

DIARY OF
CHARLES & LOUISE
SHEFFIELD

1900-1914

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PREFACE

This is a transcription of the 1900 Diary of Charles and Louise Sheffield. The diary was a one year diary, but they included information for fourteen plus years. The extra years were recorded as there was room in the diary causing the time line to be out of order, which is very hard to follow. This transcript is intended to put the sequence back in chronological order. The dairy itself is very fragile and the more it is handled the worse it will get. So, making this transcription will make it easier to access. Also, it will allow as many family members who want a copy to have a copy. The original diary was scanned into digital format for transcription purposes and as a byproduct it too is available in PDF format to anyone who is interested.

Great care went into making this transcription as accurate as possible. There are some words that were hard to interpreted 100%. When that occurs that word is typed as best as can be interpreted and then noted within *[brackets]*. The spelling of the words remains as written. They spoke and wrote a little differently than we do in 2016, which I find interesting.

Notations

Anything printed *[within brackets & italicized]* are transcription and or editorial comments and are not part of the dairy itself. The author of each entry is included at the end of the date line *[within brackets and italicized]*. If a dairy entry is not recorded on the month/day imprinted on that page it is noted in *[brackets & italicized]* directly below the date line so it may be tied back to original source page in the PDF image file. Anything else printed is what was written in the diary.

INTRODUCTION

Charles Henry Sheffield was born on 4 March 1871 on Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan, New York to William Helstead and Elizabeth Rebecca Cook Sheffield. Charles and his sisters Frances, Louise, Florence and Ella were raised primarily in Manhattan, New York except for about five years when he lived in Brooklyn, New York (1879 to 1884). In 1890 Charles started his career as an Independent broker with the Phoenix Insurance Co. in Manhattan, New York where he stayed for thirty five years.

Louise Elizabeth Northrop, daughter of Wilbur Granville Northrop and Mary E. Clark, was born on September 28, 1873 in Westfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. She was raised in Westfield with her brothers Amos and Byron and her younger sister Ruth.

When Louise was 23 years old she served in the mission field for several months beginning in 1896 and extending to at least April 28, 1897 in Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York. This is where Charles and Louise met.

Charles Henry Sheffield and Louise Elizabeth Northrop were married on August 13, 1897 in Manhattan, New York. Charles was 26 and Louisa was 23.

It is uncertain where Charles and Louise live right after they married, but it appears to be in Manhattan based on the place of birth of their first child Florence in 1898. By May of 1899 they relocated to 218 Eighth Street, Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey which is where their twins, Wilbur and Ruth, were born May of 1899.

The diary begins in Hoboken and ends in Oakland, New Jersey.

Plant Beets & Lubers }
Bush beans & } in old moon
Potatoes }
Pole Beans in New Moon

Childrens Money -

June 11th ---- \$30:50

Watching for Daddy

Little faces at the window,
Smiling brightly down,
Watch to see dear Daddy coming
Home from BusyTown

— — —
Little noses quaintly flattened
On the window pane
Little eager shouts to welcome
Daddy home again

Little chubby fingers drumming
Softly up and down;
Hurry, hurry Daddy darling,
Back from BusyTown!

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Little anxious eyes are watching:
Daddys very late;
Then a shout Hurrah! He's coming
Through the garden gate!"

—————
Little feet go swiftly running
Down the stairs so fast;
Such a hugging, Such a kissing
Daddy's home at last

MEMORANDA 1903.

Garden Notes. 1903

May 6th
 On Flat Garden 1 oz Eclipse or Columbian Beet.
 “ “ “ 1 “ Long Orange Carrot
 May 8th Pearl Onions in Radish bed.
 May 10th Red Rock Cabbage in Lettuce bed.
 “ “ Cypress Vine & Candy tuff in tubs.
 May 18 - In house garden
 Bells Crimson Hustler Beet Parsnip – Hollow Crown
 Carrott Early French Horn
 Kolrobby White Veninea
 Large Flat Dutch Cabbage
 Early Turnip Radish __
 Tennis Ball Plack Seeded
 Burpees Lima Bush Beans.
 May 19th On Flat Garden–
 Kendalls Early Giant–
 American Wonder Peas.
 Atron & Hubbard Squash.
 Cool & Crisp Cucumbers
 June 23rd Bells Extra Early Peas on South Side – Trell
 Motts Excelsion & Harsfors Early M. G N. S..
 Behind Bay Golden Wax & Cucumbers Song Green
 June 23 Two Hills Potato Patch – Bells Pickling

Garden Notes 1904

Chicken yard garden
 First week in May no expense

General Garden

Second week in May
 Potatoes May 11 Perry Hybrid S. Co

 Leutz Extra Early Beet
 Dewing Improved B. T. Beet

1900

JANUARY

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1900 [CHARLES]

This being the beginning of the end of the 19th century — a year of finishing and thus beging [*beginning*] the 20th century a fresh we ask for the guidance and protection of the Master, that we may be able to write at the end of these pages. What we have started has been truly well finished xxx Have spent a very pleasant day at home, aside from our little ones being sick with colds I might say the day has been a perfect one. Helen and Aggie have been with the girls all day. Mr Eynon came in about 11AM and stayed till 5PM. Played the game of crokano [*crokinole*] nearly all of the time.

The babies now being asleep, Louise and I have come down stairs to write these first lines in our diary, which we have concluded to keep for the sake of our little ones in after years that they may know some thing of their child hood and our happy Home Life, should God in His great plan take us from them Mother having spent the day away our dear little Florence says Gā.ma gone to “Brookie”

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1900 [LOUISE]

It is very cold so we have a heavy fire in the dining room and have moved the twins down in their old place Florence does not seem well at all I was every thankful when Aunt Louise came home and took her up stairs Lou. came home from work with a bad head ache Mother came home this evening. Mrs Buck was here to help all of the fore noon Papa does not feel well he is so busy at the Office as he is doing Miss Simons work while she is

caring for her sick Mother And then expecting company when he does not see the time to entertain them as he would like to all weare on him as he is nervous and has his head so full of business schemes. We feel so much the need of health and strength both for the sake of the little ones at present and their growing wants in the future "We need Thee O God, in all our ways."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1900 [CHARLES]

It has been a perfect day, clear and cold but very beautiful. While I was at breakfast this morning, one of my County friends Stevens by name accompanied by a friend walked in upon us, at first my wife and I looked at each other in consternation as all our babies had been sick all night and we were tired and worn out and we were not expecting Company for breakfast but our friends had taken lunch down town so all was well. My friend Stevens is to see the famous Dr Wilson for deafness and I believe in Answer to both his and my own prayer he will be benefited by the treatment, although my friend is a little verdant (being from the Country) Still I know he is a true friend of mine and that he greatly rejoices at being with me once more. We are worried about our babies as they are all suffering with heavy colds, the twins being very bad, but God is good and I know he is watching over my little family and will keep care for us.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1900 [CHARLES]

I never see the 4" day of any month without thinking of my birthday so as I turn to this page I say I am 29 years old or rather will be in two month The day has been a fabulous one. Arch, his friend and I planned to meet at the office, get dinner in NY and walk up town to the Theatre, as I had bought tickets for Ben-Hur playing at the B'dway Theatre, but instead Arch came in the office about 430 PM and said my wife wanted me to come home to dinner, "so home I came" and instead of Arch going to see Ben-Hur he gave his ticket to my sister Louise (he did not

in an old armed chair thinking of the saddest word of tongue or pen -

"It might have been"

End. Lena Martin

MEMORANDA

MEMORANDA [LOUISE]

1903

½ lb Butter to Geo. R-	15
5 " " Mrs. R-	1.50
Sold White corn	
June 4 th for	\$35.00
Bonnie - Fresle. May 22 nd 1903	

1 ½ LBS Butter to Mrs Stout	.42
2 " " " Mrs Wycoff	56

Sold Bonnie May 1 st 1904	50.00
" Heifers " "	30.

MEMORANDA 1908.

Feb 17 - 1000 Nut Coal -	2.88
Cow	45.00

contradicts who wrote this entry for Lena is posted after it] who was addressing the crowd. We could only stop there long enough to make ourselves known and told them that we were on our way to the Hippodrome. They then informed us that Arthur Aldrous [Aldrows?] was a famous clown and had spent many seasons there following Marceline who was in that position in our time. We did not recognize him and could not speak to him as we had to run for our train. I spent a weeks time in Oakland and was roaming over

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 15th page 6 of 7 cont. from Jun 14th] over of the city when I came upon a large "Chicken farm" with hundreds of white chickens with were leg horns.

Was very much ~~surprised~~ taken up with them and did not realize that I was trespassing until I saw a tall and stout woman coming my way. I was every much startled for I noticed that she wore a large nickel badge and knew I'd have to pay a penalty, but upon coming closer fond [found] it to have the inscription "Chicken Inspector" and that it was on Elizabeth Muller. She was very glad to see me and told me that she had married farmer Green quite some time ago and on account of his health was running the farm for him. I knew that she was happy, for when I knew her years before she was always hurrying around with an old clucking hen

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 16th page 7 of 7 cont. from Jun 15th]

under her arm.

After spending some time with her and ending my visit in Oakland I returned to my cottage at the sea shore and here I am

feel he ought to go to the theatre the first thing after he had recd. the treatment for his hearing) so off we went Louise, Mr Dorland and I, the play was a grand success. I do not believe in theatre going and made this an exception, but I must say, I never heard a more interesting sermon, than the acting and scenery was in "Ben-Hur." I am glad I saw it. When we arrived home all was sound asleep, Louise however was easily awakened when my foot was heard. xxx

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1900 [CHARLES]

During Mr Eynon's visit New Years Day it was planned that he should come over and take dinner with us this day, after which he was to take my friend Arch and Mr. Dorland over to "Slum Mission" he being acquainted with that district better than I am. So when I get home, Mr E. is here waiting for me, but owing to an unforeseen event Mr E. tells me he can not go this eve, of course we are all disappointed, but haveing got to that stage where we know how to make the most of disappointments, we turned the evening into a very social one, and played "Crockano" [crokinole] and other game & of course after Mr Eynon had left us which was shortly after dinner, but not untill we made him promise us another Eve, so we have planed to take tomorrow afternoon and visit the ships and to the Missions in the evening the next page will tell you more about how successfull we carried our plans. I feel more and more it is better not to plan. life is so uncertain.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1900 [CHARLES]

Mr Eynon came in the office about 10 ooclock and said he was going to see Mr Seydaur with reference to his life insurance, and that he might not be able to meet us at one oclock as was arranged last evening, so I said we would meet at his house #79 Morton St at 3 PM Arch and his friend true to their appointment came at 1:15 PM I had to keep them waiting about a half hour, then we had lunch at "Demaets" and walked up town to above

address and waited for Mr Eynon, met Mrs. Schultz on the way, we did not have long to wait when Mr E. came in and off we went to the ships, Capt Clarks first which is a freighter capt was not on board but we had the privileged of the ship & we could not see a passenger ship owing to it being Saturday and not Visiting day so we was some disappointed as my friends starts for home Monday xxx Left Mr E. at the ferry, promising to meet him again at 8 PM and go to the missions but I was so tired I did not go with them but Arch his friend & Louise & Ella did.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1900 [LOUISE]

The day is clear and beautiful "Papa" went with Arch to take his treatment, then to Dr. Surepsons for the finishing of the morning Sermon as they were too late for it all. Then he took him and his friend to see the Boulevard in all its beauty and glory and Riverside Drive in all its magnificent splendor and also to the historical Tomb of Gen Grant. This after noon he took them also Louise and Ella to the Five Points Mission which we often visit and are greatly interested in. Helen and Alice McKee came to see the girls this after noon and Ina came this evening Mr. Dorland, Arches friend took the five girls to the Methodist church here in Hoboken to the evening Sermon. Arch spent the evening with Mother and us After the others had gone we had prayers that Arches hearing might be restored.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900 [LOUISE]

The Doctor thinks Florence and Ruth much better but says Wilbur is a very sick child the poultice placed on him last night has not seemed to relieve him much. "Papa" and I feel he will come out of this sickness all right but the others seem to feel quite doubtful. We have had such a strange experience this time feeling resigned to what ever happened. Is it because we are learning more of the ways of children or because we are nearer Christ. Arch and his friend left for home today and we are glad once more to be alone but much sorry and disappointed that

not had ~~money~~ to pay so much tuition for the eight children which they had to send to the city school.

On Sunday we were taken to church and heard a very eloquent minister who I at once recognized as another class mate Ludo Wilkens. He invited me to his home and while there I learned that he intended sailing the following week for China where he would meet or join Ruth Sheffield the Great Eastern Missionary and they would continue their work together. Had a splendid

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 13th page 3 of 7 cont. from Jun 12th]
time and decided to come back last and spend a short time in Oakland where I had lived some time. I had not gone more than a hundred miles on the trian [train] and was interested in My Oakland newspaper when a tall slim man with a dark mustache got on the train. I saw him look at me stwice [*twice?*] did and noticing my paper he asked me if I was acquainted in Oakland. He told me that he was a leading merchant in that city and on taking a second look I recognized Irving Bush who had succeed his father. I inquired for Christine Ross and was told that she had taught for 20 years in a little school and had just received a pension for her faithful services in such a noble profession. She then intended Joining the Salvation Army.

The journey was a very pleasant one and on arriving at New York, we had lunch...

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 14th page 4 of 7 cont. from Jun 13th]
at a very fine restaurant at which was decided we would take in the Hippodrome. On walking up Broadway our attention was drawn to two suffragettes, who were giving a speech on the corner. Our curiosity was very much aroused and on coming closer found them to be Claire Murphey and Lena Martin [*this*

in the way of experience and happiness. In this book her baby hood began telling of her beginnings, and so why not also write in it. What that baby grew into thru the experience of the years.

1937

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the June 11th page; page 1 of 7.

The year 1937 is calculated based on Lena Martin having just retired after 20 years of teaching. Assuming she started teaching at 18 years old that would make the earliest possible year 1937. She is listed as 14 years old when she graduated Oakland Grammar School in 1914 (see June 11, 1914 and June 13, 1937 entries).]

“Time flies” – so the old adage goes and I’m beginning to believe every word of it. If any one had told me twenty some years ago when I graduated from the Oakland Grammar School that I’d be living here at the seashore in the same old cottage keeping house for only myself, I would never have believed them.

It seems only yesterday

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1937 [LENA MARTIN]

[Entry recorded on June 12th page 2 of 7 continued from June 11th]

It seems only yesterday since we were all together. I would not be thinking of such things only not feeling in good health I went to visit an old school mate of mine Hazel Ryerson who was married and lived on a large ranch in Arizona. They lived very comfortable and probably could have done more so if they had

Archie’s hearing was not more improved from Dr. Wilson’s treatments. We spent a pleasant evening with them and the [they] left at Nine o'clock for the night train that would bear Arch away from our home after his Second visit.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1900 [LOUISE]

The Doctor came again today as usual. He is much worried about Wilbur. he is afraid of pneumonia. He ordered me to put him in another prepared flax seed meal poultice pack for eight hours then place him in oiled silk lined with cotton batten, dear little fellow is so good and patient that Mother often shakes her head and says “I tell you that boy is too good to live” and I so often feel when I look in his quiet saintly little face that he is more Divine than human And I feel sure if he lives to enter manhood his life and love will make many a dark path bright and many a heavy heart light. Papa and I went out this evening to buy the oiled silk. It seemed so good and refreshing to get out doors for a few minutes and breathe the clear cold air And then it is always a pleasure to walk with “Papa”.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1900 [LOUISE]

We are having such warm weather again that it does not seem like Winter at all. As yet we have had no snow at all and only a few right cold days. Papa did not intend to come home tonight to dinner but changed his mind and came Ina here as usual, but went away right after dinner She took hold and helped me for a change. She is such a strange girl. We do not care very much for her with the exception of Wilbur he loves her dearly and always seems to remember the days she took care of him. Papa staid up with the babies to night, poor man I hate to have him do it as he has enough burdens to bear with out helping me carry mine but it is awfully sweet to get into bed once in awhile and not have to get up and up and up until when morning dawns one feels they would rather be dead than alive. But it will not always last.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1900 [LOUISE]

The day looked bright and clear this morning when papa left the house. As the girls did not intend to come home tonight Grandma planned to take dinner with us, but a storm of rain and snow came on this afternoon. So all came home and took dinner with us. Wet as rats it will be a wonder if no one takes cold from this sudden change. Mrs Buck ironed all the morning, poor Mrs Buck with her sad story I feel so so sorry for her and I trust and pray no such cloud will ever cross our happy home life. The Doctor came for the last time this morning says the little ones are all better but to continue the Cod Liver Oil until Summer. Mr Rissel was in and fixed the door knobs and bells there is always something to be repaired.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1900 [LOUISE]

It cleared this morning but storm came [came] on again this afternoon. Ella did not go to work today She is dissatisfied with her place and anxious to make a change. I hope she will be more successful and at last get settled in a pleasant place. Grandma has now got the cold that is going the rounds. Florence is not every well and sticks to Grandma as close as sticking plaster. It is very amusing to see her back up to Mother with her big rag doll and say "wock" wock", when perhaps mother has one or both of the others on her lap at the time. There are many very amusing scenes in our home just now and when I look down the future I wonder what it holds in store for Husband, the little ones and I. What ever it is, We shall know it is His will that it should come whether it be sunshine or sorrow and it is to discipline us for the Life Here After.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1900 [LOUISE]

All the hustle and busy work of Saturday done by noon the little girls came this morning and helped take care of the babies. They are fondest of Ruth because they say "she is like a real live doll so little and full of fun she stands on her feet and today she

Master with her and felt the blessed experience of the Holy Spirit together. Then Mrs Arthur my dear sweet "Mecca" that I have denied my joy of doing to see for a long, long time, because she does not need me so great is [as?] the love and attention ...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1914 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the February 10th page; Page 3 of 4]

given her by her delightful daughter Mrs Lockwood. There for two years I have wanted to take Dot and drive to Wortendyk [Wortendyke, NJ] and see Blind Joes' baby and return the borrowed books of Andrews we have had for three years. I'd better stop right here for these "want to do's" would fill page after page and I would be off ever so far from Writing Wilbur's experience, but I will stop now, before the fire goes out and clean and press his blue serge suit so he can go to Paterson tomorrow to the Industrial Exposition he needs to be cleaned and pressed every time he moves for truly to keep him looking decent keeps one person busy. I really think that one reason he liked it ...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1914 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the Feb 16th page; Page 4 of 4 page entry]

on the Schooner. He could sleep with his clothes on and go dirty which he does not particularly

1926

APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1926 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the top of the August 12th page]

Florence graduated from her course of training at Bellevue Hospital just a year ago today. The year has held much for her,

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [UNKNOWN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 26th page 10 of 10 from Jun 11th]

That permit us to drink of this cup.

Then farewell to our school and farewell to the friends.

Who have lighted our pathway with love;

though today we must part, yet our prayers will ascend.

That our school be united above.

End

OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1914 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the February 7th page; Page 1 of 4]

Wilbur once asked me that he might have this Diary The thought that I should write his experience, as it may be the greatest in his whole life, of the last two months comes to my conscience over and over again, then that cruel master of mine which I some times think is the every "evil one" himself tells me my house is in disorder, my mending baskets full and how dare I sit down and write the thing I love to do most of anything in the world next to read, then to sew, but so many duties come before these pleasures, that I feel I am a slave to circumstances. Now my heart tells me that the most pleasing thing I could do this beautiful, beautiful autumn morning

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1914 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the February 8th page; Page 2 of 4]

is to go and see Mrs Vernam who is ill and needs my coming and going to break the monotony of her long hours. That Mrs Garrison next door, to her lies at the point of death that I should call there to show her that someone has a loving thought for her before she passes thru the gates which are already ajar for her entrances to the life unknown next comes Mrs Van Blarcome or maybe she comes first of all Because we have labored for the

began rocking herself back and forwards keeping time to the rock-a-bye Grandma was signing to Floss. I weighed her this morning and she pulled Grandma's old Steelyards down to Twelve pounds. Papa came home at Four oclock it seemed so long waiting for him. Had a light lunch and spent the evening reading and planning about selecting a country home We feel blue when we think about moving out of the city but we feel it is our duty to our little one's May our Heavenly Father guide our steps in this matter.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a dismal, dreary Sunday Stormy and melancholy, partly rain, partly snow. The girls went to Dr Simpsons to church this morning. Papa has not been out of the house, he intended to go to Montclair N.J. to Mr Boyds to hear their Minister but the weather prevented and he went bed at Seven, Thirty, worn out from being up with the twins last night I have written several letters and papa has read some aloud to me this afternoon Florence has been uneasy and full of mischief all day This morning she amused herself by pulling the paper off the wall in the Dining room until she was discovered. I gave her the pudding pan to scrape and the next time I looked around she had it on her head for a hat with her hair full of rice and the milk running down her neck

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1900 [LOUISE]

Mother spent a very restless night with Florence after breakfast as I was bathing her I discovered her ear was running poor little thing has been suffering with ear ache and we didn't know it how still the dear little thing held for me to syringe it with hot water and borax. Grandma took her out for a ride in her carriage as it was quite warm and she took the new Christmas doll with her She considered it a great treat and Grandma wheeled her from one end of Hoboken to the other while she slept with her head on the doll. I bought three new ferns to put

with those I had and last Saturday "papa" brought me a new china Fern Dish. Now I hope to get them set soon. We put in two Tons of Coal Saturday, and hope it will be the last while we live in this house.

Spent the evening in reading and writing and visiting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1900 [LOUISE]

"Papa" did not feel well this morning and this evening he came home completely played out I gave him a good hot lemonade and Jamacia ginger, covered him warm, and pray the morning will find him better. He received a letter from papa they are all well. I feel a little edgeways at them I do not believe they care as much about seeing our little ones as they care about the trouble they would make and I think Ruth an extremely selfish girl or she would have made some little thing for Florences Christening if it was no more than a doll dress and I am very glad we did not remember her either. Grandma took Florence out her ear still bothers her. Grandma has taught Wilbur to make a queer little noise with his mouth as she pats it with her fingers Ruth is trying to stand alone.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a warm and beautiful day more like Spring than Winter Mother took Florence out for a long ride in her carriage And brought us some Charlotte Ruse for lunch. Ina came as usual "Papa" met Mr Boyd on an early boat and went with him to buy a box of Oranges "Papa" feels much better this morning I am so glad as I was much worried about him last night. Three funerals passed today they always give me the blues and so many of them pass here as this is not a very healthy city and we have often said if we get away without any deaths or lasting germs of disease we can be truly thankful. As I was sweeping the Area this morning I swept a dirty chamois bag on the dust

to go to higher schools.
Mr. Sage whoese our teacher
We'll always keep in mind
And prove to him by future work
hor [how?] thorough was his grind
Oakland shall be proud of us
in all the work we do
And if not presidents
We'll still be always true
So give three cheers for Oakland
And also Mr. Sage,
And bear in mind to do your best
wherever you are staged.

End.

Ludo Wilkins.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [UNKNOWN]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 25th page 9 of 10 from Jun 11th]
The Graduating Class of Oakland Grammar School.

The graduates Farewell

-I-

How sad with the sunshine that gladness this scene,
Come the thoughts that today we must part;
The the bond which effections has ever kept green
must be severd today in the heart;
That we meet in this home of our childhood no more
As we lovingly me to the last;
That we never again on this time - bounded shore,
May unite in the songs of the past!

-II-

But fondly our thoughts will return to the spot
on the wings of remembrance bone up;
And our hearts shall rejoice, while we check the lot.

With our best wishes to our teachers and those who follow, we bid you farewell.

End. Irving Bush

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [LUDO WILKENS]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 23rd page 7 of 10 from Jun 11th]

Graduation class of Oakland Grammar School:

In years to come we'll all look back,
 To this our graduating day.
We'll think of Claire all full of fun,
 And Irving tall and wise,
of Arthur how he cracks the jokes,
 with Hazel by his side.
And Elizabeth the queen of all;
 so gentle and so good,
And quiet little Lena there,
 and Christine so demure,
Nor will we e'er forget,
 The gentile, charming Ruth.
About them all some towering, Mr Sage our teacher, friend,
companion,
 In those good old days.

The End of Part One

But now we're in the present
 Awaking from our dreams,
We're awaking from our child hood
 to walk the paths of life
playtime is departing
 And now begins the strife ...

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [LUDO WILKENS]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 24th page 8 of 10 from Jun 11th]

Our grammar school we're leaving
 to learn the higher rules
the boys and girls are parting

pan Just as I was about to put it into the fire I discovered a gold ring containing three stones

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a dismal foggy day. I got up with such a depressed feeling that "papa" ate breakfast with mother so I could have an extra nap as I was awake most allnight with the twins. Mr. Ludum called on Mother and the Baptist Minister on us all. We are reading the story in the evening "The Lady of the Lilacs a trashy thing still we have made up our minds to read it though. Neither of us care for such literature. We are already thinking and planing what book to purchase for the children as we mean to take great care as to what they read for we believe that we are all influenced by the books we read. Our prayers are that the "Book of Books will be the dearest and best to our children and that they will take it for the guide of their lives.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1900 [LOUISE]

I feel so badly. I was much afraid in the night that I was going to have diptheria my throat is so awfully sore and painful. "Papa" took breakfast with Mother and I have done nothing but dump and dump around all day. Papa is taking all of the night care of the babies. It comes pretty hard on him but he does it bravely Strange scenes are the many that came up in married life And it is just such times as these that list the depth of love we have for each other. Oh, I shall be so glad to feel strong and well again, I am so afraid this extra strain will be too much for papa. Mother helped me through the whole day or I do not know what I should have done.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900 [LOUISE]

I felt so much worse this morning that "papa" insisted on my calling in the Doctor he left me two perscriptions and told me if I did not keep quiet I would take a ride in the black coach I have tonsilitis and am run down. "Papa" sent Mrs Buck in to do the

work and I gave up and went to bed. The more of the medicine I took the worse I felt until I became frightened fearful lest the Doctor gave me the wrong medicine. Papa had to go up town on business and it seemed to me the hours would never roll by and he come home He brought me a lovely bunch of flowers. It was sweet and kind and thoughtful when he has so much on his hands and on his pocket book too.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1900 [LOUISE]

It was such a nice bright day all the day long today. Mother and the girls went to Newark to visit their Cousins Ini came just as we were eating supper and Joe and Rosetta came just as we went up stairs for the evening we are always glad to see them and see them tread the same beautiful path that newly married people all trod. "The same Sweet Story over and over again." So full of Love, Life, and Hope. So much to live for the world suddenly becoming So beautiful and everything infused with new life. The doctor came again today I do not feel much better but I am not frightened any more. Florence's ears still run I am much worried about them for fear something may injure her hearing.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1900 [LOUISE]

Nasty and rainy this morning the Doctor came for the last time I am feeling much better he tries to make me feel worse than I do but I guess he has his match this time. Florence has a new trick it is what we call the "Bear Dance" every morning when her father gets up from the breakfast table she takes her dress in her two hands and begins.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1900 [LOUISE]

Nice and pleasant all day Mrs Buck came and did the washing. Ina here as usual she helped me do the dishes a very unusual thing.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1914 [ARTHUR ALDROWS]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 21st page 4 of 10 from Jun 11th]
this token of his love to the owner of all his kindness to himself and his family.

End. Arthur Aldrows

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [IRVING BUSH]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 22nd page 5 of 10 from Jun 11th]
Graduating Class of Oakland Grammar School

Valedictory

With a sense of proudness which can only be experienced by coming out victorious through earnest, faithfulness, and hope toil, we leave you to step forward to a more advance stage of our worldly battle.

We look back upon our word with feelings of gladness and gratitude that we have done so well; sorrowing that we might have done better in our life we will not be profited by the number of years we have spent but what we have accomplished at school.

It is our earnest wish that our fellow playmates the seventh grade which are ...

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [IRVING BUSH]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 22nd page 6 of 10 from Jun 11th]
following our footsteps may proffit by our example: shuning all school evils, and adhering to the rights.

We thank you dear teachers for your kind instructions and many kind deeds you have tendered to us. Thinking be present in our memory.

They have always been a very clean, sensible, tended to their own business, did not neglect their duties and consequently progressed in life.

I wonder if Mr Seventh Grade and his family who are about to rent the apartment will be as honorable, respectful and successful as the former tenants. I am afraid not from reports Mr Seventh's family contain many children who are not very obedient and are rather careless in many things. But perhaps when they hear how Mr. Eighth's family due to their, obedience, neatness And perseverance, have succeeded

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1914 [ARTHUR ALDROWS]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 20th page 3 of 10 from Jun 11th]

in life they too will try to turn over a new leaf and follow the example of the former tenant a very good example, "Indeed I am sure".

Mr. Eighth I understand was very sorry to leave the apartment because he was so fond of the owner a highly respectable gentleman, loved by everyone. If the apartment were only larger and more expansive, He would not have thought of giving it up.

He claims he has a great deal to thank to thank the owner for, his excellent advise [*advice*], good examples, and the many delightful hours spent in listening to his perfect English and his topical events.

I came today to notify you that Mr Eighth vacates within the hour and bids me tell Mr. Seventh he may take possession as soon as he pleases. Mr. Eighth also requested me to

We spent the evening in reading and planing about moving We are so unsettled and so anxiously waiting for a permanent location so we can buy a home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning is nasty and stormy but as Mrs Buck came to work today I planed to go to Siegel Cooper's to take an Embroidery Lesson that I have long had tickets for. I left the house with papa so as to be there early. I was much disappointed to learn when I got there that the lessons had been discontinued. So I went to Hearn's and got the fringe and cord to have the old arm chair ready for the Upholster. I came home by the way of the Christopher Street Ferrie and walked up Washington Street to do my marketing Papa brought home an armful of books which he bought in an Auction Among them Tip Lewis, which we started to read tonight, One of Ruskins, and God, Home and Native Land.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1900 [LOUISE]

This weather has changed and is cold and cutting again this morning. The children all show signs of cold again Ruth cuts up such strange tricks in her crib stands on her feet and head making a perfect arch She keeps time to all music or noise and also with the motion of the iron when she sees it in use. Florence is improving in putting words together This morning she sit in the rocker a long time and sung Bye, Bye, bye, to her best doll and gave it such motherly glances that it was very amusing. Grandma took dinner with us as she did not expect the girls home but as it was so cold Ella did not go to school but came home So she had to take "pot luck" or what was left Papa and I spent the evening in reading.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1900 [LOUISE]

Nice and clear but cold. Papa came home this after noon just so we had the work all finished and Florence fixed up all fresh and

clean. The little girls were here this morning minding the babies. Mrs Coradino brought Florences Night Drawers all finished she is such a sweet good friend we all love her dearly. I mad [made] papa's favorite cake today It seemed so pleasant to have him home We finished the Story of Tip Lewis, by Pansy, We have enjoyed it much and it has been helpful indeed It makes Papa and I both long for the Sunday School work again. We also gave the book to Mrs Coradeino for little Charlie Papa's names sake We also ask God's blessing and light to follow it as they are catholics.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning was clear and beautiful papa took Florence out for a ride in her Go-Cart. At one oclock he started for Mr Boyds And at three it began a nasty drizzling rain. I have been a little unhappy to day over a few words that did not rejoice my heart but made me feel sad and hurt Not from papa nor from Mother but from some one I would do any thing for rather than wound. but the words cut deep and I have prayed all day for God to take away the sting. Mr Boyd wants papa to moove to Montclair but I do not feel I would like to live there. We had a chicken dinner as usual Papa cares more for a chicken dinner than any other. How much I have missed him this long dreary lonely after noon. What would I do or how could I ever live and be happy if any thing should happen to him. God take care of him and protect him and spare us both.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1900 [LOUISE]

"Papa" got home at Eleven last night all wet with presperation from walking two miles in a deep snow It snowed instead of rained at Montclair. He had a very pleasant time but has a heavy cold to pay for the bad trick the weather played on him. He brought home a box of Hope's Candy that always means a billious attack. Yesterday I began a plan of reading the bible through two chapters in the old testament and one in the new

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JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1914 [UNKNOWN]

[Entry recorded on the top of the June 11th page 1 of 10]

Graduating Class of:

Oakland Grammar School.

Members of Class:

Arthur Aldrons	age	15
Irving Bush	"	13
Ludo Wilken's	"	13
Christine Ross	"	14
Elizabeth Miller	"	14
Claire Murphy	"	15
Lena Martin	"	14
Hazel Ryerson	"	13
did not graduate → Marjorie Walton ←	"	16
Ruth Sheffield	"	14

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1914 [ARTHUR ALDROWS]

[Entry recorded on the Jun 19th page 2 of 10 from Jun 11th]

Graduating Class of Oakland Grammar school:

Salem

Have you heard the latest? The very latest, Mr. Eighth Grade and family are about to give up their comfortable quarters and move to High place.

Wilber took his violin lesson and Floss & Ruth went to school.
We all long for Summer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the March 23rd page]

Today I went down to the Post Office Rooms [Rooms?] and cleaned and built the fire the children came for their last sing. When I went down stairs the boys were bad so Mrs George said. I did not have Wilber take his lesson. I do not like Mrs George as a teacher

MARCH 24, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the Mar 24th page continued from Mar 23rd]

she does not seem to know how to interest the children. So I am glad to bring it to an end. Wilber came up home for the Violin for Namoi He made a quick trip indeed. A fire broke out at Mr. Stayles on the long hill that caused some excitement Chas and I seemed to enjoy the open fire again in an old fashioned way. He has been so awfully crabbed with the children lately that I felt quite hard and bitter toward him. He was quite encouraged by the straws that seemed pointing his way. Mr Lord and Mr Brendon were the "straws". I was glad to find my heart softer with him in his more patient humor and was quite happy when he came over on the couch and pillowed his head on my shoulder to enjoy the open fire.

every week day and ten on Sunday selecting a verse to commit each day. To day I took this one because I did not exactly understand it: "Give to him that asketh of Thee and to him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. At Five o'clock I received a note from Mrs Buck asking for a loan of Three Dollars. A strange incident

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1900 [LOUISE]

Oh! How cold this morning I went to the Ribbon Factory to get ribbon to finish Papas Xmas pillow Mother minded the little ones for me. The upholster came for the big chair We shall be glad to have that done. Papa came home from business feeling ill with a nasty cold. I hope it will not prove very stubborn. We took Florence from Grandma to night We expect to have a time with her. When the Upholster came I had to leave her for a few minutes Among some groceries on the table was a package of Uneeda biscuits when I returned she sit on the floor with the paper all torn off the package and the package opened and all of the biscuits in her lap, Grandma came in at the same time and heard Ruth choking A biscuit in each hand and her face and eyes full of crumbs.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning looked like storm but this after noon the weather is freezing cold again Florence rested quite [quite] well but it was awfully hard in the night the [that] once she cried for her "bot" and her grandma but papa and I both prayed for her hard all the while she was crying and every sob was a heart stab. Ina was here to day as usual. Mother and the girls went to Aunt Mary Barlows to dinner [editor's note: Mary Bollow is Elizabeth Cook's half-sister] and then to Dr Halderman's this evening Papa did not come home from business but took his dinner in the city and went to attend the Subject "The Devil in Heaven by Halderman I feel a little lonely this evening all alone with the wind howling and blowing the shutters, Ina went away right

after dinner and I kept Wilbur awake as long as he would keep his little eyes open. I found him good company but he would go to sleep.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1900 [LOUISE]

Joe and Rosetta came over to spend the evening. How sweet and lovely Rosetta looked in her pretty wedding dress and how proud Joe ought to be of her. Papa and I looked very bad as we are both sick with colds.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a very pleasant day. Papa was expecting Mr Boyd in to go to church with him Mrs. Boyd came too and after lunch as Mother and the girls insisted on staying with the babies

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning the weather is very bright but a high wind. Eressie left at One Thirty for her music lesson. she is indeed a smart girl and we have enjoyed her visit very much, but there is always such a delightful feeling of being alone with just our little home circle, after all company The little girls came and took Florence for a sleigh ride She had George Rissels sleigh and looked so comfortable all tucked in under her beautiful white fur robe which grandma gave her last winter Two girls pushed her and two pulled so it was a fine ride she had in the middle of the street it was so fine that she rebelled at coming in. We read Dave Harum this evening. I had such a fright. Ada was around to see the girls this evening. I paid for butter for Joe and Rosetta.

he knew she would be tired. I thought it very sweet of him And the three of them had kept house beautifully. We bot Wilber a new suit and all of them a box of candy

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1911 [LOUISE]

I went down this afternoon and warmed the room for the singing class. Mrs Roat and I had a lovely little visit Wilber took his lesson.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the March 16th page]

Today, I indeed had a pleasure I visited Jitilla Adams at 45 Gates St Montclair. Mrs Frost went to Montclair to visit Mrs Alby so I made it very nice and easy for me, but when I saw dear delicate Jitilla with such frail strength in her beautiful home with her two boys and plenty of servants, I was thankful and willing to be content with my ugly working hands and humble little cottage and four loving children As long as God will leave us all to each other and give us health and strength I am satisfied. The children went to school and I got home on the same train with Chas. So all around it was a great success And I feel something accomplished. Something to look back upon, A revival of girlish friendship.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1911 [LOUISE]

Chas came home at noon with his teeth taken off. Clear to the roots It gave us all horrors I shall be so glad when his dental work is finished and I trust he will have very much better heath A terrible storm came on about Six this evening. Chas was showing the furnished cottages to a Jersey City couple today.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1911 [LOUISE]

My! how the storm and wind raved and raged last night and today was been as bad a day as we have had all winter I was too ill to go down to the village and prepare for the singing class.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1911 [LOUISE]

Nasty windy and cold but I really got off to visit Mrs Arthur, had a very enjoyable time with her. Got back to Oakland just as the five clock train came in was delighted to see Chas as I only half expected him. He has had a lovely time and feeling much better. He had to go to a Board of Heath meeting, tonight had a roast chicken dinner all very happy.

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1911 [LOUISE]

Chas. is having his teeth fixed and is having the very "old ned" of a time

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1911 [LOUISE]

To day I hurried thru the work and got down to the village at 2. P.M. took Edith and Him [?] with me built the fire. About 30 children came for the vocal Music lesson. Wilber took his violin lesson I waited for Chas to come on the train enjoyed the walk up with him very much. Mr Page sent his carriage on and walked with us.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the March 11th page]

This was a keen crisp cold morning but 7.30 found us on the road to the Station Edith and I going to New York with father and Mrs McNomee going with us we went to Miss Fowlers lecture their after wards had our dinner with Mrs. McNomee. Purchased Singing Books for the J.C.E. then Mrs McNomee left us and we went with father to the Hippodrome. It was new and wonderful to both Edith and I as we had never seen it before. Father and the other children had. We got home in Oakland on the Nine oclock train and much to our surprise there was Wilber with the Express wagon a rug & a pillow to draw Edith home as

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1900 [LOUISE]

Such a perfect day over head but terrible sloppy under foot Mother took care of the twins while I took Floss and went out to market. We came very near getting run over by a runaway [runaway] horse and sleigh just missed us as we were crossing the street. I exchanged my slippers and went to see Mrs Buck about coming to wash but found her sick with neuralgia.

Papa came home sadly disappointed over crushed ambitious hopes in the office and how my heart ached for him more than he can ever know for I know there was a very much hurt spot in his heart. But I guess it is right, that you have to have a pull to get the best things in the business world And I believe God will send him the change at just the right time.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a beautiful day I was so much afraid that it might storm tomorrow that I washed the flannels Mother took Florence out for a ride and both the woman in the cracker store and in the light place thought she was mothers baby.

I am getting so behind in this Diary writing that I get discouraged with it Papa promised to help when we agreed to write it but I guess he cannot count a half dozen pages he has written. I wrote to Ruth inviting her to visit us before we move and offering to pay her car fare. I also wrote to Mrs Boyd inviting them here for dinner on Charles birthday. I want it to be a surprise for him. Mother and the girls always have taken dinner with us on that day and also Mr. & Mrs. Boyd and Alice last year so I thought it would please him to have them again this year as he is so fond of Mr Boyd. I hope it will be a success. Papa and I went to Mrs Bucks this evening to be sure to have her come tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1900 [LOUISE]

The weather was very uncertain this morning so Mrs Buck did not come and as Papa went to Montclair House hunting again I thought I would get the washing ready to hang out if the day should clear but just as I had things ready to scald the bell rang and the next thing I knew Matilda Breheme stood besides me and informed me she came to spend the day, for a minute I wished her some where else but not-with-standing we had rather a pleasant day. I gave her the Daisy Centerpiece which she had teased me for ever since I finished embroidering. Chas. came home at five oclock brought me some lovely fresh eggs from Mrs Boyd and a little dress pattern for Florence. We spent a very pleasant evening visiting and Tillie left about Nine oclock. Papa was at Cedar Grove this time and saw some houses he thought would do

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1900 [LOUISE]

The weather threatens storm again this morning this morning Mrs Buck came we had to dry many of the things in the house, The work is piled so high it seems I will never get through. Had a lovely note from Mrs Hartley also a postal from Cressie Eberle saying she would not be with us this week as expected. I washed all the windows and swept all the rooms and washed all of the floors Chas. came home tonight and said Joe and Rosetta would be here tomorrow Annie Bock was here with Mrs Pollocks little girl Edith about the age of Florence it was very amusing to watch the way Florence tried to play with her and when she went away how hard she cried for the baby and wanted to go bring her back I shall be glad when Wilbur and Ruth are large enough to play with her.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning was bright and clear the little girls came this morning and took Florence and the twins out to ride it seems like spring. I had the table linen to iron. Papa came home about

and I were very proud Florence has suffered terribly been unable to keep anything on her stomach.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1911 [LOUISE]

Had to get Miss Yeomans to come and stay with Florence while I went to Junior C.E. at Mrs Reysons imagine my surprise to have black Thomas tell me "Mr. Sheffield was eating his dinner at the hotel. I was indeed glad to have him get home but I was cross because he did not stay longer and get the benefit of the nice quiet he so much needed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1911 [LOUISE]

Boo! but it is cold this A.M. went to Mr. McNomees and bot the little violin of Earnech for Wilber, paid \$7.50 for it. He took his first lesson. Oh if he only knew how I hope he may be able to stick to it and comprehend his lesson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1911 [LOUISE]

Today I rushed and rushed and got down to the Post Office Building. got some Coal & wood from the Mooney house with Mrs Marions help got a fire and about 30 children came to sing all seemed interested the only mishap Roy Hopper fainted. Chas bro't some Oysters and Russel and Mrs Georges took supper with us then we had C.E. Prayer Meeting and she gave some training in singing the Hymns. To day was Florences' first trip out for a week as she has had a time with ear ache for over a week. Wilber took his second violin lesson I enjoyed the walk home in the moonlight with Charles I was very tired but very happy. I left the day counted.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the February 27th page.]

Like a Summer's day. invited old grandma Powell to go with me to Mrs. Arthurs tomorrow Edith went to school. I washed a couple of blankets.

Hymns and planned for a good time New Years. We started these little Sunday afternoon meetings and they have been so delightful and well attended that it has given us all as a family great delight I go to bed on Sunday so much more satisfied

1911

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1911 [LOUISE]

Chas left this morning to go to Warrentville Pa. to a Sanitarium which Mr Lord is selling had intended going up in Conn to look at some farms but Mr Lord said he would pay his expenses if he would go with him so he was glad of the excuse to go as he is not enthusiastic about the farm just now. Florence was taken with ear ache and sick to her Stomach and she was sick indeed It snowed a little I went down to school to announce tomorrows performance. Mrs. Wilkins met me at the school house and gave a talk on Boy Scouts Went to call on Nellie Hoppers sick mother. Miss Yeomans stayed with Florence while I was gone. Oh dear! Why did Flos get sick just now? I'll have to get Miss Yeomans to stay with her. Things always do go at sixes and sevens with me some how or other.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1911 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the lower half of the February 4th page]

Well I was glad to waken and listen to the awful down pour of rain. Florence was so bad with her ear I would not leave her so I telephoned to all the persons I could reach. Hazel Dee came in her Automobile, this afternoon it cleared up beautifully and Wilber & Ruth took Hazel up home. Wilber took his new order of groceries along he sold \$3.59 worth of goods of which both he

Sunday, February 25, 1900 [Louise]

three oclock and just as he got here Josie McShell and Ritta Lange came from Hope Church to see the girls and the baby's they stayed for Supper with mother and the girls. Joe and Rosetta came this evening we had a pleasant evening with the exception of Chas. & Joe arguing LAW. Rosetta is not feeling well, dear girl, how anxious I am that she will not have to travel the same road I did until after a reasonable length of time. Joe left the money for next weeks butter and paid for the other Just as they were getting ready to go home it began to rain.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning is quite stormy Ella went over to see Emma Clark and took home Rosettas skirt which she left here last night Louise went to see the flat in which one of her friends live She found it fine for the money paid and would like to get one like it. Mother took dinner with us. Papa teased me so he made me cry about going out to Mr Boyds a week from today. They are invited here for that time and it was to be a surprise to him, but after I made all sorts of excuses to him he said such mean things that mother told him to wait until Sunday and he would know why I did not want to go. Of course that was a dead give away for then it dawned upon him that would be his birthday.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1900 [LOUISE]

This was such a nice morning that I did quite a washing. Grandma took Florence out for a ride and brought her her usual "cakies" While they were out I cut out a little skirt for each of the babies and also each of them a dress and when mother came in she took care of the three [of] them while I made the two little skirts and this evening while papa read Romola I worked the button holes I am so anxious to get my summer sewing done and all out of the way before the hot weather I got a postal from Mrs Buck saying she could not wash for me this week and a letter from Tillie saying she would be over the last of this week I

answered it immediately and told her not to come until next week as I was to be so busy all of this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning was pleasant and as there were a good many sales in the city Mother took care of the little ones and I went to the city shopping. I got myself a new pair of shoes at Cammeyers. A new long table cloth at Hearn's. Gingham for kitchen aprons. also for Florence some little aprons also Eight little white dresses ready made for the twins Stuff to fix the Carriage Parasol And for papa's birthday a shoe blackening box from me two fine linen handkerchiefs from Wilbur. Two little white bowknot ties from Ruth and a big white silk one from Floss.

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1900 [LOUISE]

Oh! How hard I have worked all day getting ready for Papa's Birthday. Grandma and the girls went to New York to some picture gallery this evening and to see Auntie they found she had been very ill with the Grip. Papa and I went out to finish my marketing for tomorrow I also purchased each of the twins a pair of white Cassimere hose. Papa cleaned the silver for me while I got the Turkey ready to stuff and blackened the stove then we both took a bath and were so very tired that we were glad to get to bed. There were people here from Bloomfield to look at the house. I also finished my ironing and swept all of our rooms and washed all of the windows.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1900 [LOUISE]

To day is Papa's Twenty-Ninth Birthday and a most perfect one it has been both in weather Dinner, good nature and company. Mr & Mrs Boyd Alice & Dorathea, took dinner with us. They went home about three oclock and Mother and the girls went to

Wilber can do all the barn work now and I think he tries very hard to be a good helpful boy. We all went to the church to practice for the Christmas entertainment Florence & Wilber took the Pony to the Shop for new Sharp shoes with the sleigh Which was the first sleigh ride for this winter 1910.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1910[KITTY]

This is written by Kitty.

This morning Florence and I went to sunday school in the pony sleigh. It was snowing very hard and we almost froze. Ruth is at Mr. Boyd's with her father Florida New York. Wilbur is in the third grade and Ruth and Florence are in the fourth grade. I am in the eighth grade and dear little Edith is in first grade. I am going to stay all night with Florence to night and we are going to get ready for bed now.

[LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the Dec 11th page after Kitty's]
This after noon 17 of the neighbors came and we sang. Peter Van Blaceom announced the Hymns as he is the tallest boy next Sunday it is Leslie Marions turn to do so. The children have learned the first and Twenty Third Psalm. The first Sunday the attendance was 49 the second 53, the third 60 at Misses Duchess and Hayitt last Sunday 45 this Sunday 17 it snowed hard.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1910 [LOUISE]

How strange that in ten years time this space has not been written up. So as this is the last year of the Ten and we are to begin a new Diary I will write of this happy Christmas in the year 1910. All well and all home and all happy how much to be thankful for: A splendid Christmas at School at Sunday School and at home About Forty Juniors Came this afternoon and popped corn and ate apples and talked of Christmas and sang

Charles got a telegram from Mrs. Dodd saying Mrs Anderson was dead. So he went over on the 4:14 train this afternoon Mr & Mrs McNab called just as he was leaving. The Cow made such a fuss I went for Mr Ramsey to see to her. What a dry Summer and Autumn we have had many wells near here are dry completely, in some places.

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1910

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the June 27th page]

This day Wilber milked the goat his first milking he got a quart and a pint he will milk once a day now. We feel he is quite a help when he can do this he killed two chickens today also.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1910

Another year has passed Since this memorable time a year ago. When father went to Bermuda It indeed looked like a dark hard year ahead after he came back and we knew the Phenix [*Phoenix*] Insurance Company was in scandal and father would launch our in a new field for himself It has been far better than we expected and we are here in the same old place and not on the farm as we expected to be. I was up until midnight getting Ruths things mended and buttons on tight for her journey tomorrow. I take great pleasure in this treat for her and I am sure she will have a time she will never forget.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1910

Last night was the coldest night we have had this winter, and today the coldest day. So the Grocere [*Grocer*] Man and the butcher said. We were up this morning at five oclock to get Father and Ruth off to Mr Boyds. They have both been sick and we hope this little visit away from home will do them lots of good Ruth was very happy and very much surprised to go.

New York About five o'clock Ruth was taken with vomiting and was very sick all the evening and poor little Floss was so excited from the effects of company that she could not get to sleep. Ina came in the midst of dishwashing and crying babies I was quite surprised to have her take hold and help me out. She is now talking New York Hospital. I wonder if next year on this day we will see any changes and I wonder most of all where we will be living. I shall be very glad when this moving question is settled

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1900 [LOUISE]

It has been very bright and clear all day. Mother took Florence out for a ride on the Ave. Improved the bright clear weather by washing of a bed quilt and a crib quilt and several other things. Dora came to play with Florence. Ruth has been sick all day and wanting much care she has three teeth through and three more that you can see under the skin I suppose that is what is the matter with the dear little thing. I shall be so glad when these woes of Baby hood are a thing of the past. We were up nearly all night with first one then the other Our stockings came from McCurys today Six pair for each of us. We are both ready to go to bed early tonight. The girls are away tonight. Ella at school and Louise to Ragens to dinner So mother took dinner with us.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1900 [LOUISE]

It has rained hard all day but Tillie and Daisy Mitchel came at Eleven oclock and stayed until Four. We had a very pleasant time and the children behaved very well Wilbur only soiled three clean white dresses by throwing up all over them. Tillie brought Florence a ball and the twins each a rubber baby in a shoe. It was very cunning and we all enjoyed very much to see Daisy teach Florence the cake walk and see her hold up her little dress and back her golden curly head with her great big blue eyes fastened on Daisy in such delight and afterwards to see her point her fat chubby finger at Daisy and call her Dinah. Papa came home feeling badly with his heart. He is spending the

evening reading Banking Laws and I am trying to do some back writing in this book.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been another uneventful day. Grandma took Florence out for a ride Ina came to supper though I did not look for her. The best thing of the day was such a very nice letter from Mr Enyon to Charles in which he speaks of how restful it must be after the labor of the day to come home to the loved ones. I trust and pray that Mr. Enyon may some time have this pleasure in the fullest sense for we think him worthy of it. He also speaks of the thought comming to him of Jesus loving us in a measure as we love Him and of his spending Sunday with Arch Stevens.

This evening I finished a little white dress for the twins. Florence loves them so dearly and so often puts her little chubby hands out so cunning and says come, come. she now puts her two little fat hands together and says Now I lay me-seep - A-Men.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a beautiful Spring day. Mother and Louise went to New York Flat hunting I fixed my cape by putting new facings in it. Then at Two-oclock this after noon I took the three babies in the carriage out from two until four. Papa went this evening to a Bowling party of the Insurance Companys. Today while we were out Florence amused a crowd of children by feeding the babies out of her cracker bag every time I left her and went in the store. I got another dozen nursing bottles and more "hushers". I met Mrs Taxier and her mother while I was out. Papa received a long letter from Arch Stevens He has been trying Divine Healing again and has had to stand the gossip of that Country Village again. I received a letter from Fannie Bronson she has been very ill it seemed strange to hear from her again.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1910 [LOUISE]

Oh! but we are having hot weather we never minded the heat more in all our lives than we have this season I ironed and baked for the picnic tomorrow

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1910 [LOUISE]

Picnic over in West Oakland

AUGUST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1910 [FLORENCE]

[Entry recorded on the top of the April 12th page]

Edith Ruth and I went to the village. Mrs Forst and Mrs Stickles came from Poterson City. The horses neame [*name*] is Harry and we went to Mr romaines house with Dot and Harry. Mrs Forst brot the horse up to see if papa would buy him

Editorial comment from her mother, Louise - Florence should do better than this.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1910 [LOUISE]

It looked lowery, and sprinkled a bit but we went to the Sunday School Picnic just the same Ruth rode the Pony, and sprained her foot during the day.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1910 [LOUISE]

Charles miserable, Mr. Sheldon offended at Wilber.

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1910 [LOUISE]

Mr. Boyd was here to luncheon he and Charles went over the Powder Mill Property and put in a bid of \$27,000 for it.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1910 [LOUISE]

Mother went in to the City today Ruth & Wilber went to the Station with her. Florence says it seems awfully lonesome with grandma gone. Wilber went fishing his favorite pastime and caught eight fish. I worked in the garden and tried to pick up the house which is knee deep. We are waiting for Tomatoes, cucumbers and Corn from the garden The corn is just begging to tassel, the cucumbers and tomatoes to form. Ruth spent the afternoon with Lavinia practicing their Duet. Chas. is anxiously waiting to see if his proposition with Mr Hardy is going thro He does not feel every brisk these few days I wish he would be successful and then take a trip. Mrs V. drove up with little J-girl.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1910 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the July 19th page]

Poor Florence is having a hard time to shake the cough the measles have left her with They have hold harder on her than on the others.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1910 [LOUISE]

Yesterday C.H. staid home "Rob" Roy came on the 10 train Ruth went to meet him C.H. took him over Mr Ramseys Farm. Had luncheon with us then C.H took him for a tramp up the mountain side When they came back Wilber and Ruth went with him over Mr Pages Estate to the Candy and Ice Cream Store and had a great time he stuffed them with Ice Cream and loaded them with Candy until Floss said she was tired eating Candy. Mrs Walton got a bee in her bonnet and sent C.H. the craziest letter I ever read. Waited breakfast for Russel Lord who came up for last time last night Ruth spent the morning and part of the afternoon and took luncheon with Charlotte Johns. by invitation. Said she had Dandy Time Mr. "Nicknack" went passed [past].

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1900 [LOUISE]

Another beautiful day and dear little Floss has been out all day. Grandma took her shopping this afternoon and brought her a pair of rubbers Such dear little things to protect the dearest little feet it seems to me that every was covered with such things It does not seem possible that my baby Floss is big enough to wear rubbers. It seems like only yesterday that I was preparing for her coming and I used to put my fingers through the sleeves of the little slips and wonder if really and truly there was some day to be a dear little dimpled hand of my very own to come through the dainty edging of ribbon and lace. And now she is a real live thing that walks and talks, no longer a dream. And dear Lord, from the depth of my soul I pray Take care of her in all her ways

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a beautiful day This morning Florence and I went up to Washington st. to see papa off on the car to business. "I threw him kisses and waved him bye bye's until the car was out of sight then this afternoon while mama was washing in the Laundry I slipped away in the flat cellar and up the stone steps I went and opened the iron gate and around Park Ave. Cor. and up Eight St. I went to Bloomfield St. two block away as fast as my feet could carry me when a little girl stopped me and to all her questions I said, papa, papa, papa. Wasn't my mama frightened" - Naughty Floss. Mother went to Mrs. Ludums today at two o'clock. Cressie Eberle came about three. Papa took her to see "Away Down East" this evening. She brought me a Steel Engraving of her father I shall appreciate it much indeed He was such a grand good man. I waited until they came home and worked on my velvet waist.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning I answered an add which read like this A furnished room wanted suitable for man wife and one child

convenient to both ferries and this afternoon in the snow there came a gentleman and lady very nice appearance and have arranged to take the front room and little bed room. I closed the bargain and arranged to let them come next Saturday in our room until mother moves. And when papa came home tonight and I told him the news I was frightened nearly to death at what I had done as he looked on the dark side of it but after we talked the matter over he became more reconciled to it. The wash woman I sent the card to last night came today and a funny specimen of humanity she was indeed. and such funny things as she said.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning was nasty and dreary. Papa did not come home until eleven o'clock but went to Mrs Andersons and had such a full time they gave him such a dear little cherry rocker for Floss and nine beautiful books for the children in after years. The girls went to their lodger meeting and Chas. did not know it and put the chain on the door They came home at one o'clock and mother got up to let them in, fainted at the head of the stairs and fell the whole length of them knocking out one of her teeth and bruising herself badly Chas and I tried to get her in on our bed but she fainted dead away in our arms three times the girls went for Dr. Clauen he came immediately and was much worried about her Ella took care of her the rest of the night giving her medicine every five minutes.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1900 [CHARLES]

Mamma says I must write this day's events, and as it has been out of the usual order I think I ought not to object. Can you imagine Papa sitting at his desk and receiving a message to go to the telephone, that mama wanted to talk with him, Just think of it our little mother getting up prarck [?] enough to talk through a telephone. Well I was frightened for I thought she said our little Wilbur had gone from us to Heaven and I thanked our

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1910 [LOUISE]

Ruth took me down to the train and I went to Paterson shopping. Went to get a hat for the 3rd time and would rather have been flogged. Chas went down with Mr Hand in his Auto they had a blow out and had to telephone for a car to come and get them. Chas met me at noon and took me to the French Restaurant to dinner which I enjoyed very much. Spent \$30.⁰⁰

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1910 [LOUISE]

Every body was glad to see some rain if it was a down pour for only a few minutes it refreshed the dry earth. I made mother a wrapper today which seems to please her. Some times she seems so lonely it makes me sad.

C.H. and Mr Switzer took Mr Harding and his Party to the prospective Golf Ground, hired a big Auto in Paterson. C.H. left in high spirits came home a bit dampened but not discouraged. I do wish C.H. could put it thro for I know he needs a bit of a change which he will not take unless he freshens up his bank acct a bit. Our little chickens put out a week ago are doing fine Havent lost a single one yet.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1910 [LOUISE]

I felt like going up in the Mts today to visit Mrs Sanders but C.H. was to [too] done up from yesterday go to with me. And after dinner I had such a head ache I gave it up Mr. Roat called on C.H. Florence was out on the pouch today from the measles. She was glad to get out. Grandma has been making preparations all day to go to New York tomorrow. Such a change in the weather last week it was bliken hot and now it is cool enough for a coat when one sits out side. Mrs Vernon came up in her Automobile to introduce me to Mrs John's whom she is so found of. This even Edith fretted to take a walk and so I walked down to Mr Ramseys with her had a very pleasant little chat Saw Mr Ramseys little chicks

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1910 [LOUISE]

This is a measly Sunday Florence & Edith have the measles. At least Edith has them and we think Florence has them a day or two will tell the story. It is an unusually dry hot Summer. Mr Ramsey and Dr. Van Cado came to look at the new cows cut foot. We had an Incubator come off today 60 lovely little R.I. Reds out of about 100 eggs. Ruth & Wilber Chas. & I went to the river it was so terribly hot. Grandma stayed with the measles The Kosters went by in their Auto. stopped but I waited until they had started then went out and waved I do not feel I can look Mr Koster in the face since the tale Mrs Hoppie told of him. But for Mrs Koster I am indeed sorrowful sorry that she has suffered so much in so many ways

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1910 [LOUISE]

And still it did not rain even tho it looked like it and we need it so much even the garden is all drying up The sight out of our upstairs window is one that would thrill a landscape painter The chestnuts every where in bloom and the beautiful heavy dark green foliage of the Mountain looming up into the blue Summer Sky for a back ground And Mr. Ramsey's field with its cocks of stacked pale yellow Rye makes one wish it did not have to be altered but might ever remain so to delight the eye. A telephone message from Miss Winslow - 103 - 17th Ave Paterson N.J. to know if she could not get board with us I went up to see if Mrs Fox could take her and paid my milk bill of \$4.80. Mr Hand stopped for Chas. about Kosters house.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1910 [LOUISE]

Florence is not well but still she does not break out with the measles. Edith has truly had them but not as badly as Ruth and Wilber. She has been patient indeed

Heavenly Parents when I afterwards learned it was Gladys's our little cousin. I was to go to visit Mrs. Anderson this eve., so mama wanted me to know so I could go to the funeral. But after thinking well over the matter I decided to go and visit Mrs A. as I was expected, and our family was well represented, by Mama, Aunt Louise & Ella and Grandma. xxx Mrs. A. gave Florence a little bed and bedding one she used to play with when she was a little girl. Flos is to young now to know what it is. But what a good time she could have with years house [of use?] with it.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1900 [LOUISE]

It is really getting like spring today. Papa attended an auction today and bought an Axminister Carpet for the front room up stairs. he gave Nineteen Dollars for it. He saw so many pretty things he would like to have bought for the home How I hope he will be a rich man some day so he can buy all the pretty things he so much enjoys.

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been such a beautiful Sunday. This evening Mr & Mrs Kellogg took care of the little ones and papa and I went over to New York to see mother and the girls. The first thing to annoy us was: Ina came just as we began to dress to go. She bothered us quite a little. Then when we got to the Flat there was no one at home so we walked through Morningside Park as of old, (It contains one of the dearest shots of life - Where papa put the Diamond engagement ring on my finger, bearing the date June 18th 1897 - which was the ending of the season of "mere friendship" and the beginning of the Season of Affection.) To 110th St. and Amsterdam Ave we walked to 104th St and were debating as to whether we should go to church or Mrs. Ludlums

when Ella stepped up to us so we went to L—and how good mothers face looked to us.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1900 [LOUISE]

It seems to me I never worked so hard before in all my life as I have to day I washed the floors and wood work in the halls and stairs and fumigated the parlor with Sulphur finished sewing the red carpet into a rug. papa came home early and finished putting down the carpet in the front room and moved the Kelloggs up stairs. then we took a bath and went to bed but were too tired to rest well. Flossie has been so very cross all day and I have had such a time with her that she nearly tried the patience out of me.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning was bright and beautiful but the wind came up so this after noon it was not so pleasant. Birdie went to Sunday School. Flossie sent a nickle and said so sweetly “for Jesus.” I had the three little things here in our room on the carpet and as they were lying and playing in the sunshine, great deep thoughts and feelings passed through my mind and heart. Papa has worked hard all day getting things to rights and tonight he is played out. My right eye began paining me yesterday and kept up all night so I had a very broken night’s rest and has been very painful all day. Oh! how thankful we are to be back in our own pretty room. And tonight there is such a great hungry longing to lay my head on the Saviors’ breast and rest how sweet it is to know that all that comes from Him is sweet kindness.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1900 [LOUISE]

This was such a beautiful morning that when Flossie and I went to the door with papa he said put on her coat and bonnet and let her play in the warm sunshine on the parlor porch. I did so and did not think of the window being up in our bed room. Well, to make a long story short, my darlin baby fell to the ground from

up to Mr. Kosters working on the ram And I was down at the river with the children

JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1910

A beautiful Sabbath Day but hot and dry. Mr Kirkham walked up for eggs today and engaged milk also So that maks a good beginning for the new cow.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1910 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom half of the July 4th page]

The most quiet 4th of July we have ever had. This evening we were invited up to Mr Kosters for Ice Cream. But the Kosters are in such a sad plight one does not feel very much like Merry making.

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1910 [LOUISE]

Well the Kosters got off today and I was glad to have them get out of the valley before anything tragical happened Mrs. Hoppie came down and said they were carrying on so that she could not stand it

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1910 [LOUISE]

Mr. Koster and Charlie came today about noon and took the dog away I had to meet him this evening as he was leaving but I would rather have been flogged. Chas & I walked up to see the house was alright for Mrs Lord tomorrow

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1910 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the bottom of the July 9th page]

Chas went with Mr. Switzer to look a prospective Golf Ground over on Pompton plains. We hope C.H. will have the good luck to sell it.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1909 [CHARLES]

At sea, our party was assigned to one table consisting of Mr & Mrs Anderson, Mr & Mrs ___ both newly wedded couple my pardner & I but the ladies only took one meal with us so I was a stag party all hands sick including my pardner, but papa braved the sea again and I was not sick

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JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1910 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the January 22nd page w/o date written]

This is the first empty space I find in this dear old book started Ten years ago I am going to work and write all the empty spaces full and then we will call the child hood of these Three children who are written of in this book ten years ago finished and the new book which we will begin in the year 1911 We will call the book of Their Boy hood and Girl hood and they will help to write it.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1910 [LOUISE]

They are fast changing Ruth is half a head taller than Florence Ruth has been such a good girl that I am terribly grieved to see her growing cranky.

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1910 [LOUISE]

Charles bot a cow of Mrs Fox, gave her \$60.⁰⁰ for it The cow jumped over the fence and cut her foot terribly while C.H. was

that window and I picked her up for dead carried her to the Doctors in my arms but she walked all the way back and chatted to me as though nothing ever had happened. It seemed to me I never loved her half so much before, How I dreaded telling papa. And how I prayed with thankfulness for God's protecting care over her. She is surely passing through dangers waters as she climbs to the top of every piece of furniture we possess. I received a letter from Cressie Eberle saying she and Jelilla Adams would be here tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1900 [LOUISE]

It has rained all day and while I did not expect them in the rain I prepared for them and was disappointed because they did not come Papa put the parlor carpet down last night. And tonight as we were making up our minds to take Mother's butter to her Ada Stanley came for it. So we were only too glad to stay at home and enjoy a few sweet hours rest. The first evening free from hard work since Mar. 15th over a month ago. The streets are ablaze with light and the air is filled with music of several German bands of music. As it is Election night in the city. Wilbur, Ruth and Florence all have colds and are as cross as cross can be. Ruth has six teeth with two more most through. Wilbur does not try to use his feet yet and Ruth walks around by things Floss shows no bad effects from her fall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1900 [LOUISE AND CHARLES]

I was up bright and early so papa could get off early on his first outing alone with this daughter Florence. Didn't she look sweet and pretty in her new coat and bonnet, and didn't she feel important as she started for the car holding her Father's hand and saying "Goin bye, bye, papa. xxx Mamma says I must write the rest of our days outing but as Flo's was so good all the way I am afraid I shall have little to write. In the ferry house however she was much surprised to hear the music from a weighing machine - she weighed 28½ lbs, we went to mother in the

eighth Ave car, a very long ride for a little girl, but she enjoyed it. After arriving at Mother's Floss was much surprised to find all the furniture & things that was so familiar to her. We then went on Morningside Ave to meet Aunt Louise & Ella who was at church. After dinner we went to S. School where Floss met her cousin Jessie, and attended Sunday school for the first time receiving her 1st card & paper.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a lovely day. Grandma was to have been here today but she did not come and I was so disappointed I could scarcely keep from crying when Papa came home and she was not here. I had such a nice chicken dinner and strawberry Ice Cream. I did not enjoy the dinner much but was very sorry when Ada Stanley came just as we were getting ready to go over and see what the trouble was and said Mother was sick in bed with grip. So we went just the same. Birdie came to stay all night with the children. We stayed until after Louise came from church which was about Ten o'clock. Mother promised to come over next.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1900 [LOUISE]

How I am losing ground in Diary writing. Papa took Florence to Brooklyn to see Mrs Anderson. She had a fine time and came home loaded with gifts. She also took up a collection on the boat and brought home 37¢ which which different gentlemen gave her. I was very lonely all the afternoon. Wrote two letters one to Mrs Edwards and one to Cousin Sue. Kept the little twins in the yard a long time. How Ruth laughed and played but Wilbur looked at her with such grave dignity one would have thought she would have been more quiet but no she made noise enough to attract the attention of all who passed. I thought Floss would be tired out but no she was ready to pull down every thing she could reach. How proud Papa is of her sweet face.

stop and see the "Devels Hole" the little old man in charge look just like the devel too, in the hold we saw thousands of fish of various kinds. The islands of Bermuda is beautiful just imagine driving this Bannas field [*Banana field?*], palms and beautiful flowers. In the afternoon we visited the aquarium and saw six live devel fishes. I having a dip in the ocean from a row boat.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1909 [CHARLES]

Sunday A.M. my partner [*partner*] & I went to the British barracks saw the soldiers [*soldiers*] assemble and march into Church, we attended the services, after which we went to the green and heard the band play. Luncheon. then we took a row boat & went in hunt for shells & spec but was unsuccessful and had to buy some to bring home.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1909 [CHARLES]

Monday. It was planned to visit the reefs, but the weather would not permit, so we took another drive to the National Arch, and there found a few shells. Then drove to Admiral Cave, a grand sight it was. I wish all might visit this cave, or I had the power of describing it. we had to hurry home for lunch and had to pay another dollar for the carriage. After luncheon we drove again to the light house we went this time and through the public garden.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1909 [CHARLES]

This is the day we sail for home, having had a very enjoyable four days on the island. Bermuda is a beautiful place. I should love to be there in Mch or Apr when the lilies are in bloom fields & fields of them. Americans are now purchasing land and building houses here. I wish I could see it practicable [*practical?*] to live here where frost is unknown.

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1909 [CHARLES]

My three months leave absence from the office is nearing its close 15 days more, so I decided to spend 10 days in Bermuda, so this morning at 11 AM the S.S. Bermuda sailed with papa on it the sea trip I have ever taken. Mama went in N.Y. with me to do some shopping, she not come to the dock to see me off.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1909 [CHARLES]

At Sea. nearly all hands are sea-sick I was very proud in being able to weather the trip with out being sick. it is a very rough sea - a gentleman on board says this is the 62 time he has crossed the ocean and this is the first time he was ever sick. Nothing to do on board ship but walk the deck, eat & sleep if you can three times in the night I thought all the crockery on board ship was broken and such a tossing we did get.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1909 [CHARLES]

4 AM I came up on deck to see the lights of Bermuda come into sight Oh how she did pitch and the spray was so you could not poke your head out. breakfast and then on deck again to see us entering the beautiful harbor--- had to anchor and wait for the tide, paper went a shore on a tender so got a head of the crowd went to the Hamilton Hotel and there met a fellow voiger [voyager] a Frenchman & he turned out to be my roommate on board ship coming home so together we saw Bermuda

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1909 [CHARLES]

Saturday A.M. at breakfast my pardner [partner] does not appear. I have promised to meet him at table. The carriages are waiting to takes us to St George & I have to go up to his room and wake him We finally get started in the last carriage, with us is a newly wedded couple Mr & Mrs Anderson of Rochester. We

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1900 [LOUISE]

Grandma came today and wasn't we glad to see her We had the Ice Cream all frozen before she came The little ones enjoy her rocking them a great deal. Grandma and I went to the Ferry to meet papa. Ernest Christman came to dinner we had to wait until Seven oclock for him. He stayed until nearly eleven. Grandma stayed all night much to the pleasure of us all.

MAY

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1900 [LOUISE]

Mrs. Brunton took Floss to meet grandma at the place where they sign their Pension papers She was so over joyed at seeing her grandma that she burst into tears. Grandma took her to have some small little photos of herself.

And grandma took our Golden Head, our Mischief, Our Little Sweet heart, our every thing, home with her to stay a week. Will we let her stay a week?

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a most beautiful day Papa had promised to go with Mr. Rissel to look at a house in the country the idea struck him that I might go too and take the twins. So we left here at One oclock and started by trolley for Franklin We had a most delightful time and found the house to be one that would make the ideal home. The children Itoona, George, Ruth and Wilbur enjoyed the large Lawn rolling and tumbling around We got home a little after seven in the evening completely tired out. We left a chicken in the oven expecting to be back by Three o'clock We found it had turned into bone and we were starving hungry. Mr. & Mrs. Kellogg and Roy were also away at Fort Lee all day.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1900 [LOUISE]

It seemed as if the morning would never pass and grandma and the girls get here with Floss but they did come and the sweet smiles beautify home once more and the music of the little prattle rings joyously again on our ears. She ran for the New Doll carriage Birdie got for her while she was away there for the little bureau that Dora & Rosa brought her It seemed we had so many new surprises for her. She so longed to get in the dirt to play and dig that even though it was Sunday after noon She had to have off the little lace dress and get in her old blue over-alls such a picture as she makes Ina come, and Mr. & Mrs. Kellogg also came out in the yard So all together we had quite a reception party.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1900 [LOUISE]

Oh what a rainy weather it has just poured all day. Birdie has tooth ache and a very big face papa came home soaked through and through, He did picking up in the cellar & Laundry I see I am writing for Sunday what I should write for Saturday. I think I am so sleepy I shall soon have to give up. Aunt Lou went home right after dinner Papa took Floss out for a ride while I did up the dinner work as I had to let Birdie go home soon after break fast she is having such a time with tooth ache. About four oclock I had the work finished and the twins dressed to go out, So papa took them and I took Floss and we started for a nice long walk when we got to Fourteenth St it began to rain and as we had no place for shelter we had to walk back in the rain.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 1900 [LOUISE]

We are having such queer weather just like April. I washed flannels, curtains, and things to lay away all day long and when I changed my dress at half after five, It seemed I never was so tired before in all my life and I prayed for God to rest me and give me a happy face instead of a long one before papa got home and when he came at six and I had the dinner all ready to put on

many terrible things. We liked the Model of the Half Moon very much as there had been so much about it in school lately, and more moving pictures to the delight of the children especially the Irish Calvary Horseback Riding. We came home a very tired lot and Joseph had the house in good order

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1909 [LOUISE]

All day long I have been packing the satchel and trunk of the two go aways. Wilber is going to Aunt Ruths to school and Charles is going to look for a farm. I hope both will prove a succes Wilbers farewell was quite pathetic as he bid fare well to his acustomed haunts and friends I pray God to go with him and help him to wake up along learnings path. Oh motherhood! You hold many strange sensations in your course thru this vale of life. Many indeed are your different draughts.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1909 [LOUISE]

I had promised the girls all week if I were able Id take them to New York today to see a part of the Hudson Fulton Celebration. So we were up at Five o clock and the day was so fair and clear I could not say no Charles and Wilber are away Charles looking for a farm and Wilber at Aunt Ruths to school. First we went up to 122 West 139st to see Aunt Lou and Little Helen. We found them in three dark little rooms but Aunt Lou very bright and happy in spirit with a boarder We stayed about two hours with her then went down town to see the Performing Ponies but they had gone so we went to Kieths and Proctors and spent the afternoon there. The girls all declared they had the best time they ever had

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1909 [LOUISE]

Charles put in his last day at the Office today now I wonder what fate has for us down her hidden path. He can go back to the Office as his resignation was not accepted but he was given a three months leave of absence. Again my heart sends up a prayer for Gods guidance and I also pray for trust in him that what ever change comes it will be for our good. Truly after his life of city confruery [?] he deserves three months vacation and I pray it will much improve the present trend of his mind and physical condition of his body

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1909 [LOUISE]

Today we took the children to New York City to do and go just where they pleased. First we took them to the Fourteenth Street Store and bought them all a pair of new shoes which we had sent home then we walked along 14th Street and went into a moving picture show. Edith was delighted with pretty pink lady they carried up the steps and put to bed and did not want to leave the place then we went on and took the 3rd Ave Elevator intending to go to Bronx Park Zoo, but there was such a crowd and jam we got off at 59th St. and went to Central Park instead and there with plenty of ice cream they enjoyed the birds, snakes and animals and particullary the little gray squirrels which were so tame that

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1909 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the Sep. 19th page continued from Sep. 18th]

Ruth succeeded in getting one to eat out of her hand. We had a nice dinner in the Park Restaurant and then started for home by way of 23rd St. When we passed Eden Musee Papa said we could go there too if we didnt mind getting back to Oakland after dark. So we went there and saw many beautiful things as well as

the table and he said he had invited Mr. Enyon to dinner and he would be here in an hour I thought I was overcome but I survived and we enjoyed his visit immensely. He stayed all night but left early in the morning. Florence was delighted to see him. He told us all about his visit in Westfield [?] Papa hung his sign tonight

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1900 [LOUISE]

How hard I have worked all day. I took down the Portrers and gave them a good beating and the lace curtains in our bed room I took down and washed and cleaned the room. Then I put up Seven quarts of rhubarb as I did not expect papa home. I let Birdie go at Four o'clock and gave her Fifty cents to have her tooth out with. Papa had to do business up town in New York, but he got home about half after seven. I stopped ironing and we went out and sit on the steps under the awning. Just as we got nicely seated Joe and Rosetta came but we are always delighted to see them, I thought out a little plan for the future today and while I thought papa would laugh at me it rather pleased him

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1900 [LOUISE]

What an unlucky morning all within in two hours Florence tore the shade from the window and exposed me while I was dressing to the street, was kissing little Ruth's bare feet when she changed her feelings and nearly bit her big toe off. Run a spoon down Wilbur's throat until she nearly strangled him, and then poured a bottle of ink around on the parlor carpet. Grandma came this morning I went to the Doctors with Wilbur he said come again in three weeks he thinks he will have to be circumcised. Birdie & I made Ice Cream. Aunt Ella came at five and too [took] Floss to meet Papa. Grandma and I went to the corner to meet papa with the twins. Mr Boyd was with him just walked with him while waiting for the train. Aunt Lou came at Six.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1900 [LOUISE]

Grandma went home at 1:30 I sit out in the yard with her all the morning sewing and after she went away I built a big coal fire and done my washing, canned Five quarts of Strawberries and finished last weeks ironing in the meantime Wilbur had to be changed twice and Florence burned her hand This afternoon she said "Candy, Candy, Please mamma dear, yes daling all ight, jus a minit." It sounded so sweet. Ruth got out of the crib some way this morning for I found her playing on the floor. Papa is at Mrs Andersons in Brooklyn tonight that is why I am writing to pass time away until he comes home which will be very soon now as it is nearly Ten oclock. Loaned Mr Rissel Five Dollars

JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1900 [LOUISE]

Well, is it possible our little Florence is two years old to day and I am preparing to give her a party tomorrow after noon we have it tomorrow so papa will be home tonight we went to the ferry to meet him and all got caught the rain Papa brought home a Five Pound of Candy for the party. God has spared the dear little life to us through three anxious spells of sickness and she is such a picture of health with her clubby little body, pink cheeks and such a head of tangled golden curls.

May His divine blessing rest on and influence her whole life and how earnestly I hope to see her live to noble young womanhood with Christ her guide and councilor.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1900 [LOUISE]

It had to Rain this after noon just as the children began to come to the party and how hard I worked all day making Ice cream, Lemonade, and sandwiches, then we had fruit of all kinds and strawberries. Cousin Libbie and Mary came and brought her a

Now how many years before it is clear. And what is the next on the program for us.

JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1909 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the top of the July 4th page]

We had a splendid Picnic with lots of fire works C.H. bought Ten Dollars worth and the Koster children brought About \$25.⁰⁰ worth So we sent out Invitations to the rest of the children to come and bring a basket luncheon and with the Jap lanterns and tables spread on the lawn we had a very pleasant time the guests were. Mr Rogers the minister, Mrs Fox Mr & Mrs Riker, Mrs Cook Ramsey & Lavinia, Helen Russel and Namoi Roat, Grace & Kittie, Olive Altha Mrs Granger Miss Peters Charlie Beatrice & Edith Koster and little black Thomas.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1909 [RUTH]

[Entry recorded on the top of the July 19th page]

I was glad when my mother said I could go to the city with her and whent with my Father and Mother We rode on the train and got off at Jersey City, And we rode on the ferry boat Papa was going to take us through the tunnel under the north river, which was open at 3 P.M. today.

We had dinner at a rest between 17 and 18 street and we rode on the Nightrain and came home on the five oclock train.

And Florence stead [stayed] at Kitty Ramsey house all day. But Wilbur stead [stayed] home and did the house work, and mama was delithted [delighted].

he is taken away from me I can turn to this and console my grief and remember some of the treatment I have received from him in the last few years. I have never seen him show any marked degree of affection for anything other than himself Not even the sweetest baby that ever the sun shone on is loved as other men love such babies, I hope ----

Mr. Beardsly came and took his horse out and told me he had purchased Hide Aways twin.

1909

APRIL

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1909 [RUTH]

Written by Ruth

In a few days I will be ten years old. We did not go to school to because it rain so hard we played in the barn and had a fine time. We went over to hideway farm with our little farm Wagon and to [two] big loads of hay and a little one Hazel and Kittie come to our house.

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1909 [LOUISE]

Today it has just rained a down pour. Cherries, Plums, and peaches are in blossom and yesterday & day before it snowed hard all day Today Mr Demorest and Mr Page came and the Deeds were given over and the Mortgages given for Yawpo.

Linen book and a Doll carriage Dora & Rosa and brought her a big ball and a fur monkey Minnie a kitchen set. Roy a Sea Shore outfit, Grandma a nice pair of shoes and stockings, Aunt Lou. Aunt Ella Georgie and Loonie, Birdie and her sister, Alina, Elsie and Heinie were the guests and all seemed to have a pleasant time and enjoy the supper Oh! but I was tired when it was all over with.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1900 [LOUISE]

A beautiful Lord's Day Birdie and Minnie took Florence to Sunday School to give her birthday offering which was Two Silver Dollars. Birdie was very delighted to take her. Birdie is such a dear good thoughtful girl I do not know what I would do with out her and such a quick little worker that we get a great deal of joy out of her services I am sure she will develop into a very noble woman. The little twins are doing nicely we are much worried about Wilbur he makes no effort what ever to use his feet sometimes I fear he is a little cripple Oh! What if he should be? What ever would I do. It does not seem I could stand it to know I had brought such a life in existence to suffer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a beautiful day I had my work all done up so as to spend all of the after noon with papa and we both enjoyed it much by reading Romola by Geo Eliot Mrs Stanley called she thought we had such a beautiful home for young people and only three years married.

Papa went in and helped Mr Rissel moove his furniture down stairs. This evening we went down Washington St and bought a new screen then read Romola.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1900 [LOUISE]

It is hard to find time to write on the Diary anymore as the warm weather advances they have to be kept out doors more

and more and all the little white dresses, pillow slips robes and carriage covers to be kept clean besides little white coats and bonnets. some times I think I am over come but the dear Lord gives me new strength and I get up and go on again. To day papa took Florence to see Mrs Anderson again and they gave her a new coat three dresses and three little guaneps She did such a cunning thing today. She was playing in the kitchen when we saw her close the door and all was silent We found her wiping up a very wet spot on the floor with a dish towel. Papa went to see a Baptist church this evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1900 [LOUISE]

Once more I will try to write a few words Papa is at church and mother has just left for home It must be about eight o clock. The "little ones" are all quite well and are now fast asleep in bed. We have enjoyed Grandma's visit ever so much, in fact her visits are the sweetest spots in my life just now, Mr Edd Field came from Plainfield New Jersey to visit us he came to dinner and stayed until Four oclock he brought me such a beautiful bouquet of roses And papa said he said so much about what a pleasant afternoon he spent the children were all every sweet and loveable all through his stay dear little Florence got her thumb jammed until it is just a purple little Juoff [?] in the kitchen door.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1900 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on June 30th page & finished on the Jun 29th page]
Charles came home this afternoon to help me look after the beds but just after he had changed his clothes we heard the Fire Engines going and saw the smoking coming up we thought in the vicinity of Mr Kosters on Bloomfield St. Charles left the house at once and did not return until Six oclock and there to make my blood freeze in my veins by telling me of the awful sight he had witnessed. The Piers are all burning down at Sixth St., and the Ocean Steamers William Kiezer, The Breme, The Saale was all on fire and a great many lives lost Charles stood by

NOVEMBER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1907 [LOUISE]

Oct 15" a/c Mrs. Lord by check	12 96
Nov 11" " "	10.05
Dec	9.60

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1907 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on November 11th continued from Nov 11th]

Dairy Supplies to

Live stock: two cows	\$115.—
Milk Bottles ½ gross	4.10
Freight	.80
Bottle carrier	1.15

Feed c/o week with Pules

Pd. by check dalu	274
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1907 [LOUISE]

Chas. went to visit Mr Boyd today. And I have never felt so bitter against him in all my life as I did yesterday and today I think with out any exception he is the most perfect piece of selfishness that could have ever been created. I write this so if

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1907 [LOUISE]

This has been a cold backward spring. The leaves on the maple trees are just bursting the apple trees are just in leaf and the cherries are in full bloom. It's a sad, dreary, melancholy spring time. I feel that burdens and cares of life more heavily than I ever felt them before. The children are a great deal of care they are just at the turning point of where I hope in another year or two the girls will be able to lighten the tasks of labor for me. Charles is not well this spring is tired all of the time he drives the Pony to the Village and Kenneth Stout takes care of him and has him at the Station to meet him. Tonight he was out to Dr. Hannithons to a Board of Health Meeting.

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1907 [LOUISE]

Today the papers were signed that is to make Yampo Cottage ours. I do not know of a single event in my whole life that has given me such Joy The dear little cottage with its porch overgrown with Honey suckle has always been very attractive to me and I trust someday I will see it all ours. I allow Seven Years of economy will make it all our own. Charles is not so delighted with it but looks upon it as a good investment Life has been so laborious for me it does not seem I could hold together for many more years as full of toil and hardship as the years of my married life have been very little pleasure and a great deal of pain

the river where they were bringing the dead bodies from the waters and carrying them away in everything conceivable from hard trucks to Express wagons He took me down after Supper to see the burning Mass. I never witnessed such a sight and never want to again xxx

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1900 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the June 29th page finishing the Jun 30th entry]
xxx It seemed to me as we stood there in the Park in the great crowd of people watching the Campbell Stores a blazing Hell with its dense smook and awful blaze that it must be the awfulest spectacle God ever looked down up on. We left Birdie alone at the house with the babies and as I became nervous I left Charles and came home about Nine oclock Joe and Rosetta came over to see it they said the Ferry Boats were loaded with spectators from way up town in New York. While Charles and I were there we saw them toe the Main out in the stream. It was such a sight it seems to me I never can get over the nervous shaking up this awful event has given me. Chas did not come home until very late everyone seemed fixed on the shop.

JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1900 [LOUISE]

Mother and the girls came over this morning, we were expecting them yesterday and also Aunt Ella Grear and Edith to stay over night. Charles and Mother and I went down to the park to look at the smoldering mass. Charles and the girls went up to Weekanpen [Weehawken] this evening to see the burning ships which have been toed up here then they took the boat and came down the river past the ruins. Mother is going to stay until Saturday then the girls are coming over to dinner after her. Is such a great treat to have her a little time

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1900 [LOUISE]

I went shopping this morning and bought me a new dress to make.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1900 [LOUISE]

A very pleasant Sunday papa went over to the city to Church This morning and evening Birdie went to Sunday School. I tried to read this evening but instead I went to bed early

MONDAY, JULY 9, 1900 [LOUISE]

I did the washing today and while I was in the back yard hanging up clothes Florence climbed through the laundry window from the front yard where she was playing in the sand with her overall's on into my rinsing tub full of clothes in the blurry water Birdie went out in the cellar and Florence said "Hello Birdie" I am taking a bath" and there she was washing the window and the wringer with the clean clothes and right on top of them shoes stockings and every thing wet to the skin. This is only one of her naughty tricks lately.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1900 [LOUISE]

As papa is away I will write another page I am sorry I have not kept a record of the past month as so much has transpired the Kelloggs left about a month ago and we have been enjoying the whole house to ourselves but to the inconvenience of our pocket book. I will try and recall a few dates and fill their pages. Received such a nice letter from Joe and Rossetta from Ocean Grove. A lady came to look at our top floor she would like it unfurnished. I finished my black skirt and did some sewing for the children. They are very cross these days I suppose it is teeth and hot weather.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1910 [LOUISE]

This has been a most beautiful day Charles went off with Mr Boyd to look a farms again he has the farm or moove fever

APRIL

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1907 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the April 28th page]

Wilber wants me to write in this book about how he went to the station and got his first Wheel Barrow, and it is his very own. I sent the money to Paterson N.J. by Mrs Fox to buy it. He was a very proud and happy boy as he wheeled it along the high way. The people he met all said whose Wheel Barrow little boy? and he said All my very own. And when I looked out of the window and saw him coming bare headed down the lane with his flaxen hair trying to curl around his ears all moist with persperation and his face all beaming with joy, I said in my heart little man I wish you might always be as beautiful and happy as you look to your mother now.

MAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1907 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the May 9th page]

Four years have passed and they are strong sturdy specimens of childhood. Ruth is a dear good thoughtful girl and is a real "little mother" to the baby Edith who loves her with all of her little heart and never has a cake or piece of candy but what she says for "Ruff" Ruth is also studious at her lessons and often writes letters to her grandpa. Wilber is not a bad boy and last year he was a very good worker. He gets up in the morning and goes to the brook or spring and gets the water for breakfast he is very dull at his lessons which makes me very sad indeed He does not pay attention when you are trying to teach him therefore it is a very hard task to even try to instruct him.

1907

MARCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1907 [LOUISE]

I have been at Hide Away all day with Mrs Marshal cleaning house. It has been a long hard cold winter. Neither Chas or I have been happy. We feel so much the responsibility of such a large family to educate, clothe and feed and most of all to discipline. Ruth has a Bull Dog Checkers by name which a Mrs Frost in the village gave her. We also have the little black Pony Dot I don't believe I have ever written before about him And the dear darling Edith who is so sweet and lovely Ruth went to school today and when she came home from school she told me such awful stuff that the boys had said to her that I was very much discouraged

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1907 [LOUISE]

Today we spent as our last in Mrs Haffles Boarding House We came Jan. 1st and left today for another Summer at Our Hide Away Farm. August Mrs Haffles man took up our belongings and Chas and the children rode up on the load Edith and I followed with the Pony I was so tired how much I wished that my girls were big enough to have supper all ready when I got there, but alas when I got in sight the grass every where was afire Chas had tried to burn off the flats and the wind had carried the blaze in all direction it was afire on Mrs Foxes, On Mr Pages and I was very much afraid Mr Wests barn would go. So tired and all as I was It was fight fire for two hours. I was afraid.

badly again. I do wish he would find a place and we would make the plunge and get a home of our own he did not get home until 12:30 P.M. I sewed hard until Four oclock then I let Birdie go home and she was no sooner gone then Joe and Rossetta came stayed to supper and all night as I did not look for Charles home and they were afraid to have me stay alone. Mrs Corideano mooved to Jersey City to day. Low [Now] the neighborhood is beginning to change. By the Westfield Paper I see the announcement of the death of Nell Horton Rimballs baby indeed my heart feels great sorrow for her. God has been more than good to Charles and I in sparing our little ones to us.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1900 [LOUISE]

This is such a beautiful morning Joe and Rosetta stayed until eleven oclock. We all sit out in the yard with the children and reviewed our past Three years and the time we met Three years ago last Fourth of July and went to Rockside Park about Five miles up the Hudson We went in Row boats and none of us thought of such events as have transpired and most of all Charles and I never dreamed of having the pretty pleasant home we have or the three babies. This afternoon Charles has gone over to the Tent Meetings in New York to hear Dr. Wolifkin we think he is such a wonderful preacher How much I should enjoy Listening to a good sermon and some good hymns. Floss is asleep and Ruth and Wilbur are having such a terrible cry in fits. I will have to stop.

AUGUST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1900 [LOUISE]

This morning I went to the Ferry with Charles did my marketing on the way home Florence became very indigent at the butcher and said all the way home "Bad - man - no - lona. I came home and started to fix the mattress about Four o clock Mother

Sheffield came she is not feeling very well. There was a lecture on our opposite corner by a Socialist which created some excitement. - I went to Washington St., and bought some Ice Cream to treat Grandma with Wilbur was so tickled to see her he always makes such a fuss over her Floss cut up in great style until after ten o'clock to celebrate Grandma's being here she talks every thing now.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900 [LOUISE]

A very pleasant day. Mother went this morning to have her papers fixed. Tillie and Frances came about Two oclock and stayed until after Tea then Charles and I went over to the Gospel Tent at

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1900 [LOUISE]

This has been a very peasant Sunday The girls came over to dinner then Mrs. Harison and Addie and all stayed to tea and until about Ten this evening I was so awful tired I thought I could never wait to get to bed Papa took the childrens pictures in the yard I hope they turn out well one was Florence all dirt with her overalls on her little hoe and wooden bucket another was Ruth wheeling Wilbur in the doll carriage another was grandma and the Three grandchildren.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1900 [LOUISE]

A little shower this afternoon but Birdie was very thankful for it as it made her feel sure we would have a pleasant day tomorrow and it is tomorrow that we are to take that long talked of trip to Glen Island I have been baking all day and preparing food for the luncheon. I took the children and went with Cha's to the ferry Floss walked all the way and when I was coming back she insisted on going in the Ice Cream Saloon and having two Soda's. Birdie took her to the gallery and had her picture taken in the little bathing suit I just finished for her. Papa went to the Tent meeting to hear Dr B.F. Meyers of London He met mother

delight of her life She is "Natures own Little girl" always charmed with birds and flowers. Florence is most delighted with mechanical things. She will always grive I am afraid because of her sex, and Wilber I can not fathom.

1906

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1906 [LOUISE]

This beautiful Autumn Day is made memorable to us by Edith our darling baby really starting off to walk alone She has toddled and stood by things since before she was a year old and we all thought that before she was a year old she would trot but instead she be armed to hitch along and has made good work of hitching but this evening she really started walking in earnest. This morning we all went down to the river to take a last look at the camp for this Season as next week we will pack it up Mr Edwards from Yoppo Cottage came down for Chas. to go up in the Mts. with him. They brought up the table and the children brought up the last of the dielus We went over on the Island and took a little row in the boat and call it the last of a very pleasant Season.

AUGUST

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1904 [LOUISE]

This morning Ella and mother drove to the Station with Chas. then took a drive to Pompton Lakes and came home so as to meet the 16:14 train which Lou came on from Manhattan Beach Of course the children were delighted and hollored candy as soon as they saw her. This afternoon we went to the river. Lou and Ruth and Florence and I went.

1905

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1905 [LOUISE]

We have spent this Winter in Oakland Village in the Loyd House. It was the worst Winter for weather since we came to Oakland. So we were very glad to be with in Two minutes of the Station. The children have been in school since we mooved there which was Dec. 1st. Florence & Ruth made fair progress but Wilber was the same the day he left as the day he entered We enjoyed the works of Joaki, the Hungarian Author through the long Winter evenings and althogether it was the pleasantest Winter of our married life I have suffered a great deal physically but will soon be relieved of that we came back up the Valley to the little White House Aprl First. Chas. & the children were glad to get home as they say

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1905 [LOUISE]

To day Ruth found the first blossoms of the little spring flowers. She is wild with delight as the field flowers are the greatest

Sheffield there and she came home with him as she is going with us tomorrow

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1900 [LOUISE]

We got off nicely this morning and the day was pretty good The sail was something grand but I did not enjoy it going as much as returning and I came to the conclusion that there was not delight in anything for me unless Charles was with me he came down on the One oclock boat he took Birdie and Floss in to bathe but poor little Golden hair was so frightened of the big water that she went into hysterics and did not even want her papa to go near the water Grandma had to walk up and down the beach with her to comfort her she did look so sweet in her cunning little bathing suit and we were all so proud of her it was a great disapointment to us all when she became so frightened. Ruth & Wilbur played in the sand and enjoyed it immensely They went crazy over the animals.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1900 [LOUISE]

Aunt Lou and Ella came down yesterday after noon to see Floss go in bathing and all came home with us to stay over Sunday So Chas could take me out to Oakland to look at a farm for sale there we did not care much for the farm itself, but the surrounding country was beautiful beyond description. The Robisons met us at the station and drove us to the place then we had lunch down by the river under a big tree then Andrew Robison pulled us all to the other side in a boat and we climbed the mountain and tried to find the land Then they took us for a drive and it was such a grand drive I enjoyed every minute of the days outing. Joe is such a pathetic character and I am afraid Andrew will have the same fate.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1900 [LOUISE]

Ruth is all covered with sores so I took her to the Doctors this morning and he told me it was a contagious skin disease

1901

JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1901 [LOUISE]

Mrs. Lord Russel & Franklin came today

1902

APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1902 [LOUISE]

- On the Farm 1902. -

We have no general farm man for this year but have had the ground plowed & harrowed by a man named Clark working by the day. And today Charles and I began the garden planting We have selected a strip of our best soil on the flat and To day we planted, Onion sets, raised by ourselves from last year. Radishes, Lettuce, and Pea's. We took the children with us and they were greatly interested in gardening, especially Floss who wanted to know all about the seeds and the wonder of creation from the soil asking many questions which it would take a sage to answer. It was a great trial to impress upon the twins where they might and might not tread. Mr & Mrs Hubbard from Wycoff called this afternoon.

MAY

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1904 [LOUISE]

Never as long as I live will I forget his day. The children started to school, and oh how strange I felt as I left them standing on the playground surrounded by the other children, not very willing to be left, Oh what a long day, the chairs and things all stayed in their places and what a silence hung over every thing - I only took them to swell the list to 98 children so we could put in a plea for two teachers they all went on the register five years old - How I wonder what the years hold for them in an educational way, college I hope, and a hobbie for each of them Oh God keep them from sin even tho they are not shinning lights, may be you could not trust me if they should shine because I would be so proud, no one could endure me - But give them opportunity.

JUNE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1904 [LOUISE]

Chas. went to New York as usual this morning I drove him to the Station He is going on an excursion of the company this afternoon, then to Mothers to spend Sunday It has been a most eventful day for me (I am writing this June 20.) Barney the horse nearly killed me He kicked me in the ribs I protected my self with folded arms over my breast, and caught his shoe in my Elbow which made a deep cut. I fainted dead away and thought I was surely dying as did poor Aunt Ruth and the children. They called Mrs Fox and sent for the Doctor. He It was an event I shall never forget.

with which they were much delighted they have played out nearly all day in spite of the high wind which has been blowing. They are so happy and free in their open out door life there is a big ice pond in the orchard which is their delight just now.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1904 [LOUISE]

This morning the road was drifted full so Chas sent word back with Axel that he would not be home tonight Axel has not chopped today on acc't of the cold but went to the blacksmith shop this afternoon noon after his axe. The road was shoveled open and the wind went down, but about eight o'clock this evening it came up fiercely again I was very nervous and could not get to sleep the barn doors blew open and I was very much afraid of fire. The children went out a little while in the middle of the day, with their sleds and shovels, and then when they came in they each tied little bed quilts, which they enjoyed much indeed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1904 [LOUISE]

Was glad to have Charles home tonight. We drove down to Mr Romaines as soon as dinner was over the night was not cold and I enjoyed the sleigh ride Mr R. Chas. & Mr. R's paper hanger went over to the place Mr Romaine has bought to take over some coal & a bench when they came back we had cake and coffee and got home at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904 [LOUISE]

This morning early it began snowing and it has snowed without any let up all day long I guess we'll have sleighing this year until the first of June The children have read their books and written on their slates all day. Papa brought them all new slates and pencils last night he also brought home a picture of Dora & Rosa the childrens little Hoboken friends.

1903

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1903 [LOUISE]

Today has been the saddest day we have every spent on this dear little farm Our dear Bob who has been so good and so true to us for nearly three years has had the Death test put to him by Doctor Finch from Ramsey, for Glanders he has been home just two weeks today. We anxiously wait to know what the test will prove. Chas. will take his temperature every two hours all night. Spring is bursting forth in all directions

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1903 [LOUISE]

Granma Sheffield came yesterday night and three little children were so glad to see her

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1903 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded on the top of the March 23rd page]

They shot dear faithful old Bob this morning and buried him on the hill side below the "river road".

The chickens in the Incubators began coming out yesterday after noon and today they are nearly all out.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1903 [LOUISE]

[Entry recorded in middle of the March 23rd page]

We took the chickens out We hatched 115 out of the 220 Eggs.

MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1903 [LOUISE]

The "Twins" are Four Years old today – Florence grieved all day because it was not her birthday too. They had a little white birthday cake covered with Strawberries and cocoanut and Four red candles they sit out under the shade of the Pear Tree and watched the candles burn down and talked about birthdays and gave Florence lots of candy out of Wilber's "Hackensack" Napsack and Ruths green barrel of candy which papa brought home gave her lots of it because she felt so badly because it was not her birthday then they ate the icing and cocoanuts and Strawberries off the cake and left the cake and were ready for bed all declaring that birthdays Christmas days and Easterday were the best days. Flosses "grandma lamb" found a wee dear baby lamb yesterday P.M.

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12, 1904 [LOUISE]

As today is Lincolns birthday and a holiday for Chas. we have tried to make the best of it at Ten O'clock this morning we took the children on their sleds and started for the mountain side intending to cross the river on the ice. When we got to Mr Ramseys we found him already to bring over our wood he insisted on our leaving the children at his house and we rode over on the wood rack he brought over the last two of Ten loads of wood and we all rode home children & all on the last load of wood this afternoon we took a walk around the farm and played

Saturday February 13, 1900 [Louise]

with the children on the ice. We spent the evening reviewing the last Seven years of our lives. Axel spent the afternoon skating.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 1900 [LOUISE]

Papa went to business this morning and came home at three o'clock as usual. We started the lamp in the incubator to get it dried out so we could open the doors. This afternoon I scalded [scalded?] my foot while draining the water from the potatoes it was most painful for a few hours.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1904 [LOUISE]

A long lonely dreary Sunday Chas. is depressed and does not seem able to shake it off. He needs a change of some kind. His business life frets him. He longs to be in business for himself he cannot bear to be subjected to the will of others.

I shall be so glad for the end of this material life and to be in the Spiritual world instead of the material World.

I am so thankful to be back here close to Natures Heart instead of out in the temptations of the great world. The church is no longer the abode of the godly but the abode of the worldly. Chas & I both feel that the time for Christ's coming draweth nigh.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1904 [LOUISE]

This has been the best Winter we have ever spent in the country. It has also been the coldest Winter known for years and years so the oldest inhabitants say.

We have had sleighing without any let up since New Years day Which Mr. Enyon his wife and baby spent with us. We bought a sleigh of Mr. Henyon and have had most excellent use of the same It snowed again yesterday and last night and put things in fine shape Axel began at his wood pile this morning. The children each received a Valentine from New York this morning