**Tuesday, Sep. 12** Rain like hell this morning but cleared away fine afternoon. Came up to Sammy's and we went fishing "Coleman Pond" nothing doing, so Sammy went over home with me tonight. Bought me a new alarm clock \$1.00

**Wednesday, Sep. 13** Butifull day clear and cool. Powerfull cold tonight. Stoped down to the "Elmwood" [Mrs. French's?] tonight. "Prof. Brown" went away for the winter. "Covel" sold his house the "Hill Crest" [one of the Beach Road houses] to the Greenwoods.

**Thursday, Sep. 14** Cold as the devil. Came up to Sammy's got her and tonight we went out to E. Searsmtont to the Marriner School House to hear Simenton lecture on socalism. Big time. Mrs French left today for a viset in Kentville N.S. Bag Ground Oats \$1.30 Bag Corn \$1.60

**Friday, Sep. 15** Cold overcast, raining hard tonight. Ray Coombs shot 2 duck in Pitcher Pond. Got my new Ithica gun today. "12 gage" 26 in barrel, right Cylinde left full choke, weight 6 3/4 lbs. Twist barril, 4 inch drop to the 14 in stock. Buty.

**Saturday, Sep. 16** Rain most all day. Came up got my Sammy, she went over home with me. Mrs "Fannie West", a friend of Mothers came up home with me this afternoon for a little viset.

**Sunday, Sep. 17** Thick fog, rain. Took Tim this morning, went down to Camp Rabbit shot 2 Partridge and got 5 nice big black ducks, 7 birds at 12 shots.

**Monday, Sep. 18** Overcast bum old day. Came up got Sammy and tonight we had a fine game supper. Percy Cross was invited and this evening he, Sammy and I rode down to the Town House to hear Clinton Simenton lecture on Socalism.

**Tuesday, Sep. 19** Overcast and rain most all day. Emry, Jack Law and I went out to Camp Rabbet after ducks, nothing doing. I fired at one piddy but missed. Stoped down tonight. Bag Ground Oats \$1.30

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**Wednesday, Sep. 20** Butifull day fair and warm. Came out home tonight, put ten courses of shingles on roof of the barn anax. Went over to Sammy's and we played checkers and I got trimed. Bag Oats \$1.55

**Thursday, Sep. 21** Another fine day. Stoped down tonight. Went gunning this afternoon but never fired a shot. Tonight have been doing a Socialist lecture bill to tack up on the Town House. "Died Alton Dean".

**Friday, Sep. 22** Fair butifull day. Came up to Sammy's tonight, we printid some bills announcing Simonton's Socialist Lecture at the Town House next Mon. night. Bag Corn \$1.60 Father took Tim down to Goodwins and got him shod new \$1.00 not paid.

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**Monday, Sep. 25** Fairly good day till afternoon, then commenced to rain. Went out home this afternoon have been doing shingeling on the new addition. Died Hollis French "Suicide". Bag Oats \$1.55

**Tuesday, Sep. 26** Cold as hell or colder. Came up home tonight worked on the new barn. Raining like the devil tonight. Would like to see Sammy. Bag Corn \$1.60

**Wednesday, Sep. 27** Another pretty fair kind of a day till night then it just let in and has rained like hell. Came up home tonight brought four windows for the barn \$2.90.

**Thursday, Sep. 28** Very cold. Came up home this afternoon and have been hard at work shingeling on the barn. Went over to Sammy's tonight and now I wish I hadent because we quariled something firce.

**Friday, Sep. 29** Very cold miserable bitch of a day. Was glad to get into my fur coat. Raining like the very devil this afternoon. "Simonton" was to speak at the Town House tonight but am afraid this rain will spoil it all.

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**Saturday, Sep. 30** Nice day. Came up to Sammy's this afternoon stoped and gunned along the road but nothing doing. Sammy came over with me tonight. We went to the Town House first and listened to a powerfull Socialist lecture by one Clinton Simonton.

# RALPH RICHARDS - 1911

OCTOBER 16		OCTOBER 17	
Fri	19 1908 Fair and hot as any day in the summer. Went gunning and got nothing. Will Mc Cobb shot three coons this morning. Paid G. for use of his house this week \$8.00	6:30 Sat	1908 Hot, yes cursed hot. Just as warm as any day we had this summer. Abbie and Herb went to Belfast. Sammy and I went gunning and we got 2 Partridge.
Sat	1909 Butifull day cleared off after just clear. Went out in my gun, but nothing to shoot. Stoped down with Sammy Jenson to dinner. She came over home with me. Heavy shower to-night. Clear and cold now at 9-30. Sammy is asleep.	10:30 Sun	1909 Butifull this morning, but lovely old rain storm to-night. Sammy and I have just loafed round today. Went on a ride with Dick Crooker and Tom Head. They got into Belmont this afternoon. See Herb Morse two deer. He has brought them home from the back woods. Mrs Head like
Sun	1910 Butifull day. Went down the stream duck hunting got two black duck. shot one after dark, down on Hill Interval. Sammy and I went up to Nellie Pond. I screened the dam.	11:30 Mon	1910 Fine day fair and warm. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down here. This afternoon went over to Orren's shop and worked on the model. Its hard slow work but is growing all the time.
Mon	1911 Another fine day. Came up home to night, by Sammy's. Stoped at her house and spent the evening. Percy Cross shear and he rode home with me, when I came.	10:30 Tues	1911 Clear and cool. Came up to my traps. this afternoon, and in the one at the mouth of the Slacker Brook, "Coleman Pond" was the biggest mink I ever see, and he got out of the trap, and in under some rocks, but I reached in and pulled him out.
Wed	1912 Nice day. Sammy and I went in the afternoon picking apples. We got about 20 lbs of Baldwin's. Very cold to-night. Everybody shooting the woods up to day.	10:30 Wed	1912 Butifull day. Fair and warm. Father came down to night howled me 40 apple bbls. Don Richards came with him. Sammy has gone to a select gathering up to Gilberties to night.

**Sunday, Oct. 1** Clear fine day, went down to Pitcher Pond early this morning. Shot one duck but lost it. But got 3 snipe the first I ever shot. Sammy and I went down to Coleman Pond.

**Monday, Oct. 2** Butifull day. Stoped down tonight. Roy Hurd and I went gunning this afternoon but nothing doing. The people here at the Beech are dipping herring out of the dock tonight. Ought to have my new gun now.

**Tuesday, Oct. 3** Butifull day. Belmont Fair. Come up home via Sammy's went gunning got 2 fine partridges. Born to Mrs & Mr Dick Crooker, a Daughter.

**Wednesday, Oct. 4** Rain like hell and blazes all day long. Miserable bitch of a storm. Stoped down at the beech tonight. Damd such weather anyway.

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**Thursday, Oct. 5** Fair nice day. Came up to Sammy this afternoon. Stoped and went to my traps and got a big Mink in one by the Coleman Pond. Fair at the Grange Hall. Dance tonight. Sammy and I went fine time.

**Friday, Oct. 6** Fine day. Came up home via Sammy's. Stoped at her house and spent the evening. We all had a fine time, did not get over home till past 11 oclock.

**Saturday, Oct. 7** Fair and warm. Came up, got Sammy and we went to the fish hatchery in Camden and got part of my 5,000 Salmon for the Seller Pond. Sammy came over with me tonight.

**Sunday, Oct. 8** Butifull day. Sammy and I went to the fish hatchery and got 2 thousand salmon for the Seller Pond. Went out tonight for a little while got one fine big Partridge.

**Monday, Oct. 9** Another fine day. Went to Camden tonight in "Gushee's" car. Roy drove down. Got me a new overcoat, black dirby and a pair of butifull codroy pants. Cost \$27.50. Paid Haskell \$15.50 owe him \$12.

**Tuesday, Oct. 10** Fine day just as warm as summer. Came up home via Sammy's spent the evening with her. Roy Hurd bought a moter car and has gorn after it today and he is to drive it home from Belfast alone.

**Wednesday, Oct. 11** Another great day just like summer. Came up home via Sammy's and tonight we went to the Ctr to the moving picurs show. My hourse "Dandy" got kicking and kicked himself clear from the wagon, damn him.

**Thursday, Oct. 12** Fair fine day. Came up to Sammy's this afternoon, and tonight we went to the Ctr Moving Pictures at the old Church. Pretty good picture. Roy drove his first trip today in his "Ford" Car. Broke his crank, and got stalled out.

**Friday, Oct. 13** Another nice day came up and see Sammy this evening, did not get over home until late. We are planning to go to Rockland tomorrow afternoon if it is a plesant day.

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**Saturday, Oct. 14** Fair nice day, came up got Sammy and we drove to Camden then went on the cars to Rockland. Sammy bought herself a new hat and a heavy long blue overcoat. We went to the Mooving Picturs with Jack & Jennie.

**Sunday, Oct. 15** Fair fine day. Took my gun went to my traps, got a fine big muskrat in one trap. Went over to Sammy's via the old railway and Coleman Pond. Killed one partridge. Spent the evening with Sammy.

**Monday, Oct. 16** Another fine day. Came up home tonight by Sammy's, stoped at her house and spent the evening. Percy Cross thear and he rode home with me when I came.

**Tuesday, Oct. 17** Clear and cool. Came up to my traps this afternoon and in the one at the mouth of the Sucker Brook, "Coleman Pond" was the biggest mink I ever see, and he got out of the trap and in under some rocks but I reached in and pulled him out.

**Wednesday, Oct. 18** Overcast rain showers and genurly bum. Came up to Sammy this afternoon and stoped on the way and killed 2 fine partridges got them down by Ben Hall's field. Surly had some fine shooting. Vacation begins today, don't drive the mail.

**Thursday, Oct. 19** Rain most all day but came up home tonight via Sammy's. Stoped at her house. Went to Belfast this morning with Burleigh Ordaway. Got some things to ware. Stoped at Sammy's tonight.

**Friday, Oct. 20** Overcast fog, but cleared away fine tonight. Sammy and I went to Camden tonight, and were married by Elder Frohock, Pastor of the Elm St Baptist Church. Came back and stoped at Sammy's tonight. She is 26 and I 33 years old.

**Saturday, Oct. 21** Rain foggy nasty. Sammy, 2 Suit Cases and I went to Belfast, took the S.S. Camden for Boston. Smooth and thick of fog tonight. Em French and Roy Hurd came to Camden to find us but we kept in our stateroom No. 50 they didnt. Helen Parks was on the boat. We took her to supper with us.

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**Sunday, Oct. 22** Still raining got into Boston at about 5-30. Sadie McKinney met us at about 7 oclock and we got out to Newton Mills to Smike's home at about 12 noon. Still raining but Smike and I took a long walk up in the Cabot Woods.

**Monday, Oct. 23** Cleared away and we went and looked Newtonville over. Not much of a job. Then we went up into what they call Cabot woods. Souced around for a while. See a Bee tree, big hollow white oak.

**Tuesday, Oct. 24** Another nice day. Sammy, Alice and Mary Kinney and I took a long walk over by the Cathlic Church. Wrote a lot of letters and restid.

**Wednesday, Oct. 25** Fair fine day. We walked up to Newton Center and went up to the Baptist Church. Butifull house with wonderfull hand carving. Cost \$190,000 and the contractor went broke building it.

**Thursday, Oct. 26** Another fine day. Went into Boston to the big Industrial Fair at the Mechanic Building. Wonderfull mfg's, fine time. Then we went to the Public Library.

**Friday, Oct. 27** Fine day. We went into Cambridge to the Natural History Musium. Greatist Place I ever see. Came back to Newtonville. Raining hard tonight.

**Saturday, Oct. 28** Fair nice day but dumd cold. We went over to Waltham, then took in Lexington. See everything Historic thear. Fine place would like to live out thear.

**Sunday, Oct. 29** Butifull day. Hump went into Boston with us. We met Bro Bill and his love bunch, took in the Museim of Fine Arts and they are shurly (fine arts) all right.

**Monday, Oct. 30** Fair fine day. Came into Boston this morning. Went to Kings Chapil, the Old State House. Climed Bunker Hill Monument. Came out to Melrose tonight, stoped at the Aldine. Eva Steve's sang for us.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 31** Fair nice day. We got up early. Went up to Effie's grave (Wyoming Cemetery) Pine Banks Park. Came into the Navy Yard. Went on the old Constitution and Wabash. Then round the City for a while then back to the Newtons.

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	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 10
Mon 1908	And still another fine warm day. Have walked and walked, but no deer. Went over to Sammy's to night.	Tues 1908 Fair and warm nice day, came home this afternoon. harnessed Dandy up and took a ride, first time for a week allmost.
Tues 1909	Fair nice day and not very cold, only a fine brisk west wind. Wrote to my small Sammy, and just wish I was with her to-night. Went gunning down on the point for a little while this afternoon nothing doing.	Wed 1909 Very cold last night, down to within 10° of zero but it has been a beautfull warm day. And evry in herins name dident Sammy write come to day. I just know she must be sick. Roy Hurd came home today from his up river hunting trip. One deer.
Wed 1910	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 roads above David McColl's finished it to day. Paid Cavel in full for grain \$16.85. Paid E.P. Heat in full for work having \$30. Paid Jackson & Hall on account \$2.62	Thurs 1910 Fair cold day and I am feeling cussed. got a kick of a bad cold. Raining tonight. Sammy unsreme nice letter to day. Father hauled me a load of hay. Emry and Sam are building the arch under their boilers.
Thurs 1911	Still nice weather its fair and warm like. Came down to the office this morning and then went back to Sammy's tonite. She went over with me.	Fri 1911 Fair but cold as the devil. Came down this morning. Carried Sammy home. Went gunning a little while tonite.
Sat 1912	Fair and warm. Throwed some more dirt around the house. Chas Richards hauled me down a load of wood the first of 5 cod. Emry came up and spent the evening.	Sat 1912 Fair nice day, a little cooler. The Norton Horse got down and cast this morning. Sammy waked me and I had to go out and get him up. Picked a barrel and a half of winter Peacock.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1** Mild overcast warm for this time of year. Sammy sick. Did not go anywheare today. Sarah went in town. Our tickets expire tomorrow so we can't go to the play Ben Hur tomorrow night.

**Thursday, Nov. 2** Fair and cold. We went over to Waltham this morning (Shoping) came into Boston this afternoon. Took Str Camden for home. Awfull rough tonight. Our stateroom was half full of old ocion.

**Friday, Nov. 3** Bitter cold. We got in to Belfast at 8 oclock this morning. Hired a team at the Winsor Stabel to take us out home. Would have frez if we didnt have a bottle of whisky.

**Saturday, Nov. 4** Nice day but bitter cold. Carry mine Sammy over to her home this morning, and then she came back with me this evening.

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**Sunday, Nov. 5** Fair nice day. Percy Cross came over today, we went down to my traps set by the stream. We found two mink feet in a couple of them.

**Monday, Nov. 6** Raw and cold. Commenced driving again today. End of my vacation. Sammy did not go over home with me this morning so I came back tonight.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7** Nice day not so very cold. Everybody on my route has been out yesterday and today wishing me much joy.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8** Another nice warmish kind of a day. Came up home tonight put my team in Josh's barn and stoped at Sammy's tonight.

**Thursday, Nov. 9** Still nice weather its fair and warmlike. Came down to the office this morning and then went back to Sammy tonight. She went over with me.

**Friday, Nov. 10** Fair but cold as the devil. Came down this morning carried Sammy home. Went gunning a little while tonight.

**Saturday, Nov. 11** Overcast very cold. Roads are awfully rough, dum such traveling anyway. Came up and got Sammy. She went over home with me.

**Sunday, Nov. 12** Overcast raw and cold. Took my gun and went down into the "Big Woods". Shot one partridge found the foot of a big mink in one of my traps.

**Monday, Nov. 13** Fair pretty good kind of a day. Came down to the office this morning after carrying Sammy over to her home. Look like a storm tonight.

**Tuesday, Nov. 14** Rain, nasty old day. Colder tonight. Came up home Sammy went over with me and this evening we have had a regaler house party about everybody came in.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 15** Snow and rain. Got up early this morning, Father and I went "deer" hunting, Whitham Hill. I just got a glimpse of a small doe and fired at her 2 shots. No luck.

**Thursday, Nov. 16** Fair and cold. Carried Sammy home this morning. Abb and Mrs F. went to Camden and bought a set of dishes for Sammy and I that the patrons of my route gave us for a wedding present. My patrons gave \$13.60, Herb Thomas came home today.

**Friday, Nov. 17** Fair cold. Came up to Sammy's got her and brought her over home with me. Got Emry to drive for me tomorrow. Sammy and I are going to Belfast tomorrow and get fixing for our home.

**Saturday, Nov. 18** Rain like hell-in-blazes all day long. Sammy and I did not go to Belfast but I went to the Beech and drove my route instead. Came up home this afternoon. Taped a pair of shoes.

**Sunday, Nov. 19** A nice day. Sammy and I went on a long walk. We went way down by the stream and up through the woods by the "quarry". Frightened up some partridges but I didn't take my gun.

**Monday, Nov. 20** Beautiful day. Carried my wife over to her home this morning, drove my route and tonight am stopping at French's at the Beech and it's the first time for a long long while.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21** Fair came up home this afternoon, got Sammy and carried her over home with me. We intend doing Belfast tomorrow if it doesn't storm.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22** Fair and cold. Emry drove for me today and Sammy and I went to Belfast and bought our furniture of Spencer and Eaton. 1 w-iron bed, Ex. Table, 6 chairs to match, Chifonear, Art Sq. mirror, Rocking Chair, Crawford Parlor Stove, and bed couch.

**Thursday, Nov. 23** Nice day. Came down to this hole this morning, drove my route, then went back home. Sammy is still there and tonight we have been putting a rattan bottom in a rocking chair.

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**Friday, Nov. 24** Storm most all day, clear this afternoon, came up home tonight, went to my traps. Shot one rabbet and a partridge. Sammy and I play checkers this evening.

**Saturday, Nov. 25** Clear and pretty cold. Came up home went gunning, but no kind of luck. Only flushed one bird and did not get a shot at her. Sammy and I worked on our chair tonight.

**Sunday, Nov. 26** Nice day not very cold. Came up early and went deer hunting but nothing doing. Wish I hadent gorn. Sammy and I been packing my books today.

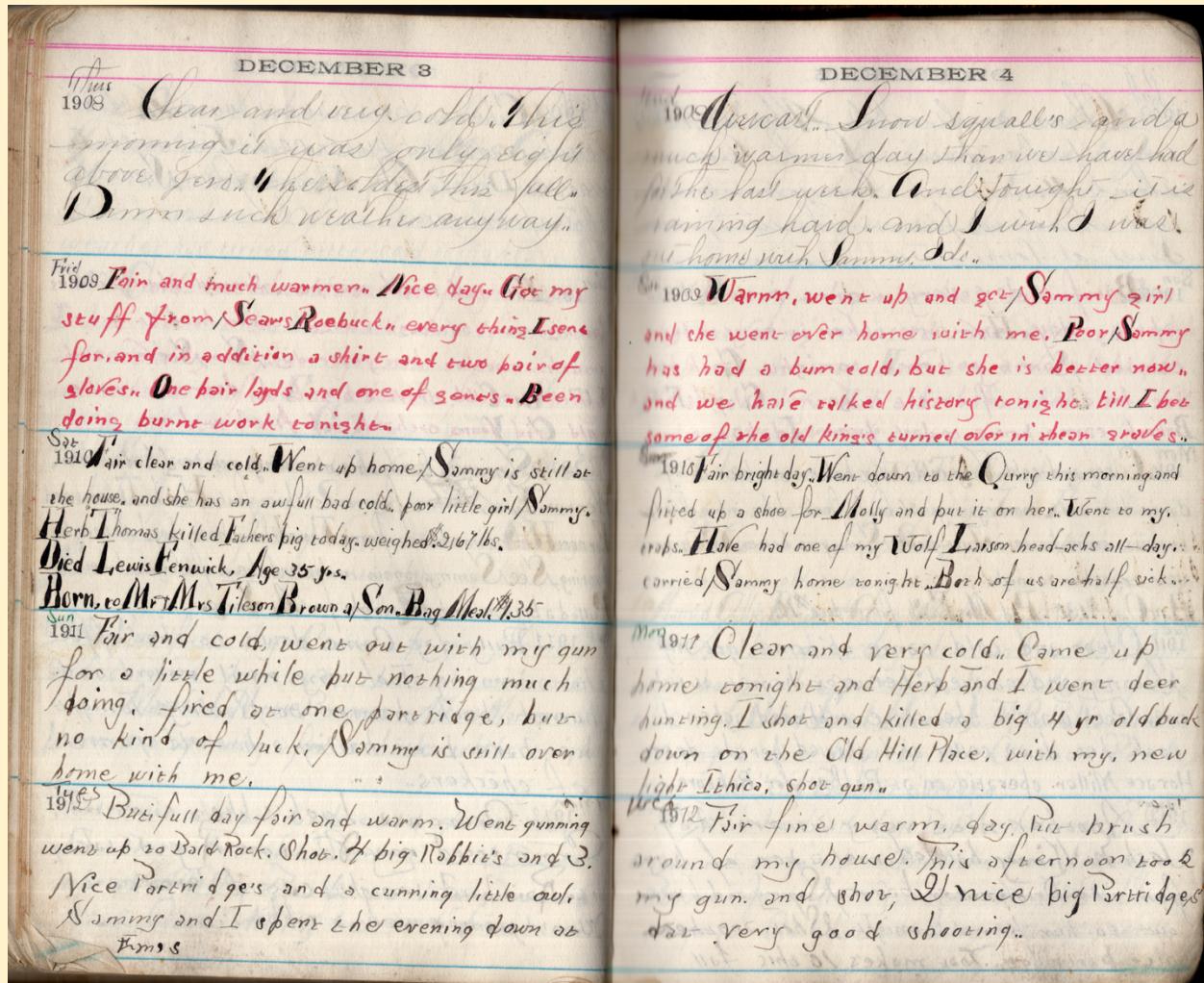
**Monday, Nov. 27** Nice day. Carried Sammy home this morning but wish it was to our own home. Came up to her house this afternoon. Put my hourse in Josh's stable and stoped at Sammy's.

**Tuesday, Nov. 28** Fair nice day. Came up home got my Sammy and carried her over home with me. We are going to Belfast tomorrow if it's a nice day to buy our furniture.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29** Stormy bum old day. Came up home Sammy thear tomorrow don't have to drive. We play checkers this evening and worked on our chair.

**Thursday, Nov. 30** Nice day Thanksgiven Day. Went hunting got one bird. Sammy and I took dinner at my home, was going to a dance at the Grange Hall but ate so much made myself sick so did not go. Shela?

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**Friday, Dec. 1** Butifull day. Came up got Sammy and carried her over home with me. Married Hattie Burgess = Albert Marriner. Went out gunning for a little while tonight.

**Saturday, Dec. 2** Bully day. Came down to the office this morning. Took my mail round and hurried back home to Sammy. Tonight we have been having a hot old game of checkers.

**Sunday, Dec. 3** Fair and cold. Went out with my gun for a little while but nothing much doing. Fired at one partridge, but no kind of luck. Sammy is still over home with me.

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**Monday, Dec. 4** Clear and very cold. Came up home tonight and Herb and I went deer hunting. I shot and killed a big 4 yr old buck down on the Old Hill Place with my new light Ithica shotgun.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5** Clear and cold came up home, got my Sammy and carried her over home with me. Gee wasent she some surprised when I took her down cellar and showed her the deer. Horace Miller operatid on at Belfast for Rupture.

**Wednesday, Dec. 6** Another nice day clear and cold. Sammy went home this morning. The surveyers for the M.C.R.R. are running a line down by the Coleman Pond over the "Old Bucklin survey". Died Fred Patten.

**Thursday, Dec. 7** Clear and cold, nice day. Came up home and Herb and I went and lay out for deer. No luck. Herb, Father and John Thomas see 3 deer this afternoon, over on Whitham's Hill.

**Friday, Dec. 8** Fair nice day. Came up home this afternoon, and went gunning. Stayed by the old Hills place till 11 oclock, nothing doing. Wait but come no deer. Died David Mansfield.

**Saturday, Dec. 9** Rain like hell all day long. Came up home got Sammy, she came over home with me. Abb and Herb went to Belfast today, and that's why it's rained so hellish.

**Sunday, Dec. 10** A butifull warm summerlike day. Very warm. Went choping firewood down on Herb Thomas and my Sammy and Deedy came down and piled up wood for me.

**Monday, Dec. 11** Very warm, awfull traveling, mud about six inches deep. Father carried Sammy home this morning and got Molly shod, new behind. Did not get back to the office till 3 oclock. Paid Goodwin my tax \$5.91. Stoped down

**Tuesday, Dec. 12** Another hell of a day. Very very warm and mud ankle deep over the whole route. Did not get in till 3-15 today. Stoped down at Emry's tonight. Just wish I was out with my small Sammy.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 13** And still it is hellish warm and muddy. Was 6 1/4 hours making my trip today. No let up stiddy drag all the way. Herb went to Belfast with the cow they killed yesterday. Wrote to my Sammy this morning.

**Thursday, Dec. 14** Froze a little last night but it has been hellish traveling today for all of that. Stoped down tonight, set up two stoves in our new home. Got a bully nice letter from Sammy.

**Friday, Dec. 15** Snow all day long a fine soft drizzle and tonight it is coming down thick and fast. Bought a woodsaw of Herb Thomas today. \$1. Sent Sammy a letter just wish I was out with her tonight I do. Dr. Ham broke his leg.

**Saturday, Dec. 16** Snow a little. Came up got Sammy she went over with me. Instantly killed in E. Searsmtont yesterday morning by accidentle discharge of his shotgun Almer Hall. Age 19 yrs. The charge took him fair under the chin. Bert Thomas & Dud Tower killed a big buck deer up by O. Gould's.

**Sunday, Dec. 17** Snow all day long, not cold. Hope it will make sleighing. Just lay around home today and took it easy. Still snowing tonight and not a bit of wind. Horroh.

**Monday, Dec. 18** Fair and dumed cold. Came up home this afternoon. My wife is still thear. Took my gun and went out a little while this evening. Nothing doing. Went in a sleigh, first trip this winter.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19** Clear and cold. Came up home this afternoon carried Sammy over to her home tonight. Got a lot of things for our home, will bring them down to our house in the morning.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20** Clear and cold. Drove from the Beech round home in my sleigh then took my wagon for the rest of it. Stoped down tonight. Bert Thomas is going to get Sammy tonight and they all go to Belfast tomorrow.

**Thursday, Dec. 21** Fine day not very cold. Sammy went to Belfast today, with Bert and with Abbie to do her Christmas shopping. I went up to our new home and put the lining in our range. Came out home tonight.

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**Friday, Dec. 22** Fair nice day, but tonight it is raining very hard. Have been down to the Office all the evening sorting Christmas mail. My Cancerlation today was just \$3. Bert carried Sammy home this afternoon.

**Saturday, Dec. 23** Rain this morning very hard. So I hired a covered wagon from Furnell for 2 bits and went in that. Stoped at the office till after the 4 o'clock mail then came up and got Sammy, she went over with me.

**Sunday, Dec. 24** Fair and warm nice day. Sammy, Deedy and I went on a long tramp way down in the "Big Woods", built fires and had a slick time. Mr & Mrs French up home, took dinner today.

**Monday, Dec. 25** Nice day, went down to the Beech this morning, took my mail out and hurryed back to Sammy's, took supper with her and tonight we went to the dance at the Grange Hall. Small crowd 40 couple.

**Tuesday, Dec. 26** Clear and warm, fine day. Came up to my Sammy's this evening, brought up a load of grane. Sammy's about half sick, bad cold, got it at the dance, so she did not go over home with me tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 27** Did it rain! Well some, and has kept it up all day long. Clear tonight and warm. Bustid a wagon wheel today, both tire and rim. Percy Cross sold my 2 Mink for me in N.Y. got \$5.70 Pretty good for unprime skins.

**Thursday, Dec. 28** Fair and very cold, and the wind has blown like hell-in-blazes all day. This afternoon I went up to our new home, built a fire and hung curtins. Wrote Sammy this morning but wish I was out with her tonight.

**Friday, Dec. 29** Bitter cold, and it has blown one of the worst gales of wind we ever had. And I am down here at the "French house" while my own little wife Sammy is a way out in the country. We were married 10 weeks ago tonight.

**Saturday, Dec. 30** Fair and cold. Came up and got Sammy carried her home with me. Have a big long vacation coming to me two whole days. Had 6,572 pieces of mail this month, bigest ever.

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**Sunday, Dec. 31** Snow about all day, but only a little fell and tonight it is raining a little. Sammy and I have just lay round the house today, read and restid.