

Mary Ella Somers Diary 1934

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JANUARY 1934

Mr Cope passed away
Dec 30 - 1933

Partly cloudy Mon 1
today. 1
Pot pie for dinner
New Year's Day

Cloudy all day Tues 2
little rain and 2
snow

Mr Copes funeral Wed 3
this P.M. buried 3
in Laurel memo cemetery

Rain this a.m., Thur 4
Cloudy and rain 4

Foggy some Fri 5
rain and 5
a little wind

Rain and a Sat 6
little sun. 6
shine



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 - (Mr Cope passed away Dec 30.) Partly cloudy today. Pot pie for dinner.

2 - Cloudy all day little rain and snow.

3 - Mr Cope's funeral this PM, buried in Laurel Memo Cemetery. Rain this AM.

4 - Cloudy and rain.

5 - Foggy some rain and a little wind.

6 - Rain and a little sunshine.

7 - Cloudy and rain, a dull day.

8 - Most of this day clear.

9 - Cloudy

10 - This was a fine day. I went up to the Doctors. Ina called this afternoon.

11 - Another nice day. I rec'd a letter from Cora yesterday.

12 - Mrs Sharp spent today with us.

13 - Wind N.E. and rain all day

14 - This was a fine day. Howard Smith was here this morning.

15 - Another cloudy day.

16 - The wash dried good this day.

17 - Paul and Ruth were here this evening.

18 - Susie Kiger was here today. Little Lewis E. 5 month old today.

19 - This was a nice day.

20 - A nice day, not very cold.

21 - Another nice day.

22 - Cloudy not a very wash day.

23 - Emily Somers was here this afternoon.

24 - I made a pillow case today. A ton of coal came this AM 10.00.

25 - {blank}

26 - I made another pillow case today.

27 - Rain today. L.E. did the marketing.

28 - Howard Smith took L.E. over to Bethel church. R.J. and Emily called.

29 - Cold. Ther down to 11 this AM. Sent a postal card to Edmond.

30 - Ther down to 4 this AM. Sent chicken to Edmond.

31 - Ther 4. I was at the Doctors today, was at Julias and up home.

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February

1 - Cold Thermometer 8, water pipes in bathroom froze up 3 days.

2 - 1 inch snow on the ground. Pipes thawed out no damage.

3 - Cold ther 12 this AM.

4 - This day was cold and cloudy the sun shone a little while this afternoon.

5 - Cold, a little sun today, an inch of snow fell tonight.

6 - Last weeks inch of snow is still on the ground.

7 - A letter from Edmond with check. Cold.

8 - Thermometer stood at 19 all day.

9 - Colder, down to 12 below zero this AM. A ton of coal today 12.50, the 6th ton so far.

10 - Cold and cloudy Ther 4 this AM.

11 - The sun was shining today. Howard Smith took L.E. over to church more snow tonight.

12 - Cold and cloudy plenty of wind.

13 - A snow again last night the fifth one in 12 days.

14 - Ther 2 below zero this AM.

15 - Cold Thermometer at 10 this AM.

16 - Ed was at the Doctors yesterday. He told him he has liver trouble.

17 - Mr Eastlack committed suicide this AM. He shot himself.

18 - L.E. was at church this afternoon.

19 - Cloudy and rain today. L.E. sent a letter to Viola. A blizzard tonight wind and snow.

20 - The snow is 7 inches deep this AM and it is the 7th snowstorm this month.

21 - Thermometer 7 this AM.

22 - Charlie Turner died tonight.

23 - George Rodgers died today while sitting in his machine at Pville.

24 - L.E. did the marketing. It was cold this day.

25 - It snowed all day and was cold. This was the 8th snow this month.

26 - Cloudy all day and it snowed rained and had sleet a part of the time.

27 - Ther 6 this morning.

28 - 4 above zero this AM. A ton of coal again today buck and coke price \$10.00 the 7th ton this winter.

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March

- 1 - 12 inches snow on the ground that fell last Sunday. Ther 8 at 7 AM.
- 2 - This was a warmer day snow melted a little. Cloudy most of the day.
- 3 - L.E. did not go to Pville today.
- 4 - L.E. went to church this PM. I listened to Willy Church this PM.
- 5 - I was at the Doctors this AM and went to Atlantic City from there.
- 6 - This was a nice day.
- 7 - The snow is all gone off the ground.
- 8 - It snowed all day.
- 9 - 3 inches of snow this AM. The sun shone all day, but the snow did not melt much.
- 10 - It snowed all day (hard).
- 11 - We have 6 inches of snow this AM.
- 12 - Thermometer 8 this AM, sun shone all day but snow didn't melt much.
- 13 - Plenty of snow on the ground.
- 14 - We did the wash today.
- 15 - Stewed onions for dinner.
- 16 - L.E. went up to see Paul Fry about B&L. He was not at the office.
- 17 - L.E. had his hair cut this AM. The snow is almost off the ground.
- 18 - L.E. was at church this afternoon.
- 19 - Cold and cloudy $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of coal will be here tomorrow amt \$5.25.
- 20 - Two inches of snow this AM. Lee and Julia spent this evening with us.
- 21 - L.E. & myself each rec'd an [H.O.L.C. Gov Bond](#). L.E. amt 50.00 and M.E. \$50.50.
- 22 - Rich & Emily are attending Matt Fifes funeral at Marcus Hook.
- 23 - It commenced to snow this AM at 3 PM and lasted well into the night.
- 24 - We have 6 inches of snow this AM.
- 25 - Ed took us up to see Paul and Ruth in their new home.
- 26 - Cloudy and rain today.
- 27 - Rain & fog.
- 28 - Lizzie was here today and stayed for supper.
- 29 - L.E. and I were at Atlantic City this afternoon.
- 30 - Did the sweeping today.
- 31 - Frank Hackett passed away this morning.

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April

- 1 - L.E. went to church.
- 2 - I was at the Doctors this AM stopped off at Bakersville on way home.
- 3 - We were at Frank Hacketts funeral.
- 4 - Tommy Brown was buried today.
- 5 - We did the wash this day.
- 6 - Have been ironing this AM.
- 7 - We had a thunder shower this AM.
- 8 - Paul and Ruth were here this afternoon. Mrs Piercey and sister came home from Phila today.
- 9 - This was a nice day.
- 10 - Partly cloudy today and a thunder shower tonight.
- 11 - {Blank}
- 12 - We attended the oyster supper at Admore Hall tonight.
- 13 - We put a new carpet on our bedroom.
- 14 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 15 - We went up to Parsells Funeral Parlor to see Uncle Martin.
- 16 - I was at Atlantic City today and bought silk for a dress.
- 17 - Swept the parlor today.
- 18 - E.J. Powers sewing on my dress today.
- 19 - Hattie Frambes called this afternoon.
- 20 - I did a small wash.
- 21 - Somers and Annie Burroughs spent this evening with us.
- 22 - Thermometer 32 this morning cold all day.
- 23 - I had a small wash today.
- 24 - E.J. Powers was here again today and took my dress home with her to finish.
- 25 - We had asparagus for dinner it was grown in our garden.
- 26 - {Blank}
- 27 - {Blank}
- 28 - I was at the Drs this AM. Ed bought a nice automobile today, it is a Ford.
- 29 - This was Maggie Headleys Birthday.
- 30 - I did another wash today. Maries washer is wore out.

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May

- 1 - I haven't got my dress home yet.
- 2 - The D.A.R.'s are to have their annual luncheon on the 19th of this month.
- 3 - Rained hard all day.
- 4 - I did not get over to Mrs Buchanans 80th birthday party. It rained too hard.
- 5 - L.E. was at Pville this AM.
- 6 - We had a long ride this afternoon. Ed took us up to the Malaga Camp Ground.
- 7 - Marie bought a new washing machine today.
- 8 - I had the kitchen cleaned today, Annie did it.
- 9 - Have been getting things back in their place.
- 10 - I planted little red pepper seed this morning. I use them in soup.
- 11 - Dan Sutton took his father to the hospital today. He was suffering with appendicitis.
- 12 - Sutton failing all the time.
- 13 - Mr Sutton died today.
(Kathryn was in an auto accident.)
- 14 - The wash was done today and I did the ironing.
- 15 - I'm getting ready today to go to Hazelton.
- 16 - Ed and Marie took L.E. and myself up to Hazelton this afternoon.
- 17 - We went shopping this afternoon.
- 18 - We left Hazelton for home at 2:15, we were a little over 4 hours coming home.
- 19 - L.E. did the marketing.
- 20 - Paul and Ruth were here this eve.
- 21 - I was at the Doctors today. This was a very warm day.
- 22 - We had a nice rain tonight.
- 23 - I cleaned a closet in the big room.
- 24 - We cleaned the big room up stairs, Lew helped me.
- 25 - Ed and Mary went up to Hazelton after Marie.
- 26 - We are having a N.E. storm. It is cold for the tie of year.
- 27 - Cloudy and cold.
- 28 - Lee and Julia were here this afternoon. This was our 55 wedding anniversary.
- 29 - I cleaned the closet in our room today.
- 30 - I finished the room this afternoon.
- 31 - I went up to the cemetery yesterday.

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June

1 - John, Fannie and Blanche spent this evening with us.

2 - I'm not feeling well today and working too hard.

3 - Paul and Ruth were here this eve.

4 - I ironed part of the wash this afternoon.

5 - Annie cleaned the sitting room.

6 - I finished the ironing this afternoon.

7 - I selected paper for living room this AM.

8 - I am not feeling good this day.

9 - Bathroom and stair way cleaned this day, Annie did it.

10 - This was a hot day. L.E. did not go to church.

11 - We had a good rain last night. L.E. set out pepper plants this AM.

12 - We had another good shower this afternoon.

13 - I was at the Drs this AM.

14 - We are having very hot weather.

15 - Hot today.

16 - Living room papered today. It looks fine.

17 - Ed & Marie took us down to Reeds Beach this afternoon. It was a nice ride.

18 - I was not very well today.

19 - We had a nice rain tonight.

20 - This was a fine day.

21 - Hot all day, so much humidity.

22 - Mr & Mrs Fitzhugh were here tonight. They gave me a check for eighty dollars due on mortgage.

23 - L.E. went to Pville.

24 - Howard took Lew over to church.

25 - L.E. painting steps for the girls.

26 - L.E. finished painting today.

27 - Mrs Piercey & sister are away for 2 or 3 days.

28 - Marie, Ed and I attended the picnic at Mays Landing.

29 - This was a hot day, so much humidity.

30 - Just as hot today.

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July

- 1 - Hot. Pauline Reed died today.
- 2 - We rec'd a check from Mr Fitzhugh amt one hundred dollars.
- 3 - Hot
- 4 - Hotter
- 5 - We didn't go anywhere today. It was too hot.
- 6 - We have had 2 weeks of excess heat.
- 7 - I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 8 - We had a good rain last night, cooler today. Louie was here for supper tonight.
- 9 - We have had 18 days of excess heat.
- 10 - Cooler today.
- 11 - Louie was here a few minutes today.
- 12 - I did a little sewing this day.
- 13 - Annie was here this afternoon.
- 14 - Annie worked for me today.
- 15 - We had a thunder shower tonight.
- 16 - I paid my last half of Northfield tax this morning.
- 17 - Hot
- 18 - Lew, Louie and I were on the Steel Pier.
- 19 - Hot
- 20 - Heat and drought are terrible in the west.
- 21 - Hot this is the hottest July in years.
- 22 - This day was a little cooler not so much humidity.
- 23 - Not quite as hot.
- 24 - We had a thunder shower tonight.
- 25 - It is raining this morning. Ed & Marie are going camping in Pa. this afternoon.
- 26 - Kathryn had a message from the folks this AM. They say it is hot up there.
- 27 - I was at the Doctors yesterday.
- 28 - We had a little rain last night. Hot today.
- 29 - No Church at Bethel. The minister is on his vacation.
- 30 - Cooler today. I did a small wash.
- 31 - Hot today.

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August

1 - Lew & I spent this day at Ocean City. It was a cool day.

2 - Ed went up to the camp yesterday.

3 - Alice Engel was here today.

4 - We are selling lima beans and cantaloupes this week.

5 - Howard & L.E. attended church at Ocean City this AM.

6 - I did a small wash.

7 - It is nice and cool today.

8 - Ed went up to camp this AM.

9 - We are selling lima beans & corn this week. Beans 30c a $\frac{1}{2}$ peck.

10 - Hot

11 - We sold lima beans and corn today. Amount \$3.80.

12 - We had a heavy thunder shower this afternoon.

13 - Fog and slight rain all day.

14 - Foggy little rain and very hot.

15 - This was a hot day, so much humidity. Thunder shower tonight.

16 - Foggy all day a cloud burst tonight.

17 - Paul and Ruth's baby girl was born today.

18 - This is Lewis E. Somers first birthday. Hazelton.

19 - This was a nice cool day.

20 - I did a small wash.

21 - D of A celebrated their 32nd anniversary tonight.

22 - Marie took me over to Ocean City this afternoon.

23 - I was at the Doctors this morning.

24 - Hot today.

25 - L.E. attended Rae Applegates funeral this AM.

26 - Lou VanSaun took L.E. over to church.

27 - Ruth came home from the Hospital today.

28 - Our tomatoes are beginning to ripen.

29 - Corn gone for this season, we miss it.

30 - Ed & Marie took Jimmy home this AM. I went up home this afternoon.

31 - Cool today.

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September

1 - Mary and Lewis are in Linwood for 4 weeks. Edmond will be here 1 week.

2 - I had several callers today. Dogs killed 4 chickens for us.

3 - Clouds and rain today.

4 - Mr & Mrs Smedley from Oklahoma called here today.

5 - Mrs Piercey was here awhile tonight.

6 - Have had -

7 - pain in my back -

8 - all this week.

9 - Howard & Lew attended Church at Ocean City tonight.

10 - My back is paining me today.

11 - Annie was here today. Notified Paul Fry to get a check for me. -

12 - I have to get more money from B&L.

13 - Marie, Mary and Lewis were up home this afternoon.

14 - Lee & Julia were here this afternoon.

15 - Raining today.

16 - A little rain today.

17 - Cool today.

18 - I canned tomatoes today.

19 - I was at the Doctors this AM. Louie was here for supper.

20 - Lew, Ed, Edmond and Paul went to Del Bay fishing. Caught 160 fish.

21 - Edmond and Mary were here for dinner today.

22 - Edmond went home this afternoon.

23 - Paul & Ruth brought Nancy to see us.

24 - Cloudy & hot today.

25 - {Blank}

26 - {Blank}

27 - {Blank}

28 - I was at Mrs Dix and bought goods for two house dresses.

29 - L.E. did the marketing.

30 - {Blank}

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October

1 - Jerry Robinson was taken to the Hospital this AM.

2 - {Blank}

3 - {Blank}

4 - I cleaned sitting room today.

5 - Annie was here. We had fried tomatoes for dinner.

6 - I was at the Doctors AM. L.E. went up to English Creek for supper tonight.

7 - Jerry Robinson passed away yesterday.

8 - We had a thunder shower last night.

9 - {Blank}

10 - I went over to Atlantic City today to see Mary Bechtel.

11 - We had callers this eve, one from Detroit another from Phila -

12 - and two of them were neighbors.

13 - {Blank}

14 - Paul brought Nancy down here today in her coach.

15 - Lizzie came down this eve to tell me about Louie's illness.

16 - I am awfully worried about Louie.

17 - Louie is on my mind all the time.

18 - I was up home today but did not find out who is to operate on her.

19 - Some of the D. of A. sisters called this afternoon.

20 - {Blank}

21 - Paul took baby up to see the girls this AM.

22 - I got vegetables ready for [Chow Chow](#) today.

23 - I cooked it this afternoon and have 4 quarts.

24 - L.E. bought roofing paper this AM and is putting a new roof on the hen roost.

25 - {Blank}

26 - {Blank}

27 - {Blank}

28 - L.E. attended Zion church anniversary.

29 - {Blank}

30 - {Blank}

31 - I spent all day up home went up to help get Louie ready for Hospital.

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November

1 - {Blank}

2 - Mary Bechtel called this afternoon.

3 - {Blank}

4 - This was a rainy day.

5 - Louie was taken to Hospital today.

6 - Mrs Piercey and Rockstol left for Mountville today.

7 - Louie operated on at Atlantic City Hospital.

8 - Louie got over the operation fine.

9 - Our new minister and his mother called yesterday.

10 - Louie getting along fine.

11 - L.E. went to church.

12 - I went over to the hospital this afternoon.

13 - Mary Bechtel went back to Vineland today.

14 - Louie improving all the time.

15 - I stayed with Olive this afternoon and eve while Lizzie was at the library.

16 - Ruth and baby were here this afternoon.

17 - L.E. and Paul cut a truck load of wood yesterday.

18 - I was at the Hospital yesterday. Louie sat up a little while.

19 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

20 - I forgot to -

21 - write up these two days.

22 - We rec'd a letter from Mrs Rockstol. They are having a nice time at Mountville.

23 - {Blank}

24 - Louie came home this afternoon. She is improving all the time.

25 - I was up home this afternoon.

26 - Rain part of the day.

27 - Rain

28 - Rain

29 - Thanksgiving - We were at Ed's for dinner. They had turkey. It rained.

30 - Rain

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December

- 1 - Rain
- 2 - L.E. went over to church.
- 3 - I did a little wash.
- 4 - We had Sour Krout for dinner.
- 5 - I made a towel and did a little sewing beside.
- 6 - Coal Acct next page -
- 7 - we had very cold weather -
- 8 - ther down to 8 on morning.
- 9 - $\frac{1}{2}$ ton nut and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coke \$12.50.
Burkhard June 19 1 ton nut 13.00.
- 10 - Sept 9 one ton 14.00
- 11 - 2 tons of coal today, one nut \$14.00
the Buckwheat 8.50, total \$22.50
- 12 - Nov 9th 1 ton of Buck \$8.50
- 13 - Oneil, Marie and I were over to Atlantic City this afternoon. I bought a pair of Red Cross shoes.
- 14 - Annie was here today.
- 15 - I went up to the Doctors this AM.
- 16 - This was a cloudy day.
- 17 - Cloudy again today.
- 18 - I don't remember what occurred this day.
- 19 - We are dressing a chicken to send to Edmond tomorrow for Christmas.
- 20 - We are getting Christmas Cards every day.
- 21 - I bought candy at Knewsons this afternoon.
- 22 - L.E. did the Marketing.
- 23 - L.E. did not go to church today.
- 24 - We gave Paul a chicken today for Christmas.
- 25 - Christmas - We were at Ed's for dinner. They had a fine turkey.
- 26 - Ed took me up home in the afternoon.
- 27 - We had chicken potpie for dinner.
- 28 - L.E. went up to Bakersville to get a truck load of wood.
- 29 - {Blank}
- 30 - Dec 11 sent 2 subscriptions to Mc Calls Magazine amt \$1.50
- 31 - Dec 17 mailed \$5.00 to the D.A.R. chapter for 1935 dues.