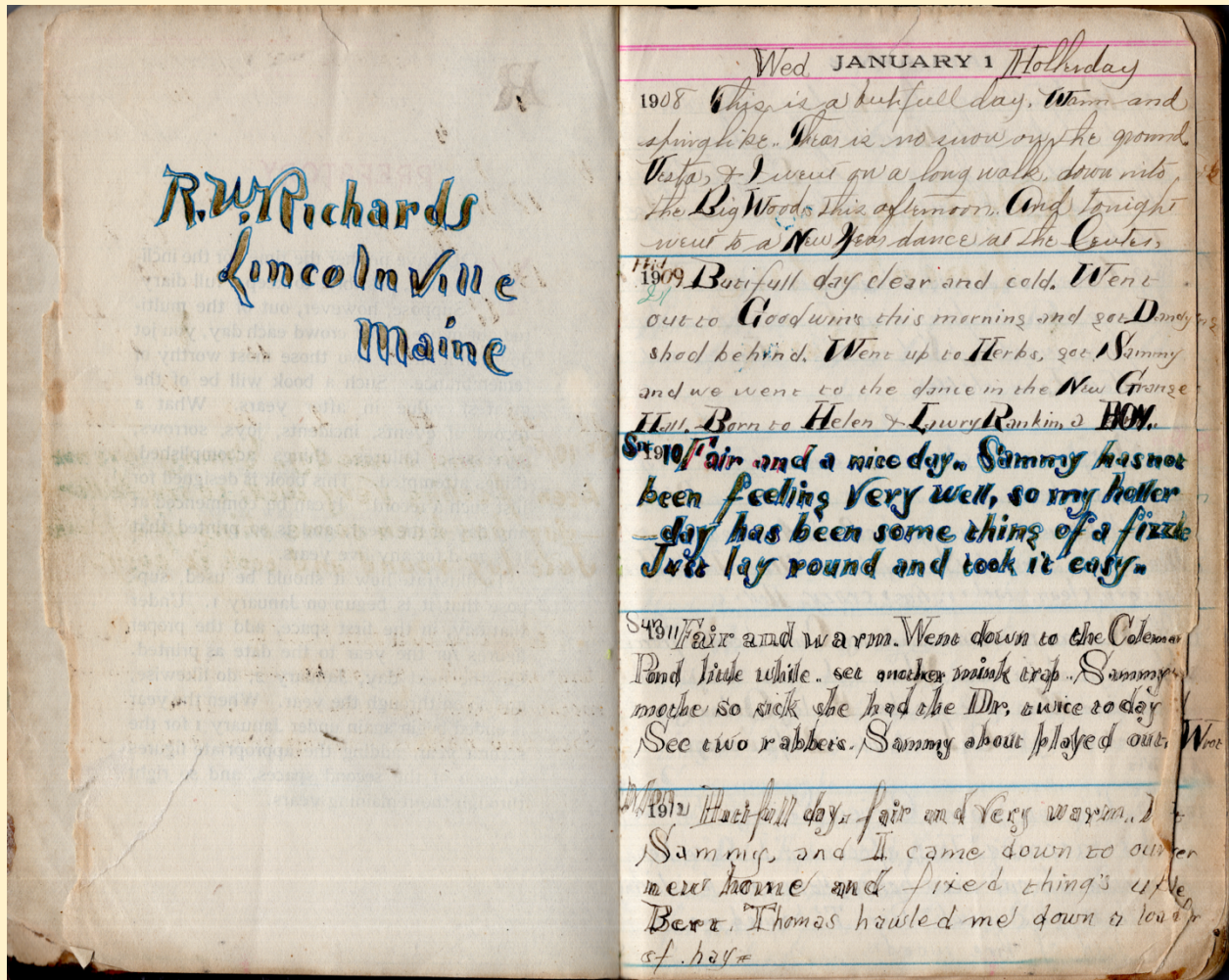


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Monday, Jan. 1** Butifull day, fair and very warm. Went got Sammy and I came down to our new home and fixed things up. Bert Thomas hauled me down a load of hay.

**Tuesday, Jan. 2** Fair and warm. Carried Sammy home this morning. This afternoon I have been fixing up our new home. Hope to be living there this week. Bert T. hauled me a load of firewood.

**Wednesday, Jan. 3** Fair and warm. Nice day. Came up and got my Sammy took her over home with me. Gave Mother \$3. Paid Littlehale for grane in full to date \$17.35. Sent to "Wards" for dresses for Sammy \$6.18. "Died fighting Bob Evans".

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Jan. 4** Fair and colder. Carried Sammy home this morning then came down to work, brought our set of dishes down. Bought of Mathews \$6 worth of groceys.

**Friday, Jan. 5** Snow. The biggest storm New England ever had. 32 inches snow fall in 12 hours on bare ground. Roy and I walked in from Slab City, broke trail for our hourses. Wish I was out with my little wife.

**Saturday, Jan. 6** An awfull day. Frightfully cold and blowing a gale of wind. Roads blocked with monster drifts. We never went out today. Andrews with the Belfast Stage never left Belfast yesterday, and is still thear. Wish I was out with Sammy tonight.

**Sunday, Jan. 7** Very cold. 12° below zero. Roads blocked, no mail through to Belfast or Camden, and tonight another snowstorm coming. How I wish I was out home with my little wife tonight.

**Monday, Jan. 8** Still very cold today but warmer tonight. Overcast, looks like rain. We could not go today, roads blocked. Went up to our new home and dug away the snow. Gee but I am some lonesome tonight without my small Sammy.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9** Rain and snow all last night. Snow and blow most all day, mail didnt leave the office till tonight, then only went to Camden and back. We rural carriers have not made a trip since last Friday. Don't I wish I were with my own little wife Sambo Jonsin.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10** Fair and cold. And again the roads were blocked, this time with frozen drifts. Roy went out to the Ctr on his snowshoes. Warren or I did not start. Worked up at the house cutting up firewood.

**Thursday, Jan. 11** Bitter cold, way below zero. Well we all startid out this morning, Roy covered most of his route but Warren and I only made part of ours. Got one butifull letter from mine Sammy girl.

**Friday, Jan. 12** Still very cold, made all of my route today but the bit up by Geo Mahoney's. Went from the Calderwood place up through the Ctr. Awfull hard traveling. Hope it will be so I can see mine Sammy tomorrow night.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Saturday, Jan. 13** Clear and very cold. Came up to Sammy's got her and carried her over home with me. Awfull hard traveling, 2 ft of frozen snow in the roads. Just cussed.

**Sunday, Jan. 14** Fair and still cold. Sammy and I hardly went out of the house. I made her a fine ironing board and that's about all I have done. Bert Thomas went to Belfast this afternoon with his new span of horses.

**Monday, Jan. 15** Snow just awfull. Carried Sammy home then came down to the Beech. Called Burnes Norton of Belfast up on tel. bought a new Top Sleigh \$40. Six month's time. Awfull storm. Rain and I got soaked. Spencer & Eaton \$10.

**Tuesday, Jan. 16** Warm. Snow, squally all day, wind blowing tonight like Hell in Blazes. Worst traveling ever see. Took me 7 ½ hours to cover my route today. Wish I was out with mine Sammy tonight.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17** Fair and not very cold, fine day, the traveling is a little better but tonight it is snowing again. What it will be tomorrow God knows. Will mine Sammy and I ever get to keeping house. God but isent it just cussed.

**Thursday, Jan. 18** Warm nice day but still awfull hard traveling. More than 3 ft of half-frozen snow on the ground. Got a fine letter from mine little wife this afternoon. Died John French.

**Friday, Jan. 19** Rain hard all day long, but did not get wet thanks to my new top sleigh. Cold tonight freezing hard. Awfull hard traveling. Father came down and got me 4 bags of grain. Wish I was with mine Sammy tonight, I do.

**Saturday, Jan. 20** Fair nice day. Came up to Sammy's, put my team in Josh's stabel and S. Jonsin and I went to the Insterlation at the Grange, big time. Pete Cross took mine Sammy to Supper while I went with Katherin Proctor.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Sunday, Jan. 21** Fair nice day. Sammy and I drove over home this afternoon. Bert Thomas went to Belfast with his big team, will start work tomorrow hawling lumber.

**Monday, Jan. 22** Fair nice day, some cold. Came up home to mine Sammy's and we came down to the Beech and went to keeping house in W.A. Mathews house. Born to Velma and Burleigh Ordaway a 14 lb. son.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23** Snow about all day, cold and nasty. Mine Sammy has been working like a little imp cleaning and cooking. We have a pretty nice looking little home now.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24** Very cold, snow most of this forenoon clear away tonight. Sammy and I have been fixing our home up. Got it to looking pretty good.

**Thursday, Jan. 25** Awfull cold 24° below zero this morning, just cussed. Don Patten hawled me a cord of wood today. Sammy got her lace curtains put up today. We have both got bad colds. Oh Hell.

**Friday, Jan. 26** Fair and cold but nice sleighing. Can go my route pretty quick now. Sammy and I still have our bad colds, don't seem to get much better. This afternoon have been fitting up mine firewood.

**Saturday, Jan. 27** Very cold just cussed 22° below zero this morning. Got home quit early been at work on my woodpile. Sammy and I are reading the Second Generation fine book.

**Sunday, Jan. 28** Clear and very very cold. Sammy and I did not wake up till 7-30 this morning. Wasent we the lazy cats. We went out to Sammy's and took dinner then went over home and brought Molly down with us.

**Monday, Jan. 29** Fair and very cold. Worked mine woodpile this afternoon. Sammy been cooking and cleaning to-day. This noon she fed mine Monty hoss.

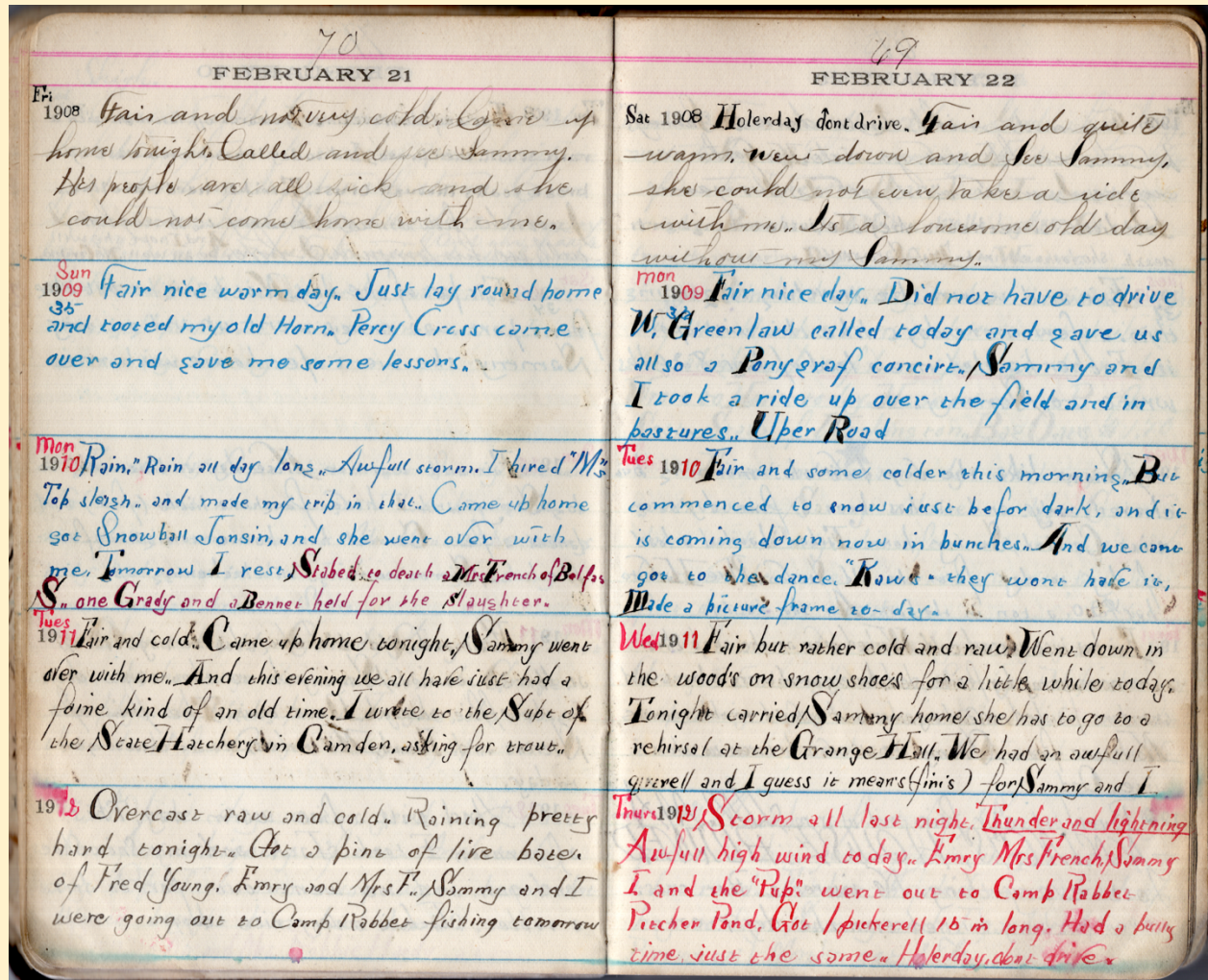
**Tuesday, Jan. 30** Fair and some warmer. Got ready to cut mine wood up this afternoon when Mrs French and Emry came in for a little social call.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Wednesday, Jan. 31** Fair nice day cold as hell or colder and this is the day the notores Lincolnville Club meets in Boston. Arno and Olive Knight have gone to spout and blow.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Thursday, Feb. 1** Fair and cold, nice sleighing. Took my gun this afternoon and went out back the house and shot a rabbit. Went on mine snowshoes. Very cold tonight.

**Friday, Feb. 2** Fair and bright, not very cold, nice day. Molly is a little lame in her near foot, got it wrenched. Got our wash boiler jars, cans and pails today.

**Saturday, Feb. 3** Butifull day fair and cold but just fine sleighing, am afraid it won't last. Father hawled me a load of hay. Bert Thomas is hawling lumber for the Hills Bros.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Sunday, Feb. 4** Butifull day clear and fair, not very cold. But yours truly has a bum cold, just rotten. Sammy and I did not go anywhair just stuck to the house.

**Monday, Feb. 5** Clear and very very cold and my cold is still simply hellish. Powerfull cough. Damd such weather anyway. I guess it will fix me for sure if it don't get well soon.

**Tuesday, Feb. 6** Fair and not so awfull cold. Bully good sleighing. Took my gun and went out for a little while tonight. No luck. Still got a hellish bad cold and feel bum.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7** Butifull day fair and warm. Molly sick belly ach I guess. Father hawled me a load of hay. Emry and I took a load of store out to Camp Rabbet, Pitchers Pond.

**Thursday, Feb. 8** Another butifull day. Snow squalls but not very cold. Willard Calderwood got me a 12 ft Tree Pruner, 75¢. Sammy had callers this afternoon. Mame Coombs and Phebe French and tonight we went down and spent the evening at Em's. Married Neil McGarrison and Gladys Morse.

**Friday, Feb. 9** Fair nice day but rather cold. Father, Mother came down to Mrs French's and brought Archie "Ty Cobb". Is the little shaver's birthday he is five years old. They all stayed down it's so cold. Dad went home.

**Saturday, Feb. 10** Fair but oh so cold. Way below zero and a gale blowing, just awfull. Mother and Ty still down to Mrs French. Sammy and I went down this evening big sing. Chas Pendleton and Nonie Drinkwater Coombs were thear.

**Sunday, Feb. 11** Fair but still very cold. Mother and Archie came up to our home and took dinner. Father came and got them. Sammy and I went out to her home this evening, got back about 9 oclock. Damd cold.

**Monday, Feb. 12** Very cold 14° below this morning. Some drifts but mostly fine sleighing. Don Patten hawled me a cord of firewood. Bought of Arthur Mahoney 19 lbs of beef \$1.90. Got a bbl flour \$5.50.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Tuesday, Feb. 13** Fair nice day. Don Patten hawled me a load of wood. Went over to Orren Ames and got my saw filed. Fixed the panel to mount my deer antlers on.

**Wednesday, Feb. 14** Another fine day not so cold. Been fixing my gun rack making it out of two sets of stag horns. It's surly a thing to be proud of. "Married" Carl Mathews and Elizabeth Heron.

**Thursday, Feb. 15** Fair nice day. Dandy off hind leg swell up something awfull. Very lame, stifle joint. Sammy and I took him tonight and walked him round the squair.

**Friday, Feb. 16** Butifull day fair and not very cold. Butifull sleighing. Finished my Gun Rack and put it up, looks dandy. Guss Warren and his wife Alter were in and spent the evening.

**Saturday, Feb. 17** Fair and warm, a bully good day. My pup Bars ran away from Sammy and went round the route with me. Very nice dog, we call him Jack.

**Sunday, Feb. 18** Another butifull warm day. Sammy, Jack and I went on a ride out through the Ctr, and then up to Sammy's people. Stoped for supper.

**Monday, Feb. 19** A fine day warm good and just butifull sleighing fine. And today my Pup Jack run away went home but Warren brought him back home. Born to Mr and Mrs Robbie Hardy, a son.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20** And still a fine warm day. This afternoon I took Jack and my Snowshoes and gun and we went out for to drive a rabbet. Jack is a very nice doggy.

**Wednesday, Feb. 21** Overcast raw and cold. Raining pretty hard tonight. Got a pint of live bate of Fred Young. Emry and Mrs F. Sammy and I were going out to Camp Rabbet fishing tomorrow.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Feb. 22** Storm all last night. Thunder and lightning. Awfull high wind today. Emry, Mrs. French, Sammy and I and the "Pup" went out to Camp Rabbet Pitcher Pond. Got 1 pickerel 15 in long. Had a bully time just the same. Hollerday, don't drive.

**Friday, Feb. 23** Butifull day fair and warm. Jim Manning's house burned. Lost everything. No insurence. Poor cuss. Everything burned even the dog & cat.

**Saturday, Feb. 24** Another fine day. Snow melting quite a bit. Getting thin in places on the road. Father hawled me a load of hay today. Sammy and I gathered in our Browntail Moths, got 186.

**Sunday, Feb. 25** Another fine day. We did not go any whair today. Sammy read Lin McLean tome. I worked on my deer head that I am setting up. Hon A.H. Miller called on us and Emry has been here twice and Mrs French once.

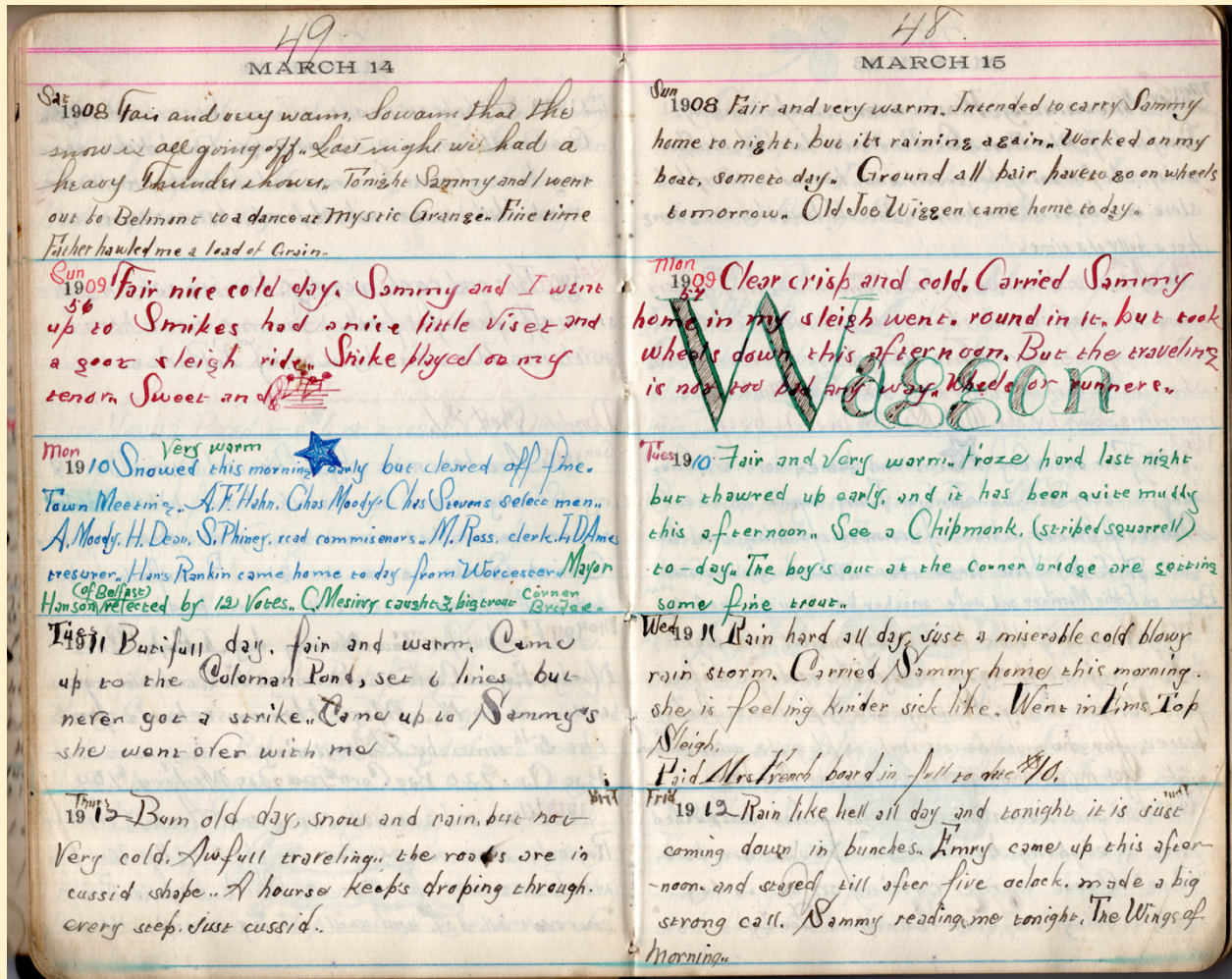
**Monday, Feb. 26** Pretty nice kind of a day. Just a little bair ground but still jolly good old sleighing. Father hawled me another load of hay.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27** Awfull snowstorm did not make but a small part of my route. Went with Molly had her down in the snow half of the time. Cussed day awfull traveling. Roy only got to the Ctr, but Moll Pitcher went his whole trip.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28** Nice day, but cussed hard traveling about 15 in heavy snow fell. Drifted badly but I made my trip all right today. Tonight have been working on my deers head.

**Thursday, Feb. 29** Fair nice day, pretty dum cold and just awfull traveling. Powerfull lot of snow on the ground. Tonight finished setting up my deer head, the one I shot last fall. Buty and looks fine.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Friday, Mar. 1** Fair and pretty blamed cold. Roads are cussid, no travel on them and the snow is awfull deep. Am feeling as if I had "ketched a kole" some how.

**Saturday, Mar. 2** Clear and cold as helly. Dum hard traveling. Roads keep drifting in all the time. Paid L.N. Littlehale in full to February 1, 1912 \$26.92. Owe him for last month's grane \$16.64.

**Sunday, Mar. 3** Fair and very cold. Awfull hard traveling snow more than 3 ft deep every whair and more than that in the woods. Did not go any whair today too cold but tonight Emry and I went clambing. I got a peck of big uns.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Monday, Mar. 4** Fair and very cold. Election today for State Senator from Waldo Co. E.F. Hanson elected by 900 majority. Democratic Victory. Did not stop and vote. What in the hell is the use. No good could come from either.

**Tuesday, Mar. 5** Still fair and bitter cold. Went out with mine Pup and mine gun tonight but its too cold to run rabbits. Sent \$10 to Spencer & Eaton & Co. Now owe them \$37.70. Born to Renis Mathews & wife a Daughter. Been married 7 ½ months.

**Wednesday, Mar. 6** Fair and a very little milder. Dandy fell down flat as a flounder with me today but I was in luck for once, he did not break anything. Paid Mrs. L.H. Knight's in full. Dick Crooker killed "Rover", Gushee's big St. Bernard dog.

**Thursday, Mar. 7** Fairly good day. Some rain some snow a little sleet, and lots of fog. Went over to Orren Ames and made a shield like this [*drawing of a shield*] and mounted my deer head. "Good one".

**Friday, Mar. 8** Fine day fair and warm. Father came down today. Carried home the Pruning Hook to cut his Brown tail moth with. Took out a set of snowshoe wood to bend for me.

**Saturday, Mar. 9** Fair fine day, warm. Traveling pretty bad. So blamed slumpy I have a very bum left shoulder. Rumatick I reckon. Can hardly crawl around. Hell but tis just rotten.

**Sunday, Mar. 10** Snow squall this morning, rest of the day fair with a raw March wind. Sammy and I went out to her home took dinner then went over to mine home, got supper. Freddy Lamie [?], a French mill-man came thear to board.

**Monday, Mar. 11** Butifull day. Town meeting. Irv Eugley, 1<sup>st</sup> Chas Moody, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fred French, 3<sup>rd</sup>, John Wyley, Frank Rankin, Will J. Monroe, Road Commissioners. Married Jennie Andrews and Harry Gushee. "Hanson" reelected mayor of Belfast by 290 majority.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Tuesday, Mar. 12** Warm. Snow squalls, almost rain. Took my gun this afternoon went up in the woods and got a nice big Bunney which mine Pup ate up as soon as I got home.

**Wednesday, Mar. 13** Warm and a terrible rain storm. Awful traveling. Roy only went out as far as the Ctr but Warren and I went the full route. Slump farfully. Rain in torrents all day and still raining tonight. Hell.

**Thursday, Mar. 14** Bum old day, snow and rain but not very cold. Awful traveling, the roads are in cussid shape. A horse keeps dropping through every step. Just cussid.

**Friday, Mar. 15** Rain like hell all day and tonight it is just coming down in bunches. Emry came up this afternoon and stayed until after five o'clock, made a big strong call. Sammy reading me tonight, The Wings of Morning.

**Saturday, Mar. 16** Fair and warm nice day. But it has just pushed the sleighing half of the roads are bare. "Pete" Cross came calling on us today and is going to stop tonight. "Goody"

**Sunday, Mar. 17** Fair bully spring like day. Emry and I went clambing this afternoon. I got a peck of little devils and we had fried clams for supper. "Pete" is still with us.

**Monday, Mar. 18** 73 days of sleighing. Another fine day but the sleighing is all gorn. Went in my wagon today. Pete Cross rode out to the Town house with me this morning. See a chipmunk today.

**Tuesday, Mar. 19** Butifull spring day, very warm. Shed my fur coat and wore a cloth one down from home. Went clambing tonight and got a peck of big uns also a big blister. Got my Rubber Boots from Wards 90¢ Express.

**Wednesday, Mar. 20** Fair and SPRING warm but tonight it has tined cold and its awful cold. Awful hard traveling deep mud and frost coming out. See 8 Robbins first this spring. Went clambing tonight and got a peck of fine big ones.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Mar. 21** Raw awfull cold, overcast. Came off cold last night and froze powerfull hard. Cussed hard traveling. Awfull rough. Went over to Orren's this afternoon and had a shoe fitted up, then came home and tacked it on Dandy.

**Friday, Mar. 22** Fair and cold, bum traveling, cussid rough. Just wish it was all settled the ground I mean. Renis Mathews cut his foot with an ax yesterday. Dr Young had to take four stitches in it.

**Saturday, Mar. 23** Fine day nice one. Snow all gorn but in patches. Traveling not very bad. Roads drying out on top.

**Sunday, Mar. 24** Snow all day, a heavy damp snow about 6 in. fell. Sammy wantid to go out home today, but the snowstorm knocked it out of us. She read tome all day.

**Monday, Mar. 25** 74 days on sleigh. Fair and cold about 6 in snow fell yesterday and we all went on runners today. And coming down the old Trap Road I ripped the gutts out of my new covered sleigh top, big tree fell across the road. Top caught on a [??]

**Tuesday, Mar. 26** 75 days of sleighing. Fine day clear and darned cold. Went on a sleigh again today. Sent for Sammy's Ladies Home Journal. Subscribed for it with Deedy for a year. Don Patten hawled me a load of wood, 5 ft.

**Wednesday, Mar. 27** 76 days on runners. Fine fair day. Froze some last night but came round warm this morning and gee but hasent the snow run today. Roads all bair. Father hawled me the last load of hay we got last year on the Thomas farm.

**Thursday, Mar. 28** Fair fine warm day. Went in my wagon, snow all gorn. See a flock of 22 Wild Gees tonight. Took my gun and went down the shore this afternoon but come no duck.

**Friday, Mar. 29** Rain and blow all day, just a hell of a big storm. Awfull traveling, deep mud with frost coming out some in places. See 7 Black birds, first this spring.

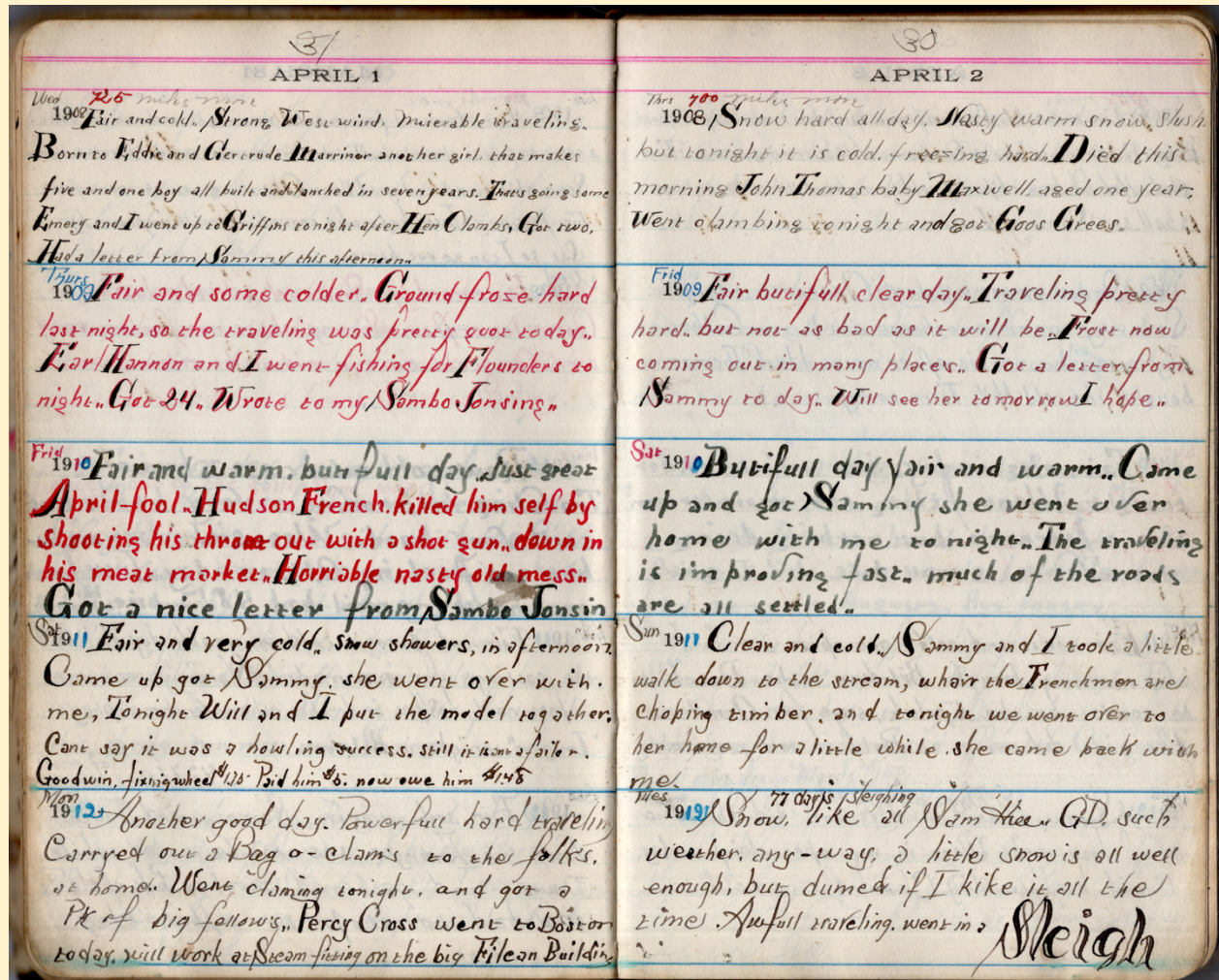


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Saturday, Mar. 30** Fair and warm. Pooty good day. See "Injun Han Rankin". He was up by the Harvill Place looking for Skunk tracks. I got my new clam hook and went tonight and hooked out a Pk of big uns.

**Sunday, Mar. 31** Fair and warm. Sammy and I went down to Emry's. She made a call while I went and gathered another Peck of clams. We had to stop to supper, they just made us.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Monday, Apr. 1** Another good day. Powerfull hard traveling. Carried out a Bag o-clams to the folks at home. Went clamming tonight and got a Pk of big fellows. Percy Cross went to Boston today, will work at Steam Fitting on the big Fileans building.

**Tuesday, Apr. 2** 77 days sleighing. Snow like all Sam Hill. G.D. such weather any-way. A little snow is all well enough, but dumed if I like it all the time. Awfull traveling, went in a Sleigh.

**Wednesday, Apr. 3** 78 days of sleighing. Snow most all day and did the same all of last night. Went in my open sleigh today. Cussid hard traveling. Cleared off very cold tonight.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Apr. 4** 79 days of sleighing. Fairly good day, rather raw and cold. Went in my sleigh again but the traveling is bum. Came down from home with Tim. The first time since late last fall.

**Friday, Apr. 5** Cold raw and overcast. Went in a wagon today. See 4 big wild Canadin gees out in the Geo Heal mill pond at Slab City. And see a woodcock up in the old road. Shaved Ell Mathews this afternoon.

**Saturday, Apr. 6** Cold raw day. Father came down and got me a couple of bags of grane. See a lot of robins and a yellowhammer. Pretty dum hard traveling it is getting. Frost coming out of the ground.

**Sunday, Apr. 7** Fair and raw. Went down to Ems this forenoon and we went fishing after flounders. We got 6 big fellows but twas cussid hard cold fishing.

**Monday, Apr. 8** Oh but talk about hard traveling. We have had it today sure and very cold and muddy, mud froze on our wagon. See 3 big black duck out at Slab City sitting on the ice.

**Tuesday, Apr. 9** Fair and dum cold, froze hard last night. Father was down this morning, brought Sammy her Sears Roebuck wallpaper. Roads are in awfull shape, full of deep holes.

**Wednesday, Apr. 10** Fair and some warmer. Got up this morning and went after ducks down by the shore and see plenty but only shot a crow. Paid Little-hale for grane \$16.65. Bought 12 shot shells No. 2

**Thursday, Apr. 11** Fair and warm nice day, mud drying up a little. Father came down this morning and brought Deedie to make us a little viset. I went trouting this afternoon Metcalf Brook got 17, first time this year.

**Friday, Apr. 12** Fair and warm, dum hard traveling. Roads are in beastly shape. Went down after the flat fish flounder, no luck. Died Dell Coombs on the Hannan place.

**Saturday, Apr. 13** Fair and warm bully good day. Went up to the Metcalf Brook for trout tonight and caught 12 nice trout. Died Caro Parkman.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Sunday, Apr. 14** Raw and cold, bum old day. Took mine clam hook and went and dug out pk. Sammy fryed some for supper. Took the banking boards away from our house. Died Stephen Young.

**Monday, Apr. 15** Fair nice day. Got up early this morning took my gun, went down the shore and shot a big fish hawk, a very big one. Biggest SShip afloat the Titanic, rammed an iceberg on her first voyage and sank off the Grand Banks, N.F. 1601 drown.

**Tuesday, Apr. 16** Thick of fog this morning but clear away. Very warm, awfull hard traveling. Father came down from home and got Deedie, she has been with us since last Thurs.

**Wednesday, Apr. 17** Fair and warm just cussid traveling. Ice went out of Andrew Pond. Dandy went lame on me today. Got my new book "Before Adam" by Jack London and my fishhooks from Ward's.

**Thursday, Apr. 18** Overcast raw and cold, raining very hard tonight. The traveling was a little better but this rain will surely pooch all the good that there is. Sammy painted our parlor today. Ice went out Llseller. Died Everett Donnell.

**Friday, Apr. 19** Miserable cold bitch of a day. Rain most of the time and still raining tonight just cussid hard traveling. Ice went out of Lawry and Tilden Ponds. Died James Heal. Died Gideon Sanford.

**Saturday, Apr. 20** Fair and warm. Carried Molly down to Emry's and Sammy the dawg and I went out to her home and stoped tonight. Went down to the Medow and got my Sampan boat from over by Calderwoods.

**Sunday, Apr. 21** Butifull day. Got up at 4 o'clock and went down to the medow. Shot a muskrat. No ducks, my pup killed a woodchuck. We had a fine viset, got down to our home about dark. Married Clifford Pendleton and Jessie Thomas.

**Monday, Apr. 22** Rain all day, very cold, a dum bitch of a day. "Moxie" Father's horse died this morning of old age. She was 26 years old. Ground getting a little settled, some better but cussid rough.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Tuesday, Apr. 23** Rain like hell all day. Colder than the devil tonight and blowing great guns. Dum such weather anyway. Bought a nice fish (cod) of Billy Rocester tonight.

**Wednesday, Apr. 24** Fair and warm fine day. Put a double coat of white wash on the kitchen ceiling and did a dandy job too. Now for the rest of the old shanty.

**Thursday, Apr. 25** Rain fog mist bum. Been using the white wash brush again today, did the parlor, best spair room. Father down today brought us down a setting hen. Hurrah for the chickens, watch us go.

**Friday, Apr. 26** Bum kind of a day, very cold and rained most all day. Went down to Roy Hurd's for setting eggs but he was not at home off helling round playing cards.

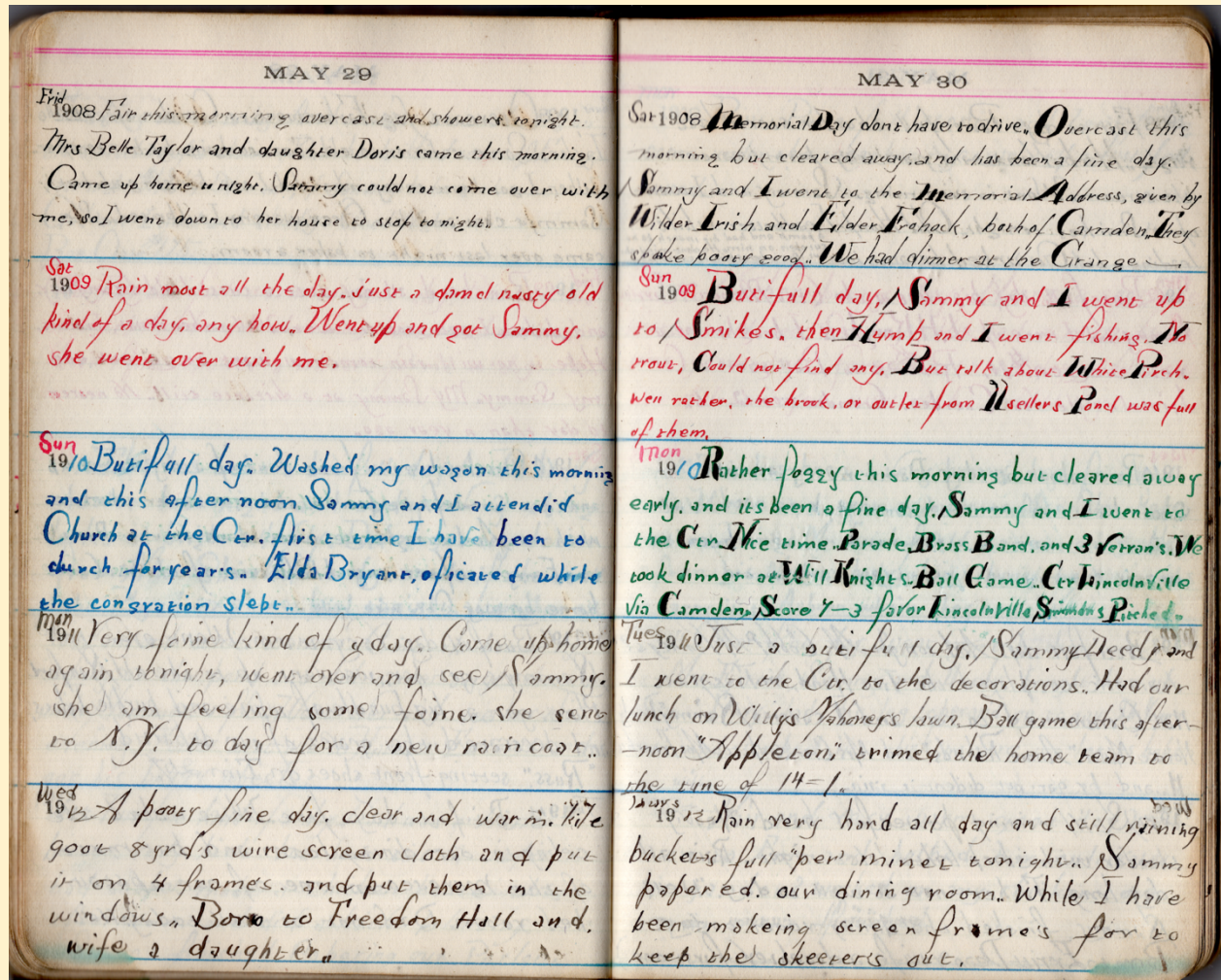
**Saturday, Apr. 27** Rain hard this morning, bum bitch of a day, blowing to beat the devil. Went down to Roy Hurd's got a setting (13) R.I.R hen's eggs and Sammy and I set our first hen.

**Sunday, Apr. 28** Fair and very cold and I have a bad cold too. Went up the Metcalf Brook and got 13 fine trout. Tonight Sammy and I went out to her home and got a setting hen.

**Monday, Apr. 29** Fair and very cold. Ground froze pretty hard last night. Roads are all settled, but cussid rough. Sammy commenced papering our kitchen.

**Tuesday, Apr. 30** Still cold froze ice back of our house in a little puddle. I am feeling about done up with a rotten cold in my head. Hell. Damn. Cuss.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Wednesday, May 1** Butifull day fair and much warmer. We got our hound dog Barzz licensed today. My cold is still with me and Sammy finished papering the kitchen and its surely a buty.

**Thursday, May 2** Butifull day fair and warm. Spaided up Sammy's flower garden for her. She bought a bully rocking chair off "Old L" today for 50¢. Great traidest is Sammy. Died Bernard Lermond.

**Friday, May 3** Another fine warm day. Roads have all dried up, no mud, but cussid rough. "Jen" & Dave McCobb came home today. Roy Hurd came up after me this afternoon in his car. Was going to Camden.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Saturday, May 4** Butifull day fair and cool. Got me a new garden rake and have been brushing up our lawn. Got my check cashed tonight, wish we all could keep the money.

**Sunday, May 5** Fair fine day. Got up at 3 oclock and went up to the Duck Trap stream fishing got 15 big trout. Sammy and I went out to her home this evening.

**Monday, May 6** Rain hard all day. I had to borrow a umbrilla of Bill Bragg. Roy Hurd went in his car, first trip this spring, roads are in awfull shape.

**Tuesday, May 7** Fair nice day. Dance at the Grange Hall tonight. Sammy and I did not go. This afternoon I made Sammy some flower beds plantid Daliers, Pansy, and Astors and some Sweet peas and Morning Glory's.

**Wednesday, May 8** Overcast, thick of fogg allmost rain bum kind of weather anyway. Got the Scarlet Feaver down at Carlson's and out at Bert Collemer's. Expect we will all have it. Had Father and Allan Miller go bond for me today.

**Thursday, May 9** Fairly good day some showers but not bad. This afternoon I had Geo Mathews come down with his oxen and do some plowing for me, broke up enough for a nice garden. Married Louise Pitcher and Mervyn Folk.

**Friday, May 10** A bitch of a day a dum nasty drizzle all the time and part of the time heavy rain. Ground too wet to do any farming. Sammy has been painting the Parlor bedroom.

**Saturday, May 11** Butifull day just about perfect, great, roads are in cussid shape. Grace Miller and some fool gink married now what do you know about that.

**Sunday, May 12** Bum day overcast, cold and raw and I owe B.O. Norton \$41.20, Spencer & Eaton \$17.80 Goodwin \$3 Russ \$3 Littlehale \$3.60 Total \$68.60. And we have \$31. Foggy. Sammy and I went out and dug our first mess of greens.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Monday, May 13** Miserable bitch of a day. Rained hard all day and it is coming down in bucketts tonight. Ding the "ding" "ding" "ding" weather anyway. I wish it would stop storming.

**Tuesday, May 14** A butifull day, clear and cool with a strong west wind. This afternoon have been making screen frames for the house. Got 3 all finished.

**Wednesday, May 15** Nice day a very fine one. Charlie Pendleton came and "harrowed" furrow and put the dressing on my garden for me. Paid him \$1. Bought 100 lbs E. Frank Coe's potato manure \$2.25.

**Thursday, May 16** Rain hard all day long and still raining tonight. The men who are laying a celler wall under our house only put in half a day. Roy Hurd stripped the geers out of his car last night. "Pooched it".

**Friday, May 17** Foggy overcast. We are still wairing our fur coats, aint if awfull. This afternoon I set out 57 strawberry plants, finish them tomorrow am going to set out a even 100.

**Saturday, May 18** Butifull day clear and cool, just fine. I plantid a pint of peas and a pk of potatoes. Mine Sammy droped the taters for me.

**Sunday, May 19** Butifull day fair and warm. Sammy and I went out to her home this afternoon and bought two smoked hams. 40 lbs and they cost us \$5.

**Monday, May 20** Very cold, overcast, snow squalls, cussid. Father fell and almost killed himself. Struck on a stump on his abdomen, startid another rupture and perhaps it is worse than that. Had Dr Simmons.

**Tuesday, May 21** Still very cold. Had to wear my fur coat. Father not much better in awfull pain. C.V.T. Richeson executed in Charlston Prison for murder of Avis Linnell.

**Wednesday, May 22** A butifull day clear and cold. Dad was a very little easer last night but has been worse this afternoon. Doc Simmons was with him this noon when I left. Plantd my yellow corn.

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**Thursday, May 23** Cool, overcast, showers. Plantid some potatoes this afternoon. Father seems to be a little easier today but he is in awfull bad shape. The men finished laying up the wall. Born to Almon Gushee and wife a son.

**Friday, May 24** Hot as the very. Thundershowers. Father is not as well today, in awfull pain. Sammy has most all the paper on the parlor and did not start papering till late. Walked up to the spring tonight and got 2 cans of water.

**Saturday, May 25** Fair fine day. Planted some peas and finished planting my potatoes. Most all finished my gardening. Father felt a bit better today but he is still a very sick man.

**Sunday, May 26** Butifull day, did a little planting of garden sass and the rest of the day just lay round and did nothing. Very warm, wish I knew how Dad was.

**Monday, May 27** Fair fine kind of a day. Dad was a little better, very little, but he is still in awfull bad shape. Made a chicken house this afternoon and did a little planting. Sammy finished Papering our Parlor.

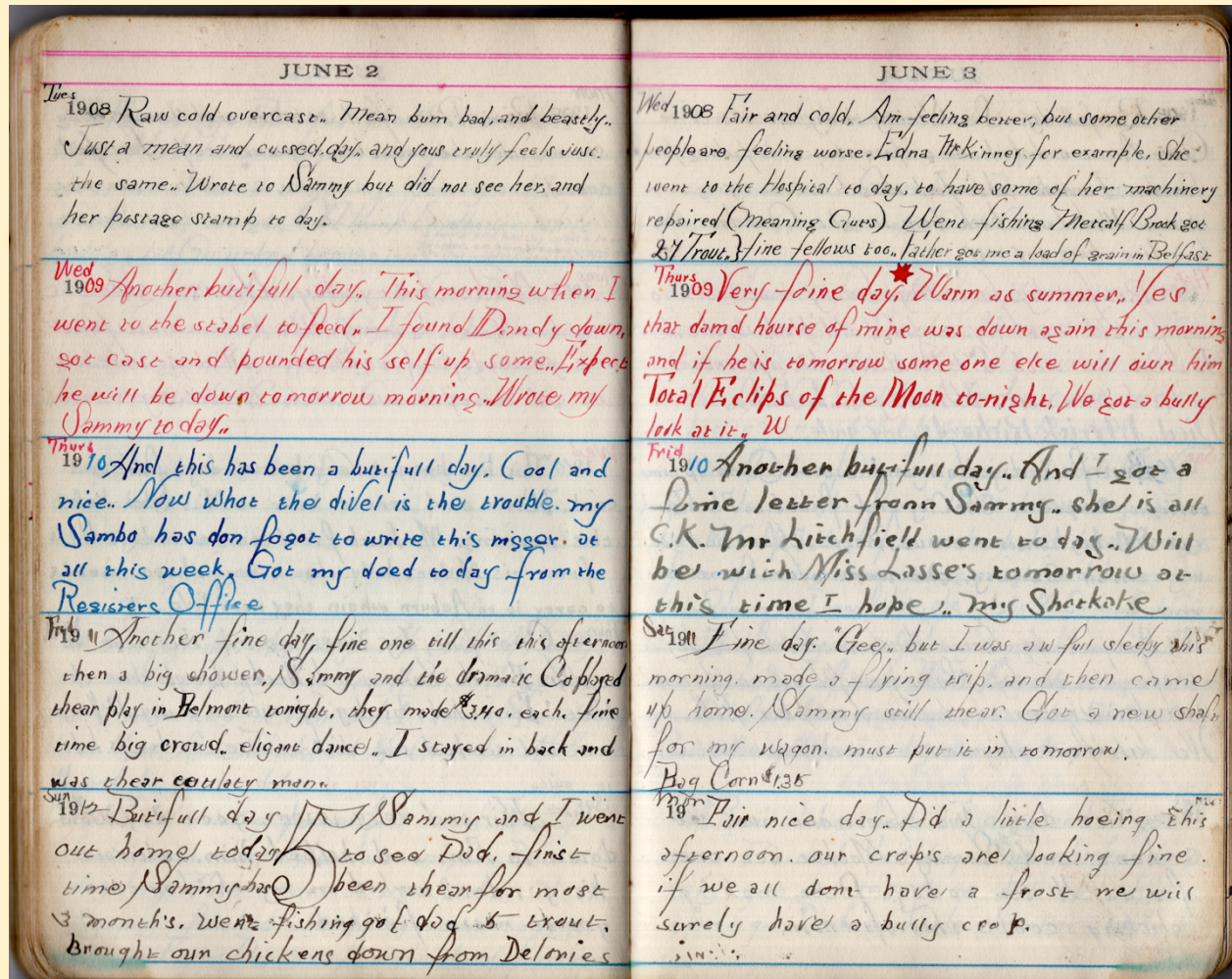
**Tuesday, May 28** Butifull day, fine. White washed the ceiling in our dining room and put most of the moresco on one of our upstairs bed room. Dad not as well today. Hell.

**Wednesday, May 29** A pooty fine day, clear and warm like. Goot 8 yds wire screen cloth and put it on 4 frames and put them in the windows. Born to Freedom Hall and wife a daughter.

**Thursday, May 30** Rain very hard all day and still raining buckets full "per" minet tonight. Sammy papered our dining room, while I have been makeing screen frames for to keep the skeeters out.

**Friday, May 31** Still raining powerfull hard. Heavy thunder with sharp lightin last night. Rain all day long. Father not so well today. "Hell". Sammy finished the dining room today. Born to Erritt Dean and wife a daughter (furst one)

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Saturday, Jun. 1** Fair and very warm, goot day. Went down to Em's and helped him cultivate his garden? Worked on my chicken coop got it most finished.

**Sunday, Jun. 2** Butifull day. Sammy and I went out home today to see Dad. First time Sammy has been there for most 3 months. Went fishing got Dad 5 trout. Brought our chickens down from Delories.

**Monday, Jun. 3** Fair nice day. Did a little hoeing this afternoon, our crops are looking fine if we all don't have a frost we will surely have a bully crop.

**Tuesday, Jun. 4** Nice day. This afternoon we set 3 hens and Sammy's Mother set one for us. 4 set today. Been making chicking coops this afternoon.



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**Wednesday, Jun. 5** Rain like hell all day and I got wet. Finished building mine chicken coop only got 2 more to put up this spring. Dad a little better today.

**Thursday, Jun. 6** Still raining bum day, raw and cold. Made Dad a new truss this evening. Paid "Littlehale" \$25 on account now owe him \$9.55 on last month.

**Friday, Jun. 8** Clear and very cold. Em and I went up to the brook this afternoon and I got 10 fine big trout. Put 5 in my well. Been hoeing tonight.

**Saturday, Jun. 8** Fair clear and cold. We have about finished house cleaning, got our garden partly hoed. Crops looking fine but the weather is awfull cold and backwards.

**Sunday, Jun. 9** Fair and very cold. Heavy frost last night and another due for tonight. Sammy and I painted our dining room floor today, first coat.

**Monday, Jun. 10** Clear and cold. Heavy showers with thunder and lightning this afternoon. Did so more hoeing in mine garden. Dave McCobb went to Mass tonight.

**Tuesday, Jun. 11** Fair fine day. Sammy and I went out to her home tonight. I went up to Luch Russ and got Dandy shod. Coming home we went into Dave McCobb's and fastened the back doors. Prof Brown came home today.

**Wednesday, Jun. 12** Overcast, bum weather, raining hard tonight. Jennie McCobb and the 3 little Cobbs went to Mass on tonight's boat. Father was not as well today. Isant it hellish.

**Thursday, Jun. 13** Awfull cold. Just terriable cold weather. Rain most all day with now and then a snow flurry. Got a setting hen from Mrs French tonight. I owe tonight \$72.56 no cash on hand.

**Friday, Jun. 14** Fair but very cold. Went up to the spring with Emry and got a can of water. Father was a little better today. Hoed mine garden again this afternoon.

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**Saturday, Jun. 15** Awfull cold, just freezing. Rain part of the day and cold enough to snow. Want to go fishing up the Big stream tomorrow but spect it will be some cold.

**Sunday, Jun. 16** Raw and overcast. Fogg. Got up at 2 oclock this morning and went up the Duck Trap Stream after trout, got 49 butys. Had a cussid head ach tonight.

**Monday, Jun. 17** Very warm foggy. Hot. Primery vote in the state today. Set out 14 cabbage plants tonight. Sent my note to the City National Bank of Belfast for \$50 for 4 months but I haven't got the 50 yet.

**Tuesday, Jun. 18** Fine day, great. Emry came up with his hoss and helped cultivate mine garden. This is the Republican convention day at Chicago. Who wins Roosevelt or Taft.

**Wednesday, Jun. 19** Fair fine day. Been hoeing mine big garden truck tonight. It is looking fine. Abby and Deedy were down tonight, stoped to supper.

**Thursday, Jun. 20** Fair fine cool day. Sent to Belfast today my note for 4 months on \$50. Been hoeing this afternoon. Geo Woodward gave us a fine big box of candy.

**Friday, Jun. 21** Fine day good day. Sammy and I went out to her home tonight and then I went out to Russe's and had Molly shod. Folks out home heard a Panther scream last night.

**Saturday, Jun. 22** Butifull day but pretty blamed warm. Been mowing my front lawn this afternoon. Fine jorb to. Mrs Hallet came today and came up here and tryed to hire a room.

**Sunday, Jun. 23** Very warm. We have just taken it very easy today. Mowed our front lawn some. Hoed in mine garden and had a day of rest. Gushee bustid the driving shaft in his car on Spring Brook Hill.

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**Monday, Jun. 24** Hot as hell or hotter. Mowed some more tonight. Hired Don Patten \$25 to cut the hay on the Hill's farm what I bought of Bert Thomas \$50.

**Tuesday, Jun. 25** Fair and very warm. Our 3 hens what we have had setting for the last 3 weeks came off with 28 fine big chicks.

**Wednesday, Jun. 26** Very hot. Heavy thundershowers. Been makeing me another chicken coop or house rather. Mathews brought us a new screen door this afternoon. Born to Albert Marriner and wife of 6 months a girl baby.

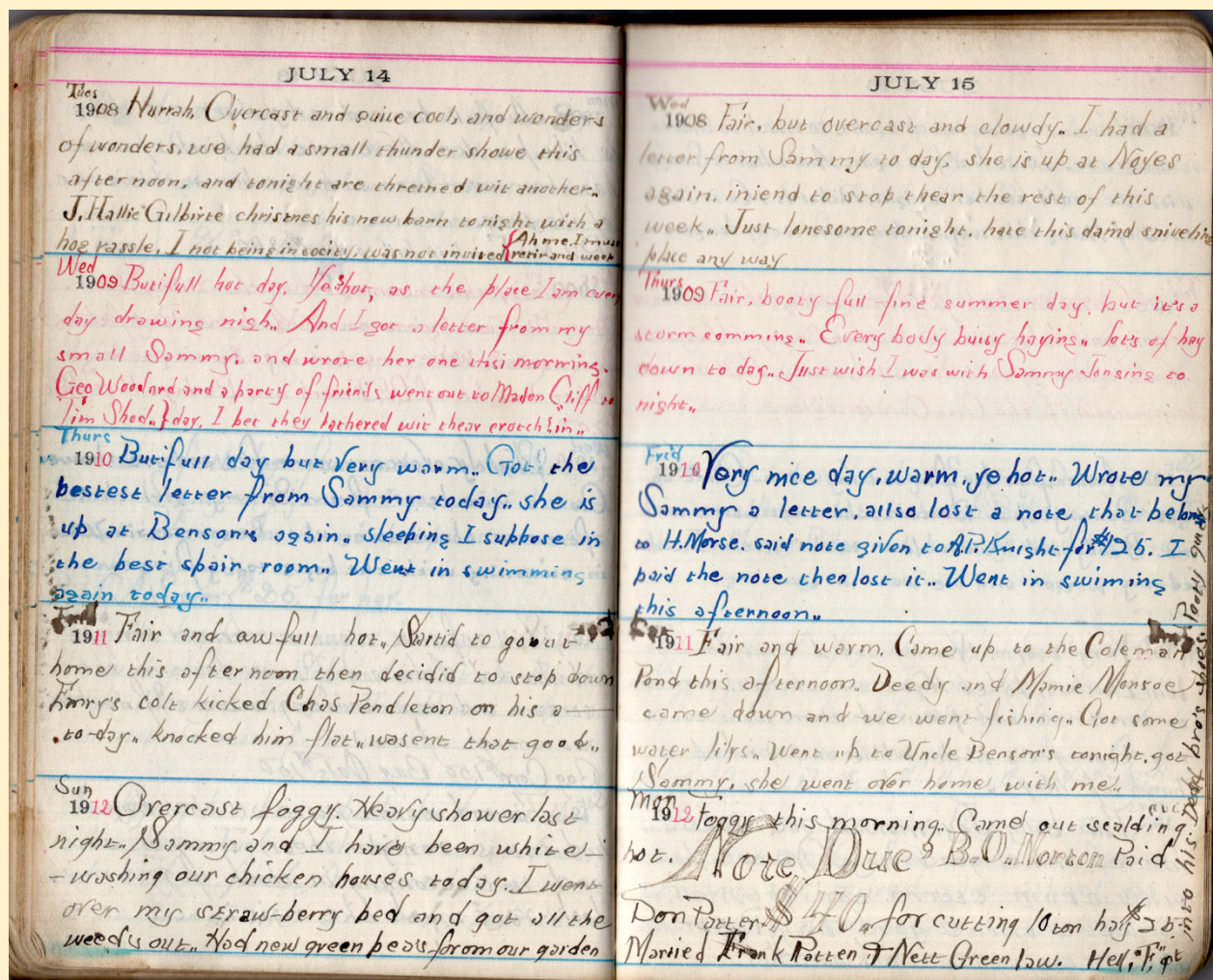
**Thursday, Jun. 27** Fair fine day. Have hoed and mowed and worked like hell in blazes all this afternoon. Irven Hills and a Saulsbry girl were married last night. Hurrah.

**Friday, Jun. 28** Very hot heavy thundershower this afternoon. Have been working round the grounds of our home this evening. Married Annie Lawry and Willis Marriner of Belmont.

**Saturday, Jun. 29** Fair fine day. Sammy and I went to Rockland this afternoon in Renis Mathew's car. Did some traiding. Sammy got herself some things for summer, and I got me a new straw lid and a Kakah Suite.

**Sunday, Jun. 30** Fair fine warm day, just stay round home today and doctor chickens. Sammy and I went down to Pheb's and Emry's this evening to make a little call. Em and Mrs F. have been out home this afternoon.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Monday, Jul. 1** A fine day. Built some more chicken runs this afternoon and we put out a flock of 15 chicks. Got the posts set for my hen yard. And now for a big yard.

**Tuesday, Jul. 2** Fair and very warm. Ordered two rolls 4 ft hen wire fence but have not got it yet. Can't get anybody to cut my hay for me "hell".

**Wednesday, Jul. 3** Another hot old day. Sammy has been doctering and tending her chicks most all day. This afternoon I hoed my strawberrys once more.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Jul. 4** The glorious "fourth" and oh so hot. Sammy and I went up to her home this afternoon and picked 12 or 15 qts of strawberries. Jack Jonson knocked out Jim Flynn in the 9<sup>th</sup> round at Les Verg, N.M.

**Friday, Jul. 5** Awfull hot hell of a day. Emry came up and got me this afternoon to help him cultivate. Have been mowing some. Guess I shall have to cut my hay by hand.

**Saturday, Jul. 6** Awfull hot just terriable. Got in some more of my hay and cut some down tonight. Guess we will be broiled alive.

**Sunday, Jul. 7** Still awfull hot. Went up to the spring with Emry this morning and put 21 fine trout in it. Tonight Sammy and I went out to her home and picked a peck of strawberries.

**Monday, Jul. 8** Cussid hot, awfull, mowed some this morning and some more tonight. Paid Bert Thomas \$25 now owe him \$25 more.

**Tuesday, Jul. 9** Terriable hot just cussid. Got in some more of my hay, looks like a shower tonight, it is lightning.

**Wednesday, Jul. 10** Still awfull hot just terriable. Don Patten finished cutting my hay on the Herb Thomas place. Got 10 ton. Have been cutting some for myself. Dad broke his glass (the'moniter).

**Thursday, Jul. 11** Awfull hot just terriable but still I have been loping down mine grass for a—that. Small shower tonight but not enough to give any relife.

**Friday, Jul. 12** Frying hot, but a little bit better than it has been. Took a wheel over to Ame's and had it fixed. Now I suppose it won't stand me a week. "Lets see"

**Saturday, Jul. 13** Fair and warm got in all the hay I had cut so tonight thear is none out and it is coming in thick fogg tonight. Looks very much like rain.

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**Sunday, Jul. 14** Overcast foggy. Heavy shower last night. Sammy and I have been whitewashing our chicken houses today. I went over my strawberry bed and got all the weeds out. Had new green peas from our garden.

**Monday, Jul. 15** Foggy this morning. Came out scalding hot. Note due B.O. Norton. Paid Don Patten \$40 for cutting 10 ton hay. Married Frank Patten and Nett Greenlaw. Hell, "F." got into his dead bro's shoes pooty quick.

**Tuesday, Jul. 16** Fair bully day, mowed and raked a lot of mine good hay. Overcast looks like a rain storm tonight. Hell for it wets mine good hay. Roy broke his car coming down Drinkwater Hill.

**Wednesday, Jul. 17** Overcast. Tonight Roy came up and got me and we went out and got his car. Wired the wheel on and got it down as far as Dell Carver's.

**Thursday, Jul. 18** Foggy, could not get my hay in so have been mowing this afternoon, got a big slice of it down but not much grass on the most of it.

**Friday, Jul. 19** Fair, brisk west wind. Me is 34 yrs old today. Oh Hell. Mowed a lot and lugged in about 1/2 ton of hay. Dum this haying in abridol [?] way.

**Saturday, Jul. 20** Butifull day, fair and some cooler. Got in my hay, most of it anyway, damd hard work for to lug him in on a pitch fork.

**Sunday, Jul. 21** Overcast look like rain. Got my hay in, but none too soon for it begin to rain and holy smoke but it did just come down in bunches, rain all night.

**Monday, Jul. 22** Fair and blowing a gale of wind. Mowed some more this afternoon but it is no kind of a hay day. Cold rough fall like weather.

**Tuesday, Jul. 23** Fair and very cold. Went over to Ame's and had a wagon wheel fixed this afternoon that cost me 50¢ now must have two more fixed.

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**Wednesday, Jul. 24** Fair but a bum kind of a day. Took a wheel over to Ame's but he was away so did not get it fixed. Got home and did some mowing.

**Thursday, Jul. 25** Slightly overcast, no kind of hay weather but I cut some more this afternoon and got stung by a big bumble bee!

**Friday, Jul. 26** Fair nice day. No hay weather wind out and has been for a week. Afraid I won't get mine cut till next winter.

**Saturday, Jul. 27** Nice day. Sammy and I went out to the Ctr tonight to a socilist lecture, a man called Squar. spoke. Sammy stoped up at her old home tonight.

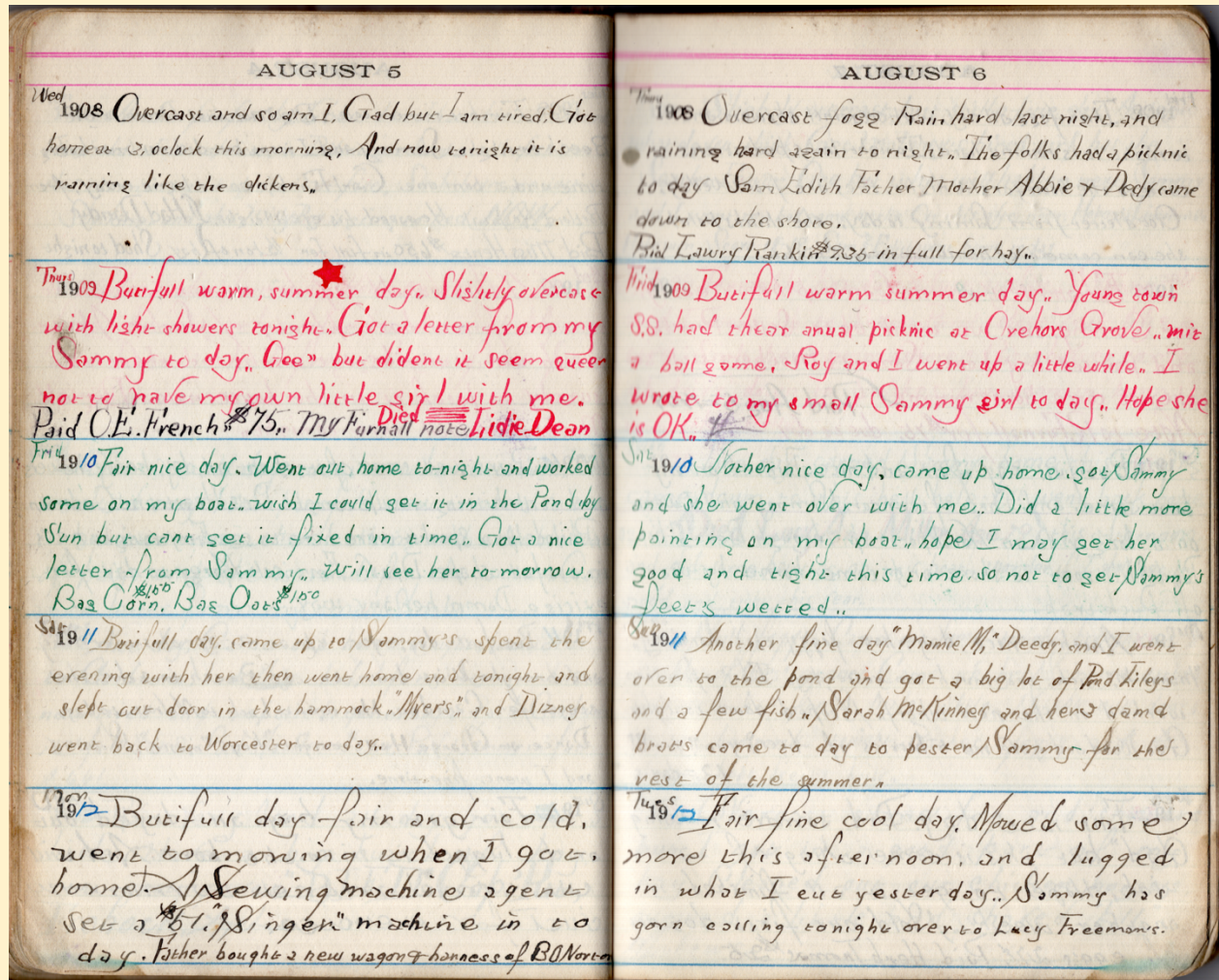
**Sunday, Jul. 28** Overcast, showers this morning. Got up early went out to Jim Dunton's left my team, took his boat, and went up fishing. Sammy came back with me.

**Monday, Jul. 29** Raw bum. Emry came up and I cut his hair. Went down and see his garden. Sammy is down to F. French's to a baby show.

**Tuesday, Jul. 30** Overcast, foggy, darned poor hay day. Did some mowing tonight. Damd slow haying cutting it by hand and lugging it in on a fork. Married Will Thompson and Geniver Hilt, the G.D. Fools.

**Wednesday, Jul. 31** Still overcast, still foggy. Was going out to the Pond tonight, but changed my mind but did some mowing instead. Allmost raining tonight.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Thursday, Aug. 1** Rain hard all day long. Awfull hard. I had a lot of hay down and it got wet. So did I. Dum poor hay weather. Have been driving 8 yrs today.

**Friday, Aug. 2** Fair pretty good kind of a day. Shook my wet hay out this afternoon and did some more mowing tonight. Slightly overcast.

**Saturday, Aug. 3** Rain very hard all day, got wet a little. Have a big bunch of hay cut getting wet. Died Capt. Put Frohock.

**Sunday, Aug. 4** Fair got my hay all dried out and lugged it into the barn. And will cut some more tomorrow just for exercise.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Monday, Aug. 5** Butifull day fair and cold. Went to mowing when I got home. A sewing machine agent set a \$51 Singer machine in today. Father bought a new wagon & harness of B.O. Norton.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6** Fair fine cool day. Mowed some more this afternoon and lugged in what I cut yesterday. Sammy has gorn calling tonight over to Lucy Freeman's.

**Wednesday, Aug. 7** Fair nice day. Did some more mowing Gad but this is something of a job. Hope to get it all finished in another week. Sold our first dozen eggs 27¢. Paid Herb Thomas \$25.

**Thursday, Aug. 8** Overcast some fog and showers but I got in a good part of my hay. Cleaned out our chicken houses, mowed a little and shaved "Ell" Mathews.

**Friday, Aug. 9** Slightly overcast. Raked my hay and put it up. Father and Mother came down this evening and stoped to supper. Carrie Dickey and Gladys Young came up and spent the evening.

**Saturday, Aug. 10** Overcast foggy, could not get my hay in. Have been weeding my strawberrys. Emry French had my rod and went fishing Pitcher Pond, big catch one Pickerell 3 1/2 lbs.

**Sunday, Aug. 11** Overcast fog and showers, bum old day. Weeded my strawberrys they are doing fine. Sammy, Carrie and Gladys went calling on Ella Pendleton.

**Monday, Aug. 12** Overcast, fog, showers, bum weather. Paid Littlehale in full for grane to August 1<sup>st</sup> \$45.77. Born to Cliff and Jess Pendleton a brat. Been married three months and 22 days. "So smartness".

**Tuesday, Aug. 13** Fair pretty good kind of a day but no hay weather. So I never touched mine. Sammy's not feeling very well this afternoon. Percy Cross came home from Boston.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Wednesday, Aug. 14** Thick fogg this morning but it has been awfully hot and sultry out in the country all day. Roy Hurd came up this afternoon. No kind of hay weather. Bell Taylor and Doris came today.

**Thursday, Aug. 15** Fair pretty good day. Raked my hay up and got some of it in but a dum shower came up and it just powred. Awfull sharp lightning.

**Friday, Aug. 16** Fair and some cooler. Pretty nice kind of a day. Shook my hay out and this afternoon sawed up a good lot of wood.

**Saturday, Aug. 17** Nice day. Roy Hurd came up with his hay rack and got in my hay. All I have to get now is a few fork full in front of the house.

**Sunday, Aug. 18** Overcast fogg and showers. Sammy and I went out to her home. I went down to the Medow Stream. Caught a small pickerell and see 5 big black ducks.

**Monday, Aug. 19** Rather nice day. Finished up all my mowing. Wish I had it in now. Been fitting up my firewood so we can go fishing by and by.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20** Butifull day good one. Sammy and I went down to Freeman's Hall tonight to a Moving Picture Show and to see the trained dogs preform.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21** A fine kind of a day, slightly overcast. Pete Cross called on us for a little while today. He is going away tomorrow to Manchester, N.H. Carl Rankin came home sick.

**Thursday, Aug. 22** Raw cold cussid dumd heavy shower tonight. Lightning struck Otis Wellman's building in Seasmont tonight. 2 hourses a colt 3 cows 30 ton hay burned. \$1,000 incur.

**Friday, Aug. 23** Fog heavy thunder showers today rain like helly blazes. Have been sawing and splitting my firewood. Roy Hurd bustid a hub on his car today.

**Saturday, Aug. 24** Rain about all day and I got the seat of my pants wet. Did another chore at my poor old woodpile, got it half cut I think.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Sunday, Aug. 25** Heavy thundershowers last night and this morning. Sammie and I went up to her home and "Barss" and I went down to the old medder, and shot a fine black duck.

**Monday, Aug. 26** Nice day fair and cool. But this evening it has been raining again. We had our duck what I got yesterday baked for supper, best duck ever ate.

**Tuesday, Aug. 27** Butifull day, worked round home this afternoon, did intend going up to the Pitcher Pond with Emry but gave it up. Had our first green corn from our garden tonight.

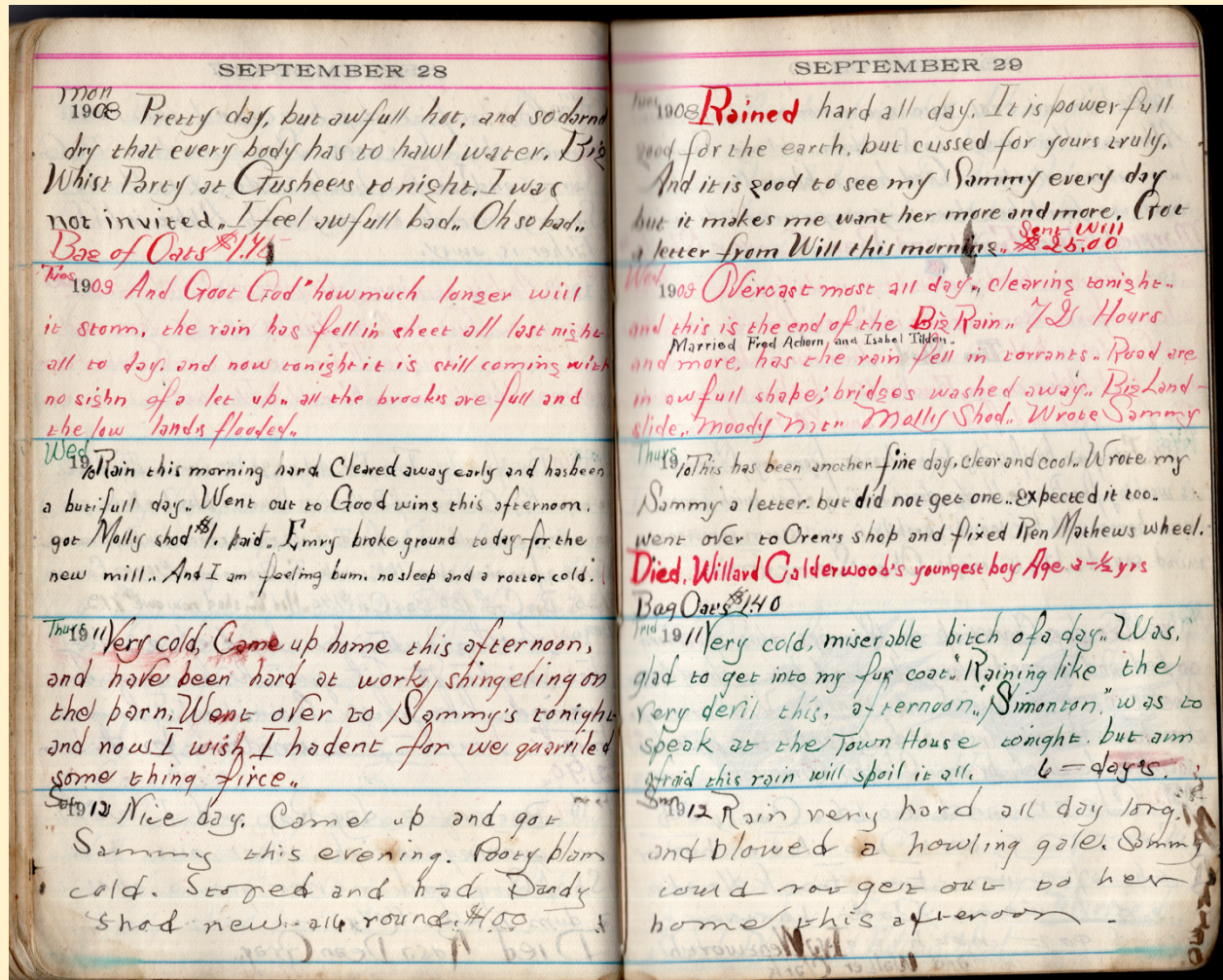
**Wednesday, Aug. 28** Clear fine day. Sammy and I cleared up our hen yard this afternoon, cleaned out the rubbish, and fixed it up in nice clean shape. Jessie Thomas Pendleton died today.

**Thursday, Aug. 29** Fair cool fine day, finished cleaning out my hen house. Belle Russ & Adrian Pendleton called for a social gossip this afternoon. Josh McKinney here to dinner. Roy Hurd broke the rear axel of his car today.

**Friday, Aug. 30** Clear and dumed cold, just cussid it is. Sammy and I went out to my home and Deedy, Doris, Archie and I went fishing down in the stream. Archie caught his first fish, a "chub". See lots of young Elye's.

**Saturday, Aug. 31** Fair nice day. Deedie and Archie went away to Melrose today. Have been out home for over 2 years. "Poor kiddys". Belle Taylor and Doris went to Camden with them.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Sunday, Sep. 1** Fair fine day but kinder cold. Came up foggy this afternoon and rained tonight. Just lay round today and took it easy. Sammy and I did some bow and arrow shooting. Married W.O. Mathews & Florence Hunt.

**Monday, Sep. 2** Overcast all day. Labor Day did not drive. Sammy and I went out to her home for a little while this afternoon. Intendid going fishing but couldn't get no boat.

**Tuesday, Sep. 3** Overcast, bum old day. Father startid in carrying the school children to the Tucker [Miller] school. I commenced shingleing my hen house. Lots of ducks up in the Pitcher Pond.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Wednesday, Sep. 4** Fair fine day, good one. Bought for Sammy a new Singer Sewing Machine \$52. Commenced shingling my hen house. Bought 2000 shingles.

**Thursday, Sep. 5** Butifull day fair and warm. Got all ready to shingle this afternoon and it started in to rain, so that puched that. Ding the ding ding.

**Friday, Sep. 6** Another fine day. Perce Greenlaw shot a fine fat doe deer last night down back of the Geo Heal mill and gave me a quater of it today. Sammy and I had venison for supper. Yum Yum.

**Saturday, Sep. 7** Fair fine warm day till late afternoon then commenced to shower. Father hawled me down 300 ft of boards and 70 ft of 2 x 3 stuff for my hen house. Got one side of roof covered and 1/3 of the other.

**Sunday, Sep. 8** Fog this morning. I got up at 4 o'clock drove up to Camp Rabbit Pitcher Pond, put Molly in the stabel and went down over the bog after duck. Nothing doing. Sammy and I went out to her home.

**Monday, Sep. 9** Butifull day. State election. Wm T. Hanes "Rep" electid by 4000 over Plastid Dem. Waldo Co. went Dem all but State Sen. Hanson and Sherif Jenkins. Socilist cast 41 votes in this town.

**Tuesday, Sep. 10** Fair fine day. Roy and I went in his car out to Slab City after ducks, see 2 up in Stephens meadow fired at them 3 shots got "Hell" but I did kill a chicken hawk.

**Wednesday, Sep. 11** Fair nice day, did some more shingling on the roof of my hen house, got it most finished will fix it in another afternoon.

**Thursday, Sep. 12** Butifull day. Sammy and Mrs French went out home today blueberrying. Sammy got 10 qts nice ones. I finished the roof of my hen house.

**Friday, Sep. 13** Another nice day. Startid laying floor in my hen house. Whis McKinney hawling hay for Geo Lermond got dead drunk in Belfast today. Jack Rankin got a wagon shaft japed into the brest of his hourse.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Saturday, Sep. 14** A butifull day finished laying my hen house floor. Sammy feeling rotten tonight. Annie Richards came in tonight with Angie Drinkwater. Killed a chicken for tomorrow dinner first of our own.

**Sunday, Sep. 15** Nice warm good one. Sammy's father and mother came down and spent the day with us. First time they have been to see us. Married yesterday Alva Donnell and Pearl Fowles.

**Monday, Sep. 16** Butifull day. Have been working on mine hen house. Have shingled the roof, layed a new double floor and have been putting the windows in. Rain hard tonight.

**Tuesday, Sep. 17** Another fine day. Have about got mine hen mansion finished. Emry and Jack Law stoped out at Camp Rabbit last night but never see a duck.

**Wednesday, Sep. 18** Butifull day fair. Have been working on my hen house, am getting it along in fine shape. Chess Dean kill a fox this morning. Dana Spaulding has moved onto his Will Fletcher farm Slab City.

**Thursday, Sep. 19** Very warm. This afternoon took my gun went after birds, nothing doing. Commenced to rain and blow this afternoon. Cussid big storm tonight. Died Ellis Freeman.

**Friday, Sep. 20** Rain hard all day long, bum, helly, cussid weather. Got wet. Aint that hatefull. Did a very little work on mine hen house.

**Saturday, Sep. 21** Fair and cool nice day. Emry and I went out to Camp Rabbit (Pitcher Pond) and stoped tonight, went fishing a little while got nothing.

**Sunday, Sep. 22** Very cold this morning. Heavy frost last night. We got up at 4 oclock and went in my boat down to the bog, see 11 ducks but never got a shot. Walked home through the woods, got nothing.

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## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Wednesday, Sep. 25** Butifull day fair and fine. Cut the top of my corn so it will ripen. Sammy and I put our hens into our new hen house tonight, got a flock of 50.

**Thursday, Sep. 26** Butifull day, nice one. Sammy and I went out to her home this afternoon. I left her thear. Got Molly shod behind.

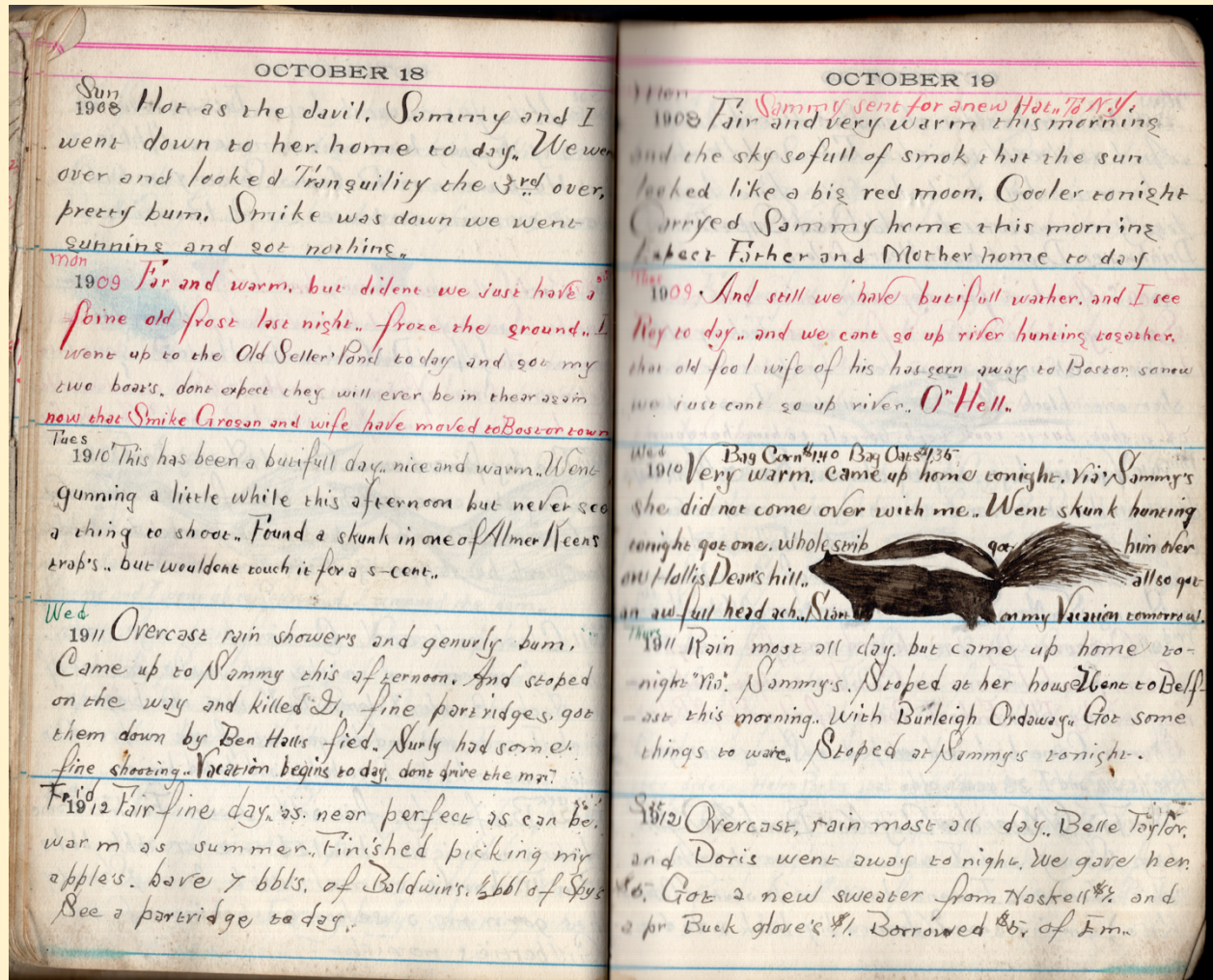
**Friday, Sep. 27** Buty of a day. Roy and I went out gunning tonight. Went out to Slab City and never got a shot at a dum bird. Helly. Died Rosa Dean Gray.

**Saturday, Sep. 28** Nice day. Came up and got Sammy this evening. Pooty blame cold. Stoped and had Dandy shod new all round \$4.00

**Sunday, Sep. 29** Rain very hard all day long and blowed a howling gale. Sammy could not get out to her home this afternoon.

**Monday, Sep. 30** Clear and cold. Carryed Sammy out to her home this afternoon. Emry Frank Heal and I went Coon hunting and got nothing. Married Iva Wentworth and Walter Clark.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Tuesday, Oct. 1** Raw cold overcast showers. Town Fair. Came up to the dance this evening. Hans is powerfull drunk again. Married Sarah Dean and Edwin Heal.

**Wednesday, Oct. 2** Very cold just cussid. Dug a couple bushel of my potatoes this afternoon. They are rotting some. Carrie Dickey called this evening.

**Thursday, Oct. 3** Fair fine clear cold day. I dug a couple of bushel potatoes this afternoon. My "taters" are rotting quite badly. Married Fred Dean and Annie Wellman.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Friday, Oct. 4** Very nice day fair and warm. Took my dog and gun and went out for a little while this afternoon. Never see a dum thing. Oh Helly. Killed Bert Collemer's hourse, shot by Cliff Carver for a deer.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** A butifull perfect day. Tonight a party went out to "Cillys" to a dance. Guss Warren and Alta, Renis Mathews and Annie, Bess Furnell Geo Collemer, Guy Carver, Sammy and I fine time big crowd.

**Sunday, Oct. 6** Another fine perfect day. Slept late. Sammy and I went on a long walk way down the shore. Father and Mother were down.

**Monday, Oct. 7** Butifull day. Frank Richards and Bill Fletcher finished fitting our cellar wall today. Finished my potatoes got 6 bbls.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** Very cold and blowy. Went to Rockland this afternoon with Furnalld in his motor car. Renis his wife and Bess Furnell went with us.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9** Still cold, been picking my apples this afternoon. Lots of apples mostly bawldins. Fixed up my hen yard fence today.

**Thursday, Oct. 10** Nice day, drove Furnalld hourse Tony today, poor old Tony. He's pooched. See a couple of fine big partridges up by the old road.

**Friday, Oct. 11** Nice day, good. Sammy and I have been picking apples, got our Spys grabbed about two bushels. Picked a barrel of fine Bawldings.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** Rain hard all day, and still raining. Hired a team from Furnalld again. \$1.50. Miserable kind of weather. See the tracks of two deer up by Howard Elms. Married Laura Allen and Geo Hussie.

**Sunday, Oct. 13** Fair and warm fine day. Almond Gushee came in this morning wantid me to go gunning with him. Well I don't think I went. Picked 3 bushel of corn, and shaved Ell Mathews. He gave me a dollar. Ho ho.

**Monday, Oct. 14** A fine day fair and warm. Sammy and I picked 4 qts cranberrys this afternoon, and we shut our roosters up in a small yard away from the pullits. Picked 2 bushell of fine Baldwins.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Tuesday, Oct. 15** Nice warm day. Cold and blowing a gale tonight. I picked 3 bushell of fine bawldwins tonight. Aleck, our landlord came up this afternoon and gave Sammy a bed, 5 chairs and 2 tables.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16** Nice day. Sammy and I put in the afternoon picking apples. We got about 3 bb's of Bawldwins. Very cold tonight. Everybody shooting the woods up today.

**Thursday, Oct. 17** Butifull day fair and warm. Father came down tonight hawled me 4 apple bbls. Dan Richards came with him. Sammy has gorn to a select gathering up to Gilberties tonight.

**Friday, Oct. 18** Fair fine day, as near perfect as can be, warm as summer. Finished picking my apples, have 7 bbls of Baldwins, ½ bbl of Spys. See a partridge today.

**Saturday, Oct. 19** Overcast, rain most all day. Belle Taylor and Doris went away tonight. We gave her \$5. Got a new sweater from Haskell \$7 and a pr Buck gloves, \$1. Borrowed \$5 of Em.

**Sunday, Oct. 20** Fair (Note due City Natl Bank \$50) fine day. Sammy and I went out to her home this afternoon. I went down to Maguner (Coleman Kill's) gunning, see 2 deer a big buck and a doe.

**Monday, Oct. 21** Fair and warm fine day. Vine Richards is here tonight, he has been plowing for me. Paid him \$1.50 for his work and he stoped here tonight.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** A fine fine day. Damd if Vine R. did not come back again and camp on us tonight. Went up to Sleepy Hollow this afternoon, set a mink trap.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23** Overcast, raining tonight. Startid in to fix our driveway, had Vine plow it this morning before he went away. Got a letter from Belle Taylor tonight begging for \$4 and she bled me for 5 bucks last Sat. Oh Hell.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Thursday, Oct. 24** Rain like helly all day long and I got the tale of my trousers dum wet. This evening have been at work scraping a looking glass frame. Big mahogany venire frame, one old Ell gave us.

**Friday, Oct. 25** Rain hard all last night and blowed great guns. Rain all day and still raining tonight. This afternoon took my dog and gun and went out and killed a rabbit. Fired at 3 partridges "missed". Nuf sed!

**Saturday, Oct. 26** Rain all day miserable old day. Got good and soused. Borrowed a set of steel letters from Dana Spaulding and put my name on some of my steel traps.

**Sunday, Oct. 27** Fair fine day. Sammy and I went out to my home. I cut a load of wood and went gunning a little while, shot one Rabbet. Brought the Phonegraph down with us.

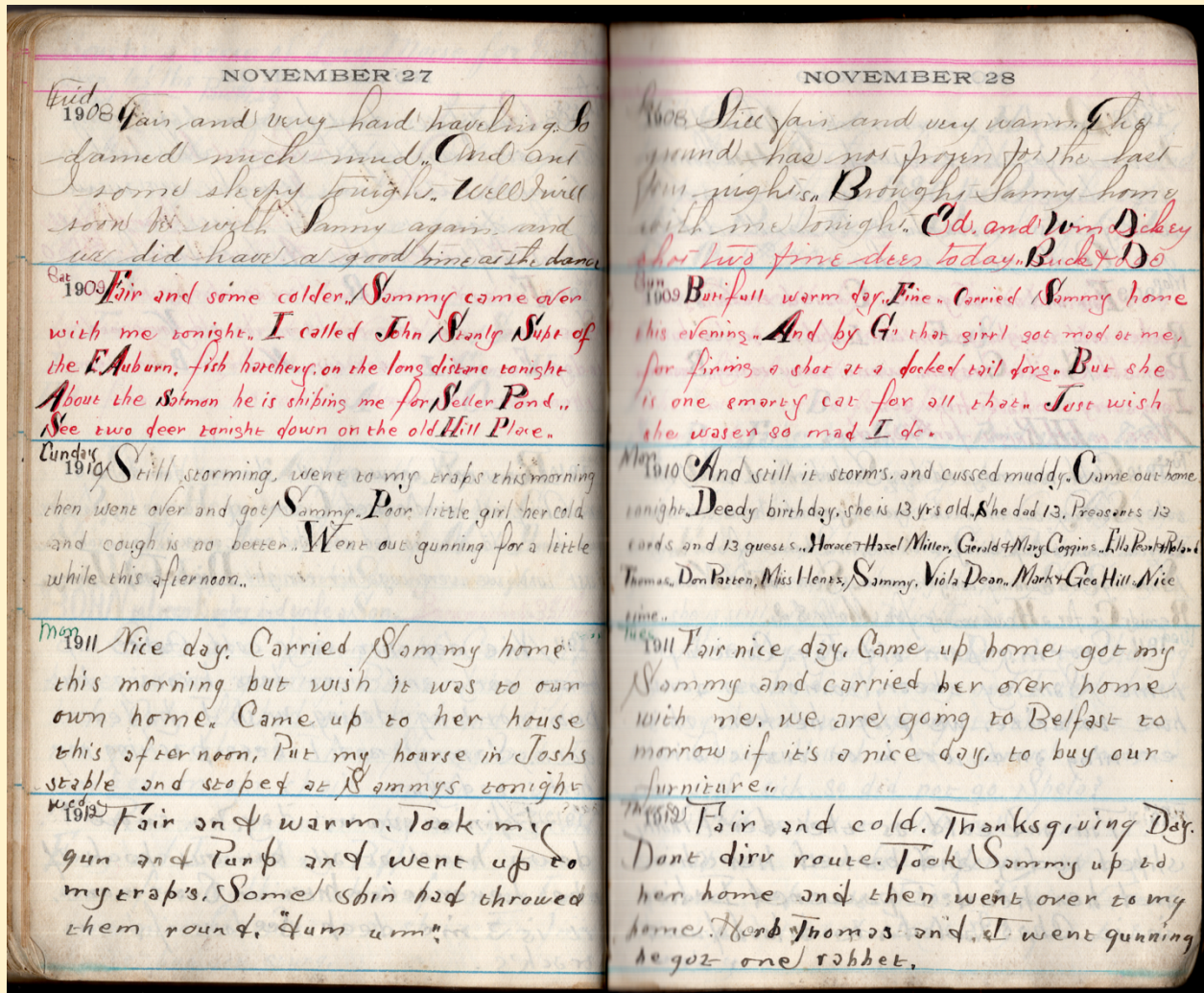
**Monday, Oct. 28** Clear and very cold but a fine kind of a day. Shot a partridge up in the old road. This afternoon I have been banking my house. Killed Chas Elms of Belmont. Shot and Hanged hissself.

**Tuesday, Oct. 29** Fair nice day. Have been at work on my house banking again today. Shoveled in the dirt on the back side of our house. Dum hard work.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30** Rain this morning cleared away and this afternoon took my gun and went out in the woods shot one partridge and lost it out of my coat pocket. Bought of O.E. Ames a wheel barrow \$5 not paid.

**Thursday, Oct. 31** Fair nice day, took my gun and went up to Sleepy Holler to my traps. A mink has stole the bate. Found the bird I shot yesterday and lost. Ella and Mabel Pendleton and Lucy Freeman up tonight.

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**Friday, Nov. 1** Overcast pretty cold. Raining very hard tonight. Have been fitting up my firewood. Awfull storm tonight.

**Saturday, Nov. 2** Cold as blue hell today. Been banking my house. Shot and killed a big black crow out back of the barn.

**Sunday, Nov. 3** Clear and very cold. Have worked hard all day banking house, putting on double windows and hanging storm doors. Getting ready for winter.

**Monday, Nov. 4** Fine day clear and cold. Ground froze hard last night. Haveing some more banking chucked on the house today.



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**Tuesday, Nov. 5** Overcast this morning cleared fine warm day. Set 6 mink traps and shot a fine big partridge. Presidentle Election Taft R. Wilson D. 400 Roosevelt P.74 Debs S

**Wednesday, Nov. 6** Butifull day fair and very warm. B.O. Norton sent over a big bay horse for me to try. Damn him I don't like him. Paid Bank \$25. Paid Furnald \$3.85. Paid Haskell \$4. Paid S.S. Mfg Co. \$5.

**Thursday, Nov. 7** Fair and very warm. Showers. And tonight one of the worst rain storm of years. Just (Give Molly 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment) a hellish storm. Set another mink trap.

**Friday, Nov. 8** Awfull storm last night. Cleared away fair and cold tonight. Went clambing got a bucket full of good uns. Drove B.O. Norton's horse today. Towed Molly down this afternoon.

**Saturday, Nov. 9** Fair and warm. Throwed some more dirt around the house. Chas Richards hawled me down a load of wood the first of 5 cod. Emry came up and spent the evening.

**Sunday, Nov. 10** Fair nice day, a little cooler. The Norton Horse got down and cast this morning. Sammy woke me and I had to go out and get him up. Picked a barrel and a half of winter Porters.

**Monday, Nov. 11** Nice day went out with Emry with our guns after rabbits but we got nothing. Mine "pup" did run bully.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12** Very warm fine summer like day. "Alick" came up and I cut his hair and shaved him. Went out for a little while with my gun. No luck.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13** Overcast Rain and Snow tonight. Went out with my pup this afternoon fired 2 shots at a fool rabbit, never touched him.

**Thursday, Nov. 14** Rain hard all day. Awfull cold, storm. Hired a team of Furnald, had his rone colt. Dandy little horse. Molly, my bay mare is sick.

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**Friday, Nov. 15** Rain all day. Very cold. Roads very muddy, hard traveling. Bert Thomas out home. Went down to Em's this afternoon ground my ax. Born to Albert & Susie Dean, a son.

**Saturday, Nov. 16** Fair and cold. Bert Thomas shot a big doe deer down in the Big Woods but she got away. Em and I went out after rabbits and I got 2 fine fellows at 5 shots.

**Sunday, Nov. 17** Fair and cold, worked round home all day. Almon and Amy Gushee and the two kids came up and spent the evening. Died Elisher Tower.

**Monday, Nov. 18** Fair fine day clear and cold. Went out to the Ctr had Dell Hall shoe Molly. Sammy went out to her home with me. Died Aubry Tower, son of "Elisher" who died yesterday. Both Consumption.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19** Fair fine cold weather. Sammy and I and Barrz went up the Gilkey Road for a little walk tonight. Shot a Partridge. Emry up this evening. Died Ellen Cummings. Cancer of the stumock.

**Wednesday, Nov. 20** Butifull day fair warm. Took my dog and gun went out and shot 2 big rabbits. Herb Thomas and Abbie came down, stoped to supper, spent the evening. Died Fern Heal "Consumption".

**Thursday, Nov. 21** Butifull day, very warm. Sammy and I went out home tonight. I went to the Ctr and had Norton's horse shod new.

**Friday, Nov. 22** Another butifull warm summer like day. Awfull muddy. Cleaned our hen house out. The horse I have that belongs to Norton is dead lame behind. I am afraid he is spavened. Lawry Rankin hawled me a load of straw.

**Saturday, Nov. 23** Another butifull day, just fine like summer. Sammy and I went up the "Gilky" Road tonight but our Puppo did not start one rabbet.

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**Sunday, Nov. 24** Overcast and warm. Took my dog and gun and went up over the French Mt. but mine Puppo did not start a rabbit. Awfull storm tonight. No snow on the shore, 3 in in Searsmont. Married Milton Hills and Mary Coggins.

**Monday, Nov. 25** Rain and snow all day, not very cold. Emry and I took my Puppo and went out after rabbits this afternoon I got two nice fellows at 2 shots. Em fired twice but got stung.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26** A nice warm day. No snow down here at all, but out back of the Levenseller Mt's in Searsmont it is 3 in deep. See lots of deer tracks.

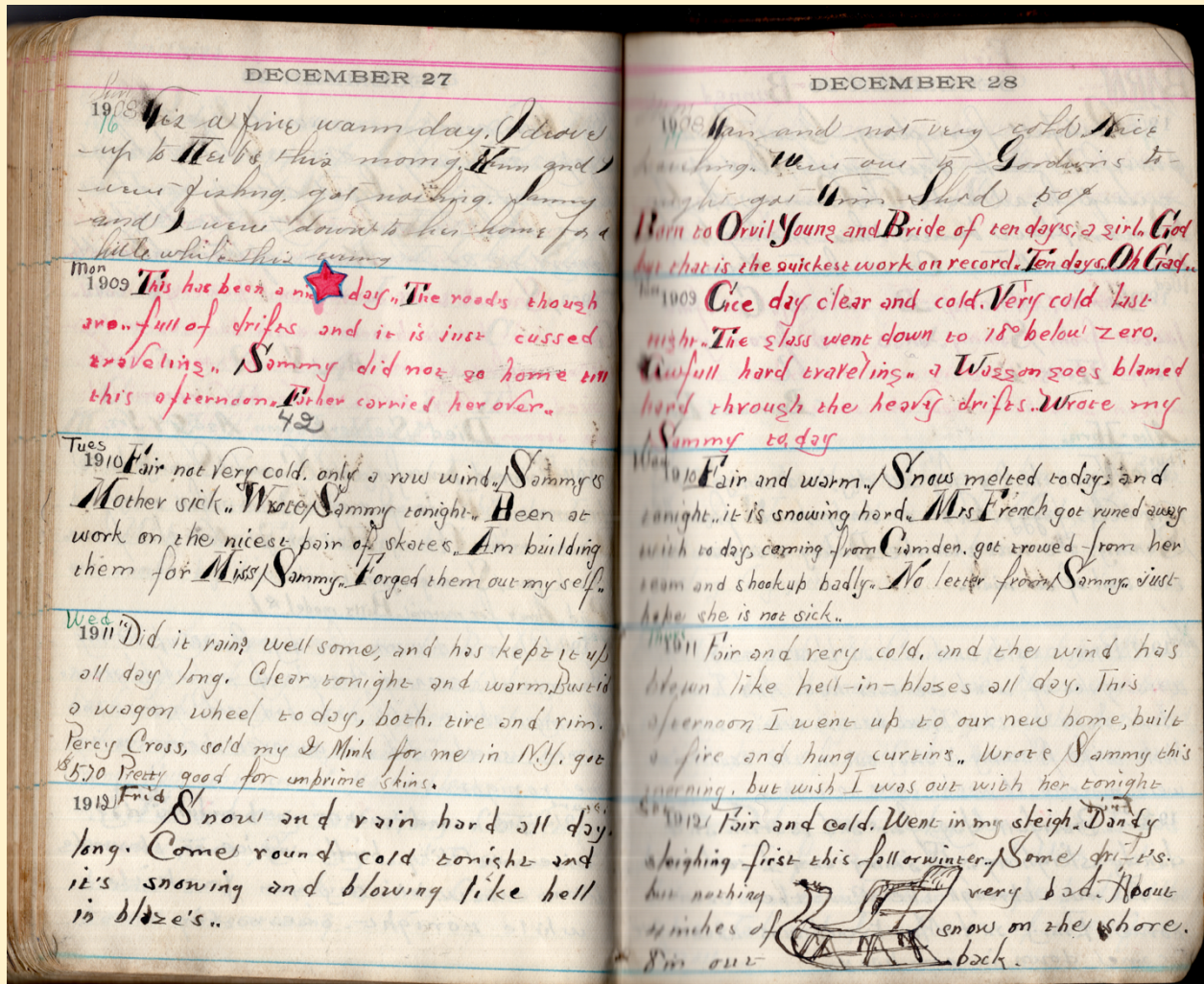
**Wednesday, Nov. 27** Fair and warm. Took my gun and Pup and went up to my traps. Some shin had throwed them round. "Dum um".

**Thursday, Nov. 28** Fair and cold. Thanksgiving Day. Don't drive route. Took Sammy up to her home and then went over to my home. Herb Thomas and I went gunning, he got one rabbet.

**Friday, Nov. 29** Fair and cold as the devil. Molly sliped today and barked her shin and her head. I powred Iodine in it. Chas hawled me a load of wood.

**Saturday, Nov. 30** Cold as hell or colder. Sammy and I set up till [?] oclock fixing up my dumnd reports. Ernest Heal and Herb Thomas killed Dad's Pig for him today.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912



**Sunday, Dec. 1** Fair clear and cold fine day. Em Mrs French Sammy and I went up the Gilky Road to Em's woodlot. Gave Molly her 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of medicine.

**Monday, Dec. 2** Overcast. Looks like a storm. Commenced my vacation. Roy is taking his. Rain hard tonight, cussid storm. Went gunning see a rabbit.

**Tuesday, Dec. 3** Butifull day fair and warm. Went gunning went up to Bald Rock. Shot 4 big Rabbits and 3 nice Partridges and a cunning little owl. Sammy and I spent the evening down at Em's.



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**Wednesday, Dec. 4** Fair fine warm day. Put brush around my house. This afternoon took my gun and shot 2 nice big Partridges. Dat very good shooting.

**Thursday, Dec. 5** Another nice very warm day. Josh McKinney hawled me a ton of hay from the Drinkwater barn. Sammy and I went out to her home tonight. Shot another nice partridge. That makes 10 this fall.

**Friday, Dec. 6** Rain hard all day. Roy Hurd came up today, wants me to go up to Grindstone deer hunting. Powerfull heavy storm. Would like to go to Grindstone but can't get away.

**Saturday, Dec. 7** Fair and warm nice day. Percy Cross came down to stop a few days and get a little shooting. We went out a little while this afternoon.

**Sunday, Dec. 8** Fair and cooler. Percy and I went up to Bald Rock today. Shot one rabbit and missed a bully shot at a partridge.

**Monday, Dec. 9** Clear cold day, just awfull cold. We didn't do any shooting today, just hung around the old store and tryed to keep warm.

**Tuesday, Dec. 10** Fair and some warmer. Percy and I went up to the Trap Mt, climbed that and walked down to the old Barrow's Place and we are both Pooched tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11** Clear and dum cold and we have just hugged the fire and growned. Harnessed the Norton horse up and exercised him.

**Thursday, Dec. 12** Very cold clear nice weather. We have just hung around the fire today and tryed to keep warm. Chas Richards hawled me another load of wood.

**Friday, Dec. 13** Fair and very very cold. Pete Cross and I went down to Furnalds after our rum but it did not come so I carried him out to his home at the Ctr.

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**Saturday, Dec. 14** Another butifull day. "Our" (I mean Pete and myself) rum came this morning. Took my dog and gun went up to Sleepy Hollow and shot a fine Partridge, that makes 11 this fall.

**Sunday, Dec. 15** Just a perfect day fair and warm. Sammy and I took a ride up to her home then went over to my home. Went out with my gun a little while no luck. Born to Frank & Nett Patten a Boy married in July last.

**Monday, Dec. 16** A mean miserable rainy foggy drizzle all day. Sammy and I went to Belfast and squandered a lot of money on Christmas stuff.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** Fair fine clear cold day. Sammy and I went out in the country. Bert Thomas and I went out a little while with our rifles tonight. Nothing doing.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** Overcast fog and rain all day. Sammy and I went out to my home and Bert and I went gunning. Got two partridges, that makes 13 birds this fall and I have killed 14 Rabbets.

**Thursday, Dec. 19** Rain very hard all day. Hell of a day to start in driving after a short vacation. Got pooty blamed wet. Drove Norton's horse today. Our nice pullet layed again today.

**Friday, Dec. 20** Fair clear and cold. Very high wind. This afternoon took mine gun and went up in the woods. Shot one partridge making 14 killed this fall.

**Saturday, Dec. 21** Clear and cold. Roads are very rough. Abbie and Herb came down tonight and stoped to Supper. Herb towed old Dandy home with him. Married Herbert Thomas and Abbie Richards.

**Sunday, Dec. 22** Clear and dum cold. Have been at work on my wood pile today. We got 4 eggs. 3 of our pullets layed. Married Flora Clark and Evrett Bracken. Married Clinton Butler and Alice Mahoney.

**Monday, Dec. 23** Fair and very cold. Nice wheeling. Emry and Mrs F. went to Belfast today. Tonight Sammy and I went out to her home. Had a big cancerlation today \$4.10

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1912

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** Snow most all day very cold. High wind. Have been down to the office this evening packing up my mail for tomorrow. There is a big bunch of it tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25** Fair and very cold. Hurried round my route. Then Sammy and I went out home and took dinner. Came down home this evening.

**Thursday, Dec. 26** Fair and warm a butifull day. Nice traveling hardly any ice in the roads. Went out with my gun for a little while tonight, see nothing.

**Friday, Dec. 27** Snow and rain hard all day long. Came round cold tonight and it's snowing and blowing like hell in blazes.

**Saturday, Dec. 28** Fair and cold. Went in my sleigh. Dandy sleighing first this fall or winter. Some drifts but nothing very bad. About 4 inches of snow on the shore. 8 in out back.

**Sunday, Dec. 29** Butifull day fair and warm and dandy sleighing. Sammy and I took a ride out through the Ctr then over home. Emry and Mrs French was there. We came down in company.

**Monday, Dec. 30** Did it rain today. Well some. It has been an awfull storm. Rain and blow all day. Went out to the Ctr tonight, had Dell Hall shoe Jack and fit up a set of shoes for Molly.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31** Butifull day fair and warm. Just a very pretty summer like day. The rain yesterday and last night took every bit of snow off so today we had to go in a wagon. I put the new shoes on Molly today. "Finis"