

# Transcription: Isabelle Fulton Miller Campbell diary, 17 July 1915 – 15 June 1918

Campbell family fonds, 88-017 Box 1 Item #4

## NOTES:

- Isabelle Fulton Miller Campbell (1848-1937) was the daughter of Isabella Brownlie Miller and James Miller, Otonabee Township, and was married to William Campbell.
- Capitals, periods, and commas have been added in some instances for clarification purposes. Square brackets [ ] indicate indecipherable text. Original spelling has been maintained, except for the word “moring” which has been corrected in numerous incidents to “morning.”

## 1915: July

A continuation of diary from July 16/15 [*Note: this diary is not in Trent's holdings*]

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1915

[Raining] and preserving and so many things to do. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwell left today for good. We miss them very much. A great preacher gone from us.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Raining a beautiful rain. The morning clears up. Such a perfect day. Mr. [Cot] preaches for a call.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. A monster washing. Getting things ready for St. Anne.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Another beautiful day. Father William, Mother Isabell, and Isabell Nelson start for St. Anne excursion. We go from Montreal to Barton to visit Auntie Brownlie in Vermont. Had a beautiful visit.

Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday school picnic. A big crowd. A perfect day.

Thursday 22

Another beautiful day. Wallace, Lilly and Bella motor to Toronto in car in 4 ½ hours. 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest going on very swiftly. Great growth.

*Friday – nothing recorded*

Saturday  
Another beautiful day.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Ross, not [Dr's] father, preached for a call.

Monday. July 26<sup>th</sup> 1915  
Raining hard in Vermont. We start for home.

Tuesday 27  
A perfect day. Bella comes down. Muriel Pentecost goes up with her. We get home this morning after a lovely visit.

Wednesday 28  
A shining, cloudy day in turns. Lilly goes back to Toronto. Agness and Jean take incubator back to Bellas and bring down potatoes. We preserve black currants and Huckleberries.

Thursday 29  
This is W. Campbells birthday, 68 today. We two drive up to Drummonds. A beautiful day.

Friday 30  
Preserving and pickling the order of the day.

Saturday 31  
The last of another month. Marion and Muriel come down to Mission band.

## **1915: August**

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1915  
A very, very warm day. Mr. [McKenryice] preaches for a call.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Still very warm. We drive up to Aunt Aggies with berries.

Tuesday 3  
A shiny day in morning. Folks had planned for a picnic on lake, but on came wind, rain and clouds thick, east wind, just poured Wednesday morning.

Wednesday August 4, 1915  
This is the first anniversary of this terrible war. A year today since it started. It was held as a day of prayer to God to answer prayers on the right. Poured rain all forenoon, poured all day, but that did not prevent Mr. McCannes, Charlie Nelson, Jean and Agness from driving to Peterboro to hear some great speakers about the war. Also a blind man (Lorn Maloy) who lost his eyesight in the South African war.

August 5<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful warm sunny day after the deluge we had. Most rain at a time I ever saw. This is my 67<sup>th</sup> birthday. Agness went to Toronto to meet Jamie who is coming home.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Received a telegram this morning that our son at the war is wounded, Billy Claud. Another at night, that he was in the Hospital at Versailles, wounded in head, arm and abdomen. He has 8 wounds all together.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Jamie and Aggie come home and Miss Lilly along, too. It poured and rained when at station and they get some wet.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

This is our Anniversary. Mr. McCollough from Port Hope preached, a fine man, good collection.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

We drive Lilly to Peterboro to meet C.P.R. train. It pours on us on way home.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Dry all day for a wonder. We are busy sewing and ripping dresses for Jean.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

A very very warm day, good for the farmers. Jim and Jean go to Peterboro. Jeannie Nelson stays with us for the afternoon while her mother goes to Letty Bryces.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Poured and rained all day. Muriel Pentecost comes back for a day.

Friday 13

A fine bright day, rain at night.

Saturday 14

Finishing up heaps of things. A beautiful day. Mr. and Mrs. Stenson (from Station) come here for tea and Mr. J. McIntyre from bank came up to take baby Jeans pictures, also stayed for tea. I was up very early and got hens caught and cleaned.

Sunday 15

Rev. Mr. Young preached. Jim and Agness went to Drummond. I go up to Bellas, she being ill. A beautiful day.

Monday 16

A perfect morning. We have a monster washing preparing for Jim and Jean going to England. We [swim], take in oats. Iron in the evening too.

Tuesday August 17 1915

Packing up in Valises ready to start. Bella came down.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful drying day for grain. Lots of grain growing in the sheaf. The oldest settlers never saw such wet weather, in the harvest, potatoes rotting in the hills fearfully, quite a blight in the stalks.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Jamie and Jeannie left yesterday 18 for England. We got a few lines scrawled by Billy's left hand from Versailles Hospital. Could not use his right-hand. It was a welcome note.

Friday 20

A beautiful bright morning. All very, very busy. Grain so ripe. Agness goes to a quilting at Drummonds.

Saturday 21

A busy day. Looks like rain.

Sunday 22.

A very wet morning. Very, very few at Church.

Monday 23

A monster washing. Aunt Aggie calls. Lots of odd chores.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

A cool day for ironing. We get done early. Isabell Nelson and Agness drive up home to Nelsons.

Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 1915

A little bit of rain.

Thursday 26

Big party of children at Adamsons, 22. I drive Isabell Nelsons up to Matthew Comers, then drive on to Bellas for a visit.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Another anniversary of poor Tommies death, 6 years away. Long weary days at times, but God knows best. He doeth all things well. A good bit of white frost last night. Very cool this morning. Billy Andrews was here for tea. Had a nice chat of old times.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Looks like rain at night.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Rain again last night. Clears about ten o'clock. Few at church. Farmers cannot get in their grain. Ground is so wet they cannot get on land with reapers. They sink and mire in mud. Cannot cradle grain, pulls up by the root.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

A wet wet morning. Clears into a beautiful windy day. Big washing as usual. Irons too.

Tuesday 31

Mission band picnic. Agness goes. A perfectly beautiful day. A little cool. They go around lake up to Peterboro and over to lift lock. Last of another month.

## **1915: September**

Wednesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915 and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A cool beautiful morning. Hotter still. Good for the poor farmers. Harry Cruckshanks birthday, a great man born today.

Friday 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>

Still very warm, no rain. A great Patriotic meeting. Good speakers. Exceedingly warm. Peeling apples to save them. Nothing special.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Warm. Clouding up. Agness and babe go up to Bellas. William and I drive up to ask for Mary Drummond.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

A wet morning, windy, dries up. We wash later. It rains again. Agness takes babe up to station to show her to Lexa Howson, but no Lexa there.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

We iron and make jelly, drive up to Bella's with 34 chickens. Looks like more rain.

Wednesday 8

46 years since our dear mother died and 17 years after my brother Willie died. A very warm day.

Thursday 9

Very, very warm. Still real July weather. We are peeling apples.

Friday 10

Mother was burried today 46 years ago. Agness and Bell drive to Peterboro for Marion. Beautiful day. I fix upstairs some.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1915

A fine morning. Everything went along sailing. Had beautiful lamb for dinner.

Sunday 12

Looks as though we might have one dry Sunday, but not so. Its sprinkling some. Agness and babe go up to Bellas. Could not get back it rained so.

Monday 13

Got first letter from Jim and Jean from England. A beautiful day. Hot.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Another letter from Jean after they have met Billy who is mending [ ] of his wounds.

Wednesday 15

The womans missionary meeting had a social in church. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Read, Jack, Bessie, Kathleen and Mrs. Waddell were down from Peterboro. A terrible storm of rain and wind. Lightning struck near here.

Thursday 16

Peeling apples and onions. Mary Doris here for tea. Mary Wood came to bid us goodbye. She leaves Keene for a while at least.

Friday 17

A perfect day, lovely and warm. I am weeding garden. We pick sage, dig some onions, make pickles.

Saturday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1915

A very heavy dew this morning, a perfect day. We hear of the death of Mrs. George Archer in India, a bride of one year. Bella and Marion come down.

Sunday 19

Dark in the morning but a perfect day after. A little cool. We take a walk up to Wedlocks and Walkers. Agness and babe up to Nelsons.

Monday 20

A grand day. We wash, iron, and do lots of odd chores.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Terrific storm of wind, rain and thunder through the night. Continues through the day. Blows down heaps of apples. Frost through the night. Harry and Aunt Maggie get home today from the west. I'm so glad.

Wednesday 22

A clear beautiful day. Mr. McCamus and Redpath are clapboarding stable. Agness and babe up to Nelsons. Get another letter from England.

Thursday 23

A beautiful day, rains hard through the night. Agness and babe drive to Lang with Bella.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

A dark morning but sun comes out so bright. A beautiful day. We peel apples and onions. Sarah Neish calls. Mrs. Thos. Coward dies.

Saturday 25

I go to Toronto to see about house cleaning and renting.

Sunday Sept. 26 / 1915

Blowing and raining hard. A terrible storm. Blew most of apples down.

Monday 27

Cold front that froze all the flowers nearly.

Tuesday 28 and 29

Still cool at night and warm in the day. Another day of the same.

Thursday 30

I come home from Toronto, a perfect day. Aunt Aggie and Sarah Neish call. A social in church, 2 ladies from Cobourg speak.

## **1915: October**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915

Very red sky. Cloudy. I am taking up onions and sunflowers. Varnish bedstead and chair. Aggie and babe are up at Bellas. There is a school show up at Zion and Isabell got 1<sup>st</sup> prize for her cake and Claud 2<sup>nd</sup> for his insects.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Raining hard. Agness is still at Bellas. Charlie, Agness and Marion drive to town. Lilly comes home by Belleville, unexpectedly. Raining still

Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful morning. Mr. McLaren preaches. Another beautiful day. Very busy with show stuff.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

First day of show. Rains at night.

Wed. 6

A perfect day for show. Patriotic concert at night. Marion comes down with Baldy Weir's.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1915

Dark day. Settling back after show. Cleaned attic.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Making pickles. We drive down to see Jessy Burnett. Real cold driving. Wall and Lilly leave tonight for Peterboro. Very dark night.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Oh, what heaps of chores we did today. Took in flowers and took verandah furniture in.

Sunday 10

So dark and cold last night. Hard frost. A cold clear day. Mr. CcCollough preached a fine sermon. Willie and Mrs. Anderson stayed for dinner.

### **1915: October 11 to November 21**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and from this on up to November 22 nothing but house cleaning, taking in roots. Such beautiful weather as we had with few exceptions. Jamie and Jean arrived safely to New York for which we are thankful to the Almighty. Jamie stayed. Jean came home. Harry, Maggie, Lillie and Wallace motored down with Jean on ----- and they went back Thursday. Had a delightful visit. Wee Jeannie did not remember her mother for a while. Agness got 6 [jars] of fruit and 2 of pickles stolen at the show. Quite encouraging for another year. We took in our stove on the 21 Oct. Mr. R. Weir and Mr. John Stark.

### **1915: November 22 to November 30**

Nov. Monday 22

Snow last night. Is snowing a little still. Very windy and cold yesterday. Jean and the babe are up at Nelsons nearly two weeks. Going to thrash this week. Mill may come today. Agnes is in Toronto now for nearly a month. She motored back with the 4 others. No letter from Billie for 3 weeks today. Oh how I hope for one.

Tuesday 23

Cold in the morning. Grows warmer. I make horse blanket. We go for Agness but no Agness comes as yet. No letter yet from Billy. M[--] Doris and [ ] Quin married.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Agness and I drive up and spend the day at Bellas. A beautiful day. We bring baby Jean home with us.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Another beautiful day. Charlie and Jean come down for to do some shopping. Bella has a very sore back so Agness goes up to help with the thrashers. They came along tonight.

Friday November 26 1915

A perfect day, warm and bright. We get potatoes and butter today.

Saturday 27

Spitting rain at times. I did not get much sleep last night. Miss baby Jean wanted to play. Bella is very ill with a sore back. Jean and Agness are both up helping with thrashing.

Sunday 28

Charlie Nelson is 20 years old today, a fine boy. A miserable cold windy day. They take babe with them. Mr. J. Nelson calls, so does Mr. McCamus.

Monday 29



A fearful windy, wet day at times. Wind all day. I wash, iron, mend bags and drive up to Bob's with them. Kathleen Powel calls.

Tuesday 30 and last day of Nov. 1915

Bella a great deal better. A beautiful day. They finish thrashing today in forenoon. Great crops. Jean and babe come home at night.

## **1915: December**

Wednesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915

A bright beautiful day. Some white frost last night. I finish mending bags, have now 55 good sacks, besides others filled with sawdust.

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915

Charlie comes down with doors and gets chop. A beautiful day. Quite a bit of snow here and there on ground. Brings a chicken.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our preparation day. Every person nearly frozen in church. Cold and stormy. Agness, Bella and little Jean came down. Bob went to Peterboro for Marion.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Hoar frost. Bright cool day. We do lots of odd chores. Had phone from Toronto from Uncle Harry. No word from Billy.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

A good cold day. Our Sacrament.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

We wash, iron. A good cold bright day.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Agness and I drive to Peterboro. A calm lovely day. Had a visit with Bella on way home.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

A good cold day, trying to snow. Bella, Isabell and Jean come down and help us paper spare room. Little Jean hurts her head. Snowing in afternoon.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Turns far colder today. A little more snow and there would be more sleighing.

Friday Dec. 10 / 15

We clean up, upstairs and do lots of chores. We get two geese. Hens are laying very good. Eggs 40 cents per doz. Bright part of day.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cold and bright. No word from Billy yet, 6 weeks come Monday.

Sunday 12

A bitter cold day. All Nelsons were down excepting Bob. Had Mrs. Rhodes for dinner. A cousin of Williams from the west. Had our first goose to eat.

Monday, 13

Snowing through the night, continues most of the day. Washed but did not put out clothes. Rained some too.

Tuesday 14

Hard frost. High wind. We iron and mend some.

Wednesday 15

Again another day. the anniversary of fathers death has come. Council day. 36 years today since he died. A bitter cold snap it was. A clear cold day today. Nelly Drummond calls and stays over night. I call some places. Got a letter from George Archer home from India.

Thursday 16 December 1915

Jamie came home today from New York. Very nice day. No word of Billy yet.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Raining in the morning. Sleet later on, but Agnes goes to Peterboro with Bella, Bob and the children. Spits and rains off and on in afternoon. Rains hard at night.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

President Wilson's wedding day. Thawing, snow going. Buggies out again. No word from Billy yet.

Sunday 19

A fine winter day. Mr. Thompson preaches. A beautiful sermon.

Monday 20

A cold day. We wash, iron and clean fowl. Cut up oranges for marmalade. George Archer comes up to see us from Campbellford.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

This is the day of Induction of our new minister. Hope they know how to use him.

Wednesday 22

Snowing and blowing hard. Mr. Rev. & Mrs. McEachern and Mrs. Humphries called.

Thursday 23 of Dec.

George Archer is here from Campbellford. He and Jim go up to Bella's for dinner. Jean goes along too. Raining hard. Jim drives up to station to meet Lilly but she does not come.

Friday 24

A cold windy day. George goes home. Lilly comes down from Peterboro with Xmas presents. Then around by Bellville at night comes Harry and Aunt Maggie for Xmas.

Saturday 25

This is Xmas day. Joy a letter comes from Billy after 9 weeks waiting and mourning him as dead. Snowing and blowing. Then hailing and raining.

Sunday 26

A keen cold day in the morning. Warmer in afternoon. A beautiful winter day. Aunt Maggie, Jim and Agnes drive up to Drummond's for tea.

Monday 27

Lilly comes today. A beautiful day. Aunt Maggie and Harry's anniversary of their wedding. They go home to Toronto.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Never was a more perfect winter day. Dad, Lilly and I go to Bella's for tea. J. Dickson calls.

Dec. Wednesday 29/1915

A fearful stormy day. The girls were ready for a drive to Belle. D. Weir's but could not go.

Thursday 30

We have the Minister and family for tea. A lovely evening we spent. Quite a lot of snow. Good sleighing.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

This is the last day of another year. A beautiful bright winter day. Claud is visiting us. Bella and family come down. Bob curls. Starts to rain about ten o'clock at night. Big dance at Billy Chapman's.

## **1916: January**

Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

Raining. Some thawing. Lilly goes home this morning with apples, chicken, jelly and marmalade. Jamie goes to station with Lilly. I trust we may strive to live a right life all through the year. As this is the day for new resolutions. May God give us strength to keep good ones and keep them every day.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Bob's are down for tea but Bob and Charlie stay all night. Marion spent her holiday with Kate Hastie. Sunday a beautiful cold winter day. Isabell and little Jean stay all night..

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A bright cold windy day. We dry quite a few clothes in the house, iron in the afternoon. Bob comes down to curl and Charlie to skate.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Father William's first curling this year, he beats too. Not quite so cold today. I call on Mrs. N. Doris and get chair mended. Jamie has bad cold. Agnes goes for milk.

Wednesday 5

Blustery day. Rain some, then wind, rain again. I go up to Bella's for a visit. Goes up with Charlie on a load of chop. Gets some wet.

Thursday 6 of January 1916

A dash of snow, freezes some. Jean and babe come up to Bob's.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Coldest day this winter. Bright sun. A fine winter day. Jeannie Nelson's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. A patriotic ball tonight.. Crowds attend. I come home. Claud stays all night.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

A cold morning, the morning after the ball. I line buffalo and sundry things.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful winter day. Jim and Agnes drive down to see Jessy Burnett. She is very low.

Monday 10

Raining. We dry clothes in the house. I finish 2 shirts for Claud. We iron at night. Very slippery roads. Charlei skates. Meeting of Deacons & Elders.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

A windy blustery day. A few flakes of snow at times. Agnes goes to dressmaker's. Jamie is up at Harrison's.

Wednesday 12

Jamie goes back to Toronto. A very fine day in morning, but rains and snows at night.

Thursday 13 1916

All the snow is gone but ice remains and oh such dangerous travelling.

Friday 14

William Campbell has the grip. Dozens have it though. Trying and trying to snow. A letter from Maggie.

Saturday 15

Snowing and blowing. Bob, Charlie and Marion come down to curl and skate. A very windy night.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

A very, very cold stormy day at times. Sunny and clear at times. Mr. McCamus calls. We phone to Toronto to ask for Aunt Maggie who has been ill.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

A very cold day. We did not put out clothes. Bob and Charlie took cattle to Peterboro and drove Marion up too.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Agnes goes to Bella's. Not much better in temperature, snows some. Jean call at Molson's.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Bob comes to curl. A beautiful cold winter day. I call early to see some sick. Blows hard later. Curlers got badly beaten in Peterboro

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

A snowy blowing day

Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 1916

Oh it's raining and it's our Carnival and ball at night. Agnes, Jean, Charlie, Claud and Marion all dress. Charlie, Claud and Jean get prizes. Snow mostly gone. Great ball, big crowd.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mild and foggy. Great cleaning up after the carnival.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sleighting on ice. Very dangerous walking. Jean has topic at Endeavour.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

A perfect morning, looks and feels like spring. William and I go to Peterboro on business and we stay all night at Bessie Reads and go to hear Harry Lauder. He is excellent.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

William goes home, I stay longer and call on a lot of friends. Mild and slush.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Oh very dark and disagreeable walking. Slush and water running all over buggies out again.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Raining most of the day. Amy Drummond Mrs. Farr is buried today in the West near Regina. 3 or 4 days very mild. Let out our furnace.

Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> 1916

Windy again and dark. Dashes of rain still. Turns out a beautiful day. Cool, freezing a little.

Saturday 29

Cold east wind. Horrid. Made two night shirts for soldiers and other work. Bella and family came down and stayed all night.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Very slippery roads. Sleet fell through the night. Some fell at church door. Nelly Drummond stayed down last night.

Monday 31

Jamie's birthday – 38 years today. A wet day. Washed but did not put out clothes.

## **1916: February**

Tuesday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

A beautiful winter day. We iron after clothes dry.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

21 years ago today Grannie died. Father William went to Toronto today.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Another old neighbour died today – old Mrs. Kindred. Another old home shut forever. Great fire in Ottawa. Parliament Buildings burning, great loss. Such a great loss to the country, some things that cannot be replaced.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1916

Very cold wind, no snow yet. I make pies. A wonderful debate in Christian Endeavor. Which “Resolved that the school has more influence than the Home on character.” The Home beat.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Another big fire in Ottawa. A factory for making soldiers clothes, looks very suspicious indeed. A little flurry of snow. Claud stays all night after skating. Father gets home from Toronto.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Mild, a few flurries of snow at times. Jean goes to Peterboro to visit Kathleen.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

We wash, take a bath, iron, make 2 doz. candles. Run a sewing machine needle through my front finger. Broke the needle. Mended some things. So it was a full day but saddest of many things is the death of George Robinson at Villiers who got killed in the woods by a limb of a tree striking him on the head. Oh so sad.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

A fearful day, so stormy we could not put out clothes. Cold, a little wind, trying to snow some. They are starting to put in ice. Charlei down with chop.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful winter day. We drive out to Mrs. Robinson's to see the last of poor George and get a bag of potatoes, paid \$2.00 per bag.

Thursday Feb. 10 1916

Over 100 blocks of ice in. Turning colder. A very cold day, snowed quite a bit. There will be very good sleighing again.

Friday 11

A very cold day. Bella and Agnes drive to Peterboro for Marion. I keep house, make soup, kill and clean 2 chickens. Jean and Kathleen Powel come on afternoon train. Little Jean Nelson goes home with her father and Claud. 15 years today since J. Miller died, my brother.

Saturday 12

This has been a week of very sad things. Monday morning George Robinson was killed. Saturday morning Dr. Rosses house was blown out with acetylene gas and burned down. No lives lost but oh such a ruin. Hard work saving the stable. Men and women wroked like troopers. Phone from toronto. Gwen Smyth came this afternoon. Agnes goes to Toronto.

Sunday 13 Feb.

A very cold day. Very cold in church. Kathleen Powell and Gwen Smith sing a duet in Endeavor.

Monday 14

We wash. Quite a cold day still. Kathleen & Jean go to tea at town Hall held by Patriotic Society. A ten cent tea at night. Made \$4.50 from proceeds. Great fun. Some skating going on.

Tuesday 15

We iron, and make soldiers night shirts. Father William goes to Peterboro to curl.

Wednesday 16

Weather grows milder.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Dad and Uncle Harry Cruickshank come home from curling. Still mild and starting to thaw. Aunt Aggie Drummond comes along to visit. We do some calling. Kathleen gets a phone from Aunt Bessie that she has the grippe so she goes home at night. All our sleighing gone.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Buggies and wagons out in the morning but snow comes on and before night sleighing and freezing down to zero. Very cold night. Aunt Aggie storm stayed.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Kate Courtney died. A very cold windy morning. We rise very early to get on fires. Bob, Charlie and Marion come to skate.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

A very cold day still. Snowing some.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

22 years ago Bella was married. Last night bitter cold. Uncle Harry goes home today. We wash, iron and sew carpet rags. Aunt Elsie and Janie call.

Tuesday Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> 1916

We sewed carpet rags all day. Mrs. Molson and Mary Miller Wood called. Quite a nice day.

Wednesday 23

We drive to Lang with carpet balls. Then up to Bella's with Ray Humphries. We go in buggy.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

I stay at Bella's for 2 or 3 days and mend bags and other things. Bella and I go to Jennie Anderson's for a visit. Had a lovely time. Aggie McIntyre was there too.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Very stormy day. Snowing and blowing. Charlie takes children to school. We are very busy preparing for a sleigh load of young folks who are coming to dance. They come and we had a very enjoyable time. Storming all night. A letter from Billy.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

A bitter cold day. Marion, Isabell and I drive down after dinner for Mission Band. Drifting at a great rate. Marion & Isabell stay down all night.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Blowing and snowing. Cold. Cold, quite a number out to church. Mr. McCamus here for tea.

Monday 28

Marion Nelson's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Oh so bitter cold yet. Drifts so high. We wash, iron and clean woodwork in dining room.

Tuesday February 29/1916

Weather moderating. We are mending and darning today. Jean is shovelling snow in lane. meeting of Telephone today.

## **1916: March**

Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

Storm abated. Large drifts, cannot get out of our lane. Jean and babe go to Toronto on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month to see about important business.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A lovely day. Snowed some in the morning. Mrs. D. McNeish comes to make Jack pants. We have a nice visit. Bella Nelson sick today with grip.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A good cold beautiful winter day. I sweep, dust, scrub dust off with damp cloth. Oh such dust as I never did see. Then I go up to Bella's as they are all sick up there with grip.



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

A good cold day yet. Good sleighing although mountains of snow in some places. Measles yet around. I mend clothes after dinner. Bake a cake late in evening. Some better at Nelson's.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

A bitter cold day. Bob and Marion are all that came down to church.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

I wash, iron and do several chores. Deep snow. Marion went from here to Peterboro to school.

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1916

Ah me. We got word from our boy Billy after landing in Toronto. After an absence of 5 years, he came now from the front in war. Roads getting tracked some.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Quite a nice day. I go to the station to meet Billy, but instead I met Billy, Lilly, Agnes and Jean. Last but not least Miss baby Cameron. Billy has 8 trunks and bundle.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

A great lazy day with Billy, talking and playing checkers. He went to Dave Johnson's, also a big storm comes on and he does not get home.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

A fearful stormy day. Roads all blocked. No word of Billy home yet and it's after dinner. Here he comes through the drifts in lane.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

We sort out Billy's trunks and bags. Oh, they are terrific. some warmer.

Sunday 12

Weather moderating some. All Bella's are down to church. They do not stay for dinner.

Monday 13

Allen wigmore's birthday. A beautiful cold winter day. We do a tremendous washing of Billie's and ironing.

Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1916

Yesterday afternoon. billy, Lilly and Agnes drive up to Bella's. Thence to Aunt Aggies for tea. Late getting home. Today, Billy and I drive to Peterboro. Horrid roads. Grows very cold at night. Bitter cold through the night.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

A very cold morning. Curlers come from Peterboro to play. they win.

Thursday 16

This is Jeannie Cameron's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. A clear cold day. Billy, Lilly and Jean go up to Bella's. Pete Gillespie calls. Claud and Bob down to curl and skate.

Friday 17

17<sup>th</sup> of Ireland. A ball tonight. A grand affair the ball. Billy, Lilly, Agnes and Jean of our ones. Also Miss Smith from Peterboro along with Charlie Nelson from our house. A very very cold day and night too.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

A bright morning, 24 below, cold you see still, grows warmer. then a big snow storm comes on. Agnes drives Billy to Peterboro to meet a train for Toronto. We get a phone for Agnes from Toronto from Jamie.

Sunday March 19 1916

A clear bright day. Our Sacrement. Very few there.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Clear and cold in the morning. Gwen goes home this morning. We wash and iron.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

A write a letter to Auntie Lizzie. A beautiful spring day. Thawing some. We get hay from Jack Renwick.

Wednesday 22

Mrs. and Mr. Redpath are here for tea. A beautiful clear cold day. R. McCamus calls. Also Flora Wedlock and Nell Drummond.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Charlie Nelson and Mr. Redpath draw wood for us from Wedlock's. Mary Doris Conell Armstrong and Ray Humphries call.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Our Maggie Wigmore's birthday 41 years. Also Uncle Claud Brownlie anniversary of his death 14 years ago. Patriotic concert tonight in Town Hall. A grand success. Good concert, a good supper.

Saturday 25

Father William goes to Peterboro. Billy comes home from Toronto. A beautiful spring day. Wallace Wood came along too.

Sunday March 26 1916

A beautiful day. Thawing a whole lot. We have 14 of a family today.

Monday 27

A dark morning. Wallace and Lilly go back to Toronto. Starts to pour and rain. We had a monster washing but did not put out clothes.

Tuesday 28

Rains a little in the morning, later a bright day. Clothes dry and we iron at night. Billy and Agnes go up to Bella's, then he starts for Ottawa on night train.

Wednesday 29

First beautiful warm spring day. We get our ice house shingled. Get a bag of potatoes from R. Howson. Bella and Agnes go to Lang.

Thursday 30

Another bright morning.

Friday 31

Billy goes to Peterboro to bring down Miss Rogers from Toronto. A cold day in afternoon.

## **1916: April**

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>

No one fooling this year. A cloudy morning at times. Rains about eleven o'clock.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A sort of windy, bright morning. I get dinner. A fine lesson in Sunday School about Paul.

Monday, April 3, 1916

Quite a hard frost last night. We have a large washing. I start my leach. Billy drives to Peterboro with Miss Rogers to catch the early train to Toronto.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Nothing special. Still fretting about the loss of their candies. A real cold night, a small dash of snow.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Jean Cameron's birthday, 27. Bella, Agnes and I drive to Peterboro. Very bad roads. We buy paper for parlour and Bell's dining room and bedroom. The folks meet here for practice for concert.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

A very heavy snow storm. Agnes, Jean and babe go up to Bella's to help her with paper. I bake pies with the last of our apples.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Hard frost last night. A great gathering here tonight getting ready for ball. Quite a nice crowd. Made \$37 for patriotic purpose. Agnes and Jean borrow buckets and Bob taps maple trees in lane for them, about 60, and they are boiling down syrup. Oh it's great.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Cold. Dashes of snow. Boiling sap and papering bedroom up at Bell's. Billy buys 2 gallons from Mr. Mauly. \$1.40 per gallon.

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1916

44 years ago W. Campbell and Isabella Miller were married. A bright cool day. Billy drives down to Birdsall's but they are at church. R. McCamus calls.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Sap runs well. Agnes and Charlie come home from Bella's to a practice. Billy goes to Toronto loaded with eggs and maple syrup.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Rains some. Gilbert Howson's sale today, a grand success. Syrup making nearly at an end.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day, windy. i start my soap making. We are at an endless lot of chores. Getting out manure on garden. Practice tonight.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Jean goes to Peterboro with Mr. McEarchern, sees about carnival suits for Endeavor Concert.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

We start taking off paper of parlour. Oh, it's fierce work. Rains hard.

Saturday 15

Still raining some, gets cooler, we finish taking off paper and scrub out but very very tired. Bessie calls.

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1916

A beautiful morning. Father William and I take baby Jean and go up to see Bella D. Weirs babe, then over to Bella Nelson's. starts to rain in the eveni g. R. McCamus calls.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Another beautiful day. A dash of rain in afternoon. We make another kettle of soap. Clean out both chimneys and furnace pipes, also all lamp burners.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

We finish taking paper off parlour and clean woodwork.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Bella and Agnes come down and paper the parlour. Bella stays all night. They are so very tired. This awful practice is taking the life out of them. We wash today.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Got word J.R. Stratton died yesterday. Bella and Agnes drive to Peterboro. We iron and do a few things. Another practice tonight. Got a letter from Maggie.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

This is Easter Friday. Finished cleaning up the parlour. Ray Humphries and Billy Drummond were here fro practice and for tea. G.T.R. station in Peterboro were partly burned today.

Saturday April 22 1916

Rained hard all night, dark all day, spitting rain most of day but never came on. We lift old carpet and oil cloth off dining room. Clean spare room. I bake pies. Bob calls.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

A beautiful bright day in the morning. Rained after dinner. Isabell stays down.

Monday 24

We wash our housecleaning washing, a terrific washing. Did not put out quilts. Billy came from Toronto.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

We finish ironing and practice for concert – at it all the time. I boil kettle soap.

Wednesday 26

Lilly comes from Toronto. I meet her at station. Rains on me going up. Sun comes out later. A grand growing day.

Thursday 27

Rained again through the night. A very fine day. They finish taking in wood. Very very busy with that practice, getting dresses and bonnets fixed up. Lilly and I go up to Bella's. We stretch our first curtains today.

Friday 28

A perfect day. A beautiful sun shower in the evening. We have our concert. A grand success. Made \$62. The red Cross quilt was won by Mrs. Hill.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

We make an early start, up at 4 a.m. making ready for poor Billy's departure. Agnes drives him to Peterboro to catch the early C.P.R. train for Toronto. May the great and good God keep him in the years to come. Only God knows when we meet again. Letty Shearer and her friend call , also Hugh Renwick and Marjery. Charlie Hunter comes with butter – 12 lbs. 25c per lb.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

A warm beautiful day, a dark rain in the afternoon. I go to graveyard. Agnes goes up to Drummonds.

**1916: May**

Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

We wash. Rain hard in the morning. Cleaned second spare room and cookhouse. Big days work.

Tuesday May 2 1916

A beautiful warm day. We are preparing for burning the limbs of apple trees. Clean 3 or 4 rooms. I finish cookhouse and several things.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday

Pours rain until after dinner. This is Aggie's birthday, 30 today, how time runs along. Had a letter from Billie from Chicago.

Thursday May 4 1916

Finished sitting room and hall. Then Lilly and Agnes drove to Peterboro to see the closing of the Y.W.C.A. Jean stayed at Bella's and kept house for Bella while she went to Peterboro too.

Friday 5

We clean our bedroom and pantry.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Along comes Aunt Maggie and Maggie Cruikshank from Fargo. A beautiful day. We clean dining room and scrub out sidewalks.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Aunt Maggie's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. A beautiful bright day. Gwen Smith and some friends call in a car. Mr. McCamus, Bella and Charlie call later.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

A dash of rain in forenoon. We have a terrific washing. Get all dried nicely. Very very high wind through the night. Turning cooler.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

A very bright cool morning. Willie Miller is ploughing the garden. We iron a large ironing. Jean and Maggie Cruikshank drive to Hiawatha.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

They drive to Bella's. It poured rain all forenoon. Cleared off, then rained again. Aunt Maggie a little better.

Thursday May 11 1916

A fearful wind all night and all day. Maggie Cruikshank goes to Rutherfords. We finish cleaning cellar. Cold and clear.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Eleven years today dear old Archie died. It was clear and cold day of funeral. Great party at Bella Nelson's. They have 83 chickens from incubator. Aunt Maggie and Aggie go to Toronto. Jean goes up to Bella's with a buggy load.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

A perfectly beautiful day. I clean attic. Jean gets home. Gets letter from Arthur and Agnes.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Mothers Day. A cool fine day. There were three christenings in church today. A nice sermon. Jean has topic in Endeavor.

Monday 15

Wet again this morning. Could not put out washing but cleared up in afternoon. Jean and Margaret Cruikshank go for a drive to Elmhursts.

Tuesday 16

Margaret, Jean and Roy Ray go fishing. Get wet to the skin. Terrific rain, no gardening, etc.

May Wednesday 17 1916

Raining some again. We start to rake off, ready for onions and I do a little at flower bed. Jean drives up to Bella's for [posts] and hens. Very cold tonight, frost sure.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Raining off and on all day. We got started planting our onions. Rain again.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful summer morning. Clouds began to appear. Rain comes on. A big rain storm after dinner. We get quite a bit more planted in garden. {xxx} calls also Ray Humphries. we set duck eggs. Bob buys a Ford car.

Saturday 20

We do a lot of planting in garden. I scrub at night. No rain today.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

A beautiful day. No rain again. Matty Kamushka died.

Monday 22

I wash. Jean plants her garden. We iron at night and do some mending. Rain in afternoon, hard.

Tuesday 23

This is poor Billy's birthday, 36. We go driving into Knoxes, Andersons. Nelsons and Jamie Grays returning sap buckets home. Takes out stove, much later than usual, been so cold and wet.

Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916

Our old queen's birthday. Planted corn. Jean went to Hiawatha with Mr. McEachern. A perfect day.

Thursday 25

I put out flowers and planted roots. A horrid job. No tennis today. Our Billie married to Eva Rogers in Denver.

Friday 26

Yes. W.C. Campbell was married in Denver yesterday at 4 o'clock. We finish digging all the corners of the garden and plant a few potatoes.

Saturday 27

Raining in the morning, but clears off later and Jean goes to Peterboro with Ford man. Comes home on train.

Sunday 28

A beautiful day after the rain. Bobs come down in their car twice. Marion stays down after dinner. All come down at night.

Monday 29

A beautiful day. We wash and do heaps of little chores.

Tuesday 30

We iron and plant seeds.

Wednesday 31

A perfect day. Cool and bright. Our garden is all torn up with disks and sowed with buckwheat by W. Miller very thoroughly. Bob and family come down in car.

## **1916: June**

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

A perfect day. We finish garden today, very late this year but could not be helped on account of wet weather. Jean and babe up to Bella's and stay all night. Mrs. Doris and Mike Bolin call. I am painting and varnishing dining room.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rather dark in the morning but later comes on thunder showers. Jean not home yet. Raining, thunder and lightning. I do a whole lot of chores today.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

King George's birthday. Jean comes home from Bella's. Lots of chores finished. A beautiful day. Poured rain last night with a vengeance.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Got news yesterday of a terrific battle on the North Sea between British and German navy. The world never knew anything like it. Never. Thousands of precious lives lost. Oh, oh, the Devils to bring on such a dreadful war. A beautiful Sabbath morning. 4 Fords at church door. Afternoon got dark and rained heavy through the night.



Monday 5

A fine bright morning. We wash blankets and buggy. A dash of rain. A fine days work.

Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1916

We paint buggy. A perfect day for it, bright and cool. Bella and family come down in car. Baldy Weir brings down a load of girls at night. Marion was one.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

We finish up all about the buggy. Very high wind, threatens rain. Comes on a very little through the night.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

A dark, drizzling rainy morning. Windy.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

I go up [to] Bella's. Bob comes down for me with a car. A terrific storm comes on in the evening. I stay all night.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Cold and wet. Isabell and I come home in rain.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Cool.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. We wash. Had Bessie Read and the McCrae girls for tea. Mary miller Wood here to put back in vest. I call on Mrs. Stafford.

Tuesday 13

A very warm day. We iron and fix stall in stable. Quilting in church and Aggie calls.

Wednesday 14 1916

I paint cookhouse floor and some more things. Threatens rain.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Rains hard in Peterboro in the morning, some here in afternoon. No ball game, too wet. I paint doors at Post Office. Got word that George Read (of our village formerly) is missing in the war. Ray Humphries calls.

Friday 16

Fishing starts this mornnig. Excursion to Healey's Falls Jean goes also Charlie and Marion. Rainig. Oh so wet and cool.

Saturday 17

A fine bright day. We are painting down at Post Office.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

A day threatening rain. It comes on just as I come out of S.School than clears up again. About 4 o'clock it pours rain straight down. Mr. Stewart, banker here for tea. All Bob's are down. I go up to station in car with Bob & Charlie. Call on Mrs. Miller.

Monday 19

It pours rain like fury. We wash and read a story. Get word W. Dainton of Keene is killed in the war. Dreadful. And his brother wounded.

Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1916

We iron and paint some at office.

Wednesday 21

The longest day in the year. I go to the station to meet Agnes who comes home from Toronto. A beautiful day.

Thursday 22

I am still painting, another beautiful day. No rain - a rest from it. Agnes goes to Peterboro with Bella.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

I go up to Bella's along with Agnes and baby to have a rest and sew some.

Saturday 24

Lilly come home today. Pours and rains, thunder and lightning. Cool still and windy.

Sunday 25

This is our anniversary of church. A beautiful day. Made \$399 at least, 400 all but 10 cents.

Monday 26

Maggie and Lillie's anniversary of marriage. Our S.S. picnic, a great crowd away to it. Very warm and fine. We get hair cut. Pours rain in morn.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Wallace and Lilly go home. We wash and iron a very large ironing. Beautiful day, threatening rain afternoon.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Aunt Maggie and Harry come down from Toronto. I meet them. A beautiful day.

Thursday 29

A Pariotic social at Villiers. We all go with Charlie.

Friday 30

Church today. Warm and beautiful. Men fish.

## 1916: July

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

This is Dominion Day. A beautiful day. Great picnic at Hiawatha. We, Aunt Maggie and I, rest at home.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

This is our sacrament day. Very few out as a big thunderstorm comes on. I take sick and cannot go to church. Pours rain afternoon.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A dark morning. Comes on rain and pours at a terrific rate. We get in most of our clothes and iron them.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful bright warm day. We get our hay in. Harry and Charlie go to Elmhirst's. Harry did a multitude of chores.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

A very very warm day.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Agnes and I drive up to Bella's. The girls go bathing for the first time. Social at [7<sup>th</sup> ?] line.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

We put up wire fence today. Harry and Jean go fishing after tea.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Threatening rain but none comes. Dad goes to Peterboro. I go to Allandale.

Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1916

A beautiful sunny day. Agnes had topic in Endeavor. Charlei goes to Carters. Marion stays all night.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

A big washing and ironing, ripping waists, making rag carpet, fixing up for Endeavor concert.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Isabella Weir was here for dinner. Girls busy with Endeavor Social. Quite a number came. Everything sold out except some strawberries.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

A very very warm day. No rain for the 12<sup>th</sup>. A very large crowd in Peterboro.

Thursday 13

Fixing shed doors, washing church table cloths. Agnes is up at Bella's. A terrific thunder storm. Barns burned down.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Still very very warm. Aunt Maggie still darning socks and making pants for Jeannie.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Another great harvest or hay day. Make pies and clean up. Babe comes home William short was buried today aged 76 yrs.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

A fearfully hot day. Mr. McMillan preached on the music of the bible, the psalms and hymns.

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1916

Dark morning but oh, so hot. We wash. Agnes and Jean go up to Bella's in the evening. Boat brought up to get fixed.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

We iron. Agnes goes to a small picnic. They catch a lounge [muskallonge] on river. Harry works on boat all day.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

A fearfully hot day. Uncle Harry and Aunt Maggie go up to Drummond's and call at Rae's. We get word in paper that Mr. Mappin of Vancouver was killed in Los Angeles learning to be an aviator.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Another fearfully hot day. Uncle Harry went down to Wallaces. The girls went to a picnic at Campbelltown.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Great sweeping and dusting going on in our house. As hot as ever.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

I go to Peterboro with the Nelsons. We leave Nelson's at ½ past six. Leave town at ½ eleven. Stay all night at Nelsons.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Hotter than ever. Harry and Maggie go up to Peter Drummond's after dinner.

Monday July 24 1916

As hot as ever. We wash and iron and do lots of sundry things. Painting the boat and so forth.

Tuesday 25

The hottest day yet, 98 in the shade. We paint doors and boat, fix sofa pillow and kamona.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Hot. Hot yet.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
All finished today. Put up posts ready for fence. I know Henry is very glad and so am I.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Cool last night but hot as ever today. Fearful dust on roads. Agnes and Annie McIntyre go up to Bella's to sew. Uncle Harry goes to Fife's "Lelland goes" Aunt Maggie goes to Wallace's on the point, walks down but comes home in canoe. Mrs. Howson and McIntyre call. Elizabeth Drummond too.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
William Campbell's birthday. He is 69 years. A fearfully hot day.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Hotter than ever. Very few at church. Mr. McEachern goes for his holiday. Agnes and Roy Ray goes to Westwood to church. Very very hot.

Monday July 31 1916  
We wash a tremendous washing. Hot as ever. Father William and I drive down to Wallace's Point. Lilly, Agnes, Jean, Uncle Harry and Aunt Maggie all go down in boat – the first trip in it after being fixed. We had a most enjoyable time. Supper on the grass.

## **1916: August**

Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1916  
A big ironing. The boat crowd goes across the lake to look at a cottage. Had tea on Sugar Island. Fine and cool.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
A beautiful day, cooler. All Bella's family are down at night. We run up to Dick Davises at night in car.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cool in the morning but very hot in the day. Get letter from Maggie. [Caverment] was hanged today. Glad am I. He was a noted murderer. Caused dozens of deaths. Uncle Harry finishes wharf for boat house.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Two years today since war started. I do all my scrubbing and clean stove. Tomorrow is my birthday. Hot and dry still.

Saturday 5  
This is my 68<sup>th</sup> birthday. We go down to Sugar Island to have tea. Wallace and Lilly come down Monday in Toronto Civic Holiday. Oh so hot, no rain yet.

Sunday August 6 1916

A slight breeze. Dry and warm as yet. Mr. Thompson Jr. preached.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

We wash a large washing. Bake and get ready for a small picnic on the Lake. Henry, Margaret, Aggie Drummond, Kate McDougal, Bella Nelson, Agnes, Jean and babe and three more, Wall., Lilly and Isabella Campbell Jr. We had a very pleasant day looking up cottages but motor boat balked and we had to get towed into Roaches point. Some walked to Keene, others came in auto with Mr. Whyte.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Nice and cool. Wallace and Lilly went up to Peterboro with Bob Nelson in order to catch the 6 o'clock train for Toronto. Cool.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful cool morning. A little shower yesterday, not nearly enough yet. Marion Nelson and Lillian Hastee went to Toronto this morning. Aunt Maggie and Henry staked out their lot down at point yesterday.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Uncle H. and Aunt M. go home to Toronto. Lovely and cool. Get letter from Jamie and Maggie.

Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1916

Oh such a glorious rain we have today. Jean and I do lots of weeding. Marie M. Wood and Jake call, also Mrs. Humphries. I am picking wool. Elizabeth Powell was here for tea yesterday. Fine moonlight.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Very windy. Down comes the apples. Father William goes to Peterboro

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Another beautiful cool day. Mr. Thompson preaches again. All Nelson's come at night. Aunt Aggie Drummond stays down after church.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Another fine cool day. We wash and iron, a large days work. Also scrub new painted floor.

Tuesday 15

Jean, babe and I drive to Peterboro. Get babe's picture taken.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

A fine cool morning but very very warm in the middle of the day. We write letters and cut weeds in pasture field. Bob and Claud go fishing, get longe and bass.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Little Isabell Molison died last night at 12 of operation. Very very hot, everything burned up. Got to feed animals some. The village is all upset with the death of a dear little girl. She was a beautiful girl. God took her to his home in heaven.

Friday 18

Hot, hot as ever. Jean goes up to Bella today.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Isabel Molison buried. We clean up and bake some pies. The martins are gathering to bid us goodbye for another year. We have the weeds cut in the pasture.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Exceedingly hot. Old Mr. Ross preached. Jean and babe go up to Bella's after church.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Hotter than ever. Dreadful. Jean goes down to swim. We wash. Young John Molison comes here from Scotland.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Oh so hot. Starts to thunder but no rain here yet. Jean and babe go up to Bella's. We iron. Wrote to Billie and Eva. Got letter from Aggie.

Wednesday 23

Hot still. Beautiful day.

Thursday 24

Marion comes home from Toronto. I meet her at station. Some cooler.

Friday August 25 1916

Bright and some cooler.

Saturday 26

Raining hard. Harry, Margaret and Agnes come home from Toronto. They bring heaps of stuff. We meet with waggon. A beautiful rain.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Seven years today our Tommie died. Quite a fine day. Agnes goes up to Bella's.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. We wash and iron. Agnes and Jean go for a drive.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Harry, Margaret and Claud go to Peterboro on train. Aunt Margaret and Jean drive with the horse. They bring home the boat from Peterboro. Came as far as Campbelltown, then went up to Bella's and stayed all night. Got into Keene about ten. A fine boat.

Wednesday 30

A perfect, cool, bright day. We take loads of stuff to the cottage. All drive down and take supper down there. Lilly comes today.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Lera Howson, Miss Pollard, Miss Eglton and our girls go down to the Point and have tea. A beautiful day.

## **1916: September**

Friday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

A grand rain. Lilly and I drive up to Bella's for tea. Beautiful day. Cool and comfortable.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Another beautiful day. Wallace Wood comes this morning.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our own minister back today. Beautiful day, warm. Agnes goes down to the Point with Harry and Aunt Maggie, Aunt M. being ill.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

We wash and iron. Labor Day – a holiday. Men go shooting. Agnes and I go down to the Point with Archie Davison. Lilly and [xxx] go to town.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

I take Jeannie down to her school at Hiawatha.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

I go to Toronto this morning. A perfect day. Wallace meets me. Endeavor sale in town.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Cool in the morning. warm through the day. I hear the Birth of a Nation in Toronto at last. It was wonderful, also The Trial – a great play. We go to Exhibition .

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

My brother died today, 47 years today my mother died. We want her still. We had Mrs Rogers come to see me. Very warm still.

Saturday 9

Brother Willie was buried 30 years ago today. A dash of rain that day, then beautiful. Oh, oh, the agony of it all.

Sunday Sept.10 1916

This was mother's funeral day 47 years ago. Today is a perfect day. Nelson's stay down, Agness, Bella and Nell Drummond go down to the Cruikshank cottage at the point.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>



A beautiful day. Jean took horse down and came home at night. We wash and iron.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

I take Jean down to school, home, get a rest, then took horse down to the Cruickshank's. Walk home. Hot day. Jim Miller's babe died this morning – 2 yrs old.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

I take a rest in bed. Quite ill, got grip.

Thursday 14

No better this morning. Mrs. Humphries died. Elsie and Mary Doris call. Baby Miller buried today.

Friday 15

This is Peterboro fair. A few drops of rain through the night. Dark still.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Trying to rain. Cool. Last day of whiskey thank the good God. Would he would lay bare his holy arm to help us have the law kept. I guess we do not ask him in the right way.

Sunday 17

Dashes of rain, quite cool. Our folks got stuck in motor boat in the river.

Sunday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1916

Monday Sept. 18

A beautiful day. I wash. Agness took Jean down to her school. We iron at night.

Tuesday 19

No rain yet.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

We are preparing for a quilting. I kill a hen. Cool at night. Frost at night.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

My brother Tom's birthday (if alive). We have Mrs. Humphries, Elizabeth Drummond also Mary Miller Wood to quilt. A warm fine day.

Friday 22

A phone from Lilly. Mrs. Mary Wood comes all day and helps me finish quilt. Agness goes to Peterboro with Nelsons.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Rally Day in S.School. A beautiful cool day. Uncle Harry and Aunt Maggie came up from camp for dinner. Nelsons stay down.

Monday 25

A beautiful day. A big washing and ironing preparing for Agness going to New York.

Tuesday Sept. 26 1916

Heavy dew last night. A number call in to say goodbye to Agness. Looks like rain.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Lilly and Agnes leave on morning train for Toronto. Jean goes to her school at Hiawatha. Quite a nice day after all – no rain.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

This day we never forget, it is Tommie's birthday, 24 today. Agness leaves Toronto for New York. I trust the great and good God will keep her in her new home.

Friday 29

I do all my Saturday's work today. Am going to do some tomatoes tomorrow. Jean come home tonight. A beautiful day.

Saturday 30

We work at pickles until 3 p.m. then dad and I drive down to cottage. Uncle H. and Aunt M. come up and stay until Monday morning. A very nice visit we had. Thrashers at Bob's.

## **1916: October**

Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

A beautiful Sabbath morning. Nelson's did not stay for dinner.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jean goes to school. I wash and iron. Katie Gourley and Miss Troop call, also Bella and Charlie. Bob thrashed out today.

Tuesday Oct. 3 1916

Cold last night. A beautiful bright day. First day of Keene show.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day all through. Warm as summer. Good show. We had Bob, Bella, Isabel and Jean for dinner. Also Aunt Aggie Drummond and Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. J. H. Howson called. For tea we had Mr. Coward and 3 children, Mrs. Gray and Miss Troop also Roy Ray besides Bella's and our own. Mrs. Pollard and children called also Miss Harris her sister. Are all away to a Patriot's concert at night.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

This is the day after the show, another beautiful day. Teachers convention – Jean goes.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.

I drive to cottage, Jean comes home with Katie Skinner in auto.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Wallace and Lilly come. I call at Weir's for flowers.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

A very very warm day. We go to church without our coats. Beautiful day. Wall, Lilly, and Jean drive down to cottage. T. Laing here for tea.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving. We wash, go to church. kill our first duck for dinner at night.

Tuesday 10 October 1916

A dinner in basement of church, then a dance in town hall last night. Harry and Maggie come up and stay all night. Wall and Lilly go home to Toronto. I start at spare bedroom. Take in stove today. Big fire at Edwin Fife's last night, barn and some stock burned.

Wednesday 11

A beautiful day, Norwood fair. I clean 2<sup>nd</sup> spare room.

Thursday 12

Still cleaning up stairs. Picking a few apples.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day, then wind and rain sets in, howls. A little cooler. Bob and Charlie down – are in trouble about their cattle. Bob goes for Marion and Claud, father for Jean.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Uncle Tommie Miller's birthday had he been alive. I finish cleaning upstairs.

Sunday 15

A clear cool day. A sermon on [xxx]. Uncle Harry and Aunt Maggie come up from cottage, stay for dinner.

Monday 16

Threatens rain. Comes on middle of afternoon. I wash and iron. Billy McIntyre's sale.

Tuesday Oct. 17 1916

Working away at housecleaning. We get word that another of our lovely boys is killed at the war. Harold Smith, son of our banker here in Keene.

Wednesday 18

Still cleaning. Threatens rain. finish down to hall door.

Thursday 19

A beastly day. Raining and blowing. Bella comes down to help me clean the dining room and bedroom. Charlie comes down for her.

Friday 20

Raining hard still. Father goes for Jean, Bob for his children in Peterboro.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

I kill a duck. Clean cookhouse and most of cellar. Mrs. Ross and Miss call.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Quite cool in the morning, bright though. I go up to Nelson's with milk, a book for Lizzie Drummond and call on Miss Syewart.

Monday 23

This is my brother Jim's birthday had he been alive. A beautiful morning. I wash and iron, made sofa pillow.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Harper comes to visit, had a nice visit, talk of old times.

Wednesday Oct. 25 1916

A lovely day at times. Warm. Near tea time rain comes on and a terrific wind. Got word this afternoon that another of our boys is killed at this dreadful war. Ormand Weir is last.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

High wind. A number of chores. Finish cellar. I dig up cellery and put it in cellar.

27<sup>th</sup> Friday

I do all Saturday's work and go to preparatory service in church. Mr. Thompson preached. Starts to rain, a cold nasty afternoon.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day, warm until the evening and then was quite a wind for a while in the afternoon. I kill the last of Mrs. Miller's hens. Aunt Maggie calls. She and Jean drive up to station for some goods, then down to cottage with babe, stay for dinner. Ray Humphries call. So does Mrs. Moore. Word has come that Ormy Weir is killed at the war.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Another beautiful day. Warm. Sacrament in our church. We drive down to cottage. Bella and Jean stay down after church.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

I wash and iron. A beautiful cool day. Got phone message that Mrs. Mappin and Lilly are coming tomorrow - Tuesday.

Tuesday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1916

Turns out a beautiful day. They come – a long promised visit. This Mrs. Mappin and husband were coming together after he learned the Aviation at Los Angeles, Cal. but she came alone as he was killed. This is Lillie's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. God bless her again.

## 1916: November

Wednesday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

Well, it rained hard so we stayed in all day.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lilly and I drive up to Bella's. I kill and clean a duck, bake pies. Mary Doris comes today. Jean, Lilly and Mrs. Mappin drive down to Kelaney cottage.

Friday 3

A terrible accident at Walter Brunswick's thrashing. His son Russel got his left arm torn off at the elbow. He is doing nicely now.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Word came today tht Alphonso Bolin is killed at the front. Another of our fine boys gone.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Quite a little snow storm last night. So windy, a raw east wind, horrid. Today quite a nice day, bright. The 3 of them drive up to Bella's for tea. Uncle H. and Aunt Maggie walk up this afternoon.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1916

I wash and iron. Jean and Mrs. Mappin drive down to Hiawatha. A not very nice day at all but we manage to get clothes dry. Kill chicken for Lilly.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Mappin and Lilly leave for Toronto. Mrs. Mappin sails Thursday morning for England from New York. A very nice day.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Bella and Jeannie Nelson come down with Charlie. A perfect day, like summer almost.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

This is John and Mrs. Lang's Golden Wedding – 50 years of married life. It rains all day nearly, wind howls too. Harry and Maggie call up from cottage. Jean goes back to her school feeling a good deal better of her cold. Get a letter from Jim and Aggie. Also Mrs. Bobbie Miller.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Dark morning. Beautiful about one o'clock. Rain at 4. Beastly night, so windy.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

A very windy cold day. Quite a bit of ice this morning. Finish taking in beets and carrots.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Quite a cold day.

Monday Nov. 13 1916

A dark damp day. Cold. Frost. Clothes freeze as soon as put on line. We get part dried and ironed. Father takes Jean down to her school. Harry and Maggie come up from the cottage. They bring home all their stuff and leave for this year. Snowing a little bit through night.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Aunt M. packs all day, potatoes and all. Harry takes stuff to station. I iron.

Wednesday 15

They leave for Toronto. Quite a winter day. Mr. Bob Davison breaks his leg.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Ground white with snow. No sleighing yet. Charlie Nelson calls. Aunt Elsie calls too.

Friday 17

I do Saturday's work. snowing all day. Cutters out. Sleighs with big loads.

Saturday 18

A beautiful bright winter day. I kill chicken. Two roosters fight almost to death.

Sunday 19

A beautiful day. Sleighing all gone again. We drive up to Uncle Peet's for tea.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

A perfect winter day. I wash and iron. Jean goes down with R. McCamus to her school.

Tuesday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1916

Looks something like rain. Not nearly as nice as yesterday. Rains some.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Colder. With flurries of snow.

Thursday 23

No change. I finish sewing babe's things.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

I bake pies. kill a chicken. Clean stove and do all my Saturday's work.

Saturday 25

A cold, cold day. Dashes of snow and freezes hard at night. Jean goes up to Bella's to make candies. Boy Ray calls.

Sunday 26

Mrs. Johnston calls. A very, very cold day again. Jean and Marion very cold when they come down.

Monday 27

I wash and iron and mend. A beautiful day for the washing. Father takes up the hens to Bella.

Tuesday 28

Raining ahrd. Drizzles most of the day. Bella Drummond Weir is here with her babe who was down to the Dr. not being very well. Had a nice visit.

Wednesday 29

Rained all day. Had to light the lamp in the middle of the afternoon to see to sew.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful and bright today after the dark day.

1916: December

Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

Nice morning, turns dark in the afternoon, snows some. Melts. Cold for a while then mild again. Jean comes home with Mr. McCamus.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A good deal colder. We put new books in the library in S. School – some fine books. I get cold.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Quite a nice winter day. Nelsons stay for dinner. Jean and Bella sew the soldiers boxes ready to ship. Arthur, Harry Hastie, George Archer, Vernon Lord, Davy Leas. Anyway in came Claud who drove a car all the way from Peterboro himself. Very much pleased young man as the roads were horrible.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

I wash. Then go to bed in the afternoon. My cold gets worse. Isabel Nelson comes down to stay with me for one afternoon.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Great preparations for Mr. and Mrs. Melson's Golden Wedding. I miss it. Too ill to go. They had a very fine time. Jean came up from Hawatha.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Bella comes down to stay with me. She did fix things up fine.

Thursday

Snowing and blowing as a fearful rate. Jean – father had to take her down again.

Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 1916

Still a little windy. Clearing up some.

Friday 8

A beautiful day, like summer at times. 4 or 5 different climates in one day.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Oh such a day of dirt. We are making canvas middies and pants for the Hiawatha concert. Heaps of dirt, no Saturday's work done until a little at night.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

Quite a nice day. East wind. Big plant at Campbellford blown up.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

A terrible day in the history of Paterborough. About 10 o'clock the big building called Quaker Oats and Cereal blew up killing a great many and wounding a lot more. 18 killed that they know of and 40 in hospitals. The mate of it was destroyed last week in Saskatoon & looks very bad indeed. Public opinion is that the Bos [perjorative term for Germans common during W.W. 1 and usually spelled *Boche* ] are around.

Tuesday 12