

Thursday, January 1, 1903

The New Year starts with a warm sun shiny day. I got some gravel for my hens and made them a feed board and shoveled out some dirt and snow from their scratching shed. And we had chicken pie for dinner Geo. Ma, Cornea and Guy. And we cracked nuts and ate them. And I gave the ducks a tub of water for their new years present. Expenses for Dec are \$100. 40.

Friday, January 2, 1903

Paid Father \$5.00

Bal. \$5.50

Paid Vollie \$4.00

“ Floyd \$4.50 for chicks

I went to town 8 AM got supplies. But I could not get a team up today. I started out to Vollie's and met VR and Floyd at state road. So I went back with them then went out when they came back.

It commenced snowing at 8 PM and snowed about 6 in of snow so I cannot get a team up today. I staid all night at Vollie's and Pa, Vollie and I played cards, untill 1 AM and then went to bed. It is still snowing hard, Cornea did some washing today.

Saturday, January 3, 1903

I got up early and called Pa. V.R. was up. And we had breakfast and I went up to the other house and saw the folks. I paid Floyd for the chickens \$4.50. And then Vollie took Midget and I to town. I got a hind quarter of beef and the supplies and feed and came up with them we came on sleighs which did not slip very good. I got a team from Strahms did not pay for it. We got home at 4 PM. Cornea was taken sick today.

Sunday, January 4, 1903

Cornea and I had a good long sleep this AM. We did not get up till 9:30. I emptied my feed and gave the chicks some oyster shells and some sun flower seeds and some beef meal and cut up some clover for them. We had some candy this eve. Cornea was sick today. It is snowing quite hard tonight.

Monday, January 5, 1903

I started to feed my chicks soft warm feed for breakfast. They have laid 40 eggs in 2 weeks today. I put a double window in their feeding part today and finished up their scratching shed. And put in a couple windows. I made Cornea a ironing board today. I went to bed early to night with my love. Earl sat up for me till 11PM.

Tuesday, January 6, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 6 AM and got the breakfast and I had the chores and cooked the beefsteak. I cut the first slice off the new quarter beef today which weighs 126#. I did some repairing on my hennery today. They laid five eggs for this 2 weeks starter. I made pop corn balls this evening. I am not feeling well tonight. I am having a bad spell with my kidneys and I guess I am fearfully cross. At least folks say so. I shaved at 11 PM. Cornea went to bed early to night. ESE blizzard tonight. We had 2 steak for dinner.

Wednesday, January 7, 1903

Geo. Went to town this AM. Cornea wrote to the folks, I cut up the quarter of beef. Hens laid five eggs. And I made a feed trough for them for soft & hot feed. Geo. did not come home tonight so Cornea and I went early to bed as I have to stand last watch. It is storming quite bad. Barometer stood 28.60. I and Earl saved some wood. The meat froze some last night some. We had steak for dinner. Geo. staid to town tonight.

Thursday, January 8. 1903

I got up at 12 mid and it is storming worse than ever a real N.W. blizzard, And I read untill about four AM. When Cornea got up Cornea and I has early breakfast all alone. We had more meat today. Chicks only laid 2 eggs today. Geo. came at 4 PM and I lit up. After supper I took a nap. It is not storming as hard out as it was. The meat is froze up – all night.

Friday, January 9, 1903

I got four eggs today. I let the chickens out in their shed today. I plastered up the cracks in the shed and banked it up. I and Geo. banked up the cellar windows with hay and sand. I took a bath in the cabinet tonight as I am not feeling well. Cornea helped me. Geo. took a bath after 12 M.

I wrote to Ray

“ “ “ Aunt Hariett

“ “ “ Blanche

Cornea will be sick one year hence.

Saturday, January 10, 1903

I got up feeling rather poor. I put the ducks in the chicken coop. Capt. Nelson came up today and I sent the mail down with him. I am going to bed early to night as I feel like _____. I started taking the medicine Dr. Dungrass gave me when I was sick. Cornea came to bed also.

Chickens laid five eggs

Sunday, January 11, 1903

I got up feeling better this morning. Hens laid four eggs today. I ate a good dinner today the first good meal I had for a couple of days. I played on the violin some this eve. Cornea has gone to bed at 8:13PM and I think I will soon follow her. She has a headache. And I gave her a Bromo seltzer. It snowed nearly all day and blowed. The hens have laid 24 eggs in the last six days. I have made some new resolves today. I took some salts tonight.

Monday, January 12, 1903

I and Cornea did not get up for breakfast today. I did not attend to family prayers this morning. I filled the two five gallon cans for the service room. The two butts of oil I emptied were both short. One was six gills short and the other was five gills short. I changed the door around in the hen house today so as to procure more light. The hens laid four eggs today. They have laid 68 eggs in 21 days. today.

Tuesday, January 13, 1903

I made a place for the ducks in the hen house shed. I got four eggs today. I helped do the washing today. At 7:30PM I smoked the Leight but it did not go out. Cornea and I went to bed at 10PM. And I got up at four. Geo Left for town at 4:30. I got Cornea up and she got breakfast. We had steak breakfast. I got Earl up. And after he had breakfast we cleaned up the lantern with turps. Hens laid 4 eggs today.

Wednesday, January 14, 1903

I got up at 4 AM and Geo. left for town at 4:30. Cornea got up and we had an early breakfast, And Earl and I cleaned up the lantern with turpentine. I got 4 eggs today, making 76 eggs today. The team came after Stella and Cornea and I went to town with them. I took 3 ½ doz. Eggs down to town. Got 80 cents for them. Cornea and I went out home at 3PM and surprised the folks. We played Carroms in the eve. But went to bed early. It stormed hard all night. SW

Thursday, January 15, 1903

Cornea and I went up to Slaughters for dinner. Pa came up also. Then I came back and we fixed up for killing pigs. Then Vollie, Pa and I played cards for a while. Cornea, Vollie and I left for Scottville and went up to Robinsons for supper. Had oysters for supper. Then we went to the dance. Cornea was taken well today.

Friday, January 16, 1903

We got home at 4AM and went right to bed. We got up and got ready and killed the hogs. Cornea and I laid down at 3PM and had a nap. The Gebotts came down this evening and Floyd and we played cards and made some music. My pig weighed 185#.

Saturday, January 17, 1903

We all played cards and Carroms and visited most of the time. Mrs. Hydeman came and washed. It commenced to storm and got colder. We played cards all evening and weighed the hog. He weighed 185# as Vollie said.

Sunday, January 18, 1903

We did not get up very early this morning. We made some pop corn balls. Blackburns & Robinson's folks came down and had dinner and stayed until 4 PM. They brought some oysters with them and we had them for 9 o'clock lunch. It is real cold tonight.

Monday, January 19, 1903

We all staid at home and worked this AM. Cornea and I went up to Mrs. Slaughters for dinner. After dinner Vollie got ready and took us down town to Millers and staid all night. It is real cold. I went down town and got the butter charges were 35 cents on the butter and cat. of Montgomery's. I got some yarn amt 18 cents. Some medicine for Cornea \$1.00, Hunibolios* *****10 cents Carbolic acid.

Poor Papa how I hate to leave him, some day he shall come to live with my sweetheart and i how I *** shall be.

Tuesday, January 20, 1903

We started for home this AM at 8:30 got home at 12 mind. Hens laid 44 eggs while I was gone. Making 120 eggs. I lit up tonight but laid down at 9PM. I gave Cornea a bath in the cabinet. I cleaned out the chicken coop and turned over the dirt and put some ashes in. I built a couple of new nests. Hens laid 9 eggs today.

Wednesday, January 21, 1903

I made a new drinking trough for the fowls. Geo and I settled up this morning. I had a cr. of 9.28. We settled in full. Hens laid 5 eggs today.

Thursday, January 22, 1903

I made a new feed through for my chickens today and fixed the old one up so they could not get into it. Hens laid 6 eggs today. Geo left for Leowell today for a few days visit.

Wind is NW & cloudy Fresh

Cornea and I went to bed at 3PM.

Friday, January 23, 1903

I put the little coal stove in the hen house today and laid some tar paper on roof of scratching shed and put some hay and straw and brush on it. And cleaned out the scratching shed. The hens laid 8 eggs today, making 129 eggs today.

Cornea got up at 12 M and we had lunch and then played Carroms and then I wrote a couple of poultry letters while she sewed. I cut up the hog today. Cornea and I went to bed at 5:30PM

Wind mod E and clear.

Saturday, January 24, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12 M and had a cup of tea and cocoa and some Grape Nutts. Leater we had a good solid meal of pork tenderloins ect. I took 5 and ½ dozen eggs down to the station. Capt. took them to Fords for Mrs. W.A. Miller at 25 cents per doz. Amt. \$1.37. The hens laid 6 eggs today. I went over to the mill today and tried fishing no luck. I brought home another kitten. Earl brought home one yesterday. I brought up the Capts. Barometer up here to compare them

Wind Mod SE and clear

I ordered 6 cans cream from fords today.

Sunday, January 25, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12M. and had a cup of tea and cocoa at 1PM and then at 4:30 we had a good heavy feed. I got 9 eggs today.

They have laid 154 eggs since Dec. 22. 154 eggs in 35 days. Cornea and I went down to the beach and went out on the Ice bergs. It is a fine day today.

Wind Mod SE & clear

I had ice skates on today for the first time this year.

Monday, January 26, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12 M. and had buckwheat pancakes to eat. I put some water on the stove to heat for washing. We did the washing early before the folks got up. Hens laid 8 eggs today. Capt. Carlson came up last evening and brought the mail and the Barometer and the Barometer reports. Earl went down and came back with Capt and the boy. The Leight went out with Earl tonight at 7 PM. He forgot to wind up the plunger. We sawed wood today.

Wind W and Hardy (and mist and fog) Cornea and I went to bed at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 27, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12 M. and we had lunch. and played Carroms. Cornea did the ironing today. I let the chickens and ducks out today as it is nice and warm and considerable bare ground. I cut up the hogs head and dissected it this morning. I went down to the station at 1 PM and Capt and I went over and tried our hand in spearing fish. He got one pickerel and I speared a perch. I gave the fish to Capt. I got home at 5:30. Hens laid 6 eggs today. Leight N & mist & leight fog.

Wednesday, January 28, 1903

I filed and fitted the crosscut saw this AM at 9. And Earl and I sawed up a couple of hard wood logs today. I let the chickens out again today. They laid 10 eggs today. Ma made her head cheese today. Cornea and I went to bed at 4PM.

Wind Fresh SE & rain & fog.

Thursday, January 29, 1903

Cornea and I got up at midnight and had a lunch. We washed up the tower windows inside and outside. And cleaned up the decks and dusted down tower stairs. Let out the hens today. They laid 5 eggs today.

Wind Fresh SE & rain & fog

Friday, January 30, 1903

Got up at midnight and found the weather had caught cold. And snowing hard. I took a bath in the cabinet. Cornea and I played set back. I cracked some hicorynuts and we had some nuts. I cleaned out the chickens scratching shed. and put the ducks in the stable. Hens laid 6 eggs today.
Wind Gale W & snow

One year ago today I went to town and on 10 day leave Claude & Grace & I spent the eve at Mc Ewems playing cards & making music.

Saturday, January 31, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12 M and ate and then played set back and I taught Cornea how to play cribbage. A year ago today I left for the country with Claude. We stoped at Penneys a minute But I did not see Cornea.

Fresh NE & clear.

My hens laid 12 eggs today.

Sunday, February 1, 1903

Today I am 26 years old. Cornea and I got up at midnight and had a cup of tea and cocoa and then went calling at 4AM. We had breakfast. I cleaned out the nesting place and put some hay in for chickens.

Hens laid 12 eggs today. I took the coal stove out of the scratching shed and put it in kitchen. Vollie came up and drove Leady Florence, she is better but her leg looks bad. He came at 12:30 PM. And after dinner we went over to the dam spearing we got one pickerel.

Monday, February 2, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 1 AM and Cornea, Vollie and myself had breakfast. Then we played cards and Carroms and made calls. Vollie laid down and slept a couple hrs. And then Vollie and I went over to the dam spearing we went on wheels. We speared one fair size pickerel. We came back at 11AM. Had dinner and then Vollie went home. I sent 5 ½ doz of eggs down with him. Making 14 ½ I have sold.

Hens laid 9 eggs today.

They have laid 222 eggs in 42 days.

Tuesday, February 3, 1903

Capt Carlson came up this morning and brought our mail. Also Geo came back today. My hens laid 12 eggs today. One of my hens began setting today.

I began first watch again. Cornea and I laid down for a couple of hours of sleep this PM. I got a poultry journal and a letter from Duston and one from CC Shoemaker regarding poultry. Also over from the school.

12 eggs today.

Wednesday, February 4, 1903

It is storming hard today snowing & blowing a Gale N.N.W. I fed the chickens some parched corn this AM. I wrote a letter to Mr. Arthur G. Duston in regards to some eggs White Wyandotts

I began saving a sitting of my own eggs today.

Hens laid 10 eggs.

Thursday, February 5, 1903

Geo and I left for town at 9 AM. I met Vollie in town and I went home with him. Mrs. Carl rode home with Vollie also. I took my piece of oak to Widmachs Mill to be sized and dressed. Otto Begger and Floyd came down and we played cards. Pa, Vollie and I played untill mid.

Hens laid 10 eggs

Friday, February 6, 1903

I went up to Aunts Dick's after some turnips. Vollie went after a load of wood for Floyd. We sawed up a log then Vollie took me to town and I got things ready to bring them up. I got home at 5:30 PM. My wee wifey met me down the beach a ways.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Saturday, February 7, 1903

I made a new watering tub today and some new roosts and dropping boards. And took out the partition between the roosting place and nesting room. Hen tipped over the basket where I had a hen sitting and broke 11 eggs. Vollie came up after dinner after Cornea to come out home and stay while Vollie hauled some supplies and wood for me. Earl went to town this morning, he walked. Cornea went home with Vollie at 4 PM and left me. It seems awfully lonesome This is the first time she ever left me and I hope the last.

Hens leaid 12 eggs.

Vollie took 4 doz eggs down for me.

Cornea was taken today.

Sunday, February 8, 1903

I did not get up very early this morning. Nothing going on and it seems as though we had had a funeral for my darling is away and it seems intolerably lonesome. And the watch seem longer than ever. I hope she comes back with Vollie tomorrow. Maybe she will. But perhaps she won't be as lonesome as I am. For she is in her old home and with her folks. I fed the hens two mashes today for experiment sake. I gave them 2 cabbages today.

Hens laid 9 eggs today.

Monday, February 9, 1903

I took the stove out of our room today. And made a new drinking trough for the chickens. Vollie came up this PM and brought up some supplies and feed. He lost off the beef meal and ground bone. I picked out about 200 ft of clear lumber for my boat today.

Hens laid 10 eggs.
Tuesday, February 10, 1903

We hauled in the wood this AM. And after dinner Vollie and I went down to the station and hauled a load of manure.
Earl came home at 4:30 PM. Vollie and I played Carroms this eve.

307 eggs 307 eggs in 50 days

Hens laid 10 eggs.

Wednesday, February 11, 1903

Vollie and I came down town this AM and brought my lumber down and left it to Widmach Planeing Mill to be sawed. Vollie and I got home at about 2 PM. We played cards this evening. Cornea is well today.

Hens laid 6 eggs.

Thursday, February 12, 1903

We played Carroms and cards and visited today and had company, Miss Flora Wright and uncle and staid to supper. Cornea and I went up to Slaughters for the evening.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Friday, February 13, 1903

Cornea and I went to town today and ***** Leady F. We took dinner at W.A. Millers. Cornea went to see the Dr. Dunkass. And we did some shopping. In the eve we played cards Ed Leily was here this eve. Vollie did some invitations at duties today for Mrs. Slaughter. Cornea and I made a call on Skimey today at the Cronicle Office.

Hens laid 6 eggs

Saturday, February 14, 1903

We done up the breakfast at 9 AM. Vollie and I played cards and Carroms. And the Vollie went too Scottville after the girls to come to the Pedro Parth at Slaughters. Pa and I played Carroms. And Cornea and I and Pa played Jinks. Flora Wright came after supper. And we went to the party except Pa who stayed home with little Willie. We had a fair time at the party and got home at 1 AM. I copped the prize a pack of cards.

Hens laid 8 eggs
Flora staid all night.

Sunday, February 15, 1903

We started for home this morning in the lumber wagon. Flora came with us. I went the S. road and they went the N. I stopped and got Mrs. Millers and got her knives and forks 6 of each to be plated by Geo 18 *wt for \$2.50. We did not get the lumber as it was not ready so we changed rigs at Fords and took his top carriage. We got home at 12:30

Vollie staid all night.
Hens laid 6 eggs.

Monday, February 16, 1903

Vollie went home at 11:30 AM. We played Flinch today. And I cemented up a drinking fountain and feed box

I had to sleep in Geo's room on account of Miss Wright. Cornea slept with me tonight.

Hens laid 11 eggs.

Tuesday, February 17, 1903

We played flinch and read most all day today as it storms hard. I killed one of my hens today by letting the feed board fall on her.

We played flinch this eve. Cornea and Flora, Earl and I.
Cornea slept with Flora tonight and I had to sleep alone.

Hens laid 11 eggs.

Wednesday, February 18, 1903

Today is the coldest day we have had here, 3 below zero and W.N.W. gale and snow. I did not let the hens out today in shed. We played flinch and read.
I went down to the station this morning.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Thursday, February 19, 1903

We staid around the fire today and played flinch and I cleaned up my wheel

Hens laid 6 eggs.

Friday, February 20, 1903

I fixed up Stellar wheel today and Cornea & Flora and I went out on the ice bergs
Hens laid 9 eggs.

Saturday, February 21, 1903

I worked on a new design for roosts and dropping board for hen house today.

Hens laid 7 eggs.

Sunday, February 22, 1903

We all spent our time talking and reading today. And dressing up. And making our twilights.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Monday, February 23, 1903

I went down to the station and got our mail. And then Miss Flora Wright and I rode to town on bikes. She rode on Stellar Wheel which was here. I sent an order for 300 White Wyandotte eggs to Mr. Arthur G. Duston. Marlboro, Mass at 7.50 per hundred.

I found Vollie downtown and we went and had a lunch together at the bakery on Dowland St. I started for home at 2:30 PM. But I broke my wheel at the water works and left it there. I broke the crank. I got my range *** today.

Hens laid 10 eggs today.
I borrowed \$2.00 of Vollie today.

Tuesday, February 24, 1903

I moved the Incubator up stairs today. And manufactured a new dropping board and roost combined for my chickens.

Hens laid 10 eggs.

Wednesday, February 25, 1903

I planted a doz of tomato plants today and cleaned out the stable. And some other odd jobs. Also made a new incubator lamp. Cornea washed today. Earl helped.

427 eggs in 65 days

Hens laid 13 eggs today.

Thursday, February 26, 1903

Cornea and I went up the beach today and dug up some of my lumber. I carried out the oil from the shop and put it in the oil house and put all of the empties in the new oil house. Earl helped.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Friday, February 27, 1903

I put some cement in the drinking fountain I made and cleaned out the stable. And Earl and I went up the beach and dug out the rest of my lumber. I filled the incubator and started them a going at 4 PM.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Saturday, February 28, 1903

Geo went to town this noon. I repaired the incubators. And Cornea and I went to bed early for we had the after watch.

Hens laid 15 eggs.

Sunday, March 1, 1903

Cornea and I got up at 12 M. and ate our breakfast all by our lonesome. I tinkered with the incubators most all day.

My hen started to hatch her chicks at noon. She has set 21 days to the hr. She hatched 13 chicks out of 14 eggs.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Monday, March 2, 1903

I went down to the life station to see about my eggs which did not come yet. Mr. Wilmont was here too dinner and we played Carroms. Earl and I cleaned out the shop. Cornea helped. I let the hens out today. I brought the chicks in and put them into the small incubator for today and I put them back again tonight under the hen.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Tuesday, March 3, 1903

I put the hen and chicks into the stable. She stepped on a couple of them and killed them. I went to town this AM. I saw Vollie and ate dinner with Claude. And I went up to Mrs. Millers and got three table spoons for to be plated. I got home at 4PM. Cornea and I went to bed. And we got up at 10:50 PM and had lunch.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

I gave Vollie \$5.00 to pay the express on my eggs when they come.

Wednesday, March 4, 1903

I went down to the station this AM but the phone was broke so I could not say hello on it. I put in a couple of windows in the stable for the young chicks.

Could not see anything of the lake. Nothing but ice and snow as far as the eye could reach.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Thursday, March 5, 1903

Cornea and I went down to the life saving station today. And we went out on the ice bergs. My eggs have not come yet.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Friday, March 6, 1903

I did not do much today only tend to the chicks and write some letters and read. I have not been feeling well lately. My kidneys are bad. I think it is the water we use. I went down to the station and got the mail and 4 fish and one bullhead.

555 eggs today

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Saturday, March 7, 1903

Not much going on today. I cleaned out the hen coop and tended to the chickens.

Hens laid 13 eggs.

Sunday, March 8, 1903

Cornea and I took a stroll around the premices and down to the lake today. And I shaved and laid around and read.

My tomatoes came up today.

Hens laid 13 eggs.

Monday, March 9, 1903

I went to town this AM. I sent to Montgomery Ward and Co. for \$20.21 order. I met Vollie and came back with him he brought up my lumber for my boat. And he brought up some groceries. And he hauled my lumber from the beach. My eggs came today on noon train from Arthur G. Duston – 300. \$21.00 worth white wyandottes. Vollie went home at 5 PM.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Earl went home with Vollie. I gave him .50 cents

Tuesday, March 10, 1903

I worked on a hot bed and went down to the station. My seeds came from John Lewis Childs today.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Wednesday, March 11, 1903

I went down to the life saving station and telephoned about my eggs. And then the Captain and I hauled a load of fresh horse manure up here for my hot bed. I made my hot bed and put the windows on.

Hens laid 21 eggs.

Thursday, March 12, 1903

I went down to the station this AM and telephoned for my eggs. I worked on some nests for sitting hens. And fixed up the incubators today. Captain Carlson brought up my eggs at 5 PM. There were 320 eggs 20 extras. I set 7 eggs under 2 hens making 3-4 Wyandottes eggs under hens. I put 286 in the incubators.

Geo Stabbs 180

Cyphers 56

Bantam 50 set them at 6 pm

set 13 BP Rooks under Enagine *****

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Friday, March 13, 1903

I tore down the scratching shed today. Geo finished Mrs. Millers knives and forks and spoons. Pa came up this PM at 5 PM. Earl came back with him. My hot bed began to

warm up today. I turned the eggs at 8 AM and again at 8 PM. We played jinks this evening. Cornea and I slept in Geo's room and bed tonight.

Hens laid 28 eggs.

Saturday, March 14, 1903

We all visited today and played Carroms. And I wrote some letters this eve. And I tended to my woden hens. Cornea and I slept in Geo's bed tonight.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Sunday, March 15, 1903

We did not get up very early this morning. But when we did Pa and Cornea got ready and went out home. I went down as far as the station with them. The beach is awfully soft. I hope this is the last time my darling has to leave me alone as long as I live for it is dreadfully lone some with out her and it hurts me to see her go. Tonight I had to try and sleep alone for my better half is far away.

Hens laid 19 eggs

Monday, March 16, 1903

Earl and I laid the foundation for a 12x24 hen house and put down the floor. I wonder if my love is lonesome for me.

Earl worked from 9 AM till four PM hrs 6

I laid down at 4 PM till six.

The brown ducks laid.

Hens laid 28 eggs.

Tuesday, March 17, 1903

Earl and I worked some on the hen house and Earl tore down some of the fencing back of the old hen house. And we fixed up the stable for the sitting hen and chickens. Earl worked 6 hours.

I laid down at 4 PM till six.

Brown duck laid 1 egg.

Hens laid 23 eggs.

Wednesday, March 18, 1903

Earl and I worked on hen house and some in the stable stuffing up cracks for the minks to keep out of. Earl was sick this Mirid*** and did not work this PM. He worked three hours today. I made the window frames this PM and laid down at 4 PM. I tested out my eggs tonight and had one hundred and sixty eight Wyandottes futile eggs. 170 in all. I broke a couple.

I put in 14 rocks eggs making 182 in the big incubator.

Brown dusk laid 1 egg.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Thursday, March 19, 1903

I sat the two small incubators on some of my B.P. Rocks eggs. 63 in the Cyphers and 50 in the Bantam. I also sat hen no. 1 on 16 eggs B.P.R. eggs. Earl worked 6 hrs. today on odd jobs. I made an egg tester today. I laid down at 7 PM to 9:30 PM. It rains and thunder and lightens quite bad. I wish my darling was here for it seems as though she had been gone a month.

The two ducks made a nest under the wood pile. And the brown one laid an egg.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Hens have laid 834 eggs today.

Friday, March 20, 1903

Today it rained and I did not do much this AM but this PMI fixed up the fence around the new flower garden. And did some repair work on the stable for something got in and killed one of my little chicks. I also put in a window.

I sat hen No. 2 on 13 D.C.B.P. Rocks eggs (Enggine) *****

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Saturday, March 21, 1903

Today I worked on the flower garden fence and graded up the dirt and put in a gate. And I did some work on my new hew house.

I got a letter from my darling wife. And I hope she will be home tomorrow.

I sat hen no. 3 today on 16 D.C.B.P Rocks eggs.

Hens laid 28 eggs.

Sunday, March 22, 1903

I sat another hen no. 4 today on 13 D.C.B.P. Rocks eggs today.
My darling came home today. Vollie came up and brought her. You bet I was glad.
Vollie went home as soon as he had dinner and fed the team.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Monday, March 23, 1903

I transplanted my tomato plants from the house to the hot bed. And sowed some other seeds. My darling helped and then I put in a partition in my new hen house. Cornea helped.

Hens laid 19 eggs.

Tuesday, March 24, 1903

Today it stormed so I could not work. So I did not do anything. I put a couple of lamps into it to keep it warm.

Hens laid 23 eggs.

Wednesday, March 25, 1903

I do not do much today. Earl went over into the woods and I worked on my broo**ters and hen house.

Hens laid 23 eggs.

Thursday, March 26, 1903

I went down to the station and telephoned to the school agent about my scholarshipt.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Friday, March 27, 1903

I did some work on my hen house and set the garden posts. And then Cornea and I went too bed.

Wilmots folks moved up to the station today.

Hens laid 28 eggs.

Saturday, March 28, 1903

I went down to the station. I took the gun along and shot one mallard duck. Wilmot brought up some mail for us. I telephoned for my freight but it was not there yet.

Hens laid 26 eggs.

Sunday, March 29, 1903

Cornea and I went over the hills to the lake and down to the dam and then we went back of Johnsons and had ate a lunch and then we went on to the station and called on Mr. Wilmots folks and staid to supper. Will and I went down and put a net in the river. And then Cornea and I came home. I had a fine time today and was very happy.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Monday, March 30, 1903

I tested out my white Wyandottes egg this AM. And only have 87 left out of 320 eggs. A very poor lot.

I have 118 fertile eggs sat yet.

Will and I lifted the net this AM and got pike, pickerel and 5 suckers.

Hens laid 24 eggs today.

I went down to Wilmots and Will and I went and put the net in again.

Tuesday, March 31, 1903

I did not turn the eggs today as this is the 18th day of incubation. Earl and I spread out the manure on the garden.

***Dan Peterson came on the 12 M on patrol and brought our mail.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Wednesday, April 1, 1903

Peterson came at 12 on patrol the first of this year. I did not do much today only look after the incubators.

Wilmot came on to 8 PM patrol and I let him have a do eggs at 15 cents per doz.
Amount 90 cents

Hens laid 20 eggs.

Thursday, April 2, 1903

Today is the day for my chickens to hatch out but they do not come out although there are several pipped. I think they had too much ventilation.

I took a bath in the cabinet at 11:30 PM for I have a splendid cold.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Friday, April 3, 1903

Well one of the white Wyandottes hatched out at one AM. And one more at 12 merid*** and eight of them came out before 6 PM. And then I took out the balance. And forty of them are alive and seem to be quite smart. I put them into the big incubator for a brooder.

Mr. Pratton came on patrol tonight at 8 PM and said Mrs. Blackburn had a baby boy.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

I took a bath in the cabinet.

Saturday, April 4, 1903

I did not do much today only tend to the chicks and make some grits for the young chicks and gave them some. I tested out the eggs from the the Cyphers and there were eight out of 63 poor ones second test! I have 56 in now that I think are all O.K. Mrs. Wilmot came up today and made us a call (Cornea was sick today)

Jack Carsten made the 8 PM patrol tonight.

Hens laid 20 eggs.

I gave the chicks water and grits today at

Sunday, April 5, 1903

I did not feed the chicks until noon today. And then I gave them some Grape Nutts. And they seem to be real smart.

I have sold 294 eggs

I have sat 200 “

I have we have used 143 “

Hens laid 26 eggs today.

Monday, April 6, 1903

I put the chicks in the small incubator today and put them on the floor in our bedroom in one corner and put some sand on it. Cornea washed today.

Earl and Geo saved up a log on the beach today a big pine.

I cleaned out the hen coop today.

I sat the bi incubator with 208 eggs at 5 PM.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Hens have laid \$18.50 worth of eggs.

Tuesday, April 7, 1903

I watered the hot bed and tended too the incubators today. Cornea and I went down to the station this PM. And we went through the woods coming back and got some arbutus which are just coming out. We did not get home till after sun down.

And Earl lit up for me.

Cornea was pretty tired when we got here.

I let Wilmot have 5 doz eggs tonight.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

One white Wyandotte died today.

Wednesday, April 8, 1903

There were two eggs piped in the incubator this AM. And one hatched out at 4 PM.

I changed the White Wyandottes into the Bantam Brooder today for I think it better for them.

Geo fixed a new valve leather on the pump today.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Thursday, April 9, 1903

34 chicks hatched out of the Cyphers incubator out of 55 eggs. The rest died in the shells nearly full grown.

The four hens I had sat only hatched out 12 chicks out of 58 fertile eggs.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Friday, April 10, 1903

I made some grits for the chicks and charcoal. And gave them some meat. I left the other B.P. Rocks chicks in the Cyphers Incubator.

I put two of my white Wyandottes with the hen and she must have killed them or they died.

Hens laid 24 eggs today.

Saturday, April 11, 1903

I cleaned out the Cyphers Incubator today and I put the felt diaphragm in the oven to dry out and it caught afire and burned so it was no use. I put a new flamed one on in its place. And will try it. I put the hens in the barn and gave them 10-10 and 12 chicks.

Geo went too town and Cornea and I went down to Wilmots and colored eggs.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Capt. came up and got a hen and 11 chicks.

I let Wilmot have 3 doz more eggs at 15 cents.

Sunday, April 12, 1903

My Cyphers lamp smoked for our Easter greeting. I killed a hen today, one of Ma's a white leghorn. Geo came home this PM. At 4 PM. I got a letter from Vollie. I tested out my eggs from the big incubator and got 168 fertile eggs from 208.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Monday, April 13, 1903

Geo went too twn again today. Mrs. Wilmots bro came up and we played Carromns. And I fed the chicks some fish that Wilmots sent up to me.

Hens laid 26 eggs.

Tuesday, April 14, 1903

Geo and I scoured down the hall floor with dry sand and bricks today a very slow process. I tested out 6 more eggs out of the Big incubator making 163 fertile eggs. I cleaned out the hen coops and tended to all the chicks and fowls.

Hens laid 29 eggs.

Wednesday, April 15, 1903

Cleaned out the shop today and did some washing and fixed up part of the new hen house.

I gave station boys 4 doz eggs at 15 cents.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Thursday, April 16, 1903

I went too town today and got supplies and got me some fishing tackle and sent to Montgomery's for boots and lime. I got one *** of lime for white washing. I went out home in the country and surprised Pa and Vollie. I took my fishing tackle along . Otto Begger came over and Floyd and we played Jinks. I stayed all night. We slept in Cornea Penneys bed. I ate dinner with Claude.

Hens laid 47 eggs

Got 2 bu of corn at 60 cents

“ “ “ “ wheat at 65 cents

Friday, April 17, 1903

I started for home at 9 AM. I met Lewis Coleman in town and we went and bought the hardware for my boat. And I started for home. I stopped at Mr. Clarks hennery and talked incubation for a while. And then came home just in time for dinner. And then I took my boat lumber down to the station in Wilmots boat.

Hens laid 21 eggs.

Saturday, April 18, 1903

I put on the paper on my hen house this AM. And then I went down and we started my boat.

I gave Wilmot 1 doz eggs

“ “ station boys 1 “ “

At 15 cents

Sunday, April 19, 1903

Cornea and I went down to the station and took down some planks and lumber for seats
And then we went over in the woods and gathered Arbutus and winter green berries. We
got a lot of fine ones.

I gave Wilmots 1 doz eggs at 15 cents.

Hens laid 27 eggs.

Monday, April 20, 1903

I just put up my chicken fence today. And then I went down too the station. Cornea and
I and we came back in Wilmots boat and I took some more lumber down for a bench.
And then we worked till six oclock. I put in two pans of moisture in the big incubator.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Tuesday, April 21, 1903

We polished the lens and brass work on the tower today and I striped the green on the
lens. The big incubator is not working right today for some unaccountable reason.

Hens laid 27 eggs

Wednesday, April 22, 1903

I painted the white on the lantern today.

Hens laid 26 eggs

Leif Wilmot have 3 doz eggs at 15 cents.

Thursday, April 23, 1903

I painted the decks lead color in the tower and watch room. And went down too the
station and worked on the boat. We got the stern and stern posts and center board box
set. And keel out.

Hens laid 25 eggs.

Friday, April 24, 1903

I took

The carpet out of our bedroom and cleaned the room. And Cornea sewed the carpet
together I helped some. I put in two more moisture pans in the incubator today.

I tore the partition out of the stable and let the sitting hens come together (no harm done).

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Saturday, April 25, 1903

I painted and Stripes the green on the lens today. And experimented on taking off white wash. But of no use it won't come off unless you file it off.

Hens laid 26 eggs.

Sunday, April 26, 1903

I worked the hot bed this AM. We had visitors from Ludington. Also Vollie came up with a double rig after Cornea who went home with him he took my fishing rig along. He has bought his a new horse gave \$90.00 for him. I rode down as far as the station with them. I had to sleep alone tonight but did not do much sleeping. I got a letter from Duston offering me eggs at 1/2 price.

Hens laid 21 eggs.

I let the station boys have 4 doz eggs at 14 cents.

Monday, April 27, 1903

I got up at 12 M but no eggs were pipped in the big incubator. But at 4:30 AM I noticed one pipped they should hatch today.

6 chicks came out at about 4 PM. I went down to the station and worked on the boat from 2 to 6 PM.

I put in some of my garden today. I put in some radishes and lettuce and some English mutipliers.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Tuesday, April 28, 1903

Geo and I whitewashed the tower inside this AM. And I went down to the station at 12 and came back at 4 PM. The rest of the chicks came out today. 80 in all.

I put 25 of them with a hen tonight.

Gave Wilmot 2 1/2 dozens of eggs at 14 cents.

Hens laid 27 eggs.

Wednesday, April 29, 1903

I left for town this AM. And to go a trout fishing. I met my wife down town and she took me out home with the rig and I left my wheel in town. I got my chicks feed and grits and beef scraps and charcoal for the chicks today. And sent some up by the Captain. We got all ready this PM to go fishing tomorrow.

Cornea and I went up to the other house at about 10:30 for Grand was sick.

Hens laid 20 eggs.
I borrowed \$5 from Geo.

Thursday, April 30, 1903

It is storming this AM. And raining and turned to snow. So we could not get started very early. But we started at 2 PM. And we got up there to the river at about 8 PM. And pitched our camp. All O.K. Otto Bagger and Vollie and myself. We put the horses in the tent and we fixed up a place for ourselves out side.

Hens laid 20 eggs.

Friday, May 1, 1903

We went fishing this morning but we did not get many fish for they were not there to get.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Saturday, May 2, 1903

We went prospecting this day. But did not fullfill our expectations.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Sunday, May 3, 1903

We fished on the Sauble today but no luck at all. Some one stole some of our fish while we were out fishing. After dinner we pulled up stakes and went prospecting again. But to no advantage at 7 PM. We started for home and got home about 2 AM. And I spent the remainder of the night with my darling.

Hens laid 20 eggs.

Monday, May 4, 1903

I staid out in the country today. And visited. Cornea and I went up to Slaughter for supper this eve. Mrs. Clara Ellis was there also. And lelaude. ***

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Tuesday, May 5, 1903

We got ready for home this AM. I dug up some rose bushes and some vines and pineys to take home. And I got 2 bu of wheat from Pa. We took a mess of fish down to Dr. Dundass. We had some groceries up today. Vollie took us home. We got home at 8 PM.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Wednesday, May 6, 1903

I went down to the station and worked on my boat today and worked all day. Lewis Boleman came back with me for dinner. There were a couple of men here for measuring up the house for repair or rebuilding.

I worked all day on my boat today. And made and made a pretty good showing on her.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

I sold Wilmot 3 doz at 14 cents
Wilmot settled in full.
Station boys owe me 16 cents yet.

Thursday, May 7, 1903

I paid Boleman \$10.00 on the boat
I went down to the station again this AM. And worked all day on the boat and we nearly finished her. And we took her down and I painted her on the out side. Geo went to town today and came back at 12:20 M.

Earl left for Millwaukee today.

I sat the two ducks for 13 eggs each.
And sat two hens on 10 duck eggs each.
Sold Bleson 1 doz eggs at 14 cents.

Hens laid 14 eggs.
Boat Building \$10.00

Friday, May 8, 1903

I made a summer house today and painted down the tower steps. And fixed up my hen house.

I sat four hens tonight on 14 eggs each.

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Saturday, May 9, 1903

I took out the brooder from up stairs and sat it up in my new hen house. And Geo and I white washed and painted and cleaned up the kitchen.

I sold 1 doz eggs to the station at 14 cents.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Sunday, May 10, 1903

Cornea and I took a walk up the beach this PM. We saw three deer tracks not far from the Leight.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Monday, May 11, 1903

We moved out in the summer kitchen. And started to kalsomine the sitting room. Cornea and I went down and painted and corked and leaded the boat down to the station.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Tuesday, May 12, 1903

We kalsomined the sitting room side walk and painted the wood work and kalsomined the dining room. Mrs. Wilmot and Mrs. Oleson and children came up this PM. Cornea and I watered the hot bed and garden at 9 PM. I kalsomined our bedroom and painted the wood work this evening.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Wednesday, May 13, 1903

We painted the dining room and put down the carpet in sitting room and cleaned up. And put down a new carpet in our bed room. And straightened up this two rooms. I white washed the pantry and we cleaned it out and the womanfolk washed the dishes.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Thursday, May 14, 1903

We kalsomined Ma's bed room. And painted the dining room floor. And moved the small heating stove into the dining room. And Geo painted the floor.

Earl came home today.
We cleaned the carpet.

Hens laid 20 eggs.

Friday, May 15, 1903

I painted the stairs or the white on them. Geo whitewashed Earls room today. I sat my Cyphers Incubator today on 56 B.P. rock eggs at 12 Merid. We painted the stairs down in the tower today.

Hens laid 21 eggs.

Saturday, May 16, 1903

I painted the stairs down today and Geo did the hall and service room floors. And then I went down to the station and brought my boat home. And Geo and I put her in the shop. I sent an order to Montgomery Ward & Co for \$11.32 for boat finishings and clothing.

Oars	\$3.15
Canvas	3.90
Oar Locks	.70
Curtain	.78
Underware	2.70

Hens laid 22 eggs.

Sunday, May 17, 1903

I worked some in my garden weeding and thinning out my radishes and tend to the chicks and watered the hot bed. Geo went to town this AM.

Hens laid 20 eggs.

Monday, May 18, 1903

I worked on my boat today. I put on a fender streak. And ripped out the cornbins. Geo came home this PM.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Tuesday, May 19, 1903

I worked some on my boat today.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

Wednesday, May 20, 1903

I worked some on my boat. And painted on the tower steps. And watered the hot bed and garden.

Hens laid 19 eggs.

I sold Wilmot 3 doz eggs at 14 cents.

Thursday, May 21, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn came up this AM. I sat out some lettuce in the garden. Geo went up to Booper Creek after trout (got 8).

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Friday, May 22, 1903

Will and I went fishing today over to the dam, we got 4 pickerel. Will and I went down and got some hay and grain from Capt. Carlson.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Saturday, May 23, 1903

Blackburns went back this AM. I spaded up the garden. And took a nap. The patrol man told us the Dahlia phoned up she would deliver our supplies tomorrow.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Sunday, May 24, 1903

The Dahlia came this AM at 8 and delivered our oil and supplies. I sold Comander Young a pair of broilers at 50 cents each.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

I let Wilmot have 2 doz eggs at 14 cents.

Monday, May 25, 1903

I worked all day making my garden. I transplanted some cucumbers and lettuce and sowed some raddishes and peas.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Tuesday, May 26, 1903

We opened the supply boxes and put away the supplies. And I worked in the garden some. Cornea does not feel well today (her stomach bothers her.) She did not get up today.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Wednesday, May 27, 1903

I went to town today and got supplies and chick feed and had a team from Stratums. Did not pay for the team. I went and saw Dr. Dundass for Cornea and got her some medicine. I broke a bottle of her medicine and lost nearly all of it. Geo sent his grip back with the team. Cornea did not get up today.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Thursday, May 28, 1903

Geo went to town this AM and is going down to Leowell, Mich. I worked in my garden nearly all day.

Cornea is not much better. She has not been up today.

I sat out some tomatoes today 18.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Friday, May 29, 1903

I worked in garden all day today. I set out 100 cabbage plants and sowed sweet corn.

My darling is not much better today and did not get up.

Hens laid 8 eggs.

Saturday, May 30, 1903

I did not do anything today only lay around all day.

Cornea is some better today and she came down stairs for supper. I carried her down. And I also took her up and held her in the rocking chair for a while this AM.

Hens laid 18 eggs.

Sunday, May 31, 1903

Cornea is better today. I went over too Hamlin dam too meet Vollie but he did not come. I caught two nice fish one pickerel and one pike.

Sold Wilmot 2 doz eggs at 14 cents.
Hens laid 16 eggs.

Monday, June 1, 1903

I worked on my garden today. I sowed some beans and some beets and some onion sets and planted some water and musk – melons.

The first duck came out tonight.

Hens laid 18 eggs.

Tuesday, June 2, 1903

I worked some in the garden but did not go much of anything today.

One little duck came out tonight.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Wednesday, June 3, 1903

I worked on my boat today. And some in the garden.

And more ducks came out today.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Thursday, June 4, 1903

I painted my boat today. And then took a nap and then I worked in the garden. I killed a chicken today.

Two more ducks came off today. One died (the first one that came out)

Hens laid 20 eggs.

There are 5 eggs pipped in my Cyphers Incubator.

Friday, June 5, 1903

The first two chicks came off at midnight at the beginning of the 21st day.

V.R.P. took Leady Florence to Abersville's to house today.

Sold Bleson 2 doz eggs at 10 cents

Hens laid 18 eggs.

Saturday, June 6, 1903

I went too town this AM after supplies and came home at 5 PM. And Pa came up this Mirid and drove Florence. I got my goods from Montgomery's today. And my boat stuff.

I got a grate of strawberries today \$1.50. I got me a new bicycle today a Royale cost some \$12.00 and two other wheels to boot.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Sunday, June 7, 1903

I had a good sleep this AM. Pa went home this PM. I went as far as the station with him. I sent three roosters with him to sell.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Monday, June 8, 1903

I worked in the garden today. I sank my well down a foot more.

I cut out the sails for my boat today.

Hens laid 15 eggs.

Tuesday, June 9, 1903

I cleaned out the old hen house and fumigated it today. And I did some work on my boat. And I did some work this evening on my garden and took the plants out of my hot bed.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Wednesday, June 10, 1903

I put the bottom in the tub and got the water over and started to wash at 5 AM. And washed untill 2 PM.

Cornea is not as well as usual today.

Thursday, June 11, 1903

I went over to Hamlin Dam fishing. And I got a nice mess of fish.

Hens laid 23 eggs.

Sold Wilmot 3 doz at 15.

Friday, June 12, 1903

I worked in my garden and also did some work on my boat.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Saturday, June 13, 1903

I went down too the station after 100# of beef scraps and brought them home on my wheels. Also got our mail Capt. brought up the stuff in the supply boat.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Sold Tolpo 1 doz at 18 cents.

Sunday, June 14, 1903

Cornea and I went down the beach for a walk today.

Vollie and a Mr Hamel came up this evening and had supper and then went right back.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Monday, June 15, 1903

I did some work on my boat. And I painted in the long hall the floor. And fired up a roost in my new hen house.

I killed a 3# broiler.

Hens laid 24 eggs.

Tuesday, June 16, 1903

George came home today. I fixed the leathers on my oars today. And earl and I went too look for some spars but we did not get any.

I killed a 7# hen.

Hens laid 17 eggs.

I sold Wilmot 3 doz eggs at 15 cents a doz.

Wednesday, June 17, 1903

George and Earl and I launched my boat this AM.

Earl went out too Amber to stay a few days. I went down too the station and took my center board down too be straightened so it would work in the box. The boat seems to row very well.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Thursday, June 18, 1903

George went too town today he rode my new wheel and he got back at midnight.

I made my fore sail for my boat today and night except putting in the eyelets.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Friday, June 19, 1903

I finished up my sail today and went down too the station too help Peterson make the irons for my rudder and too straighten my center board.

Hens laid 19 eggs.

Sold Wilmot 3 doz at 15 cents.

Saturday, June 20, 1903

I went too town this AM and came back this PM with Mr. William Miller and family who drove up with a double rig. I left my wheel and rode up with them. They staid all night.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Sunday, June 21, 1903

George met with a misfortune this AM. He got a bad kick on his left thigh by a horse.

Miller and I went over too the dam for a while and I went too the station and telephoned too Dr. Dundass regarding Geo's leg. Millers folks went home this PM. And took my darling with them.

Hens laid 18 eggs.

I killed 2 of my roosters.

Monday, June 22, 1903

I went down too the station this AM and talked over the phone too my darling wife. And also to the Dr. and ordered some groceries up. Cornea went and got them.

They came up this PM.

I went down too the station after some medicine for Geo.

Hens laid 16 eggs.

Sold Tolpo 1 ½ doz at 15 cents per doz.

Tuesday, June 23, 1903

I did not do much today as it rained nearly all day, but I made me a rudder and sat it.

And I had a good old sleep and listened to the rain on the roof.

Hens laid 14 eggs.

Wednesday, June 24, 1903

I went over too town this AM. And also went out to see my darling wee wifey. But did not stay only a few minutes as I had too get home with some medicine for George. I met Earl down town and he rode back with me.

George's leg is doing first rate. I paid \$1.25 for his medicine.

U fixed a new roost for my chicks. I brought home some beautiful roses from Cornea to Geo and Ma.

Hens laid 12 eggs.

Thursday, June 25, 1903

I went out for a fast sail in my new boat today but as there was hardly any wind we did not go so fast. Earl was with me.

I wrote to my darling this PM.

Oh how I wish she were here.

Hens only laid 7 eggs.

Friday, September 18, 1903

Papa and Aunt Sis came up this PM.

Monday, September 21, 1903

Papa and Aunt Sis went home this morning had a good visit Geo also started for Lowel
**** went after *** . Awful lonesome. Cornea and I got up at twelve tonight and done a
big washing that is such - did I bossed the job.

Memoranda

Beans, ½ bu
Wood alcohol
Ashistor wool
Gasoline
Subscribe for change June Farmer
Sauerkraut
Washboard
Butter
½ doz knives 1847 Rogers Bros.
½ doz forks “ “ “
1 doz spoons
Coarse black yarn
Tape for shoes
Nails
2 sheets no 1 ½ sand paper
Chicken feed
18 ft white oak plank
1 bale of clover hay
2 bales of oat straw
10 lbs meat meal
Sun flower seed
Machine oil
Cocoa
Grape nutts

Got a team from Strahms took Cornea and I to ***** from leight on Jan 14th.
Jan 20th I got another team from Strahms who took us out home with sleighs.
Jan 3rd I got ateam from Strahms and brought up our winter supplies on sleighs.

5# sulphur
Cr**** Arctic
½ doz Porcelian eggs
mashboard
Safety pins air pins
3/16 x 20 x 36 screen
Cream
1 box Stuarts tablets
1 bx Charnblerains “
Violin strings
Meat Meal
Nails for shoes and taps

Memoranda

Hens began leaying on Dec 22nd.

Kola coscaretts

Charcoal

Cheese cloth

Thermometers

Galvanized tub

Solder

Rolled oats

Tea 2#

Sweet milk

Coffee

2 oz nutt meg

Thimble

Oil & lamp

2# ff emery flour

Grape Nutts

Memoranda

Millet seed

Pursian Blue

Salt

Kalsomine canary

Tar paper or roofing felt

Chicken feed

1 Barrel of lime

Freight

Oyster shells

Carbide

Nails for hen house

“ “ boat

Sugar #1.00

Tea 2#

Cocoa 1#

Coffee 1#

Salt 1 sack

“ ½ bu coarse

100# flour

Milk sweet ½ oz.

Butter 10#

Sats soda & shine shot

Rice

Diamond dyes

Garden seeds: peas. Corn. Beans. sweet peas.

Brush for stripping *****

Pills

Questions answered from Sandy Trivett, the granddaughter of Guy Blake, from Mary Hokanson, one of the first lighthouse keepers of 2005, who so enjoyed reading the newly discovered journal of Guy Blake's hand written journal from the 1900's.

Mary Hokanson, lighthouse keeper, loved reading the diary. Not sure what she asked, but I told her who the people were that Guy was writing about.

Cornea is pronounced Cornie, that was what Grandfather called her.

Vollie is Cornelia's brother. His name was Valentine Penney.

Rufus Penney was Cornelia's father. Cornea's father lived in Amber, MI. and that is where Cornea was born. That is also where Guy and Cornea were married. My aunts told me Guy would often ride his bike 10 miles on a sandy road to court Cornea.

George was Guy's older brother. George was also a keeper at Big Sable Point Lighthouse.

Guy was the 1st asst. keeper. (forgot to mention this: but you would know that the two brothers lived together at the lighthouse.)

Earl Barnum was 1/2 brother to Guy and George. Earl helped do many things around the lighthouse.

Guy and Cornea's first child was born in 1904, a girl; Bernice. She was born at Cornea's father's farm in Amber, Michigan. She weighed 2 lbs. She was so small her foot would slip through Grandmother's wedding ring. Grandfather put Bernice in a shoebox with a light hanging over her to keep her warm. Just like he did for the chickens.

The second child was a girl; born at the lighthouse in January, 1905. Her name was Eunice.

My Aunts read to me from one of Grandfather's diaries, in 1971, when it was time for the baby to come, Grandfather carried Grandmother to a room, made her a fire to keep her warm and then he went to Ludington to get Dr. Taylor to help assist with the birth of Eunice.

Guy continued to raise chickens the rest of his life.

Guy and Cornea were married for 57 years.

Guy kept a diary every day of his life. It's a miracle to have this one diary. I told Mary how we came to obtain the diary.

Grandmother, Cornea kept every letter and every diary that Guy wrote. After Grandmother died, her memorabilia went to her two living daughters. After they died, Grandmother's items went to a cousin. That cousin died and the remaining items went to her daughter, Debra Conn. Grandmother's charitable items were put in a storage unit.

I told Mary that Debra got involved in drugs, but I do not tell everyone this part of the story. Debra did not keep up the cost of the storage unit so therefore, the items went up for auction. A thrift store in Yucaipa, CA bought Grandmother's keepsakes.

There at the thrift store in Yucaipa, CA., a young woman saw the diary. It was not pretty, but old looking, and the young girl bought the journal for a \$1.00. Took it home and packed it in a box with some other books. FIVE YEARS LATER, this is the miracle!

The young woman unpacked the box, took out the diary and fell in love with the way Guy Blake spoke about his lovely wife. After reading the journal, she thought the diary should go to the Big Sable Point Lighthouse. She went on the Internet, found Big Sable Point Lighthouse and the rest of the story you know.

I still feel this is a miracle for me, to have a copy of my grandfather's journal in my hands, and able to read the words of my grandfather's writings when he was at the age of 26. Such a joy to me.

Hope this helps.

When I was a girl, I know my parents had a picture of Guy in a uniform standing next to a bike. Maybe that picture is still in Yucaipa. Hoping for more successes in the near future.

Sandy Trivett

Mary's notes: 5/11/05

I chatted with Robert Sperling about the 1903 Blake diary and told him how fascinated I was with the story. So many questions. Was she pregnant? What happened to everyone? What did "making the twilight" mean? What is a "gil"? (Robert answered that it is "gal" – I did not read Guy's handwriting correctly. Robert says that the tender would drop off the supplies and it could be short a gallon.) Guy measured and wanted an accurate account – he felt that keeping track of every gallon was his responsibility.

Robert suggested that I meet Jeri Thornton at the annual meeting and ask her for the information she has. I did. Jeri e-mailed Sandy twice, told her about Colorado Mary and asked her to contact us.

I answered the gift shop phone on May 10, 2005. Sandy referred to Mary from Co, and I said, "I'm Mary from Colorado." I had a twenty minute conversation with her while the rest of the workers were busy with selling tours and items from the store.

I wrote a jumble of notes and waited until Judy Reeves and Ceil Heller could listen to "first draft" of conversation. Jeri is calling Sandy for all the information she told me, but I said that I would also get my part in order for her. I then told the story while Ceil took notes. Uninterrupted, I tried to recall things. Now our job is to put them in better order.

In the gift shop we were going to go over the hodge-podge and gather it together logically. If we were confused or if I started to make up my own story or embellish, Ceil could check my first impression notes for better accuracy. (never got the time, so I'm going over them quickly.)

Already I have forgotten to tell about making the twilight, my plans to meet Sandy in the middle of the desert (she lives in Utah and I live in Colorado), and the trip Sandy took to see Linda in CA (Yes, she did!). However the most important part that I left out is for the ears of all the volunteers and the association. Sandy said at least five times how grateful she is that all the volunteers work so hard for the lighthouse. She appreciates all that the association does and thank you, thank you, and thank you again.

Hokie
(Mary)

P.S. There are 6 eggs in the lantern room...

Copies to Ceil, Reeves, Van Wingens, Jeri, Robert, me

May 10, 2005

A misty, foggy sunrise, but very pretty. Phone rings in the gift shop. I answer. It is Sandy from Utah. She is Guy Blake's granddaughter. Detective Jeri Thornton contacted her and left a message for her to call me.

She bombards me with diary fill-in information. Her grandmother's name is not Cornea (We were pronouncing it like part of the eye). It is Cornelia. He calls her Cornie (or Corny, I didn't ask how to spell it – maybe Guy spelled it Cornea, the way it appears in the diary? I will use the spelling Cornie).

Facts we now know: (Quotes are Sandy's unless I signify otherwise.)

My father was their fourth child.

Yes, she was pregnant in 1903, but they never spoke or wrote that word. They "said they were 'sick'."

Guy had a bicycle "which he called his wheel and named it Ludington (listed at beginning of diary along with statistics about Guy). "He would ride it ten miles to Amber to court Cornelia." (Amber is ten miles east of Ludington.)

First born: Bernice (not sure of spelling) was born in Amber. "She weighed two pounds, and they put her in a shoebox to keep her warm." Cornelia was a tiny woman. (Sandy says that she has some of her rings, tried them on, and all were too small.) Cornie's wedding ring fit around her (Bernice's) ankle."

Second born: Eunice was born AT (emphasis mine) the lighthouse. Guy "went for the lady" to help. When I asked if he got back in time, Sandy said, "Well, I guess so... Eunice was born."

Third born: George was born in 1907 and died in 1908 (a preemie, too?)

Fourth born: Sandy's father (I never asked his name!)

The who's who of the dairy: George is Guy's older brother. Earl is half-brother, Earl Barnum (my spelling). Vollie is Cornie's brother. Penny is Cornie's father.

Remember when he refers to the father being lonesome? (Guy says on January 19: "Poor Papa how I hate to leave him, some day he shall come live with my sweet heart and (I can't read the rest) i... shall..." Sentence stops there.) Sandy says Guy was going to ask him to live with them later when he was older because Guy was so sensitive about being without Cornie that he thought her dad missed her in the same way. Sandy says, "He was a very loving, sensitive man. He was very romantic, and they had a great marriage." (When I talked about this during the tour, it seemed the women in the groups were very touched. One woman had tears in her eyes when I finished talking about the relationship from my point of view.)

{How sad it is that later, Sandy father's marriage ended in a bad divorce and families are now estranged.}

Sandy went on to say that Guy wrote dairies all his life. "At first I was angry that the daughter sold his diary (or all of them), but then I thought how thankful I am that I have one!" (Sandy says later in the conversation that the girl would sell them, but then go back and retrieve them. I'm thinking she really wanted to keep them, but that her circumstances dictated otherwise.)

When Guy died in 1959, the diaries went to the aunts (Bernice and Eunice). When they died, all his personal affects went to Guy's great-granddaughter who has had a difficult life with a dependency on drugs. Guy's belongings were in storage. When she didn't keep up the rental payments, all the contents were sold at auction.

Sandy is convinced that the rest of the diaries may be in that location and plans to send out a general plea over the local radio station for leads on further information. (sandy went out to meet Linda; she was so grateful that Linda took the extra effort to try to find the right place for this invaluable piece of the history puzzle.)

"The uncles talk to the great-granddaughter all the time," Sandy says. (Check facts on who talks to whom, and who is the woman who only speaks to family at Christmastime?)

"On the cladding crew photo," she muses, "I think one man is Guy. Maybe next to him is Earl. (she doesn't say which direction)... and the one sitting down..." My notes then are empty as I suffered mental and physical overload. So many facts and I wanted to get them right. Sandy will fill in the blanks.

I asked about the expression "making the twilights" in the Sunday, February 22 entry. Let me quote it as it is short: "We all spent our time talking and reading today. And dressing up. And making our twilights. Hens laid 8 eggs."

Sandy didn't know but agreed with Sandy VanWingen's guess that it may be related to a prayer service. Sandy offers, "They were very religious." Sandy VanWingen and I discussed the possibility that they dressed up in their church clothes and maybe picked (making) out the songs to sing or verses to say for the evening ("twilights").

I made copied of the original notes Ceil wrote down and gave them to Ken/Judy, Ceil, Robert, Sandy/Bruce, myself and mailed one to Jeri Thornton. I called Jeri and thanked her for following up so quickly to my request to get the granddaughter and me connected.

In talking with her, I told her about my idea to buy a carrom board until I read the diary and said as much to David Shilander, CEO of the company. He referred me to Ben Nelson, who then talked to me on the tower telephone at the same time I puffed my way to the top. In a 60 mph gale and swaying tower, I tried to explain what I wanted. He said that in a couple of weeks, he would look into and "dig around" for "something he might donate to the association." I said what I wanted was an old board game and wooden pieces, "but one we could bring upstairs and play in the kitchen just like Cornea and Guy did." So the hunt goes on.

Mary Hokanson

P.S. Sandy and I plan to meet in the middle of the desert between Utah and CO sometime this summer. I am making her a bird house like Bruce made for the silent auction. It will have stones from the BSP shore (Petoskey if I can find one), and sand from the beach. Keepers here are putting together a surprise package with notes from them, too.

P.P.S. Everyone (except Robert) first asked the very same question when I began journaling each night) to talk about the conversation with Sandy: "how old is she?" I'm almost 67, it never occurred to me to ask a complete stranger how old she was!!

P.P.S. "hens laid no eggs today." (That's the last line in Ceil's journal every night)