

1923 Diary of Nellie Irene (Bates) Thomas (1861-1948)

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People: [Date of the first listing. There may be others.]

This diary includes: Jesse aka J. L. Roat and wife Katharine "Kate" (Thomas) Roat and their children: Marguerite aka M., Geraldine aka Gerry aka Jerry aka Jeri, Katharine aka Kitty aka Kitten, Eleanor, Betty aka Bettie, and Bob aka Bobs.

Jan 26 - May Donnelly refers to May Ella Cresswell who married Renbue W. Donley [or Donnelly?] who lived in Saginaw, Michigan. Her parents were Thomas Cresswell and Cornelia Moore [aka Nena]. Cornelia Moore was a sister to Nellie's mother, making her Nellie's aunt and May her niece.

Jan 27 - Aunt Carrie refers to Caroline (Moore) Lamson, a sister to Nellie's mother, making her Nellie's aunt.

Jan 28 - Aunt Deal refers to Cordelia (Moore) McCullen, a sister to Nellie's mother, making her Nellie's aunt. Aunt Nena refers to Cornelia (Moore) Cresswell, another sister to Nellie's mother.

Feb 1 - Laura - This Laura refers to Laura (McDonald) Lamson, wife of Walter Lamson. Walter refers to Walter Lamson, son of Valorus Lamson and Caroline aka Carrie (Moore) Lamson.

Jan 29 - Jesse aka Jess aka J. L. & Kate refers to Nellie's daughter Katharine Thomas and her husband Jesse Roat. Their children were Marguerite aka simply M., Geraldine aka Gerry or Jerry, etc., Katharine "Kitty", Eleanor, Marion "Betty" or Bettie, Bob aka Bobs.

Mar 14 - R. or Roy aka R. C. refers to Nellie's son Roy Cresswell Thomas. His wife was Celia and they had twin boys, William "Bill" and John "Jack" Thomas born in 1914.

May 21 - Mrs. Case or Mrs. Dr. Case - refers to a friend of Nellie Thomas.

May 23 - Hattie - Might refer to Harriet "Hattie" Wycoff the wife of Ransom Henry Peek.

May 30 - Tommie [?] - unknown person.

May 31 - Mrs. Gibson - unknown person.

June 3 - "Hattie, Leon and I" - Hattie and Leon probably refers to Harriet "Hattie" Wycoff Peek the wife of Ransom Peek. Leon probably refers to her son Leon, born 1914.

June 7 - Ollie [?] - unknown person

June 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Seeley - unknown persons

June 24 - Ransom [?] - Probably refers to Ransom Henry Peek, son of George Peek and Louise "Lucy" McQuigg. Ransom Peek was married to Harriet "Hattie" Wycoff.

June 24 - Uncle Lee and John McQuigg - unknown persons. John McQuigg is probably the brother of Catharine McQuigg who married (1) Norman Eaton and (2) John D. Thomas. Catharine McQuigg and Norman Eaton "adopted" Nellie Bates after the death of her mother, Matilda Moore Bates.

June 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Finney - unknown persons.

June 29 - Lula and "Halls" - unknown persons. Lula might be Lula (Hirsch) Shepard, wife of Raymond "Ray" Shepard whose parents were Sidney Shepard and Martha Peek.

Jun 29 - Olive - Might refer to Olive Adelia Peek, a single woman, the daughter of George Peek and Louise "Lucy" McQuigg.

July 1 - Laura & George - May refer to Laura Peek the wife of George Schlessler. Laura was the daughter of Ransom Peek and Harriet "Hattie" Wycoff.
July 4 - Tommie [?], Gerny [Gerry?] - unknown person
Jul 10 - The Vartys - Friends and/or neighbors of Jesse & Kate Roat in Flint, MI.
Jul 14 - Jerry, Tommie, Chet - unknown persons.
Jul 19 - Cousin Lois - Lois and Sam. Cousin Lois might be Lois Arvilla (Peek) Davis but no one named Sam is known to be connected to her.
Jul 29 - Little Norma Jene - unknown person.
Jul 31 - Amy - might refer to Amy Shepard, a single woman, daughter of Sidney Shepard and Martha Peek.
Sep 22 - Miss Andrews, Mrs. Wittimere [?], Mrs. Rebe - unknown person.
Sep 23 - Mr. Bluefield - unknown person.
Sep 26 - Mrs. Goss [?] - unknown person.
Sep 29 - Mrs. Suits [?] - unknown person.
Oct 2 - Harve and Lil - unknown persons.
Oct 3 - McRuby [?] - unknown person.
Oct 4 - Vine and Allie - unknown persons. In Nellie's 1920 diary she mentions a Vine Benson. In her 1923 diary she mentions a Vine Benton. These may refer to this Vine.
Oct 27 - Evelyn - unknown person.
Nov 3 - Clifford, Margret - unknown persons.
Nov 3 - Harold - unknown person.
Nov 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Roat refers to the parents of Jesse Roat. Frank probably refers to the foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Roat.
Nov 8 - Mrs. Bergers - unknown persons.
Nov 10 - Elwood[s] - unknown person. This might refer to Elwood Carlson, neighbor to Roat family.
Nov 15 - Mrs. Bramlet - unknown person.
Nov 21 - Nellie's husband - unknown person - does not refer to herself.
Nov 22 - Mrs. Cooly and Mrs. Pomeroy - unknown persons.
Nov 23 - Mr. G. - unknown person.
Nov 26 - Mrs. Gaud [?] - unknown person.
Dec 5 - Miss Hill and Miss Bachtell - unknown persons.
Dec 12 - Mrs. Hudson - unknown person. John and Fronia probably refers to John and Fronia Swayze who lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana. See the 1922 diary for additional information about them.

Residences or Trips:

Jan 1-26 - Unknown location, probably living in Flint, Michigan.
Jan 27 - Feb 2 - In Saginaw, MI after the death of May (Cresswell) Donley/Donnelly.
Feb 3 - March 13 [?] living in Flint, MI.
March 14 - May 5 [?] living in Grand Rapids with son Roy & wife Celia Thomas.
May 6 - living in Flint, Michigan?
Unclear - July 9 - "Packed up for home. Gerry came after me. Went to the lake and got M. and children." It is unclear where she was when she was picked up by Gerry and whether how long she had been there.
July 18 - Arrived in Bay View, Michigan, apparently from Flint, Michigan.
[Evidently moved from Bay View to Flint, Michigan, but unknown date.]
Oct 27 - Appears she was in Flint by at least this date.
Nov 13 - Left on train to Florida with Mrs. Case.
Nov 15 - Arrived in St. Petersburg, FL.
Dec 31 - Still in Florida.

Movies or plays:

March 17 - Braun of the North with dog Strongheart
December 5 - Mona [Was this a movie?]
December 8 - The Virginian [Was this a movie?]
December 21 - The Fool Driver [Was this a movie?]

Books:

Important notes:

Jan 26 - "Poor May Donnelly passed out of her troubles today."

Aug 3 - "Our President Harding reported dead."

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Jan 1-25	[Blank]
Jan 26 Fri	Poor May Donnelly passed out of her troubles today.
Jan 27 Sat	I went to Saginaw today. Stayed at aunt Carries nights.
Jan 28 Sun	Aunt Deal and I stayed with Aunt Nena today.
Jan 29 Mon	May laid away today. Kate and Jesse drove down. A large funeral.
Jan 30-31	[Blank]
Feb 1 Thu	Spent the day with Laura. We had such a fine visit. Walter walked up to Aunt Carries with us.
Feb 2 Fri	Spent the day with Aunt Nena.
Feb 3 Sat	Mr. Rice was married today. Came home from Saginaw today.
Feb 4 Sun	Geraldine, Bobs and Bettie sick.
Feb 5-8	[Blank]
Feb 9 Fri	Pd. Dr. Handy \$10.00 today on account.
Feb 10 Sat	Pd my Gleaner dues today.
Feb 11 Sun	[Blank]
Feb 12 Mon	Was taken sick again today. Flu.
Feb 13-Mar 13	[Blank]
Mar 14 Wed	I came to Grand Rapids today with R. [Roy] Did enjoy my ride so much. Was so nice to ride with my boy.
Mar 15 Thu	Very cold.
Mar 16 Fri	Very cold.
Mar 17 Sat	Roy took Celia, boys and I down town. C., boys and I went to see Strongheart in Braun of the North. Did a little shopping. R. C. came and got us.
Mar 18 Sun	Went to Soldiers Home in P.M. Celia and I went to Church. I enjoyed sermon very much on portions of 14th chpt. of John.
Mar 19 Mon	Celia and I played Parcheesi this P.M. Another big blizzard last night and today. 0° last night. Could hardly keep warm.
Mar 20 Tue	A little warmer, Not well again.
Mar 21 Wed	Pretty cold Spring day. Letter from Mrs. Case asking about B. V. [Bay View, Michigan]. Am carrying a temperature.
Mar 22 Thu	Letter from Gerry saying she went to Owasso and got third in stenography. So glad.
Mar 23 Fri	Am sick but managed to stay up. Wrote letter.
Mar 24	Wasent able to stay up this A.M. In fact, couldent get up. No food.

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Mar 25 Sun	Suffering a great deal. Dr. Montgomery came this P.M. He seems very thorough. No food.
Mar 26 Mon	Tablets last night, 4 tablespoons castor oil this A.M., also hot packed for one hour then lay an hour after _____ [soaks?] removed, then rub. Am so sick. No food.
Mar 27 Tue	Castor Oil - 2 tb. Hot pack. Liquid diet.
Mar 28 Wed	Castor Oil, 2. tb. Hot pack. Liquid diet.
Mar 29 Thu	Very cold. Castor Oil. Liquid diet.
Mar 30 Fri	Nearly 0° weather. Hot pack. Castor Oil. Liquid diet.
Mar 31 Sat	Nearly 0° weather. Have been allowed to omit [?] both this A.M. Some relief. Feel pretty miserable [?]. Roy brought me beautiful Easter Lily from family.
Apr 1 Sun	Easter Sunday. An extremely cold day here in G. R. [Grand Rapids], two or three fierce blizzards. Had a very bad night, suffered so much and have had a very hard day. My head and neck so bad.
Apr 2 Mon	Had a bad time for a while in the night. Feel a little better today. It is like Spring out. R. C. gone to Muskegon.
Apr 3 Tue	More pills. Castor Oil. Hot pack. Liquid Diet. Roy went to Kalamazoo.
Apr 4 Wed	Celia ironed and washed and worked so hard, nearly sick tonight. Am so lame can hardly move. Am getting so discouraged.
Apr 5 Thu	Very bad tonight, could hardly move. Another hot pack today. So sick all day. Still on liquid diet.
Apr 6 Fri	Twords [towards] afternoon today began to feel little better. Celia most sick with hard cold. Is bound to clean up house.
Apr 7 Sat	Celia sick in bed today. Went to see Dr. last night. Roy has hands full. Can start to eat some solid food now, but don't seem to care for it.
Apr 8 Sun	Celia feels little better. Roy still cook, nurse and housekeeper. He got me downstairs first time in over two weeks. It seemed so good. Nearly had to carry me up.
Apr 9 Mon	Got down again this P.M. and walked around a little.
Apr 10 Tue	Down just before dinner, dont care much for food. Am suffering with rheumatism, getting worse.
Apr 11 Wed	Suffered something terrable all night. Did not seem I could ever endure until they got up. Called them early. They sent for Dr. Montgomery.
Apr 12 Thu	Began to get some relief yesterday P.M. Rested last night. Am feeling a little better tonight and walked to bathroom.
Apr 13 Fri	Still in bed. Lame, rather it is more than lame. Can hardly move limbs again. Cold and gray. Threatening snow. The weather than puts me out of commission.
Apr 14 Sat	Cold and gray, and as so hurting, hard to move. Roy took Celia and boys down to Picture. Then he came home and washed car so as to be here with me, or near me. Snowing tonight.
Apr 15 Sun	Hard steady snow storm all day, and so very cold. Roy gave me Violet Ray treatment. Think it did me good. Feel some better. Had a bath.
Apr 16 Mon	Roy went to Muskegon today. I am very lame, but feel better other ways. Set up in my room a good deal. About five went down stairs. Celia gave me another Violet Ray treatment.
Apr 17 Tue	My left hand pretty bad this A.M. C. put V. R. [Violet Ray] on it. Stayed down all the evening. It did me good.
Apr 18 Wed	Roy went to Kalamazoo this A.M. I went down stairs real early, but got so tired could hardly stand it.
Apr 19 Thu	Get down every day and see that I gain a little, but it seems so slow. Roy got run into the ditch and got his car broken, but he was not hurt.
Apr 20 Fri	Celia went down town with _____ [blank] and got her a very pretty new hat. Took my first Auto ride since I was sick. It did seem so pleasant.

Apr 21 Sat	Celia over done, walked to much yesterday.
Apr 22 Sun	Celia sick, relapse from Flu. Took a ride around Reeds lake, lovely.
Apr 23-25	[Blank]
Apr 26 Thu	Celia under Dr. care. Heart and Kidney complications.
Apr 27-28	[Blank]
Apr 29 Sun	Celia still under Dr. care. Sets up a little.
Apr 30 Mon	Making mustard poultices these days and trying to drag around.
May 1 Tue	Celia getting better but so very slowly.
May 2 Wed	[Blank]
May 3 Thu	Celia and I having great times playing parcheesi.
May 4 Fri	Celia getting around the house a little today. It does seem so good to have her better.
May 5 Sat	We did a real stroke of business today in house work, our woman did not come. Both pretty tired. Kate, J. L. and family came. Katharine and I went to Trinity Church.
May 6 Sun	We drove to Flint today, very dry. A hard drive of 111 miles.
May 7 Mon	J. L. took me to the bank today. Jerry starts on her work at Register of Deeds Office. Is trying to see if she can do the work.
May 8 Tue	Very nice this day, so pleasant. Kate went to Parent Teachers meeting tonight.
May 9 Wed	The most beautiful world this A.M. Every tree, shrub and blade of grass covered with snow.
May 10-16	[Blank]
May 17 Thu	Going to Holly today to begin my treatments.
May 18 Fri	Came last evening to Holly, but did not get to see the Dr. until this P.M., so cannot take treatment.
May 19 Sat	Took my first treatment today. It stired me up a good deal. Am glad tomorrow is Sunday to rest from it.
May 20 Sun	Went to Presbyterian Church this A.M. with Hattie. Had a good sermon. Went to cemetary in P.M. and after resting, to Reeds lake for a ride.
May 21-22	[Blank]
May 23 Wed	Am taking treatment every day. They stir me up a good deal. Trying to help Hattie out as she is cleaning getting ready to move! Hands and arms bad.
May 24-25	[Blank]
May 26 Sat	Feel pretty miserable. Glad I do not take any treatment tomorrow.
May 27 Sun	Went to Holly M. E. [Methodist Episcopal] Church this A.M. to service for the Old Soldiers. Kept pretty quiet in P.M.
May 28 Mon	Started to board myself this A.M. [Her cash account record for May 28 states: paid Hattie - room \$7.00. There are several other cash account entries for paying Hattie.]
May 29 Tue	[Blank]
May 30 Wed	Decoration day. Took my treatment as usual today. Kate, Gerry, Kitty and Tommie [?] came to see me. Brought me some sewing [?].
May 31 Thu	Mrs. Case and Mrs. Gibson came and surprised me today.

Jun 1 Fri	[Blank]
Jun 2 Sat	Pay day soon rolls around. See just a little improvement.
Jun 3 Sun	_____. Hattie, Leon [?] and I went to Long Lake to cottage today. One beautiful day. Rained hard after we got home.
Jun 4-6	[Blank]
Jun 7 Thu	Went to Davisburg today to see Ollie [?]. Found the poor girl starving and all broken up. Left her comfortable.
Jun 8-15	[Blank]
	[Her cash account entry indicates she went to Flint on June 9th - see below.]
Jun 16 Sat	Kate and Eleanor drove to Ypsilanti today. Left little Bettie with me.
Jun 17 Sun	I stayed home with Betty this A.M., but went to the evening service at the Methodist Church.
Jun 18 Mon	Betty went home today. Dr. Case [?] took another blood test this A.M. Am not feeling well this A.M.
Jun 19 Tue	Have such a lame back can not go to take my treatment.
Jun 20 Wed	Am so sick can hardly get out of bed. Rheumatism all over.
Jun 21 Thu	[Blank]
Jun 22 Fri	Crawled to the office this A.M. My report good. Change some of my treatment. Felt better after I had treatment.
Jun 23 Sat	Shortened my treatment. They make me feel better.
Jun 24 Sun	Went to M. E. [Methodist Episcopal] Church this A.M. Had good sermon by Mr. Wilcox. Stayed to S. S. and Mr. and Mrs. Seeley brought me home. In the P.M. Hattie and Ransum [?] took me out to White Lake. We went to the cemetary and saw the graves of Uncle Lee and John McQuigg. In evening went to Baptist Church to children's exercises. Mr. Finney gave me beautiful boquet. Went to see Mr. [or Mrs.?] Finneys flowers. [This note extended into the space for June 25th, and 26th, therefore, there is nothing for those dates.]
Jun 25-26	[Blank] [see note above for 24th]
Jun 27-28]Blank]
Jun 29 Fri	Went to the Burg. [?] to Hudsons for dinner. Lula gave me a very nice hat. Also called on Halls [?] and Olive.
Jun 30 Sat	Hattie sick in bed today and I am house keeper.
Jul 1 Sun	Laura and George came today. I went to church this A.M. then got dinner.
Jul 2 Mon	[Blank]
Jul 3 Tue	Leon got badly burned by a fire cracker tonight.
Jul 4 Wed	We went to Tailer Lake today, picnic dinner. Tommie [?], Gerny [Gerry?] with a lot of others called for a few moments. So glad to see them.
Jul 5-Jul 6	[Blank]
Jul 7 Sat	Took my last treatment today at least for this time. Helped Hattie finish her dress. Went down to Library tonight with books.
Jul 8 Sun	Went to Presbyterian Church this A.M. In P.M. went for ride over to Mt. Bethel. Got home at four, very tired and headachey.
Jul 9 Mon	Took a blood test this P.M. Washed and ironed today and went up town. Am quite tired. Also packed up for home. Gerry came after me. Went by the lake and got M. and children.
Jul 10	Kate and the Vartys started for B. View [Bay View] this A.M. with Kitty and Anna. Marguerite is

Tue	chief house keeper. Hard rain this P.M. (Show today instead of 11th.)
Jul 11 Wed	Big show in town. [See note on July 10th regarding this.] I did not go. Mr. Horter [?] went with J. L. and Bobs and M. and E. [Marguerite and Eleanor]. Rained very hard tonight. Don't feel very well.
Jul 12 Thu	Went to Mrs. Gibsons today to a dinner party, ten ladies there, had a nice time. Bought pair of Oxford[s?] this A.M.
Jul 13 Fri	Just about sick today.
Jul 14 Sat	Went out to lake with Jerry, Tommie, Chet, Betty and Bobs. J. L., Marguerite and Eleanor came later.
Jul 15 Sun	It was just grand at the lake today.
Jul 16 Mon	About sick again today. I read too much for one thing. I can not stand a great deal.
Jul 17 Tue	Marguerite and I went down town. Bought my coat.
Jul 18 Wed	Mrs. Case and I came to Bay View today. George and Laura met us. A most dreadfully dirty [?] trip.
Jul 19 Thu	Went up town and went to cousin Loises for a little while. Had our pictures taken by Sam. Do not feel well.
Jul 20-26	[Blank]
Jul 27 Fri	Ray [or Roy?] and M. came today. Dr. Robinson is here this week. I attend all lectures I can.
Jul 28 Sat	Went up to Hospital to see how baby was.
Jul 29 Sun	Little Norma Jene died today. Do not know just what was cause of her sickness.
Jul 30 Mon	Washed today. Ray [or Roy?] was here to dinner.
Jul 31 Tue	Little Norma Jene buried today. We, Katharine, Amy and I rode with Laura and Geo. Ray [or Roy?] and Marguerite started for G. R. [Grand Rapids] at 4 P.M.
Aug 1-2	[Blank]
Aug 3 Fri	Our President Harding reported dead.
Aug 4-Sep 21	[Blank]
Sep 22 Sat	Miss Andrews began coming up to stay all night as Mrs. Wittimere [?] and Mrs. Rebe went home tonight.
Sep 23 Sun	Went up to Church all by my lonesome. Got a ride partway and part way home. Mr. Bluefield preached a splendid sermon from Rev. 3-16.
Sep 24 Mon	Washed. Walked up to Petoskey and back and over done, couldn't take time to rest.
Sep 25 Tue	[Blank]
Sep 26 Wed	Mrs. Case and Mrs. Goss [?] went home to Flint today. Taken sick with my back today.
Sep 27 Thu	[Blank]
Sep 28 Fri	Miss Andrews went to Grand Rapids this A.M. to stay until Mon. then on home. My back is pretty bad.
Sep 29 Sat	Mrs. Suits [?] went up town on business and also got me some tablets for my back.
Sep 30 Sun	Mrs. Suits and I stayed at home all day. Can hardly get around.
Oct 1 Mon	Mrs. Suits left for home this A.M. Seems good to be alone.

Oct 2 Tue	Am trying to piece a quilt top. Went up town with Harve and Lil.
Oct 3 Wed	I am sixty-two years old today. Had dinner with Harve, Lil, and Lois [?]. Then had Lois [?] and Mrs. McRuby [?] to supper and stay all night. Many cards and 3 h-k[?]-chiefs and wonderful boquet of Dalahs [Dahlia's].
Oct 4 Thu	Had Harve and Lil, Lois, Vine and Allie to dinner. Then they stayed the P.M. and evening and we ate at 10 P.M., cafeteria style. Played Pollyanna.
Oct 5-26	[Blank]
Oct 27 Sat	Kate and Mrs. Roat gave reception for Evelyn tonight. A nice company then I took her a _____ piece.
Oct 28 Sun	Went to Church this A.M. and heard a wonderful sermon on the Age of Din -meaning - noise.
Oct 29-Nov 2	[Blank]
Nov 3 Sat	Marguerite home this week, just got home from teacher convention. Clifford, Harold and Margret here to spend the evening, also Mr. and Mrs. Roat and Frank.
Nov 4 Sun	Mr. Fruit preached on unseen Forces, a wonderful helpful sermon. How the great things are worked out for us if we only <u>trust</u> .
Nov 5-7	[Blank]
Nov 8 Thu	Attended a dinner party at Mrs. Bergers today. Nine of us there. Had a fine time.
Nov 9 Fri	Decided today to go to Florida with Mrs. Case. Do not know if I have done right or not. Have prayed much over it.
Nov 10 Sat	Dinner party at Elwoods. Roy and family came today. Had an accident and did not get here until in the night. Was so glad to see them.
Nov 11 Sun	Roy and Celia went home about five P.M. Was to tired to go to Church.
Nov 12 Mon	Working hard today. Gave K. a platter for b-day. Packing and sewing. Sent trunk this P.M.
Nov 13 Tue	Mrs. Case and I started for Florida today. Special car from Flint with several I knew. Lot of people down to see us off.
Nov 14 Wed	A very pleasant trip and nice train.
Nov 15 Thu	Arrived at St. Petersburg at noon. Mrs. Bramlet at station to meet us with Buic Sedan.
Nov 16 Fri	Bought supplies for our larder today. Took supper out.
Nov 17 Sat	Not much of any thing done today. Took long walk.
Nov 18 Sun	Heard two splendid sermons today. Also a concert in the park.
Nov 19 Mon	Took a long walk out on the pier today. Went to evangelistic meeting tonight. M. E. [Methodist Episcopal] South.
Nov 20 Tue	Went to tea rooms for dinner. All right for quality. Laid down a little while this P.M. Sewed a little. Visited with Salsberrier [?] down town.
Nov 21 Wed	Sat in the Park a long time and watched them play Rook this P.M. Washed and ironed today. Went to prayer meeting tonight. Nellies husband came tonight.
Nov 22 Thu	Not feeling very well, a bad time as usual with my bowels. Mr. and Mrs. Cooly and Mrs. Pomeroy called.
Nov 23 Fri	Mrs. Case and I taken on a boat ride to see the Gandy [?] bridge this P.M., a lovely trip. Saw Mr. [?] G. and heard him tell how his dreams were realized.
Nov 24 Sat	Turned cooler today. Had to start a fire. Mr. Walter of the Gandy Bridge staff here a long time. Went to "Bobs" for dinner.
Nov 25 Sun	Heard a good sermon as usual. This P.M. Mrs. B and family took us riding. Went to Pass-a-grill, Gulf Port and out on the pier, Ict [Etc.] It was lovely. In eve went to concert at M. E. [Methodist

	Episcopal].
Nov 26 Mon	A circus in town today. Mrs. C. and I went to see the parade. I did not feel well so we stayed in this P.M. Went to evangelistic meeting tonite.
Nov 27 Tue	Washed and ironed today. Took a walk this P.M. And tonight went to the congregati[onal] Church to hear a dialect reader. She was very entertaining.
Nov 28 Wed	Went for my first bottle of water today. Found the well surroundings much improved. This P.M. went on a buss trip Shore Acres. A lovely ride beyond the Coffee Pot. Prayer meeting tonight.
Nov 29 Thu	Thanksgiving day. Mrs. C. took me to dinner at Copper Kettle Inn. I took her to all "Soft-Boiled." It was fine. Supper at Park C. Am very tired.
Nov 30 Fri	Had our dinner in for the first today, also supper. Went to Library this P.M., also down to flowing well after water. Got a letter from Dear Kate today.
Dec 1 Sat	First day of Dec. Got two letters today and wrote one. Made cookies. Went to Y. W. to dinner then sat in the park a long time. Went to a bead store opening.
Dec 2 Sun	Went to M. E. Church this A.M. and to the Lutheran tonight to see the Pagent "Palice Beautiful" I think. It was fine.
Dec 3 Mon	Did our washing and ironing and pressed some dresses. Sat in the Park a while after dinner. Had dinner a[t] House Cafeteria.
Dec 4 Tue	Took a long tramp [?] around among the stores. Did a little x-mas shopping.
Dec 5 Wed	This has been a rainy day. Went to see a picture this P.M., Mona. A wonderful prayer meeting tonight. Mrs. Benadict came today.
Dec 6 Thu	Went to the German church today for dinner. It was fine. Miss Hill and Miss Bachtell came to see us tonight. Went to library.
Dec 7 Fri	We called on Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. Pomeroy this P.M. Took dinner at the Christian Church. Sewed some this P.M. and done a lot of walking looking for ribbon.
Dec 8 Sat	Did a little Saturday work. Got some supplies for Sunday. Went to see the Virginian in the P.M.
Dec 9 Sun	Went to our Church in the A.M. and to the Congregational in the evening. Heard a story about one woman, 3 men, and a cat that went on a perilous expedition. Took dinner at the "House." [?]
Dec 10 Mon	Washed and Ironed today. Went out to dinner. Took a walk then Mrs. C. and I sat in the sleeping porch and worked.
Dec 11 Tue	We went out shopping for the garden today, bacon, green peas, Ict. [Ect.] Had our dinner in. Went down town this P.M. Got K. book.
Dec 12 Wed	Went out to dinner then we went to fruit stations and I sent a small box of fruit to Mrs. Hudson and one to John and Fronia. I hope they will like them. Finished reading a book today. Prayer meeting [to]night.
Dec 13 Thu	Went out and sent a box of fruit to Olive today. I hope it will help to make life a little briter for her. Broused around in the Library a while this P.M., got a new book.
Dec 14 Fri	The new Crown Caffeteria opened today, fine dinner. Started to read a new book by Temple Baily, just fine.
Dec 15 Sat	Went to the Crown again today for dinner. It is just around the corner and so nice. It rained a while this P.M. We went down town.
Dec 16 Sun	Been to Church twice today. The most beautiful music tonight. Had a delightful ride after dinner with Mr. and Miss Hill, Miss Bachtell and Mrs. Case and I.
Dec 17 Mon	Washed, ironed and cleaned and got my x-mas cards and Jr.'s [?] and Beths packages off today.
Dec 18 Tue	Mrs. Williams son brought us some fresh mackeral so we had dinner in. Mich. meeting today. It was well attended - Pres. Mr. Westerman.
Dec 19 Wed	So surprised on coming back from dinner and shoping to be invited to go riding with the Hills to Clearwater about 24 miles away. We had a lovely time. Went through two new churches.
Dec 20 Thu	Got my other two x-mas boxes off today. So sorry Gerrys basket isnt here to fix and send. Took dinner with Church people.
Dec 21 Fri	Sent a few more cards. Afraid they wont get there for x-mas. Took a walk to see the new Hotels. Went to see the Fool driver this P.M. Went to a meeting at the Baptist Church. Saw the Holleis there.

Dec 22 Sat	Had our dinner in today. Finished my blue dress and slip. Went for a walk after supper. Crowds and crowds of people.
Dec 23 Sun	Went to Church twice today. Lovely x-mas exercise. Had a good rest this P.M.
Dec 24 Mon	Washed, ironed and cleaned today. Met the Hills at dinner and received an invitation to go to the Jungle after water. [Unclear meaning] It was a lovely ride.
Dec 25 Tue	X-mas day in Florida. Recd a x-mas box from home last night. So fine to remember me. Went with nearly 60 others from Flint to Hotel Morgan to dinner. Dinner and service not very good, but had a fairly good time.
Dec 26 Wed	Went to the white service exercises last night at the Church. Today seems like Monday. Went to a picture this P.M. It was very cold last night and yesterday.
Dec 27 Thu	Such a wonderful trip again today by the Hills. We left at 9-30 and got back at 5-30 P.M. Clearwater - Tarpon Springs - Fen-way-on-the-bar, and New Port Richie. Saw Cotee and Anclote rivers. Ate dinner at Clearwater.
Dec 28 Fri	Fixing the hem of my blue dress.
Dec 29 Sat	Am not feeling well. My throat is very bad.
Dec 30 Sun	Splendid service at the Church, both morning and evening.
Dec 31 Mon	Washed, ironed and cleaned today and we had our dinner at home, also supper. Then went to watch night service at the Church from 9 until 12. It was so good. A great many people there. And now good by little book of 1924. [She meant 1923.]

Cash Account

January

1	Toothpaste		.50
2	Underware		
2	Shoeshine, care fare		.15
2	Maltine	1	.50
	Singing book		.25
	Skaynet [?] Cleansing Cream		.50
	New black dress	12	.00
25	McComb-Chase [?] meetings	5	.00
27	Care fare - Saginaw	1	.04

February

	Chrotchet collar		.14
3d	Fare to Flint	1	.04
9th	Pd. Dr. Handy	10	.00
10th	Gleaner dues	11	.34
11	Collection		.10
12	Motto		.10
14	Malted milk		.50
	Envelopes		.25
	Stamps		.25

March

17	Two balls C. cotton		.20
18	Collection		.10
	Stamps		.15
	Cabbage		.06

	Collection		.10
	Thompsons _____		.60

April

	Sloans Liniment		.35
	Medacine		.80
	Medacine		.40
	Stamps		.25
	Caster Oil		.35

May

1	Pd. Dr. Montgomery			18	.00
	Collection				.10
	Envelopes				.25
	Stamps				.25
7th	Rec. Interest	7	.02		
	Pd. for blood test			10	.00
	Casacara Segrada [an herb]				.25
	Tablet				.10
	Sundae				.10
	[no entry]				.10
18	Skirt				.45
17	Veil				.45
17	Corset			1	.49
19	Dr. Carr			3	.00
21	Glasses fixed				.25
	Outing flannel				.20
	Leon				.05
26	Dr. Carr - paid			18	.00
28	Pd. Hattie - room			7	.00
	Soap				.10
	Ink				.10

June

2	Pd. Dr. Carr	18	.00
4	Pd. Hattie - room	3	.00
7	Care fare to Davisb. - back		.36
7	Pd. Fred Dye for care of Semetary [cemetery] lot	6	.00
	Ticket for Play		.35
	Eggs for Olive		.22
9th	Pd. Dr. Carr	18	.00
11	Pd. H. [Hattie] room rent	3	.00
9	Carefare to Flint		.62
9	Gloves	1	.69
11	Stamp book		.25
16	Pd. Dr. Carr	18	.00
18	Pd. Hattie room rent	3	.00
	1 spool silk		.10
25	Pd. Dr. Carr	9	.00
25	Pd. Hattie room rent	3	.00
	Cascara Segrade		.15
	Sending box		.06
26	Pd. Mrs. F. A. Case	36	.00
	Post cards		.05

	Tablet		.10
28	Pd. Dr. Carr	18	.00

July

1	Pd. Hattie	3	.00
7	Pd. Dr. Carr	15	.00
	Ice cream		.20
	For groceries at Holly	11	.58
11	Pr. [pair] Oxfords	4	.85
	Car fare		.20
	Chamoise [chamois] skin		.10
17	Coat	19	.75
17	Collar		.95
17	Shoes, heeled		.40
18	Ticket to Petoskey	8	.85
18	Milk		.10
19	Trunk		.50
	Electric bulb		.32
	Post Office box key		.55
	Clock fixed	1	.00
	Magazine		.25

August

4	Magnesia		.50
	Pillows	1	.20
	Dr. Engle	1	.00
	Medacine		.60

September

	Magnesia		.50
	Medacine		.60
	Magazine		.10
	Beads		.19
	Stove, Pipe, work	9	.07
	Magnesia		.50
	Tablets		.15

October

2	Maltine	1	.50
5	Mr. Judd - cutting wood	1	.70
	Mrs. Morehouse	1	.00

November

	C-Cotton		.15
	Castile soap		.15
	Candy		.05
	Platter	1	.28
	Hat	5	.95
	Dress	6	.27
	Dress	4	.00
	Coat	24	.95
	Hose	1	.39
	Slip	1	.64
	Shoe shine		.10

	Ticket	47	.00
	Breakfast		.65
15	Dinner		.50
16	General fund	5	.00
	Supper		.25
	Trunk		.50
	Tablet - total 7.55		.10
17	Supper		.25
	Dish and cup		.20
18	Dinner		.35
19	Dinner		.29
19	Stamps	1	.00
	Postal cards		.05
20	Dinner and supper		.61
20	Postcards, snaps [?] witch hazle		.25
21	Dinner		.36
21	X-mas box		.10
22	Dinner		.25
23	Dinner, carfare, McCalls		.35
24	Dinner		.34
25	Dinner		.34
26	Dinner		.26
	Pictures developed		.70
	Malted milk		.50
27	House fund	1	.00
27	X-mas Cards and booklets		.42
28	Dinner		.29
29	Pictures .70 and supper .20		.90
30	Book		.55
	[Total]	8	.31

December

1	Dinner				.26
1	General fund			1	.00
1	Shoe shine				.10
2	Dinner				.34
3	Dinner				.27
4	Dinner				.26
5	Dinner				.29
6	Church dinn[er?]				.50
6	Writing paper, _____				.40
	Gas stove [?]				.25
7	Dinner				.35
7	Malted milk				.50
7	Postage stamps				.50
7	Tooth paste				.08
7	General fund			1	.00
8	Dinner				.27
8	Picture				.35
9	Dinner				.24
10	Dinner				.25
12	Dinner				.27
	[Subtotal]			7	.48
12	House fund			1	.00

	Gas stove				.25
13	Dinner				.50
14	Crown opened - dinner				.30
15	Dinner				.24
15	Frames [?] for hair, tooth brush				.35
16	Dinner				.28
16	Collection				.25
17	Dinner				.28
18	House fund			1	.00
18	Michigan Society			1	.00
19	Dinner				.27
20	Dinner				.50
21	Dinner				.27
21	Picture - moving				.35
22	House fund			1	.00
22	Lace collar			1	.02
23	Sunday dinner				.35
24	Dinner and supper				.43
	Shoe shine - stamps				.16
29	General fund			1	.00
28	Gas stove				.25
27	Post cards				.15
26	Picture				.40
	Gas stove				.25
25	Hotel Morgan - dinner			1	.25
25	Supper				.30
26	Dinner				.27
26	Writing paper				.24
26	Cro. [?] Cotton, McCalls				.15
27	Dinner for our trip			1	.25
28	Dinner				.25
30	[no entry]				.30

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Kia Ora (key-ora), Name from new Zeland - means
All good come[s] to those who enter here.

R. C. Thomas
Mortgage now [?] 1,500.00
Date of Interest changed to April 1st

Note for \$300 Mch 2nd
Note for \$100 June 5

May 5th '23
Roy paid on the above
\$100.00 Interest
200.00 Principal

He still owes me
~~\$15.00 Int.~~ [Crossed out by her]
300.00 Principal
He kept back \$18.00 Int. to pay Dr. Montgomery. I couldnt get time to go.

Ticket number, no. 173

My watch number, 2989537, Elgin, Guaranteed 20 yrs.

Books I would like to read:

Cappy Ricks by Peter B. Kayne [sic Kyne]

The Blazed Trail by Stewart E. White

Just Polly [and] When Polly Went to College by Jene [Jane?] Webster

The Poor Little Rich Girl

Books we read:

Mistress Anne by Temple Baily [sic Bailey]

Little Tin Soldier, Temple Baily [sic Bailey]

Remember at Christmas [a headline in this diary]

Jesse and Kate - house thermometer and tea pot

Roy and Celia - Pongee [?] and Linen hds - Pillow cases

Vine Benton [?] and mother - Linen towel - yellow Handkerchief

Lois Davis - Linen towel - yellow [Might refer to Lois (Peek) Davis wife of Franklin Davis. The siblings of Lois Peek were Martha Peek Shepard, Ransom Peek, Olive Peek, and Warren Peek. See below a Lois Davis address OH which would not be Lois (Peek) Davis.]

Mrs. Case - Linen Towel - lavender

Fronia Swayze - Linen Towel - Lavender

John Junior, Beth - books [John William Thomas and sister Bethany Thomas]

Frank and Amy, Kate and I together - A Book [Frank and Amy probably refers to Frank & Amy Frost friends of Jesse and Kate Roats in Flint, Michigan.]

Send cards:

E. Andrews

Mrs. C. H. Roberts, B. A. Roberts, N.Y., 26-8th Ave., Brooklyn

Myra and Cecyl [Cecil]

Lucy Winsor [?] [Lucy Winsor probably refers to Lucy (Davis) Winsor wife of Roy Winsor. Lucy's parents were Franklin Davis and Lois Peek.]

Mrs. Porter - Julia

Minnie B. Gotshall [?]

Maude E. Greenaught [?]

Matie Bartlett, 915 Elisabeth St., Flint

Maud E. Greenaught, 94 Selden [?] Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Lois A. Davis, Bucyrus, Ohio, 433 [?] E. Renseelaer [?] St.

R. C. Thomas, 1525 Sherman St. S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich., 21532 citizens phone

X-mas:

	Towel		.55
	Silk crot [?]		.10
	Ribbon - silk		.45
	Stamps		.25
	K. book	1	.00
	Eleanor		.50
	Hudsons - fruit	1	.11
	Swayzes - fruit	1	.25
	Olive P. - fruit	1	.25
	Jr. - book - Chums [?] in Dixie		.60
	X-mas cards		.29
	Kate - fruit	2	.28

J.L., Roy/Celia, Kate - 4-hchf [handkerchiefs]	1	.50
Cro - cotton		.10
2 tape measures, thimble		.25
Sending x-mas pk.		.17
J. B. Whistler		.70
Bobs		.20
Bettie [?] tape, M. [Marguerite?] _____		.15
X-mas box		.10
	[Subtotal] 12	.80
X-mas cards		.57
Sending boxes		.16
Mrs. C. box writing paper	1	.29
X-mas cards		.20
Pink silk		.30
Pink ribbon - thread Ict [etc.]		