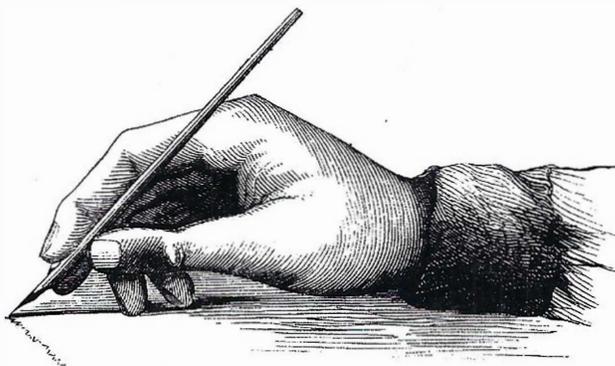


366 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG  
WOMAN

Daisy's Diary - 1908



Transcription and Commentary

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## DEDICATION

First, I dedicate this effort to my wife, Dorene, who supports me in many ways and often possesses patience enough for two which is a good thing, and secondly, of course, to Daisy (Wetmore) Conrad who shared her story, and lastly to all the families who share their histories and all the volunteers working at historical societies to preserve those histories for future generations.



## INTRODUCTION

My story starts as a volunteer at the Steuben County Historical Society. I was given an assignment by the Curator to analyze a box of printed material and see if I could recommend accession into our archival collection or identify an alternative location. The cover letter from the donor in Tucson Arizona identified the material as “my grandmother’s diary” and “some family letters received and paperwork from the period of the Civil War “. The civil war period (1861-1864) correspondence was addressed to Ira L. Wetmore, Springwater N.Y. and the diary is for 1908.

Daisy had put her first name only on the front page inside the cover and wrote in the first person and used first names only for both family and friends. She referred to her parents with whom she lived as Father and Mother without any first or last names. I telephoned the donor in Arizona and ask for additional details about his grandmother Daisy. A return call taken for me provided the following clues. “Daisy” was Daisy Wetmore when she wrote the diary and after she married Henry Conrad she lived near Wayland, Cohocton and Atlanta which are all in Steuben County south of Springwater which is in Livingston Co. The grandson thought she might have traced her family back to some Pierces. My wife who does genealogy was able to provide the family details in Appendix A which follows the transcription of the diary.

I hope you enjoy meeting Daisy and her family and friends by reading what they did each day from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 1908 while living on a large farm in the rolling hills of rural New York State. Twenty six year old Daisy is living at home with her parents and near several older married siblings who visit often and the families work hard together on what appears to be a large farm near the northern boundary of Steuben County in rural NYS. Daisy shares her days in a faithfully maintained diary in a very legible cursive handwriting using the vocabulary of a well-educated woman of the early 1900’s. Some of the activities and the terminology describing them leave room for interpretation and speculation which I will insert as italicized notes periodically. I will augment with information acquired from internet research about the period and area in some of my *NOTES*. Any errors in either transcription or interpretation are the author’s alone. GAP ca. 2015

### ATTENTION READERS!

If you enjoy reading detailed entries in a diary and figuring out the context and relationships from the writer’s clues DO NOT read Appendix A, B, or C and skip over my italicized commentary between the specific daily entries. Try reading January and February while taking your own notes and trying to connect the details. Be careful, it can be addictive.



## The Daisy L. Wetmore – Diary for the year 1908

Wed. Jan. 1, 1908 New Years Day Father, Mother, Frank and Nellie Walker Mr. Shults Lewis Kern Frank Ola and I all spent the day at Mr. Thorpes Walter Buck and Minnie Muck were married Miziner did the job. Arche butchered. I was down at Wirts a few mins at night Herb was there.

Thurs. Jan 2, 1908 We sewed and patched The carpenters came back Henry worked for Wirt Libbie was down all day Mother and I was down there in the evening Father drew up some logs and I helped saw some wood Mr. Engle was hear and got a hog.

*NOTE: I am transcribing the diary as written in 1908. The words and grammar belong to Daisy Wetmore who was 26 years old and living with her parents in East Springwater NY. It was interesting that she consistently uses "hear" as the pronoun for at this place. I wondered if the hog Mr. Engle picked up had been butchered on News Years Day.*

Fri. Jan 3, 1908 We baked both kinds of bread. Mother went to Wirts in the P.M. I took Dick to the shop and called on Mrs. Hansen. Father and I sawed some wood and he drew up some more while I was gone. A dance at Jacob Wolfangers.

Sat. Jan. 4, 1908 Mother went to Pierces and got some nails. Father took the buckwheat to Mr. V's farm and Arche took it to Atlanta then he went to Cohocton for lath and nails. The carps. went home in the P.M. Mark and Zoe hear Zoe stayed at Wirts he sick with gall stones again. Uncle Orlando hear to dinner. Arche hear to supper.

Sun. Jan. 5, 1908 2 above zero Mark came after Zoe in the P.M. and brought Rosa up hear from Bibbs. I was down to Wirts in the morning Mother and Father were there in the P.M. We talked to Chas. twice about him.

Mon. Jan. 6, 1908 A nice day We washed The carps came in the morning Mother was down to Wirts Henry took potatoes to Wayland and got the medicine for Wirt at Zoe's that Chas sent from Dr. Talmadge Rosa and I went to Mr. T for the evening Geo and Luna came and we came home They horned the Bucks.

*NOTE: "Horning Bees" were still going on in the 1950's. This was when friends and family surprised the newlyweds late at night for a party – the Bucks had been married on New Year's Day. The references to building materials (nails & lathe) and the carps (carpenters) coming and going leads me to believe there are major improvements or new construction going on.*

Tues. Jan. 7, 1908 I helped saw some wood Rosa and Mother made mince meat in the P.M. Rosa and I went to Wirts a few minutes Mrs. Hansen there I ironed in the P.M. Mother baked pie, cake and cookies. Uncle John was hear to dinner It snowed awful hard at night



Wed. Jan. 8, 1908 We baked bread I finished ironing. Mother was down to Wirts in the P.M. Rosa and I went to Mr. Thorpe's in the P.M. and to Wirts in the evening I was down in the morning too Wirt was real bad. Father took the carpenters home Mr. Parks sick with pleurisy

Thurs. Jan. 9, 1908 I was down to Wirt's twice he was better. I took Rosa back to Gibbs in P.M. It snowed and was colder. Mr. Thorpe hear in the A.M. and Frank Greer in the P.M. and helped saw some wood. Henry P. was down to Wirt's in the P.M. Wirt had a gall stone at night. My head ached.

Fri. Jan. 10, 1908 I did the patching. Was down to Wirts in the morning. Mother was there in the P.M. Father went to the mill and paid taxes. Henry took a load of baled hay to the D L and W. Wirt had a gall stone. A dinner social at Nelson Gibbs. Beecher - Vierhile silver wedding. A dance at Mr. Sanfords. My head ached. The chimney burned out.

Sat. Jan. 11, 1908 We did the Sat. work. I was down to Wirts twice Mother was down in the P.M. and so was Father. Henry and Chas took two loads of hay. Stong was down to Wirts a few minutes. Mother and I cleaned the pipe and chimney in the kitchen. Wirt had a gall stone. My head ached.

*Note: I am learning about Daisy as I move through her days. She divides time into morning (first thing), A.M. (period before noon), P.M. (period after noon) and evening (I assume after dinner or supper) and night. Daisy assumes I know more than I do for example "We did Sat. work" (I don't know what that is in the Wetmore household in 1908). I have figured out that brother Wirt lives nearby (down to Wirt's) and is suffering terribly with gall stones. Wirt had a gallstone - I think Daisy would use the same term if her sister Zoe had a baby. I understand the pain and discomfort is comparable but personally I have "had" neither. I marvel at this hard-working family. Friday "the chimney burned out" and Saturday "Mother and I cleaned the pipe and chimney". I interpret this as meaning that they do have a kitchen stove to cook rather than a hearth. D L & W was the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad and provided shipping of various materials and passenger transportation.*

Sun. Jan. 12, 1908 Jeannie called us at two fifteen Wirt was having a spell. The Dr. came. Mother and I stayed till after day light. It rained most of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, Chas, Amanda, Arche, Mary, and I there in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. stayed.

Mon. Jan. 13, 1908 Mother washed. Arche, Ray, and Henry took hay. Wirt went to Arkport to see Dr. Tallmadge. I went with him. Chas. H went and took us to the train. The first time Wirt had been out of the house in 20 days. Chas. and Neil met us. Chas. and Wirt went and see the Dr.

Tues. Jan. 14, 1908 A stormy day. Emma and I sewed some. She had the head ache in the P.M. Wirt and Chas. went to Hornell in the P.M. and got the phonograph.

Wed. Jan. 15, 1908 Ivy served in the morning. Chas. and Wirt went to see the Dr. again. Wirt and I came home in the P.M. Chas. Came and got us. Henry took hay. Arche and Mary hear a few minutes in the evening and went down to Wirts. Mrs. Hansen went home.

Thurs. Jan. 16, 1908 A stormy day. Mr. Rice hear in the morning to see dad about phosphate. Arche and Henry took hay. My cold was bad. Mother and I raveled out my white shawl she did the patching.

Fri. Jan. 17, 1908 I reeled my yarn and we washed that and Mothers shawl. Wirt went up to Arches in the P.M. Father and I sawed a little wood. A dance at Linas Finch's I went with Arches folks Bert and Elmer were the music. Mena Leaper died.

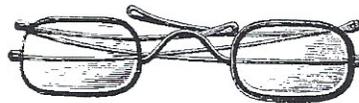
Sat. Jan. 18, 1908 We did Sat work. Mother commenced my shawl. Stub was hear twice Henry and Ray went with hay. Father and I sawed a little wood Wirt helped some.

Sun. Jan. 19, 1908 I went up to Arches and spent the P.M. Wirt and Jennie went up to the corners.

Mon. Jan. 20, 1908 We washed in the morning. Wirt, Jennie, Mary, and I went to Mena Leapers funeral at the Evangelical Ch. in Wayland. Mary and I drove Ted. Arche and Ray took the last of the hay. Linas lathed.

*Note: This is the first mention of church attendance. From this one day we can determine that the farm had hay to sell, a house is being built or improved with lathe in preparation for plaster finish but I can't tell you if Ted is a passenger or a horse pulling a conveyance. While we are looking at this group of first names in Daisy's life I will share what we can learn from near a hundred years of census data. Fair Warning! Early census data as transcribed and added to modern computer technology is what it is – the result of hand written information gathered by oral interviews with residents of each household. From the data I have I can tell you that Wirt married Jennie, Arche married Mary, Zoe married Charles Hansen, and Daisy will marry Henry Conrad on 24 June 1914. (see Appendix A) Reviewing the census data shows how the information can mislead if we are not careful. Daisy's Father is shown with the following name(s) with his age in parenthesis Leif Whitmore (8), Let Wetmore (18), Leet Wetmore (33), Ira L. Whitmore (38), Ira Whitmore (68), and Ira L. Wetmore (77).*

Tues. Jan. 21, 1908 Mother ironed. I went to Wayland to have my eyes fitted. I went to see Dr. Weidman Zoe went with me we stopped at Mr. Millers. Arche took a load of potatoes for Wirt, I rode up to Floyds with him Wirt and Jennie were there. Mrs. Miller died at midnight of dropsy. Mrs. Thorpe hear in the AM



Wed. Jan 22, 1908 I finished the ironing. Mother straightened the closet and finished a pair of mittens. Wirt helped buzz wood at Arche. Mrs. John Morris died.

Thur. Jan. 23, 1908 I didn't do much. I was sick with the grippe. Wirt, Jennie, Henry, Libbie Strong, Chas, Amanda and I at Arches in the evening. It snowed hard and it was cold.

Fri. Jan. 24, 1908 I took a whiskey sweat and broke up the grippe. Arche and Ray hear in the P.M. and sawed some wood and went to the school house to fix the stove pipe. Mother baked bread.

Sat. Jan 25, 1908 I felt pretty good was down to Wirts in the morning. We did Sat work. Wirt and Father went to the school house in the P.M. and Mother went to Mr. Thorpe's with them.

Sun. Jan. 26, 1908 A stormy day. Herb and Julia hear most all day. Geo. T. hear in the morning. Henry and Libbie down to Wirts. My throat cankered to beat all. A little girl came to Hugh Campbell's weight 6 ½ lbs.

Mon. Jan 27, 1908 A stormy cold day. I wrote letters most of the A.M. Mother pieced and I worked on her Xmas towels in the P.M. Father cut some wood. Wirt picked up some potatoes. A man hear selling stove polish.

Tues. Jan 28, 1908 We washed and got nearly all the clothes dry. Arche and Mary went to N. Cohocton. Wirt and Jennie went to Wayland.

Wed. Jan. 29, 1908 We ironed and worked at my shawl. An auction at Geo Palmateers. Wirt took Jennie to Libbies and went collecting for the Index. Mrs. Thorpe and Geo. hear in the evening. Cold Night

Thurs. Jan. 30, 1908 A cold clear day. The men fired the new cellar all day. I baked bread, cake, and cookies. We worked on my shawl. Wirt went to the corners at night and got Jennie. 18 below zero at nine o'clock.

Fri. Jan. 31, 1908 A little warmer and clear. The wind blew an awful gale all night. At night the snow piled up. I went to Jennies in the P.M. and made a clothes pin bag. Phil Hunt hear a little while. Mother churned.

Sat. Feb. 1, 1908 A blizzard all day. Took the upper barn doors off the big barn. Arche, Ray, and Geo T came and helped put them on. My birthday Mrs. T sent me a tatting collar and Father gave me a dollar.

Sun. Feb. 2, 1908 Another blizzard day and colder. Floyd Sanford's was the only team by hear all day.

Mon. Feb. 3, 1908 A nice cold day the wind blew in the P.M. We washed and got most of the clothes dry. Wirt and Father went down to Uncle Johns and broke out the road.

Tues. Feb. 4, 1908 12 below zero fair. We did the ironing. I finished Mother's towel and we commenced my shawl again. Wirt drew some wood. Wirt Jennie Weller Florence and I went to Henry Mucks to a variety shower for Walter and Minnie Buck 22 below zero

Wed. Feb. 5, 1908 Another awful blizzardy day Chas. R. brought the mail to Parses and Earnest Speer brought it the rest of the way. I worked on my shawl and Mother cut out her a dress John Rowles died of cancer of the stomach

Thurs. Feb, 6, 1908 A very good day. Arche and Ray were hear a little while out breaking roads. Chas. left the mail down the road somewhere and Willie went to Parses and got it. Wirt put some more banking around our house.

Fri. Feb. 7, 1908 Mother cut out her other wrapper and I nearly finished the first one. Wirt went to the mill and helped keep the road open so the procession could get to the grave. Wirt got the mail. W.E. came and got his mail. Geo. T. was hear a little while. Father went down to Parses. Lola Rowe died at Brockport.

*Notes: Feb 1<sup>st</sup> was Daisy's birthday. I understand her Fathers' gift of a dollar but I'm not sure what Mrs. T's gift of a tatting collar is for (it may have been a tatted collar worn as an accessory to a blouse or dress). The first week in February 1908 appears to have been a rural New York weather test of the most severe type. A blizzard with winds that blew off the upper barn doors began the week on Saturday. Sunday was another blizzardy day and only one team of horses even passed by. Tuesday's first entry was 12 below zero and the last entry was 22 below zero. References made all week to "breaking roads" and carrying mail to neighbors. The mail delivery is further defined in Appendix B which is a directory of the Town of Springwater with entries sorted by mail service centers which were in both Ontario and Steuben Counties and had railroad service.*

*Two deaths mentioned. "Wirt put more banking around our house" it could have been banking with snow and I remember when growing up using straw bales to bank against the COLD around the foundation of our house.*

Sat. Feb. 8, 1908 We did Sat work. I finished Mother's dress and did the patching. The wind went down at night. Jake and Arthur Wolfanger, Lew Sable, and Ed Pegale hear after their mail. Henry Muck brought it up from Parses. Wirt, Jennie, Arche, Mary and Ray hear in the evening. I made some candy.

Sun. Feb. 9, 1908 A lovely Day. Wirt and Jennie went to Arches to dinner and up to the corners. I went to Arches with them didn't get home till eleven o'clock. Libbies sick with neuralgia of the heart and had the Dr.

Mon. Feb. 10, 1908 We washed and the clothes got dry. Father went to Uncle Johns in the P.M. and Mother went down to Alice's. The water pipes were frozen up. The men worked at them all day.

Tues. Feb 11, 1908 Mother ironed and cleaned the snow out of the wood house. Wirt went to Cohocton. I went to Mikes with him. Grace and Bruce came there at night. Father shoveled out the bees. Jennie went to the corners to stay with Libbie. Carrier Rauber died at Wayland.

Wed. Feb 12, 1908 I baked cakes and cookies. Mother cleaned the trough and waited on the men. They worked at the water. Mother took me up to Mary's. Arche, Mary, Ray and I went to the surprise party and dance for Leo and Leonora. Their 17<sup>th</sup> today. We went by the corners on bare ground and came back by W. Wirt went to Libbies.

Thurs. Feb. 13, 1908 I got home at 4:45. Wirt came home and went to Arches and drew logs. Mark and Zoe were hear all day. It thawed all day.

Fri. Feb. 14, 1908 I finished my shawl Mother finished her bed quilt. I swept the chambers. We didn't get the mail. Wirt and I cut some trees in the woods and got them up to the house. Wirt and I went down to Mr. Thorpe's in the evening Herus and Hieracheo there. Father was at the school house and Mr. Thorpe's in the P.M.

Sat. Feb. 15, 1908 A rainy day. We did Sat. work. I sent my glasses to Dr. Weidman to be changed and mended. Father went to Parsons and got yesterday's mail. I got a nice Valentine. The men sawed the wood we got yesterday. Wirt and I went to Arches in the evening. Floyd Helen Muck were there.

Sun. Feb. 16, 1908 A very quiet day at our house. Know one hear only Wirt all day. He went to the corners and got Jennie at night. Mark not any better.

Mon. Feb. 17, 1908 We washed and got the clothes in. Thomas Briggs hear to dinner. Tim Coffee hear to see Father. Wirt drew logs for Arche. We made the kitchen carpet and put it down in the P.M.

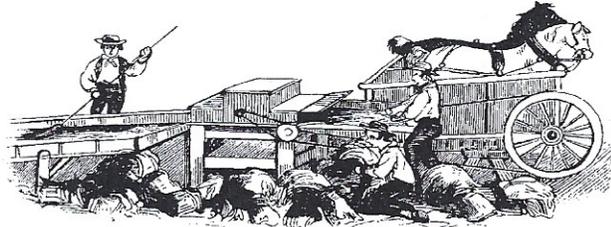
Tues. Feb. 18, 1908 I did the ironing. Mother baked both kinds of bread. We made the sour kraut and I cleaned all the silver.

Wed. Feb. 19, 1908 Mary was hear all day. Arche Wirt and Ray went to Atlanta and unloaded a car of fertilizer didn't get back till after ten P.M.. Jennie was hear a while. I worked on Mary's towels and Mother and her worked on her aprons. We play flinch at night.

Thurs. Feb. 20, 1908 We did the patching. Wirt and Jennie hear a while. Father Mother and I went over to Hugh's in the P.M.

Fri. Feb. 21, 1908 Father went to Wayland and I went down to Zoe's with him. We made my black jumper in the P.M. Mother cut out blocks.

Sat. Feb. 22, 1908 I finished the jumper and helped Zoe do her work. We went to Mehlenbachers in the P.M. to a rag bee twenty seven ladies there sewed 23 lbs. of rags. Mark pitched hay to the press at Miles farm for Herm. Father went to Emma's. Wirt took him to W. and got flour. Mr. and Mrs. V at Arches.



Two-horse treadmill for power

Sun. Feb. 23, 1908 We didn't get up very early. Wirt Jennie and Mother came down and I came home with them. Mr. and Mrs. V went home in the P.M.

Mon. Feb. 24, 1908 We washed and the clothes got dry. A lovely sunshiny day. Wirt was a little under the weather. He helped Willie press hay at Caroline's P.M. Jennie Mother and I did part of the chores at night. Wirt and Jennie hear all the evening.

Tues. Feb. 25, 1908 We did the ironing and baked cookies. I was down to see Mrs. Thorpe in the morning she sick. Jennie went to the Corners and Wirt went to W. with grist. Father came home rode up to Geo. T. Geo bought Marks gray colt. An awful windy day. The chimney burned out.

Wed. Feb. 26, 1908 We did up the morning work and had dinner. Then Wirt took us down to Mrs. Thorpe's we helped her tie off a comfortable Geo. brought us home. Wirt went to the corners and got Jennie. Father Mother Wirt and Jennie all got colds.

Thurs. Feb. 27, 1908 Mother went to the aid at Nelson Gibbs. Wirt went to the DL&W and got the seed. I was down to Jennie's in the P.M. I commenced some insertions for corset cover. Wirt brought Father and I each a hdky. for our birthday. Ermma Pauls cancer came out.

Fri. Feb. 28, 1908 Father's 66 birthday. Mother and he went down to Zoes. I swept and cleaned up the rooms below and washed windows. Wirt cut and drew some wood.

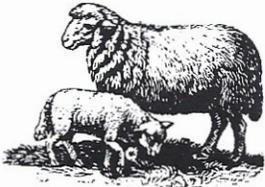
Sat. Feb. 29, 1908 We did Sat work I washed some windows on the outside. I was down to Jennies twice. Wirt went to Atlanta with hay for W.E. from Caroline's. Arche went to Atlanta.

*Notes: As February draws to a close I hope the weather has taken a turn toward spring since Daisy is washing windows inside and out. Reviewing the first two months of 1908, I will share some of my thoughts. Daisy and her Mother spend a great many hours making, cleaning and maintaining the family's clothes. Monday is wash day and Tuesday is ironing and much time is spent "patching". In cold weather just getting the clothes dry was a chore. I remember my own mother hanging our clothes in*

winter where they froze stiff (I guess they freeze dried). She then stood our jeans around the living room stove where they finished drying (I guess it also moisturized the dry winter air inside our home). Daisy describes the process of "raveling" her shawl, reeling the yarn, washing the yarn and her mother using it to make a new shawl. This family recycled and reused before it was a popular trend.

I tried to envision a "Rag Bee" where 27 women got together to socialize and "sew 23 lbs. of rags". Two thoughts cross my mind. First, did we hem the rags to prevent raveling and thereby make cleaning rags for all manner of use? Second, was this "Bee" the first step in making Rag Rugs by cutting the rags into strips and sewing a tube which could be inverted and assembled in a spiral pattern? Daisy seems to work constantly alongside her Mother (laundry, baking bread, cakes, cookies, & pies, all nature of sewing, house cleaning and once even doing evening farm chores and alongside her Father and brothers cutting down trees, drawing logs and cutting wood. She continues to use the term "We did Saturday work" assuming I know what that means. A few other terms used include "we helped her tie off a comfortable" (I assumed a small quilt which we would today call a comforter) and "Mark pitched hay to the press at Miles farm" (this and subsequent references led me to think it might be a very early more stationary baler to prepare loose hay for shipping and sale) and lastly "I commenced some insertions for corset cover" (I'm going way out on a limb here. Remember the scene from "Gone With the Wind" where Scarlet O'Hara is being tied into a corset by a Negro slave lady. Now consider making a corset by hand sewing and what if you began by sewing the fabric to form slots to hold the stays, would these be insertions for a corset cover?) That's my guess and I'm stuck with it.

If you have ignored my notes and Appendix A while reading January and February it is time I introduce you to the family: Father is Ira Leet Wetmore (66), Mother is Lucy H. (Parshall) Wetmore (70), and Children are Zoe dau (40), Emma dau (37), Wirt son (34), Arche son (31) and Daisy dau (26). I will let you continue to work on the in-laws and friends as I had to.



Sun. Mar. 1, 1908 A stormy day. Very little doing. Wirt and Jennie hear at night. The first little lamb of the season. Leonora came over to Mary's.

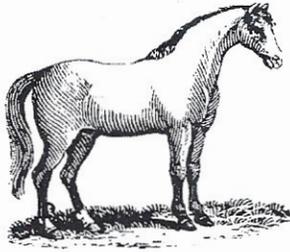
Mon. Mar. 2, 1908 It rained a while in the morning. We washed and hung the clothes when it stopped raining. Wirt went with a load of baled hay for W.E. Father brought me down to Zoe's. Herman Minnie Jeptha Nellie Mark Zoe and I went to Lewis Pragles on Strutz St to a dance. A drive to Atlanta.

Tues. Mar. 3, 1908 Zoe took Mark and Sully to Wayland and they went to Rochester Uncle John was hear in the P.M. We went down to Herms in the evening and played flinch

Wed. Mar. 4, 1908 I ironed Zoe churned we sewed in the P.M. Mrs. Mehlenbacher Lana Clara and Fred were hear in the evening.

Thurs. Mar. 5, 1908 We worked on my silk waist. Jennie was hear in the P.M. Sully was hear in the evening.

Fri. Mar. 6, 1908 We got ready for the chicken supper and worked on my waist. Kit Sully Arthur Becker Herman Minnie Jeptha Nellie Morris Zoe and I went to the Chicken supper at Geo. Howells \$16.10 proceeds.



Sat. Mar. 7, 1908 We did Sat work. Herman was hear a few minutes. Mark came home at night with a new horse.

Sun. Mar. 8, 1908 Mark was down to Kits and up to Uncle Johns. Harvey Alice Sadie and Blanche Robinson were hear in the evening. Wirt and Jennie spent the eve at Mr. Thorpe's. Father and Mother went over to Uncle Orlando's.

Mon. Mar. 9, 1908 Mark took me home. Mother had her washing out I did mine. Wirt and Laverne Richards drew logs for Arche.

Tues. Mar. 10, 1908 I ironed and we did odd jobs. The men all went to Will Lauges auction. Mary and Helen Muck went to N. Co. Leonora was hear a little while.

Wed. Mar 11, 1908 We did our baking for the aid and other work. Wirt drew ice from Richmond Rays. Arche Mary Ray and I went to Will Lange's to a dance a big crowd and a good time. Wirt and Jennie went over to Hughs in the evening.

Thurs. Mar. 12, 1908 Eunice Francis Cora Alice Sadie Rose Pennington Nellie Zoe and Mary was hear to the aid. Henry Pries helped Wirt butcher. I went home with Zoe. Father took Mary home.

Fri. Mar. 13, 1908 We finished my waist Zoe baked bread and cake Jeptha and Herm hear. Jeptha Nellie Morris Minnie Mark Zoe and I went to Mr. Mehlenbachers to the box social. I broke my glasses. It rained at night.

Sat. Mar. 14, 1908 We did up the work and poked around. I sent my glasses to Edmund Densmore to be fixed. Wirt went to Wayland. Father went to the Roof place. Mark and Herman went to Wayland.

Sun. Mar. 15, 1908 A rainy nasty day Zoe and I went down to Kits (we walked) Bertha and Homer there. Sully took them home then he brought us home. Fred was hear when we got back.

Mon. Mar. 16, 1908 We did two weeks washing and sewed. Mark went up to Uncle Johns We all were down to Minnie's in the evening. Peter Gibbs house burned down in the night.

Tues. Mar. 17, 1908 It snowed most all day. We sewed. Herman and Minnie hear in the evening. Mark over to Jeptha's

Wed. Mar. 18, 1908 I had the sick headache all day. I ironed nearly all day. Zoe baked bread and sewed.

Thurs. Mar 19, 1908 We finished four waists and got another partly made. Mark drew hay for Herman in the A.M. and drew logs for Jeptha in the P.M. We all went over to Jeptha's in the evening. My glasses came back.

Fri. Mar. 20, 1908 We did up the morning work. We all went to Wayland in the P.M. We went and see them skate.



Sat. Mar 21, 1908 We did the Sat work in the P.M. Minnie Bowles Minnie Leibengath Zoe and I went down to E.A. Claysons to a rag bee we walked. I went home with Lona and Clara and stayed all night. Delia Root there.

Sun. Mar. 22, 1908 Chas. M family came Lona went home with them. Geo. took Delia home. Fred brought me back to Zoe's. Mother and Mary down.

Mon. Mar. 23, 1908 We went up and helped Miles and Hattie move from the Branch farm to the Schuster place. They stayed at Zoe's all night. Fred went home at night.

Tues. Mar. 24, 1908 I came up to help Hattie settle. We got the pantry settled and got three beds set up. A few others things done, two carpets down.

Wed. Mar. 25, 1908 We settled the parlor carpet down and all. Mr. Schuster up and got a load of hay. Stayed part of the P.M. Zoe came over and brought me some clean clothes.

Thurs. Mar. 26, 1908 We put the carpet down in the sitting room and got that settled. Cleaned up the kitchen floor and moved the table out.

Fri. Mar. 27, 1908 We baked and hung shades in the P.M. put the carpet down over the parlor and cleaned and straitened up the rest of the chamber. Miles and Hattie went down to Zoe's in the evening. It thundered and lightened in the evening. Miles drew potatoes to W. in the P.M. Fred cut wood.

Sat. Mar. 28, 1908 We did a lot of baking- did some washing, ironing and picked up. Miles went to W. and got Anna and the children. He brought me down to Zoë's in the P.M. Father went to W. Fred and I went over to Jud's in the evening. Henry Sully and Chas. Robinson there.

Sun. Mar. 29, 1908 A foggy nasty day. Fred brought me home in the P.M. Clara came over and stayed to Zoe's while he was gone. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe hear in the evening. Ray was down to Wirts to dinner. Arche and Mary came home from Mr. Vierpiles

Mon. Mar. 30, 1908 We did a big washing and got most of the ironing done. Herbert was hear most of the A.M. Father went to Atlanta. Wirt and Burt drew in hay. Wirt had teeth ache.

Tues. Mar. 31, 1908 I finished the ironing and did the patching. I was down to Jennie's in the P.M. she was sick all night with a bilious attack. Mother was down there part of the night. Wirt went up and got Mrs. Hansen this P.M. Winifred Evano died of spinal meningitis.

*NOTES; The month of March appears to be a very busy time after the relative quiet of winter. The month opened with the birth of the first lamb of the year. Daisy tells about several dances, another rag bee, a chicken dinner and a box social. Box socials are community events where the ladies bring a boxed meal for two and the gentlemen bid on the box and get to dine with the lady if they make the highest bid. With the improved weather hay and potatoes are being delivered and Daisy helps when a couple moves from one home to another.*

*I must assume the trip from Wayland to Rochester would have been by train. Mark getting a new horse is not defined as a work, transportation or combination animal.*

Wed. Apr. 1, 1908 Jennie had another spell in the night they had Knickerbocker. I did the patching and finished up some of my clothes. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe Geo. Hugh Agnes and Alice were at Wirts in the evening. Mother and I was down to Jennies in the P.M. The screw lost out of my glasses.

Thurs. Apr. 2, 1908 We baked pie cake cookies and doughnuts. Mr. Hansen sick. Wirt took Mrs. H home at night I stayed with Jennie while he was gone. I fixed my white waists and Mother pieced in the P.M.

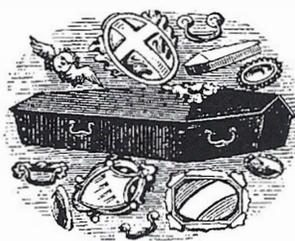
Fri. Apr. 3, 1908 A cold stormy day. Wirt drew logs at Arches. I spent the P.M. with Jennie a hawk got her big rooster. Geo. T. was here and got a buggy pole. Bert and Lloyd cut wood in the woods in the P.M. Mother finished her bed quilt.

Sat. Apr. 4, 1908 A nice sunshiny day. Mrs. Thorpe was down to Jennie's and up hear most of the A.M. Geo. was hear in the P.M. Mr. T went to Arkport to see the Dr. We did Sat. work I was down to Jennie's a few minutes. Father was down there a while. Wirt drew logs at Arches. Bert went to Corning.

Sun. Apr. 5, 1908 A nice day it rained at night. Aunt Ellen and Uncle Orlando hear. Arche and Mary went over to Mr. Sanford's Henry and Libbie down to Wirts. Bert came back at night.

Mon. Apr. 6, 1908 We did a big washing and most of the ironing and I cleaned up my room. Father went to W. and got Mr. Albright to lay the chimney and plaster the house. Mrs. Thorpe was hear and got some vinegar.

Tues. Apr. 7, 1908 I walked up to Arches in the morning and he and I went to Springwater he to have his horses shod and I had my glasses mended. I called on Mac Densmore. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners in the P.M. and got the calf and I rode home with them. Father went to Atlanta. Amelia Gross and baby was hear selling soap. Mrs. Chas. Robinson died.



Wed. Apr. 8, 1908 Mother shelled beans in the city. Herbert put in a new sluice north of the barn. The men plastered. Wirt went to Uncle's Johas to practice for the funeral in the evening I stayed with Jennie till he got home.

Thurs. Apr. 9, 1908 We baked both kinds of bread doughnuts pie and cake. Father went as one of the bearers to Mrs. Robinson's funeral and Wirt was one of the choirs. Mother talked to Chas. at night. Arche Mary and I went to Floyd Pecks to a dance. Henry came home.

Fri. Apr. 10, 1908 I cleaned Mother's room up. She pieced some. Wirt went to Atlanta with a grist. Mrs. Wm. Barber rode home with him. Jennie was hear in the evening.

Sat. Apr. 11, 1908 A stormy day. We did Sat work. I blacked the stove in the sitting room. Wirt Arche and Ray went to Atlanta with potatoes and grist. Emma Chas and Neil came, drove through. Father took Mr. Albright home. Bert went away.

Sun. Apr. 12, 1908 Mary Arche Wirt and Jennie all hear in the P.M. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners. Bert came back.

Mon. Apr. 13, 1908 it rained part of the day. Emma cut out two nightgowns and we worked on them. Father went and got Mr. Albright and he plastered in the P.M. Wirt and Arch went with potatoes to Atlanta. Jennie went to the corners and was hear in the evening.

Tues. Apr. 14, 1908 We washed in the morning. Emma cut out a pair of shirts for Chas and they all went down to Wirts for dinner and the P.M. We sewed and baked bread. The saw mill came to Arches.

Wed. Apr. 15, 1908 It rained awful hard. Mr. Albright finished the kitchen chimney on our house. Geo. T. was hear. The Hasleys went up to Arches. I sewed and baked bread. I sent out part of our Easter cards.

Thurs. Apr. 16, 1908 I went up to Arches and got Emma's shears then she and I went down to Zoe's. Chas. and Neil came later. We made Emma's silk waist. Neil caught a trout that weighed 7 oz. Wirt drew potatoes to A. Bert took down the fence around the lower side of the north fence.

Fri. Apr. 17, 1908 A nice day. Emma Chas and Neil went home from Zoe's in the afternoon. I cleaned up the bow window washed windows and swept. Mother pieced some. Bert went to Atlanta with potatoes Wirt and Jennie sorted potatoes. Father went fishing.

Sat. Apr. 18, 1908 A dark gloomy day. Wirt went to Atlanta with potatoes. We did Sat. work and patched. Mrs. Henry Ford died.

*NOTE: By mid-April winter has at least loosened its grip on the rolling hills of rural New York State leaving spring rain and quickly melting snow showers. For Daisy life goes on as family and friends get sick and use doctors when absolutely necessary. Neighbors died of this or that and funerals were held, Father was a bearer and Wirt (brother) practiced and sang with choir. Carpenters came and went, kitchen chimney was finished and rooms were plastered. Saw mill came to Arches I assume to mean portable mill for lumber from logs. Many hours spent "sorting" potatoes and delivering to nearby towns for railroad shipment When I was growing up, potatoes were sorted using a machine with chains having different size openings separating the potatoes or grading by size. I'm not sure if these were the stored potatoes sold for consumption or possibly seed potatoes for spring planting or a combination. I still don't know what Sat. work includes.*

Sun. Apr. 19, 1908 It rained most all day. Arche was hear to dinner. Herbert was hear in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were down to Wirts. Marie Wetmore died.

Mon. Apr. 20, 1908 An awful snowstorm. I sewed all day made Mothers wrapper and a cushion cover. Bert cleaned the upper hen house. Wirt sorted potatoes. Mother pieced some. Jennie was up to the corners and over to Mary Rays. Wirt and I walked up to Arches and went to Mucks to practice. Jennie and Chas. came down there to practice we came home with them.

Tues. Apr. 21, 1908 The wind blew hard. We did the washing and got it dry. Wirt Jennie and I went to the funeral. Bert cleaned the lower hen house. Mother baked both kinds of bread. Zoe told me Clara had erysipelas in her face.

Wed. Apr. 22, 1908 We did the ironing made mincemeat and pies. I was sick most of the day. I went over to Hughs with Arche at night after some butter. Mother went down to Mr. T. Wirt and Jennie sorted potatoes in the P.M. Bart drew today. Father went over on Smoke St. Zoe went to Dansville and got a new desk.

Thurs. Apr. 23, 1908 The men worked in the woods. Herb smoothed down the road. We did the patching. Mother shelled beans. I trimmed the rose bushes and burned the brush, Bert went away at night. My books came from Peoples Home Journal. Clara was better.

Fri. Apr. 24, 1908 A nice warm day. We finished shelling and blew the dirt out. Mother went up to Arches in the P.M. I baked cookies and cake while she was gone. The finished drawing logs to the mill. Wirt and Jennie sorted potatoes in the P.M. One of Geo. Gould's twins got drowned in a tub. My head ached.

Sat. Apr. 25, 1908 We did Sat. work. Grated some horse radish. The men worked in the woods. Father bought forty pounds of fish. Arche went to Atlanta he took our oil can.

Sun. Apr. 26, 1908 A lovely day. I went down to Wirts and they went in the woods with me after flowers. Zoe came over in the woods. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners to see the Koby's. Bert went fishing. My head ached hard all day.

*NOTE: April showers bring May flowers. Spring trips into the woods then and now produce Trillium and Jack-in-the-Pulpit blossoms for the paper folded May baskets we hung on neighbor's doorknobs. If lucky we also found wild leeks (very strong flavor) resembling green onions, Fiddleheads (the tightly curled heads of young ferns were cooked as greens), and edible mushrooms when carefully identified. This was spring in the woods for Daisy and her family. I understand the men going fishing but I'm not sure where or from whom "Father bought forty pounds of fish". That's a lot of fish to eat fresh or preserve. Mother shelling beans and cleaning up the dust and dirt is confusing. It reminds me of beans which would have been stored over winter in dry state and shelled for food or seeds.*

*We learn of upper and lower hen houses which required spring cleaning.*

Mon. Apr. 27, 1908 We did the washing. I got most of the ironing done. Father took Mother to W and she went to Emma's he stopped to Mr. Sanford's to supper. Wirt began ploughing. They finished drawing logs.

Tues. Apr. 28, 1908 A nice day. I finished the ironing and patched some. My head ached awful. Wirt went to Atlanta and got a load of fertilizer. Bert ploughed and sprained his ankle. Father was sick all day. Herb was hear a little while in the morning.

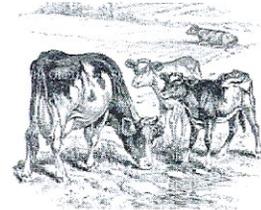
Wed. Apr. 29, 1908 I baked bread and churned. Mrs. T. hear. I started Zoe shadow embroidery waist while she was hear. The men drew on the logs and drew the lumber home. Father and Bart had dinner at Arches. Wirt ate with me. Jennie went to the corners.

Thurs. Apr. 30, 1908 A snowy day. Mother came home from Emma's in the P.M. Wirt took some potatoes to ship to Chas. It rained and snowed all day Snowed hard at night. Henry Pries sheared sheep

in the P.M. I worked on Zoe's waist. Ray was hear and got fertilizer. Harrison Eldridge and James McDuff burned out. Lillian Gallips was killed by a heifer in house. My head ached.

Fri. May 1, 1908 A heavy cover of snow on the ground it warmed up and thawed. I worked on Zoe's waist. Henry and Chas finished shearing the sheep. Bert came back and got his clothes. Ray was hear and got some barley. Father went down to Mr. T. in the P.M. My head ached.

Sat. May 2, 1908 We did the Sat. work packed the panes and I helped Father pile some lumber in the P.M. Geo. T. and Wirt went to Wayland with lumber. Arche went to Atlanta took five calves two for Wirt one for Mr. T. and two for himself. It was cold and stormy. My head ached.



Sun. May 3, 1908 A very nice day. Geo. Guile came hear and hired out to Wirt. Mother was down to Wirt's in the P.M. Arche and Mary were there in the evening. I was down to Mr. T. My head ached.

Mon. May 4, 1908 We washed and got most of the ironing done. I worked on Zoe's waist. Father went to Atlanta Geo. took a load of potatoes and they unloaded a car of fertilizer.

Tues. May 5, 1908 Father brought me down to Uncle Johas and Mark brought me down hear. We papered the room over the kitchen. Zoe did her ironing Mark helped Miles scrap cellar in the P.M.

Wed. May 6, 1908 It rained. We papered the kitchen. Mark plowed a while in the P.M.

Thurs. May 7, 1908 It rained. We tore up the pantry and got it partly papered in the A.M. and run out of paper. Zoe and Nellie went to the aid at Rose Pennington's in the P.M. Mark and Jephtha went to Wayland. Minnie B. and I went over to Mehlenbachers walked. Judd Henry and Jape hear in the morning.

Fri. May 8, 1908 It rained. We finished papering the pantry and got it settled in the A.M. Tore up the hall and settled the room over the kitchen. Mark went to Wayland and to school meeting at Holmes in the evening.

Sat, May 9, 1908 A rainy day. I did shadow emb. And Zoe did Sat. work. In the P.M. we all went to W. Jephtha went with us. Zoe and I went and see Rosa and we went down to Berthas it rained and snowed.

Sun. May 10, 1908 A nice day and cold. Zoe and I came up to the Holmes school house and heard Montgomery Branch preach his farewell sermon he sails for India next Wed. to be gone five years. Zoe brought me home Mrs. Hansen, Libbie, and Delia at Jennie's. Wirt and Jennie hear in the evening.

Mon. May 11, 1908 A nice day rained a little at night. We did the washing and ironing. I picked greens and swept the sitting room. Hugh hear in the P.M. Father to W. Wirt and Jennie spread hay on the west hill. Geo. fixed fences.

Tues. May 12, 1908 Father brought me up to Arches and he went to the shop. Mary and I tore up the hall and Ray's room washed the parlor curtains etc. The wind blew so Arche had to stop sewing oats. Libbie and Jennie went to Wayland.

Wed. May 13, 1908 A nice day. We cleaned and settled those rooms. Cleaned the room over the parlor and got the dining room ready for the carpet and sewed the carpet together. Father was at the Root farm.

Thurs. May 14, 1908 A rainy day. We put down the dining room carpet. The boys carried in the table and carried the stove up stairs. We cleaned the pantry.

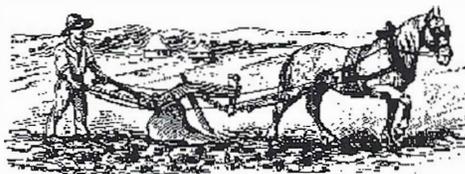
Fri. May 15, 1908 A stormy day. Arche brought me home in the morning and stayed a while. Geo. T hear. Geo. T went with potatoes. Father and Wirt sorted some. Mother's cold real bad.

Sat. May 16, 1908 We did Sat. work. I took Father to the eleven o'clock train to go to Emma's it rained part of the way. I brought Zoe's carpet rags and some eggs for Jennie home with me. Wirt took potatoes to Atlanta. Geo ploughed in the P.M. Murry Doughty and Ida Buck were married.

*NOTE: Reading Daisy's 107 year old diary is a challenge. She made the first reference to train service when she took Father to the station. She introduced me to "shadow embroidery" and I did learn that it is still alive and well. I used Google on the Internet to find a Utube demonstration. This may be the hardest working family I will ever meet. I still need property information for the properties of Arche, Wirt and Ira Leet Wetmore. The families live close and help each other regularly. For several days In May Daisy was at Arche's helping Mary with spring cleaning and making a carpet for the dining room (remember the Rag Bees). The weather had been rainy, snowy, and cold. The farm work goes on with sorting potatoes, shearing sheep, calves being born, early ploughing, and trying to sew oats. (I'm using Daisy's spelling at times)*

Sun. May 17, 1908 A lovely day. I went in the woods. Mother and I went down to Mr. Thorpe's in the P.M. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners. Arche and Mary went down to Mr. Vierbiles. Geo T. came back at night.

Mon. May 18, 1908 A lovely day. We did a big washing and sewed some rug rags in the A.M. Jennie took her carpet rags over to Mrs. Johnson. Wirt went to Atlanta with potatoes. Geo. finished the oats on the hill and ploughed. I went to W. and got Father in the P.M. Mrs. Engle Herbert and Alpha Kern hear in the evening.



Tues. May 19, 1908 We did the ironing. I picked cowslips for dinner. Father went to W. and got lumber. Wirt built fences. Geo. ploughed. Clare was hear and tinned around the chimney on the new house. Alpha was at Wirts in the evening.

Wed. May 20, 1908 It rained some. Father went to mill. Wirt and Geo. plowed. We tore some carpet rags did the patching and a lot of odd jobs.

Thur. May 21, 1908 It rained some. We baked both kinds of bread pies and cookies. We cleaned the closet off the parlor. I finished Zoe's shadow embroidery waist. The men ploughed. Father piled lumber and went fishing. Father and Mother went over to Mr. Minsters at night.

Fri. May 22, 1908 A nice day. We cleaned the parlor and bedroom. Father went to Atlanta. Geo dragged. Wirt sewed oats in the P.M. Helene Floyd and Pearl were hear a little while in the evening and then went down to Wirts. I went with them.

Sat. May 23, 1908 We did Sat. work in the morning and in the P.M. Father and I worked at the school house. Geo. dragged and drilled Wirt drilled and ploughed. We met at Arches and sung at night. I went up with Arche.

Sun. May 24, 1908 A lovely day. Rev. Schlenker preached at our school house we all went to church.

Mon. May 25, 1908 A lovely day. We did a large washing, sowed the sweet peas and burned some brush. Wirt dragged. Father went to Wayland and got paint. Henry P. built fence. Mrs. H. at Jennies.

Tues. May 26, 1908 We cleaned the two East bedrooms and sewed some carpet rags. Father went to A. Mr. Bennett came up on the milk wagon. The men ploughed and sorted potatoes. It rained in the P.M. Henry was down a little while.



Wed. May 27, 1908 We ironed nearly all day patched some. Father went to W. Henry built fence. The men ploughed and drilled. Mr. Bennett painted. Mrs. H. at Jennie's in the P.M. Herb hear to dinner They worked on the road by hear.

Thur. May 28, 1908 A nice day. We cleaned my room and the hall. Geo. finished drilling oats and ploughed some. Wirt Herb and Father went to Earnest Speers sale. Rose Pennington was hear a little while at night.

Fri. May 29, 1908 We cleaned Fathers bedroom it rained in the P.M. Pearl was hear most of the P.M. Father went to Wayland in the A.M. The men ploughed and dragged.

Sat. May 30, 1908 Decoration Day We cleaned the closet off the sitting room and did Sat. work. Took out the stove in the sitting room. Wirt ploughed the garden. Father went to Springwater in the P.M. Geo. dragged. It rained in the P.M. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners in the evening. My head ached awful.

Sun. May 31, 1908 It rained by spells. Father and Mother went over to Uncle Orlando's. Henry Bennett was hear a few mins. Henry and Libbie were at Wirts in the evening to ice-cream. Henry was hear.

*NOTE: As May draws to a close the family stays very busy. Daisy for the first time refers to the "new" house being built. Carpenters and masons at work and Father buying paint. Other family and workers are ploughing (plowing), dragging, and drilling. I assume the equipment was horse drawn because there is no mention of tractors. The tradition in my family in the 1950s was to plant our garden Memorial Day weekend. Daisy called it Decoration Day but it was the last Sat. in May when Wirt ploughed the garden.*

Mon. June 1, 1908 A rainy day until noon then colder. We did a big washing laid the white clothes on the grass, we made garden some. Father took a calf down to Phillip Hunts and went to Atlanta. Wirt and Jennie went to Atlanta at night. Wirt ploughed his garden. Mary's 24 birthday.

Tues. June 2, 1908 We dried the white clothes, worked in the garden, made to chair covers. Wirt ploughed on the west hill. Geo. dragged, drilled, and rolled the barley. Mrs. Thorpe and Ola were hear in the A.M.

Wed. June 3, 1908 We worked in the garden all day. Father went to Atlanta. Geo. worked on the hill. Wirt rolled and worked in his garden. Mrs. Lizzie Fogal died of dropsy of the heart. Jacob Wolfanger and Anna Wagner were married.

Thurs. June 4, 1908 We ironed all the morning. I put the covers on upstairs and arranged things and cut grass in the yard in the P.M. Father and Mother worked in the garden. Wirt and Geo. worked on the hill. Libbie was down to Jennie's. Arche broke ground for his new barn. He drove Fred over to Gus Sauge's at night and I took him home.

Fri. June 5, 1908 I washed the windows in the sitting room and kitchen on both sides. Copied some accounts for Father. Mother baked bread. Mother Zoe and I went to Wayland in the P.M. and got each of them a new hat and a new flower on mine. We stopped at Zoe's when we came back.

Sat. June 6, 1908 We did the patching Mother baked, churned. The men worked on the hill. Arche and Leo went to Mr. Sawrings and got sand. Mrs. Thorpe was hear. We set out the plants dahlias and gladiolas. I mowed and raked part of the yard. Father went to W. Arche took a cow Co. Mary drove down. Wirt and Jennie hear night.

Sun. June 7, 1908 A lovely day. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners to dinner and church. Father Mother Henry and I went to church. Father and Mother stopped at Arches on the way home.

Mon. June 8, 1908 We did a big washing and got the ironing nearly finished. Father went fishing. Wirt and Geo. worked on the hill.

Tues. June 9, 1908 Mother and I was down to Zoe's all day. We made her a dress and cut out a waist. It rained some in the P.M. Wirt and Father cut seed potatoes. Geo. worked on the hill. Ray went home from Arches sick.

Wed. June 10, 1908 Mother's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We churned and sewed. The men cut seed and worked on the hill. Father went and got a load of sand.

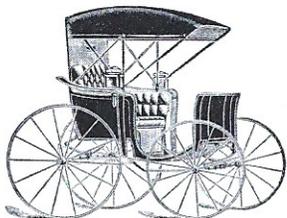
Thurs. June 11, 1908 Mrs. Thorpe was hear. I was down there at night. We did the patching and cleaned the kitchen. The men planted potatoes Floyd Sanford helped. Zoe went and got her carpet.

Fri. June 12, 1908 We cleaned pantry. Jennie and I washed the buggies. Father went to mill. Wirt Geo. and Floyd planted potatoes in the A.M. Jennie was hear in the evening. Nelson Bidlack was hear in the evening and got 12 bushel potatoes.

Sat. June 13, 1908 We did Sat. work, churned. Father went to Wayland. Geo. and Wirt planted potatoes. Jennie was up four times.

Sun. June 14, 1908 Mother and I went over to Mr. Campbell's the girls were both home. Wirt and Jennie went to Springwater. It rained at night. They stayed at Starr Peabody's. Ray came back to Arches.

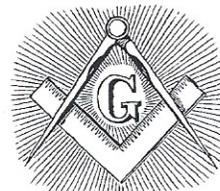
Mon. June 15, 1908 It rained nearly all the morning and it is colder. Wirt and Jennie came home tonight. I set out cabbage tomatoes and etc. Mother churned. I finished her waist. Scott Kern brought us some lettuce from Florence's. Father was down to Mr. Thorpe's.



*NOTES: As we move through June things have speeded up. The road was worked on and evidently this cleared the way for buggy travel as Daisy and Jennie (her sister-in-law) washed the buggies. Mother celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, do the math she would have been near 45 when Daisy was born. Arche is laying the foundation for a new barn. Much ploughing, dragging, drilling and rolling going on in the fields. Everyone has worked on cutting seed potatoes and are now planting them.*

*Cowslips are a spring herb with edible flowers and leaves. Waist was an early term for blouse (short for shirtwaist) great deal of time spent sewing to make and repair clothing and household items.*

Tues. June 16, 1908 A nice day but cool. We did the washing and ironing. Wirt and Jennie cut some potatoes in the A.M. Geo. came back at noon and they planted in the P.M. I was down to Mrs. Thorpe's at night. Ola and Mrs. Shults there, Father went to Dansville to F&AM Lodge and stayed at Chas. Campbell's.



Wed. June 17, 1908 I worked in the garden did some patching trimmed the cherry tree. Mother sprouted potatoes in the morning. Wirt went to Edward Pegalos to a barn raising. Geo. planted potatoes. Father came home in the P.M.

Thurs. June 18, 1908 We did up our work and went to the aid at Zoe's 33 there for supper. They finished planting potatoes. Father went to Uncle John's and the mill. Jay Rowley hung himself.

Fri. June 19, 1908 We did odd jobs. Mother went down to Jennies in the P.M. Father and Geo. went and got sand. Father went to W. Arche went with baled hay. Merle Wright was hear after buckwheat.

Sat. June 20, 1908 We did baking sweeping moping churning and etc. Father took his wool to Naples. Geo. drew banking. Wirt tinkered around. Henry Libbie Mrs. H. at Jennies at night. Mrs. T here a few mins.

Sun. June 21, 1908 A nice day. Father went to the Root farm and got cherries and strawberries. Wirt and Jennie went to church at the corners. Mr. and Mrs. Vierhile and Clara were at Arches. Henry Bennett hear a little while. Henry hear in the evening.

Mon. June 22, 1908 We did the washing baked bread. I commenced Jennies shadow embroidery waist. I was down to her house in the P.M. Father went to Springwater. Wirt ploughed. John and Ellen Crooks were down to Jennies at night and got cabbage plants. Chris Tompson hear and got potatoes. Geo. Bellman took Curly home with him. It rained in the night.

Tues. June 23, 1908 We ironed churned picked cherries and I worked on Jennies waist. Father went to Wayland. Mary hear a few min. at night. Herbert hear in the evening. An electric storm in the night.

Wed. June 24, 1908 Chas. Hansen was hear in the morning. I rode up to Mary's with him and pitted cherries she canned 18 quarts. Arche brought me home at night. Father went fishing and over to Engle's at night.

Thur. June 25, 1908 I worked on Jennie's waist in the A.M. We worked in the garden in the P.M. I went over to Engles up to Arches and down to Thorpes. Father went to Atlanta. Wirt ploughed some.

Fri. June 26, 1908 Father went over to Herbs a foot mother went and met him. Father went to Atlanta took Scott Korn with him to unload fertilizer. Wirt ploughed some. I was sick all day with my stomach. Mother worked in the garden.

Sat. June 27, 1908 I felt better picked cherries made candy etc. Mother went over to Harvey Teads with Wirt after strawberries in the P.M. Herb was hear and got phosphates. Father worked in the garden and went fishing. Geo. T. Ray Arche and Mary hear in the evening and helped move the piano in the parlor.

Sun. June 28, 1908 A nice day. Wirt and Jennie were hear in the P.M. Henry and I went to the corners at night and he phoned for the cottage for the fourth. Arche went and got Mr. Albright.

Mon. June 29, 1908 We washed and picked some cherries canned some churned and Mother worked in the garden a little while. Geo. came back Wirt and he ploughed and dragged. Father went around the district in the A.M. and to Springwater in the P.M. Mrs. T. hear in the evening. Herb hear a little while. It rained at night.

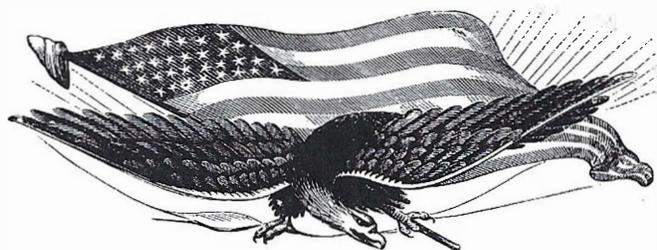
Tues. June 30, 1908 We ironed and worked in the garden. Geo. and Wirt ploughed dragged and drilled. Father went to Atlanta. Wirt Jennie and Geo. T. hear in the evening.

Wed. July 1, 1908 I was up to Mary's a few minutes. We did the patching and worked in the garden. Father went to Springwater. Wirt worked at the potatoes in the A.M. and worked in the garden in the P.M. Geo. finished the buckwheat. Jennie went down to Zoe's in the P.M. and got cherries and currents. Geo. Thorpe and I went up to Arches at night.

Thurs. July 2, 1908 We went to Atlanta and saw Dr. Stewart brought Mother up to Zoë's and they went to the short cake aid at Francis Gibbs and Wirt went over from her farm and brought her home at night. Geo. T hear in the morning and at night. Herb hear at night.

Fri. July 3, 1908 We baked and got things for me to take to the lake. Mother hoed the cabbage. Father was out on the road with twine. Wirt and Geo. ploughed down on Mothers. Arche broke his glasses.

Sat. July 4, 1908 It rained by spells all day. Jud Julia Ruth Hazel Calvin Maggie Fred Julia E. Henry Gretchen Geo Lana Lida Henry and I all went to the "Wetawa" for the fourth. The strawberry festival was at Wyanoke. An awful nasty place under foot. Wirt Jennie Henry Libbie Mr. and Mrs. Hansen all went to Richmond Rays.



Sun. July 5, 1908 A lovely day. We all went around the lake in the steamer and the row boats hitched to it. We had ice-cream when we got back. We all came home at night. Mark and Zoe were up home. The last serm. of church at the corners.

Mon. July 6, 1908 A nice day. We washed picked eleven qts. of currents and churned. Father went to W. Wirt worked on Mother's farm. Elmer Eichorn's father died from the affects of a shock.

Tues. July 7, 1908 We picked over currents ironed and I went on the hill berrying it rained. Bert Costler came hear and Father hired him for a month. They worked in the garden. Father went to Atlanta. Wirt worked on the farm. Mrs. Thorpe and Geo. were hear in the evening

Wed. July 8, 1908 Mrs. T. Jennie and I went over on Jas. Bidlack's berrriing. Mother baked bread and pies and canned cherries gooseberries raspberries and rhubarb. Father went to the corners. Wirt worked on the farm. Bert picked cherries and worked in the garden. The telephone man was hear. The chimney burned out.

Thurs. July 9, 1908 We worked in the garden most of the day, baked bread handled over the canned fruit – emptied and cleaned a lot of cans. Mrs. T. was up hear and phoned. I went down there and took her a can of sauerkraut. Father went to Hunts Hollow. Wirt and Bert went down on mothers to finish the hay.

Fri. July 10, 1908 We did up the morning work. I went berrying. Father and Bert went and got two loads of sand didn't get back until four o'clock. Wirt and Jennie worked in the garden some in the P.M. and went to Atlanta. Arche Mary Helen and I went to Ed Pegalos to a dance in his new barn, Herbert brought me home.

Sat. July 11, 1908 We did Sat. work. Mrs. Thorpe hear in the morning. The men cleaned up grist. Father and Bert went to Atlanta in the P.M.

Sun. July 12, 1908 Mother and I went over to Ed Janus and brought Mr. Albright home with us. We didn't get home until nine o'clock. Geo. T. hear when we got home.

Mon. July 13, 1908 We did a big washing and I got part of the ironing done. Mr. Albright and Bert worked in the new cellar. Father went to Atlanta in the P.M. after Ike Baker. Wirt went to Naples to have some teeth drawn Jennie went with him. Ray was hear and got the buzz saw. Wirt got a new buggy.

Tues. July 14, 1908 I finished the ironing. Mother churned we did patching. Wirt and Homer helped buzz wood at Arches. Bert and Mr. Albright pointed wall. Mr. Baker worked in the house. Bert and Father went to the corners at night. Mr. B went to the W.E. Jennie went to the corners and stayed all night.

Wed. July 15, 1908 Wirt and Homer went to Arches to buzz wood. Jennie went huckle-berrying with folks at the corners. I went berring on the side hill. Father mowed and took Mr. Albright home at night. Wirt went to the corners and got Jennie. Mark Zoe Bertha Guy and Lona went out to Richmond.

*NOTES: First mention of Father going to F&AM (Free & Accepted Masons) a fraternal organization which became quite popular in the 1920s to 1950s. Mother sprouted potatoes – late in the winter stored potatoes will begin to spout and are not useable unless the sprouts are removed. Harvesting fruit (cherries) has begun and they are pitted and canned. July 4<sup>th</sup> was a large celebration including a lake*

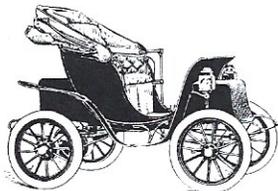
*cabin. I assumed a Finger Lake because of the steamboat outing on July 5<sup>th</sup> until someone told me there had been a steamboat on Loon Lake. Trips to Atlanta to unload cars of fertilizer are assumed to be train car loads. First mention of any phone service was when the phone man was hear. Work on the new cellar included help by Mr. Albright who also laid the chimney for the new house. The cellar would probably have been separate from the house and masonry lined so as to be cold but not freezing inside.*

Thurs. July 16, 1908 My face was all swollen up from my wisdom tooth. Mother went to the aid at Aunt Jennies in the P.M. Father mowed Bert trimmed the fields. Wirt and Homer were at Arches all day. Geo. T. got a new buggy. Mary and Leonora stopped in the road. Maude Miller and Mr. Bell were married.

Fri. July 17, 1908 We picked berries and cherries in the garden. I pitted cherries most all day. Mother made bee boxes. Father went to W. with lumber. Bart cut wood. It rained most all day.

Sat. July 18, 1908 We did Sat. work. Father was down to Uncle John's in the P.M. Bert went to W. n Mr. Baker drove home at night. It rained most of the day.

Sun. July 19, 1908 It rained spells all day. Henry and Libbie were down to Wirt's they had ice cream. Bert and Mr. Baker came back at night. Henry was hear.



Mon. July 20, 1908 We did a large washing. Father mowed. Wirt and Bert got two loads of hay in. We got part of the ironing done. I trimmed the tomatoes. We baked bread. Geo. and Mr. T. were hear and got a ladder. Father went to Wm. Coles at night. Cottrell was hear in the P.M. with his automobile – the first one by hear.

Tues. July 21, 1908 I finished the ironing Mother made her kind of bread. We did the patching. I got one room cleaned up upstairs. It rained hard all day. Jennie went to the corners in the P.M.

Wed. July 22, 1908 I help do up the work then went and got Mary and we went down to Zoe's and on Thorn Hill after huckleberries. Zoe Minnie Clara Julia W. Maude W. Sarah H. Flora H. and Mrs. Sanford were all there.

Thurs. July 23, 1908 I finished sweeping the chambers worked and packed butter. Bert mowed the yard. They drew in some hay. Father mowed. Mrs. T. was hear in the morning. Ike Goundry was hear and got the fence stretchers.

Fri. July 24, 1908 Mother talked to Emma. I went berring and got five qts. of black caps and five qts. of black berries. Mother did a lot of baking and mopping.

Sat. July 25, 1908 Father and Mother went to Emma's. Wirt took them to Wayland. Burt went to Bath Baker went home at night. Mrs. H. and Libbie were down to Jennie's at night. Wirt and Jennie were hear until 11:00.

Sun. July 26, 1908 I did up the morning and went down and got Lona and Clara and went over to Jas. Dudley's to see Delia Root we had a fine time. Henry was hear when I got home. All the Hansens and Pries were at Wirts. Bart and Baker came back.

Mon. July 27, 1908 I did up the work and churned and went part to W. and met Father. Wirt run around for the Liddiards. Bert trimmed out fences.

Tues. July 28, 1908 I did up the work and did the washing worked the butter picked the cucumbers. Father mowed all day. Wirt and Bart drew hay and other things. Jared helped Mr. Baker in the P.M. on the house. Jennie went to the corners her Mother came back with her. Arche and Ray were hear at night.

Wed. July 29, 1908 I did up the work, worked and packed the butter and did the ironing. Father mowed and went after Mother at night. The boys drew hay. Ray was sick and had the Dr. Jennie was at the corners all day.

Thurs. July 30, 1908 A nice day. We did up the work. I went berring. Mother fried ham and did a lot of odd jobs. Mrs. Thorpe was hear in the morning. Father mowed. The boys drew in hay. Herbert was hear at night. The aid was at Ann Guiles.

Fri. July 31, 1908 An awful warm day. I baked bread and cookies. Mother did the patching. Uncle Orlando was hear for dinner. Father went to Atlanta at night took Bart and Baker they both sick. Dr. Stewart was up to see Ray. Wirt worked in the potatoes in the A.M. and the hay in the P.M. Jennie came home at night.

Sat. Aug. 1, 1908 A nice cool day. We did Sat. work. I washed windows. Mother and I went to Atlanta in the P.M. Chas. H. helped Wirt. Father mowed. Bart came back at night boozy.

Sun. Aug. 2, 1908 I went up to Arches Mary was sick. Henry came after me at night. Arche went and got Geo. Wade at night to work for him. Wirt and Jennie went up to Arches at night. Mrs. Sanford was there and stayed all night. Walter and Miramar spent the day at Wirts. Bert found Joe dead up on Floyds.

Mon. Aug. 3, 1908 We did the washing. I went black berring in the P.M. Mother ironed while I was gone. Father mowed all day and went down to Avery's and met Baker at night. Wirt Bert and Geo. Wade drew in hay until most night then Bert and Geo. went up and helped Arche. Ray took his Mother home and went to A. and saw the Dr. and brought Mrs. V. home.

Tues. Aug. 4, 1908 Mother churned I worked and packed the new churnings and finished the ironing. The men worked on the hill. It rained at night. Father went to school meeting. Mrs. H. was down to Jennies all day.

Wed. Aug. 5, 1908 I picked the cucumbers packed the butter and went berring. Mother canned fourteen qts. of pickles and berries and picked peas. Burt went to W. with lumber Father drove. Wirt worked his potatoes. Mr. Bennett came on the milk wagon. Mary was hear in the evening She and I went down to Jennies.

Thurs. Aug. 6, 1908 We picked peas and beans. Father mowed. Wirt worked in the potatoes. Chas. Horcan was hear and put tin roof on the porches.

Fri. Aug. 7, 1908 A rainy day. We baked pies put on clean papers in the pantry went berrying patched and etc. Mr. Blank worked in the potatoes they drawed one load of hay. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners at night.

Sat. Aug. 8, 1908 We did Sat. work and lots of extras. I went down and got Clara in the P.M. Burt went away in the morning Bennett and Baker at night. They partly fixed our front porch.

Sun. Aug. 9, 1908 A nice day. Mark and Zoe were up in the P.M. Henry Clara and I went over to Herbs in the P.M. Lona Fred Geo. Luna Geo. Bertha and Ida Fisher there besides the family. We were all there for supper, we made out our time and lists for the cake. Mrs. and Libbie were down to Jennies at night.

Mon. Aug. 10, 1908 We washed and got part of the ironing done picked the cucumbers. Mr. Baker commenced shingling the house. Wirt Bert Jake & Henry stacked hay on the hill. Libbie was down to Jennies. The first day of Old Home Week at Wayland.



Tues. Aug. 11, 1908 We patched and started my aprons. Wirt and I went to Atlanta at night. Baker and Bart shingled. Arche and Ray were hear at night. The first day of flower carnival at W.

Wed. Aug. 12, 1908 I finished the ironing picked the cucumbers we finished my aprons churned and worked in the garden. They finished shingling the house. Wirt helped some in the P.M. Jennie went up home. It rained hard at night. The last day of the flower carnival Zoe got premiums.

Thurs. Aug. 13, 1908 Every one nearly went to W. I cleaned up the chambers. Mother pulled weeds. Father went to Atlanta. Baker went home.

Fri. Aug. 14, 1908 Mother pulled weeds. Minnie Bowles and I went black berring in the P.M. Mrs. Thorpe and Ed Coats were both here and got vinegar. Father went to Springwater in the P.M. Wirt and Birt helped Arche finish haying in the P.M. Branch reunion

Sat. Aug. 15, 1908 We did the Sat. work. I picked cucumbers. I had the sick head ache. Mother churned. Father mowed the boys drew in some hay. Mr. Bennett went home at night Bert went to Atlanta. Arche Mary Ray and Clara went to the picnic at Wyanoke. The Mehlenbacher reunion at Loon Lake.

*NOTES: Little mention of dairy cattle from Daisy but we do churn, work, and pack butter every few days and there are calves which result from annual breeding of dairy cows to maintain milk production. My own father demonstrated churning to his sons with a quart jar and a pint of cream which naturally separated from the fresh milk stored in the refrigerator. He gently bounced the jar on his knee while*

*listening to Yankee baseball on the radio. In a short time we had buttermilk and butter which we worked with a wooden spoon salted and used. We drank the buttermilk.*

Sun. Aug. 16, 1908 A nice day rained some. Wirt and Jennie went up the road. Bert went berring. Mr. Bennett came back Father went and met him.

Mon. Aug. 17, 1908 We washed ironed baked bread and pies churned worked butter had five telephone men for dinner picked cucumbers. Wirt went to the Root place with fence. Jennie went to the corners. We had the worst electric storm of the season.

Tues. Aug. 18, 1908 I helped do up the work and rode on a load of wood with Arche down to Zoe's and we did her ironing in the forenoon and she cut out two shirts and three waists and we got them well under way. Arche came back to dinner Wirt went to W. with lumber. The telephone men hear to dinner.

Wed. Aug. 19, 1908 We finished the sewing and Wirt came after me at night. Father took Mr. Bennett home and brought Mr. Baker back with him. He finished up the floor to the porch. Uncle Dave and Aunt Leona came.

Thurs. Aug. 20, 1908 We did our baking churning and etc. Bart went away for good. I lost my rings picking cucumbers. Wirt worked down on Mothers. Emma Chas. and Neil came at night.

Fri. Aug. 21, 1908 We went to the reunion had a fine time. That is all. Mr. Baker found my rings, Father took him home at night. Sat. Aug. 22, 1908 Uncle Dave and Aunt Leona went home. We did Sat. work washed windows. Emma Chas. and I went berrying in the P.M. got 25 qts. it rained. Wirt worked down on Mothers. Father went to Springwater depot and got salt.

Sun. Aug. 23, 1908 A nice day. Arche Mary Wirt Jennie Zoe Lona and Henry were hear. The Hosleys went home in the P.M.

Mon. Aug. 24, 1908 We did a big washing picked the cucumbers and got some ironing done. Wirt Ray and Earl Kern stacked hay down to Mothers. Father went phosphating. Mrs. H. and Libbie were down to Jennie's they cleaned some in the new house.

Tues. Aug. 25, 1908 We ironed churned worked butter and sewed some. Zoe Minnie and Erma were hear and went black berrying. They finished the hay on Mothers and Wirt went up and got Arche's binder. Father went to Atlanta.

Wed. Aug. 26, 1908 Mr. Campbell Ida and Elizabeth were hear most all day we had a good time with them. Arche cut oats for Wirt. Wirt threshed at Floyd S. in the A.M. Father went phosphating in the A.M.

Thurs. Aug. 27, 1908 Mary and I drove down to Zoe's and Mark took Zoe Minnie and us to W. and we went to Conesus to the Livingston Co. picnic we had a good time. Mother canned pears corn and pickles and went to Wirts to dinner. Arche cut oats. Father went to the Hornell Fair.

Fri. Aug. 28, 1908 We did a big washing, picked cucumbers.

Sat. Aug. 29, 1908 We ironed baked both kinds of bread swept churned. Father went to W. Wirt Chas. H. Henry Pries and Henry Magee worked at the barley and oats. Mrs. H. and Libbie were down to Jennie's. Camp meeting at Springwater in the P.M. Chas. H. was hear in the evening.

Sun. Aug. 30, 1908 Wirt and Jennie went to the corners and took Mrs. H. home. Henry and I went to camp meeting at Springwater in the P.M. Chas. H. was hear in the evening.

Mon. Aug. 31, 1908 We baked bread cake cookies & beans. I packed my box. We made some cushions. Aunt Ella Arnold came hear Uncle Orlando brought her. Father went to Atlanta. Wirt Henry Chas. and Mr. Blank drew oats. Libbie was down to Jennies.

Tues. Sept. 1, 1908 Mr. Conrad took Geo. Henry Herbert Rosa Julia and I to the lake. Arthur Drum brought Emma and Ervine, Jud Julia Hazel and Tom came together. Chas. R. brought Lona Geo. Clara Fred Henry Laura Flora Elmer Gretchen Char. we went to the Wyanoke and Wetawa cottages. Julia Walker got hit by a ball and got her jaw broken. Dr. Kruckerbocker set it.

Wed. Sept. 2, 1908 We had a big time all day. We had an orchestra of four pieces Flora organist Chas. cornet Henry violinist and Geo. banjo. The Russell's had their reunion on the grounds.

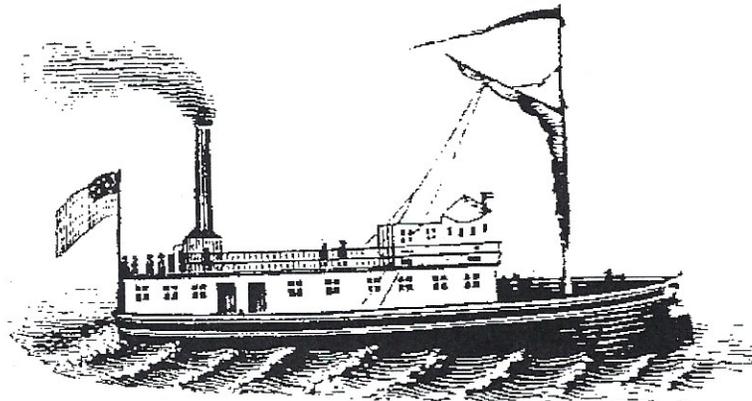


Thurs. Sept. 3, 1908 Fred Julia Henry and I went around the lake stopped and got wild grapes and Sulphur water. The wind blew and it rained in the P.M. Dr. was down to see Julia. Kit Bowles was taken awfully sick.



Fri. Sept. 4, 1908 We fished some. The men played ball. Ernie Walker family and the Hurters came down to the Walker cottage to stay. Dr. rebandaged Julia's face. We danced a little and sung in the evening.

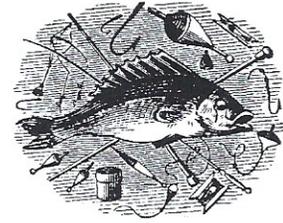
Sat. Sept. 5, 1908 Jud took part of us around the lake in the steamer and brought three boats back from the foot. The farmers picnic were on the grounds a big time and a dance in the evening. A ball game in the P.M. Springwater against the Jolly Ten 15 to 7 in favor of J.T. Mr. and Mrs. Drum and Florence stayed all night we had 21 to dinner Tom went home.



Sun. Sept. 6, 1908 It rained hard in the P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Drum Florence Ervine and Emma all went home. We were most of us on the lake in the evening. Bert Fuller folks went on to Honeoye.

Mon. Sept. 7, 1908 The men played ball. We fished sung and had a big leap year dance at night with the Phagles Walker and a few strangers for company. We sung after the dance serenaded the boys at Wetawa and went and got peaches had a lot of fun.

Tues. Sept. 8, 1908 Julia and I went fishing then Henry and I went down the lake and got wild grapes. The celery growers around Wayland had their picnic on the grounds. Mr. Engle Mr. Miller Chas. Robinson Mrs. Curry and Tom all ate dinner with us then we packed up and went home. Father and Coon met us at Engles. Magee came hear to work.



Wed. Sept. 9, 1908 We did a big washing. Father went to Atlanta. Florence and Acoria Miller went home from Wirts at night.

Thurs. Sept. 10, 1908 We went down to Zoe's and worked all day canning She came up a while from Kits. Kit know better. I worked butter Arche and Ray were hear at night and got butter plumbs prunes and melons. Dr. Krucher was over to see Jennie. Father went to W. And got stuff from Emmas.

Fri. Sept. 11, 1908 We canned plumbs prunes tomatoes peaches and made catsup. I ironed all the P.M. Father and Henry made garden fence. Wirt went with wood for Arche. Mrs. H came back to Jennies. I was down to Jennies at night. Ray had Dr. Johnson come see his horse.



Sat. Sept. 12, 1908 I finished the ironing We made catsup plum butter and churned. Father bought six bu. of peaches of Mr. Bray Wirt went to Atlanta Ray had Dr. Reed there to see his horse.

Sun. Sept. 13, 1908 Ray's horse died. Mrs. Thorpe and Geo. were here in the morning. Mr. Hansen was at Wirts. Mrs. H. went home with him. Philip Hunt was here at night. Milo Thorpe's barns burned.

Mon. Sept. 14, 1908 We did washing ironing canned peaches and I helped wash the buggy. Father took butter and peaches to W. And sent them to Emma. Wirt Arche and Ray drew lumber to Atlanta for Arche. Mrs. T. hear in the morning.

Tues. Sept. 15, 1908 We finished the peaches and plumbs I took the cans off the can cupboard , took up the carpets in the east room and got them whipped. Mother and I did the patching. Father and Mr. Blank raised the wing part and got ready for the sill. The boys went with lumber. Dr. Walker was over to see Kit.

*NOTES: During and after the week at the lake in September we begin to notice more "Henry and I" in the diary. I don't have the full story but with the 20-20 hindsight and research I can offer some foresight. It would be six years before Daisy Lucy Wetmore would marry Henry William Conrad on 24 June 1914 and start a family of their own.*

Wed. Sept. 16, 1908 I went down to Zoes and helped her do up peaches plumbs and corn. Minnie Lillie Hattie and Magel were all there during the day. Mr. Blank and Father got some of the sills under. Wirt went to Atlanta.

Thurs. Sept. 17, 1908 We baked bread canned some washed windows pictures and etc. Geo. T. was hear twice during the day. Wirt went to A. with lumber for Chas. H. Arche went with lumber wood and grist.

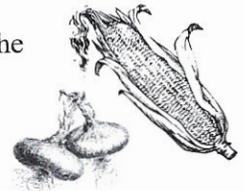
Fri. Sept. 18, 1908 I baked cookies , finished jelly and did odd jobs. Father Mother Wirt Arche Mary Mr. Hansen and Ray all went to the fair at Naples It sprinkled at night. Libbie and Mrs. H. were at Jennies all day

Sat. Sept. 19, 1908 I took Father to the eleven oclock train to go to Emmas stopped and see Julia Walker when I came back. Did Sat. work when I got home. Jennie went home with her Mother. Wirt stayed up here.

Sun. Sept. 20, 1908 Mother went up to Arches and Wirt went to the corners in the P.M. Henry was here and brought the proofs to our pictures.

Mon. Sept. 21, 1908 I went after Father Blank and Wirt both worked on the house. We didnt get back until after four o'clock Mrs. Thorpe was hear and got vinegar. I took up the hall carpet. Walter Buck got his hand hurt in a cidar press.

Tues. Sept. 22, 1908 The men worked at the sills. Mother and I cut and husked the pop corn, pulled onions, and picked up plumbs to send Emma. Father went to Emma in the P.M. left his horse in W. Geo. T. was hear in the P.M.



Wed. Sept. 23, 1908 We did a big washing baked bread and shelled beans. Wirt cut buckwheat in the P.M. on Mothers. Father came back from Emmas and over to Frank's. Sold the cattle to John Took. Bert Leibengoth was married.

Thurs. Sept. 24, 1908 We did the ironing Mother went to the aid at Alice Robinsons. Wirt worked down on Mothers. Father went to Wayland. I tore off the plastering in the south room and cleaned up that room and got Father's room partly tore up.



Fri. Sept. 25 1908 I finished up the plaster in Father's room and got it torn off in Mothers room worked thru churning of butter. Arche Ray Mary and I went to Wm. Coles to a dance in the evening. I drove Toby. Libbie and Jennie were down a few minutes.

Sat. Sept. 26, 1908 We did Sat. work and a lot of odd jobs. Wirt and Father set up buckwheat. Harvey and Blanche were hear a few minutes.

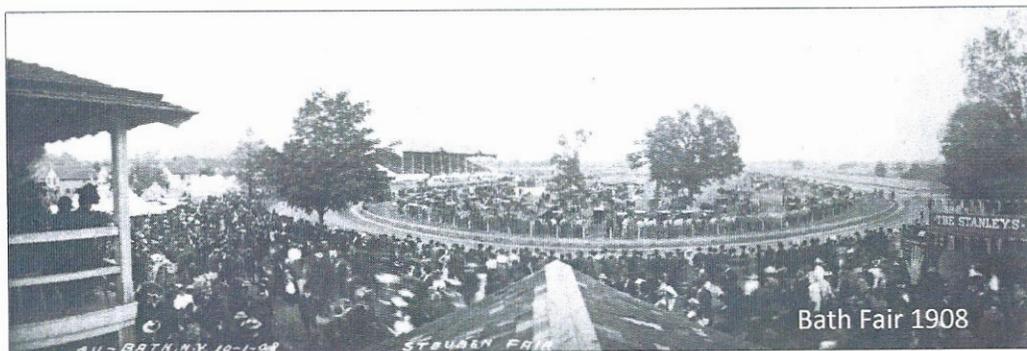
Sun. Sept. 27, 1908 We were all home all day only Father he went and got Mr. Albright. Wirt went to the corners and Jennie came home with him. Henry was hear in the evening.

Mon. Sept. 28, 1908 The wind blew fierce. We washed and ironed some. It rained at night. Jennie went up home. Wirt was down to the farm. The men worked on the wall.

Tues. Sept. 29, 1908 We finished the ironing. I got the plaster out of Mothers room. Mother was down to Mrs. Thorpe's she came home with her and got plumbs. It froze at night the first frost of the season. Mary and I went to Wayland and got our hats. Jennie went up home.

Wed. Sept. 30, 1908 We got the garden truck in. Wirt and Jennie went to Cohocton at night did not get home until late. Father took Mr. Albright home and went to Atlanta.

Thurs. Oct. 1, 1908 Arche Mary Ray Leonora Chas. Clara Herbert Lona Geo. Fred Judson Flora Addie Henry and I all went to the Bath Fair A nice day and a good time. It rained before we got home. Mrs. Hansen sick Wirt and Jennie stayed all night up there.



Fri. Oct. 2, 1908 The wind blew and it was cold all day. We baked bread did the patching and took up the plants. Wirt and Father drew buckwheat in the P.M. Wirt went to the corners and got Jennie at night. Mrs. Thorpe and Geo. were hear in the evening. It froze hard at night.

Sat. Oct. 3, 1908 We did Sat. work finished shelling beans. Father patched the roof of the wood house. Wirt and Jennie went on the west hill and got some potatoes and a load of wood.

Sun. Oct. 4, 1908 A nice day. I walked up to Arches in the A.M. Herbert and Rosa came over to our house and Herb came up and got me. Wirt and Jennie were away in the evening.

Mon. Oct. 5, 1908 We washed and got most of the ironing done. I made over a couple aprons. Mother churned. Wirt picked a few apples in the A.M. and thrashed at W.E.s in the P.M. Jennie went to Springwater and got a new hat. Henry was hear a few minutes at night.

Tues. Oct. 6, 1908 I finished the ironing we worked and packed butter. My head ached fierce. I took Mother to the train. She went over to Emma's. Wirt dug potatoes. Willie and Geo. Thorpe were hear a while at noon. The first day of Hemlock fair.

Wed. Oct. 7, 1908 Father went to Atlanta. I did up the work and hemmed two tray cloths, sorted a bushel of onions. Wirt and Jennie worked at the potatoes.

Thurs. Oct. 8, 1908 I baked pies and cookies did the patching finished gathering the onions pulled and shelled some beans cut some corn. Father and Jared built the cement steps in front of the house. Wirt dug potatoes.

Fri. Oct. 9, 1908 I picked over beans and tapped some shoes. Father went down to Wm. Coles and chored the rest of the day. Wirt went W. and got Mother in the P.M. Geo. Thorpe and Willie hear. Floyd hear and got some vinegar.

Sat. Oct. 10, 1908 We did Sat. work. Father went to Wayland with stuff for sheeting for the house Wirt went to Atlanta with potatoes. It rained at night.

Sun. Oct. 11, 1908 It rained most of the day. Herbert Rosa Julia Fred Geo. Henry Chas. Emma Ervine and I all went to the Walkers in the P.M. Took our supper and surprised them had a dandy time.

Mon. Oct. 12, 1908 We washed and ironed some. Father and I picked and barreled apples in the P.M. Mother churned. Henry & Libbie helped in the potatoes.

Tues. Oct. 13, 1908 We finished the ironing worked butter Mother made red sauce. Father and I worked at the apples all day. Wirt went to W. with potatoes. Got Uncle Dave Clout hear.

Wed. Oct. 14, 1908 Father and I worked in the apples all day. Mother took care of honey and did the house work. Wirt dug potatoes in the P.M. Mrs. Hansen and Libbie at Jennies in the P.M. Mrs. Thorpe hear in the morning. Ray Smith and Elizabeth Gwen were married.

Thurs. Oct. 15, 1908 I worked at the apples all day. Fred Eickhorn was hear and sold the men a potato digger. Wirt worked at the potatoes in the P.M. Father went to the corners in the P.M. and Wirt and Jennie went up at night.

*NOTES: I thought spring and summer were busy with preparing and planting the gardens and fields and they were, but the real work happens during the fall harvest. Father has used employees to do specialized work such as masonry and plastering as well as workers a month at a time as needed. He uses Hobos as pickers when the apples were more than the family could do. Reviewing the diary the farm production appears to include but I'm not sure be limited to Hay, Lumber, Potatoes, Apples, Cider, Vinegar, Milk, Butter, Wool, Pork, Mutton and all the essential food, clothing, and shelter for humans and animals alike. This included firewood for heat and cooking.*



Wed. Oct. 16, 1908 I picked apples a part of the P.M. then came to the house and Mother and I tore up the sitting room closet papered it and got it all back. She baked bread and cake. Father hired three hobos to pick apples he went to Atlanta with a load. Mrs. Thorpe hear and got the freezer. Wirt dug potatoes.

Thurs. Oct. 17, 1908 We hustled all day. Uncle Gene Zella Harriet and Alice came in the P.M. Wirt went with potatoes, one of the hobos went in the P.M.

Sun. Oct. 18, 1908 We all went down to Zoe's only Father Arche Mary Wirt and Jennie went too. Henry and I went up to Arches in the evening. Uncle Genes folks came back to Uncle Johas and stayed.

Mon. Oct. 19, 1908 We washed ironed baked bread. Uncle Gene's folks went home in the P.M. Wirt dug potatoes. The hobos and Father worked in the apples.

Tues. Oct. 20, 1908 We finished the ironing baked pie cake and bread churned and got the parlor all tore up and the paper and plaster off and the bed room carpet up and border cleaned. I did some copying for Father. Father went to town with apples in the P.M. The hobos picked. Wirt dug potatoes in the P.M.

Wed. Oct. 21, 1908 We washed the parlor stair and bedroom carpets and baked bread. The men worked at the apples. Mr. Baker came at noon and went to work on the north side of the house and took the parlor window out.

Thurs. Oct. 22, 1908 We tore up the sitting room and got the carpet cleaned. Father sent the hobos adrift. Father and I worked in the apples. Mr. Baker and Clare finished the north side of the house. Chas. and Wirt dug potatoes. Mrs. H. down to Jennies.

Fri. Oct. 23, 1908 I helped do up the work in the morning and then worked in the orchard all day. Mother baked pies and fried cakes I worked some butter. Father went to W. with a load of potatoes and Emma's apples. Baker and Clare worked on the south side. Wirt and Chas. dug potatoes.

Sat. Oct. 24, 1908 It rained during the P.M. and evening. I helped barrel apples in the A.M. Mother and I went to Atlanta in the P.M. she went to see Dr. Stewart we got some wall paper. Clare and Baker fixed the front of the upright Clare went home. Mr. White was hear.

Sun. Oct. 25, 1908 A nice day. Baker went down home and came back at night. Mark and Zoe hear. Wirt and Jennie at the corners. Arche and Mary at Mr. Vierbiles

Mon. Oct. 26, 1908 It rained in the night and in the A.M. We did a big washing, baked bread. I helped in the apples. Homer took a load to Atlanta. Baker worked on the south side.. Wirt dug potatoes. Herbert was hear to supper.

Tues. Oct. 27, 1908 I worked with Father in the apples all day. Homer took a load to Atlanta. Baker worked outside. Wirt and Jennie went to the corners. Herbert was hear a few minutes at night.

Wed. Oct. 28, 1908 We cleaned stovepipe in the kitchen trimmed paper made Sulphur matches cookies barreled apples. It rained all day. Mr. Baker cut through the folding doors and made a threshold at the north door. Wirt and Father went to Bert Richards auction. Hugh hear a little while. Edna Bailey wedding day.

Thurs. Oct 29, 1908 Father and I worked in the apples all day. Geo. took a load to Atlanta and helped us when he got back. Baker got through and went home at noon. Mother sorted onions cut out the cabbage and pulled some beets.

Fri. Oct. 30, 1908 A cold windy day. We worked at the apples until four o'clock then Mother and I made sauerkraut Wirt Chas. Geo. and Magee dug potatoes. Mother got the rest of the beets. Henry and I went to a dance at Linas Finch's.

Sat. Oct 31, 1908 The ground covered with snow. We did odd jobs and sewed carpet. Geo. went with apples. Father covered some of the apples up.

Sun. Nov. 1, 1908 A cold day. Arche Geo. and Mother were down to Wirts. Magee went down to Burt Shavers. Henry and I went up to Arches at night had music Helen was there.

Mon. Nov. 2, 1908 We washed and sewed two bredths of carpet, We barreled apples in the P.M. Geo. went with a load. Magee dug ditch.

Tues. Nov. 3, 1908 We did the ironing. I took the plaster off the hall and got it cleaned up. Mother pulled the carrots and radishes. Father went to election all day. Magee dug ditch. Arche and Wirt to the corners all day. Jennie and Mrs. H. went up. Geo. Hunt hear at night. Taft Sherman and Hughes elected.

Wed. Nov. 4, 1908 I helped barrel apples part of the A.M. it was awful cold. Father went to Springwater in the P.M. to meet Rice. Magee and I covered up the apples. I took the plaster and paper off the sitting room. Mr. Albright came home with Father.

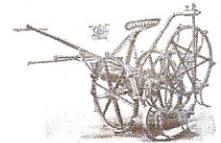
Thurs. Nov. 5, 1908 A cold day. Mr. Albright plastered all day. Wirt went to W. and got more plaster. I went to Zoe's while he was gone. Mother churned. We worked hard all day.

Fri. Nov. 6, 1908 We cleaned up plaster and cleaned the floors. Father took Mr. Albright home, was gone all day. Zoe and I went to Wayland in the P.M. and got wall paper. Wirt and Henry drew toddy in the P.M. A chicken supper at John Stutzman's a dance at Walter Buck's.

Sat. Nov. 7, 1908 Mary and I papered the hall and south room over head and some of the side wall in the hall and in Mother's room. Father worked in the apples I helped a little while at night. Wirt Arche Ray Henry and Earnest Speer dug potatoes. Mrs. Hansen at Jennie.

Sun. Nov. 8, 1908 A very quiet day. We read and slept. Wirt Jennie and Mrs. Hansen went to the corners.

Mon. Nov. 9, 1908 A lovely day. Mary and I finished papering the east rooms. I did some in the hall. Mother cleaned the sitting room cupboard and the one in her room and got the room ready for carpet. Wirt finished digging potatoes. Father barreled apples. Arche got a can of oil.



Tues. Nov. 10, 1908 I put the carpets down in the two east rooms and finished papering the hall only one side of the stair way. We straightened both east rooms got the bed out of the parlor bedroom and got the paper torn off. We did the washing but it rained and we left it in the tub.

Wed. Nov. 11, 1908 It rained about all day. Mary was down all day. We papered the parlor bedroom, got the carpet down and the things back in there, got the parlor nearly papered, and the hall ready for the carpet. Arche went to Geneseo. Wirt went to H. Ford's auction. Ray was hear in the evening.

Thurs. Nov. 12, 1908 I took down the screen doors. Mary came down we finished papering the parlor and got the ceiling in the sitting partly on. Mother and Henry got in the dahlia and gladiola bulbs. Henry dug ditches. Father went to W. Wirt and Jennie went to an auction.

Fri. Nov. 13, 1908 A nice cold day. Zoë was up all day. Mark came with her and put up the picture moulding and painted the doors and arch. He went home when Wirt went after his wagon. Father went to Atlanta. We put down the parlor and hall carpets got it partly straightened baked and did the ironing. Went to Floyds to a dance.

Sat. Nov. 14, 1908 We baked bread and got the parlor stove blacked and set up. I finished trimming paper. Wirt and Henry drew toddy. Father went to Atlanta.

Sun. Nov. 15, 1908 A nice day. I went down to Wirts in the P.M. Henry was hear and brought some flowers and the lake pictures. Wirt and Jennie went to Mr. Thorpe's at night.

*NOTES: I remember an old adage "Men may work from sun to sun but women's work is never done". The diary reads as if we are renovating (tearing off plaster and paper, having the walls plastered and papering the ceiling and walls) one room at a time. The term Daisy uses for moving material by horse drawn wagon is draw or drew as in hay, barreled apples, potatoes lumber etc. to sell or ship by train. For several days Wirt and Henry drew toddy. I have no idea what toddy is except a cold weather drink as in "Hot Toddy".*

Mon. Nov. 16, 1908 We did a big washing and ironing. I put part of the side walls on the sitting room. Father went to Springwater. Wirt went to Mr. Claysons then Jennie and he went to the corners to have the team shod. They were hear in the evening.

Tues. Nov. 17, 1908 A nice day. Mary and I papered Fathers room and did some in the sitting room. Mother baked bread and cookies and churned. Father was at the corners. Wirt and Henry drew toddy in the P.M. Geo. was hear at night.

Wed. Nov. 18, 1908 Mary was down we papered in the sitting room cleaned and settled Fathers room got the carpet down. Wirt and Henry drew toddy. Arche was hear to dinner and went to the cider mill. Geo. worked hear in the A.M.

Thurs. Nov. 19, 1908 I finished papering the sitting room got the carpet down and most of the things back. Mother helped a whole lot. Father gone all day. Wirt and Henry drew toddy.

Fri. Nov. 20, 1908 We did patching washed windows I cleaned out my room. We went to Miles Branches to a dance. Henry and Geo. were the music. Arche and Mary went too. Father was off phosphating and had the cider made.

Sat. Nov. 21, 1908 I got home at six o'clock. A lovely day. We did the Sat. work Wirt and Henry drew toddy. Father and Jared fixed the cellarway.

Sun. Nov. 22, 1908 A very quiet day. Mark and Zoe were at Arches Zoe stopped a few minutes when they came back. Henry went down to Burt Shavers.

Mon. Nov. 23, 1908 We did the washing and most of the ironing, baked both kinds of bread, moved the stuff out of the pantry, got the paper torn off and some of the plastering done. Wirt and Henry drew toddy. Jennie went to the corners in the P.M. Father went to the Root place.

Tues. Nov. 24, 1908 We papered the pantry and got it all settled. Father went to Floyds and got coal then went to garlinghouse. Wirt went to W. Henry dug ditch. Jennie was hear a few minutes.

Wed. Nov. 25, 1908 We did odd jobs. The threshers came in the A.M. Henry and I went down to Jud's and stayed all night. Geo. and Luna were there also.

Thurs. Nov. 26, 1908 Julia Ruth Hazel Gretchen Henry Geo. Fred Lona Herb Rosa Julia Nellie Emma Geo. Luna Henry and I all went to Ervine Drums for Thanksgiving Had a nice time. Father and Mother were at Zoe's. Mr. and Mrs. V and Clara were at Arches. Bert came hear at night.



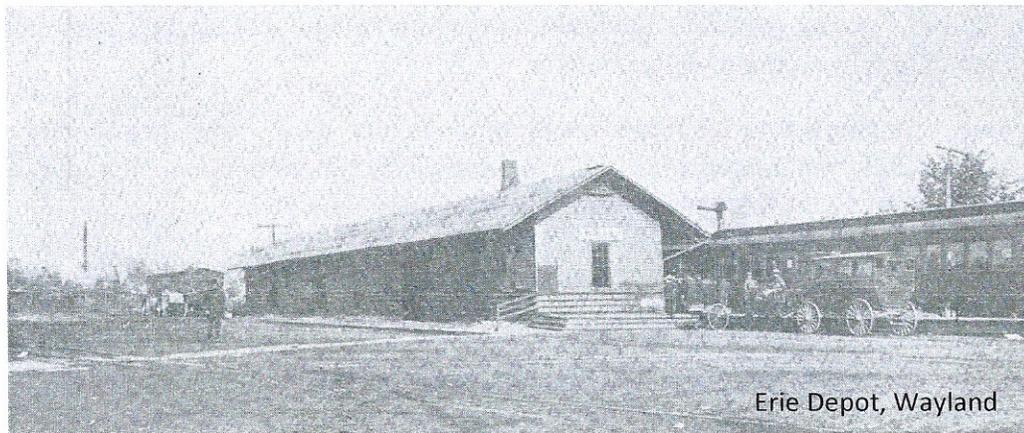
Fri. Nov. 27, 1908 They finished threshing in the A.M. Bert picked up apples. Henry ditched. Father went to W. We did some sewing.

Sat. Nov. 28, 1908 Father took me to Zoe's Mark took she and I to W. and we went to Emma's. They finished the celery. Wirt had cider made at Myron's.

Sun. Nov. 29, 1908 A nice day. The Benjamins entertained the family. Dell and family, Nina and family, Ralph Libbie and Oliver all called at Emma's. Chas. took Oliver and Harry to Hornell. Us girls and Neil went to Birds and Ralphs while he was gone. Arche and Father spent the day at No. Cohocton.

Mon. Nov. 30, 1908 Us girls went to Hornell and did shopping, came and stopped at Emma's, then came home on the evening train. Mark met us. I stayed at Zoe's. They butchered one hog for us, one for W.E. one for Mr. Thorpe at our house.

*NOTES: During the year multiple trips to Atlanta and Wayland by people and materials connected with Emma. I may have figured out where Emma lives. My speculation is near Hornell NY. Hornell was long a railroad center and from the stations in Wayland and Atlanta material or passengers could have gotten to and from Hornell*



Erie Depot, Wayland

Tues. Dec. 1, 1908 A nice day. Father came after me in the morning. We did the washing and ironing. Henry ditched. Bert and Father graded around the new house. Mrs. Buck was hear with a soap order.

Wed. Dec. 2, 1908 We tore up the kitchen. Mr. Siscs came down from Arches and did the plastering. Father took him back and got Mary and we got it papered over head.

Thurs. Dec. 3, 1908 We finished the kitchen. The men drew the odds and ends away from the house.

Fri. Dec. 4, 1908 We cleaned out the kitchen stove pipe and chimney. Did some baking and sweeping. Wirt went to Atlanta. Emma Chas. and Neil came over. Henry and I went to Calvin's to a dance. Geo. C was awful sick all night.

Sat. Dec. 5, 1908 We visited and worked some. Burt and Chas. drew wood. Magee left for Avon. Arche and Mary were hear in the evening. Wirt went to Atlanta.

Sun. Dec. 6, 1908 Arche and Mary were hear to dinner then went down to Wirts. Emma Chas. and Neil went home. Father and Mother spent the evening at Mr. Thorpes. Henry was hear.

Mon. Dec. 7, 1908 We did the washing and ironing. Bert and White cut wood on the hill.

Tues. Dec. 8, 1908 I rode down to Zoe's on a load of lambs with Wirt. I worked on Celia's waist, Zoe cut out aprons and drawers. Mark went to W.

Wed. Dec. 9, 1908 We finished all those things and Zoe cut out some more things.

Thurs. Dec. 10, 1908 We went down to Hattie's and helped her get straightened up she was sick. We walked over to Mehlenbacker's in the P.M. we walked. Mark went to W. with Miles and got the hog. I stayed all night with Hattie Miles and Anna went to a golden wedding.

Fri. Dec. 11, 1908 I helped Zoe a little while and went to bed and stayed there most of the day with the sick headache and gripe. Mark and Zoe went to Jonas Shavers to a donation for Meizner. Henry came down and I came home.

Sat. Dec. 12, 1908 I felt some better so I hung the storm doors in front and helped Mother some. Father went to Springwater and got his auction bills. Wirt and Uncle John went over to Christian Church. Uncle John was hear to dinner. Burt went to Bath.

Sun. Dec. 13, 1908 Mary was hear in the P.M. We went to Wirts a few min. in the evening Henry and Libbie down there. Arche came down and got Mary and stayed a few min. Henry hear. Florence and her sister hear a little while.

Mon. Dec. 14, 1908 We washed ironed and did up the parlor curtains. Father went out with his auction bills. Burt came back at night. Wirt and Shafer went to the Christian Church. Jennie went to the corners. We went to W.E.'s. to practice for X-mas.

Tues. Dec. 15, 1908 Father took me down to Zoe's. He went out with his auction bills. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer and Homer at Zoe's when I got there. I ironed and she sewed on my black skirt. Mark went to W. Hattie was up in the P.M.

Wed, Dec. 16, 1908 I sewed on Celia's waist Zoe worked on my skirt, and we straightened up the house all over. The Mehlenbachers attended a wedding at Swain's.

Thurs. Dec. 17, 1908 Zoe cut Kit's nightgown and we worked on that and finished up som other things. We all went down to Kits at night. It snowed hard. Mark and Minnie went to Wayland in the P.M.

Fri. Dec. 18, 1908 Mark went and got Lona she cut out my dress and we all worked on it all day. Murry Miller was hear and stayed all night. Sully was hear in the evening.

Sat. Dec. 19, 1908 We worked on my dress all day. Mark went to Father's auction. Mr. Miller went home. Fred Geo. and Clara came over in the evening Lona went home with them.

Sun. Dec. 20, 1908 Bert came down to get me in the morning. We all went to Mary's to practice in P.M.

Mon. Dec. 21, 1908 We did the washing and ironing. Bert worked in the woods. We all went to Wirts in the evening only Mr. Blank to practice.

Tues' Dec. 22, 1908 We did house work in the A.M. and Wirt Mother Mary and I went to Atlanta in the P.M. and got Christmas presents. Father went to W. W.E. was hear and helped dress a beef.

Wed. Dec. 23, 1908 Father and Shafer went to Springwater. Emma Chas. and Neil came to Zoe's. Wirt Jennie Bart and I went to the entertainment at the corners Mrs. H and Mary came back with us.

Thurs. Dec. 24, 1908 Wirt got the X mas tree and I got it partly trimmed. Mother baked. The Hasleys came up at night. Wirt and Jennie entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wetmore, Lib, Henry, Chas. and Amanda.

Fri. Dec. 25, 1908 The whole family was hear to Xmas we had a nice time.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sat. Dec. 26, 1908 We did Sat. work and cleaned up the house, took down the Xmas tree. We made Emma two night gowns. Wirt and Chas. went up to Arches.

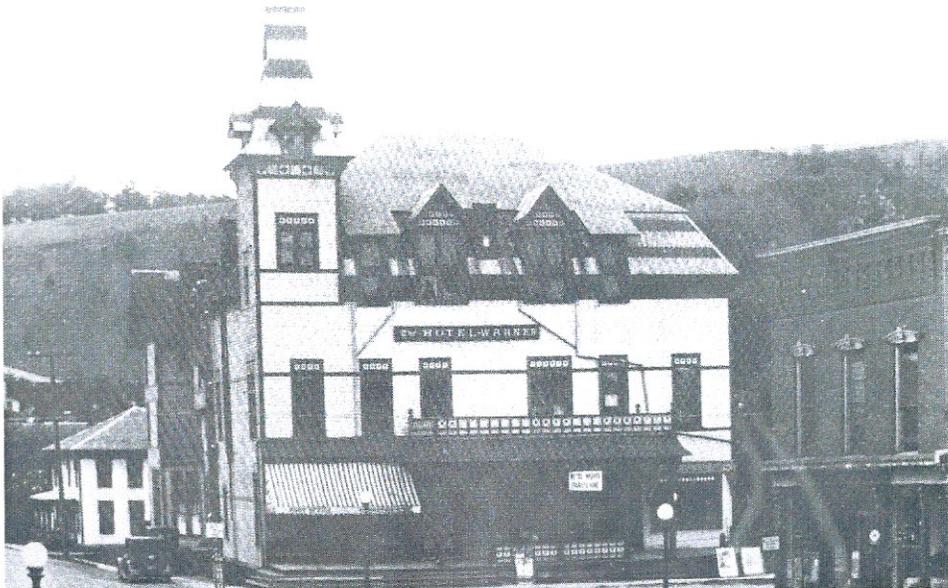
Sun. Dec. 27, 1908 Mother Wirt Emma Chas. and Burt went over to Uncle Orlando's. Burt stayed over there. Neil and I went down to Jennie's a little while. Henry and I went down to Mehlenbachers at night. Chas. and Herbert were there.

Mon. Dec. 28, 1908 We did the washing ironing and sewed. Emma cut out things all day.

Tues. Dec. 29, 1908 Emma had the sick headache. I sewed all day. Mother and Emma sewed some. Mr. V. and Clara hear in the P.M. Arche was hear and helped draw hay in the P.M. Arche Mary Clara Laura Geo. and Henry were hear in the evening. We had music.

Wed. Dec. 30, 1908 The chimney burned out in the morning. Father took me down to Zoe's He went to Wayland. The Hasleys went up to Arches. We finished my blue silk dress. Mark and Jeptha went to Wayland. Emma was hear a few min.

Thurs. Dec. 31, 1908 We got up at four o'clock. Mark went to Rochester. Zoe finished my black voile skirt. The Jolly Ten were invited to Chas. home. Herbert Lona Geo. Elnora Henry Geo. Albert Ervine Emma Nellie and I went. Nellie Geo. Luna Henry and I went to the New Year's Eve ball at the Warner house.



*NOTES: The year has come to an end and 1909 is upon the Wetmore family of New York State. We have learned a lot about life and agriculture before the internal combustion engine gave us tractors, trucks, and automobiles for everyone and an infrastructure of roads and highways to move around easily. I haven't figured out all the details but I can't stop trying so I'm officially "Hooked on Daisy".*



## CONCLUSION

As I conclude the transcription of the diary of Daisy for the year 1908 I hope you have enjoyed the trip back in time to a simpler but much more labor intensive period of our local history. As this project has progressed I have used a variety of resources to supplement the diary itself. These include the Historians offices of Steuben County, Livingston County and The Town Historian of Wayland and a variety of internet accessed Web sites and the genealogical resources included in Appendix A.

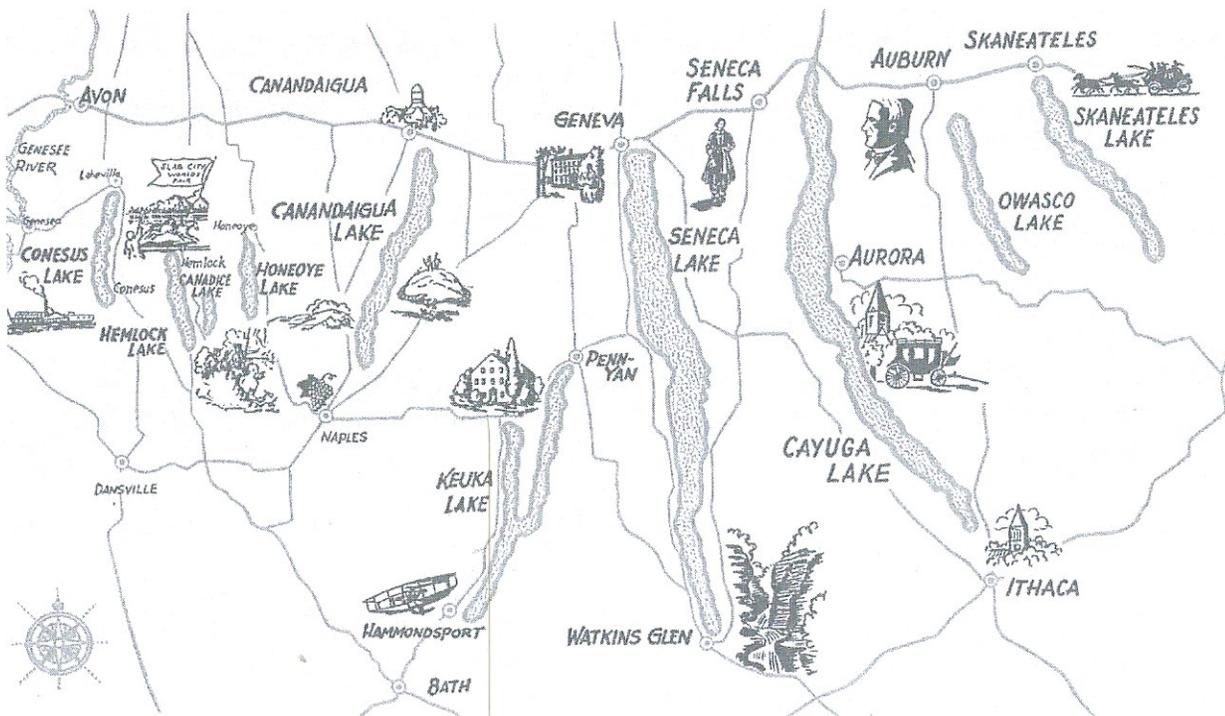
## ANSWERS AND QUESTIONS

This section will feature some questions which I had during the transcription of the diary and to which I have found answers with the help of several resources. I will begin with the week (Sept. 1 – 8) at the lake with a group of mostly first-named people. A single newspaper story of Sept. 15, 1908 may fill in several blanks in the diary information.

Sept. 15, 1908 The Jolly Ten and ten and two more chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Judson Walker of Doughtys Corners spent a very pleasant week, mid showers and sunshine and good fishing at Wyanoke and Wetawa cottages on Canadice Lake last week. The Following were present: Misses Lona and Clara Mehlenbacher, Gretchen Walker, Laura Curry, Messrs. George, Fred, and Harry Mehlenbacher, Elmer Eichorn, Thos. Miller, from Doughtys Corners, Miss Emma Paul and Chas. Clayson from Cohocton, Ervin Drum from Loon Lake, Flora Harter from Wayland, Misses Rose and Julia Engel, Daisy Wetmore, Geo. and Henry Conrad and Herman Engle from Springwater. All reported having a good time. Just before departing For their homes the hymn was sung, "God be with you Till we Meet Again", all hoping to meet again another year by the bright and sunny lake shore.

I still can't name the Jolly Ten or the ten and two (twelve) but suffice to say they are young single men and women who still required chaperones. The lake is the Canadice (begins like Canada and rhymes with "ice"). The Wyanoke and Wetawa are groups of cottages. Daisy mentions serenading the boys over at Wetawa. The Canadice is the smallest of the ten Finger Lakes in central New York State which Arch Merrill describes in his book "Slim Fingers Beckon". For those not familiar with this region inserted below is the map featured on the back of the dustcover for the book. Pictured as two hands Hemlock Lake would be the left ring finger and Canadice the smaller lake to its East.





The History of Canadice” by Beverly Deats written in 1980 includes Chap. 15 Acquisition of the lakes by Rochester. It describes how in 1855 and in desperate need for freshwater, the city chose to install an open canal ditch 1800 feet long to join a 24 inch wooden conduit extending 16 miles to a reservoir in Henrietta from Hemlock Lake. The water passing through the wood became brackish and the company went bankrupt. The Civil War delayed the further development of the Hemlock project.

By January 22, 1876 an iron conduit 28.5 miles long connected Hemlock Lake to reservoirs in what 12 years later would be Highland Park and Rush with an estimated capacity of 9,000,000 gallons per day. Later in 1909 the purchase of the shoreline of Canadice Lake was begun in earnest. By 1918 conduits connecting Lake Canadice to Hemlock Lake would number three and supply 42 million gallons per day and mark the end of the recreational access to both lakes and the relocation or razing of all cabins and properties to protect the water supply from pollution. This ended the period of swimming, fishing and boating by visitors from near and far coming by train and horse and buggy to enjoy time on the lake shore.

I am not going back to add last names to the 366 diary days but I believe we could. With the newspaper description of the families involved I am confident in assuming that when Daisy talks about going to “the corners” she is referring to Doughtys Corners until I can learn differently.

I have yet to verify property locations for the families of the Wetmore children or parents. The Livingston County Historian’s office provided the following listing from the 1907-1908 Vick’s Standard Directory and Reference Book of Dansville and Wayland:

Wetmore Daisy L. b(oar)ds Ira L., box- 66 Ira L. owns 200 a(cres) East Springwater box 66

Local newspapers of the period featured newsy items about local families and individuals. The Wayland Historian has offered copies of articles which have allowed me to identify the individuals that Daisy refers to as Mr. and Mrs. rather than first names. The articles are shown in chronological order:

Sept. 25, 1899 Naples News – East Springwater - Wirt and Daisy Wetmore and Edward Sams and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Hornellsville.

May 1, 1901 Cohocton Times Mrs. I.L. Wetmore visited her daughter Mrs. C.E. Hosley, and family in Hornellsville on Sunday.

Miss Daisy Wetmore is in Hornellsville with her sister for a while.

June 10, 1902 Cohocton Times Jacob and Joseph Yochem and sister Maggie , and Miss Katie Hilston of East Wayland visited Andrew Vierhile and family, also Arch Wetmore and wife last Sunday.

Miss Daisy Wetmore was called home from Hornellsville Thursday, by the illness of her mother Mrs. I. L. Wetmore.

Dec. 1, 1903 Cohocton Times Arch Wetmore and wife spent Thursday with Joseph Vierhile and family at North Cohocton.

Miss Jennie Hansen spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Daisy Wetmore.

Jan. 20, 1903 Cohocton Times Wirt and Daisy Wetmore are visiting their sister in Hornellsville.

Aug. 18, 1903 Cohocton Times Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Wetmore, Wirt and Daisy Wetmore attended the Parshall reunion at Greenwood Friday.

Sept. 4, 1903 Wayland Register Miss Daisy Wetmore spent Sunday with Jennie Hansen.

Misses Jennie Hansen and Daisy Wetmore were in Wayland Monday.

Dec. 1, 1903 Cohocton Times Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Wetmore are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Hosley in Hornellsville.

Mrs. Kate Wolfanger is visiting her grand-daughter Mrs. Arch Wetmore.

Jan. 29, 1904 Wayland Register Miss Daisy Wetmore visited Jennie Hansen from Fri. until Mon.

July 5, 1904 Cohocton Times Mrs. I. L. Wetmore and daughter Daisy spent Sunday with Mrs. I.A. Stacy and family in Springwater.

Wirt Wetmore and Miss Jennie Hansen spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hosley in Hornellsville.

July 19, 1904 Cohocton Times Miss Daisy Wetmore left Monday for Westerly, R.I. where she will visit friends for a couple weeks.

Sept. 8, 1904 Cohocton Times Wirt and Daisy Wetmore and Miss Marie Goundry visited Miss Edna Bailey at Springwater Sunday.

Nov. 21, 1904 Cohocton Times Miss Daisy Wetmore is visiting her sister Mrs. C.E. Hosley in Hornellsville.

Feb. 7, 1905 Cohocton Times Miss Daisy Wetmore was given a surprise party Wednesday in honor of her birthday.

Miss Clara Vierhile of North Cohocton, visited her sister, Mrs. Arch Wetmore, Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Daisy Wetmore is visiting her sister Mrs. Mark Bowles.

Oct. 2, 1905 Cohocton Times Miss Mary Goundry visited Miss Daisy Wetmore last week.

June 5, 1906 Cohocton Times Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowles entertained at dinner Sunday the following: Mrs. Arch. Avery and Avery Barnum of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hosley and son Neil of Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Wetmore and Miss Daisy Wetmore.

Sept. 10, 1906 Cohocton Times Mark Bowles and wife of Doughtys Corners , Joseph Vierhile and daughter Clara , of North Cohocton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Wetmore.

Misses Daisy Wetmore, Rose and Julia Engle of this place, Lillian Hotter, Lona and Clara Mehlenbacher of Doughtys Corners, the Misses Eichorn of Wayland, Miss Root of South Dansville, are enjoying a week's outing at Wyanoke, Canadice Lake.

Feb. 18, 1907 Wayland Register Miss Daisy Wetmore of East Springwater, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Mark Bowles.

June 10, 1907 Cohocton Times Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowles entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Wetmore, Miss Daisy Wetmore, Mrs. C.E. Hosley and son, Neil of Arkport, in honor of Mrs. I.L. Wetmore's birthday.

June 1907 The Cohocton Valley Times Miss Daisy Wetmore is visiting her sister at Arkport and friends in Alfred.

Sept. 9, 1907 The Cohocton Valley Times I.L. Wetmore and daughter Daisy, Wirt Wetmore, Mrs. Zoe Bowles, Mrs. Jennie Parshall and son Clare attended the Parshall reunion at Stoney Brook Glen Saturday.

I.L. Wetmore, W.E. Wetmore, A.G. Wetmore, and Ray Sanford were at Batavia Monday on business.

Herman Engle and sisters Rose and Julia, Miss Daisy Wetmore and George and Henry Conrad are spending the week with a party of friends at Canadice Lake.

Dec. 4, 1907 The Cohocton Valley Times Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Wetmore, Daisy and Wirt Wetmore, and Mrs. Mark Bowles spent Thanksgiving with C.E. Hosley and family at Arkport.

Daisy Wetmore was in Cohocton Saturday.

The newspaper clippings above show the nature of local news reporting at the turn of the century and how the events were shown in detail. The Wetmore family was an important family in the area with a 200 acre farming operation which employed several members of the community in support of the various activities throughout the year. In 1908 Ira Leet Wetmore employed at various periods carpenters, painters, masons, plasterers and a variety of agricultural helpers including several different young men and several hoboos during apple harvest.

I have been able to associate several families mentioned in the diary. Daisy uses Mr. and Mrs. For several of the workers and another important family the Thorps who must live close by and like Ira Wetmore be very active in the community. The other group of Mr. and Mrs. include the in-laws of the married Wetmore children.

Zoe married Mark Bowles. Emma married C. E. Hosley, had a son Neil, and lived near Arkport. Arch married Mary (Vierhile) Mr. and Mrs. Vierhile or just Mr. and Mrs. V. Wert married Jennie (Hansen) whose parents are referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Hansen or just Mr. and Mrs. H. in the diary. Daisy herself would marry Henry Conrad six years after the diary was kept and they would settle in the Wayland area and raise a family.

I will close my introduction to Daisy Wetmore with a list of questions resulting from reading her diary that I fear I will never know but she assumed I would:

- Q1) What were “both kinds of bread she and her Mother baked?”
- Q2) What made up “Sat. work?”
- Q3) What powered the “buzz saw?”
- Q4) What was Henry digging “when he ditched?”
- Q5) What were Wirt and Henry hauling when they “drew toddy?”
- Q6) Who were the Jolly Ten and the ten and two more?
- Q7) What was the population of livestock by type – horses, cattle, sheep and hogs?
- Q8) What was the use of Phosphate and did Ira Leet trade in it?
- Q10) When did the Wetmore farmers first use tractors and cars?
- Q11) Where were the farms.

I wish we had pictures of the equipment and transportation of the period of the diary. Daisy gives us so many answers and also leaves so many unanswered questions. I will still check on property records as I have time. I have received additional location information and will share it in a separate Appendix B. My real regrets remain that I know so little about Daisy Wetmore’s first 26 years and so little about her last 79 years. I hope someone has and will invest the time and resources to research enough to write a biography providing answers to the many questions arising from the 105 years of this women’s life in rural New York State. Good Luck to my readers and I hope some of you are as “Hooked on Daisy” as I have become.

## APPENDIX A

### INTRODUCTION TO THE APPENDIX

This appendix contains information secured from Ancestry.com, (pages 1- 3 of 4) Census data from 1850 thru 1940 for the Wetmore and Conrad families and US Find a Grave Index 1600's-current, Ancestry.com (page 4 of 4) and Daisy's record. I will also include in this introduction the obituaries for Daisy (Wetmore) Conrad and Ira Leet Wetmore from the local newspaper at the time of their deaths.

**Source: Ancestry.com      27-Jun-15**  
Spelling of names is as it was indexed in the Census

#### 1850 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY

			Age	Occ	Born
Whitmore	Elijah	head of HH	41	farmer	New York
	Polly	wife	35		New York
	Belah	son	12		New York
	(Leet) Leif	son	8		New York

#### 1860 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY

Wetmore	Elijah	head of HH	51	farmer	New York
	Louisa	wife	43		Penn
	Bela	son	22	farmer	New York
	(Leet) Let	son	18	farm lab	New York

#### 1875 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY

Wetmore	Leet	head of HH	33	farmer	Livingston
	Lucy	wife	36		Livingston
	Goe	child	6		Livingston
	Emma	child	3		Livingston
	Wirt	child	10 mo		Livingston

#### 1880 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY

Whitmore	Ira L	head of HH	38	farmer	New York
	Lucy H	wife	42		New York
	Zoe P	dau	10		New York
	Emma B	dau	7		New York
	Wirt E	son	5		New York
	Archie G	son	2		New York

**1900 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY**

enumerator was Wirt E Wetmore

Wetmore	Arch	Ghead of HH	22	farmer Dec1872 married yrs
	Mary L	wife	16	Jun 1883
Wetmore	Ira L	head of HH	58	farmer Feb1842 married 33 yrs
	Lucy H	wife	61	Jun 1838
	Wirt E	son	25	had 6 children, 5 are living farm lab Aug1874
	Daisy L	dau	18	single Feb 1882 single

**1910 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY**

Whitmore	Arch	head of HH	33	married 10 yrs
	Mary	wife	26	no children
Whitmore	Wirt	head of HH	35	married 5 yrs
	Jennie	wife	26	1 child
	Lucile	dau	11 mo	
Whitmore	Ira	head of HH	68	married 43 yrs
	Lucy	wife	72	5 children, all living
	Daisy	dau	27	single

**1915 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY**

Wetmore	Archie	head of HH	38	farmer no children, living on Wetmore Road
	Mary	wife	31	
Wetmore	Wert	head of HH	40	farmer 1 child, living on Kern Road
	Jennie	wife	31	
	Lucille	dau	6	

**1920 Census Wayland Village, Steuben, NY**

Witmore	Arch	head of HH	42	clerk-groc New York living on West Naples St
	Mary L	wife	35	New York

**1920 Census Springwater, Livingston, NY**

Wetmore	Ira L	head of HH	77	None New York living on Wetmore Road
	Ester	wife	56	New York
Wetmore	Wert	head of HH	45	farmer New York

Jennie	wife	36	living on Wetmore Road New York
Lucile E	dau	10	Parents born in Germany school New York
Louita E	dau	2	New York

**1920 Census Cohocton, Steuben, NY**

Conrad	Henry W	head of HH	36	farmer	New York
	Daisy L	wife	37		New York
	Keith	son	4 yr 9 mo		New York
	Enid	dau	2 yr 11 mo		New York

**1925 Census Cohocton, Steuben, NY**

Conrad	Henry W	head of HH	42	farmer	us
	Daisy L	wife	43		us
	Heith	son	10		us
	Enid L	dau	8		us

**1930 Census Cohocton, Steuben, NY**

Conrad	Henry W	head of HH	47	farmer	New York
	Daisy	wife	48	living on West Ave in Atlanta	New York
	Keith H	son	15	married at age 33	New York
	Enid L	dau	13		New York

**1940 Census Cohocton, Steuben, NY**

Conrad	Henry	head of HH	57	farmer	New York
	Daisy	wife	58	lived in same house on 01APR1935	New York
	Keith	son	25	welder in a foundry	New York
	Enid	dau	23	knitting mill	New York

**US Find A Grave Index**

		Born	Died	Buried
Wetmore	Ira Leet	1842	1920	Pleasant Valley East Cemetery, Springwater, Livingston, NY
Wetmore	Lucy H Parshall	10 Jun 1838	1910	Pleasant Valley East Cemetery, Springwater, Livingston, NY
Wetmore	Wirt E	1874	1937	Evergreen Cemetery, Springwater, Livingston, NY
Wetmore	Arch G	1877	1962	Wayland Village Cemetery, Wayland, Steuben, NY

Conrad, Daisy LWetmore                      01 Feb 1882 05 Sep 1987 Wayland Village Cemetery,  
Wayland, Steuben, NY 25  
Conrad Henry William                      Feb 1883 28 Apr 1971 Wayland Village Cemetery,  
Wayland, Steuben, NY

**Schu Family New York State:**

Daisy Lucy Whetmore {diff spell} married Henry William Conrad on 24 Jun 1914

**Stephens Family Tree**

Keith H Conrad 11 Mar 1915 24 Oct 2005 Born in Cohocton, Steuben NY, died in Atlanta, Steuben, NY

**US Social Security Death Index 1935-2014**

Enid C Beman	Keith H Conrad
01Feb 1917 12 Nov 2010	11 Mar 1915 24 Oct 2005

Last residence was in Webster, Monroe, NY Last residence was in Atlanta, Cohocton, NY

**US Obituary Collection**

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, dated 14 Nov 2010

Enid Beman died 12 Nov 2010, spouse was Fred, 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren  
Children:

Larry (Barbara Bruce)  
Roger (Eva) Ned {Linda}  
Bonnie {Richard} Ferrante

Birth: Feb. 1, 1882 Springwater Livingston County New York, USA

Death: Sep. 5, 1987 Bath Steuben County New York, USA

Daisy L. Conrad of Sawdust Road in Wayland, who at 105 was Steuben County's oldest resident, died Saturday (Sept. 5, 1987) in the County nfirmary at Bath following a short illness.

A native of Springwater, she had resided most of her life in Wayland and was a daughter of Ira and Lucy (Parshall) Wetmore. The widow of Henry Conrad, she had been recognized as the oldest person in Steuben County. Mrs. Conrad was a past member of the Wayland Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are a son, Keith of Wayland; a daughter, Enid L. Beman of Webster; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a niece.

A service was conducted in the St. George- Stanton Funeral Home of Wayland Tuesday morning with the Rev. Vern Schattner officiating. Burial was in Wayland Village Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hatch Hose Fire Co. in Atlanta. (Genesee County Express, September 10, 1987, p4)

**Family links: Parents:**

Ira Leet Wetmore (1842 - 1920)

Lucy H. Parshall Wetmore (1838 - 1910)

Spouse:

Burial:

Wayland Steuben County New York, USA

**US Find A Grave Index 1600's-Current, ancestry.com, 20 Jun 2015**

**Wayland Register July 15, 1920 - Death of I. L. Wetmore**

Ira Leet Wetmore, a life-long and respected resident of East Springwater, died suddenly at his home Sunday evening about 7 o'clock, from heart failure. He had been in rather poor health for some time, but nevertheless his sudden death came as a great shock to the members of the family and friends.

Mr. Wetmore was the son of Elijah and Polly Arnold Wetmore and was born in Springwater, Feb. 28, 1842. On Sept. 23, 1866, he was married to Lucy Parshall. To them six children were born – one dying in infancy; Mrs. Mark Bowles of this village, Mrs. Charles Hosley of Canaseraga, Wirt Wetmore of East Springwater, Arch Wetmore and Mrs. Henry Conrad of Wayland surviving.

Mrs. Wetmore died December 5, 1910, and on Nov. 30, 1918, Mr. Wetmore married Mrs. Esther Hoyt, who survives him. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Neil Hosley, Lucile and Louita Wetmore, Keith and Enid Conrad and one niece, Mrs. Orianna Koch of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Wetmore was born and had lived nearly all his life on the farm where he died. He had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for over fifty years, joining in Naples. He afterwards became a member at Dansville and when the Wayland lodge was instituted he transferred his membership here. He had been a member of the Wayland lodge of Odd Fellows since soon after that lodge was organized. He was also a member of Springwater Grange.

**Genesee Country Express Sept. 10, 1987 – DAISY L. CONRAD**

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These local newspaper coverages mark the end of a Father-Daughter part of an important family within a rural community of hard-working farmers. The remainder of this appendix is the genealogical record of the Wetmore and Conrad families. These families represented the framework of Daisy's life first as daughter and youngest sibling and later as wife, Mother, and Grandmother. I have tried to share a 366 day snapshot of a life which lasted 105 years. Any additions I have been able to add to the diary have only served to increase my curiosity and desire to learn and understand more. I hope the readers have enjoyed meeting Daisy as much as I have enjoyed introducing her.



## APPENDIX B

### INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY

The information contained in this appendix was secured with the assistance of the Wayland Historian. The significant material is included in the last three pages of this appendix. The NEW GAZETTEER and BUSINESS DIRECTORY, for LIVINGSTON COUNTY, N.Y. FOR 1868 was compiled and published by G. Emmet Stetson and printed in Geneva, N.Y. by R.L. Adams & Son Printers in 1868. The Title page and five pages (numbered odd only 177-185 probably reflecting one side printing) of listed entries for the Town of Springwater are shown. The 357 entries contain name, occupation, and property if any. The entries are listed alphabetical within areas of the town or village from which mail was received. The “mail areas” (my term) are in order with number of entries as: Dansville (20), Naples – Ontario County (17), North Conhocton – Steuben County (14), Springwater (240), and Wayland Depot – Steuben County (66). Since Dansville does not list a county these entries are assumed to be in the Town of Springwater but the Village of Dansville north of the county line.

Before I discuss the detail entries and the travel habits of the Wetmore family we must talk about trains. Starting with the childhood story of the Little Engine That Could and “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can etc.” we all know trains and engines don’t like hills. Train Engines regardless of power (steam, diesel, electricity etc.) depend for traction on the magnetic attraction between drive wheels (different sizes and numbers) and the steel tracks over which the train moves. This requires a relatively smooth grade over which to lay tracks. Think “Cut & Fill”, bridges, tunnels, and long high trestles. Where the rubber meets the road we post warnings for 6 to 8 degree grades and if memory serves me correctly trains prefer 3 or less. If you live in the area you will recall stories about Springwater Hill during Winter travel. The result of all this is that trains did not go to Springwater but followed the Conhocton and Genesee River valleys to serve the area. The trains crossed the highway nearest to Springwater at Webster’s Crossing which was just that, tracks crossing a highway without a stop.

Mail service by rail would have arrived at one of the surrounding communities with a railroad station. Likewise, the Whetmore family would have traveled and shipped and received produce and materials from rail stations providing passenger and freight handling service

The detail entries vary from no property to House & Lot, Leases, and various commercial property to a sawmill & farming operation of 726 acres and two farms of 400 acres. On the last two pages we find Parshall, A.G. farmer 204 and Parshall, Mrs. D., leases 50 and Wetmore, Leet farmer 30. Reminder; Daisy’s Father was Leet Wetmore and her Mother was Lucy (Parshall) Wetmore. Once again “More Answers & Questions”.

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GENEVA, N. Y. :  
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1868.

TOWN OF SPRINGWATER.

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SPRINGWATER.

DANSVILLE.

The following residents of the town of  
Springwater receive their mail at Dans-  
ville:

Aplien, R., farmer 24  
Beck, W., farmer 40  
Curney, J., farmer 84  
Crane, H., leases 80  
Cole, J. & Wilkinson, H. B., grist and saw  
mill 4  
Galbraight, J., leases 140  
HILTS, C. P., farmer 56  
Hartman, R., farmer 130  
Jacobs, E., farmer 20  
Lawrence, I., farmer 103  
Landon, B., farmer 4  
Moose, C. W., farmer 60  
RAU, BENJ., farmer 125  
Rowe, J., farmer 60  
Rowe, George, farmer 128  
Swarts, L., farmer 79  
SAMS, GEORGE, farmer 71  
Snyder, J., farmer 275  
TRAXLER, EDWARD, farmer 173  
Wihelm, J. B., farmer 101

NAPLES.

The following residents of the town of  
Springwater receive their mail at Na-  
ples, Ontario county :  
ARNOLD, GEO. H., auctioneer

Arnold, Elijah, Jr., farmer 110  
Barber, Wm., farmer 100  
Barber, Jared, farmer 120  
Hulbert, E. A., farmer 100  
Johnson, Marvin, farmer, house and lot  
Liddiard, Thomas, farmer 96  
Muck, Horace, farmer 40  
MUCK, HENRY, farmer 40  
Moore, John, farmer 55  
OSTRANDER, EVERT, farmer 176  
Smith, Elijah, farmer  
Sheppard, Hiram, farmer 46  
Smith, David, farmer 130  
Washburn, E. G., farmer  
Washburn, Horace, house and lot  
Washburn, Wm. S., farmer 45

NORTH CONHOCTON.

The following residents of the town of  
Springwater receive their mail at North  
Conhocton, Steuben county :  
DOUGHTY, J. H., farmer 100  
Fearley, J., farmer 75  
Leach, E., farmer 60  
McIntire, Matthew, house and lot  
MANN, ALVAH, farmer 88  
Northrup, Mrs. J., farmer 25  
Northrop, J., leases 106  
Pardee, J. Jr., farmer 60  
Pardee, I. D., farmer 50  
Rix, L., farmer 75  
RICHARDS, DUNNING, farmer 250  
Skeeles, I., farmer 175

Vincent, G., farmer 91  
Verhile, J., farmer 55

## SPRINGWATER.

The following residents of the town of Springwater receive their mail at Springwater:

Artlip, S., blacksmith  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Bailey, Coats L., merchant and farmer 800  
BROWN, JOHN F., house and lot  
Brown, Maurice, postmaster  
HUGBER, BELA, carpenter  
Bailey, Elisha, farmer 350  
Bailey, George, farmer 80  
Butler, Jeris B., farmer 160  
Barber, Jared R., farmer 170  
Barber, Wm. R., farmer, 100  
Brown, George H., farmer 150  
Brophy, Stephen, carpenter  
Becker, H., farmer 95  
Bullard, N., farmer 40  
Bailey, F., farmer 100  
BRISTOL, W. D., farmer 125  
BRISTOL, OSCAR, farmer 100  
Bartholomew A., farmer 50  
Brockway, L., farmer 150  
Brockway, Mrs. A., farmer 14  
Bryant, W., farmer 250  
Bortois, John, farmer 24  
BAILEY, ABNER, farmer 50  
Bailey, D., leases 135  
Barnhart, H., farmer 4  
Bailey, J., farmer, 126  
Barber, H., farmer  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Barber, S., farmer 118  
Clarke, R. G., merchant  $\frac{1}{2}$   
CONNOR, T. D., physician  
Carpenter, Lucien, carriage maker, house and lot  
Coykendale, Clarisa, house and lot  
Capron, George W., farmer 104  
CROOKS, HEMAN, farmer 45  
Coons, Milton, farmer  
Capron, James, farmer 70  
CLARK, H. A., shoemaker  
Colegrove, A. T., farmer 140

Coswell, T. H., farmer 51  
CARPENTER, JOSEPH, farmer 125  
Curtice, E. N., farmer 75  
Carpenter, C. B., farmer 109  
CURTIS, C. N., farmer 10  
CLEMONS, Mrs. LYNDA, farmer 240  
Carpenter, Serril, shoemaker  
Capron, S., farmer 170  
COLE, JEREMIAH, miller  
DITTER, ELIZABETH, farmer 74  
Dye, S., farmer 13  
Densmore & Parshall, merchants  
Eldridge, Lucia, farmer 138  
Eldridge, Barber, farmer 36  
Eldridge C., farmer 357  
ERWIN, JARED, farmer, 197  
EATON, S. K.  
Ford, Avery, farmer 50  
Ford, John, farmer 35  
Filkins, I. G., farmer 33  
Farley, J., farmer 30  
Ford, C., farmer 70  
Fuller, Mrs. M., farmer 2  
Fisher, J., carpenter and farmer 2  
FISHER, MARY J., dress maker  
Gray, Arnold, physician and farmer 23  
GREEN, CALEB S., hardware merchant  
Grover, Harvy, auctioneer  
Grover, R. K., house and lot  
Gray, E., farmer 142  
GILMORE, Mrs. LUCY, farmer 14  
Green, J. B., blacksmith  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres  
Green, M., farmer 3  
Green, C., carpenter and farmer 50  
Hollister, I. T., farmer  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Hendershot, Mrs. I. D., milliner  
Hopkins, N. Byron, clerk  
Hopkins, S. R., blacksmith  
Hopkins, M. D., blacksmith  
Higgins, Julius, farmer 125  
Higgins, Julius, farmer 190  
Hopkins, Norman B., blacksmith and carriage maker  
Hunter, Rev. W.  
Henry, D., blacksmith  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre  
Hudson, J., farmer 158  
Hunt, M., farmer 150  
Hunt, D., farmer 140  
HUNT, JAINES  
Howe, S. A., farmer 100  
Hall, M., leases 128  
Hall, H., farmer 123

Hayden, J., leases 157  
Harrington, C., farmer 47  
Humphrey, H. D., farmer 132  
Humphrey, C. M., farmer 58  
Humphrey, C., saw mill, farmer 3  
HILL, F., farmer 90  
HILL, S., farmer 165  
Haight, S. C., farmer 3  
Hall, H., farmer 40  
Jennings, John, farmer 77  
Johnson, Wm., leases 220  
Jones, C. D., farmer 20  
Joy, M., farmer 125  
JOY, JOHN  
James, N., farmer  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
JACKMAN, IRA, farmer 180  
KELLOGG, N. A., agricultural works  
KNOWLES, WM., farmer 25  
Kena, R., farmer 50  
KNOWLES, JARED JR., farmer 60  
Knowles, A., farmer 100  
KENT, FREEMAN, shoemaker  
Lusk, Mary, farmer 100  
Lansberry, Harvey, farmer 100  
Lamont, L., farmer 100  
Lawrance, H., farmer 88  
Lawrence, C., farmer 100  
Lewis, S., farmer  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Marvin, Addison, farmer 167  
MILLER, ORLANDO V., farmer 118  
Macumber, John, farmer 30  
McCrossen, John, house and lot  
Morris, Grover L., merchant, 7 acres  
McMichael, Geo., Presbyterian clergyman  
Miner, L. W., carpenter, farmer 5  
McMILLEN, WM. F., (with S. Scott) harness maker  
McMichael, G. W., farmer  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Mack, H. D., leases 180  
Muck, L., leases 50  
MORRIS, B. M., farmer 358  
Marvin, H. H., farmer 160  
Marvin, R. B., farmer 155  
Marvin, F., farmer 100  
Miller, J. H., farmer 50  
MILLER, JOHN P., carpenter & farmer 6  
MEADE, DANIEL, farmer 155  
McNich, J., farmer 6  
MOOT, JOHN, farmer 96  
Mack, C. H., farmer 2  
May, R., farmer 121

McNich, Charles B., farmer 52  
Moot, George K., farmer 110  
NORTON, WM. H., farmer 220  
Norton, S. F., leases 127  
Niles, J. L., farmer 296  
OSTRANDER, E., farmer 100  
Odell, C., farmer 29  
Osgood, C. A., farmer 150  
Peabody, Sheffield W., farmer 325  
Pierce, Wm. H. & George A., merchants  
Pratt, Seth, hotel keeper  
PEABODY, ALVAH, farmer 132  
Porcell, John R., farmer  
POTTER, ALBERT, farmer  
Pierce, J., tannery and farmer  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
Price, J. H., farmer 150  
Parshall, D., farmer 125  
Parshall, S., farmer 65  
Paige, T., farmer  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Parshall, H., farmer 100  
Peckens, H., farmer 75  
Perkins, F., farmer 57  
Philhower, F., farmer 126  
PIERCE, STEPHEN, farmer  $\frac{1}{2}$   
RAY, JOHN, farmer 135  
Rix, Sylvester, farmer 100  
Reynolds, J. O., farmer 160  
Robinson, N., farmer 100  
Root, S., farmer 100  
Root, Z. B., farmer 125  
Richards, J., farmer 100  
Rowley, A. B., farmer 10  
Roberts, J., farmer 16  
Robinson, L., farmer 200  
Robinson, E. A., farmer 400  
Smith, George E., cradles and rakes  
Stuart, Orasmus, house and lot  
Stuart, Francisco, farmer 189  
Stuart, C. W., farmer  
Slate, Daniel, farmer  
Smith, D. G., farmer 71  
Stebbins, Wm., farmer 4  
Sleight, Elias, farmer 28  
Stuarts, Francisco, farmer 193  
Snyder, A., farmer 170  
Snyder, C., farmer  
Snyder, N., carpenter and farmer 67  
Smith, S., farmer 250  
Sherman, E. H., farmer 10  
Shepard, P. W., farmer 157  
Straton, G. C., farmer 162

SAWDEY, G. W., farmer 10  
 Scott, G., leases 150  
 SHOEMAKER, DANIEL, farmer 50  
 Sweeten, W. B., farmer 50  
 SWARTS, JOHN G., farmer 80  
 SMITH, LAMBERT  
 Smith, D. E., cooper and farmer 10  
 SMITH, JOSEPH D.  
 Sweeten, B. & W. Harris, farmers 70  
 Schafer, D., carpenter and farmer 55  
 Steadman, Miss H., farmer 10  
 SCOTT, WM., farmer 50  
 Steffy, I., farmer ½  
 Shannon, William, farmer 40  
 SWEETEN, IMOS,  
 Turner, A., farmer 20  
 TYLER, S. C. & D. B., farmers 400  
 Thompson, F. T., farmer 145  
 Tiffany, Charles M., farmer 50  
 Tiffany, Jacob, farmer 50  
 Tiffany, Joseph, farmer 125  
 Thayer, Mary, farmer 49  
 Taylor, H., farmer 125  
 TOTTEN, EDWARD, farmer 213  
 Van Allen, Rev. D.  
 WILEY BROTHERS & CO., grist mill and  
 foundry  
 Wiley, Robert, Harper G., and Henry A.,  
 (Wiley Bros. & Co.,) farmers 350  
 Withington, Samuel H., farmer 210  
 WITHINGTON, N. T., farmer 200  
 Wheaton, Alvah, house and lot  
 Wade, Francis M., cradles and rakes,  
 house and lot  
 Walbridge, Orson, farmer 100  
 Wheeler, Myron, farmer 50  
 Westfall, Mrs., house and lot  
 Wiley, Jackman, farmer  
 Wood, Amy, ¼ acre  
 Willis, N., farmer 250  
 Willis, C., farmer 160  
 WELDMAN, JOHN, farmer 300  
 Whiting, H., carriage maker  
 Webster, E. T., saw mill and farmer 725  
 Weaver, H., farmer 100  
 Washburn, J. A., farmer 159  
 Whitlock, I., farmer 45  
 Wiley, J. S., farmer 62  
 Wiley, A., farmer 200  
 Wilhelm, B. F., farmer 120  
 Wilbur, G., farmer ½

Wilcox, E., merchant, house and lot  
 Zimmerman, L., farmer 5

### WAYLAND DEPOT.

The following residents of the town of  
 Springwater receive their mail at Way-  
 land Depot, Steuben county :

Albright, M., farmer 7  
 Branch, T. A., farmer 30  
 Cole, Mrs. A. M., farmer 4  
 Carpenter, William, farmer 125  
 Cramer, N., farmer 50  
 COLLAB, GEORGE N., farmer 250  
 Deadstie, C., farmer 109  
 Foster, D. W., farmer 50  
 Fuller, C., farmer 50  
 Fuller, R., farmer 75  
 FOSTER, SETH, leases 50  
 FRAZER, JOHN, farmer 162  
 Farley, H., farmer 180  
 Grover, J. J., farmer 50  
 Gulle, A. J., farmer 100  
 GIBBS, N., farmer 280  
 Gulle, A., farmer 50  
 Gulle, J., farmer 50  
 Horton, I., farmer 79  
 Howell, J., farmer 37  
 Higgins, F., farmer 30  
 JONES, HOWARD, farmer 1  
 John, N., farmer 7  
 Jerden, C., farmer 61  
 Kern, C., farmer 260  
 Kingsley, J., farmer 75  
 Lawrence, W., leases 1  
 Lawrence, L., farmer 91  
 McNich, M., farmer 50  
 Morris, Mrs. A., farmer 100  
 Morley, J., farmer 102  
 Millman, R., farmer 40  
 Moose, J., farmer 45  
 McEntire, B., farmer 100  
 NOKES, EDWIN, miller and farmer 8  
 Northrop, William, farmer 100  
 Pursell, L., farmer 40  
 Parshall, A. G., farmer 204

Parshall, Mrs. D., leases 50  
 PAGE, E. J., farmer 160  
 Page, Mrs. E., farmer 7  
 Page, M., farmer 50  
 Punn, P., farmer 62  
 Pursell, William, farmer 55  
 PURSELL, DEWITT C., farmer 31  
 Pursell, J., farmer 2  
 RICHARDS, MOSES, farmer 175  
 ROBINSON, W. A. & J., farmers 230  
 Reynolds, E., farmer 125  
 Rogers, O. P., farmer 98  
 Speer, J., blacksmith and farmer 52  
 Sharpsteen, Doctor, farmer 75

Stacy, D., farmer 1  
 STRAIGHT, JOHN, farmer 36  
 Scribner, F., farmer 51  
 Scribner, A. D., farmer 100  
 Swarts, J., farmer 4  
 Schwab, C., farmer 117  
 Smith, E., farmer 30  
 Teed, G., farmer 20  
 Warner, Thomas, farmer 255  
 WETMORE, LEET, farmer 30  
 WILCOX, GEORGE, farmer 135  
 Walker, W., farmer 200  
 Wilcox, D., farmer 100  
 WELCH, SALMON

## APPENDIX C

### The Cast of Characters in Daisy's diary in 1908

Following the entry for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1908, Daisy fills several pages and the inside of the back cover with contact names and dates. Before we discuss how Daisy would have communicated with friends and family I will remind you of what the Wetmore family would not have had yet in 1908: the Internet, computers, texting, telephones (of any kind), television, radio, electricity, home mail delivery, and anything requiring an internal combustion motor. Contact would have been by traveling to visit by walking, riding horseback, wagon, buggy, carriage, sleigh, or sled pulled by horse(s). If you reached one of the communities served by the railroad you could send a telegram (using the telegraph key to transmit Morse code of dots and dashes) over the lines connecting railroad depots or you could buy a ticket and travel by rail.

Given the limitations, the entries in the diary included a few out-of-area addresses, friends she called on, Christmas cards sent, letters sent and received, and a large quantity of post cards mailed. The post cards would have been the quickest and least costly way to contact family and friends. The mail service would have used the railroad and there was a car which provided space to process the correspondence for delivery to the depots they passed.

The following pages list the names of family and friends mentioned in the diary sorted by name. Each entry includes the relationship to Daisy and her family, if known, and one date it appears in the diary many are repeated throughout the diary.. I hope this provides the reader an idea of what families and individuals lived in the area and interacted with the Wetmore family.

The "American Agriculturist FARM DIRECTORY And Reference Book for Monroe and Livingston Counties NEW YORK 1917" shows the following two entries for Wetmore:

WETMORE, IRA L. farmer (potatoes) O 275a rd2 Wayland Springwater tn T H53.

WETMORE, Wirt E. (Jennie) 1mch farmer (potatoes) WOS 150a rd2 Wayland Springwater tn T H53.

where abbreviations are 1mch (minor child), O owned land a acres WOS Works on Shares rd2 mail rural delivery route tn township T telephone H highway #53. Some improvements have been made during the 9 years since the diary: namely rd (rural delivery) and T (telephone).

Daisy would have married Henry Conrad and moved into the Wayland – North Cohocton area of Steuben County to start her own family June 24, 1914.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS - DAISY'S DIARY -1908

NAME		RELATION	COMMENTS &	DATE
LAST	FIRST	IF KNOWN	NOTES	1908
Arnold	Ella	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Jan 15th
Bowles	Mark	Brother-In-Law	Married Zoe	Feb
Briggs	Thomas	Neighbor	hear to dinner	17th
Buck	Walter	Neighbor	Married Minnie Muck	Jan 1st
Campbell	Hugh	Neighbor	little girl came at 6 1/2 lbs	Jan 26th
Campbell	Ida	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Jan 3rd
Campbell	Ida	KirkVille MO	address page	
Carpenters		Laborers	Came Back	Jan 2nd
Clayson	Chas. E	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Cohocton	Sept 8th
Conrad	Geo.	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Conrad	Henry	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Curry	Laura	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Drum	Ervin	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Loon Lake	Sept 8th
Elchorn	Elmer	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Engel	Herman	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Engel	Julia	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Engel	Rose	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Engle	Mr.	Neighbor	Hear and got a Hog	Jan 2nd
F.	Ida	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Jan 3rd
Finch's	Linas	Host	dance Bert & Elmer music	Jan 17th
Gibbs	Nelson	Neighbor	Mother went to the aid	Feb 27th
Gibbs		Host	Dinner Soc.-Beecher Vierhile	Jan 10th
Hansen	Jennie	Sister-In-Law	Married Wirt	
Hansen	Mr.	Mr. H	Wirt's -Father-In-Law	
Hansen	Mrs.	Mrs. H	Wirt's -Mother-In-Law	
Harter	Flora	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Wayland	Sept 8th
Harter	Flora	Jackson Co. MI	correspondence pages	
Hosley	Chas. E	Brother-In-Law	Married Emma	
Hosley	Neil	Nephew	lives in Arkport	
Howell	Geo.	Host	grp. to chk. supper \$16.10 net	Mar 6th
Hunt	Phil	Neighbor	hear a little while	

Knowles	John		died of stomach cancer	Feb 5th
Leaper	Mena	Neighbor	died 17th & funeral attended	Jan 20th
Mehlenbacher	Clara	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Mehlenbacher	Fred	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Mehlenbacher	George	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Mehlenbacher	Harry	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Mehlenbacher Meizner	Lona	10+2 & Jolly Ten official	Doughty Corners performed Buck-Muck wed.	Sept 8th Jan 1st
Mill	Mary	Pst Crd sent	correspondence pages	Apr 15th
Mill	Mary	Cleveland, OH	address page	
Miller	Mrs.		died at midnight of dropsy	Jan 21st
Miller	Thos	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Muck	Minnie	Neighbor	Married Walter Buck	Jan 1st
Palmeteers		Farmer	held an auction	Jan 29th
Parks	Mr.	Carpenter	sick with pleury - took home	Jan 8th
Paul	Emma	Letter rec'd 10+2 & Jolly	correspondence pages	Jan 27th
Paul	Emma	Ten	Cohocton	Sept 8th
Pierce's		Merchants	Mother went and got nails	Jan 4th
R.	Charles	Neighbor	brought mail to parses	Feb 5th
Rauber	Carrier		died at Wayland	Feb 11th
Rice	Mr.	Customer	see Dad about phosphate	Jan 16th
Root	Adelia	Phillipsburg NE	address page	
Rowe	Lola		died at Brockport	Feb 7th
S.	Daisy	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Apr 15th
Sanfords	Floyd	Neighbor	only team by today - blizzard	Feb 2nd
Sanfords	Mr.	Host	held a dance	Jan 10th
Sheehan	Margaret	41 Cass	address page	
Shirley	Fannie	Hornell	address page	
Speer	Earnest	Neighbor	brought mail from Parses	Feb 5th
Strong	Libbie	Friend	at Arches	
Talmadge	Dr.	Physician	medicine for Wirt via Chas.	Jan 6th
Thorpe	Geo.	Neighbor	son of MR. & Mrs. T	Jan 29th
Thorpe	Mr.	Neighbor	Mr. T - close family friend	Jan 9th
Thorpe	Mrs.	Neighbor	Mr.s T - close family friend	Jan 9th
Vierhile	Mary	Sister-In-Law	Married Arch	
Vierhile	Mr.	Mr V	Arche's Father-In- Law	

Vierhile	Mrs.	Mrs. V 10+2 & Jolly	Arche's Mother-In- Law	
Walker	Gretchen	Ten	Doughty Corners	Sept 8th
Walker	Mr. Judson	10+2 & Jolly Ten	Lake Week Chaperon	Sept 8th
Walker	Mrs Judson	Ten	Lake Week Chaperon	Sept 8th
Weidman	Dr.	Optomitrist	went and had eyes fitted	Jan 21st
Weidman	E. G.	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Jan 31st
Wetmore	Arche G	Brother 10+2 & Jolly	Married Mary Vierhile	
Wetmore	Daisy	Ten	Springwater	Sept 8th
Wetmore	Emma B	Sister	Married C.E. Hosley	
Wetmore	Ira Leet	Father		
Wetmore	Lucy (Parshall)	Mother		
Wetmore	Wirt E	Brother	Married Jennie Hansen	
Wetmore	Zoe P	Sister	Married Mark Bowels	
Wolfhangers	Jacob	Host	Went to a dance at	Jan 3rd
	Adelia	Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	
	Blanche	Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	
	Blanche	Pst Crd rec'd Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	Feb 3rd
	Elizabeth	cards	correspondence pages	
	Harriet	Pst Crd rec'd Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	21-Oct
	Henry	cards	correspondence pages	
	Ida	Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	
	Isaac	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Dec 1st
	John	Uncle	Hear to dinner	Jan 7th
	Leonora	Rec XMAS cards	correspondence pages	
	Lynn	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Apr 17th
	Marie	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Apr 2nd
	Neil	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Apr 21st
	Nellie	Pst Crd sent	correspondence pages	Apr 15th
	Orlando	Uncle	Hear to dinner	Jan 5th
	Ray	Neighbor Rec XMAS cards	with Arche braeaking roads	Feb 6th
	Rosa	cards	correspondence pages	
	Sabra	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Jan 2nd
	Sadie	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Aug 19th

Violas	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Apr 24th
Zella	Letter rec'd	correspondence pages	Aug 14th
Zella	Pst Crd rec'd	correspondence pages	Oct 15th

The Cast of Characters is the author's attempt to clarify the various relationships and individuals referenced throughout the 366 days of 1908 by Daisy Wetmore while living with her family in Springwater NY. The use of first names only makes this somewhat difficult. The relationships in the rural community of families blurs some of our defined terms. As an example the Thorpe family and the Wetmore family are very close. This makes them far more than just neighbors and they often help each other in a variety of civic and farming efforts. In Ira Leets obituary it mentions membership in the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Grange. I would be surprised if Mr. Thorpe was not in the same fraternal organizations and both were active in the school district. While Ira Leet used a variety of employees (Hoboes, Carpenters, Plasterers, Farm Laborers) he and sons Wirt and Arche would have traded labor with other farm families when the occasion arose.

I hesitate to try and explain the Jolly Ten and TEN +2, and over 20 young people sharing a week at Lake Canadice for a well-earned vacation. The men and women stayed in different sections of cabins at the resort and the group did have a couple as chaperones.

### **Curtain Call**

**As my small story of Daisy Wetmore comes to a close, I have chosen the curtain call to reflect back on the cast of characters and the communities in which they lived and worked during the period of the “Turn of the Century”. With my advantage of 20-20 hindsight I can remind our readers that we began with 366 days of Daisy’s life. In the end this was less than 1% of her time here on earth. She wrote her diary when she had lived less than ¼ of her long and meaningful life which would not end until she reached 105 years of age.**

**I’ve learned a lot from this project and I hope you have enjoyed our shared look at how our parents and grandparents lived in rural New York State in a time before technology and transportation expanded our everyday experiences in both scope and information.**

**Daisy would find me remiss if I did not wish her readers (1908) and mine (2015) a sincere**

**“Good Night, Long Life, and God Bless”**

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