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The Great Plains Diaries of Hattie Whitcher

1920: Choring in the Mud

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Who Was Hattie Witcher?

Harriet Elizabeth “Hattie” Whiting was born in 1881 in Dakota Territory to Edward LeMoyne Whiting and Mary Whiting (née Herman). She spent her childhood and early adult years mostly in Boyd County, Nebraska. In 1918 she married William J. Witcher (referred to in her diaries as Will), and in 1923 they moved from Boyd County to a farm and ranch started by her father in 1908 in Todd County, South Dakota, near the community of Hidden Timber and on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation.

She kept a daily diary for most of her life. The volumes represented here span from January 1, 1920 through June 2, 1957, one year before her death.



Children of Edward and Mary Whiting

- **Harriet:** Born July 24, 1881, married William J. Witcher, died July 5, 1958.
- **Nellie:** Born September 22, 1883, married Fred Larmer, died March 11, 1957.
- **Edward L., Jr.:** Born August 13, 1885, married Rena Giroux, died August 14, 1974
- **David Blaine:** Born September 8, 1887, married Phoebe Bordeaux and Mable Shaw Valandra, died August 6, 1935.
- **Jacob:** Born April 12, 1890, married Cora Whetham, died December 21, 1972.
- **Thomas:** Born May 24, 1892, married Sadie Plass, died February 15, 1963.
- **Mary Ellen:** Born September 22, 1894, died October 27, 1918.
- **Mabel:** Born June 6, 1897, died August 16, 1899.
- **William:** Born July 9, 1899, died October 6, 1969.
- **Louisa:** Born August 29, 1902, married Harry Furrey, died December 14, 1991.

Whiting Family (c. 1906)

Front – Louise, Edward Sr., Mary Sr., William

Back – Nellie, Jake, David, Mary Jr., Edward Jr., Hattie, Thomas



Introduction

March 5, 1920: At noon we got a telegram that [Will's] Father, G. A. Whitcher died at Wichita, Kansas, so Will went to Bradshaws, got shaved, and to Knolls for 60 dollars cash from folks. I fixed his clothes.

March 6: Will took train to Wichita.

March 7: Papa has been trying to walk with his artificial limb.

March 8: I am all in from choring in the mud.

March 9: Melted snow-water, gathered cobs, and partly cleaned the barn.

March 11: I was alone all day and never heard from Will yet, so am so lonely.

March 13: I fixed fence, ironed clothes. Sharp got last load of hay. I went to Spencer on foot and to Depot on Bus to see if Will would come but no Hubby.

In 1920, Harriet and Will Whitcher had been married just two years and, because of Will's service in the war, had probably spent some of that time apart. The oldest of ten children and her husband's senior by ten years, Hattie was thirty-eight years in 1920. Close to her family and social by nature, she was most certainly used to a certain level of independence of both movement and mind.

Will and Hattie's farm was one and one-half miles from the town of Spencer in Boyd County, Nebraska, close enough for Hattie often to walk or catch a ride in a wagon to visit her parents, Ed and Mary Whiting, who lived in town:

July 29, 1920: Will helped Sherlocks finish stacking wheat so had dinner there. I walked to Spencer in the morning, sewed on Louise's Dress, had dinner at folks, and I then came home, went for water, got Supper and the mail. Will was all in from stickers on his beard and I am tired and worse because Will is worse as I went to town.

September 17, 1920: At 3 p.m. I went for Louise, and Foster went along. We went to the school-house to McDuffee's for suitcase, on to town, got tomatoes at Jonas's for Mamma, brought some home. Will was put out as usual.

Like all married couples, Hattie and Will were getting used to each other. They had not yet finished breaking sod on their farm, and, as her detailed inventories show, the Whitchers were

also struggling to make a living at a time when several Boyd County families were selling their land. In 1920, they were worth less than half of what they had been worth two years before. Hattie was also still getting used to being simultaneously a wife and a daughter when, in the span of two months, both of Will's parents died in Wichita, Kansas.

They received the first telegram on January 30, 1920:

Got a telegram that Will's mother at Wichita, Kans. was very sick. Left on 1 p.m. train for Wichita. H. Bradstreet was helping Will haul fodder when telegram came. Got to Omaha, Nebr. at 11 p.m., left for Kansas City, Kans. at once, traveled all night. Had supper in Norfolk, Nebr.

Will and Harriet ate breakfast in Kansas City and dinner at Emporia, Kansas ("\$.00 a plate"). When they arrived in Wichita that evening, they walked several blocks before taking a street-car to Will's parents' house. Will's mother died at 3 a.m. the next morning and funeral services with "many beautiful floral offerings" were held on February 3.

During their stay in Wichita, Hattie went to "Mass at Cathedral on Lawrence and Central" while Will went to the stock yards. Hattie "went to Cemetery in Will Reason's Car, came back over the viaduct and viewed the city, saw Mexican homes." She also saw a movie—Cecil B. DeMille's *Male and Female*, starring Gloria Swanson—at the Crawford Theater. They returned home on February 9.

When the second telegram arrived less than a month later announcing the death of Will's father, Will went alone to Wichita, after first getting a shave and borrowing 60 dollars from Harriet's parents. Will was gone for ten days, leaving Hattie in charge of their farm. She had quite an adventure.

On Saturday, the day Will left, she "chored all day" and got their runaway horses, Prince and John. On Sunday she was invited to the Bradstreets for dinner, and Mr. Bradstreet helped her with the evening chores. He also came to their farm on Monday to shingle "the south side of Hog-house up to the windows in the roof."

Tuesday was "so muddy" Hattie could "scarcely walk to do the chores": "I melted snow-water, gathered cobs and partly cleaned the barn, so I wish that Will was here as I am all in." On Wednesday, winter ice broke in a nearby creek, destroying two bridge pilings and delaying

trains. Thursday was cold and cloudy, and Harriet was lonely. She received a letter from Will on Friday, written Monday, saying that he hoped to be home soon. On Saturday the Railroad Supervisor came to inspect the bridge and announced that freight trains could pass through again beginning at 4 p.m. Eager to see Will, Hattie fixed fence, ironed clothes, then walked to Spencer, “but no Hubby.”

She stayed in town with her parents Saturday night then returned to her farm. By Sunday night, Hattie was getting anxious about being alone:

Monday, March 15: This is an awful, windy day at noon as I am writing this. Had an awful fright as 2 men came walking in yard about 8:30 p.m. after I was in bed, and they went to the barn but not the house, so I called Sherlocks, and Mrs. Sherlock got someone to go to Bradstreet. It was only some men having car trouble instead of chicken thieves, as I thought, but I went to Bradstreets for the night and he came over with this a.m. to chore. The fright was straightened out—was neighbors stuck in the mud south of our place. They got a horse and single-tree from a wagon to pull them out.

Will returned home that afternoon and, not finding Hattie at home, went to Bradstreets to look for her. They both came home after supper and the next morning resumed their “ordinary work.”

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THE GREAT PLAINS DIARIES OF HATTIE WHITCHER
1920: CHORING IN THE MUD

January 1, 1920, Thursday

This was a fair day but cold. Will husked corn but wasn't very well. We had a good supper consisting of fresh roast pork, gravy, potatoes, cranberry & apple sauce, fresh butter, bread, cream & coffee. I got 6 eggs.

January 2, 1920, Friday

This is a stormy forenoon but stopped at noon and very cold. Will husked corn but still sick. I got 3 eggs.

January 3, 1920, Saturday

A fair day. Will had to stay in bed on account of several boils on his rectum making him pass a restless night and very sick. I went to Bradstreets, got some books and water. Howard Bradstreet came over and helped with evening chores.

January 4, 1920, Sunday

Will still in bed. Mr. Bradstreet and I did chores. It was cloudy and cold at times during day.

January 5, 1920, Monday

Will still in bed. I did the chores. Was cloudy and cold. Mr. Bradstreet called in evening.

January 6, 1920, Tuesday

Will still in bed until noon. Pat Langan came to husk corn and Will got him started and helped me with evening chores. Mr. Bradstreet was here. I went to Bradstreets after water & books. It was cold & cloudy and threatened to snow. I got six eggs.

January 7, 1920, Wednesday

Will helped with chores but is still feeling bad. Howard B. helped Pat Langan husk corn. I returned 3 books and got water at Bradstreets. Was a bright day. I got 5 eggs. Finished corn.

January 8, 1920, Thursday

This is a nice day. Will and I went to Spencer and Dr. Skelton said Will had Fistula Abscess. We had dinner at folks, Whitings, consisting of beefsteak, potatoes, gravy, beans & boiled pork, peaches, jelly, bread, butter, coffee, cream and sugar. Will met Roman Rhody from Holt Co., Nebr., an old school-mate, today at Spencer. I got 5 eggs.

January 9, 1920, Friday

I was sick with chills and sick headache until noon. Will is still ailing but got own breakfast. Mr. Knoll came for magnet for engine. This is a fair day. I got 9 eggs. Got pig from Gallents.

January 10, 1920, Saturday

This a fair day. I got letter from Sadie and all quite well in Todd Co., S. Dak. Will is ailing yet but he worked on Hog-house and cleaned barn. Mr. H. Bradstreet went to Spencer in evening to take Mrs. Legro and children back and used our buggy, so came here for it. I got 8 eggs.

January 11, 1920, Sunday

H. Bradstreet and George Krikac from Butte came in morning on way hunting. George Knoll and August Korthammer came at noon for Will's saddle. Willie K. came about 4 p.m. and Will went with him to crossing under Railroad bridge where they tried to cut out ice. In the evening, 3 teachers and a little boy called for a drink while out for a walk. I helped Will with chores. We got 7 eggs and one double yolk egg. It was a nice warm day.

January 12, 1920, Monday

Will helped D. McDuffy move on the Schuenaman place. The weather was fair & warm. I baked



Figure 1. Self-portrait by Anthony van Dyke, after whom the Van Dyke beard is named.

bread and was feeling bad so didn't do much else. I got 5 eggs.

A letter from Rose and Mother is very sick.

January 13, 1920, Tuesday

Will put alfalfa & straw in barn, went to Bradstreets, had whiskers trimmed for Van Dyke, also piled fodder. I put seed-corn & pumpkins away and got 6 eggs, 1 double yolk.

January 14, 1920, Wednesday

Will cleaned barn, hauled water from creek and worked on hog-house. Merle Gallentine was here, also H. Bradstreet and Sherlock family stopped on way home from Haskett sale. The weather was fair. I washed clothes and left them out to dry for night. I got 7 eggs and a double yolk. Will wrote to Mr. L. A. Bulla, Newman Grove, Nebr.

January 15, 1920, Thursday

A fair day. Will went to Carl Ferris sale south of Spencer on Sidell place. I made Harold William Whiting 2 small dresses from Will's old shirts. Got 7 eggs. Gathered cobs.

January 16, 1920, Friday

Will helped H. Bradstreet cut and haul wood from the creek. I ironed some clothes but didn't finish. Got 6 eggs. Was cold and cloudy. A letter from Florence.

January 17, 1920, Saturday

Will & I took last of corn to N. B---. Was a cold day and snowed some in evening. Had dinner at Folks and came home about 4 o'clock so Will went to Geo. Knoll's for corn-sheller. Got 6 eggs.

January 18, 1920, Sunday

Will helped H. Bradstreet saw wood. Was a nice day. I was very sick in forenoon, so Harlan B. brought me some aspirins so was better in evening and gathered cobs.

January 19, 1920, Monday

Will got Eugene at Knolls in forenoon and went to Andrew Clausen's sale in p.m. Was cold. Uncle Jim took me to Spencer. I measured Papa's leg, the left one for a limb at A. Marks, New York City.

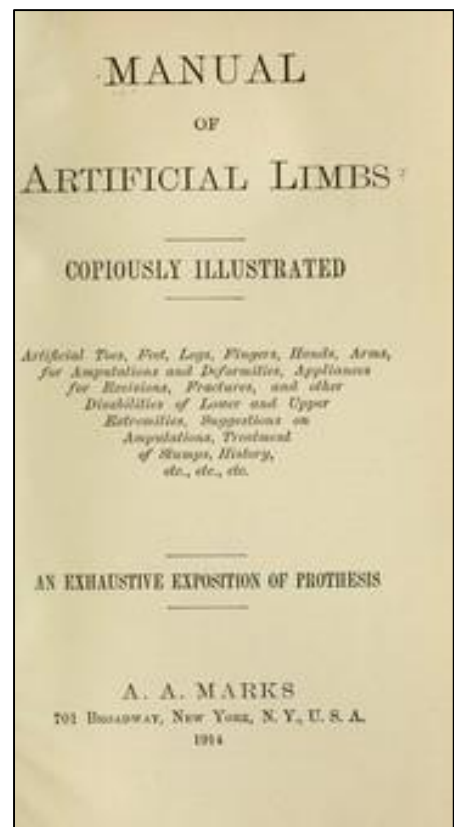


Figure 2. Manual of Artificial Limbs, by A. A. Marks, 1914

January 20, 1920, Tuesday

Will bought an eli at sale, paid \$50. Was very cold. Tom Ernest & wife Louise, Jake Anderson, Uncle Jim Herman, Howard Bradstreet, Geo. Knoll, Everet Ward & Will started to shell corn but broke sheller so quit for the day. Also Mr. D. M. McDuffy helped. I cooked dinner with Louise's help.

January 21, 1920, Wednesday

Mr. Knoll & Will went to Town to get sheller fixed. Shelled p.m. with McDuffy, Ernest, Herman, Knoll's help. I went to Bradstreets after gasoline.

January 22, 1920, Thursday

Mr. Knoll, H. Bradstreet helped Will finish shelling at noon. Will hauled corn to Nye, S. F. Co. the rest Uncle Crist never took. Also took a load of coal to Mr. McDuffy. Was very cold. Mrs. R. Marx entertained the Altar Society.

January 23, 1920, Friday

Will hauled 2 loads of corn to A. Wards instead of Elevator, went to Uncle Crist's and I went to Bradstreet, took back books. Will put some cobs in coal Bin.

January 24, 1920, Saturday

Was a cold day. Mr. H. Bradstreet, Will & I went to town, had dinner at Folks. Sadie was there. We got 1,000 lbs. coal for \$5.00 on track.

January 25, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day. Mr. Knoll and Will went to Danielson place to get Wards' Grinder and then Will got manure spreader at Knolls and cleaned barn. He put a load of straw in barn, unloaded coal and went to Bradstreets after water.

What Is an Eli?

"An Eli was a cultivator to use on corn. It had shovels and disks. People used listers to plant corn. The lister made a furrow and the corn was planted in it. This resulted in a ridge between the corn rows. The Eli could be set to take the weeds from the side of the ridge. Later the disks would be reversed and the ridge would be placed next to the rows, leveling the field. This was called 'throwing the corn in'. Another name for the Eli was 'go devil.'"

~ Harley Furrey

January 26, 1920, Monday

Was a warm but windy day. Mr. Knoll & Will helped H. Bradstreet haul hay and I went over there for dinner.

January 27, 1920, Tuesday

I washed a few clothes and it was a fair day. Uncle Jim came up with J. Anderson from Uncle Crist's at night. Will worked around place.

January 28, 1920, Wednesday

It was a fair day. Will helped Mr. Knoll gather wood, also saw some at Bradstreet. Uncle Jim & I were at home.

January 29, 1920, Thursday

It was a fair day and very warm. Will helped H. Bradstreet haul hay. I washed my head. Uncle Jim here.

January 30, 1920, Friday

A cold & stormy day, mostly sleet. Got a telegram that Will's mother at Wichita, Kans. was very sick. Left on 1 p.m. train for Wichita. Uncle Jim went to Uncle Chris's when they took us to depot. H. Bradstreet was helping Will haul fodder when Telegram came. Got to Omaha Nebr. at 11 p.m., left for Kansas City, Kans. at once, traveled all night, had supper in Norfolk, Nebr.

January 31, 1920, Saturday

Had Breakfast in Kansas City. Still cloudy and damp. Had dinner at Emporia, Kansas at \$1.00 a plate. Arrived at Wichita, Kans. at 6 p.m., walked several blocks, took street-car, arrived at folks and found Mother very sick. The sun was shining this evening.

February 1, 1920, Sunday

Mother died at 3 a.m., passed peacefully away. Father was very sick so called the Doctor at 3:30 a.m. Florence (Mrs. Oscar Tarble) came at 7 a.m., so all are here but Georgia (Mrs. Wm Keeler, Detroit, Mich.) who has a 3 wks. old girl. Grayce has the Flu at home, 1528 So. Water St.,

Wichita, Kans. We had dinner at Father's at 1 p.m. and supper at Grayce's & Tom's. Guy, Tom, & Florence prepared the meal.

February 2, 1920, Monday

Was a damp day. Florence, Will & Myrtle (Mrs. M. Watkins, 1546 S. Water St.) bought the lot in Maple Grove Cemetery, also purchased casket and flowers in the forenoon. Will and I went to city and bought me a new pair of black shoes. Father is feeling better but Grayce still in bed, also Merle is in bed and Guy is cook.

February 3, 1920, Tuesday

It rained last night and is a cloudy day. Mother's funeral at 10 a.m. at home and burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita. Many beautiful floral offerings.

February 4, 1920, Wednesday

Was a cloudy day. All were at home but Myrtle went to work, also Tom (Mr. John Thompson) at Beacon.

February 5, 1920, Thursday

Was a fair day and warmer. We were at home.

February 6, 1920, Friday

Was a beautiful day. I went to Mass at Cathedral on Lawrence & Central near the Court House. Will & Guy Earl went to Stock yards. Florence and Grayce went to City. Father is better.

February 7, 1920, Saturday

Was a beautiful day. Will and Myrtle went to City in morning, also Guy and boys went out to find a dog mate to one bought yesterday. Rose (Mrs. R. Earl) & I went to City to shop, also went to Movies, Male and Female at the Crawford Theater. Will, Father, Florence, Merle, Myrtle & Grayce went in car driven by Will to Mount Caramel to see Neva Watkins. On their return Will took me to church.

February 8, 1920, Sunday

Was colder & cloudy at times. I went to Mass & Communion in morning. In p.m. Florence, Will, Rose, Merle and I went to cemetery in Will Reason's Car. Came back over the viaduct and viewed the city, saw Mexican homes. Grayce, Florence & Rose went to house on Market St.

February 9, 1920, Monday

Was a cloudy morning but beautiful in afternoon. We left Wichita, this is Will, Florence & I at 9:30 a.m., traveled all day to McFarland for Lunch & Bellevue for supper at 6 p.m., left there at 9:30 p.m. for Omaha via Lincoln, Nebr., arrived at Omaha at 1:45 a.m. E.S.C. had 12 pigs, 2 dead, 10 alive.

February 10, 1920, Tuesday

Slept at Windsor Hotel 4 hrs., had breakfast there. Left Omaha at 8:17 a.m. for Spencer. Had dinner in Norfolk, Nebraska. Arrived at Spencer at 7 p.m. Mr. Knoll met us in car. Had Supper at Bradstreets. Was a fair day.

February 11, 1920, Wednesday

Was a cold & cloudy day. Florence, Will & I went to town as Billie & Dave were from Carter, had dinner up at Folks. Dave & Billie & Uncle Jim went back. Geo. Knoll & H. Bradstreet helped Will butcher a hog.

February 12, 1920, Thursday

Was a cold Day. Took care of meat & Will cleaned Barn.

February 13, 1920, Friday

Was a cold & cloudy Day. Florence went home to Amery, Wis. Will took her to Depot at 7 a.m. He put sheeting on barn. I was sick.

February 14, 1920, Saturday

Was a very cold & clear day. Will went to Depot to get his dog. He walked up track. I was sick.

February 15, 1920, Sunday

Still am feeling bad with a cold on lungs also Will has a bad cold from Hoarseness at Wichita. On Monday Feb. 2nd Will had his 3 months whisker crop shaved off, so got a cold. We stayed at home. Howard was here. Was a bright day.

*"Will had his 3 months
whisker crop shaved off, so
got a cold."*

February 16, 1920, Monday

Was a cold day and cloudy. G. Knoll & Will went to Uncle Chris's after a saw, never got it. Will hauled corn to Shanty from Bin. I washed clothes.

February 17, 1920, Tuesday

I cooked meat, also re-salted some. Helped Will put corn in Shanty. Was a cold day.

February 18, 1920, Wednesday

This is a stormy day, snow and thaw. Will & I went to town, had dinner at Folks, came home via Knolls, got hay rack.

February 19, 1920, Thursday

This a beautiful day and so warm. In forenoon Will, Howard & Merle Gallentine hauled fodder and had dinner. In p.m. Howard & Will dug post holes around haystacks in fence. I still have a cold and finished lard today.

February 20, 1920, Friday

It stormed so ground is covered with snow. Will put sheeting on hog house in a.m., and he and Howard Bradstreet fixed fence in p.m. I made mince meat but still have a cold on lungs and throat.

February 21, 1920, Saturday

Was a cold day. Howard & Will fixed fence in p.m. and Will and I are still feeling bad. I cleaned basement.

February 22, 1920, Sunday

This is a beautiful clear day, until evening it is cooler. Will went to Bradstreets, got a shave and brought Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, Forest & Freda back for dinner of chicken, noodles, potatoes, onions, bread, butter, coffee, milk and mince pie. They went home in the evening. Merle Gallentine came for hog in the evening. We still have colds. This is Washington's Birthday.

February 23, 1920, Monday

Cloudy most of day and quite damp. Will & Howard went to Spencer in forenoon and I canned mince meat, 6 qts. In the afternoon Will took Hayrack to Knolls and put sheeting on roof of hog-house. I did some mending. The telephone Men fixed bells on our phone and we paid Jan. & Feb. rent. Will & I still have bad colds.

February 24, 1920, Tuesday

Geo. Knoll came last evening and called McDuffy as he was unable to get through Spencer Central on account of line ground. Will helped Knolls shell corn. He hauled 3 loads to Spencer. It was stormy in forenoon and very cold but in afternoon was bright. I cleaned the chicken house and put in 6 nests. Got a letter from Florence and the Flu is bad in Amery, Wis. I still have cold.

February 25, 1920, Wednesday

A cold, stormy day until evening sun shone. Will helped Knolls shell corn and went to Spencer, got some apples. I baked bread, was sick with cold. Will had my glasses fixed at Roberts Jewelry Store. 8 pigs, 5 alive, from Maggie, and these 5 nearly froze.

February 26, 1920, Thursday

Sun shining bright but very cold. I washed clothes. Will shingled hog-house. We have colds.

February 27, 1920, Friday

Very cold but sun was shining. Will shingled hog-house. I ironed the clothes and baked doughnuts. Are feeling better. The pigs (Maggie's) died, 8 of them.

February 28, 1920, Saturday

It was very cold, but Will and I went to Spencer, had dinner at Folks, bought Groceries (Oh my!). Came home about 3 o'clock. Feeling quite well.

February 29, 1920, Sunday

Was a better day and beautiful evening. Will & I went to H. Bradstreet for a little walk. Am getting over cold.

March 1, 1920, Monday

This a warm day & bright. Will & I shingled hog-house on north side. We are feeling better, only very tired. Papa got his artificial limb on 11 o'clock a.m. train. Chicken Eater had 11 pigs, 4 died and 7 nice ones living. Mr. Jack Underwood from Carter, S. Dak. is at folks.

March 2, 1920, Tuesday

A bright & cold day. Will put sheeting on south hog-house roof. I baked raisin bread, mopped the floor, and cleaned a chicken for lunch for Ladies' Aid, rather Altar Society and was very tired at night as I didn't feel good.

March 3, 1920, Wednesday

During the night a storm came and in morning turned to a blizzard until night, so Will did the chores and went to Bradstreets in forenoon to see if they were well, for Mr. & Mrs. had very bad colds. I baked white bread, cleaned another chicken, fried doughnuts and baked pie crusts. It wasn't so very cold.

March 4, 1920, Thursday

Day of all days for it was cold and snow drifted, so very miserable to go to Spencer to Meeting of Altar Society at Whitings. Those present, Mrs. Jergensen, Mrs. Mertha and little boy, Mr. & Mrs. S. Harris & Miss Fern, Mrs. Laurey & Miss Lizzie, Mrs. Rosa Marx, Mrs. F. Yegge, Misses Julia & Rose Angel, Mr. & Mrs. Whiting, Misses Louise & Nellie, Mr. J. Underwood and myself serving the lunch consisting of chicken sandwiches, Raisin Bread with Pimiento cheese, Pickles, Coffee & Cream and Raspberry Pie with whipped cream. Will took me up at noon and came for

me again at 4 p.m. He hauled some coal home, brought wood from Bradstreets, cleaned the barn in p.m. In forenoon he went to Brad's for cream.

March 5, 1920, Friday

Sun shone bright but cold in forenoon. Will put some shingles on south side of roof of hog-house. I went to Brad's for water and at noon we got a telegram that Father G. A. Whitcher died at Wichita, Kansas, so Will went to Brad's, got shaved and to Knolls for \$60 cash from folks. I fixed his clothes.

March 6, 1920, Saturday

Was a very stormy morning and very cold all day and wind blew. Will left on morning train which was 2 hrs. late for Omaha via Kansas City to Wichita, Kans for his Father's funeral. He walked up track to depot. H. Bradstreet & Merle Gallentine came to shingle hog-house roof but was too windy so they put hog in shanty and went home. I chored all day and got Prince & John, the runaways.

March 7, 1920, Sunday

This is a bright and warmer day. I did morning chores, went to Bradstreets for dinner consisting of mashed potatoes, gravy, chicken, bread, coffee, butter, pickles, rice, cake & ice-cream. H. Bradstreet came over and helped with evening chores. I talked to Louise Ernest & Mamma this evening and Uncle Chris is sick and Papa has been trying to walk with his artificial limb.

March 8, 1920, Monday

This is a beautiful, warm day, very muddy so that I am all in from choring in the mud. Merle Gallentine, Mr. H. McDuffy and Howard Bradstreet shingled the south side of hog-house up to top windows in roof. Mrs. Merle Gallentine came along. I have another cold.

March 9, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright, warm day but so muddy. I could scarcely walk to do the chores. Melted snow water, gathered cobs, and partly cleaned barn so wish that Will was here as I am all in. Howard went to Spencer and took our eggs and got the groceries.

March 10, 1920, Wednesday

This is a warm day but so muddy and sun hot. Howard, Merle and Mr. D. McDuffy finished shingling south roof of hog house. Mrs. M. G. came along. I am not feeling well, all in as usual.

March 11, 1920, Thursday

Was cold & cloudy in forenoon and wind blew in evening. I was alone all day and never heard from Will yet so am so lonely. The ice went out of creek last evening and broke seven pilings at bridge near here, so the trains transferred passengers and baggage at noon but passed over in evening. I am still all in, Oh my!

March 12, 1920, Friday

This is a bright day but sun never shone until nearly noon. Brad penned 2 hogs. Merle stopped in. I washed clothes Wednesday and dried them today. Melted snow. Got letter written Monday noon from Will at Wichita, hope that he will be home soon. I left the horses out, was too all in to fix barn for them this evening.

March 13, 1920, Saturday

This was a beautiful day but still muddy. The Road Supervisor of C. N. W. Railroad came for bridge between here and Brads and sent a telegram to Headquarters at Norfolk that freights could pass at 4 p.m. I fixed fence, ironed clothes. Sharp got last load of hay. I went to Spencer on



Figure 3. "Baby" Marie Osborne

foot and to Depot on Bus to see if Will would come but no Hubby.

March 14, 1920, Sunday

It is bright but windy & muddy. I stayed at Folks (Whitings) all night and Mamma paid Nellie's & my way to movies so her and I went to Milady o' the Beanstalk by Marie Osborn and it was fine last night. I went to Mass in forenoon and to Communion and then walked home and oh my! so tired so went to bed in basement at 8 p.m.

March 15, 1920, Monday

This is an awful windy day, at noon I am writing this. Had an awful fright as 2 men came walking in yard about 8:30 p.m. after I was in bed and went to barn around place but not house so I called Sherlocks and Mrs. got Merle Gallentine to go to Bradstreet and Howard, Merle, Mr. Knoll & man came over but was only some men having car trouble and they were gone, instead of chicken thieves as I thought, but I went to Brads for night, and he came over with me this a.m. to chore. I stayed until evening when I went back with Bradstreet and he took eggs, 65 for his incubator.

Was very windy all day. The fright straightened out, was Langans and Angels stuck in mud south of place. They got horse and single-tree from wagon to pull out.

*"[It] was only some men
having car trouble and they
were gone, instead of chicken
thieves as I thought"*

March 16, 1920, Tuesday

This a very windy day and stormed in forenoon so I came over from Bradstreets at 3 p.m. Howard did morning chores. Got a letter, Oh my!

March 17, 1920, Wednesday

This is not so windy, but cold. Will wrote 2 letters, one Thursday and one Saturday saying that he would have to stop at Albion and Newman Grove on return. He left Wichita Saturday evening, so never expected him last night, so was surprised when he came to Bradstreets after me. After supper we came home. Will had a cold and I was all in. Will's father died Thursday, March 4 just before midnight and was buried Monday, March 8 in Maple Grove Cemetery beside Mother.

We went to Spencer and had dinner at folks. Uncle Chris & Jim and Mr. Underwood of Carter were there. Got lumber for Hog-house doors. Sherlocks brought me some packages from town Sunday evening. Mr. & Mrs. M. Gallentine came for eggs Monday evening for incubator, 70 eggs.

March 18, 1920, Thursday

Rained in night & forenoon, turned to snow in afternoon. Howard came after soap so Mrs. could wash clothes. Will started to make doors for hog-house, got one small one finished at

noon. I washed dishes and got dinner, afternoon we took a nap. 2 boys on way to Montana from Kansas got stuck near mail boxes so Will hauled them to Spencer with wagon, Prince & John & Barbwire. Will has a bad cold and I am tired. Mrs. G. Knoll called up for 4 or 5 doz. eggs, to be gotten Saturday.

March 19, 1920, Friday

It snowed a little in forenoon and in p.m. was fair but cold. Will helped M. Gallentine skin a yearling calf in forenoon and in afternoon he made doors for hog-house. I baked bread & cinnamon rolls. Will had cold in head.

March 20, 1920, Saturday

This is a beautiful day. Will cleaned barn in forenoon and made a door for hog-house in p.m. H. Bradstreet called from here about hog-market Mr. & Mrs. M. Gallentine stopped on way to hay-stack and left part of eggs borrowed for incubator. I washed clothes, melted snow and mopped basement. Will still has cold in head and his feet hurt on account of damp and sitting on them fixing doors. I am very tired this evening.

March 21, 1920, Sunday

This is a beautiful day but still muddy. Mr. McDuffy & family left team of mules in barn and walked railroad bridge. Knolls met them, they returned in evening. Will went to Bradstreet, helped Howard unload hog-chute he got here Saturday. In the afternoon we took a nap as I have cold in head also and earache. Mr. & Mrs. Gallentine brought back remainder of eggs.

March 22, 1920, Monday

A windy, dusty day and sprinkled in evening. Howard got hog-market \$13.65 at Spencer so Will helped him load 2 loads of hogs, 11 head. Will also fixed doors on hog-house. I was sick with cold in head all day so Will helped with work.

March 23, 1920, Tuesday

This is a beautiful day and Will went to Spencer after medicine for me and lumber for partitions in hog-house, also Howard was over and ordered a few things. Mr. D. McDuffy put horse in

barn while he went to Knolls to pick out seed-corn. I couldn't even get the meals today was so sick, so Will did the work.

March 24, 1920, Wednesday

This is a nice day, only a little windy. I am still very sick but got up at 4 p.m. as Will feels tired of work. Will made a door and started partitions in hog-house. McDuffy left horse in barn again on way to Knolls to pick Seed-corn.

March 25, 1920, Thursday

This is a nice day. Will hauled hay and fixed Chicken-eater's pen and I felt sick, was in bed, only up to get dinner and laid down until 3 p.m. Will & I then went to Bradstreets to Butcher a hog, then we stayed for supper and I had such an appetite. We came home at 10 p.m. as Will & Howard came over here and did chores, then back to Howard's and finished his chores. Mr. G. Knoll also helped Howard butcher the hog but we went home when it was finished.

March 26, 1920, Friday

This a beautiful forenoon but windy in afternoon. Will made pens in forenoon, in afternoon Howard helped him fill the barn. I felt pretty fair in forenoon but in p.m. had to rest before I got supper. Phillip Drickey used phone Thursday afternoon.

March 27, 1920, Saturday

Was misty in forenoon and in the p.m. clear but chilly. We went to Spencer, had dinner at folks, took Howard's harness up to Johnsons to get oiled, also 17 doz. eggs. I felt fair in forenoon but, oh my! was sick about 5 p.m. until night. Will is feeling better for Bobby has 12 little pigs.

March 28, 1920, Sunday

Was a storming morning of snow & sleet, but cleared off before noon. I did chores in morning, slept forenoon, went to Bradstreets in afternoon. I did

Whitchers' Sows

Big Bobby
Bobby
Chicken Eater's Big Sow (C.E.B.)
Chicken Eater
E.S.C.
Floyd Wood
Hooten Ann
Little Bobby
Maggie
Long Tail

work up in morning, got dinner of Lemon pie, Boiled Beef & soup. Read papers in afternoon, being alone. I am feeling better.

March 29, 1920, Monday

Was a fair day, only clouds would pass over. I washed clothes, dried them in a hurry on account of the wind. Set 5 hens, one on front porch, one in corn bin, 3 in N. E. corner of chicken on the ground. Will dug post holes for new hog pasture around the alfalfa. He wasn't feeling none too well, but I am better.

March 30, 1920, Tuesday

Was a fair day, but windy. Will dug post holes, went to Knolls in evening and ground some feed consisting of rye, corn, oats and barley for the little pigs. I partly dusted the basement. We are feeling better.

March 31, 1920, Wednesday

This a very warm day but wind blew in afternoon. At 3 a.m. Merle Gallentine called up and said that his baby was sick so Will & I went over there but the baby had just died. We came home at 5:30 a.m. Will went to bed, I got breakfast, set bread, then Will got up after I went to Bradstreet and decided to help her wash so they could go to the funeral at 3 p.m. Will helped dig grave. We all went to funeral at M. Gallentine's and Burial south of Spencer. We are feeling better.

April 1, 1920, Thursday

Was cloudy and cold this morning, started to snow about 9 o'clock and was a regular blizzard for awhile until about 2 p.m., so we had a nap. Will hauled a load of cobs, put in bin. He went after eli at Clausen's, left it at Knolls, brought Spreader home. Howard helped him. I didn't do much work as I am feeling not so well, but started to fix my jacket suit.

April 2, 1920, Friday

This is a medium day, not very warm. Will hauled manure. I fixed jacket suit. We are feeling fair.

April 3, 1920, Saturday

Was a very cold and cloudy day. Will was half sick but hauled manure. I am still sewing on suit.

April 4, 1920, Sunday

This is a beautiful Easter day but a little chilly. Mrs. Knoll, Willie, Marjorie, Will & I had dinner at Bradstreets consisting of Roast Pork & Dressing, Potatoes, Chicken & Noodles, Bread, Butter, Pickles, Pineapple salad, Mince Pie & Angel Food Cake, Coffee, Milk, & Hot water.

Uncle Jim & Paul Meyers came out in forenoon, went back to town. Chas. Ward came last night, had Will phone for Dr. Bradley as his 6 mo. Baby was sick and he came back again this evening at 6 p.m. They got stuck so he came again at 9 p.m. to call for help to pull Bradley.

April 5, 1920, Monday

A cold, bright day and windy until evening was cloudy. Will finished and brought manure spreader back to Knolls. He got eli and wagon. Howard came with him. Will went to Sherlocks then we went to Spencer. Harlan rode home with us. We got a letter from Rose and one from L. O. Bulla. I had an awful sick headache this evening and Will was sick Sunday evening.

April 6, 1920, Tuesday

This a chilly day but bright. Will went to Spencer in forenoon and Chas. Ward came at noon so they called Dr. Hinrod Barney for his baby and then cleaned hog-stalls, took down posts and built a pen for small pigs. I sewed a little, went to Brads and in evening Dave came home with us for the night.

April 7, 1920, Wednesday

This is a bright day but chilly yet. We went to Spencer, took Dave up as he went to Winner on evening train. We got woven wire, hog waterer and sideboard and Howard helped us unload. I am feeling better and so is Will. We had dinner at folks in town.

April 8, 1920, Thursday

This is a bright day but chilly in forenoon and warm in afternoon. Will went to Theodore Crawford's in morning after 100 posts to fence hog-pasture of alfalfa. He came home in evening,

brought 15 cherry trees home. I took care of dark spotted sow (Maggie) and her 4 little pigs born last night. Also mopped the bed-room and done part of the chores so was very tired when night came and had a headache and Will was all in also.

April 9, 1920, Friday

This a fair day until afternoon it sprinkled at times. Will strung posts, took wagon back to H. Bradstreet's. I baked bread in forenoon and Will & I set out 12 cherry trees and I set 3 at N. E. corner of farm. Will dug post holes latter part of p.m. We are feeling quite well.

April 10, 1920, Saturday

Cloudy until noon and then it rained quite hard for an hour and sprinkled rest of evening. Will dug post holes in forenoon and Pat Langan came at noon, called home as he couldn't get car to town. We napped then went to Bradstreet's, ordered milk. We are feeling better. H. Bradstreet went to Spencer, passed through here on way home. Roy Lowry stopped, had Will inquire of crossing at Wards.

April 11, 1920, Sunday

Cloudy & cold today. Nell, Boyd & Lee came from Winner to folks on 1 o'clock yesterday, had come home from the Ferris place, was tickled all over. We put the sideboard together this forenoon. Will went to Brads for milk at noon. They came in afternoon, also Chas. Ward to call Dr. H. Barney for information concerning baby. We went with Bradstreets across the bridge after supper. We are feeling quite well.

April 12, 1920, Monday

This a cold forenoon but bright, got warmer in p.m. Will & I set posts around hog-fence and at 4 p.m. went to Langans, got woven wire stretcher, on to town after staples at depot. Had supper at folks. Nell and boys, Chas. Riser and Uncle Jim were there. We are well.

April 13, 1920, Tuesday

This a cold day but bright. Will strung wire and stapled some hog-fence, got H. Brad to haul wire from N. E. to N. side of hog-fence. I washed the clothes and was so tired I could scarcely

go at night. Mr. & Mrs. M. Gallentine got eggs for incubator last evening.

April 14, 1920, Wednesday

This a warm day and bright. Will went to Spencer to mail an order for some wire in a.m. I baked bread & ironed clothes and in afternoon Will and I set posts on north side of hog-fence and when finished, Will strung wire and I loaded a load of cobs and Will put in basement. We are well, only tired.

April 15, 1920, Thursday

This a bright day, only chilly and clouded in evening. I mopped basement, went to Brad's after milk, also got water. Will stapled fence and got seeder ready, also loaded oats and oiled disc before noon. Afternoon I helped him sow oats and then he disced hog-lot also started out field. I gathered cobs and fixed a place to set 4 hens which we did in evening. Billie Knoll came for 5 doz. eggs. We are all in first day out, Oh my!

April 16, 1920, Friday

This a windy but bright day and chilly. I went to Brad's for milk, picked up some kindling and slept some, about 2 hrs. Chas. Ward came at 2:45 p.m. and had me call Wards to tell them that his baby died at 2:20 p.m. I went and told Will as he disced the oats all day, also went where Howard & Forest were planting potatoes to tell them but they knew it. Will and I went to Ward's and stayed until 11:30 p.m., went to bed 12 o'clock midnight.

April 17, 1920, Saturday

Was cloudy and damp until 2 p.m. when started to rain and snow until evening, rained right. Will finished discing oats, at 10:15 a.m. he cleaned pig-pen. I went to Bradstreet for milk at 10:30 a.m., went with Mrs. Sherlock to Chas. Wards and Will came at 1 p.m. All the neighbors went in cars to funeral at M. C. Church at 4 p.m. I went part way with Mr. Sherlock family and when chain came off, I and Maggie Ward rode with Will & Mr. Knoll. We came home with Mr. Duffey and Will went on to Wards with him, got team, pulled Gallentine out, on way home brought Mrs. Sherlock and Leona here until Mr. Gallentine fixed Sherlock's car on the road. They got

warm, went on home for was very cold, rain & snow. I set three hens Thursday eve. I was very sick this afternoon with stomachache.

April 18, 1920, Sunday

It rained all day so we had breakfast at 8:30 a.m., done chores and morning work, slept from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Got supper, did chores, read papers and H. Bradstreet came for pliers and guitar in evening. We are feeling fine.

April 19, 1920, Monday

Damp & rainy all day. I cleaned the basement & Will went for milk in forenoon and in p.m. went to Spencer after Nell, Boyd & Lee. They got here at 5:30 p.m. through all the mud.

April 20, 1920, Tuesday

Bright at times but sprinkled some until noon, so we went to town, had supper at folks. Will, Boyd, Lee went to Bradstreets for milk in morning and Mr. B. came over afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gallentine came at noon with 8 doz. eggs and in evening Merle came for wagon. We are feeling fair.

April 21, 1920, Wednesday

Fair until middle of afternoon, started to rain. I went for milk and set one hen in morning, was some job to keep in. Will went after a plow at Todd place in a.m. Dickeys drove through, came after Gene Bradstreet's harrow. Will went to Spencer in p.m. after bolts, he got 2 men to help him move the folk's base burner to Basement and set up soft-coal heater. He also plowed 4 rounds in starting to break. I set 4 more hens in evening. Nell and boys went back to Winner on the 11 o'clock. We are feeling fair.

April 22, 1920, Thursday

Snowed last night and rained all day slowly. Will went for milk. We took off 32 baby chicks. Chas. Ward came with hog and when we went home, Will went along, got mail. We took a nap and not much else on account of rain.

April 23, 1920, Friday

Little clouds passed over and sprinkled, towards evening was most beautiful and sunny. Will fixed barrel for hog-waterer and broke quite a bit near house. I helped Will clean nests, washed a few pieces, took a nap then ironed & mended. We are well.

April 24, 1920, Saturday

A little misty in morning until 10 o'clock a.m. started to rain right and kept up all day. I got wood in, went for milk. Will started to break on Dave's but rain stopped work so not much doing. We napped in p.m., set 3 hens in evening down at coop. We are so-so. A letter from Nell to folks says that snow last Sunday was 8 in. in Winner and over a foot at Carter and on to ranch, many cattle died in Cherry Co., Nebraska.

April 25, 1920, Sunday

Sprinkled off and on all day, so plenty of moisture. Will went to Bradstreets and Knolls in a.m. Mr. Knoll, Bradstreet came after dinner and they ringed the hogs. One baby chick came last night, well & hearty. Mamma said that Mrs. G. M. Johnson died this forenoon after several months suffering with cancer of stomach. I never took a nap so feel bum. Will is feeling good.

April 26, 1920, Monday

Windy & bright but chilly all day so mud is rapidly going. Will went to Spencer in a.m. after hog wire. I washed clothes all day so was all in at night. In p.m. broke some on Dave's place. Mrs. G. M. Johnson was buried at Spencer Union Cemetery this afternoon. Will quit work early and got me some wood, for cobs are still damp.

April 27, 1920, Tuesday

"Got my work-shoes and they are so big I am tired as can be, carrying them."

A little windy and chilly but very bright and a beautiful evening. Will broke prairie all day and wasn't feeling very well. I go for milk at Bradstreets when Will is in field. Nye Schneider's lumber shed and 9 car loads or

\$18,000 lumber burnt last night. I made bread and ironed past of wash today. Got my work-shoes and they are so big I am tired as can, be carrying them.

April 28, 1920, Wednesday

A beautiful day. Will went to Bristow about 10 a.m. having broke some before leaving. He came back for dinner and then we planted potatoes, which I cut in forenoon. We are well. Mr. McDuffee came last evening for 2 settings of eggs. When I went for milk, Mrs. Brad was sick with cold & headache.

April 29, 1920, Thursday

Was bright morning but started to sprinkle at noon and in evening was a genuine rain for an hour. Will disced all day and in evening hauled cobs that I loaded, also he got in a little hay. I put cobs in basement and was so tired. Will's fistula bothered him last few days but it broke so is better.

April 30, 1920, Friday

Was a beautiful forenoon but chilly in p.m. Will went to Langan's after wire stretcher, over to Bradstreet at noon, fixed fence in p.m. until Floyd Wood had 8 pigs, then he watched her. I made jelly, ironed clothes in forenoon and after dinner helped Will with fence and got some wood in house. We are better.

May 1, 1920, Saturday

Was cloudy nearly all day and cold. Will disced out here until we went to Spencer so finished, but hard across track. John Kirvin stopped in forenoon on way horseback from Bristow to home at Carlock or rather Jamison. I went for milk, mopped basement. We bought some garden seeds, first of season today. Tom Ernest stopped on way to Spencer.

May 2, 1920, Sunday

A bright warm day. Will got Howard and they fixed east side of hog-pasture and I baked dough-nuts & lemon-pie in forenoon and in p.m. We took nap, then put hog-waterer out and Will fixed hog-pasture near barn and then we went to Brad's, took 3 doz. eggs for their incubator. Had supper. Knoll family came and we came home about 9:30 p.m. and had to do chores.

May 3, 1920, Monday

Sun shone at times in forenoon but clouded heavy and was regular down-pour towards evening. Will went to meet Mr. Knoll to get rope to throw cattle as we went to Ernest's, for Will helped them brand cattle. Uncle Chris and Mina came out from Bristow. We had to hurry home on account of the rain. Everything O.K. on our arrival.

May 4, 1920, Tuesday

Misty in morning and cloudy all day. We went to Spencer and Will on to Knoll's to grind some oats, rye & barley for pigs. I stayed at folks and fixed Louise's dress. Will back for me. Fred Larmer came Sunday, Boyd & Lee went home to Winner this eve. Bessie had a colt so rejoicing.

May 5, 1920, Wednesday

Sun was bright but clouded over in early evening. Will finished breaking this place near house. I went for milk and at noon we had some time trying to raise shanty so I quit and we both quit. We are not feeling well. Will went to Brad's for a burr.

May 6, 1920, Thursday

Bright in forenoon, clouded over and rained a shower towards evening so that Will had to quit plowing, which he started after discing the orchard. I baked bread and took a nap in p.m., then went for mail.

May 7, 1920, Friday

Was warm as sun shone, but muddy. Will & Howard went to Spencer in forenoon, plowed in p.m. I did some baking, made 2 pumpkin pies and in afternoon sewed a little on jacket suit. We are well.

May 8, 1920, Saturday

A beautiful, very warm day. Will dragged the cornstalks and plowed. I got the milk and got a crate from Bradstreet's so went, Florence 2 settings eggs. Mrs. Bradstreet mailed them. I mopped the basement and upstairs, also set 4 hens, one to N. E. coop, imported Aye. Bros. Blair, Nebr. Light Brahma eggs.



Figure 4. Light Brahma cock and hen,
Jean Bungartz, *Geflügel-Album*, 1885

May 9, 1920, Sunday

Was windy all day, but sun shone. Will went to Brad's, got hair cut. I read and looked over furniture catalogue. Sherlocks stopped on way home from Spencer to take tire off. Bradstreet family came over in evening and we went back with them after supper.

May 10, 1920, Monday

A bright day & windy until evening, clouded over. Will plowed all day. I washed clothes and in evening Mr. & Mrs. Sherlock, Leona Floy, Mrs. Tony Sherlock, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Knoll, Marjorie & Willie, Mr. & Mrs. Egerstedt and Mr. & Mrs. Wm Whitcher surprised the Bradstreet family, it being their tenth wedding anniversary. We had ice-cream, cake, & coffee and a pleasant time. All went home at midnight.

May 11, 1920, Tuesday

It started to rain towards morning and kept up all day so Will did chores, got milk and we slept nearly all day, having only 2 meals. Both of us are bum, but Will was the worst this day.

May 12, 1920, Wednesday

It was cloudy in forenoon & damp but rained again in p.m. Will went for milk and was sick with cold rest of day. I baked bread & ironed clothes, had sick head toward evening.

May 13, 1920, Thursday

Sun shone bright all day but was chilly. I went with Will to Brad's via east bridge, he on to Knoll's and I home. Will got engine & Grinder, we ground Barley in p.m. Words received by Mrs. John Hornback that Mr. & Mrs. Darbly, Will, Clarence and Francis drowned in cloudburst at their house near Olerich, S. D. Will & Howard ran off Brad's bridge with engine.

May 14, 1920, Friday

Will plowed. Sun shone bright. I sewed curtains.

May 15, 1920, Saturday

Was a little cloudy and so very cold all day. We went to Spencer at 6 a.m. to shop. Will plowed. I started garden, nearly froze.

May 16, 1920, Sunday

A very cold, cloudy day. In the forenoon, Burrel Berry & Fay Berry came to look at hay, also Howard brought milk over and got some kerosene. We went to Sherlocks for the rest of day, had a dinner that you tell about consisting of potatoes, bread, coffee & cream, tomatoes, cheese, apple butter, jelly, gravy, roast meat, gooseberry pie, brown cake, and fruit salad. Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Row and Robert were there, also Mr. & Mrs. Tony Sherlock, they left for Dallas, S. Dak. on evening train to make future home. We went to Brad's in evening, was Marjorie Knoll's 5th birthday, so we stayed until cake of 5 candles was cut and it was fine.

May 17, 1920, Monday

A most beautiful day but I felt bum so slept in a.m. and p.m., so not much done. Will plowed all day but at noon a fire broke out west of here on hill on Bentley place so Mr. Sherlock, Floyd & Will put it out. I went with Knolls & Mrs. Bradstreet to Lion and Mouse play given by Seniors, Spencer School at opera House this evening.

May 18, 1920, Tuesday

Was windy & chilly in forenoon but warmer in the p.m. Sun bright. Forest and Harlan stayed with Will last night. I arrived home at 10:50 p.m. Was all in Monday and to-day with a cold but Will is raring to go. He finished plowing south of house.

May 19, 1920, Wednesday

Was very windy all day. We shelled 10 bu. seed corn. Will planted sod & disced the stock. I am started house cleaning. Mrs. Chas. Ward stopped in morning on way to Sherlock's and Chas. stopped noon after seed at Sherlocks.

May 20, 1920, Thursday

A nice day. Will disced out on Dave's all day. I still cleaned south room. We are well except Will has saddle boils.

May 21, 1920, Friday

Was a fair forenoon but windy & cloudy in p.m. Ed & Bill came on morning train. I fussed around to go to Graduation Ex. at Spencer for High School, but didn't go. Finished repair on Jacket Suit.

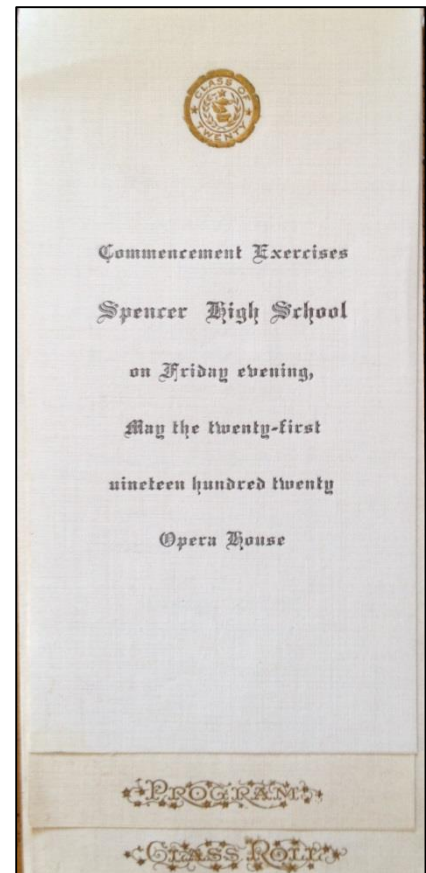


Figure 5. Louise Whiting's Commencement Program, Spencer High School, 1920

May 22, 1920, Saturday

Yesterday Will finished discing & harrowed south of house and he finished this forenoon harrowing and was very windy all day. Floyd Sherlock brought Lister home so Will started to list corn, finished small S. E. piece and started south of road and Prince tuckered out so he quit early. I went to town with Sherlocks in p.m. and in forenoon washed red curtains. I asked to bring Will's work hat out home and would pay for it this week and they wouldn't let me, so it is so sad. Ed & Bill went back on 11 o'clock today.

May 23, 1920, Sunday

Was a beautiful day but a little chilly. I walked to Church, was Nellie's first communion and came home with Langan. Will fixed pasture in forenoon and in p.m. we went to Brad's, had supper there as Will & Howard came over before and fed hogs.

May 24, 1920, Monday

Was a beautiful day until towards evening clouded and showered very hard for awhile. Will listed corn. I planted seeds. Had a sick headache in evening and Will is quite well and raring to go. I talked to Mamma and she said that Mr. John Ripp died, was hurt on hill to Depot sometime ago.

May 25, 1920, Tuesday

Was a fair day until noon, started to be very windy and clouded over and threatened to rain in evening when we went to bed. Will is listing corn. I washed clothes and planted a few seeds. Mr. John Ripp was buried this evening at Spencer. I am tired but feeling a little better and Will is still raring to go. Messrs. Rowe, McDuffee, Teykeal each got 2 loads of hay.

May 26, 1920, Wednesday

On account of an awful rain at midnight last night was damp and cloudy in forenoon but cleared off at noon. Will fixed teeth of horses with Howard's help. I baked bread. Brad went home, we went to Spencer, had supper there, took Bradstreet eggs over in evening. The rain washed corn out S. E. place. Our phone burnt out so we know no News.

May 27, 1920, Thursday

Was a beautiful day but breeze cool. Will is listing corn. I cleaned porches, painted them also cleaned north room a little, went to Sherlocks to get tomato plants. Will had a headache and I am fair. Telephone fixed and moved upstairs.

May 28, 1920, Friday

A beautiful day. Mr. D. McDuffy used loose ground Lister and planted our corn and Will listed corn. I planted tomato plants and cleaned a little in north room.

May 29, 1920, Saturday

Was cloudy in morning, cleared off, wind blew during day. Mr. McDuffy finished south of house before noon. Will listed corn. I put up curtains in north room and in evening Bradstreet family came over and we moved upstairs and we took them across bridge about 10 o'clock. Chas. Antoine was married to a Mrs. Primo about a week ago.

May 30, 1920, Sunday

Was Cloudy at times and sprinkled a little and rest of day was warm and bright. Decoration Services were held at Spencer this p.m. Mr. Knoll, Roy, Howard and Will went to Spencer, got ice & Weanies, so we had a picnic down on Knoll's, other side of creek, west of Bradstreets, consisting of McDuffy, Whitcher, Bradstreet & Knoll families. Had a pleasant time for weenie roast, potatoes, peas, pickles, bread, butter, coffee, pumpkin pie, ice-cream, cake were just great, but sitting on ground with my cold made me all in, but Will's eats was the only thing that affected him.

May 31, 1920, Monday

A fair day. Will finished listing corn 1st time. I was all in from picnic.

June 1, 1920, Tuesday

Was cloudy at times and sprinkled a little, also windy and cold. I baked bread. Will started to fix chicken house. We went to Spencer and had Oh my! a pleasant time.

June 2, 1920, Wednesday

Was a beautiful day but a little cool all day long. Will put beets for Stock and I made a table for west kitchen. Mr. Knoll, Mrs. Knoll & Marjorie came in evening and we butchered a hog and raised shanty on north side.

June 3, 1920, Thursday

It rained and was misty all day. Will went to Bradstreets after milk, slept most of day as he had a cold & headache. I cut up the hog and in evening Will got sausage grinder from B.'s and we ground the lard at night.

June 4, 1920, Friday

A nice day. Will plowed for Alfalfa. The Assessor, Mr. W. Spicknall, was here this p.m. I cooked the meat and put 3 gals. in Brine, also made 4 gals. lard and 3 qts. mince meat.

June 5, 1920, Saturday

Was a fair forenoon but wind blew in afternoon and towards evening got cold. Will finished plowing for Alfalfa, disced the edges and harrowed the ground. I washed the pans & Kettles used in frying, wiped the kitchen & dining room floor. Went to Spencer with Mr. B., had supper at folks. Got so cold coming home.

June 6, 1920, Sunday

Was a beautiful day all day. I sent 20 in. Draft to T. G. Scheer, Bethany, Illinois for a Farnsworth Pig yesterday. Will found Duke hog at Ableidinger, brought him home. The H. Bradstreet family was here for dinner and towards evening the Mrs. & I went to Spencer for ice, got 45 cents worth. Had ice-cream in evening. The McDuffee, Knoll, Bradstreet & Whitcher families, Mr. & Mrs. Sherlock and Leona were here for evening, so adjourned at 10 p.m., was a warm evening.

June 7, 1920, Monday

Was very hot all day. Nellie Whiting & Lizzie Woods came out with us last evening and had one fine time playing all day. I only washed dishes today and slept, also took the girls back to

town. Will planted some corn, plowed the potatoes and they were in bloom, also buggy. Howard & Will then got hay stacker & hauled hay. Mr. Sherlock & Floyd got Eli.

June 8, 1920, Tuesday

Was Cloudy in morning, bright and windy until evening clouded over and a terrible wind and dust storm. I washed clothes. Will put in alfalfa and we set some six hens to new place.

June 9, 1920, Wednesday

Was a fair day but so hot all day. Hay stacker blew over so Will & Mr. Bradstreet set it up and then they put up alfalfa for Bradstreet all day. I set 4 hens in morning and made the hennerly, rest of day mopped the upstairs and dusted.

June 10, 1920, Thursday

Was another bright hot day. I cleaned the basement. Will helped with B.'s alfalfa.

June 11, 1920, Friday

Mr. Sherlock brought Eli home yesterday. Was windy & a shower in p.m., finished B.'s alfalfa. Will started to Eli. I nearly finished Basement, cleaned stoves.

June 12, 1920, Saturday

Was very warm but clear. Will Elied corn and I baked bread and fixed some windows for porch enclosed and it took me all day. We are calling up about pigs arrival at Spencer but no pigs yet. Louise, Ethia Woods & Nellie went to Winner on evening train as Nellie is going home to St. Francis and Dave met her at Winner. Will talked to Dave.

June 13, 1920, Sunday

Was a very hot day until evening clouded over, so cooled off. I dipped chickens, whitewash henhouse and Will cleaned the shanty on south side. We spent day at home except Will went to --- in morning and we went to fish-net and Bradstreet for milk in evening, also made a baby chick house and Will was sore so made me blue.

June 14, 1920, Monday

Was bright most of day until noon a shower then cleared off until evening, another just beautiful rain, so quiet and plentiful. I washed clothes, got them all dry, picked potato bugs, Will Elided corn all day and went for milk in evening, got 2 small fish. Mr. H. Bradstreet came for saddle and I went to lodge at Spencer this evening.

June 15, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright forenoon, rained in afternoon and evening. Will Elided corn until rain. I ironed clothes, took a nap and then cleaned pans and burnt junk. Will has a cold on lungs and I am very bum today.

June 16, 1920, Wednesday

Was a beautiful day all day but a little cool. Will went for milk, got cabbage plants, then he & Howard & Mr. McDuffy went to Spencer, had dinner at folks. I set out cabbage plants and picked potato bugs until Will cultivated and then put Paris Green on part of them. I guess we are all in, that is, indications are as such.

June 17, 1920, Thursday

A beautiful day but cool. I finished the Paris Green on potatoes. Will finished Eliing corn. Dr. Schnela of Spencer was here and took care of ruptured pig, also put stuff on Queen the dog.

June 18, 1920, Friday

Was a beautiful day but still cool. Will put in beets and cultivated what came up. I just put in time.

June 19, 1920, Saturday

Forenoon was Fair but rained in the afternoon. Will mowed some hay south and then cleaned barn & yard a little. I tried to fix the enclosure of porch but just wasted time. The telephone men fixed the poles east of here, were in creek and also line so we could hear again.

June 20, 1920, Sunday

Was a beautiful day all day until evening clouded over. Will & Howard fixed pigs, then we went back & Tom, Mr. O Ernest & A. Woolhiser came for him to go fishing. They had lunch and went, came back and I went along for supper & cream at Ernests. They were home but Louise & Lorin at Lincoln, Nebr.

June 21, 1920, Monday

Was cloudy & sprinkled some, also wind blew. I gilted picture framed & handles of furniture. Will painted the barn and started the hog-house. Went to Bradstreets for milk in evening, also went at noon for water & bronze their clock. Mr. Bradstreet finished Eliing corn with our Eli.

June 22, 1920, Tuesday

Was a fair day all day. Will cultivated corn south of house. I baked bread and painted a little on the shanty.

June 23, 1920, Wednesday

Was a beautiful day. Will cultivated corn south of house and at 2 p.m. went for some hay near Sherlocks and took Mrs. H. Bradstreet and I part way to Sherlocks and we rode on with Mrs. Crawford Brownfield, came back with her from Aid of Methodist ladies. H. Bradstreet, Harlan & Foster went to Spencer in p.m., brought over groceries and ice for Mr. Knoll for cream, Mr. D. McDuffee & family, Bradstreet & Whitcher families had a pleasant time at Knolls, strawberries, ice-cream with chocolate flavor, cake & cookies were served. We came home at 12 o'clock midnight.

June 24, 1920, Thursday

Was a fair day until noon clouded over and we didn't go to Catholic Aid at J. Counots. Mrs. Martin Langan & I in evening we went to Spencer. Will & Howard fixed mowers & moved hay.

June 25, 1920, Friday

Was cloudy at times on account of awful downpour last night, washed what hay they mowed

yesterday, also some corn and the bridge between here & Gallentines on main road damaged. Will & Howard fixed mowers and I didn't do much on account of rain.

June 26, 1920, Saturday

Was a warm day. Louise Whiting came out and we gathered a few gooseberries. Will put some shingles on hog-house roof at ridge roll, also went to McDuffee's for some barley and then we went to Spencer in evening. I had a numbness in entire left side when we got to town so wasn't no fun.

June 27, 1920, Sunday

Was a very hot, bright day. I gathered a few gooseberries. Will & I went for milk in morning as Knolls were going to McDuffee's so all went down to Bridge. The Knoll, McDuffee, Bradstreet, Whitcher families went to Chas. Sherlock for ice-cream, strawberries, cake & coffee in the evening, had a pleasant time.

June 28, 1920, Monday

Was a hot, bright day. Bradstreet & Whitcher families picked cherries at McDuffee's, had dinner there, came home via Chas. Wards. Will cultivated corn south of house. I went to town as Mr. Brad got the team as he went to Sherlock's for tomato plants. Took Mamma 10 qts. cherries. We are so sleepy.

June 29, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright, hot day. Will cultivated corn but had a sick head so had to stop. Louise & I went to McDuffee's in p.m., got 20 qts. cherries for Mamma, also 10 qts. that were for Mamma but I kept them. Louise went to Spencer with Sherlocks in evening.

June 30, 1920, Wednesday

Was a hot day. Will Elied corn south of road. I canned cherries.

July 1, 1920, Thursday

Was a hot day. Will Elied corn on Dave's place & had to stop as corn was too small. He quit at

5 p.m. I didn't do much. Went to Brad's for milk.

July 2, 1920, Friday

Was a hot, bright day. Will went to Chris Nelson's & Chas. Wards in forenoon and then helped Howard mow hay. I baked bread in forenoon, stemmed gooseberries, went to Bradstreets.

July 3, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot bright day. Butte & Bristow celebrated the 4th of July but H. Bradstreet & Will mowed hay so we didn't go. I went to Spencer, had a fried chicken dinner, then baked in evening for picnic.

July 4, 1920, Sunday

Was a warm day and at times sprinkled but the Knoll, McDuffee, Bradstreet & Whitcher families had a picnic on Bradstreet's Lawn, also Everett Ward and Roy Jewell were present. All had a pleasant time and eats, oh my! so many. I got a cramp in right limb, so made my foot hurt all evening. We had both dinner and supper there.

July 5, 1920, Monday

Was a damp day but clear until evening it rained. Will, Howard & Harlan stacked one stack of hay. I washed clothes & only dried one line full.

July 6, 1920, Tuesday

Was bright and a nice breeze to dry clothes as I finished them and ironed in p.m. Will & Howard didn't do nothing in forenoon but mowed hay in p.m. Louise & Elthia came home from Winner where they went last Wed. to spent 4th with Nell and took in big races.

July 7, 1920, Wednesday

Was a nice day. Will Elied corn on Dave's. I didn't do much.

July 8, 1920, Thursday

Was a hot day but cool in shade. Will finished Eliing on Dave's at 11 a.m. then helped

Bradstreet put up a stack of hay. Mrs. H. Bradstreet & Freda & I went to McDuffee's to gather cherries and Harlan & Forest went to hay field. We had our first mess of our own potatoes. On Tuesday Brad gave us a meal and Mr. C.H. Kincaid, Medicine man was here for

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dinner from Lyndon and they were fine. Also had a mess of beans yesterday & today. Our cow had a calf last Saturday at Chas. Ward's. He looks just like his mother.

July 9, 1920, Friday

Was a nice day. Will helped finish Brad's hay at noon in p.m. They went to Sherlock's for Binder then Will took it to town for repair. I got cherries ready to can also canned 3 pts. Gooseberries. Got afraid because some one was looking for work and Will in town. I went to Bradstreets in evening until Will's return at 9 p.m.

July 10, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot fair day. Will & Howard fixed binder and started to cut rye at 10 a.m. then Howard went home to rake hay and Will cut rye. I baked pie, canned cherries. We went with Sherlock's to Spencer in the evening, also Bradstreets all went to Spencer.

July 11, 1920, Sunday

Was a hot day until evening got cool and threatened to rain. We stayed, passed the day in rest. Went to Brad's for water at noon & evening.

July 12, 1920, Monday

Was a fair hot day. Will cultivated corn. I didn't do much.

July 13, 1920, Tuesday

Was cloudy and in evening cold & cloudy but no rain. Will cultivated corn. I went to Spencer in p.m.

July 14, 1920, Wednesday

Was a hot, fair day. Mamma came at noon and Mrs. Bradstreet & I went with her to McDuffee's after cherries. Will mowed Alfalfa with Howard in forenoon and in p.m. got stacker ready to stack, also got 12 bu. corn from Sherlocks and in evening we took Mamma back to Spencer. Louise entertained the Sodality this evening. First time Mamma was out since last fall.

July 15, 1920, Thursday

Was a hot fair day. Will & Howard stacked alfalfa all day. I pitted cherries by hand, also Mrs. Brad did.

July 16, 1920, Friday

Was a hot day but cloudy at noon and a storm passed northeast. Will & Howard finished stacking alfalfa. I baked bread in morning for Mrs. G. Krikac & Marjorie at noon, and in p.m. from 4 on slept a peaceful sleep. Will is sick with a fistula on stomach and Mamma has a swollen face from tooth-ache.

July 17, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot day but clouded and shower down at Ernests in p.m. and sprinkled here. Will & Howard & Sherlocks hauled hogs to Bristow in morning & in p.m. Will & I went to Ernests, Will to help on hog-house and I to get my beans ready to can. Tom & Rudolph came for us and Tom brought us home.

July 18, 1920, Sunday

Was a hot, fair day until evening clouded over. We went for water and stayed home all day. Will felt bad with fistula on stomach and towards evening I had an awful headache caused from heat. Canned 8 qts. string beans.

July 19, 1920, Monday

Another hot day for no rain last night, but is cloudy again this evening. Will cultivated corn in a.m. We went for our Farnsworth pig at Depot after dinner. He is O.K. Will cultivated corn in evening and I went to McDuffee's after rhubarb.

July 20, 1920, Tuesday

Was another hot day for never rained last night, only a sprinkle. Will cultivated corn but felt bad. I canned rhubarb, 10 qts. and gathered string beans in evening. Mrs. McDuffee, Hazel and Bruce put their horse in Barn and walked railroad bridge to Knolls and got a sack of string beans. I went for water at Brad's and came back with them.

July 21, 1920, Wednesday

Another hot day, no rain. Will cultivated corn all day and in evening went to Rowe's after a hog and 3 little ones. We got a can of water at Brad's in morning and I washed clothes. I went for drinking water and Forest came home with me for supper and went back with Will as he got Brad's wagon to go to Rowe's.

July 22, 1920, Thursday

Was a hot, dry, fair day. Will cultivated on Dave's all day. I went with Mrs. M. Langan to Catholic Ladies Aid at M. Clausen's west of Spencer, also Loretta and Mrs. Angel and Martie took us and at Spencer we piled in several more.

July 23, 1920, Friday

Was a hot day. Will finished big field on Dave's. I just got water twice as usual and in evening Will went to Spencer, got ice and we had cream at Brad's as he finished cultivating also. We are well.

July 24, 1920, Saturday

Was fair day until evening clouded over. Will went to Spencer in p.m. and we went to Brad's in forenoon for cream. Howard & Will went to Spencer. I picked beans and in evening we went to Brad's.

July 25, 1920, Sunday

Was a cloudy day and sprinkled at times and oh! so cold, one nearly froze. We went to Ed Angel's for dinner & supper and Mamma, Louise, Ethia and Lizzie Woods and Mrs. Looock were there.

July 26, 1920, Monday

Was cloudy part of day and still cold but no rain. Mr. H. McDuffee & family brought Mr. McDuffee from Madison down to bridge last evening. They came for him Sat. evening. Will cut the oats and Floyd Sherlock shocked them so they finished. Floyd was here for dinner. I gathered beans, went for water twice and made doughnuts. I have a cold and Will is raring to go.

July 27, 1920, Tuesday

Was cool in morning but hot all day. We went to Spencer, had dinner at Folks and was so unconcerned about coming home. Went to Brad's for water & Will went to Knolls for magnet and got engine & grinder ready to grind field for hogs, barley & rye. We had a pleasant evening in our parlor & looked at melons & pumpkins.

July 28, 1920, Wednesday

A hot day and no rain. We ground feed in a.m. Will helped Sherlocks stack wheat in p.m. as wheat is poor, will feed it. I went with Bradstreets to Spencer, cut Louise's dress out, had supper at folks. Will had supper at Sherlocks.

July 29, 1920, Thursday

Was hot, dusty, windy all day, clouded over in a.m. and evening but passed around north, only a sprinkle here. Will helped Sherlocks finish stacking wheat so had dinner there. I walked to Spencer in the morning, sewed on Louise's Dress, had dinner at folks and I then came home, went for water, got supper & the mail. Will was all in from stickers on beard and I am tired and worse because Will is worse as I went to town.

"Will is all in from stickers on beard and I am tired and worse because Will is worse as I went to town."

July 30, 1920, Friday

Was a hot, windy day and so dusty. Will cut cockle burrs and I rested from all in from trip to Spencer afoot.

July 31, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot day but night cool. Will went to Ernests to help on Uncle Chris's cow & hog barn to raise rafters. Tom came for him in car and brought him back in evening. I baked bread, pie, and doughnuts and we went to bake sale with Langans in p.m. I took 2 pies, one mince & pumpkin, also 4 doz. doughnuts. Tom stayed for supper.

August 1, 1920, Sunday

Was fair & hot but in p.m. got cloudy, but no rain but very cool. We stayed home, only went for water in forenoon to wash clothes and drink. H. Brad. went to Spencer into Winner-Spencer ball-game and the Brad. family & Wm Knoll came with a freezer of cream & cake. In evening we went back and got drinking water.

August 2, 1920, Monday

Was another hot day and wind. Will mowed weeds in hog pasture until noon, then he & Howard fixed Gene's Rack and in evening he finished the hog-pasture. I went for water in evening as Will went in morning for I was busy washing clothes. Howard got saddle to go to Lodge at Spencer this evening.

August 3, 1920, Tuesday

Was a hot, very hot day and dry & dusty. Will & Howard mowed hay and at noon they went after water at Brad's and brought the family over as we had first fried chicken and roasting ears this noon. In p.m. they mowed hay until about 4 p.m. then got things ready to stack. I went home with Mrs. B. Harlan, Forest & Freda and got water.

August 4, 1920, Wednesday

Was another hot day and clouded over at noon, but no rain, only down at M---, so was cold here at night. Will, Howard, Harlan & Tom Ernest stacked hay. Put up one stack. I only got water and dinner.

August 5, 1920, Thursday

Was a hot day but breeze cool at times. I raked in forenoon and Howard & Will mowed rest of

hay on Dave's then went to Spencer for Rope for stacker about 11 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m. and never brought ice. I was disappointed as I had freezer cool & cake made. In p.m. they stacked hay and Harlan drove stacker team. Will is all in from another Fistula and I am all in from, Oh my!

August 6, 1920, Friday

Was another hot dry day. Will, Howard & Harlan finished hay on Dave's place at noon and Will was so sick that that he had to go to bed with a fistula and I only did the ordinary work.

August 7, 1920, Saturday

Another hot dry day. Will went to the Knolls to help thresh and I stayed home until late evening, he came back. Mrs. Langan had aid Thursday p.m. but I never went.

August 8, 1920, Sunday

Was a hot, dusty day. Papa, Mamma, Will & I went to Ernests, Tom came with us, and Louise and Lorin Baby came back in evening so Tom & family had supper here.

August 9, 1920, Monday

Was another hot day. Will went on Duke to Spencer in forenoon and in the afternoon took nap, got corn & water. I sewed a little and went for cow and helped Will do chores as we went with Sherlocks to Elwin Strong Show "Jim's Girl" at Spencer, and went early so had supper at Folks.

August 10, 1920, Tuesday

Was hot until evening it rained a little. Will was sick all day with his stomach and I am none too well so we didn't do much. Tom & Mrs. Ernest came for roasting ears & turnips for the threshers.

August 11, 1920, Wednesday

Was bright in forenoon but clouded over and rained some at noon during rest of day was cold and cloudy & damp. We went to Ernests to help thresh until noon we came home at 2:30 p.m.,

took a nap, I went for water, Will got corn. Chicken Eaters Big sow had 9 little pigs Monday night, August 9th, and she laid on 2 so 7 left.

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August 12, 1920, Thursday

Was a fair day but cold. Will mowed the new alfalfa until noon then he went to Ernests to help thresh grain. I canned 4 qts. corn and with getting water and the other work, day was gone. We are feeling better.

August 13, 1920, Friday

Was a hot day. Will went to Ernests and they finished threshing at noon but broke down so didn't get to Ableidingers so he came home, got corn and did the chores. I baked bread, ironed clothes, fixed some match boxes, etc., went for water and got supper. The nights have been cold and damp. Papa went to Winner on the 11 o'clock as boys will bring cattle there to ship to Omaha.

August 14, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot day. Will mowed weeds and I went to town in forenoon and cleaned house in p.m. Will mowed the Orchard and rest of alfalfa and road south.

August 15, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day and warm but not hot. I stayed home and Will went to Joe Malacheks with Tom to trade a horse, this is south of Bristow, and in evening Tom, Rudolph, Marie Pence, Mrs. O. Ernest, Louise Aldena (Mrs. E. Woolhiser) & Sophia, Louise & Sophia, Mrs. Orvil & Tom, also Lorin & Havilan came with Will. We had supper here and went to Ernests for ice-cream. Mr. & Mrs. Orvil Ernests & Charles Heintz brought us home. Some Indians camped over hill and Will sold them 2 hens as they get water here.

August 16, 1920, Monday

It is cold at nights but in daytime hot. Papa came back O.K. on 1 o'clock from Winner. Will got water in forenoon, also corn, and I started to wash but was all in so didn't do much until

evening. I partly washed then and did the chores but was too sick to finish. Will went to Ableidingers to thresh in the p.m. Maggie had 9 pigs.

August 17, 1920, Tuesday

Was a windy day but clear. I finished washing the clothes and baked some Bread and did all the chores as Will is threshing at Ableidingers and finished there.

August 18, 1920, Wednesday

Was misty, showery & cloudy & windy all day. Will went to Gallentines to thresh and stayed all day but engine broke so didn't thresh until evening. Gallentines threshed oats when engine fixed but help was gone. I baked Bread & ironed clothes and went to Gallentines at noon with sugar & in evening on way for water at Bradstreets. Was a misty evening and cold at times and again so close. C. E. B. sow laid on 5 pigs so 4 left and Maggie's 9 are fine.

August 19, 1920, Thursday

Was a nice day. Will helped Gallentines thresh for morning cloudy and threatened to rain, but cleared off about 10 a.m. and was a nice day. I made apply Jelly and went to Gallentines for supper. I am feeling better and Will is O.K.

August 20, 1920, Friday

It rained early in morning and was damp until noon it cleared off. Orvil Ernest & Chas. Hines came in a.m. We had dinner and then Will & I went with them to Spencer. I went to Chantagua Program at 3 p.m. with Louise and on our return we had supper and Orvil & Heine went back to Ernests. I started for water at Brad's and found E. S. C. sow with 12 little pigs down along the fence as she got out of her pen in shed.

August 21, 1920, Saturday

It was damp in morning, but they started to thresh at 9:30 a.m. at Gallentines so I went with Will, helped Erva get dinner, then went with him on to Chas. Ward to get supper. We returned at 10 p.m.

August 22, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day and not too warm. Will & Orvil & Heinie & Emanuel went to Hallie Crawford's to fish via Lynch & Red Bird so Mrs. O. Ernest, Aldena, Sophia, baby Havalin, also Baby Lorin as Louise & Tom are at Gregory were here until 7 p.m. the boys came home. Little Bobby had pigs yesterday. There are 5 nice ones.

August 23, 1920, Monday

Was a nice day until evening clouded and got windy but never rained. We went to Chas. Ward's in morning. They finished at 10 a.m. and Mrs. Ward & I, also Della, Laura & Francis came with Will in wagon down here. We brought Mrs. Ward's dinner consisting of roast Beef, Beans, Corn, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Apricot sauce, Butter & cream. Then I made peach pie, fixed cucumber & onions & we put on Bread & Jelly & coffee so got a dinner in a hurry as Mrs. O. Ernest came with more cream & Milk and Mrs. Merle Gallantine came to help with dinner also. After dinner Rudolph Andersen brought Mrs. Tom Ernest & Lorin, Mrs. Emanuel Woolhiser & Havalin and Mrs. Orvil Ernest so we had plenty of help. Mr. B. Elsworth & Papa came. Those helping Will were Mr. A. Ward. Guy Pierce, Messrs. J. Ableidinger, M. Gallentine, Floyd Sherlock, Emanuel Woolhiser, Tom Ernest, Chas. Ward and Mr. W. Gallentine came in p.m. The Machine crew Orvil Ernest & Chas. Hines. Ernest, Separator man & Hines, Engineer. They finished 1275 Bu. Oats & barley and started on the Rye but had 2 hrs. trouble so didn't finish and folks went home at 10 p.m. except Chas. Hines came back for night after taking Ernest's home.

August 24, 1920, Tuesday

Was a nice day but warm out and breeze in p.m. They finished our rye here at 10 a.m. Rye over south 28 bu., out here on Knolls 50 bu. then they went on to Gallentines on Todd place and Will & Chas. Ward had dinner here then they went and finished Gallentine. I was all in, hardly able to drag around so slept in p.m. then got up with a headache, went to Brad's for Water. Will came home, we got corn, had supper and quit for the day as Will was tired also.

August 25, 1920, Wednesday

Was a nice day but quite warm in the afternoon. I washed the dishes and mopped kitchen floor

and Will went for water and then went with Howard after sweet corn in Gene's field. Will got his dinner on return and it was awful, not the dinner but the work. We had a nap, then went to Spencer on return Will snapped some corn & I drove team for him.

August 26, 1920, Thursday

Was a nice day. I washed clothes. Will hauled a barrel of water and got corn in a.m. and went with Mr. D. McDuffee to Spencer in p.m. as he left Mrs. & children to pick grapes and on return they went on and will helped Hoard some on road. I salted down some corn.

August 27, 1920, Friday

Was a nice day. Will raked the road south of here, then he & Howard finished mowing the alfalfa for B. & I went to Gene's sweet corn, got a little but it was hard. I baked bread and in evening Will & I got corn. Mr. & Mrs. Merle Gallentine brought tomatoes.



Figure 6. Mary and Ed Whiting, Aug. 29, 1920

August 28, 1920, Saturday

It started to rain early in morning before we were up and continued all day, at times would be clear and showers again until was a regular down pour & some hail. Will got some corn & rested the day except pulled some weeds in evening and the corn. Mr. & Mrs. Brad. and Freda went to Spencer, left Harlan & Forest here. They got soaked & was cold, the creek came up for Will helped them over Bridge.

August 29, 1920, Sunday

Was a windy day but bright and cool. It was Papa's and Louise's 72nd & 18th Birthdays, so Will & I went with Mrs. O. Ernest, Mr. & Mrs.

Orvil Ernest & Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ernest & Lorin and Mr. & Mrs. A. Woolhiser & Havalin to the dinner at folks in a wagon. We were late as they had to help Uncle Chris ship cattle. Mr. & Mrs.

E. Angel, Julia, Albert, Rose & Bess were there also Mr. & Mrs. Martin Langan, Loretta & Mildred & Ralph Bauman. We had good eats & a good time and had pictures taken of the crowd. The young folks or single ones went to a picnic at baker so were left out.

August 30, 1920, Monday

Was a nice day. Will got corn, helped Howard rake alfalfa in forenoon & in p.m. they fixed sickle for Will and mowed our hay N. E. Corner of South Forty. I canned a few apples and made 12 small glasses of Apple Jelly and was tired from yesterday. Went to Brad's for water 2 times.

August 31, 1920, Tuesday

It rained in morning and at noon but in p.m. cleared off. Will finished chores, went to Knolls, had dinner and then Mr. Knoll & he came here on way to Spencer. I canned 12 qts. apples & got peelings ready for jelly so was tired. After supper Will & I went for water at Bradstreets.

September 1, 1920, Wednesday

Showered at times, bright rest of day. Will got a load and helped Howard load pigs and fixed fence and strung a wire through brush in pasture. I changed the table and sideboard with Will's help and mopped the floor, boiled apple juice and went with Will to fix fence and got some grapes but was all in with tired feeling.

September 2, 1920, Thursday

It was a rainy early forenoon and a shower in evening but rest of day was bright. Tom and Hinie came for our sewing machine yesterday. Will started some pens in hog-house and Mr. Brad took family to train bound for Butte, on his return he helped Will ring pigs. They got a load of corn for each which took the day. I baked Bread and made apple jelly which is now 3 gals., went to Brad's for water in a.m.

September 3, 1920, Friday

Was damp but clear except in morning. Will started to disc the ground north of house on Knoll's for rye but was too wet, so he plowed south end of place where we had rye, but while I

was in town from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. he fixed hog-pens and went to Brad's and got some crab apples. Brad came for dinner, then we went back and Will plowed. I canned some crab pickles.

September 4, 1920, Saturday

Was a fair day so Will & Howard each got corn and then moved the hay-stacker & sweeper to our hay south from Dave's after Chas. Hines went home. We had fried chicken & custard pie and the other necessities for dinner. The men fixed the sweep then Brad did his chores. We took him to depot on way to Butte. Orville Ernest brought our saddle home while we were away. We are well.

September 5, 1920, Sunday

Was clear in morning but at noon cloudy and cool and windy but it cleared off and was nice later in day. We did ours & Brad's chores and Orvil came for us and we went to Ernests for dinner then Orvil, Sophia, Will & I went for Louise and we went to Farlins where Chas. Hines, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Ernest, Mr. & Mrs. E. Woolhiser & Baby Havalin were fishing on our way home. Ernests got a bu. apples as there were so many windfalls and oh! so many apples in their orchard. On our way home we left Louise at Rowe's as she commences teaching Dist. 14h Boyd Co. in the a.m.

September 6, 1920, Monday

Was a nice day all day. C. E.'s Little Sow had 7 nice little pigs Sat. morn., Sept. 4th. Will and Howard got corn & raked in forenoon our hay and in p.m. we put up a stack as I helped drive stacker team. Mr. B. was feeling bad and in the evening I got so sick so we had poached eggs, potatoes and Post Toasties as I couldn't stand to cook meat or much else.

September 7, 1920, Tuesday

Was a nice day and wind blew some. I washed clothes and mopped kitchen. Will and Brad hauled Howard's alfalfa in and Will had dinner over there and I went for water and came home with him in evening. We, that is Mrs. O. Ernest, Mamma and Central and I tried so hard to get Rowe's last evening and Papa & Mamma & E. Woolhiser went to Omaha and Mamma wanted

Louise's coat measured. They left on early train. Mrs. C. Brownfield & Mrs. D. McDuffee called here on way home from Spencer. The line south is fixed so alright.

September 8, 1920, Wednesday

Was damp in morning so Will sharpened sickle at Brad's and I went along. When Howard came back from taking Harlan & Billie to school they started to mow hay on our place and our mower broke so Will went to Spencer, came at noon just before awful shower so in p.m. after nap, he went to Knoll's and sharpened axe at Brad's, got corn in evening on his return. I baked bread and canned 7 qts. and put 3 qts. in stone jar so 10 qts. pickles.

September 9, 1920, Thursday

Was damp in morning but nice day. Big Bobby had 7 little pigs last night. Howard & Will mowed hay on our S. 40. I didn't do much but just the work.

September 10, 1920, Friday

Was a bright day but early morning damp. I raked and Will & Howard started a stack for Howard raked a little to start in forenoon. In the p.m. Mr. A. Kirstine came to stack and Harlan drove stacker team so Howard & Will swept in and I raked our hay. Mr. Kirstine stayed for supper.

September 11, 1920, Saturday

Was a little windy but sun shone bright. I got dinner of chicken, noodles, apple pie, etc. Mr. Kirstine, Mr. Brad & Harlan & Will stacked last of our hay, finished at noon. In p.m. Will took a load of hay and I went in buggy with eggs, got groceries. Was a beautiful evening and I came home but Will came before me. Mamma came from Omaha Thursday evening but Papa stayed.

September 12, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day all day. Will & I, Mr. Brad's family were at Knoll's all day for dinner oh! so nice and supper until we wanted no more. The men branded cattle. Louise came at night for the night on way to school as she was to stay at McDuffee's but they were at Burke. C. E. had 9 little pigs this a.m.

September 13, 1920, Monday

Was a nice day. Will & Howard mowed hay for Bradstreet. I took Louise to school and on to McDuffee's then came home to can some apple pickles and make some plum butter & Jelly.

September 14, 1920, Tuesday

Was a nice, bright day. Will & I helped Howard put up a stack of hay. I raked, Will swept & Howard stacked. We had dinner at Bradstreets.

September 15, 1920, Wednesday

Was a warm, clear day. We worked at hay as yesterday, but I broke rake so came in early and all in. Dr. Skelton came out to see Harlan as he is sick with a fever. Long Tail had 7 pigs Monday morning, Sept. 13th.

September 16, 1920, Thursday

Was a clear day but windy. I went to Spencer and helped Mamma wash clothes. Got a letter from Papa at Omaha yesterday. Will helped Howard put up another stack.

September 17, 1920, Friday

Was a hot day. Will & Howard mowed hay. Chas. Hines was here and went on to Knolls as Will was there for a mower as he broke his. At 3 p.m. I went for Louise and Foster went along. We went to school-house, to McDuffee's for suitcase, on to town, got tomatoes at Jonas's for Mamma, brought some home. Will was put out as usual.

September 18, 1920, Saturday

Was a warm day but bright. Floyd Wood & black Spotted Sow had 15 and 11 pigs but laid on some. I watched them so they wouldn't lay on many but it was a task. Mr. J. Aggerstedt helped Howard & Will as they put up a large stack. I mopped Kitchen in p.m.

September 19, 1920, Sunday

Was a hot day. We went to Brad's at noon and in forenoon Will played with coyote and Queen

and I washed dishes. In p.m. Will & Brad went after ice so on return I went along to Brad's and we had cream. Returned at 9 p.m.

September 20, 1920, Monday

Was damp, cloudy and cool in morning until 9:30 a.m. Will & I went to Spencer, had dinner at Mamma's, came home, on to Brad's, then to hay-field to put up hay.

September 21, 1920, Tuesday

Was a fair day. Will & Howard finished stack & mowed rest on south side of creek. I made some jelly and cooked grapes but towards evening got very windy so I quit.

September 22, 1920, Wednesday

Was damp and rainy in the morning. I went & got Mamma in the morning and Will got a load of corn in the p.m. He helped Howard put up a stack that is started. I got a supper of fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, apple-pickles, doughnuts, jelly, bread & butter & coffee.

September 23, 1920, Thursday

Was bright until noon clouded over and a regular downpour and wind that blew tops of hay-stacks off. Will & Howard finished one of our stacks. I took Mamma to Spencer & had dinner there. In p.m. made grape jelly & Jam, went to Sherlocks after a dish pan of tomatoes.

September 24, 1920, Friday

Was a bright day but a little windy in p.m. Will & I got water. I washed clothes & canned a few tomatoes, was all in. Will graded roads & got some corn.

September 25, 1920, Saturday

Was a fair forenoon but clouded and so windy in p.m. Will got a load of hay and cleaned hog-house and in the p.m. Mr. Brad, Will & I went to town.

September 26, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day. Will & I went to Spencer, got a linoleum Rug from Mamma and stayed home

rest of day.

September 27, 1920, Monday

Was a fair day but cool all day until evening got warmer. Will sold a stack of hay to S. S. Coley and he got hay rack and hauled a load then Will sowed Rye and went to Spencer in evening. I cleaned the Kitchen with Will's help moving things and went to Brad's for water.

September 28, 1920, Tuesday

Was a windy and first real cold day of season. Will disced in the Rye and cleaned barn. I put up curtains and not much else on account of wind but went to Brad's for water. Papa came from Omaha on evening train with a new limb.

September 29, 1920, Wednesday

Was a nice day. After chores and corn gotten, Will & I went to town to get hog wire & cribbing for corn. On our return we went to Brad's. Will to help haul ties and I to get water.

September 30, 1920, Thursday

Was damp early morning. Will mowed hay in forenoon and in p.m. helped Brad haul ties. I did morning work, cleaned cupboards on outside, got dinner, went to Spencer, helped Mamma wash clothes, on return went to Brad's for water.

October 1, 1920, Friday

Was a hot day. We got message over phone from Okreek. Tom called that his baby Robert age 4 months died Thursday morning, that he & Sadie were on way down here for Burial. Will helped Brad haul ties until noon. I baked bread, Tom Ernest came and we went to Spencer in p.m., they to dig grave and I to help Mamma clean house. I

stayed and Will & Tom Ernest came out here, did our chores, went to Ernests for supper then Tom, Rudolph & Will came back to town. Tom E. & Rudolph went home, we stayed all night. Tom & Sadie came with remains of Baby Robert at 9 p.m. overland in their car.

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remains of Baby Robert at
9 p.m. overland in their car."*

They left the other children with Cora & Mrs. Wilcot. I talked to Nell at Winner this evening. They are well.

October 2, 1920, Saturday

Was a warm bright day. We came out in Tom's Car and did the chores, got flowers at Sherlocks, went back for Baby Robert's funeral at 10 a.m. Had dinner at folks, came home with Tom Ernest, had a nap, then did evening work. Will got corn & hay. We went to Brad's after hay rack & he was up town working in barber-shop. Tom & Sadie went home at 3 p.m.

October 3, 1920, Sunday

Was another still warm day. I went to Brad's for water, got spade. Will fixed hog fence, went to Eggerstedt's for pinchers. I got dinner. In p.m. Tom Ernest came, we went to Brad's, got cream & freezer, no one home, then we went to town, got ice & cookies, when we had cream froze, Mr. D. McDuffee family came. After their return home Will & I separated hogs, went to Brad's with remaining cream & cookies. They came back after a ride with Knoll family to Bristow so were surprised at cream.

October 4, 1920, Monday

Was a nice day. Will went to McDuffee's to help thresh. I finished chores and dusted the south-room. In evening Mrs. Chas. Ward stopped for awhile. She was at Alex Ward's washing clothes so had Frances and Laura with her. Will got home to get a little corn.

October 5, 1920, Tuesday

Was bright but windy & hot and Mon. night so warm. Will got a load of corn and helped Sherlocks dig ditch to pipe from spring into house. I went to Brad's for water, wash curtains and sewed a little. Will stayed for supper.

October 6, 1920, Wednesday

Was a hot windy day. I put up curtains in south-room and not much else but wash windows inside south room. Will helped Brad haul hay and got too windy so he went to Sherlocks about 3 p.m. and helped on ditch and stayed for supper.

October 7, 1920, Thursday

Was another hot, windy, dusty day. Will took the cow to Ableidingers in morning and then went to Sherlocks and they finished digging the ditch 2 p.m. Mrs. Ableidinger called and said that our cow was gone so not being able to get Sherlocks over phone, I walked up there and Will came back, but cow was here. He went to Brad's, got water, then to Ableidingers for cow's halter and got corn in the evening. I put pictures in frame and hung them. Mrs. O. Ernest, Aldena & Baby Havalin stopped in the late afternoon. I went to Brad's for water in the evening when wind went down.

October 8, 1920, Friday

Was a nice day. I went with Will to Brad's and put water in barrel as he left wagon, brought hay rack back and Mr. Brad helped him put tops on stacks near Sherlocks. I came home. I washed clothes, Will brought water home, got hay, weight tops down, got corn.

October 9, 1920, Saturday

Was a hot windy day. I had a sick headache so didn't do much all day until evening I made pie and got supper. Will raked hay and hauled in a load, went to Spencer, got corn.

"The eats consisted of sweet potatoes, chicken dressing, gravy, corn, coffee, bread, butter, jam, cream, pie, lemon & chocolate cake & ice-cream."

October 10, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day all day and plenty warm. McDuffee & Will went to Spencer, got ice and I went to Brad's to see how Freda was as she had that place on rib cleaned, bone scraped and fixed up yesterday at Hospital. Mr. B. brought freezer over and I gave him a pie as we were going to Duffee's for dinner. Mr. Knoll family was there. The eats consisted of sweet potatoes, chicken

dressing, gravy, corn, coffee, bread, butter, jam, cream, pie, lemon & chocolate cake & ice-cream. Mr. McDuffee & family brought us home in evening. We all went to Whiting Bridge in p.m. and a temporary crossing there.

October 11, 1920, Monday

In morning threatened to cloud and at noon it did and sprinkled a little, but cleared off at 3 p.m. Will fixed hog-waterer in forenoon after we got water & brace & bit at Brad's and rode back with Howard & Forest on way to Cornfield. Mr. C. A. Kincaid stopped here for a few minutes. After it stopped sprinkling, Will cleaned barn and in evening he & I went for corn, met Brad's coming from Spencer, went to have Freda's wound dressed. Papa went to Winner and on to ranch Sat. evening. Paul Meyers to take him from Winner out.

October 12, 1920, Tuesday

Was cloudy & quite windy in morning but no so windy during day so Will went to Knolls via Spencer after some coal to help thresh cane, but engine balked so they did not thresh. He bought a hog-waterer from Chas. Johnson so went for it in p.m. and came home, got some corn. A letter from Wichita sent money. I went to Spencer with Tom Ernest.

October 13, 1920, Wednesday

Was a hot day and sun so bright. Will went to Tom Bower's sale on Aug. Pahl place. S. S. Coley came in morning. They found Will's saddle at Chas. Ward's so went via Ernests, Tom went along. I went to Spencer in a.m. and back home, went for Louise at 2 p.m., on to Angels, got wire-stretcher, took Louise up for a coat, had supper with Mamma. Louise & I came just as Will got home. Louise stayed all night. I had a headache all day.

October 14, 1920, Thursday

Was a little cloudy and windy and cold all day. Will got some ties after fixing hog-waterer. I took Louise to school, went to Brad's for water, did work, made butter with Will's help. We went to Spencer in p.m. in the buggy, brought hay-rack and lumber for Crib back and Mr. A Ward rode to his home. We went to Brad's celebrating Harlan's 7th birthday in the evening. I felt bad but Will had an appetite. The McDuffee & Knoll families there. It rained a little during night.

October 15, 1920, Friday

It was damp in morning but a nice day all day. I had a headache so wasn't much good. Will got

corn & went to Bowers for a load of alfalfa in p.m. Paul Meyers came and took Mamma to get Louise at her school.

October 16, 1920, Saturday

Was a nice day. I was feeling bad so only dusted the kitchen and Mr. & Mrs. Brad took Freda to town, worked in shop so Forest & Harlan stayed here and we went for water. Will & Howard gave pigs Sartanine in a.m. and then Will fixed hog lot and Chas. Ward stopped awhile. I talked to Mamma and Papa & Louise Ernest & Lorin came back from Ranch on 1 o'clock train.

October 17, 1920, Sunday

It was bright but windy most of day and cool morning & evening. I was so sick with a sick headache from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. that I had to lie down and Will got his own dinner but I spoiled the gravy. In early evening John Rhody and Frank Harding stopped awhile. Harding lives in Holt Co. and was a school-mate of Will's at Fremond. Mr. & Mrs. M. Gallentine returned quilts in evening, borrowed last night. Will & I went to Brad's for water in evening. Papa, Mamma & Louise are at Langans for the day.

October 18, 1920, Monday

Was a bright day and still in early morn but oh My! so windy and sand & dust blew terrible all day. I gathered 25 tubs cobs and was so tired, went to Brad's for water in evening. Will went with Pat Langan in a.m. to Spencer, got wire to finish hog-lot and Martie stopped to get the stretcher. Will hauled a load of manure, went to Cooleys, got wagon-box, then 2 loads of ties.

October 19, 1920, Tuesday

Was a cloudy and cold day in the wind. Will went to A. Wards to help thresh and Mrs. Merle Gallentine stayed here as Merle went also.

October 20, 1920, Wednesday

Was a nice day. Will got a load of corn. Went to Brad's at noon to help castrate hogs, then we got a load of hay, went to Spencer after a scope-board, had supper up at folks.

October 21, 1920, Thursday

It rained a little but was clear rest of day and a shower in forenoon. Will fixed a place to put corn and went to Ableidingers with June [?] in p.m. I sewed a little but in evening got the rheumatism so bad in hip, I could scarcely walk so didn't do much.

October 22, 1920, Friday

Was a clear day but dusty and windy in p.m. Will got 2 loads corn to-day. Mr. Ableidinger brought back barrel which he got yesterday and some sausage as they butchered pork.

October 23, 1920, Saturday

Was clear but so windy and cold. Will had the grippe so was in bed until noon then he did the chores and I went to Spencer with Mrs. Brad & Freda. Was cold on our return & Mr. Brad got wagon and team as Mr. Kirstine came for his hogs this a.m.

October 24, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice bright day but cool and very cold in evening. In a.m. Everett Ward stopped awhile and I went to Brad's, got water. We did the chores after Will penned hogs and went to Spencer, had supper at folks and went to Mission sermon & Benedictions at St. Mary's church. Will was none too well and I am all in.

October 25, 1920, Monday

Was a beautiful day. Will husked 2 loads corn. I did chores and not much else on account of a cold.

October 26, 1920, Tuesday

Was cloudy very much in forenoon, cleared off in p.m., but cold and windy. Mr. & Mrs. Brad, Freda & Forest went to Spencer, stopped here so I sent for things. Will got 2 loads corn. I did chores but half sick with cold, also made Louise's waist and took to mail-box and Langans went to Mission in evening so took it up. I also went to Brad's for water.

October 27, 1920, Wednesday

Was a beautiful day but cool. Will husked 2 loads corn. I didn't feel good, so did the chores, got dinner, took a nap, and then picked cobs.

October 28, 1920, Thursday

Was another nice day, bright but cool. I helped Will in p.m. and we got a load of corn and in forenoon he got a load and I did chores.

October 29, 1920, Friday

Was cold and very windy but clear. Will & I husked corn, he got 9 rows and I 3 in forenoon as I finished chores first. In the p.m. Will went for a load of alfalfa at T. Bowers on Aug. Pahl place and I piled up some lumber and did chores in evening. Mr. A. Ward stopped a few minutes.

October 30, 1920, Saturday

Was cloudy and cold all day. In the forenoon Will went for a load of coal at Spencer and I cleaned kitchen and in the p.m. we dug potatoes and got cobs and Will unloaded the coal. Mrs. H. Brad & Harlan & Freda went to Spencer.

October 31, 1920, Sunday

Was raining early morning, turned into snow before noon and a regular snowstorm, and at times sleet before night. First snowstorm of the season. We only did necessary work but I took Louise to Rowses and on return met Will at bridge. He had neuralgia, also sprained his waist Friday, and it is still very painful. I have a cold but it isn't so bad.

November 1, 1920, Monday

It was windy and snowed all day but in evening stopped. Will could only do the chores but I cleaned part of basement and it was cold all day.

November 2, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright day all day and snow melted a little. Will took me to Spencer as Mamma was sick.

I stayed until evening and he came for me. Will went to Brad's for dinner as he & Mr. went hunting. I voted at Spencer Polls for the first time.

*"I voted at Spencer Polls for
the first time."*

November 3, 1920, Wednesday

Was another bright day and warm so snow went fast. Will took me back to town and he came home, went to Brad's for dinner, then cleaned barn and took care of hogs.

November 4, 1920, Thursday

Was a bright warm day. Will got a barrel of water at Brad's. I went along then he helped put a tie floor in Brad's barn and I washed clothes and hung them out in evening. Will came home about 3 p.m. so he dug post-holes around hay-stacks.

November 5, 1920, Friday

Was a nice day until about 2 p.m. then clouded over and damp and misty. Will went to Knolls, got engine and grinder and ground rye, took engine back in the evening. I cleaned a little, helped Will, then got Louise from school to Spencer.

November 6, 1920, Saturday

Was a cloudy, damp day. Will dug post holes around a stack, went to Spencer in p.m. on Duke, took 6 ears seed-corn and got a pair mittens free. I made snow-coater and mopped kitchen. Mrs. H. and Mrs. M. Brad. went to Spencer, took Freda to hospital and Forest stayed here with me and we had a big time. Mamma was sick last night and John Langan got hurt in ball-game so Mrs. Langan is at folks. Mamma is better this evening.

November 7, 1920, Sunday

Was fair & bright until evening cloudy but warm. Tom Ernest came and he and Will went to N. Berens and got an Indian Pony. They returned late so we had a late dinner and after that only chored.

November 8, 1920, Monday

It rained in fore part of morning but cleared off by noon. Will took me to Spencer as Mamma wasn't well, and he returned but came for me in evening. Nellie and Boyd came from Winner on 1 o'clock to stay with Mamma for a few days. Mrs. E. Angel, Mrs. K. Hynes were at folks as

Mrs. L. Sullivan (Mary Hynes) is at Hospital, an infant girl born at 2 p.m. today. Also Mrs. C. Christsen and Charlie Snyder were visitors.

November 9, 1920, Tuesday

Squally in forenoon and oh so cold & windy but in p.m. sun shone quite a bit. Will husked corn all day. I did some chores and got mail & water in evening., baked bread and got winter-underwear out.

November 10, 1920, Wednesday

Was bright but cold. Will husked a load in forenoon and I helped in the p.m. so are very tired.

November 11, 1920, Thursday

Armistice Day. Was another cold, bright day. We husked corn all day so can hardly move at night.

November 12, 1920, Friday

Was cloudy and threatened to snow at times but cleared off in evening. We husked all day but came in early so I went for water & mail and Will put some woven wire around the corn-ring. Mamma still feels bad.

November 13, 1920, Saturday

Was a nice day but very frosty in early morn and we husked all day and in evening I had rheumatism in right wrist and arm so couldn't use it but Will is very well.

November 14, 1920, Sunday

American Red Cross Day. Was stormy and cold and some snow fell at times so was cloudy all day. We looked for Nell & Boyd to come out with Langans but they never came, as a call from Fred said Lee was sick so they went back on evening train. Will & I went to Brad's for dinner and the Messrs. went hunting Bunnies. I felt bum and so tired.

November 15, 1920, Monday

Was a nice bright day. We husked corn, that is in forenoon, Will alone, and I gathered cobs. Uncle Crist stopped for dinner and we went to field. I am still all in.

“and finding her refusal still sincere”

November 16, 1920, Tuesday

Was another bright day and Will went early to field and I at 10 a.m. We finished inside fence on Dave’s at 4:30 p.m., so Will turned out stock. This morning

Morton Christsen went to Bristow on early train to see Rosalind Petty, and finding her refusal still sincere, he attempted to choke her and put a bullet through his chest below his heart. He is in Lynch Hospital and still lingering. I am feeling better but tired. Will is O.K.

November 17, 1920, Wednesday

Was a nice day. I baked bread in forenoon and talked to Mamma and she said that Art Bice died this morning. Morton is still alive. Will husked corn all day and I helped in the p.m. Mamma is feeling bad. Johnnie Brownfield ran away after school, was found in Sedlacek corn-field near West school-house.

November 18, 1920, Thursday

Was a very warm day, still and bright. I helped Will husk corn south of road all day and we finished over there, but I was so tired at night. Mr. S. S. Cooley came for our buggy this evening, so helped Will get in Bonnie the bronco, some chase.

November 19, 1920, Friday

Another bright warm day. Mamma’s nose bled all night so I went to town for the day as she felt quite bad. Will cleaned barn and got his dinner, oh my! We had to use Brad’s buggy. Will husked 4 rows corn south of house and has a cold. I am tired.

November 20, 1920, Saturday

Was a nice bright day until evening clouded over and got cold. Will husked corn and I had a headache so only cleaned kitchen and in evening went for water when it got better.

November 21, 1920, Sunday

Was cloudy and rained or snowed most of day and was cold facing wind. Will & Howard went hunting in the forenoon and in the p.m. I went to Spencer, took Louise to Rowe's and got so cold on way home, made Will sore.

November 22, 1920, Monday

Was cloudy and damp all day and at times threatened to snow. Will & I husked corn and in evening I went for water.

November 23, 1920, Tuesday

Another cloudy, damp day. We husked corn all day.

November 24, 1920, Wednesday

Was damp and cloudy and in p.m. got cold. We husked in the forenoon, and in the p.m. I had a headache and couldn't do anything so laid down awhile, and in evening cooked cranberries. Will went to Spencer to get potatoes at Hypse Store and waited a long time at back door but they (the clerks) were too busy to give them to him so he came home without any. He isn't feeling very well on account of a cold. Tom Ernest and Marvlin Coen stopped here on way to Spencer. All the neighbors went to Spencer to attend Mr. L. Legro funeral at Methodist church this p.m. at 2 o'clock.

November 25, 1920, Thursday

Was cloudy in early morn, about 10 o'clock cleared off and clouded over again in the evening. This Thanksgiving Day we husked 11 rows corn and the rest of day spent at chores and Will gave hogs new bedding of straw. Sherlocks went to Stuart, Nebr. this morning. Bradstreets went to Butte. All went in autos so roads are fair.

November 26, 1920, Friday

Was a nice bright day all day and warm. Will went to Wm Haynes sale on the Pearson place southeast of here. Mr. S. Cooley came to go with him in the morning. I did the work, went for water at noon and fixed some blankets in the p.m.

November 27, 1920, Saturday

Was a very frosty morning until 10 a.m. but sun shone bright so got more dry and clouded over in the p.m. I baked bread and in between raises helped Will snap a load of corn. He took it to feed-yard (Wood's) in the p.m. and went up town to do some trading. I cleaned the kitchen.

November 28, 1920, Sunday

Was a nice day, but cooler toward evening. We just did ordinary work. Will went to Brad's after saw as he put ventilator in hog-house roof. H. Bradstreet came over in the morning after some shingle-nails as he put paper around his house for storm-break. Louise was sick so didn't go out to school this evening, she had pains in back so couldn't walk.

November 29, 1920, Monday

It rained during night so was damp all day and cloudy. Will snapped 2 loads of corn and hauled to feed yard and I gathered 23 tubs of cobs and went to Brad's in evening for water. Howard came here in hay-rack. Louise went to Rowses with Mrs. Brownfield.

November 30, 1920, Tuesday

Was cloudy and damp. Will snapped a load, hauled to feed yard, then went to Bowers for alfalfa. I helped corn, gathered cobs.

December 1, 1920, Wednesday

Was a frosty morning, sun shone bright. We snapped corn all day and Will hauled one load to feed yard. Was tired at night.

December 2, 1920, Thursday

Was a nice day. We finished in forenoon north of track. In p.m. I went with Will after a barrel of water then we got a load of hay which he hauled to feed yard, and I gathered a few cobs.

December 3, 1920, Friday

Was another nice day. Will hauled a load of hay to feed yard and I husked 2 rows corn. In p.m. Will husked corn. I washed a few pieces.

December 4, 1920, Saturday

Was a nice day. I baked bread and cleaned kitchen and Will husked and in the p.m. I went along and we finished for the season.

December 5, 1920, Sunday

A beautiful Day all day. Mr. Bradstreet came for potatoes in morning. Will went back with him, got some water. Brads came for dinner and in evening Tom & Louise & Lorin brought Louise out from Spencer. After supper we went back with Brads. I had a headache all day.

December 6, 1920, Monday

Was a cloudy, damp day and cold all day until evening cleared off. Will & Mr. Cooley who came in the morning went to C. H. Teaquist sale on John Storm place. I gathered 20 tubs cobs and took Louise to school before 9 o'clock a.m. Was out Doors all p.m., so tired at night. Brad stopped on his way to Spencer in evening and talked to Knolls and Moffits. The sale a success.

December 7, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright day but foggy and frosty until 10 a.m. We went to Gallentines sale. Will went over on Bonnie, at noon he and Mr. Gallentine came for me. In evening I came home with Sherlocks, went to Brad's for water. Dan Foley and Andy Anderson came with Will in evening.

December 8, 1920, Wednesday

Was cold, windy, damp & cloudy all day. Mr. Cooley came in a.m., paid for a stack of hay. Will went to Spencer before dinner. I started to wash clothes when he left and finished in evening. On his return he went to Cooleys to give change, on to Knolls to saw wood.

December, 9, 1920, Thursday

Was a nice day all day. I hung clothes out to dry. Mr. Knoll, Everet butchered a hog, then Will went along to Knolls to haul fodder. I went to Brad's after water at noon.

December 10, 1920, Friday

Was bright day all day but very frosty in the morning so Will went to Gallentines, got Binder,

then to Brad's and on to Knolls to haul Fodder. H. Brad came in morn on way to haul hay and helped take down the hog. I did up the work, gathered a few cobs, went for Louise, took her to Spencer in the p.m.

December 11, 1920, Saturday

Was a nice day all day. I cut up meat, salted, got lard ready to cut up also sausage and gathered cobs in p.m. Will & Howard hauled Fodder at Knolls all day.

December 12, 1920, Sunday

Was nice until in p.m. clouded over and in evening snowed & rained. H. Brad came for potatoes on way to get rake. Will got grinder and water. Gathered cobs and kindling.

December 13, 1920, Monday

It snowed last night so ground is covered this morning. Was a bright day all day but a little cool on account of snow. Will got the spreader at Brad's after helping me grind meat for sausage and cut the head. He hauled a load of manure then afternoon helped Mr. Ableidinger haul hogs to Spencer. I cared for meat, went to Brad's for water. In evening Mr. Cooley stopped as Will came home. Mr. Bradstreet stopped for saddle and to use phone.

December 14, 1920, Tuesday

Was bright at times and then cloudy and windy, at about noon was a regular blizzard of snow and wind for about

"I rendered lard and mashed my head, oh my!"

10 minutes. Will got saddle at Brad's, went to Cooleys, got Mr. on to sale, came back in blizzard, had dinner, went to sale again. Howard came for spreader, use phone at noon, came about 4 p.m. after traveling bag as Forest will go to Anoka on 11 o'clock tomorrow. I rendered lard and mashed my head, oh my!

December 15, 1920, Wednesday

Was a bright day but wind blew very hard. Early morning Howard drove Merle's horses in yard so breakfast was late. Will & Howard hauled some alfalfa for Brad, then cut down a load of wood for him. Howard went to town with Moffet in evening.

December 16, 1920, Thursday

All the above happened today and the following yesterday. Was a bright day. Will went to Rows with hog, then we went to Spencer in p.m. Will got a little Hampshire pig (Hootin Ann) as a present from Rows. He got hay rack on return from town. Brads are up town as Freda operated, a piece of rib taken out. Forest is at Butte.

December 17, 1920, Friday

Was a bright day but cold. Will & Howard hauled a load of hay to Brad's in forenoon. I baked bread, got dinner, then went for Louise. As we were north of cemetery a Ford car frightened our horses so they jumped, broke double trees, ran off towards Neese's fence, then we stopped them. We were all in. I had Mrs. Sherlock call Will and he & Howard walked up town, Will to bring me home and Howard to see Freda. Men got Howard's Pigs.

December 18, 1920, Saturday

It was cloudy, cold and snowed a little most of day. In the forenoon, H. & W. cut another load of wood for Brad and in the p.m. they hauled a load up to house also got the mail & water. I mopped the kitchen in a.m. and in afternoon fixed an everyday dress, skirt. Howard had meals here today and yesterday. I had a headache last evening and today. Will has a cold.

December 19, 1920, Sunday

Was cloudy and snowed all day gently so not so very much fell. Howard came over for breakfast then he and Will went hunting until nearly noon. He went to town to get family, but Freda was weak so they didn't come out. Will & I got in wood, Will the larger pieces and I twigs for kindling. After dinner we took a nap as Will has a cold and I headache. In evening I went for water and Will fixed windows & doors. Will put Hooten Ann with other pigs last evening.

December 20, 1920, Monday

Was snowing all day very gently and damp. Will & Howard cut wood for us, that is cut down trees. I just got meals and other work.

December 21, 1920, Tuesday

Was a blizzard from N. W. all day but not so cold. Will went to Brad's after reading material

*"I made a night gown for self
so Will got dinner so I could
finish."*

and water and Howard was not there at noon, it was about 11 - 12 a.m. In afternoon he napped and I made a night gown for self so Will got dinner as I could finish.

December 22, 1920, Wednesday

The sun was bright but wind blew snow all day and quite cold. Howard was at Knolls yesterday and today. Will did chores and fed stock good. I mended overalls.

December 23, 1920, Thursday

Was a bright day but oh! so cold that the men nearly froze hauling hay to Brad's, also some alfalfa. They hauled the alfalfa in forenoon and in p.m. went for hay and got stuck on hill south of house, so it was late when they got load to Brad's. Howard came over for supper and phone to Butte for Forest to come on 1 o'clock tomorrow. I just got meals and other work.

December 24, 1920, Friday

Was a bright day but cold, not so cold as yesterday. Brad went for family at Spencer also Harlan at Knolls. Will & I went over to Brad's to build fires in p.m., also I baked bread and made fudge. We are not feeling as well as might be. Will helped Brads across ice in evening.

December 25, 1920, Saturday

Was a warm day for all the snow on ground, so a Merry Christmas today. We went to Spencer, had a good dinner at folks, brought some home. We went up in a double-box wagon. Each a headache, I better in evening but Will still bum.

December 26, 1920, Sunday

Was squally then bright at times, and then snow & wind in forenoon but in p.m. was better, and it was so cold during wind. Will put straw in hog-house for bedding, also got a load of hay over south and mail was there so brought Brad's and ours. I gathered cobs, got dinner. We went to

Brads and stayed until evening as Will & Brad went hunting. Will had a headache this morning but I am better.

December 27, 1920, Monday

Was a bright day but cold and windy. I melted some snow and mopped kitchen. Will did chores and Mr. Cooley came at noon so they went hunting in p.m. Howard got our wagon and took Mrs. & Freda to Spencer. Forest & Harlan stayed here. Mr. A. Ward stopped in evening.

December 28, 1920, Tuesday

Was a bright day but wind cold. I melted a lot of snow and gathered cobs. Will helped Brad cut down a load of wood on ice, had dinner over there and then got Ableidinger's Rack, and he and Howard hauled 2 small loads hay to Feed yard at Spencer in late evening.

December 29, 1920, Wednesday

Was a warm day but cloudy until towards evening cleared off. I washed clothes and hung out to dry. Will helped Brad haul 2 loads alfalfa then broke tongue in rack so got a load of hay for Brad. Took Ableidinger's rack home, helped Brad get wood on ice off and we are so tired.

December 30, 1920, Thursday

Was a nice warm day and sun shone bright. Howard & Will hauled our wood and cleaned Brad's barn. Mrs. B., Freda & I went to Spencer in p.m. I got dinner for men, took down clothes.

December 31, 1920, Friday

Was bright in forenoon but clouded over in p.m. and got cold & windy, for was so warm in forenoon. Messrs. Knoll, Palmer & Bradstreet helped Will saw wood, had trouble all day, first put kerosene for gas, then went to Sherlocks, got gasoline, sent for Willie to bring batteries with Elvin Reed, then Will had to go to Spencer for Hot Shot, then work was quickly down in an hour or so. Mr. Sherlock, Floyd & Guy came for our male hog in forenoon. I only got meals & ironed clothes & baked bread. Will was so sick last night with stomach and tonight still feels bad. I am all in with my back.

January 1, 1918: Inventory, W. J. Whitcher

- 80 acres land ... \$6000.00
- Farm buildings ... \$1000.00
- 3 horses, 3 colts ... \$525.00
- 1 cow from Floyd Wood ... \$75.00
- 9 hogs ... \$180.00
- 12 hens, 1 rooster ... \$14.00
- 50 bushels oats & 200 bushels corn ... \$240.00
- 7 tons wild hay, 3 tons alfalfa ... \$150.00
- Seeds, grain & vegetable ... \$35.00
- Household Goods ... \$200.00
- Farm Implements ... \$300.00
- Cash in Bank ... \$545.00
- Total ... \$9264.00
- Outstanding Indebtedness ... \$1650.00
- Net Worth ... \$7614.00

January 16, 1918: Marriage of Harriet Elizabeth Whiting and William J. Whitcher

January 1, 1919: Inventory, W. J. Whitcher

No inventory taken on account of W. J. Whitcher being in the army at Gilmerton, Virginia. Our cow died of Alfalfa poison. We sold nearly all hogs on account of no house for them. We got a \$2000 loan on farm to pay for house and other implements. W. J. came home Feb. 27th, 1919, discharged from Army.

January 1, 1920: Inventory, W. J. Whitcher

- 4 Horses, each \$125 ... \$500.00
- 2 Horses, each \$65 ... \$130.00
- 1 Horse ... \$50.00
- 1 Cow and Calf ... \$210.00
- 1 Boar ... \$30.00
- 1 Fat Hog ... \$35.00
- 23 Fall Pigs, each \$10 ... \$230.00
- 8 doz. Light Brahma Chickens ... \$100.00
- 2 1/2 Sets Harness, Single Harness, 2 sets Fly Nets ... \$150.00
- 1 Heavy Stock Saddle ... \$50.00
- Farm Machinery ... \$150.00
- 2 Wagons, \$25 each ... \$50.00
- 200 bu. Oats ... \$150.00
- 300 bu. Corn ... \$390.00
- 12 bu. Rye ... \$15.00
- 25 Tons Hay ... \$375.00
- 2 Tons Alfalfa ... \$40.00
- Corn Fodder ... \$40.00
- Household Goods & Separator ... \$300.00
- TOTAL ... \$3120.00 [sic]

Groceries and Dry Goods Bought January and February, 1920

January 8

Suspenders	\$0.75
Syrup, 1 gal.	\$1.10
Apples	\$0.50
Jello.....	\$0.45
Bananas.....	\$0.25
Oranges.....	\$0.35
Cheesecloth	\$0.30
TOTAL.....	\$3.70

January 17

Coffee, Butternut	\$0.50
Shoe Strings.....	\$0.15
Onions.....	\$0.25
Ivory Soap	\$0.10
Sugar	\$0.50
Tobacco.....	\$0.15
TOTAL.....	\$2.25

February 18

Lemons	\$0.20
Baking Powder	\$0.30
Bluing.....	\$0.05
Soap.....	\$0.50
Yeast.....	\$0.10
Matches.....	\$0.07
Thread.....	\$0.10
Raisins.....	\$0.60
Jello.....	\$0.30

Apples.....	\$0.50
Sugar	\$1.00
Gingham.....	\$1.60
Bananas.....	\$0.25
TOTAL.....	\$5.57

February 23

Coal Oil, 5 Gals.	\$1.15
Shoe Lace.....	\$0.05
Tobacco, Velvet.....	\$0.15
Coffee, Butternut, 1 lb.....	\$0.60
TOTAL.....	\$1.95

February 25

Apples.....	\$0.50
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February 28

Coffee.....	\$0.60
Tobacco, Velvet.....	\$0.15
Crackers.....	\$0.20
Vanilla Extract	\$0.50
Lemon Extract.....	\$0.25
Raisins.....	\$0.60
Sardines	\$0.25
Sugar	\$1.50
Syrup.....	\$0.55
Jello.....	\$0.45
Almond.....	\$0.35
Walnuts.....	\$0.45
Butter, Creamery	\$0.65
Onions.....	\$0.50

Apples.....	\$0.50
Raspberries, 6 cans.....	\$3.00
TOTAL.....	\$10.50

Paid Out for Sundries January and February, 1920

Shoe Repair on Army Shoe.....	\$0.10
Gasoline for Smoking Meat	\$2.10
To Robert Jewelry Store	
for bridge for my glasses.....	\$0.75