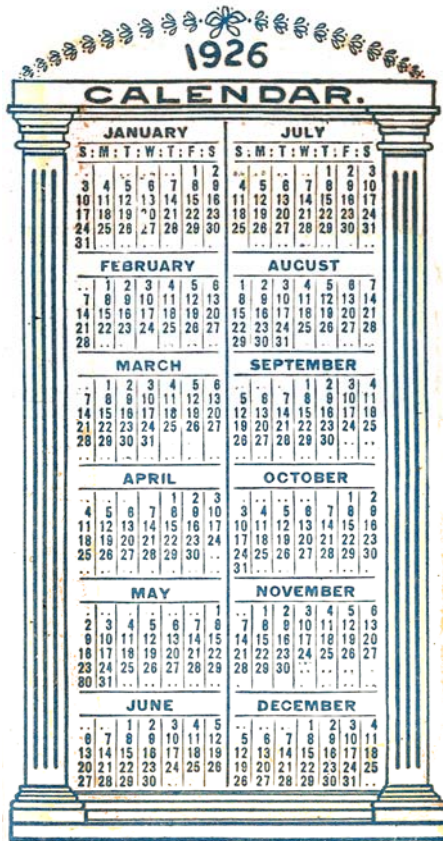


Mary Ella Somers Diary 1926

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| <i>We had sirloin steak</i> | 1 |
| <i>for dinner and other</i> | 1 |
| <i>fixins</i> | |
| JANUARY, 1926. | New Year |
| <i>Lew did the</i> | SAT. |
| <i>marketing</i> | 2 |
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Olive, Lizzie and Louie Price
[a.k.a. "the girls", sisters, aunts, -
they live "up home"] & Mary Ella Somers



Lewis E Somers
[a.k.a. L.E. and Lew]

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January

1 - We had sirloin steak for dinner and other fixins.

2 - Lew did the marketing.

3 - Ed and Marie spent the day Verga. Ida sent me a bouquet of sweet peas.

4 - It rained all day. Josie Rockelmann called this afternoon.

5 - Mr Smith put 5 more sections on the kitchen radiator.

6 - It cleared off this afternoon.

7 - I went over to the Hospital to see Winfield. He is failing all the time.

8 - Ed and Edmond went to Phila today to make arrangements for the school term at Drexel Institute.

9 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

10 - We went up to see Emma. She goes to a Hospital at Vineland tomorrow to have her heel treated.

11 - We commenced to burn coke Jan 10th.

12 - E.J. was here today she is remodeling my black silk dress.

13 - I was at the hospital this afternoon. Winfield is getting weaker.

14 - I attended Mrs Doughty's funeral.

15 - E.J. here again the dress finished.

16 - L.E. took chickens & eggs over to Mrs Bew. Chickens amt 4.12, eggs 3.50

17 - L.E. went to church this afternoon.

18 - This was a rainy day.

19 - L.E. and I were at the Hospital this afternoon. Winfield had a poor day.

20 - I withdrew my acct from 2nd National Bank and placed it in the Pville Bank.

21 - Keen & Archambanat did not show up today.

22 - L.E. did the marketing today.

23 - Lee and Julia took us out riding today. We went to Delsea Farm, Elmer and home by Harding Highway a hundred mile ride.

24 - Cloudy today. Mr Keen called this eve. Kathryn was baptized tonight.

25 - 26 - Isaac Aaron did not sow up today. L.E. and I were at the hospital this afternoon, did not see Winfield he was asleep.

27 - Winfield passed away today. He was a dear Bro. and a wonderful man.

28 - L.E. went over to see if he could do anything for Josie.

29 - Tripican did not come to settle up on mortgage.

30 - Winfield's funeral was this afternoon. Mr Jones preached a fine sermon. Ester sang a hymn.

31 - Cloudy and rain today.

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February

- 1 - Rain today.
- 2 - E.J. was sewing for me. Mr Mahong called this eve.
- 3 - E.J. finished my green gingham dress today.
- 4 - We had the worst wind and rain storm tonight that I even witnessed. Bill Sculls funeral was this afternoon.
- 5 - E.J. finished another gingham dress for me today.
- 6 - L.E. took eggs over to Mrs Bew 5 doz at 60c.
- 7 - I was home this afternoon. Winfield Jr. came while I was there.
- 8 - This was not a very good wash day.
- 9 - L.E. painting at the Clarion.
- 10 - We have 4 inches of snow this AM.
- 11 - Ther down to 7 this AM. Suburban [trolley] cars not running tonight.
- 12 - This is a windy day.
- 13 - I was at the Doctor this AM.
- 14 - It rained all day.
- 15 - Wes Smith spent this eve with us.
- 16 - Mrs Fitton spent this afternoon with us.
- 17 - A letter from Edmond saying he would have to have his tonsils taken out.
- 18 - I was over at Josie's today.
- 19 - It is snowing tonight.
- 20 - L.E. went to Marks.
- 21 - John Scull, Sallie and Julia spent this eve with us.
- 22 - Kathryn and I attended a Colonial Tea at Mrs Marodens. It was a fine affair.
- 23 - I did the ironing.
- 24 - Wes Smith died this morning at 4 o'clock.
- 25 - We went over to Atlantic City for our settlement with Tripican. I didn't pan out. Some hitch.
- 26 - Emmie came down this eve.
- 27 - Wes Smith funeral was today.
- 28 - I was up home this afternoon.

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March

- 1 - Cold and windy.
- 2 - I was over at Atlantic City this afternoon.
- 3 - E.J. is making a voile dress for me.
- 4 - E.J. is here today.
- 5 - E.J. is here again today.
- 6 - Ther down to 4 this AM. I deposited 200.00 in the bank. It is a building and loan check.
- 7 - Emmie spent today with us.
- 8 - E.J. Powers is making my crepe silk dress this week.
- 9 - Mr. Mahoney started down to South Carolina today.
- 10 - Emmie was here for dinner. L.E. commenced painting at the Clarion yesterday.
- 11 - E.J. here today. It is snowing tonight.
- 12 - E.J. did not finish the dress today.
- 13 - I did the marketing this afternoon. Emmie went home this afternoon.
- 14 - Ed's family spent today at Salem.
- 15 - Cold and windy.
- 16 - Cold again today. Mr Mc Keag called this afternoon.
- 17 - I was up at the Doctors this AM. Jay Duberson funeral was this afternoon.
- 18 - Sallie English called this afternoon.
- 19 - Helen and Ruth Williams called this afternoon.
- 20 - Flora and Pauline Reed called today.
- 21 - Sam Smith and Carrie called. Lee and Julia took us for a ride. We went over to Marmora Cape May Co.
- 22 - This was a fine day.
- 23 - I was at Pville this afternoon.
- 24 - Mary stood chance for measles of Bob Seaman.
- 25 - I was at Herricks this afternoon. Lew not able to work, came back.
- 26 - The men gave me a check for \$150.00 for my share of the Martin property on Absecon Boulevard.
- 27 - Lew went to see the Doctor for lame back.
- 28 - This was a fine day.
- 29 - L.E. worked at the Hotel Clarion today. Ther down to 20 this AM.
- 30 - L.E. not able to work today, Lame back. Final settlement with Tripician.
- 31 - Met F.A. & Lettie in Atl City.

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April

1 - L.E. not working today. I was at the Doctors.

2 - L.E. is not any better.

3 - L.E. was at the Doctors this morning.

4 - Easter - This was a cold day. People on the boardwalk wore heavy coats & furs.

5 - Cols and windy. I took flowers up to the cemetery this afternoon.

6 - We had the garden plowed today.

7 - L.E. keeps about the same.

8 - I cleaned chifferobe in bathroom.

9 - I finished the bathroom today.

10 - L.E. did the marketing.

11 - Rain part of the time today. 20 little chick hatched eggs from Pedricks.

12 - Cold today it seems like snow.

13 - Cleaned closet in the big room.

14 - Cleaned big closet and bureau.

15 - Ther down to 20 this AM.

16 - L.E. worked 5 days this week.

17 - L.E. had severe pain in left hip and back this AM.

18 - Cold and gloomy today, looks like rain.

19 - Cold and windy feels like snow. Mary is sick with measles.

20 - Ther down to 25 this AM. Spigot and chicken pans froze over.

21 - Mary is getting better.

22 - Kathryn stays here while Mary is sick.

23 - Fitzhughs mortgage fixed up today.

24 - Mr Fittons funeral was at 10.30 this AM. Buried at Frankford, Pa.

25 - We attended the 107th Anniversary of F.L.J. at Pville this afternoon.

26 - L.E. bought a new suit of clothes today.

27 - 28 - House Cleaning

29 - I was at the Doctors today.

30 - House cleaning.

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May

1 - L.E. was up to see Doctor Fish this AM.

2 - L.E. went over to church this afternoon. Wrote a letter to Cora.

3 - This was not a very good wash day.

4 - Marie and I called on Lizzie Lee this afternoon.

5 - Ollie was here today she stayed for supper.

6 - This was mothers day at the Kiwanis Club. I attended the meeting.

7 - Have been busy getting work done so I can go to D.A.R. tomorrow.

8 - I attended the Luncheon at hotel Chelsea, and had a fine time.

9 - I visited Winfield Jr. today. He is failing all the way.

10 - We did the wash.

11 - Darned stockings.

12 - Cleaned the kitchen closet.

13 - Set out Gladiolas and got my dahlias out of the cellar today.

14 - Cleaned kitchen cupboard.

15 - L.E. did the Marketing. Mr Deppe was buried this afternoon.

16 - Winnie is not as well today as he was last Sunday. Rained hard all day.

17 - This is my 70 birthday. Lizzie Lee called this afternoon.

18 - Did some mending.

19 - Have been working in the parlor today.

20 - Marie and I called on Mrs Fitton but did not find her at home.

21 - {blank}

22 - I did the marketing.

23 - I went to see Winfield Jr. this afternoon.

24 - We got our wash and ironing done today.

25 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

26 - I set out some dahlias today.

27 - Paper hanger did stairway today.

28 - Had the parlor papered today.

29 - Edmond and friend home over the Holidays.

30 - Charlie and Ida at Ed's.

31 - The Lockarts went home tonight they had a good time.

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June

1 - Emily Somers gave me four dahlias, choice ones.

2 - Was up to see Winfield Jr this afternoon.

3 - Mrs Walters called today.

4 - I did a little house cleaning today.

5 - We were at the Shiners parade this afternoon, and went to the colonial tonight.

6 - I was at Uncle Martins this afternoon, and called at Julia's on the way home.

7 - It rained today.

8 - We did the wash.

9 - I cleaned sitting room closet.

10 - Finished cleaning sitting room.
* Winfield Jr. fell asleep today.

11 - I was home awhile today.

12 - I did the marketing.

13 - We were at Jeffries and Keates funeral parlor this eve.

14 - * We attended Winfield Jr's funeral this afternoon.

15 - This was a very warm day.

16 - Mailed check tonight for electric sweeper, cleaned cellar today.

17 - A colored woman came today and cleaned the kitchen for me.

18 - I am no good today.

19 - We were on the Steel Pier tonight and heard the Welsh singers. They were good.

20 - Edmond went back to Phila tonight. We rode up to Pville and saw him off.

21 - We did the wash.

22 - L.E. painted at Pville.

23 - I was at Atlantic City today. I bought a dress. It is cotton.

24 - I am not much good today.

25 - It rained today.

26 - Bethel church had their picnic today.

27 - We were up to Camden and Verga. Ed took us in his Jordan.

28 - Marie and children went on to the chapel picnic.

29 - Josie spent the day at Ed's.

30 - This day was scorcher. Ther 92 in the shade.

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July

1 - We were on the Steel Pier tonight. We heard Conway's band.

2 - Smith Collins passed away on Wed.

3 - We attended Smith's funeral this afternoon. Frank and Fred Price brought us home.

4 - We had a thunder shower last night and it has been raining most of today.

5 - It rained all day.

6 - Raining today.

7 - Marie and Kathryn went bathing at Ocean City.

8 - Albert James died this AM with a broken neck caused by a fall.

9 - Hot today.

10 - Another hot day. Fireman's parade at Wildwood. A thunder shower tonight.

11 - Ed took Frank Cadwalader home today.

12 - We did the wash.

13 - Lizzie came down this eve to see me about selling the Mill Road property.

14 - The civic club picnic was postponed today on account of rain.

15 - Rain all day.

16 - L.E. and I were on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon. & Steel Pier this eve, and heard Sousa's band.

17 - L.E. did the marketing.

18 - Edmond was home over the week end.

19 - Edmond went back to school this AM.

20 - This was a hot day.

21 - This day was hot 95 in the shade.

22 - Carrie Smith called this afternoon. Hot today.

23 - Hotter. Up home this PM. Edmond came home tonight.

24 - Emmie came this afternoon she is poorly. (still hot)

25 - Herbert & family also Mr & Mrs Lloyd came tonight and took Emmie home.

26 - This was a nice cool day.

27 - Marie and I spent this afternoon with Mrs. Fitton.

28 - Cloudy today.

29 - A little bit of rain today.

30 - Rain

31 - Rain and fog.

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August

1 - Ed went up to Verga after Kathryn and Ruth. I wrote a letter to Cora.

2 - Nice day but hot.

3 - Very hot.

4 - This day was a scorcher.

5 - E.J. sewing for me today.

6 - Sale of lots across the road.

7 - Sale of lots again today. Hot day.

8 - Ed took us over to Ocean City tonight to see Harry Steelman and family.

9 - E.J. finished my dress today.

10 - I was at Ocean City this afternoon.

11 - Ruth Cadwalder and I were on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon.

12 - Ruth went home today. Hot weather.

13 - Harry Steelman and family had their supper at Ed's tonight.

14 - Harry & family left here for home this eve. We had a very heavy thunder storm after they left.

15 - We went up to see Emmie this afternoon. We found no one at home.

16 - I was at the Doctors today. It rained today.

17 - We did the wash and got the clothes dry.

18 - We started at 6 AM for Water Gap. It was raining a little when we left home.

19 - We rode over the Pocono mts and the on to Scranton over the Lackawanna trail.

20 - We arrived home at 7 PM. Tonight. Came home by way of Sea Girt.

21 - Rained all day. Sallie English called this afternoon.

22 - Emmie came down yesterday. Stayed over night with Sallie.

23 - Emmie called on her way home this morning.

24 - Marie and I called on Mrs Fitton this morning.

25 - It rained hard all day.

26 - Sallie Scull & Julia Kern were here this afternoon. Ella Baker was here also.

27 - I have forgotten what I did today.

28 - Sallie and Viola went back to Reading today.

29 - This was a hot day.

30 - We did the wash. Not a very good day for drying clothes.

31 - {blank}

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September

1 - I was on Steel Pier today. Pollie and Ina called here while I was away.

2 - Lew went up to Mays Landing to see Emmie.

3 - Ella Baker was her again today.

4 - Edmond came home yesterday. He expects to go to work on the 20th of Sept.

5 - Ed and Mark gone on a rip. I sent a basket of Pears up home today.

6 - Lee and Julia bought 3 baskets of pears.

7 - L.E. went to Vineland this afternoon. He bought a basket of peaches while there.

8 - I was at the Doctors today.

9 - I mended today.

10 - I canned peaches today.

11 - Mary Collins called this afternoon.

12 - L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.

13 - Kathryn and I were on the Million Dollar Pier this afternoon.

14 - I did the ironing today.

15 - I worked hard all day.

16 - Have been canning tomatoes. Mrs Merker called this AM.

17 - L.E. and Edmond went to Philly today.

18 - This was a fine day. Mr Griffinburg funeral was this afternoon.

19 - Edmond going away this PM to work in Budd factory.

20 - Ed and Marie started on their vacation this AM.

21 - We rec'd post cards from Marie mailed in Baltimore.

22 - No mail from Ed or Marie.

23 - I heard the Dempsey Tunney fight over the radio tonight.

24 - A letter from Edmond and cards from Ed and Marie mailed at Lexington, Va.

25 - We mailed a letter to Edmond this AM.

26 - L.E. went over to Bethel this afternoon.

27 - I did the wash alone today, had 20 pieces.

28 - Canned a few tomatoes.

29 - I am not very good today.

30 - Emily Somers gave me a beautiful dahlia bouquet.

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October

1 - I went over to Atlantic City this afternoon.

2 - Ed and Marie arrived home tonight.

3 - L.E. went down to the Chapel tonight.

4 - I was up to see Rentschlers dahlias last eve.

5 - Ella Baker was here yesterday.

6 - I've forgotten what I did today.

7 - I was up at the Doctors.

8 - I made Plum jelly. Mrs Cope called this afternoon.

9 - Betty chicken was seriously injured today. We had to kill her.

10 - I was up home today.

11 - Stormy not fit to wash.

12 - Lizzie Lee and Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

13 - I am not very well had to go and see the doctor.

14 - Can hardly keep up am feeling bum.

15 - Can hardly keep up am feeling bum.

16 - Can hardly keep up am feeling bum.

17 - A little better today.

18 - L.E. and I came up to Bristol. We rode in a bus to Phila.

19 - We were at Sears & Roebucks today. We went to see Tom Mix tonight.

20 - This has been a rainy day.

21 - We went over to Burlington this afternoon.

22 - We are at F.A. Bakers tonight. We heard Queen Marie talk over the radio from N.Y.

23 - Ed came this morning and took us over to the Sergni. We came home tonight.

24 - It rained hard all day.

25 - I caught cold while I was away.

26 - My cold don't get much better.

27 - My cold don't get much better.

28 - Ella Baker was here today.

29 - Ella came again today and helped me take up dahlias.

30 - Ed, Marie, Walt Scull and wife are off on another trip.

31 - Rained again today.

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November

1 - I finished taking up dahlias today.

2 - I went up to vote this afternoon.

3 - I still have a cough.

4 - I have been taking up gladiola bulbs.

5 - Finished gladiola today.

6 - I planted crocus bulbs on Mama's grave.

7 - I have been sick all day. Sallie English called this AM.

8 - Not much good today.

9 - Mrs Merker called this morning.

10 - I was at the Doctors today.

11 - Did the ironing.

12 - Set bulbs in pots today.

13 - L.E. did the marketing.

14 - We were up to see Emmie this PM. Somers & Annie Burroughs spent this eve with us.

15 - We did the wash.

16 - Rec'd a letter from Mrs Fitton and from Cora.

17 - I planted tulips. Rachel Robinson called this afternoon.

18 - Planted bulbs today. Charley Corson passed away this A.M.

19 - Finished planting bulbs.

20 - I was at Atl City today.

21 - I attended C.S. Corson's funeral at Palermo.

22 - E.J. Powers is making a dress for me.

23 - E.J. here today.

24 - I have been poorly all this week. Lizzie was here tonight.

25 - We had roast chicken for dinner today.

26 - E.J. here today sewing.

27 - I attended Tall Cedars entertainment this eve at Atl City. Ed took me.

28 - Edmond went to Phila tonight.

29 - E.J. finished my dress.

30 - Marie does not improve very fast.

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December

- 1 - I was up to the Doctors today.
- 2 - Emmie is failing fast had a stroke of paralysis.
- 3 - Worked hard all day.
- 4 - L.E. took chickens and eggs over to Mrs Bew amt \$6.25.
- 5 - L.E. and Ed went up to see Emmie this afternoon. See did not know them.
- 6 - Emmie seemed better today. Louie was here this eve.
- 7 - Thermometer dawn to 8 this AM.
- 8 - Emmie not as well.
- 9 - Lizzie was here this eve.
- 10 - Lee Herrick Jr. was here this eve came down to tell us they were going to take us for a ride.
- 11 - Lee and Julia took us to Bridgeton and Salem this afternoon.
- 12 - L.E. went up to see Emmie tonight.
- 13 - We did the wash.
- 14 - Emmie passed away at 12 o'clock noon.
- 15 - It snowed last night.
- 16 - I was over to Atlantic City today.
- 17 - Attended Emmies funeral this afternoon.
- 18 - Ther down to 8 this morning. Very cold.
- 19 - Ther down to 4 this morning. Edmond went up to Phila tonight.
- 20 - L./E. took chickens to Mrs Bew. Chickens \$6.00, eggs 3.20.
- 21 - Ther down to 4 this AM.
- 22 - I ironed today.
- 23 - Was up at the Doctors this AM.
- 24 - Made Mince pie this afternoon.
- 25 - I went up home this afternoon. The girls gave me a dress for Christmas present.
- 26 - Edmond went up to Phila this eve in a bus.
- 27 - We did the wash. It was a fine day.
- 28 - Sewed today.
- 29 - Mended stockings
- 30 - We attended the chapel Christmas entertainment.
- 31 - Flora & Pauline Reed called today.
- Jan 1st 1927 - Edmond is home today. He brought Dave home with him.