

Diary of Alice (Eastman) Harriman, 1917

(Alice Orena Eastman (1865-1939) dau of Lorenzo & Mary Harriman Eastman married Frank Harriman (1861-1936) son of Benjamin & Susana Harriman; children – Nellie (1891-1954) m Louville Emerson Mar 14 1909; and Fred N. (6/10/1884 - ?) who married Cora B. Emerson. Nellie & Louville had children – Clifford Frank Emerson (1913-1969) and Shirley Alice Emerson (1921-2005) who married Clyde Fredrick Garland. Clifford was Alice's grandson – age 3 ½ in 1917.)

Jan 1 Today is New years day and it has been very cold and storms a little tonight. I washed this forenoon and Nelly & Clifford was down. Frank went to No. Fryeburg with the cream this forenoon & has finished getting his ice this afternoon. There is a Ball at No. Fryeburg tonight – would like to go.

Jan 2 It has been a lovely day. Fred (Harriman) was here to dinner. He has been getting his ice. Frank and Merrill J. (Jewett) has hauled it for him. I ironed this forenoon. Nelly & Clifford (Emerson) was down this afternoon. I have sewed a little & Clifford was down all alone. He was very good.

Jan 3 Nelly & I & Clifford went down to Frank Bickfords (Store in Stow) this forenoon & this afternoon I have staid at home & mended. Nelly invited us up there to supper, but it snowed so hard we did not go. Frank went with the cream this morning and hauled load of ice over to Fred's H this afternoon.

Jan 4 It has been cloudy today but not very cold. I have been at home all day, most of the time all alone and have been very lonesome. I thought of going down to Ora's (Glenora McKeen Hanscom, a niece) but Frank was gone so I staid at home. I have partly ripped my coat, ready to turn. Hope it will look better when I get it done.

Jan 5 It has been cloudy today and tonight it snows. I did some cooking this forenoon and Frank went with the cream to No. Fryeburg this afternoon. I have been at work on my coat. Have not seen but just four persons today. Have been very lonesome.

Jan 6 It has been colder today and the wind has blown all day and blows tonight. I have been very busy doing my cleaning up. Have washed floors and swept and done a little cooking. Frank went with the roller this afternoon. I have sewed and he has read. Miss Anne Hutchins and Fred Thurston called here.

Jan 7 We have been over to Fred's today and Clifford went with us. We had a very good time. Alta (Fred's daughter) is such a sweet little thing. It has been a lovely day, but it is already tonight. I wish someone would come in this evening. Frank is reading and I am going to try & read.

Jan 8 Frank went with the cream this morning and I have been working on y coat all day. Nelly and Clifford was down a little while this afternoon and they invited us up to supper. We went and have just got home. Had a nice time. It is cloudy tonight.

Jan 9 We have had a Retch (?) day and it has been qhite warm. I have sewed this afternoon and Frank went out where they are cutting pine this afternoon. I have been down to the city with Nelly. We saw Nelly G. _____ down there. We met Ethel H. (?) when we come home. Was glad to see her.

Jan 10 Today has been Quite warm, it was fair this forenoon and Frank delivered the cream this afternoon. He has been cutting wood. I have sewed on my coat all day what time I had besides getting the meals. Bickford called and got some potatoes tonight. It snows & I think it will rain before it gets through.

Jan 11 It has been fair but colder today and it is very cold tonight and the wind blows a little. I have sewed on my coat all day - have it most done. Frank has cut and hauled wood today. Ora was up to Nelly's and I was up there a little while this afternoon. I am quite tired tonight.

Jan 12 Frank delivered the cream this forenoon and I did some cooking. This afternoon he and Morrell J. (Jewett) has been cutting wood and I have sewed on my coat. Can finish it tomorrow. Nelly & Clifford have been down. It has been terrible cold all day but very pleasant.

Jan 13 Oh dear it has been so cold today. I had a vegetable dinner and have finished my coat. I am glad it's done. Frank has been hauling wood today. We have not seen hardly a soul today. It storms tonight but I don't think it will storm much – it is too cold.

Jan 14 I have been at home all day. It rained hard this forenoon but is fair tonight. Frank has gone with the roller and has not got back yet. Olin (Hanscom) was in a few minutes today. Have not seen hardly anyone else today. Oh dear it is so lonesome. I wish Frank would come.

Jan 15 Have washed today. I had two weeks washing and I am very tired tonight. Frank delivered the cream this forenoon, this afternoon I have not done much of anything. Nellie & Clifford was down a little while. It has been cold but fair.

Jan 16 We have been out to Mr. Merit Smith's visiting today. We had a very nice visit. It has been very cold but pleasant. I have not done much only sewed a little but I am quite tired tonight.

Jan 17 Have been home all day. Only a little this afternoon I went up to Nellie's. I ironed this afternoon & Clifford was down alone he was very good. Frank went with the cream. They have been getting ready to cut ice and he has helped them this afternoon. It has been very cold today.

Jan 18 We have had another pleasant day. Frank has been hauling ice for Roger Emerson all day. I have done my housework and mended and sewed all day. There has not been a soul in today except Orlando Allard. I have been alone except at meal time.

Jan 19 Have cooked all this forenoon and Frank has delivered the cream. This afternoon I have sewed and he has hauled ice for F. Hardon. Nellie & Clifford have been down and he was not a very good boy. It has been very cold.

Jan 20 Today has been the coldest day we have had this winter. It don't seem possible that this month is most gone. I have been quite busy today, have done the housework and washed floors and swept & sewed a little. Frank hauled ice for Barney.

Jan 21 We have been home all day. We have read most of the time. No one has been in until tonight Morrill J. was up to borro some kerosene. It has been very cold and looks as though it might storm tomorrow.

Jan 22 Oh dear it has been so lonely today. It stormed last night and part of the day today and the road is so bad I could not get out anywhere and Frank has been gone most all day. I have sewed most of the day but it has been lonesome. The wind blows tonight.

Jan 23 They have broken the road today and it don't look quite so lonesome. I have sewed most all day. Frank went with the roller this forenoon. This afternoon I have been up to Nellie's. It is not quite so cold tonight. I hope we will have some warmer days. I wish someone would come in.

Jan 24 Oh, but wasn't it cold this morning but it was warmer this afternoon. I ___ended this forenoon & Frank went with the cream this afternoon. I have been down to Frank Bickford's with Nellie. Clifford staid with his Grampa. It seemed nice to get out somewhere have not been out of the yard for a week or more.

Jan 25 Nellie & Clifford & I have been down to Walter's (McKeen) and spent the day today. We had a very good time. I have not walked as far on the snow before this winter and am very tired tonight. It snows tonight hope it won't snow much.

Jan 26 Haven't much to write just the same old story every night. Frank delivered the cream this forenoon and did some socking (?) this afternoon. He has been reading and I have sewed. Tonight we shall both read. I shall knit a little. It has been warmer today.

Jan 27 I have been almost sick today but have worked all day. I was up to Nellie's this afternoon and Clifford is sick. I hope he will be better in the morning. It has been fair all day but very cold. Seems so we must have some warm weather before long. It has been a steady cold for three weeks.

Jan 28 It has stormed today & I don't think it has cleared off yet. I have been sick all day and don't feel much better tonight. Nellie and Clifford are both sick, but I think they are better. Haven't seen a soul today but Frank. Morrill was in tonight.

Jan 29 Frank has delivered the cream this forenoon. I have done the housework and knit a little & made a little tatting. I have been feeling some better today. Am afraid Frank has got a cold coming on but am in hopes I can break it up. It is still cloudy.

Jan 30 Oh dear it seems as though everybody is sick. They are not any better up to Nellie's and have not succeeded in getting the dr. yet. Frank is up there now. He has a bad cold and I expect he will get more tonight. He is very careless. I am better I guess. It is quite warm tonight.

Jan 31 It is much warmer tonight. I don't hardly know what I am going to write about tonight for it seems to be the same old thing over & over day after day. Frank delivered cream this forenoon & I have felt miserable all day but have worked most of the time. Have been alone most all day.

Feb 1 Well it has stormed all day for a change and is cloudy tonight. Frank has gone up to Louville's to finish chores. We are all feeling better tonight. I have churned today & ironed what clothes I washed yesterday. We have been alone all day. I get so lonesome I don't know what to do.

Feb 2 It has been fair today & very cold. Frank delivered the cream this forenoon and I made some pies, this afternoon I have mended and he has been doing chores and reading. Morrill and Olin came in and staid while Frank went up to the turn with the roller. There is a lovely moon tonight. How I would like a ride.

Feb 3 Oh it has been so cold today quite the coldest day we have had yet. Frank has been helping Morrill today. I hope he won't get any more cold. Nellie was down a little while this morning. We are all feeling better. I think we have got a little new bossy out in the barn, haven't seen it. It is very cold tonight.

Feb 4 One more day has gone by. We have been at home all day and no one has been in but Nellie and Clifford was down a few minutes tonight. It has been a little warmer today. We have read all day and I suppose we shall all evening. Will have to pass the time.

Feb 5 Well I have managed to do my washing today and am very tired tonight. Frank went with the cream this morning and I had the water to pump and all. It has not been very cold but the wind has blown and it has squalled (?) and the snow flies tonight. I hope it won't blow hard for it sounds so lonesome in the night.

Feb 6 Oh it has been such a lovely day. I wanted to go somewhere but couldn't for I had to wash floors and Frank has been helping Morrill today. Clifford has been down most all day and Nellie was down this afternoon and Irving B. (Bryant) called here this morning so it has been quite and exciting day after all.

Feb 7 Frank delivered cream this morning and I ironed. This afternoon I have been up to Nellie's and he has been helping Morrill cut timber. It has been a lovely day but pretty cold. The moon is just beautiful tonight and I would like a ride but I don't suppose I will get one.

Feb 8 There isn't much to write about tonight. It has been warmer today but cloudy. It look very much like rain. I have been busy all day and alone most of the time. Frank has been helping Morrill cut timber and he has only been home to dinner.

Feb 9 It has stormed all day and still storms tonight. Haven't anything only the same old story to write. I cooked this forenoon and mended this afternoon. Frank went with the cream this morning. This afternoon he has been at home. Ira called tonight.

Feb 10 It don't blow much tonight. Frank has been with the roller today. Did not get home till about one o'clock. I did my Saturday's work this forenoon but have not done anything this afternoon. I have had a bad headache all day. Frank helped me get supper. Am better tonight. The wind has blown all day and it has been cold.

Feb 11 Well I have been alone most all day. Frank went up to Roger E's (Emerson) after a book to read and then he went to shovel out the road and did not get home until night. So I have been alone. Charles J was in a few minutes this morning and that is all that has happened today. It is very cold tonight.

Feb 12 We have had a very cold day. I have done a big wash this forenoon and Frank has been with the cream this afternoon. I have been busy. Nellie and Clifford was down and Frank has been helping Morrill. It is awful cold tonight and the wind blows. They have been with the roller today.

Feb 13 Well I have been up to Nellie's today. Have not been up there before for a week. Frank has been helping Morrill today. He finished tonight. It has been a little warmer today. I have not been feeling very well but have been busy most of the time. It is fair tonight.

Feb 14 It has been a lovely day and I have had to stay in the house all day. I ironed this forenoon and Clifford was down alone and Frank went with the cream. This afternoon I have not done much of anything. Nellie and Clifford was down a little while. She has been down three times today and Clifford has been down twice.

Feb 15 It has been warm and lovely today. Nellie and Clifford and I have been over to Ada's today. We had a lovely visit. Frank has been helping Merit S. get ice. He had to get his own dinner. It has seemed so nice to get away from home for a little while, but I was glad to come back.

Feb 16 Have washed floors and tried to clean up all day and am quite tired tonight. Frank went with the cream this morning and this afternoon he has been helping Merit S. get ice. It has been a lovely day, much warmer and I think it is going to rain.

Feb 17 Such a beautiful day as we have had today. It has been too nice to stay in the house but I had to this forenoon. I worked all the forenoon. This afternoon Frank and I have been to Frank B. We was not gone long. Frank has not been doing anything today. He has read most of the time.

Feb 18 Well I do believe we are not having quite so rough weather and I hope we won't. It has been a lovely day. Frank and I have been over to Fred's today. We had a nice visit. Alta is so cute and good. Nellie and Louville and Clifford was down this evening.

Feb 19 Oh it has been such a lovely day. Too good to stay in the house but I have staid in most all day. I have mended all day. Frank went with the cream this morning. This afternoon he has been home. Harol E was down a little while and Nellie and Clifford. It was nice and warm. Hope we'll have lots more.

Feb 20 It has been warm today but cloudy. It stormed last night but has not stormed any today. It is beginning to storm tonight. I hope it won't snow much. Frank has been home all day, only awhile he went down to Seth H. (Hanscom). I have been home and mended an his old pants all day.

Feb 21 Well we have had some big strangers here today. Mattie and Guy (Crouse) was up this afternoon. Was very glad to see them. Frank has delivered the cream and I have done the housework and made Alta a pair of shoes and done a few other jobs. It has been very pleasant today but quite cold and the wind has blown a little.

Feb 22 Well we have had quite and exciting day. I have picked my cranberries over and canned them this afternoon. Frank has been home all day. Nellie and Clifford have been down to dinner and spent the afternoon. Charles Borrough was here this morning. He came in and stopped awhile. It has been fair but quite cold.

Feb 23 Frank delivered cream this morning and this afternoon he has been reading. I did some cooking this forenoon and this afternoon I have been up to Nellie's. I had an invitation to go up to the schoolhouse to the entertainment but I did not go. It has been cloudy about all day and quite cold. It looks like snow.

Feb 24 Nothing unusual has happened today. It has been the same old story. I did my Saturday's work this forenoon and this afternoon I have knit some and read some. Frank has been home all day. Clifford came down this afternoon a little while. He came all alone.

Feb 25 We have been over to Loren's (Eastman) today. We had a very nice visit. Clara (Eastman) was at home and Fred Watson was there. They have a phonograph and they play a number of pieces. It has been quite cold today and looked like snow this morning but I think it will blow over.

Feb 26 Have washed this forenoon and Frank delivered cream and Nellie and Clifford was down a little while. It snowed all the forenoon. This afternoon I have read and knit. Frank has been reading. It is raining tonight. I am very tired but I shall feel better by and by.

Feb 27 Such a lovely day as we have had today it has thawed a lot. We have been up to Nellie's and spent the afternoon and evening. We had a very nice visit. I have faced and mended three mittens and finished my yoke. Clifford was down this morning a little while alone.

Feb 28 Nellie and Clifford and I have been down to Mattie's today. We had a very nice time. We heard today that Sarah Smart was dead. I am sorry for the children but she is better off. It has been colder today. Frank has been with the cream and he had to get his own dinner. I shall stay at home hereafter.

March 1 Frank has been hauling pine tops for wood today. He has hauled two loads. I ironed this morning and this afternoon I have been mending. Nellie & Clifford was down a little while. It has been very pleasant but rather cold. The wind has blown a little.

Mar 2 It has been quite warm today. Well we have had lots of company today. Frank delivered cream this morning. I churned and cooked. I had not get done when he got home I had dinner most ready and Frank Eastman came and stopped to dinner. I had not got the dishes washed when Hazen and Rose (Wiley)(Chandler) came. They spent the afternoon and evening, have just gone, had a nice visit from them.

Mar 3 Oh it has been such a lovely day. I wanted to get outdoors but of course I had so much to do I couldn't & I was too tired after I finished my work. I have swept and washed floors and cleaned some. Frank finished hauling wood this afternoon. I have been busy cleaning lamps and dusting. Ora H (Hanscom) has a little girl. It was born this evening. Clifford has been down twice today.

Mar 4 We have been down to Dell W (Watson) today. We had a very nice time. It has been quite cold today and cloudy. I think it will storm soon but hope we won't have any more snow. They have three nice children down to Dell's but I should be crazy? to have so many around all the time but perhaps I should get used to them after awhile.

Mar 5 It has snowed all day and still snows and the wind blows a little. Frank delivered the cream this morning and I did the house work and mended this afternoon. He has been home and reading. I have sewed some and knit & read some. Ira was in a little while. I hope it won't storm much more.

Mar 6 Well the wind has blown all day and it has been quite cold but it has been bright and sunny. I have been sewing and knitting all day besides doing the housework. I could not go anywhere because there is no road. Frank has been home all day except being down to Morrill's a little while.

Mar 7 Frank delivered cream this morning. I had a vegetable dinner. This afternoon he has been sawing a little wood. I have been up to Nellie's. They have been with the roller today. It has been a lovely day, not very cold. Fred Charles called here tonight and wanted Frank to be road agent. He has not decided whether he will or not. I don't know as I want him to, it will be to much.

Mar 8 Well it has stormed all day and I am about disgusted. It is much warmer tonight and I wouldn't wonder if it rained before it clears. We have been home all day. Clifford and Nellie was down a little while tonight. I have not done anything special today only the housework.

Mar 9 We have had a very nice day. It has been fair and ral warm. The snow has melted some. The wind blows a little tonight. I did a little cooking this forenoon. This afternoon I have done a little crocheting. Frank has delivered the cream and sawed a little wood. Clifford was down to supper, he has just gone home.

Mar 10 Well we have had another nice day. It has been very warm and pleasant but it's quite sharp tonight. Frank has been sawing wood. I have only done the housework. I wish someone would come in. I am tired of reading but Frank will read all the evening so I suppose I will have to.

Mar 11 Well we have had quite and ecciting day. Frank went over and got Fred (her son) and Cora and children this morning and they have been over all day. Then Nellie & Clifford was down this afternoon and we had a very nice time. It has stormed about all day & it is still cloudy tonight. I think it will storm some more.

Mar 12 Oh it was so lovely this morning. The sun shone bright and it was very warm for the time of year. Frank delivered the cream this morning and I washed. This afternoon I have crocheted & read some & done my ironing & he has read & sawed a half cord of wood. The wind has blown since this morning. It blows hard tonight, the snow flies and it is cold.

Mar 13 The wind has blown all day but it has been fair but not very cold. I washed floors and shrunk the gingham for my dress. Frank has been to Town Meeting and sawed some wood. Nellie & Clifford has been down twice today. They have been down all afternoon. I wish someone would come if this evening.

Mar 14 It has been very nice and warm today, but it storms tonight. I hope we won't have much. Frank delivered cream this morning and sawed wood since he got home. I have cut out my skirt and been up to Nellie's a little while. We ought to celebrate this day for we have been married 34 years tonight. It doesn't seem possible but it is true. We have been happy as most people are I know.

Mar 15 It has stormed this forenoon but cleared toward night. It was warm this morning but cooler tonight. Frank clipped the horse this forenoon and I worked on my dress. This afternoon we went down to Bickford's to have Abbie B to help me on my dress. We had a nice time. Louville and Nellie & Clifford was down this evening.

Mar 16 We have been full of company all day and some of them were big strangers. Clifford has been down here all day. Ira J (Jewell?) was here awhile this morning. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrows was here and made quite a call. They was never here before. Then Mr. Merit Smith & wife & daughter called for us to make a ride with them. We would like to have gone.

Mar 17 Oh dear, it snows again tonight. It has snowed all afternoon & looks like it would all night. It don't look like we would ever have any bare ground. I was in hopes it would be fair so we could go to the whist party tonight but we will have to stay at home I suppose.

Mar 18 It has been fair but no one could get out anywhere the roads are so bad. I was alone this forenoon. Frank took our little bossy down the Erastus (Harriman) to have him dress it to send away. He has been home this afternoon. I have read all day most, have not seen but one person today besides Frank, it has been a very long day. The wind blows tonight.

Mar 19 Well I have begun the week pretty well for I have been very busy all day. Frank delivered cream this morning. I have mended and sewed on my dress all day besides doing the housework and some other jobs. The wind has blown all day and it has been cold. Oh how I wish we could have some warm days and the snow would go off.

Mar 20 Just think of it – we have had company all day. Mr. & Mrs. Smith & little boy have been here and spent the day. Nellie and Clifford was down this afternoon, we had a nice visit from all of them. It has been very cold today for the first day of spring and has _____ some. I am tired of staying in the house – wish it was bare ground.

Mar 21 Frank delivered the cream this morning and I did up my work. I went by and helped Nellie put a comforter together – had to talk. Gladys came over and was here to dinner. (Alice's granddaughter, daughter of Fred & Cora Harriman) She is up to Nellie's tonight. Nellie & Clifford was down this afternoon. I have cut out my dress & sewed on it a little. Everett (Eastman) has sawed the wood & he & Clavin Meader was here to supper. It has been warm today.

Mar 22 It has been a lovely day and I wanted to go somewhere but I had to churn & make mincemeat so I have staid at home all day. I have done a little on my dress but not much. Gladys & Clifford was here to supper and she has gone up to Nellie's tonight. There is nothing unusual happening today so I have not much to write.

Mar 23 Have worked very hard all day. It has been a beautiful day. I wanted to go somewhere but had to do some cooking & take care of some meat so had to stay at home. Frank delivered cream today. Split wood this evening. He has been gone & I have been alone.

Mar 24 It has been a very lovely part of the day. It rained this morning but cleared at noon & has been beautiful this afternoon. I thought I was going up to the hall tonight but got disappointed. I guess I might as well settle down to stay at home and work all the time for I can't seem to go anywhere I want to.

Mar 25 We have had company today. Frank Bickford's folks have been here. They staid until about half past four. We had a good visit. Clarence Day came tonight to test the cattle. I hope they will be all right. We have been up to Nellie's this evening, have just got home. I think I will go to bed now. I am tired. It has been very nice today.

Mar 26 I am so tired tonight. I have done two weeks washing and I have washed two floors and done the ironing besides doing the housework and I am very tired. The snow is melting very fast a& there is some bare ground to be seen. Mr Day finished testing our cows & found them all right, I am very glad. Frank delivered cream today.

Mar 27 Well it rained tonight and has been colder today. We went down to visit Charles Barrows today but he had gone to Fryeburg so we come back home. Frank has been splitting wood this afternoon & I have been up to Nellie's. I have not done hardly anything otdyaaa but the housework. I have felt rather tired – worked to hard yesterday.

Mar 28 It has been fair but colder today, but the snow has melted considerable. I have done a little washing and ironing and I have made a straw tick. Frank delivered cream this morning & this afternoon he has split wood. Nellie & Clifford was down this afternoon. Morrill was up and got a pail of water tonight.

Mar 29 We have been down to Charles Barrows' – a visiting day. We had a very nice visit. It snowed this morning but cleared about noon. It has been colder today. I have not done anything. We played card all afternoon. I muts try and do some mending this evening.

Mar 30 It has been quite cold today & the wind has blown quite hard. Frank delivered cream this morning and I did some cooking. This afternoon he has not done anything only his chores and went out to the Center and got some grain. I have been making Alta some shoes. I have got two pair most done. I am very tired.

Mar 31 We have had a lovely day. I swept and washed floors this forenoon and this afternoon I have finished Alta's shoes. Frank did not feel very well this forenoon, but this afternoon he has been up to Fred Charles. We have been over to Stow Town Hall to a dance tonight, have just got home, did not have a big crowd. Had a good time.

April 1 We have a very dismal day for the first day of April. It has rained most all day. We have been home all day. We have read, popped corn, made candy. Roger Emerson was in this morning for a little while. Have not seen anyone else today. I got angry today.

April 2 Well it has rained a little all day, just enough to make it nasty. Frank delivered cream this morning and I did the housework and mended. This afternoon he has not done anything, he has been up to Roger's. I have been up to Nellie's to have her help me on my dress. The selectmen were here this afternoon.

April 3 It has not rained any today but the sun has not shone much and it has not been very cold. I have been alone all day except a little while this afternoon. Nellie & Clifford was down, wasn't here but a few minutes. I have worked on my dress all day, have got the waste most done. Frank has been to Fryeburg with Fred Charles. He has been home but a little while.

April 4 It has been fair today but colder, the snow has melted very fast. I did some cooking this forenoon and Frank delivered the cream this afternoon. I have partly cut my gingham dress and been up to Nellie's to have my other dress fixed. Frank has housed the roller.

April 5 We have had a big stranger here today. I had my work done and was washing windows and Clifford come down, Frank said we would go up to Mr. Heald's and I got most ready and Clara Eastman came & she had not been here long when Fred & Gladys came & they were all here to dinner. Clara staid to supper. Frank carried her home.

Apr 6 It has snowed & rained all day and still at it. Frank delivered cream this morning, did not get home till one o'clock. I washed the windows in the kitchen & put clean covers on the chair cushions, this afternoon I have worked on my dress. Fred Charles called here this afternoon.

Apr 7 Well it has stormed most all day. Frank went up to Fred Charles and got some kerosene and when he came home he brought Clifford with him & he has been down here all day. I have done the housework and made two cakes and that has been all I have done.

Apr 8 It has been fair today but there has been a cold disagreeable wind, we staid at home this forenoon but this afternoon we have been down to Frank Bickford's and around the square and home. It is horrid going neither wheeling or sleighing although we went with a wagon. I don't think I will ride much until it is better going.

Apr 9 It has been very cold and windy today and cloudy most of the day. I have washed and washed the kitchen floor this forenoon and Frank delivered cream. This afternoon I have worked on my dress. I have got it most done I guess. I have _____ long enough about it but I am very tired tonight. I don't know why I should be.

Apr 10 It has been cold and windy again today and it is going to be a very cold night. I ironed this morning and Frank went up to Hazen Chandler's. This afternoon I have finished cutting out my gingham dress and basted some on it. I have made some tatting. I am quite tired tonight.

Apr 11 Was up to Nellie's this morning to have her see if my dress was all right to finish, it was and I have got it done, and I am glad. Frank delivered cream this forenoon. This afternoon he has piled a little wood and read some and I have mended. Nellie & Clifford was down this afternoon. I fitted her dress.

Apr 12 Have been at home all day. I have sewed and mended all day. Have got my gingham dress almost done. I am very tired. Frank has helped Loren (Eastman) saw wood today. It has fair most of the day but

looks like rain tonight and is quite a lot warmer. Well I suppose we will finish the day in reading. No one will come in.

Apr 13 Frank delivered cream this morning. I had a boiled dinner and made three pies and did some sewing. Ezra Heald called here and Fred H (Harriman) was here to dinner. This afternoon I thought I was going down to Bickford's with Nellie but she had company so I have mended and sewed. Frank has worked on his car.

Apr 14 We have been up to Ezra Heald's and spent the day. We have not been up before since Bernice died. We had a good time but it was very sad. She talked of her all the time, they seemed very glad to see us. I dreaded to go but shall dread it more next time. It has been a nice day, seemed like spring.

Apr 15 We have been at home all day or I have. Frank went down to Seth Hanscom's this morning and was gone all the forenoon. It has been a long lonesome day but it is most bedtime now. It has not rained but has been cloudy most all day. Have not seen hardly anyone and could not go anywhere it is so muddy.

Apr 16 I have begun to clean house a little today but it is so cold I couldn't do much upstairs. This afternoon I have been up to Nellie's and got my dress fixed so I can finish it now. I have fitted a slip for her and a dress. Frank delivered cream this morning and has blacksmithed this afternoon for Roger (? or Hazen?)

Apr 17 It has been a lovely day, warm and pleasant. Nellie and I and Clifford have been to No Fryeburg this forenoon, have not been down before since last January. It was not very bad traveling. This afternoon I have worked on my dress, have got it done but the face. Clifford was down to supper, has just gone home.

Apr 18 Well we have got through with another day. Frank delivered the cream this morning and did not get home till one o'clock. I churned this forenoon. This afternoon I have been getting ready to clean house a little. I don't seem as though I could ever clean it, but I suppose I'll have to. It has rained part of the day.

Apr 19 It has been warm & lovely. I have tried to clean house a little but did not get much done. I had company come so I have not done anything this afternoon. Ezra Heald and wife have been down today. We had a nice visit from them. We have been up to Nellie's tonight.

Apr 20 It has rained all day but has been warm. Frank delivered the cream this morning and did not get home until almost one o'clock. I have done the housework and made doughnuts and three pies, washed the kitchen floor, washed the counter down, cleaned up the shed chamber and finished my dress. Louville's folks was down this evening.

Apr 21 It has been cloudy all day and rather cold. I have not done much today only cleaned up a little this morning. This afternoon Nellie and I have been down to Abbie Bickford's to have our summer hats made. Even she made mine this afternoon and it is very pretty. Cost me fifty cents.

Apr 22 It has been warm and lovely today almost the first warm day we have had this spring. Frank has been to the Harbor with Fred (son) to get his horse and I have been over to Cora's all day, had a nice time. Alta is s cunning. She ____ alone all the time now. Nellie and Clifford was down a little while tonight.

Apr 23 We have had another lovely day. I have done a two weeks wash and done some cleaning besides. Clifford was down here all the forenoon. Frank delivered the cream, this afternoon he has been over and got the hog, moved the hen house across the road and fixed the fence around the yard. I am very tired tonight.

Apr 24 There has been a cold raw wind today. I have cleaned the milk tank and ironed and cleaned two windows on the outside this forenoon. This afternoon I have not done much, it was cold to clean upstairs so I have been down to Alma's a little while. They seemed very glad to see me.

Apr 25 Has been warmer today. I have cleaned house most all day. Frank delivered cream this morning and did not get home until one o'clock so I had to wait dinner an hour and did not get my room done until this afternoon. Have mended some and am very tired.

Apr 26 It has been quite cold and cloudy today. I have cleaned house most all day. I have got the chambers almost done. I think I can finish them tomorrow. I have washed some and ironed some beside and I feel pretty old tonight. Well suppose I will be rested by morning.

Apr 27 The ground was quite white with snow this morning. It feels very much like snow tonight. I cooked all the forenoon and this afternoon I have finished the front chamber and done some picking up in the other room. I have not felt very well today but have kept busy all day.

Apr 28 the wind has blowed here all day and it has been cold. I have done most everything today. Frank has been fencing all day. He helped me fill a straw tick and I have finished the little bedroom upstairs. Clifford was down this forenoon. Ira was up to borrow some mollasses.

Apr 29 I had a ride in the car today. It has been warm today but cloudy. We have been home all day. Clifford was down most all the forenoon. Erastus (Harriman) and Irving Bryant was here to buy a beef creature this evening. We all went up to Roger Emerson's, did not get home until nine o'clock. We had a nice call.

Apr 30 It has not been as warm today, it rained a little this morning. Frank delivered cream and I have cleaned the front room. I might have cleaned more but have not felt very good today. My side is bothering me quite bad again. Hope it will feel better tomorrow. I got a little cold last night I think.

May 1 Just think of it, this is the first day of May and it snowed. It has rained and snowed most all day. I have cleaned the hallway today and sewed a little. Frank has hauled some dressing, pulverized the garden and plowed a little. We are full of business/bussiness.

May 2 The ground was white this morning as it was any time last winter and has not gone off yet. It don't look as if we would have garden start very early this year unless we have a change soon. I have cleaned my bedroom today. Clifford was down this forenoon and staid to dinner.

May 3 It has been cold again today. It don't look as thought we could plant anything very soon. Old Baldface is as while as it was in the winter. I have not done any cleaning today. I ironed a little and helped Frank pick over a few potatoes this forenoon. This afternoon I have been down to Frank B's with Nellie. I have get the work all out of me I guess.

May 4 Has been a little warmer today and cloudy. I did some cooking this morning and put up the curtains and the frill on the been(?) and Frank delivered cream. This afternoon he has been fishing, he got six, and picked over some potatoes. I have sewed, we went down to Morrill's last night. Have felt very tired today.

May 5 It has been cold again today. I wish we could have some warm weather. I have swept and washed floors this forenoon and Frank plowed part of the afternoon and went over to the auction this afternoon. We have both been over, it was awful cold over there and I wish I had staid at home.

May 6 It snowed this morning and was cold and it is cloudy but a little warmer tonight. We was home all the forenoon for we expected Fred & Cora over but they did not come. This afternoon we have been up to Frank Guptill's to buy a cow but did not buy it. We had a nice ride.

May 7 I have done a big wash today and am very tired tonight. We went down to see Ora's baby last night and it was quite a long walk for me to take. Frank still has to deliver cream. He has been plowing this afternoon. I have been up to Nellie's and little while. It has been cloudy all day. I wish the sun would shine once more.

May 8 Have ironed today and done some mending. We were up to John Chandler's to a whist party last night and did not get home until most midnight. We had a splendid time. Frank has plowed this forenoon. This afternoon he had been up to John Charles to see the tractor work but the man had not come.

May 9 Have cleaned house and mended all day and am quite tired tonight. It has rained most all day and hailed part of the time. It is very cold tonight. I have not get much to write. Frank delivered cream this morning and Clifford went with him. I don't think he will have but one trip more.

May 10 Have cleaned house all day and am very tired tonight. The wind has blown very hard all day and it is very cold. I wish we could have some warm weather. Frank hauled dressing this forenoon. This afternoon he has been plowing and he is tired. We have a new bossy , it came today. It is black.

May 11 I have made four pies & washed the sitting room floor this forenoon and swept the rugs and put them down. This afternoon I have set up tomatoes plants into bigger dishes and crochet a little, have been nearly sick today. Frank went his last trip with cream today. He has been pulverizing this afternoon.

May 12 have had a pretty good day. It has been some showery but a little warmer. I churned this forenoon. This afternoon I have been to Fred Charles with Nellie and Clifford. Frank has put in quite a day – he has hauled dressing and plowed and picked rocks. sewed peas and brought the potatoes out of the cellar. I am afraid we will be sick tomorrow.

May 13 Oh it has been so cold today. We have been home most all day, at least all the forenoon. After dinner Frank went down to the river and was gone a little while and then we went down to Bickford's and up to Cora's and stopped a little while. Gladys was over and so got with us , will stay tonight.

May 14 I have cleaned the cupboards and under the sink in the kitchen today and am very tired tonight. Frank pulverized all the forenoon. This afternoon he has been to Fryeburg Corner. He took out 7 ½ bushel of potatoes and got \$22.50. It is terrible such high prices. I have mended some this afternoon. It is warmer today.

May 15 The wind has blown all day and it has been very cold. I have not done much today. Frank went over to Charles Seavey's to the auction this forenoon and I did some mending this afternoon. We have ____ been over. Amy and Nellie and Clifford. We had a good time, but it was very cold.

May 16 It has been a little warmer today but the wind has blown quite hard. I have cleaned the kitchen today. I have got all done but the shed and cellar and the windows on the outside, don't seem as if I would ever get done. I have just turned the separator a little while and my breath is about gone. I am very tired tonight.

May 17 It has been quite nice and warm today. I had a boiled dinner today and Frank went up to John Charles to see the tractor work, did not get home till past noon. This afternoon he has hauled dressing and I have mended and read. I have not felt very well today, have got the work about all out of me.

May 18 It has been nice and warm today but has been cloudy most all day and tonight it rains. I cooked a little this forenoon and mended a little and Frank fenced and Clifford was down most all the forenoon. This afternoon I have been up to Nellie's and mended. Frank has been hauling dressing.

May 19 I am very tired tonight. I have worked all day but it hasn't amounted to much. Frank has been to Fryeburg this afternoon. I wanted to go but couldn't. It has been very warm today and it seems good. It has been so cold all the spring. I hope it will be warm now.

May 20 It has been warm again today but the wind blows tonight. We had callers this forenoon. Mr. Williams (O.T. Williams) and wife and little daughter and another lady. This afternoon George and Nellie (probably George & Nellie Emerson) and Clifford and Nellie were here. I have been home all day. I seem to stay home most of the time. Frank took the cattle up to pasture this afternoon.

May 21 Oh the wind has blown very hard all day but it has been quite warm. I am very tired tonight. I have done a two week's wash and ironed it besides the housework and I am about dead tonight. I expect to go to Ossipee to be a couple of days tomorrow. Hope it will be fair. I don't care very much about going tonight.

May 22 Frank and I went to Ossipee today. He went to carry Hazen Chandler and Orlando Allard down as jury and I went with him. We went to a Mr. Bickford's. It rained a little and thought of coming home but did not. We had a nice ride and a good day. Did not come home that night.

May 23 We staid to Mr. Bickford's all night and all day. We was coming home but it rained hard all day and so we staid. I was a little disappointed for we had not planned to stay so long but it would have been a very long cold ride for the wind blowed and it was very cold.

May 24 Well we have got home tonight and I was glad. We started this morning and came down to the court house and looked that all over. Then we went to Mrs. Hunts for dinner and brought Hazen back with us. We did not get home until half past four but I was glad to get home. Am very tired.

May 25 It has been cold and windy again today. Frank has been plowing down on the intervale and he is very tired tonight. I have done most everything, cleaned our clothes and put them away and mended. I went up to Nellie's a little while. F. Bickford called and got some potatoes and Mr. Hartford came and bought the Bull.

May 26 The wind has blowed hard today but it has been warmer. I have done some cooking and cleaned up a little and Frank hauled out dressing this forenoon. I have mended and Nellie and Clifford has been down this afternoon. Frank has been up the river to find some beans and oats to plant. I have been home all day.

May 27 It rianed a little this morning. Frank took the steers up to pasture and was gone most of the forenoon. Clifford was down a little while. I have been home all day. This afternoon Frank has been down to Morrill's. Nellie was down. Will and Ernest Jewett was here and I sold him three rooders. It is cold tonight.

May 28 Oh dear I am so tired tonight. I have done the housework today and washed this morning and this afternoon I have helped Frank plant corn. I covered two rows and droped the rest of five. Nellie has helped to and I am about dead tonight. I hope we will raise some corn.

May 29 It has rained all day and it is cold. I ironed this morning and had just finished when I had company come. Roger Emerson has been helping Frank on his car and his wife came down and spent the day so I have not done much beside iron. I shall never get done cleaning house.

May 30 Well I am tired again tonight. I have done the housework and carried the apples out of the cellar, picked them over and washed them and carried them back down cellar. Have dug a big pan of dandelion greens and cleaned and washed them and Amy Charles was down this afternoon and I altered a dress for her, so I have got in quite a day. It is fair tonight & warmer.

May 31 Have done the housework and helped Frank plant corn today and am very tired tonight. It has been nice and warm day we have this spring. We are going down to No. Fryeburg to a drama tonight. It looks like quite a job to get ready but Frank wants to go and so do I.

June 1 Have been very busy all day. I have done some cooking and this afternoon I have cleaned dandelion greens. We have got about a wash tub full to salt tomorrow. Frank has been down to the intervale pulverizing and he took his dinner. I have not done as much as I thought I should today.

June 2 It has been very warm today & looks like showers tonight. I have done most everything today, washed and salted greens, washed floors, swept, mended and done some other sewing. Frank has been

down on the intervale again today. Clifford was down here all the forenoon and part of the afternoon. I am very tired.

June 3 We have been to Conway with Loren and Eliza (Eastman) today. We carried them up to Irving's (Eastman) and we went up to John Nutes and stopped to dinner. We had a good time. It rained most of the day. Hazen and Rose Chandler have been down this evening . They have just gone. Olander Allard is out to the barn now. I am quite tired tonight.

June 4 Nothing unusual has happened today. Frank carried Hazen to Conway Corner early this morning and I washed. Clifford was down this forenoon. This afternoon we finished planting the garden and I went up to Nellie's and sewed a little tonight. Mr. Rosenbloom called here.

June 5 I ironed this forenoon and this afternoon have been sewing. Clifford was down this forenoon and Frank cut potatoes to plant. He has been picking rocks this afternoon. Clifford was down to supper. We are going over to Lovell to a drama tonight. Fred Charles and wife are going with us.

June 6 Frank planted potatoes today. It has been a lovely day. Well I have not felt very well today. We went to Lovell to a drama last night and did not get home until one o'clock and I have felt real mean all day. The drama was good. I have cleaned the windows on the outside & put the screens on this afternoon. I have mended. Mrs. Jewell was up tonight.

June 7 It has been cloudy all day and has rained some. Frank and Louville have planted his potatoes this forenoon and I helped cut them. This afternoon Frank has been plowing a piece to plant a few more beans. I have mended all the afternoon. It rains tonight.

June 8 It has been cloudy all day and tonight it rains. We have had thunder showers all the afternoon. I cleaned the cellar this forenoon & Frank hauled dressing. This afternoon I have canned 2 quarts of Rhubarb and made two pies. Nellie & Clifford was down. I mended some too.

June 9 Nellie & Amy & girls went to Fred Shaw's. They went to Lovell to a wedding. It has been very warm today but was cloudy all forenoon. I churned this morning and Frank went and got a laod of sawdust. I swept and cleaned up some. Fred & Clifford was here to dinner. This afternoon Frank has been to Lovell and Clifford staid here. We went down to Jewell's, he was here to supper, has just gone home.

June 10 It has been such a long day. We have been at home all day because it has rained hard all day and still rains. Hazen Chandler was down this afternoon and staid quite a while and Wilson was up after a pail of water and stop awhile and Nellie and Clifford was down so we got through the afternoon pretty well.

June 11 It has just poured all day. We got up at four o'clock this morning & Frank carried Hazen up to Conway Corner. He got home about eleven o'clock and I washed & got through at nine. Since then I have done the housework & crocheted a little & shelled some beans. I am well tired tonight.

June 12 It rained hard all forenoon but the sun has shone about most of the time this afternoon. I did not do anything but the housework this forenoon but this afternoon I have been over to Fred's with Nellie. Frank went up to salt the cattle. Clifford was down most all the forenoon.

June 13 Oh it has been so hot today, the first real warm day we have had this spring. I ironed this forenoon and Frank peeled a little popular. This afternoon I have crocheted a little and he has finished planting. Erastus (Harriman) bought the heifers today. We are going up to the Hall tonight. I guess Nellie's fold will go with us.

June 14 We have had quite a heavy thunder shower here tonight. There was not so very much rain but the thunder was very heave, it rains some now. I swept out through and wiped up the sitting room floor and Frank peeled bark this forenoon, since then I have mended & he has wheeled in wood. I helped him a little.

June 15 We think of going to Bridgton tomorrow. I went down to Bickford's with Nellie & Clifford & did not get home until almost half past ten, then I had to do my cooking & get dinner & finish up my work, did not get through until three o'clock. Then I helped Frank wheel in wood. Very tired tonight.

June 16 Frank carried Ezra Heald & wife to Bridgton today and they invited me to go with them but the road are very bad, part of the way they are something awful. It has been cloudy all day and tonight it rains. It looks very discouraging for the crops.

June 17 Well it has rained all day again today and still rains and the wind blows. We have had company all day. Frank went over and got Fred's folks & Nellie & Clifford was down but they have all gone now. I am very tired tonight. I did not feel very well but have got through the day. He wanted them to come over.

June 18 Have had a very good day. The wind has blowed some but the sun has shone out most all day. I have done quite a big washing today and am very tired tonight. I have picked some milkweed greens and got them ready to cook, beside some other work. Hope it will be fair tomorrow.

June 19 It has been a very warm day and fair. I have ironed and washed floors and blackened a stove and done the housework today and am very tired tonight. Frank has peeled a little poplar and this afternoon he has hoed in the garden and wheeled wood and he is tired. Mr. Jewell and Ira is here tonight.

June 20 We have had one more fair day. It has thundered & lightened this afternoon but only rained just a little sprinkling. I have washed the kitchen floor today and help Frank with the wood. This afternoon I have mended and he has been to the corner to get Mrs. Jewell. I went up to Nellie's a little while.

June 21 Have not done anything but the housework. today. We have been down to Bert Eastmana & over to Mw. Stiles to see a cow and come back & stopped to Harids(?) to dinner and spent the afternoon. We had a nice time. It has been very warm today and has not rained yet. I have helped Frank pile a little wood.

June 22 It has been very hot today. I did some cooking and helped Frank with the wood this forenoon. The afternoon I have been down to Ora's with Nellie and Clifford and Lizzy Wiley. I am very tired tonight. Frank has been cultivating all the afternoon. I am afraid he is doing too much.

June 23 Have had another lovely day and I hope we will have a lot of them. Frank finished wheeling the wood in the shed this forenoon and I have cleaned up for Sunday and cleaned up shed, so I think I am done cleaning house once more. This afternoon he has hoed the garden and I helped him twine the peas and crochet a little.

June 24 It has rained today and it has been cold, but I think it is clearing tonight. We have been home all day. We made ice cream and asked Nellie and Louville and Clifford down to help us eat it. I wanted to go over to Fred's today but couldn't so staid at home.

June 25 I have washed today and done some sewing. It has been a lovely day. Frank hoed the garden this forenoon. This afternoon he has been out to the Centre after a load of sawdust. I don't seem to have much to write tonight, am quite tired.

June 26 Haven't much to write tonight. I ironed this forenoon and Frank went down to see if the potatoes were coming. He hoed after he got back. I have mended this afternoon and he has hoed until it rained. Nellie and Clifford was down a little while.

June 27 Well we have had another nice day. I was afraid we would have showers this morning but it has been lovely. I went up in the field this morning and found a few strawberrys. This afternoon I have been over to Walter's with Nellie and Clifford. We had a nice call. Frank has hoed all day. He is very tired.

June 28 We have had another fair day. I churned this forenoon. This afternoon I done a little on my mattress and went down to Morrill's with Nellie and Clifford and got some milkweed greens and after I got

home I went up in the field and picked about half pint of strawberries. Frank has hoed all day. We both tired tonight.

June 29 Oh dear, it has rained hard all day and still rains. I cooked this forenoon and made a sour milk cheese and Frank went up to salt the cattle. This afternoon I have finished tacking my mattress and I have mended and Frank has helped me put the carpet down in the entry and under the stove. Virgil E (Emerson, brother to Louville) called here tonight.

June 30 Fair most of the day. Frank went to Fryeburg this morning. He carried Louville & Morrill & Fred & Virgil out to have the writtings done of the intervale they have bought. I swept and washed floors and cleaned up for Sunday. This afternoon he has hoed & I have been strawberrying. I got about a quart after they was hulled. I am very tired.

July 1 We have had a quite nice day. It rained a little tonight but I don't think it will rain much more. Frank went up to Preston's to wash the car this morning and after he got back we went over to Fred's. We had a nice time. Clifford was down to supper tonight.

July 2 It has been very warm today. I thought we'd have showers before night but it has been a very nice day. Frank has cultivated potatoes and hoed corn. I washed this forenoon. This afternoon I have been strawberrying. I got about a quart after they was hulled, would have got more but it was too hot. Am very tired.

July 3 I ironed this morning and Frank went to Fryeburg with Roger Emerson and his father. This afternoon I have crocket a little and been strawberrying. I got over a quart. We have had a lot of callers – Erastus & Webb & Kickford & Fill Wentworth & Bernice and her two neices & Clifford was here to supper.

July 4 We are going up to Nellie's to eat. We have staid at home all day except we went down the F. Bickford's this morning to get some thing for the forth. Frank finished hoeing the corn. I have been strawberrying this afternoon. I got a quart and a pint after they was hulled. It has been fair bur pretty hot.

July 5 It has been fair again today. Rank hauled 3 logs out to the mill this morning and had them sawed into boards. He got home about noon. I went strawberrying and done the housework. I put up two quarts of berries. This afternoon I hulled those I picked and have done a little mending and been up to Nellies, am very tired.

July 6 It has been lovely today. I done the housework and made two pies and went up in the field strawberrying. I got about two quarts. This afternoon I hulled the berries but have not done much else. Frank has been down on the intervale hoeing all day. He took his dinner. We are both very tired tonight.

July 7 Oh it has been such a lovely day. I have worked most all day cleaning up. Frank has hoed all day. He finished his potatoes this forenoon and has hoed his beans this afternoon. He and Fred C. and Fred H. and Louville are going somewhere to see if they can get some horn pouts tonight. Hope they will have good luck.

July 8 I have not much to write tonight. We staid at home all the forenoon and I worked most of the time. This afternoon we went up to pasture then went up to the upper end of Cold River. Amy Charles and the girls went with us.

July 9 It has been cloudy most all day. I washed this morning and Frank cultivated his corn. This afternoon I have been strawberrying. I got about two quarts after they were hulled. Frank has fenced a little and been busy most of the time. Fred C's girls called here tonight and Clifford was here I am very tired tonight.

July 10 Am very tired tonight. I have done the housework and some sewing this forenoon and Frank went to Conway with Mr. Wentworth. This afternoon I have been strawberrying with Nellie. I picked about four quarts, have just finished hulling them.

July 11 It rained last night but has only been cloudy today. I did up the housework this morning, then we went up to Hazen Chandler's and staid all day. We had a very nice visit. Clifford was down to supper tonight. I am going up with him.

July 12 Cloudy this morning but has been a pretty good day since I done my housework this morning and made a cake. Put up one quart of berries and cleaned up the front room. This afternoon I have been berrying and mended some and sent down to the river with Frank. Clifford and Esther C. went with us.

July 13 It has been very hot today. We have had company all day. Fred and Cora and the children have been over all day. This afternoon Mr. Jewell & Mrs. Jewell and Alma and Ira was up and Nellie and Clifford was down. They have all gone now and I am very tired.

July 14 It has not been a good hay day but Frank commended this morning. I washed this forenoon. This afternoon I have had company. Nellie and Clifford was down and Rose Chandler was down all the afternoon. We had a nice call from her. It has been very hot.

July 15 Have had quite a good deal to do today. I have cooked swept and washed floors & mended and picked peas. We are having our first mess of peas tomorrow. I was up to Nellie's a little while. Clifford was down to supper. Frank has been up to the pasture to salt the cattle. It has been very warm and cloudy, rained this morning.