

Mary T. Hill Diary 1886

January 1, Friday

A perfectly lovely day very unlike winter but for a slight fall of snow that fell last night. No occasion for overcoats. Mr. Manvel Mr. Gotzian Mr. Ives and Judge Clark called also Mr. Chmedlin [sic] {Chemidlin} Mr. Walker of Minneapolis took lunch and spent some time in gallery. The Uphams and our selves welcomed the New year in at twelve.

January 2, Saturday

Cloudy and colder. Papa did not come to lunch. Mr. Manvel ill. Children finished the holidays this p.m. with dolls party. Charlotte had the misfortune to crack violin. I visited St. Josephs Hospital and Little Sisters of the poor found over 70 old people seemingly happy.

January 3, Sunday

Still cloudy snow falling fast all forenoon. Mr. Wheelock took breakfast with papa remained until afternoon enjoying pictures. Continues to snow all day. Papa and Louis went to North Oaks leaving at three returned few minutes before seven. Jimmie ascertained that Mr. Manvel is better. Hattie Gotzian came over to say goodbye all well a tedious day snow welcome.

January 4, Monday

Snowed all night is still snowing not very cold however. School begins this morning. Ceased to snow a beautiful afternoon and evening. Mamie lost her watch seal chain and all. Mr. And Mrs. Shepard came down in the evening. Clara not well did not go to school p.m. Heavy snow South of us so as to impute travel.

January 5, Tuesday

A bright pleasant day cold but pleasant. Clara better. Ruths enduring well though she can not go to school. Walter pretty well. Mrs. Langton and daughter called. Mrs. Borup and Mrs. Farington also. No tidings of watch.

January 6, Wednesday

A perfect winter morning bright sunshine. Papa went this morning to Duluth to assist in opening the Board of trade. Ruths ear better made a few calls in afternoon did not feel well in the evening. Mr. Chmedlin [sic: Chemidlin] took tea with us we laughed over Infant Philosophy there is something to it too. No news of watch. Began to build Ice palace to day.

January 7, Thursday

Must have snowed nearly all night is still at it not cold nor very cloudy. Papa returned from Duluth in forenoon accident which might have proved serious under some circumstances. Mr. Manvel and Pillsbury came to lunch. Mrs. Schurmeier and Ben S. went South to day. Mr. Cannon came home in evening with papa to spend the night. A



meeting at Father Caillets house of ladies interested in Home six attended. Mr. Upham and Mrs. W. dined with us to meet Mr. Cannon he left on night train.

January 8, Friday

A cold morning turned very cold in the night. A meeting at Father Caillets house of ladies interested in Home six attended. Mr. Upham and Mrs. U. dined with us to meet Mr. Cannon he left on night train.

January 9, Saturday

Very cold all day. Clara not well enough to go to school. She went out with me to Mrs. Worleys met Mrs. Sun there also Eva Hersey. Papa in Minneapolis all day. Went out to see Mrs. Schmidt and baby also to see Mrs. McQuillan as she goes South soon. Papa home early and a very pleasant evening. Turning colder.

January 10, Sunday

Very very cold 34 below zero in early morning Major Wilson said as he came at nine thirty. Continued cold all day but bright sun shine. Papa and Jimmie went to farm and did not freeze although 20 below all day. Mr. Shepard and F. Shepard called in afternoon complained of cold. Mr. Minot came to dinner. Mr. Manvel came in the evening very cold at Hotel.

January 11, Monday

A beautiful bright morning but still very cold about 15 below at ten a.m. All well this morning and at school. Went to Minneapolis called at Mrs. A Kellys Mrs. Lintons Mrs. Brackets Miss Pillsburys and Annies. In the evening we went over to Mr. Gotzians not so cold this evening.

January 12, Tuesday

Much milder. Walter and Gertrude went for ride. Mrs. Watson and Fairbanks called to day. Jimmie not well. All the rest at school. Mrs. Upham came in the evening.

January 13, Wednesday

Snowing this morning but looks so bright will clear soon. A delightful afternoon – went out to ride with Clara. Called at Mrs. Saunders Mrs. Markoe Mrs. Newel Mrs. Monfort and Mrs. Careys. Mr. And Mrs. Upham and Grace left on evening train for Thomasville. Father Caillet and Mr. Shepard called in even.

January 14, Thursday

A delightful morning went riding with Clara and Charlotte in forenoon. Louise Jackson spent day with Clara went to lunch to Mrs. F. James. In the evening the ceremony of laying the Ice Palace corner stone a Lovely night went to see the demonstration saw only crowds.



January 15, Friday

Snowing again very mild but very damp. All well to day. Mamie finds her watch in her seal coat pocket. Went riding with the children. Ruth and Charlotte have a lovely time at Nellie Bigelows party. Called on Mrs. Barker at Mrs. Saunders.

January 16, Saturday

Snowing again still mild quite cloudy. Took Rachel and Charlotte to ride sleighing good. Charlotte succeeded in getting her hair cut. Mr. Minot called in afternoon. Mr. Benedict came home with papa.

January 17, Sunday

A perfect winter day plenty snow bright sunshine ten below zero in morning moderated towards noon. Papa Jimmie and Mr. Benedict went to North Oaks. Mr. Minot took dinner with us. Mr. Manvel and Goodrich came in evening.

January 18, Monday

A bright cold day went to Minneapolis with the bridesmaids. Called at Mrs. Langtons they go East for a month. Went to Annies called to see Gertrude Upham on way home.

January 19, Tuesday

Tuesday very cold and very bright. Went to Minneapolis on nine oclock train. Marriage at ten. Alice looked well all passed off nicely we came home on two Mamie on four.

January 20, Wednesday

Another snow storm, snowed all forenoon. Cleared in afternoon. Went up to see Mrs. A. Driscoll in the evening. Went to Miss Lindekes wedding. A pretty bride and pleasant reception went to Mr. Gotzians on way home.

January 21, Thursday

A very cold day rather cloudy. All well. Papa brought Mr. Shepard Mr. Kelly and Mr. Eagan home to lunch. Mr. Minot to supper. Mr. Manvel called. Clara and I went up to Mothers about five. Called to see Mrs. Lull found the in sorrow over Mr. Whitneys death yesterday.

January 22, Friday

A bright very cold morning coldest day of the season. Went to Mr. Jas. Whitneys funeral service. Jimmie very enthusiastic over toboggan club resolves to join one with papas approbation. {Written by Louis at bottom of page: "Cresent [sic] Club."}

January 23, Saturday

Still very cold. Not many on street boy went to the toboggan slide. Mr. And Mrs. Cleveland came in evening. All well.

January 24, Sunday



Another very cold day weather has not moderated much. Papa and Mr. Alloway went to North Oaks sleigh upset coming home wrapped up so well no one hurt. Mr. Gotzian came in evening. Mr. Manvel ailing to day.

January 25, Monday

Very delightful winter day fine sleighing. All well. Dr. Alloway and a Mr. Hill came to lunch. Made a few visits in afternoon many indications of the coming carnival on all sides.

January 26, Tuesday

A moderate day some snow. Very active preparations for Ice Palace. Papa came home in evening intending to go East suddenly left on evening train. Mr. Minot went too. All well except Clara she not real well.

January 27, Wednesday

A delightful day thawed some which seems unfortunate. Telegran from Chicago from papa. Streets very gay clubs going to visit small towns.

January 28, Thursday

Colder but pleasant. Streets alive people busy for carnival arches and statuary going up. Boys very enthusiastic over joining club.

January 29, Friday

A pretty cold day but very bright. Young Mr. Thorne arrived in St. Paul called in evening. Ryan drugstore burned in evening. Boys attended first club meeting at Ryan. Manvel girls called in toboggan suits. All well.

January 30, Saturday

A pleasant day pretty cold. Mamie and I went to visit the Manvels in evening saw also fine skating at the rink and bouncing in the Hotel rotunda. Mrs. J. Berkeys reception to day.

January 31, Sunday

A cold morning boys tired after their first drill. Annie Clara Allen McQuillan and Mr. Chmedlin drive with us. A very pleasant evening.

February 1, Monday

A bright cold day grows very cold in afternoon. Visited the Palace not completed. Opening procession in even – thousands out in uniforms. Louis fell and blacked an eye but they enjoyed it all.

February 2, Tuesday

A very cold day 30 deg. below in morning cold below zero many deg all day. Papa returned from New York in morning. Several frozen last night more or less in the procession.



February 3, Wednesday

Still very cold 20 below this morning. Busy all day finishing Mamies toboggan suit. We all went to see the procession it was fine then up to convent with the McQuillans. Castle looked beautiful.

February 4, Thursday

Not so cold still pretty cold. Carnival everywhere to day devoted to procession of sleighs a fine turn out streets crowded. Boys in club colors drive black pony. Evening devoted to storming Palace. Saw it from Convent a fascinating sight great crowds to witness.

February 5, Friday

Weather moderated. Louis eye better. Boys busy preparing for toboggan procession. Quite a display of fancy toboggans to carry lady members. Streets crowded to see the sights boys very tired after marching.

February 6, Saturday

A very great change snow melting very fast toboggan slides spoiled sleighing going too fast. 70 on Porch at noon crowds on street again many going towards Palace. Went to Mrs. Saunders in afternoon day too warm for furs. All well. Walter lost Mary to day.

February 7, Sunday

Another very warm day water running every where. Went to ride with children found scarcely snow enough for sleigh. All well. Papa and Jimmie gone to North Oaks. Mr. [Norquai?] Mr. and Mrs. Manvel with the Revs Slawter and Mr. Smith called. Mr. Minot & Thorne dined.

February 8, Monday

Another delightful day. Bad for the Palace. Went up to see Mother found her in bed. All well. Children enjoy the warm change.

February 9, Tuesday

A cloudy soft day hope for more toboggan sliding. Mrs. Stephen called Mrs. Winter and Mrs. H. M. Rice. Papa dined at Mr. Kellys. Mr. Hill and Mr. Minot called in evening. All well. Walter enjoys his rides these moderate days. Gen Hancock died this p.m.

February 10, Wednesday

Soft, cloudy snowed a little. Went up to the funeral services of Dr. Davenport got so wet walking home. Found Archy Driscoll no better pneumonia. Papa not real well bilious called at Mrs. C Weide and Mrs. Eg. Smith also at Mrs. Gotzians. Boys had a little tobogganing this afternoon.

February 11, Thursday

A pleasant day. All well here but Mother is not well at all went up in afternoon to see her.



February 12, Friday

A delightful day. City crowded with veterans. Very large procession in afternoon. Storming of Palace in evening fine spectacle. We saw it from Dr. Fairbanks. Boys went with Mr. Minot to see Florences play Almighty dollar.

February 13, Saturday

A pleasant moderate day. Jimmies 16th birth day. All well this lovely day. So thankful for good weather on Walters account. Mr. Manvel and Florence went East at noon. Mr. Wilder called in evening.

February 14, Sunday

A delightful morning great many at church. Wrote to Mrs. Swan last evening. All very well. Papa and Jimmie went to farm. Children all well. Went up to Mothers found her not very well.

February 15, Monday

A pretty cold day wind disagreeable. Made some visits called Mrs. Marshall Lanpher [Daheriph?] & {illegible mark, possibly "& c."}. Mr. Eagan and Minot came to lunch. Lizzie came to day.

February 16, Tuesday

Very cold and disagreeable. Clara not well at all. Walters teeth troubling him in evening. Mr. Shepard Mr. Thorne and Mr. McQuillan called. Went to see Mother found her better. Sarah not well.

February 17, Wednesday

A lovely morning a perfect day. Clara not very well. Went in afternoon to Mrs. Saunders reception in evening to see Florence in Dombey & Son. Papa did not go.

February 18, Thursday

A pretty cold day like a March day. Clara is better rest all well. Went over to see Col. Smith found him suffering from biliousness called to see Father Caillet.

February 19, Friday

A very blustering day so cold. Clara went to school. Went to see Dr. Smith on Josies account. Mrs. Smiths luncheon in afternoon very pleasant time. Found Mrs. Wills in.

February 20, Saturday

Still very cold and disagreeable in morning snowed in afternoon quite a fall. Mrs. Upham came home in the morning. They all returned so well. Went in the evening to celebrate Mr. Shepards 58th birth day.

February 21, Sunday

Mother went to see Ice Palace. A delightful morning still cold however. It is Walters birth day. Col. Smith remembered him with some beautiful lines. Rubie Gotzian also



presented him early in the day with a bouquet. Dr. Day took breakfast with us. Papa and boys went to farm.

February 22, Monday

A perfect day evidently Washington is not forgotten many flags flying. Mothers birth day. Clara spent day with her. Annie and her children came down too. A procession of fire department Police G. A. R men also toboggan clubs. Went to Mrs. Eatons in the evening to card party a pleasant time. Papa and Mr. Broadwater worked past midnight no sleep until five oclock a.m.

February 23, Tuesday

A bright pleasant day. Clara not well. Too tired yesterday. Walter has a sore eye from teething but seems very well otherwise. Sophia obliged to go home suddenly to brothers funeral. Manheimers burning stock all damaged.

February 24, Wednesday

A colder day. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Manvel called. Mrs. Manvel to say Goodbye. Mrs. W. Dawson also called and Mrs. Day. All pretty well except Mamie. She not real well.

February 25, Thursday

A pretty cold blustery day day. Mrs. Day brought a Miss Varney from Davenport to see pictures. In afternoon called at Mrs. Lindekes and Mrs. Dr. Smith. Went to Mrs. Passel Smiths reception. To Opera in even. Traviata. Julia came this p.m.

February 26, Friday

A cold cloudy day. Went to luncheon at Mrs. C. Carpenters. Then Mrs. Upham and I called on Mrs. Lambourn. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hammond. To Opera in evening "Don Giovani" a crowded house. Mamie still not well.

February 27, Saturday

Another pretty cold day quite like March. Mamie still indisposed. Went to Mattinee with Clara Ruth Charlotte & Rachel – to hear Martha. To Opera in evening to hear Il Trovatore it was considerably cut up. Snowing steady. Mr. and Mrs. F. James too.

February 28, Sunday

Still snowing. Sleighing good again. Children went for ride in snow storm they enjoyed it. Papa and Louis gone to North Oaks. Mr. Minot came in the evening. Pretty cold.

March 1, Monday

Still snowing in morning. Walter has a very sore eye came on suddenly last night – seems well otherwise. Jimmie not at school from indisposition. Mamie seems better but still in her room most of the time. Papa went East in even.

March 2, Tuesday

A lovely day after cold morning. Went up to see Mrs. Acker found her comfortable went in to see Mrs. Reiney and Mrs. James. Mamie went out to ride. Mrs. W. Warner called.



March 3, Wednesday

A delightful day. Walters eye improving. Mamie seems better all the rest well. Cooking club meet again at Mrs. Gutheries [sic]. Mrs. Upham and I call in afternoon.

March 4, Thursday

Snow melting very fast. Sleighing gone. All well to day but Mamie. Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Bass called.

March 5, Friday

A warm day water running every where. Julia went to day leaving Walter to Mama again he is happy. Went up to see Mrs. Peabody whose husband just died also to see poor Mrs. Whitney who is shut up in the house from poor sight.

March 6, Saturday

Still warm. All well this morning even Mamie much better we went to Maggie Mitchell last night she is failing evidently. Julia left yesterday leaving Walter without a nurse.

March 7, Sunday

Such a disagreeable day light fall of soft snow last night in mud and slush. Louis and I went to Early Mass quite warm.

March 8, Monday

Colder like March but beautifully clear. No word from papa yet. Boys Mamie and I went to Robson and Cranes entertainment. Two [Doornios/Dourmios?]. Very good. So amusing.

March 9, Tuesday

A pleasant day like Spring. Condition of roads improving. Walter so well. Mr. F. James 71st birth day. Mrs. Upham and I spent evening there. Took Walter to Mrs. Eatons he enjoyed it.

March 10, Wednesday

Another delightful day. It is Ash Wednesday great crowd at Church. Still no word from papa. No nurse for Walter as yet.

March 15, Monday

Katie came to day. Pictures came to day.

March 16, Tuesday

A pleasant day very busy all day striving to get the library cleaned thoroughly. So windy little temptation to go anywhere. All well.



March 17, Wednesday

A cloudy threatening day, rained in forenoon. About eleven oclock lightning as vivid as in summer and such thunder. Papa returned from New York quite well. Mrs. Shepard called to day.

March 18, Thursday

A colder day but not cold enough to freeze to mud. Mr. Manvel and Florence sail to day. Mrs. Oaks called and a Mrs. Asbery.

March 19, Friday

A cloudy wet day cold and raw rained in afternoon. Went over to see Mrs. Gotzian in afternoon. We went to see Mary Anderson in evening found her all that we had heard by report beautiful and finished actress.

March 20, Saturday

A dreary day cloudy almost dark a wind and snow storm came on about ten which continued all afternoon six inches must have fallen. All well but disgusted at the return of winter.

March 21, Sunday

A pleasant day after church found the pictures going up and they went up all afternoon. Papa and Louis went to farm.

March 22 - March 23

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March 24, Wednesday

Justina 'cook' came to day.

March 28, Sunday

A cold morning. Papa and Mr. Clark of St. Cloud went to North Oaks. Snow storm in afternoon. Went with children to see Baptism of colored people in Baptist church.

March 29, Monday

A pleasant bright day but very muddy. Went in evening with Mrs. Upham to Mrs. James. Mr. Shepard came home with papa. Louis began instructions. Went up to Mothers. Mamie not well.

March 30, Tuesday

A lovely morning. Papa and I went up on Summit Ave. to look about met judge Newel and went to see the club house.

March 31, Wednesday

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April 1, Thursday



Bridget came to day.

April 2, Friday

Dr. Fairbanks called home Mrs. Fairbanks quite ill. Called on the bride Mrs. H. Thompson also on Sen. Sibley and his household.

April 3, Saturday

A lovely day. Mamie went to Minneapolis in afternoon. Mr. Lowry came home to lunch with papa. Mr. Cogswell artist called also. Went out to Orphan Assylum with Mrs. Upham in afternoon. Clara thought all the children interesting.

April 4, Sunday

A delightful day. Papa boys and Mr. Gotzian gone to farm. All well. Clara Mamie and McQuillans gone for walk with Mr. Chmedlin [sic]. Mr. Minot called in evening.

April 5 – April 6

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April 7, Wednesday

A lovely day warm as June. Mamie received a letter from Florence Manvel. Went to visit Mrs. Markoe Mrs. Fairbanks Mrs. Burbank Mrs. Forepaugh and Mrs. Chandler. In the evening called at Mrs. Kellys. Found Father Caillet and Mr. Gilfillan when we returned.

April 8, Thursday

A warm dusty day went to funeral services at Mrs. Chandlers then to Hotel Ryan to call on Mrs. Harris to call on Mrs. Morrison and out to Mrs. Ives see new baby saw Mrs. Shepard few minutes. Went with papa to ride in evening found Mrs. Uphams party here on return.

April 9, Friday

A cloudy warm dusty day. Wrote to Mrs. Manvel this a.m.

April 10 – April 11

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April 12, Monday

A cloudy dusty day. Mamie received French books from W. B. Jenkins 850 6th Ave N. Y.

April 13, Tuesday

A warm cloudy day rained about four quite a shower then cleared but rained again through the night with much lightning and thunder first rain this spring. Mrs. Pillsbury came to lunch we called at Mrs. Shepards in evening.

April 14, Wednesday



A bright windy day quite warm. Took Gertrude to Hotel Ryan to sit for portrait. Sultry with an electric storm in afternoon. About four oclock a dreadful cyclone went through St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids killing between 30 and 40 maiming many more destroying most of the buildings in Sauk Rapids and Many in St. Cloud also doing much damage at [Roice/Koise?] Station.

April 15, Thursday

A clear bright day here very warm in fact quite summer heat. Heart rending accounts of the Cyclone damage. Rain fell all through last night. This morning sky is so placid it seems had to believe such ruin could ever generate there. A heavy hail storm broke about a thousand Panes of glass at North Oaks in the glass houses.

April 16, Friday

A cloudy rainy day low barometer continues.

April 17 – June 12

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June 16, Wednesday

{on page for 6/15} Wednesday June 16th the most gorgeous sun set I ever beheld with an unusually fine rainbow the West really bathed in golden tints yellow & gold. {on page for 6/16} A pleasant morning after considerable rain within a week. Very busy morning to North Oaks went down to see Gen. Sibley and Mrs. Potts found them in then started with Walter for the country. Weather changed suddenly to cold then to rain. We the last but Papa and Mamie arrive in the rain at 5.45.

June 17, Thursday

North Oaks. A clear morning and cool day so cool that we keep fire in fireplace all day. Very tired and about sick. Children perfectly delighted even Walters first day eventful. Wrote to Mrs. Gotzian in evening.

June 18, Friday

A fine morning cool day cloudy afternoon. No cook but Mamie attending to most of the meals and doing it nicely. Rain in afternoon quite busy all day and not feeling at all well.

June 19, Saturday

Carrie Brookes and Minnie Brookes arrive in St. Paul and come out on the train. Mr. Manvel comes out with papa to spend Sunday.

June 20, Sunday

A lovely ride to eight oclock Mass. Mr. Minot came out on train walked over from White Bear. Mr. W. Secomb [sic] {Secombe} drove out from the city.

June 21 - June 22

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June 23, Wednesday

Mr. Chelminski came out with the boys. Mr. F. J. Kane and his brother Horace spent the day with us.

June 24, Thursday

Went in to the City to Mrs. Uphams reception – heard there that Mrs. Goodrich arrived in St. Paul last Saturday. Everything passed off nicely at the reception. Clara and Charlottes school closed to day they got prizes sufficient.

June 25, Friday

Drove over to White Bear took Walter and Rachel. Jos. McCabe came out to day to cook. Mamie Jimmie and Mr. Chelminski went to the City. Studio finished in green house.

June 26, Saturday

A pleasant day. Mr. Chelminski began his work a hunting scene. Papa Louis and Jimmie Jypsey white dog and hunting wagon. Clara too began to paint a Fucia. Papa brought out two Fox Terriers fun for Louis. {in different writing; "Nick and Tutts"} Heavy rain storm at night.

June 27, Sunday

A cloudy day threatening morning slight showers as we went to church cleared toward evening cool all day. Kept fire in fireplace all day. Papa sat for portrait in picture in hunting costume. Clara finished a picture and was happy.

June 28, Monday

A lovely day perfect. Boys have gone in to the City. Mr. Manvel cane out with papa to spend the night. A delightful evening. Mamie sits to day for portrait on horse.

June 29, Tuesday

A clear morning and a hot day. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dalrymple and son also another Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple and little child drove out to see farm and cattle.

June 30, Wednesday

A hot morning. Papa so very tired. I was sorry to see him feel he must go to the city. Have written to Antoine. Clara and I are going to Milwaukee for a day this evening. Clara and Annie go with me. New potatoes to day. Sarah and Nellie went to farm this even.

July 1, Thursday

Milwaukee. We arrived here at five 20. Went to Plankington after breakfast drove about the city and went to Convent. Spent the afternoon at closing exercises it was a sad sad ceremony to me saw A. McBean M. Flynn M Duffy E. Smith many of the old sisters and M. Caroline.

July 2, Friday



St. Paul. We reached here at eight this morning. A very hot day found all well at home in the evening. So fatigued that can scarcely keep up. Papa and boys up the road.

July 3, Saturday

Another hot day. Very busy all day making currant jelly. Mr. Chelminski is progressing with his pictures. Big storm came on in evening continued through the night.

July 4, Sunday

An extremely hot day. Great storm in the morning. Mr. Ham Brown and Mr. Benedict came out in afternoon. Mr. Manvel in evening.

July 5, Monday

A hotter day than yesterday. Thermometer 95 in sitting room all afternoon and into evening. Mr. Minot came out with papa. We celebrated as usual. fire works in evening. All well but Mamie notwithstanding heat. The Manheimers and Moons came out.

July 6, Tuesday

Still hot but not so hot. Finished rasberry [sic] jam yesterday. Mr. Benedict came out.

July 7, Wednesday

Boys and Mr. Chelminski went to City.

July 8, Thursday

I went to City to take Rachel to Mr. Cogswell and to get Boys ready for trip. Rained in afternoon and a great storm came on in evening and again in late night.

July 9, Friday

A cool delightful day. Jimmie went to city again to see ponies.

July 10, Saturday

A hot morning. Jimmie gone to St. Paul after ponies. Jimmie home at three oclock tired had to walk out with pony. A hot evening and night.

July 11, Sunday

A very hot day. Papa Clara Mamie Mr. Chelminski and I in to the city to church and to see Mamie off for York. She Mr. Manvel and Mr. Minot go 7.30. We arrive at farm at 9.20 pretty tired.

July 12, Monday

Still unusually hot. Father Caillet came out to spend few days. Mr. Smith came home with papa in the evening. Pleasant evening planing for the boys trip West. Jimmie drove the new ponies this p.m. he is delighted with them. Mr. Smith came out.

July 13, Tuesday



A cooler morning. All well. Mr. Chelminski and boys get off to town in bright spirits. Mrs. G. E. Young and Mrs. Beals drove over from White Bear. Boys Chelminski and Dr. Fairbanks go this evening on their trip West.

July 14, Wednesday

A warmer day than yesterday. Clara and Carrie Brooks went with Father Caillet to picnic at Dell Wood on White Bear.

July 15, Thursday

Went to the city. Father Caillet went home. Took Rachel to Hotel Ryan to Mr. Cogswell. Saw Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. G. James. Went to see Mrs. Schurmeier found her not real well. Brought Grace Upham home. Has been a very hot day.

July 16, Friday

A pretty hot morning. Quite busy all day attending to black currents more than a bushel came in. Mrs. McClery Hattie Gotzian and a Miss Pratt called. Wrote to Mamie in the evening heard that the boys passed through Medicine Hat at noon. Mr. Benedict came out with papa in even.

July 17, Saturday

A cool morning delightful day. We walked all forenoon finished jelly in afternoon. Received a letter from Mrs. Manvel and one from Mamie also written in New York reports good time.

<u>July 18, Sunday</u>

A cloudy cool morning a hot sultry day. Mr. Gotzian and Ruby spent day with us. Mr. and Mrs. I. V. D. Heard and baby took lunch with us. Rode around North Oaks in evening rained a slight shower not enough to lay dust.

July 19, Monday

A rather cloudy day in morning hot in sun. Grace went home reluctantly I think this morning. All well. Mrs. Goodrich came out to day with her children.

July 20, Tuesday

A cloudy morning still no rain. Letter from Mamie at York. Morning paper brings the news of the drowning of Edith Bend and a daughter of Jos. McKey at Frontenac yesterday. Boys have commenced their return trip from Van Couver [sic]. All well.

July 21, Wednesday

Still dry weather pretty hot good air. Mrs. Mcquillan Annie and Phil came out to day. Mrs. Gilfillan came out in the evening. All well.

July 22, Thursday

A very hot dry day. Miss McLachlan and Clara McQuillan came out to day. All well.

July 23, Friday



Still dry and very hot threatened rain but cleared again. Gen. Sibley came over Mrs. [Hewet?] and Mrs. Potts from Dellwood. Mrs. Mcquillan and family went in in morning no letter from Mamie since Tuesday.

July 24, Saturday

Good rain early this morning but what a hot day too hot. Gertrude not well. Mr. Folsum and friend drove out. Major Camp and Mr. Benedict spent last night with us. Letter from Mamie this a.m. 90 in nursery at 4 oclock p.m.

July 25, Sunday

Cloudy threatening morning very warm afternoon so rain here delightful evening. Quiet Sunday only Mr. Gilfillan and Goodrich here,

July 26, Monday

A bright pleasant day but hot. Goodriches and Mr. Gilfillan went in. Mrs. Upham and family came out. Boys return well and happy. Letter from Mamie. Mr. Chelminski glad to get back here. Mrs. Goodrich and family went to White Bear.

July 27, Tuesday

A warm hay threatening in the afternoon. Judge Flandrau Mrs. F. Mr. Squires and Mrs. S drove out in p.m. just as they started back a high wind came up they took shelter at Gardeners.

July 28, Wednesday

A pleasant day. Rachel not at all well. Gertrude better than for few days. Mr. Smith came out with Papa.

July 29, Thursday

A delightful day. Mrs. F. James came out to day her 33rd anniversary of marriage. A very pleasant evening. Gertrude cried because her dress did not stick out floppity enough.

July 30, Friday

Another very hot day. All well children have a very pleasant day they ride on a load of hay then back on empty waggon [sic] rest and go in Lake bathing. Mrs. Acker and Mattie come over from W. B.

July 31, Saturday

Pretty hot day. All well children enjoy the forenoon riding on hay waggon. Boys went to City to meet Mamie. Mrs. Upham John Gertrude and Clara went in too. Brooks girls are back. Mr. Smith out to spend Sunday.

August 1, Sunday

A delightful cool morning. Mass at W. B. eight oclock. Mamie came home at noon. Mr. Chas. Pillsbury F. Pillsbury Brown Prior Prior Jr. Hill Oswald Briggs from Minneapolis



took lunch. Judge Young and Mrs. Y from W. B. drove over with a friend. Mr. Touzalin and Mr. Manvel drove out to spend night. Mrs. James M. Smith and S Upham are here.

August 2, Monday

A delightful day but pretty dry. Mamie and Mrs. James walked around the Lake. I am poorly all day letter from Antoine. Pleasant evening children had gay day they are all so well.

August 3, Tuesday

A pretty hot day. Mrs. James home to day made sweet pickles in forenoon. All well. No rain though it threatens every day.

August 4, Wednesday

A delightful day after cloudy morning. Went to City took Charlotte and went to see Dr. Hand in regards to Charlottes fingernails. Went to Mothers too. Mr. Smith came home with papa no rain yet.

August 5, Thursday

A foggy morning heavy dew last night followed by very hot day. Mamie and Brooks girls picnic at Turtle Lake. Phil Rice is out for day. All well.

August 6, Friday

A hot dusty day. Went over to White Bear and took lunch with Mrs. G. B. Young met Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Beals and Furness there. Mamie and Jimmie drive over after me. Antoine came in evening. Cool evening made a fire. Taken sick to day.

August 7, Saturday

A cool morning but very hot day. Mamie and Brooks girls go to City for Sunday. Wrote to Mrs. Manvel. Very hot afternoon went over to White Bear in evening saw Mrs. Hand at Depot.

August 8, Sunday

An extremely hot dusty day still no rain. Very uncomfortable ride to and from Church found Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Gotzian Mr. Merriam & Broadwater here on my return they lunched with us cool evening

August 9, Monday

Another very hot day we were disappointed in rain still none. Mrs. Sawyer and Bessie came out to day. Mr. Minot came to spend the evening. A good rain in the night.

August 10, Tuesday

A hot day but dust settled nicely. All well. Mrs. C. W. Griggs Heartie, Annie S. Dr. Little and Miss Little drove out stayed to lunch. Mr. Manvel came in evening.

August 11, Wednesday



A delightful morning after severe storm at four a.m. of short duration good fall of rain. Mr. Smith came out to spend the night – very hot afternoon but pleasant evening. All well.

August 12, Thursday

A very hot day one of the hottest of season. Father Caillets 29th anniversary of Priesthood. Children and he picniced [sic]. Mrs. Savoy and Bessie went home. Brooks girls came back.

August 13, Friday

A storm early in morning pretty hot forenoon but cooler p.m. Mamies 18th birth day celebrated with asters. Father Caillet went in to City this p.m. Phil Rice and Mr. Wisten came out.

August 14, Saturday

A cool morning but very hot afternoon. Went in to City with Brooks girls and Charlotte and Ruth. Saw Bugareuns picture of Ruth and like it. Judge Greenleaf Clark, Capt H. L Carver & Dr. C. P. Carver drove out I missed them.

August 15, Sunday

A hot morning stayed on Town last night and slept little. Went to 8.30 Mass. The Thornes did not come this a.m. came home to lunch. Mr. Wm. King drove out this p.m. A quiet day at North Oaks. All well. Some hunters seek shelter it is denied them of course.

August 16, Monday

A good shower in the night so a lovely day after cloudy morning. Jimmie went to City for his team. All well. A quiet day for which we are thankful. Mr. S Thorn Mrs. S. Mr. W. Thorn and Miss T. came out in evening.

August 17, Tuesday

North Oaks. A cloudy very foggy morning – cleared by noon in afternoon Papa boys and Mr. S. Thorn and son went for a hunt shot 3 birds. Fine music in evening. Hunters were photographed before starting. All well. Papa stayed here all day and enjoyed it. {in different writing "I have Photo"}

August 18, Wednesday

A cloudy morning – cleared at eleven. Mrs. Thorn [sic] {Thorne} And I went through the stables. Mrs. T went around the Lake driving one of the cobb mares part of the way. The Thorns went in to the city after lunch. Mamie went in prepare for trip. All well. Children went to see threshing commenced to day.

August 19, Thursday

A hot day. Mr. Kennedy came home with papa to stay over night. Heavy storm came on about 2 oclock.



August 20, Friday

A cool morning cloudy very hot day. We went out to Hotel Lafayette and spent the night there with Thornes and Kennedys. Fearful storm in the night. Mamie Phelps Sarah and Mamie came out on train.

August 21. Saturday

Such a very hot day unusually hot. So glad to reach home went right out in kitchen to finish some jelly. Mr. Smith Weed came out with Papa in a heavy rain. We have had a severe storm of wind and electricity.

August 22, Sunday

A very hot day. Miss Weed and Mr. Wm. Smith came out to spend day. Mamie missed the train but John brought her out later. Telephone out of order.

August 23, Monday

Another just as hot day up in the nineties. Went in to City to see Tourists and Mamie off. Took Mamie to Dr. Hand she not well at all. They get off at four. Papa and I went up far as Minneapolis with others. And to opening if Exposition. Oh it was so hot there we returned to St Paul six and drove to North Oaks. So glad to have it to go to. Chleminski went to day to St. Paul. {written on page for 6/13}. Aug. 23rd. Mrs. Goodkind Mrs. Wirley Miss Goodkind drove out. Missed them. {written on page for 6/14} North Oaks Aug. 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Mr. and Mrs. Thorn Miss Thorn Miss Weed Mr. S. Weed Wm. Thorn Rev Dr. Schoffler Mrs. Schoffler Mamie Hill Started for Yellowstone Park to day.

August 24, Tuesday

Still very hot a most uncomfortable night no sleep at all for me. Papa and Louis did not leave for City until near ten oclock. Gen. Sibley and Mrs. Potts came out with papa to cool off.

August 25, Wednesday

A lovely morning turned to very hot day. Gen S. Mrs. Potts and Walter and I rode around the Lake then to see the usual sights. Clara went in to City to Miss Nollte's marriage. Telegram from Tourists report all well. 101 deg. on Car. Yesterday. Judge G. Clark came home with papa. Chelminski left for N. Y. Boys walked home ten p.m. G. L. Becker reported better.

August 26, Thursday

Another very hot day 90 deg. in our sitting room. Gen. Sibley not well so keeps very quiet all day. Yesterdays telegram reports Tourists well and at Park.

August 27, Friday

Still hot in morning. Gen. Sibley better to day so goes about considerably to horse calf cow stables also to dairy and nearly around Lake. Mr. Minot came out with papa to spend night. Weather changes 5 p.m. to cold.



August 28, Saturday

A foggy misty morning and cold. Gen. Sibley and Mrs. Potts went home in forenoon. Rather a dreary day. So busy I do not mind it fire pleasant. Brooks girls return for final visit.

August 29, Sunday

Still dark and foggy not quite so cold. Went over to 8 a.m. Mass to White Bear turns warmer p.m. A very quiet pleasant afternoon. All very well and happy. Jimmie gave us a little music to bed early.

August 30, Monday

A clear cold morning a very windy day disagreeably so, good fire in sitting room all day. Mr. Minot Mr. Benedict came home with Papa to spend night.

August 31, Tuesday

A delightful day. Went into city to attend to papas things for Montana trip. Papa went four p.m. Mr. Minot went too. Brookes girls went at 8.50 p.m. Found Mother ill old trouble. Boys went to fair. Third St. ready to illuminate. Home 8.30 very tired no sleep scarcely.

September 1, Wednesday

A beautiful day. Went over to see Mrs. Gotzian brought her and Ruby home to spend day and night. Letter from Mamie from Mammoth Springs reports very hot trip 106 first day 100 second day.

September 2, Thursday

Thursday cloudy cool morning. Rained quite a shower 3 a.m. Up early and over to train with Mrs. Gotzian then to Dellwood to call on Mrs. Hewitt and to Mahtomidi [sic] to see what there was there principally country. Vallie came home with us to spend day called at Mrs. Wheelocks met Mrs. Bigelow there and Mrs. Lund and Son. Taken sick to day.

September 3, Friday

A threatening day very hot. Drove over to the Island called on Mrs. Noyes McMillan Drake Rogers and Mrs. Gotzian got home 6.30.

September 4, Saturday

Another hot day. Went in to St. Paul with Clara. Stayed in all night to see illumination which was fine also fire works.

September 5, Sunday

Such a hot morning. Went up to Mothers found her ill yet sent Dr. Hand to see her. Mr. Chmedlin [sic] {Chemidlin} came home with us. Telegram from Papa reports him and Mamie well.

September 6, Monday



A rainy morning cleared long enough for Mrs. Wheelock and her sister and Sons to come to spend day. Heavy storm came on again about 2 p.m. Rained all p.m. and evening. Mr. Manvel came out to see the result of storm.

September 7, Tuesday

Still raining at 7 a.m. cleared some at 10. Wheelock Mrs. Lund and sons returned to White Bear. Mr. Manyel went earlier. All well.

September 8, Wednesday

Threatening weather. Father Caillet came out for few days.

September 9, Thursday

Rainy all day and cold. Father Caillet and Mr. Chmedlin go walking in rubber coats.

September 10, Friday

A clear cold windy morning. Father Caillet goes home. I go to city to see to house cleaning. No word from papa or Mamie.

September 11, Saturday

Still windy and raining in morning clears in afternoon. Mr. Chmedlin and boys go to the city boys to church. Letter to day from Mamie from Portland must be having pleasant trip.

September 12, Sunday

Cold cloudy day. Dr. Fairbanks came out to day. Mr. Manvel and Mr. Smith came out to spend the night.

September 13, Monday

A cloudy morning did not go in to meet papa in account of a bad cold. Papa returned at noon home 7.30 very tired. Letter from Mamie to day.

September 14, Tuesday

A cloudy warm day frost last night. Went over to White Bear to see Mrs. Young, Beals Sanborn Boardinan. All going in thes [sic] {this?} is next week.

September 15, Wednesday

Wind storm last night rain early in morning. Went to City with papa. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard and Mr. and Mrs. Colt came out also Mr. Smith heavy rain this evening thunder lightening.

September 16, Thursday

A clear morning. Shepards and party go in. Mr. Benedict came out.

September 17, Friday

A lovely day not well so remain in bed all forenoon out taking walk in afternoon.



September 18, Saturday

A rainy day all day and cold. Boys hunt all day. Letter from Mamie. All well.

September 19, Sunday

A cloudy morning cool ride to church found on return Mr. Foster his boy and four gentlemen from Canada for lunch. Mr. Manvel and Minot came out for dinner also Mr. Mrs. Kane Mr. Paine and Kane [baby?] to spend night.

September 20, Monday

A delightful morning. Kanes go on forenoon train. Children and I walk to Gilfillan Lake to find carnelians. Clara went to City with Papa.

September 21, Tuesday

A warm morning. Went in to city to see Papa and boys off for hunt Mr. Shepard went with them. Stayed at Mrs. Uphams over night.

September 22, Wednesday

A cool cloudy rainy morning busy in city all day. Reached North Oaks 6.20. Children very glad to see me. All well.

September 23, Thursday

Cloudy cool morning quite windy. Mother came out with John Swanstrom stayed all night seemed very well for her. All well.

September 24, Friday

A hot day thunder storm early in morning cleared toward noon. Mother went back directly after dinner. Telegram from Canada giving intelligence of uncle Alex K. Hills death. Letter from Mamie. All well.

September 25, Saturday

Went to City. Papa and boys returned from hunt. Mamie not home yet.

September 26, Sunday

A delightful day over to White Bear to early Mass. Papa very tired so remained in bed until late.

September 27, Monday

Monday to the city to meet Mamie. She does not arrive until tomorrow so we remain in City over night spent evening at Mrs. Uphams after busy day in dining room. Mrs. Richardson and kinsman called.

September 28, Tuesday

A delightful morning. Mamie arrived suffering dreadfully from toothache had to get to Dentists twice to day came home in the evening. Annie McQuillan came with us.

September 29, Wednesday



A charming morning. Papa goes up the road to day. Mamie and Annie go to city too. Poor Mamie to the Dentist. Senator and Mrs. McQuillan called in the afternoon.

September 30, Thursday

To city in the morning remained in city all night went to see Booth in evening quite a cold day wintry. Wholesale Druggists and about thirty ladies called to see pictures. 8.45 arrival of James baby.

October 1, Friday

Not quite so cold as yesterday. Clara remained in town to celebrate Gertrudes birth day. Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Durand came home with me to spend night.

October 2, Saturday

Saturday a lovely morning charming drive to city. Boys go in to see Booth at Mattinee in Hamlet. Papa does not get back leave Mamie in town over Sunday.

October 3, Sunday

A lovely autumn day. The Manvel family return from East this a.m. Papa comes in evening.

October 4, Monday

A perfect morning. Went in to city to Stay all night went to Miss Otis' wedding and reception. Mr. Thorne returns to N. Y. this p.m.

October 5, Tuesday

Another delightful morning went to Dentist with Mamie she in chair three hours and half. Busy all afternoon at house home to North Oaks in evening all well. Walter falls out of bed.

October 6, Wednesday

A perfect morning but so dry as to be dusty too hot a day for comfort. Again to Dentist. Mamie in chair three hours and three quarters all finished there to Jessie Rices wedding in evening later to Mr. Gotzians.

October 7, Thursday

Such a hot dusty day in town. Busy all day home to N. O. in evening. All well tried to play whist in evening did not succeed very well.

October 8, Friday

A warm morning thunder showers cleared by ten a summer day. Mamie, Clara & Charlotte walked around the Lake. Mamie went to ride horse back. Papa came home in good time after supper he played whist with the boys and myself. We learned a little. All well a perfect evening.

October 9, Saturday



Still lovely weather very warm a gentle wind all forenoon. Boys got up at 4.30 to shoot ducks weather too warm few flying they got four. Mamie up early to ride horse back. Toots has left but about half the rabbits she has killed about thirty. Papa to town early 8.15.

October 10, Sunday

A pleasant warm morning. Went over to Little Canada to Mass. Major Wilson and Mr. Sam. Hill came out and stayed to dinner little rain in evening. Mamie seems better rest well.

October 11, Monday

A cloudy day little rain in early morning. Mr. Lewiston and Mr. Whitsome from Worcester came out to see Dr. Fairbanks the dined with us then went to Stables. Played whist in evening not sure learned anything.

October 12, Tuesday

A cloudy cold day rained in morning. Mamie not at all well to day. All rest very well.

October 13, Wednesday

Went to city quite a hot day. Mrs. Banning and Mr. & Mrs. Ayer called.

October 14, Thursday

A windy cold day. Mamie and I walked around Lake.

October 15, Friday

Another cold day. Mamie and I walked to White Bear met Mr. Stephen walking over he staved all night. Mr. Minot came out to spend night. Mamie pretty well.

October 16, Saturday

Not so cold a day. Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Fister came out and stayed to lunch. Mamie not very well. Boys hunt in early morning again in evening but no game.

October 17, Sunday

A beautiful day. Mr. Secomb [sic] came out. We went to W. B. to Mass it was a pleasant drive.

October 18, Monday

A delightful day. Mamie and I go to City. Florence and Hattie Manvel come out to spend week.

October 19, Tuesday

A perfectly lovely day. I go again to City to Ryan childs funeral. Feel that a boil is coming. Mamie seems pretty well.

October 20, Wednesday



Wednesday a rather threatening morning but quite pleasant day. Boys and Dr. go hunting. Girls and Mamie go to Rice Lake for ride come back by Centerville about half past seven.

October 21, Thursday

A charming day. I go in to the city to Mrs. Nelson funeral. And to Miss Hancocks wedding. A beautiful wedding. Boys and Dr. hunting meet with a accident horses take fright at black cow Dr. get hurt.

October 22, Friday

A pleasant autumn day confined to chair all day by boil. Dr. gone to city to see a Dr. Girls go fishing and riding boys preparing for hunt. Rain at night.

October 23, Saturday

A windy morning but not cold. Cloudy day began to rain in evening rained hard a very dark night. Mr. Manvel came home with papa. The Manvel girls went home to day.

October 24, Sunday

A cloudy day roads so heavy no one went to Church. Mr. Kelly Col. Stephenson came out about noon. Papa and Mr. Manvel drive in about four. Dr. Fairbanks did not come to day.

October 25, Monday

A delightful morning. We hear Dr. Fairbanks will come to day.

October 26, Tuesday

Another perfect morning. Mr. Benedict came home with papa.

October 27, Wednesday

As delightful a morning as ever shone. Weather is perfect. Papa stays at North Oaks to day and is as busy here as any where.

October 28, Thursday

Perfect weather continues this is a charming day. Papa went in to the City – and did not come home in the evening.

October 29, Friday

Such a beautiful morning. Clara and I went in to the City. A dreadful accident occurred on the M. R. T. limited train many burned to death. Papa went to Chicago. I hated to see him go.

October 30, Saturday

Still perfect weather. All well but Mamie. Boys went to hunt this morning at 4.30. Yesterday I went to Mrs. [De Costors?] reception. Called a Mrs. Dawsons, Mrs. Mirriams Mrs. Otis & Mrs. P. Berkeys and Mrs. Banning.

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