

*The Diaries of
Samuel Jones Melvin*

1913

His Final Year on Earth

Remembrancer

Name

Residence P. O. Box

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“ Collars Shoes

“ Underwear

“ Necktie Shirts

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Wea ^{fair} WED. JAN. 1, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
 Spent the day at home. Worked some
 in the henhouse arranging roosts.
 Stewart and Col. Harkin and M. ^{Rep}
 H. Carothers took late dinner with
 us. My health very poor and my
 mental faculties impaired. Nasal
 Catarrh my original trouble and my
 hearing affected by it. Our girls
 Grace and Alice spent the evening
 assisting neighbor Mrs Connor who was
 suffering with sick headache Gull. ^{at night}
 Made a visit to Mt Washington at
 Wea ^{fair} THURSDAY 2 ^{at night} Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
 Not feeling very well and nothing
 very special to claim my attention
 I spent the day about the house
 doing such chores as commonly come
 my the way. Cleared out the hen-
 house as usual and helped my
 wife to care for the 26 hens and three
 roosters of Rhode Island Red variety
 which occupy the house. Our young
 folks were all at home at night
 Gull. Made a short call at neighbor
 Connor's. Mrs Connor had been sick.

Stormy Snow
Wea. FRI. JAN. 3, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until after eight o'clock and
when I awoke found it raining, soon
turned to snow and snowed all day.

I tried to repair a pair of Alice's
shoes but found I had nails short
enough to fasten the soles and had
to give it up for present. Called at
neighbor Walter's and got some saw
krant for. Shoveled paths in the snow.
Gill learned that our pastor Rev.
Cushman was very ill - threatened with
meningitis and he went to see him in evening.

Wea. *Stormy Snow* SATURDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until late. Spent forenoon doing
chores about the house. Received a
splendid and encouraging letter
from my old friend and roommate
J. J. Lindley of Westfield Indiana. Gill
got home in the afternoon and
we got some lumber from neighbor
Jo. Connor and put up a new roost
for some of our chickens and when
we got through at night we were well
pleased with the improvement and the chicks
had more clean floor space for daylight use.

Damp
Wea. *Foggy* SUN. JAN. 5, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose a little after eight o'clock
and swept the snow off the paths
about the house. Cleared out the hen-
house and spent most of the forenoon
reading the Wesleyan Methodist. In the
afternoon the nikes Ethel and Margaret
Curry came, took dinner with us
and we had a very pleasant visit
with them. Gill went into town
with them after night. None of our
folks at church anywhere during the
day.

Wea. *Damp* MONDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent most of the forenoon doing
chores about the house and waiting
for water to heat. In the afternoon
I used the washing machine and
put the clothes through a second
sud after Helen had washed them
in a bucket with small washboard.
We got through when it was
getting dark. I spent the evening
reading in the Circulator Prohibition
paper concerning Conference to be held
in Indianapolis sometime present month.

Wea. ^{Wet} TUES. JAN. 7, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent most of forenoon cleaning
Chicken Coop and pulling out
the extra cutting out of the shop.
In the afternoon I put a pair
of gales on a pair of every day
shoes for Alice. It rained
considerably during the day and
Grace asked me to improve the crossing
of the road in front of our house
as it was wet and muddy and
material to improve it ~~with~~ was
very scarce and I did not know how to do it.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 8 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent most of the forenoon repairing
the crossing of the road in front of
our house making a walk across.
I felt as though I were taking
more cold. I felt in very poor
case for doing anything. Our young
folks went out to Matlands (Orphan
family) at night. Gill did not go
until about ten o'clock when
we gathered up the papers we were
working with. Spitting snow
most of the day and evening.

Spitting snow
Wea. THUR. JAN. 9, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
I had received a check for \$72. from
the U.S. Pension office which I wanted
to send to the bank with Gill to get
cashed and it required two witnesses
to my signature (Got Gill and
Mr. Ba'atchelor, as they were about
starting to work a little after seven
am. to sign after me. Was not
feeling well and did not go out to
do much during the day. Had a
spell affected so I could not talk
right.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent the day doing chores about
the house. My health was not good
Alice told me I was looking better.
I told her I always thought I was
good looking. Grace and Alice
went out to Virginia Smiths and
spent the night. Galbreath was
at home with us old folks. I was
feeling as though I were of very
little account. My wife thought
I was reading too much with my
mind in its present condition.

Mostly fair

Wea. WED. JAN. 15, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until almost eight O'clock.

Got out and spent the day doing
chores. Buried some trash taken
out of the hen house. Finished repairing
a pair of fair leather shoes for Grace.

Did not spend much time reading.
Looked over the Burgettstown Enter-
prise which M. R. Carothers sent me
and learned of the death of Ada Morrison
and Jo. Corban with whom I was ac-
quainted when we lived in Washington
County. My brain not very steady.

Wea. Cloudy THURSDAY 16 Wet Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until almost nine O'clock.
Attended to usual chickenhouse chores.

Spent part of the day re-ad-
justing drawers under the work-
bench in the shop; one bench
having been removed, I put the
drawers under the other one.

I felt tolerably well during the
day. Gill and Grace went to
Allegheny at night to a musical
entertainment by the G. M. C. A.
Raining some after dark.

Wet.

Wea. FRI. JAN. 17, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until after eight O'clock.

Weather was damp, not raining
very hard at any time during
the day. I spent part of the
time adjusting drawers under
the work bench in the shop
after cleaning the hen house.

I was not feeling quite so well
during the day as I had been for
some time. My kidneys out of
order and my back aching and
my head very uncomfortable.

Wea. Wet SATURDAY 18 Ther. Gaugable

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until near eight O'clock

As usual and Gill and Grace
had gone to their daily employment
when I got out. Cleaned the
Chickenhouse as usual and
put a piece of sheet iron on a handle
forming a scraper for cleaning roosts.

Wrote a letter to my sister Mary
at Oakdale. Had some peculiar
feelings during day. Learned that my
walking floor for exercise made office
feel very nervous and I tried to disist;

Warm
Wea. fair SUN. JAN. 19, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
I left until almost eight o'clock then
at Galbraith's earnest solicitation I
got ready and went with him to the
Methodist Episcopal on Smithfield St
where Rev. Mr. Sumwalt preached, but
I was unable to hear so as to understand
but very few sentences in his sermon.

We walked over some of the ground where
the Hump was being removed City improvement.
Spent afternoon at home. Alice went to the
City at night with Gil to attend church.

Grace at home with Helen & myself.

Wea. Variable MONDAY 20 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about the usual time and
helped Helen to do a washing during
the day and in the evening I repaired
a walk across the street in front of
our house and while at it Maggie
Provinces came to make us a visit.

When Gil was on his way home
in the evening he lost his ~~big~~ Cocker
Boat which he used for carrying samples
as a traveling salesman. Supposed he left
in Barbash depot, but it was picked up
in less than ten minutes after he had it.

Snow on ground
Wea. fair TUES. JAN. 21, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven and saw
Gil and Grace get on their train to
go to their work. Margaret Provinces was
with us during the day and night.

I spent part of forenoon shoveling
snow off the paths about the house.
Had more satisfaction reading
during the day than common and
my mind seemed to be in better condi-
tion. Young folks all at home at night.
Beautiful moonlight night. Heard
from my sister Mary that she was well.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 22 Snow Ther. on the ground

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven o'clock.
Spent the day about the house,
feeling somewhat better than com-
mon especially in my mind and
it was more satisfaction for me to
read. Took a good all over bath
which made me feel much better.
Miss Freda Waters came in the
evening with Gil and Grace when
they came from work. Young folks sewing
circle met at neighbor Skelg. M. R. Roberts
and Gil went to the party after girls had one.

Wea. ^{Wet} THUR. JAN. 23, 1913 ^{Cloudy} Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose about usual time and Freda
Waters took breakfast with Alice
and me. She went home before noon.

Margaret Prooves returned about
noon and was with us at night.
Grace and Alice went to Mount
Washington at night to attend a
Club Meeting. I had but little to
do during the day. Inserted a tin
vessel in chicken house for vessel for
chickens to drink out of. Well as though
I were of very little account.

Wea. ^{fair} FRIDAY 24 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Was awakened about five o'clock by
my wife chafing my face and arms
as she had found me suffering one
of my unconscious spells. It did not
last long however. I did not rise until
after eight o'clock. Did not feel so
well during the day as I had felt yesterday.
Cleaned out the henhouse. Put up
supports for Gil to hang clothes on and
desisted the girls at night moving
their goods preparatory to putting up place
to hang their clothing. Margaret Prooves

Wea. ^{Warm} SAT. JAN. 25, 1913 Ther

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose a little before eight o'clock
feeling weak and trembly. Kidneys out
of order. Spent the day making
repairs. Put up temporary fixings
in a doorway between two bed rooms
and put up hooks for the girls to
hang their clothing on and in
the evening I put tarred paper
roofing on a henhouse for our
neighbor Jo. Connor and partly weather
boarded with the same. Gil went to Youngstown
and the girls visited in Allegheny at night.

Wea. ^{fair} SUNDAY 26 ^{Warm} Ther

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about eight o'clock and Helen and
I had breakfast together. Grace and Alice
left nearly all forenoon and in the
afternoon they with Mr & Mrs Batcheler
and Mrs Connor took a fine walk out
to the country and took something of a car
ride also. They got home a little after
night. Helen and I at home alone.
Gil had gone to Youngstown yesterday after-
noon on business with his brother Charley in New
firm Melvin Lloyd Co. He got home about
half past ten at night. We were in bed.

Wea. fair MON. JAN. 27, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time and
spent most of the day helping
Helen to do the usual weeks washing.
In the evening Gil and I went to
Jo. Connor's place to see about the finish-
ing of the tar-papering the Henhouse
and the plans for repairing a gate.
I was feeling unwell with
kidney trouble. Spent some time
reading in the Prohibition Paper
"The Indicator" of Franklin Pa.
Gil and the girls home at night.

Wea. Snowed and melted nearly all day TUESDAY 28 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about eight o'clock not feeling very
well. Spent part of the forenoon putting
tarred paper on Connor's Henhouse. And
in afternoon I felt that I had
better keep still in the house, my
bowels being out of order and my
eyes were so affected that I could
not see to read steadily. Our
young folks were all home at night.
Grace had learned that Ed Kaver's family
were nearly all sick, and my sister Mary
probably not be able to come on next Monday my

land Snow melting

Wea. WED. JAN. 29, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time not
feeling able to do much work. I
spent most of the day in the
house, reading some, but my eyes
soon became heavy and I could not
read. Shoveled snow off the walks
and cleaned the chicken house.
Grace called on Virginia Smith in
the evening and got home about nine
o'clock. Mr. Batchelor called in to try
to find a picture of the Tower of Babel
but we did not yet find it for him.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 30 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven, just as
Gil and Grace were starting on train
to their daily work. Some snow on the
ground nearly all melted off during the
day. I hung a temporary yard gate for
Jo. Connor and put some boards under
pavings to keep hens in and dogs out.
Was not feeling well in my bowels.
Mrs. Batchelor called and spent the
evening with our family. Mr. Batchelor
making engraving of Tower of Babel. Mrs. B.
borrowed Rawlins History, had no picture

Cloudy Changeable

Wea. FRI. JAN. 31, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose a little before eight O'clock having
slept comfortably in after part of the
night having retired late after our
company left. I did not feel much
like working during day. Taking
medicine for kidney trouble. Repaired
a walk across side drain on street
and cleaned out hen house. Was
threatened with chills. Our girls
were at home at night. Lil was
out at neighbors. Snowed a little
in evening and getting colder.

Wea. Windy SAT. FEB. 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Between eleven and twelve O'clock
last night I woke up with my fam-
ily all about me rubbing me and
trying to relieve me of one of my
numb or kidney spells, all surprised
because I had seemed so much better
recently. Did not try to do any
work during the day but the usual
job of cleaning out the hen house.

Grace got home from work shortly after
noon & reported my sister Mary coming
tomorrow afternoon (Sunday before my birthday)

Fair

Wea. SUN. FEB. 2, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until late in the morning,
and spent the day at home reading
some as my eyes would bear it.
Lil was the only one who went to church
from our place during the day. Along in
the evening Mary Stephenson and her
grandson Warren Weaver came and
they spent the night with us. Charles
P. Melvin came from Jo. Crothers and took
supper with before going home. Lil and
Warren went with him to town and were
back before ten O'clock. Weather fine.

Wea. Snow MONDAY 3 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Slept unusually late and when I arose I found
the ground white and snow falling. I cleaned
the snow off the paths and cleaned the
hen house as usual. Alice went with me
to the city to see the doctor and Lil met
us there. Doctor examined me carefully
and changed my medicine. My sister
Mary was here helping me to celebrate
my 75th birth day. Very glad of her pres-
ence. Alice and I came home with Lil
and Grace on the Wabash train. Snow
making very unpleasant walking.

937
Wea. ^{Fair} TUES. FEB. 4, 1913 Ther.

937 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent the day helping to do a
weeks washing. Took an uncon-
scious spell in the afternoon and
with evacuation of my bowels soiled
my underclothes. Heley, Alice
and my sister Mary took me from the
cellar to a room up stairs. I did
not feel well during afternoon.
Took another spell when I was up
at the chamber in the night and
Helen and Grace attended to me with
Gil's assistance. I knew nothing of it.

Wea. Fair WEDNESDAY 5 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent the day at home not feeling
well and my Fountain pen was
out of order when I undertook to write
and I laid it away. My sister Mary
was with me over night expecting to
leave tomorrow morning on train.
I felt as though I could not write
well at night and laid it away.
Had "spell" in the night but as usual did
not know of it. Many thanks to God and
my kind family for the kind care given me
both day and night.

938
Wea. ^{Fair} THUR. FEB. 6, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose at sunrise to take breakfast
with my sister Mary before she would
start to visit her daughter Virginia.
Saw Gil and Grace and sister Mary
get on train when Gil went to work.
I spent the day about the house, cleaned
out henhouse and burned papers of
scrap from kitchen. My head had
some very peculiar feelings during
the day but did not amount to uncon-
sciousness. Slept well during the
night and did not disturb family.

Wea. Fair FRIDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent the day about the house
but feeling very uncomfortable.
My mind was very unreliable.
When Gil and Grace came from work
I had a sore on my back and had to
walk about a mile. Monroe Fulton
came with them and spent the night
with us. He was about to attend market.
We had a good time with an old neigh-
bor. I enjoyed his visit. He could
talk so I could hear him very well.
Heard him read and pray at bedtime.

Wear *fair* SAT. FEB. 8, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Having rested well during the night I was awake when young folks started to work but did not rise, then was able to be about the house all day and cleaned the hen house. Read considerable but my eyes were considerably affected. Grace came home as usual ^{at 1:30} about half past one O'clock from her work. Alice suffering with tonsillitis Philip Anderson brought us a load of coal. Girls invited him in to a cup of coffee. Nice lively time. Philip invited them to take a sleighride with him & they consented to do so.

Wear *fair* SUNDAY 9 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until eight O'clock then spent the day mostly about the house. My head in good enough case to do some reading but I was feeling nervous and trembly. Gil attended church in forenoon and in the afternoon he and I walked down the Nabash R. R. track and viewed the creek which the men were clearing away. Helen and Grace went out to Stewart Hamlips in the afternoon to see Caroline who had been quite unwell for some time and found her health somewhat improved. They got home in time for usual bedtime.

Wear *fair* MON. FEB. 10, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until eight O'clock then arose and assisted Helen during the day with the week's washing which I finished about five O'clock. I had some very peculiar feelings during the day, soreness about my ribs and my head was considerably out of order. My ears in bad condition and my hearing very unsatisfactory. Gil went to Mount Washington at night to help to prepare for some kind of a "Medi-festival" Girls both at home.

Wear *Temp* TUESDAY 11 Cloudy Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa
Arose shortly after eight O'clock and found it raining and snow melting. Was not feeling comfortable during day. Back and head aching. Cleaned hen house. Spent most of day about the house. Mrs Connor asked me to put up some temporary shelves for her and I did a little of the preparatory work but I felt as though I were out of my place. Our girls were at home at night. No snow for sleighriding.

Mr. R. Carothers B. ^{at day} Lincoln's Birth day.

Wea. ^{Cloudy} WED. FEB. 12, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
When I awoke about eight O'clock
in the morning I found that Helen
had taken sick in the night and she
returned to and spent nearly the entire
day in bed and ate nothing. She was out
a short time in the evening but returned
to bed without eating. Mitchell R. Carothers
took supper with us his 33 Birth Day.
I felt better than yesterday. Attended to
the chickens in Helen's place. Put in a
shelf for Mrs Jo. Connor. Gil. made evening
trip to town & home early.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 13 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about eight O'clock, Helen had
been having a kick spell and took a longer
sleep than common, and spent the day
resting. I took her place during the day
attending to feeding and watering the chicks.
At Mrs Connor's request I put three
extra shelves into a kitchen cabinet
which she seemed to appreciate very
highly. Our girls were both at home
at night. Gil. returned to the city
after supper. My back aching enough
to be quite uncomfortable.

Wea. fair FRI. FEB. 14, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Helen being afflicted with erysipelas
remained in bed until after eight O'clock
And in the afternoon Alice went with
her into the city to see Dr. Chessman
and I left house alone. Young people
were all at home at night. I attended
to the chickens and to the cellar
furnace more than I had been in the
habit of doing. Helen's face pretty badly
swollen and inflamed. Mrs Batchelor
called in a few minutes in the evening
Gil. made a visit

Wea. fair SATURDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
My health seemed better during the day than
it had been for quite a while and I
attended to the furnace in cellar and
to the chickens. Gil. went to Coshocton
in the afternoon and Grace and
Alice went out to go Carothers' to see
their sistern-law J. P. who was there
down with tonsillitis and J. P.'s mother
was also there sick. The girls got
home a little before midnight. Helen
did not sleep much, had her face
painted in the night. Mr. Carothers will

Rain & snow

Wear ^{Wet} SUN. FEB. 16, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Gill goes in Coshocton and Mitchel Carothers
took his place doing chores, escorted Doctor
from street car and went with her for
prescription for Helen. Doctor tried to
avoid quarantining and Grace sat up
during night with her mother and
slept about an hour. Doctor wanted
us to be as careful as possible to prevent
the disease from spreading and said
would get a nurse tomorrow if though
it really necessary. I was feeling better
than I had been for considerable time back

Wear. Knowy MONDAY 17 Cloudy Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Gill got home from Coshocton some
time in forenoon and spent some time
refitting gas heater in cellar. Doctor vis-
ited Helen in forenoon and pronounced
her doing very well, but she had no appetite.
Mrs Connor helped Alice and me to
do our washing. Grace did not
go to her usual work during the day,
she spent the day as nurse. Taylor
Melvin came in the evening and spent the
night with us. Alice sat up the forepart of
the night and cared for her mother.

Wear ^{Fair} TUES. FEB. 18, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
I slept until after seven O'clock. Grace
remained at home to help care for her
mother. Doctor called in afternoon and
pronounced Helen's case doing well but she
was taking but little nourishment and he
prescribed brandy which Gill procured.
Taylor left shortly after dinner.
Mrs Connor and Mrs Batchelor came in
in the evening and washed the dishes and
helped some with the ironing at night.
I did not feel so well during the day
as I had for some days past. To fill up

Wear ^{Warm} WEDNESDAY 19 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about seven O'clock before Gill
went to work on car. Grace stayed at
home to help care for her mother, and
Mrs Connor helped also. We were expecting
the doctor to call sometime during the
day but he had not come at nine O'clock.
I commenced putting a pair of soles on
Mrs Connor's shoes for her. Jo. Connor
ate at our table after we were through.
Gill went to town of an errand

938 ^{fair} Wea. THUR. FEB. 20, 1913 Ther.

Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
After taking care of his mother the
fore part of the night I went
to bed and Grace took his place.
I spent the day doing chores caring
for chickens etc and put a sole on
one of Mrs Jo. Connor's shoes. The doctor
had not called to see Helen yesterday as
expected and Grace called him up
on the phone and he came out and
announced that he had taken the
disease. Mrs Jo. Connor took supper
with us. Very fine open weather

Wea. Cloudy FRIDAY 21 Ther

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven just about
time Lily was taking paper on Wash
train. I spent most of the day
attending to the chickens cleaning
out their coops and feeding those
which were imprisoned. In the after-
noon Mrs Jo. Connor used her tools
trimming my Corns and she relieved
me very much. Doctor Keeseman
did not get out to see Helen today. He
said he had ~~not~~ ^{seen} us yesterday.
Helen rested better today than yesterday.

Rain
Wea. SAT. FEB. 22, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
I slept until almost eight o'clock.
Helen still under the doctors care with
Erysipelas but said to be better. I was in
her room a short time today. I spent some
time putting clay along the wall of
the house where flowers were planted.
Galbraith bought himself a new suit
of clothes for \$16.25 and they were
delivered at night. Seemed lonely
on account of having to stay out of sick room
nearly all the time for fear of spreading disease.

Cloudy and snow.
Wea. SUNDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
I slept until after seven o'clock. There did
not any of our folks attend church anywhere
during the day. I went twice to the city
for medicine for his mother. I did not
feel very well during the day but attended
to the chickens. Helen seemed to be some
better than she had been during the week.
She dreamed that some one had fed the seals
that had come off her to the chickens and had
poisoned them, which was unpleasant to her of
course. Snowed some during the day but did not
lie on the ground.

Cloudy damp
Wea. FRI. FEB. 28, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until almost eight o'clock
and arose with very sore back an
evidence of kidneys in trouble.
Helen still in bed but gaining
strength. Stewart Hanlin, her
brother and Rev. Curfman
called in the afternoon to see her.
I was not feeling well during the
day, my kidneys out of order.
Gil and Grace went over to neighbor
Sheffs in the evening to use their
telephone for some purpose.

Cloudy SAT. MARCH 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven o'clock
Gil went on train at usual
time. Grace took care of her sick
mother during the day. Her health
improving and she sat up some in
bed during the afternoon. Jo Connor
and his wife took supper with
us in the evening and then went
to town. Alice was in to see the
doctor. I did but very little
during the day and could not see
to read well. Eyes very blurry.

Fair Cold.
Wea. SUN. MARCH 2, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose about seven o'clock and got
out and cleaned out the chicken house
and fed and watered the chickens and
Gil took hold during the day to help care
for the flock. He seemed to think that the
hay that was on the floor in the hen house
had been there long enough and ought to be
all taken out and dry put in. He objected to
the wooden trough for water because the chicks
got in it with their feet. I did not feel as
though I could treat the flock as Helen and
Gil thought they ought to be treated.

Fair
Wea. MONDAY 3 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Got out pretty soon after the
railroad train started that
Gil goes on and I spent the day
helping Alice and Mrs. Connor to
do a washing and then they hung
it out in Connor's dooryard. Helen
seemed to be improving in health.
Gil introduced a drinking fountain
into our chicken house. I did not
try to do very much. I did not feel
as though I wanted to start out to do
a whole days work.

Cloudy & damp

Wea. TUES. MARCH 4, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa

I slept in the morning until almost eight o'clock then attended to feeding and watering the chickens and let them out as it was seemingly more pleasant for them to be out. I spent most of the day in the house.

Helen was suffering with rheumatism and not able to sit up much during the day. And at night I felt as though the road was rather rough. Helen got a letter from Charley from Youngstown. Was quite formal.

Wea. WEDNESDAY 5 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa

Arose about half past seven when Gil went on train to his work. I spent the day trying to take care of the chickens. I had forgotten to fasten them in last night. Galbraith went out to where Edna Manely was at work and brought her in at six in the evening and she went right to work.

Mrs. No. Connor was helping during the and Alice went out with them at night.

Doctor Cheesman visited Helen and her bed changed and said she felt comfortable.

Cloudy damp.

Wea. THUR. MARCH 6, 1913 Ther.

Arose about half past seven as Galbraith was about starting on train to his work. Fed the chickens some heated grain and gave them some warmed water. The day was rather chilly but the chickens laid thirteen eggs ^{through the day} to be put away after the evening feeding. Edna Manely was helping to take care of Helen during the day and Grace was not feeling at all well. She had been taking some medicine from doctor.

Wea. FRIDAY 7 Snow Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh
Spent the day doing chores about home. Frank & brother spent sometime with a ~~and~~ left some things to be left behind. I left one book behind and filled it in before I left. I left the book filled in for today. Helen was in bed all day today. Will have some time getting things put away that belonged to last year. There are books about the place to be filled out to make out the history. Doctor seemed to think that Helen was getting along all right.

Tolerably fair

Wea. SAT. MARCH 8, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Slept until about eight O'clock. Helen was in bed with Inflammatory Rheumatism and I was not feeling well but was trying to do according to the Doctors directions for rheumatism and spent as much as I could well for exercise. I did not feel as though I were able to keep a very correct record of occurrences and not bodily able to do much work. Alice and Gil attended an Automobile show at night, and I did not feel as though I had made a very good history of days doing

938 Wea. SUNDAY 9 Ther.

Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. I arose from my bed about eight O'clock and was not able to attend Church anywhere during the day. Rev. Curfman & wife. Robert Newsthorne's and wife. Our son Charley and Mary Allen (formerly Thorley) were all in to see Helen. Charley and Jo and Gil and I took a walk down the Rail Road. Jo Connor gathered some iron. Our visitors left after dark. Seemed as though we might have a wet night, and I did not turn out anywhere for the night.

Cloudy and damp

Wea. MON. MARCH 10, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh
Arose about half past seven and arranged to help with the washing although I was feeling quite trembly about the knees. Mrs. Jo Connor and Ella Mansely were helping to do the washing while Helen was in bed taking medicine for inflammatory rheumatism. It did not rain very hard in the evening. Clothes line stretched in our cellar. I had my suit well plastered with mud, looked as though I had been drunk but had good witnesses to contrary.

Wea. Cloudy TUESDAY 11 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. Slept until eight O'clock and felt very unsteady when I arose. Tried to do what I could about the house during the day. Helen down with Inflammatory Rheumatism. Ella Mansely helping care for her & do housework. I felt badly out of case. Mind not in good shape. I tried to prune Grapevines a little during the day but did very little. My folks thought I was not getting enough exercise in the open air. I was feeling very weak. Good neighbors during sickness.

Wear ^{fair} WED. MARCH 12, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven and
saw Gil get away to his work
and I finished attending the
chickens. Fourteen hens laid
eggs through the day. I was not
well during the day but tried
to keep busy putting the roosts
in order and feeding and watering
the chickens. Helen rested pretty
well during the day and seemed
to be improving. I felt very poorly
and unsteady but brimmed into

Wear ^{fair} THURSDAY 13 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until after seven o'clock and
Gil and Grace went to their daily job
and Helen was helped in bed by
Elda Moneely and Mrs. Connor & Alice.
My mind was very unsteady all day and I
was quite weak in body also. I tried to do
a little grape arbor pruning but did
not get much accomplished. Jo Connor
came in in the evening and used our
iron last a few minutes. Helen seemed to be
on the mend and able to eat a little solid
food. Seemed to have good nurses.

Wear ^{loam} FRI. MARCH 14, 1913, Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time and spent the
day about home with feelings that were
very unpleasant bordering on mania.
I tried to prune grapevines as best I
could but did not get through. Mrs. Ann
Morrison came about noon to help & care
for Helen in her suffering with inflam-
matory rheumatism. Gil went to Mt. Washing-
ton to R. Chrows at night for a bed pan.
Helen seemed to be improving slowly but
very very weak. My kidneys were
still troubling me.

Wear ^{fair} SATURDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven in the
morning having slept pretty comfortably
during the night. Helen had not rested
well. I tried to attend to the chickens
as best I could during the day and after
the doctor had been here at noon appropri-
ated Jas. Carothers old shoemakers stool for
a sick room chamber stool and in the evening
Gil helped to get it ready to cushion. Helen used it.
My mind was very unsteady all day and I
did not feel as though I could be trusted very far.

^{Snow}
Wea. SUN. MARCH 16, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept later usual on Sunday morning.
Helen thought she had not rested well during
the night. I was not away from home during
the day and none of our family attended Church. Gil
and I padded the Chambers stool we had prepared
for Helen's sick room. My mind seemed in a
little better condition than for a day or two past
but had considerable cough. M. R. Carothers
came in the evening & called until after nine
o'clock. Our hens laid 18 eggs during day - four
of them quite late in the evening. We did not
have many Sunday callers.

^{fair}
Wea. MONDAY 17 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until about eight o'clock and
felt a little better on rising than yesterday.
Learned that Helen had not rested well
during the night. Spent most of the day
helping Alice to do the week's washing.
Nan Morrison was helping to do the
house work and Eda Meneely was helping
to nurse Helen in her sickness. Grace
went to town in afternoon and saw doctor
who proposed to come out at night and he
came at a late hour & pronounced her much better.

^{Warm}
Wea. ^{fair} TUES. MARCH 18, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven o'clock
and took breakfast with Gil and
Aunt Nan Morrison. Helen reported the
best night's rest since her pickup and
spent the day comparatively comfortably.
I cleaned the ashes out of the furnace
in the cellar. It was warm and fire went
out of furnace and I had it to rekindle.
I did not try to prune any grape vines
during the day. My kidneys badly out of order
and my mind considerably depressed. And
I felt very uncomfortable.

^{fair}
Wea. WEDNESDAY 19 ^{Warm} Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time as Gil was
about taking train for work. Spent the
day working about the house and lot.
Finished pruning the grape vines and
burned the prunings. Gil pointed out
some improvements to be made about the
lot for caring for the chickens. Got fourteen
eggs in the evening about usual number. Helen
seemed to be improving considerably. Our
Girls went to Mount Washington at night. They
heard of the death of Mrs Brose - mother of Bessie
Brose a friend of theirs.

Warm
Wea. fair THUR. MARCH 20, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time and took
breakfast with Aunt Nan Morrison.
Learned that Helen had not rested
well during the night. I spent the
day about the house. Hoed a bed
of onions and covered them with brush.
Planted some roots of flower vines in
front of the privy door. Learned in the
evening that the doctor expected to
make his last trip tomorrow to see Helen
during her sickness. Elda Meneely still
rendering good service caring for her.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 21 Showy Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven o'clock
and spent the day doing light chores
and feeling as though I were able
to do but very little. Elda Meneely
gave my head a good cleaning.
I felt as though I were about to be
laid up with rheumatism and in
connection with that I had other
very peculiar feelings. Rev. W. A. Hurst
man called and visited Helen a few
minutes. She seemed to be improving rapidly.
Nan Morrison still with us.

Warm
Wea. fair SAT. MARCH 22, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time feeling very
weak and dottery, with my knees and
feeling very sore and I spent the day
without making very much exertion.
Mitchel Carothers took supper with us
and showed me a letter he had gotten
from his mother. The young folks of
our neighborhood attended a Birthday
party of a neighbor Cole on our street
at night Nan Morrison and Elda Meneely
caring for Helen who was feeling pretty
comfortable during the evening.

Wea. Wet SUNDAY 23 Ther. Clearing

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven o'clock
and spent the day about home. Elda
went to church down at Smithfield street
church this morning the only one from our place
at church. Helen had not slept well during
the night. She was feeling better in the evening
after eating well sitting up in bed. Did not
have many visitors during the day. We had
family worship at night in Helen's room.
I read a Psalm and lead in prayer. I felt
as though my mind was very much impaired
and I felt as though I could not read well.

Wet. Cloudy.
Wea. MON. MARCH 24, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose about usual time and
saw Gil start to his usual employ-
ment. Helen still in bed with Ed.
Meneely and Nan Morrison helping to
care for her. I was feeling quite unwell
during the day. My mind much aff-
ected from nasal Catarrh and my
limbs affected also. I carried water
to do the weeks washing with. Alice
did part of the washing during the day.
Grace attended Helen Evers wedding at
Wilkinsburg at night.

Wea. Wet TUESDAY 25 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven as
usual and helped Alice with
a washing. It rained and she
put the clothes up in the cellar.
Elda Meneely got word from Oakdale
that the Ed Shearover family had got
poisoned and wanted her assistance
and she went. Helen seemed to
be gaining some strength - some better.
Nancy Morrison still with us. Grace
brought some wedding cake and some
flowers - a rose home with her last night.

Showery
Wea. WED. MARCH 26, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about the usual time and
saw Gil start on train. My head
being badly out of order I spent the
day very un comfortably. Mrs. Mary Allen
and her little daughter with us for
dinner. I could not name them. I spent
but very little time in Helen's room
during the day she could not talk well
for me to hear but Doctor visited her and
thought she was getting along well but not
getting fat. Trap growing nicely for the
season of the year. I trimmed my hair.

Wea. Cloudy THURSDAY 27 Equally Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
Arose about seven o'clock and saw
Gil. off to his work. My mind badly
unsettled. I tried hard to do the usual
chores in the usual way. Did not succeed
in writing in my diary at night. Charley
and Mo. came about ten o'clock at night
feeling the effects of the high waters about
Youngstown and else where. A great many persons
driven out of their homes. Charley's folks could get
no drinking water and their power shut off so they
could not work. Dam destroyed at Dayton Ohio
and another at Hamilton Ohio causing great distress.

938 ^{showery} Wea. FRI. MARCH 28, 1913 Ther.

Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Helen still in bed with fever of some kind and being sponged every evening. Charley and I lay with us overnight. He had been with us during day. I did not feel well in the evening. My mind not clear. Flood affecting Youngstown so that many people had to leave their homes. Charley could not get power to run his works. The new moulding machine he has just gotten out taking well with the people.

Wea. ^{fair} SATURDAY 29 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose at the time Gil was starting. I felt my mind very untrusty during the day. Did but little work but tended to the chickens. Stewart Haulin called in to see Helen and took Nan Morrison home with him. Ethel Curry came in the evening - made Helen a call and took supper with us. My mind seemed to be unusually unsteady toward bedtime. Gil went across with Ethel on her way to street car.

938 ^{fair} Wea. SUN. MARCH 30, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Seemed to be usual business on hand. My mind seemed to be very unsteady in handling a door gave my hand some bad usage. Charley came in to spend the night with us and he and Gil talked considerable of business. Helen's health improving, so she sat up in bed over forty minutes and ate her meals. Charley came in and spent the night with us. Helen had just been in bed six weeks today and was getting very tired of it. I had been having some spells when I could not talk right - very unpleasant feelings.

Wea. ^{showery} MONDAY 31 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Alice and I succeeded in doing the usual weeks washing. I was able to run the washing machine, but my mind was so unsteady that I found it difficult to keep account of occurrences. Charley and I were out during the day and started for home from our place at night after supper. Gil went with them to station. Charley reported very fine prospects for sale of four of their new moulding machines. I felt very uncomfortable on account of mental debility.

Mostly fair

Wea. TUES. APRIL 1, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Was able to be up and about during
the day but my mind very unre-
liable and I did not attempt to
accomplish a great deal. Pre-potted
a few small plants. Helen's health im-
proving rapidly and she was gaining
strength. Felt very uncomfortable
during the day. Nan Morrison with
us and helping to care for Helen who
had not yet taken to sitting up
out of bed but seemed to enjoy her
food and sitting up in bed. Alice
will ^{some} ^{at night} ^{helped}

Wea. WEDNESDAY 2 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose a little earlier than common
and saw Gill and Grace start to their
work - Gill on Railroad and Grace on Street
Car. I was able to be about all day
but my mind was very unreliable.
Doctor visited Helen in afternoon and
she sat up in rocking chair about twenty
minutes for first time when her bed
was made at night and Aunt Nan-
Morrison led us in prayer in her room
just after she - Helen had laid down.
My mind badly deficient.

Chaucaffe

Wea. THUR. APRIL 3, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about eight o'clock and
spent the day about home doing
chores trying to rid up the yard and
put things in readiness for garden
making. I felt better during the day
than I had been feeling for some days
back. Gill put some nests in the
hen house at night. Mr Connor and
Mr Bachelor helped some. My mind
seemed better than it had been for
some time back. Thought the ground
too wet to begin garden making.

Wea. Showery FRIDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until almost eight o'clock. Spent
the day trying make improvement about
the dooryard. Did quite a large bit
of sodding along the wall east of the
house. Elda Meneely returned and
and made us a call. Helen's
health improving and she sat up some
in the rocking chair. Gill spent part
of the evening arranging for setting
hens in the henhouse. Nancy Morrison
still helping Grace and Alice to care
for their mother whose health is gradually

Moderately Spir

Wea. SAT. APRIL 5, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time and spent the day trying to put things to rights about the place. Helen still in bed and under the doctor's care but sitting up a little occasionally in bed. M. R. Crothers and Miss Bessie Brose called on us in the evening and took supper with us. About noon the mail carrier brought my check for \$72 pension first payment since increase. Nan. Morrison still with us helping to care for Helen. Ground still wet for garden making. My mind out of order and my body considerably enfeebled.

Wea. Slightly Snow SUNDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Helen still occupying her bed and under the doctor's care only able to be propped up in bed. Nancy L. Morrison helping to keep house and take care of her. Did not any of our family attend church during the day. Fred Cutter and Bess. Brose called in the afternoon to see Helen. I signed my name to a government check a pension for \$72.00 first payment of \$24 per month. My mind was in miserable condition and not much to be depended upon. Mrs D. S. Fulton

Slightly Cloudy Slight snow

Wea. MON. APRIL 7, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time and till went to the Automobile show which was attending for the Oil Co which he was serving as agent. I spent most of the day helping Alice to do the week's washing. We got the clothes dried and in before sundown. Nancy L. Morrison still with us helping to do housework and care for Helen who was still bedfast. I felt very uncomfortable on account of enfeeblement of my mind. My kidneys out of order and my mercury not good. Heard of fair

Wea. Fair TUESDAY 8 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about the time Gil started to his work business at an Automobile show. He did not get home until late at night. I spent some time attending to our chickens which our folks were trying to keep in good setting shape. I commenced shading our garden and got about half over it was not very strong. Helen still in bed and under the doctor's care, but improving in her eating and getting a little stronger. Gil did not get home until late. Ethel and

Mrs D. S. Fulton near show

WED. APRIL 9, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about half past seven O'clock
and saw Gil start on train to his work.
I attended to feeding and watering
the chickens and made a wire
fence to keep chickens out from a
setting hen. Spent most of the after-
noon shading in the garden although
I was not feeling strong. Some of
the ground not quite so dry as it
ought to be. Mrs. Peters called in
to see Helen in the afternoon. Man
L. Morrison still with us.

Wet Fair THURSDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about usual time in the morning
feeling very weak and sore from kidney
trouble. Spent most of forenoon attending
to chickens cleaning roosts and put
up three boxes for nests. Finished
shading our garden. Mitchell Carothers
came in the evening having been out
attending the funeral of Mrs. D. S. Fulton
near Paris in Washington County. He
and Grace attended some kind of a
gathering at neighbor Poy's at night. Helen's
health improving. Man Morrison with us.

Wet
WED. APRIL 11, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.
Arose about half past seven O'clock
feeling very weak and sore from the
effects of kidney trouble. Spent the day
trying to do little chores about the shop
and hen house. Alice told me she heard
little chicks for the first today. Helen
still in bed and Nancy Morrison still
helping to care for her. One of Helen's
limbs still frequently badly pained and
being bathed with alcohol. Gil and Grace
were not home for supper. Spore at an
Automobile show. Gil selling Gil.

Wet Cloudy SATURDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Having rested well through the night
I arose about half past seven feeling
better than yesterday and spent most
of the day preparing for the taking
care of chickens. Whitewashed
three chicken coops and prepared them
to receive little chicks and their mothers.
Alice went to Washington to a leather wedding
of Mansfield's. Grace spent evening at
home making a waist for Aunt Nan Morrison.
Dr. called to see Helen and said she was good
for another week in bed but doing well.

Moderately fair

Wea. SUN. APRIL 13, 1913 Ther.

Slept until almost eight o'clock. Did not any of us attend Church. Helen still in bed under the Doctor's care but improving considerably. Doctor thinks she will probably be confined to be another week on account of varicose veins. In the afternoon Mr. Robert Rawsthorne and his son called in to see Helen in the afternoon. Weather was quite cloudy and damp. My health quite poor and my mind unreliable.

Wea. Sat MONDAY 14 Ther

Arose about half past seven. Gill just starting to work. Alice and I did a week's washing. Mrs. Morrison doing cooking and taking care of Helen who had been in bed sick since the 16th of February. I was feeling quite unwell during the day. My head quite unsteady and my eyes very bleary and unreliable. Gill still out until a late hour attending an Automobile show and selling oil for an oil firm working until midnight. Feeling unwell all evening.

Cloudy

Wea. TUES. APRIL 15, 1913 Ther.

938 ~~Timberland~~ ~~Ave.~~ ~~Pittsburg~~, Pa.
From all my surroundings, I got up feeling as though it were Sunday. Gill started out to work for a Oil Firm about the time I got out and Grace did not get out for some time after and it was not Sabbath day either. My head was feeling badly out of order. My hearing badly impaired. I went out to see some of the merchants about here getting rid of oil. Some business men using street lights temporarily. I felt as though my business were almost done. Almost deaf from nasal catarrh. Driveling rains

Wea. Cloudy WEDNESDAY 16 Ther.

938 ~~Timberland~~ ~~Ave~~ ~~Pittsburg~~
Alice and I laid our heads together and did the week's washing. Helen was still in bed under the Doctor's care. We brought some books along for caring for the cider, turned off the mill. Not just getting cider off the mill as though it were only a money making business. Spent some time in the evening preparing for measuring the next load in the vessels. (I was thinking it nearer the last of week

fair Wea. THUR. APRIL 17, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Had some Cider on the press at the
widow Boyls of the apples made
for company use but did not get it
put away immediately. I had attended
to putting into barrels. Just
getting the Cider secured. I was
feeling very much out of order with
my mind. ~~Allen~~ came in quite
late at night and among them
they got up a big excitement
about what was going on in
the Cider manufactory. No harm done
Wea. fair FRIDAY 18 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh
Before I was out of bed in the mor-
ning there were wise of men getting things
returned to their camp. I spent the day
very unsatisfactorily about camp.
Things were badly mixed. I got some
goods returned that belonged to camp.
Stewart Harlin came at night to
visit his sister Helen. She sat up in
bed part of the day growing stronger.
Appropriating something for moving. Annie
Carpenter went down to Penner date to Mary
Allen her daughters. I had very strange feelings

Changable
Wea. SAT. APRIL 19, 1913 Ther. fair

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Spent the day very peculiarly and was
not feeling as though I had mind enough
to be trusted very far. Gil and Grace
took me to clothing store and engaged
a suit of clothes for every day for me.
Stewart Harlin was with us at the place
they had been having business with clothes. Gil
engaged a suit for me for fifteen dollars.
We were having a mixed up experience with
certain business. My mind seemed to be
considerably rattled and rendered restless. Was
glad my kin was watching me closely
Wea. fair WED. SUNDAY 20 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Gil arose tolerably early and took an
early train to Cashockton to visit his
Wells friends. I was not speaking to
him. I was able to read some during the
day and the Mitchel Carothers came and spent the
afternoon. Nan Morrison was helping our folks
with housework while Helen was in bed sick.
I did not feel as though my mind were
very reliable and I was not able to make
much history. Rev. Curfman and Robert
McKelvie came in afternoon and called
in to see us - a very pleasant call.

fair Cool
Wea. MON. APRIL 21, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until half past seven O'clock.
Spent the day at home my head
much out of order and my mind also.
I could not make just such record as
I wanted to make. The brain obstructed.
Made some wire fencing to keep
chickens out of our garden. Nancy
Morrison was helping care of Helen
in her affliction and doing cooking.
Glad of such good help at such unpleasant
time. We made some garden in the
evening. Put in some onions.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 22 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Slept until about eight O'clock.
Spent the day about home feeling
better in some respects.
Helped Nan Morrison and Alice
to do a washing. I felt very
uncomfortable not feeling just
right in my mind. Spaded
and prepared some ground for garden
and Gil and Nan Morrison planted
some onions. Helen still confined
to bed and Alice not feeling very
well. Weather fine all day.

fair
Wea. WED. APRIL 23, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Was awake shortly after six O'clock
but Gil advised me to turn to sleep
again and I slept nearly all forenoon.
My mind was very unsteady all
day and I did not accomplish
very much. My head was badly
out of order. My son and daughter
were attending to giving my medicines.
While my wife was still confined to
bed but improving. Read a letter in
the evening from Taylor Melvin contained
what he had in the old barn in 1862

Wea. fair THURSDAY 24 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburg Pa.
Had a good sleep during the night.
and spent most of the day putting
things to rights about the house
after washing. Our girls went to
club meeting on Mount Washington
at night. Nancy Morrison still
helping to care for Helen in her
sickness. I was feeling very unre-
liable on account of my mental
Wreck through nasal Catarrh. Gil
and Grace getting along nicely in
their employments and Alice also.

Wear Fair FRI. APRIL 25, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
Awoke shortly after six O'clock but
concluded to take longer rest and went to
bed again and did not rise until
most of forenoon was gone. Was suffering
some with Ophthalmitis. Did some
little work in the garden and got a
small bed about ready for planting.

Grace spent some time at the Piano
in the evening. Helen sat up most of
the afternoon, improving in strength, and
expecting soon to be able to walk out.

Wearing her every day dress today.

Wear Fair SATURDAY 26 Shower Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rested comfortably during the night
although my mind was very much em-
feebled and I could not trust myself
very far. I attended to the chicken
house as usual and helped Gil in
the evening putting up some supports
for some flowering vines. Nancy Mor-
rison was still helping Alice to do the
house work and take care of Helen in
her affliction who was just beginning
to walk a little alone. Mr. Matters planting
potatoes. Rained after getting almost dark.

Light Showers.

Wea. SUN. APRIL 27, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until nine O'clock, my health not
being in condition to attend church I spent
the day at home & Helen also as she had only just
got able to sit up. Her sister Nan Morrison
helping to take care of her. Gil & Alice
went to Mt. Washington to M. P. Church in
the evening. Grace and Aunt Nan.
Grace gave us some music on the Piano.
Grace making good show with the showers.
The condition of my head with Catarrh made
it very uncomfortable and my memory
untrustworthy. My children very kind.

Wea. Damp MONDAY 28 Ther.

938 ^{Shower} Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.
I got out about half past seven O'clock
and did little chores about the house.
Gil took a photo of Miss Sue Wells out of
a group taken at Christmas, to use in his
watch. Mr. Batchelor helped to carry
Commons Couch down stairs, we had borrowed
for Helen to sleep on. I had some
very peculiar feelings during the day.
My head not altogether reliable.
Nancy Morrison was with us during the day
an Elderly man nearly left our place in afternoon
to go to a place on Squirrel Hill. Found as usual

Changeable

fair

Wea. TUES. APRIL 29, 1913 Ther.

938 Cumberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Alice and I spent part of the day doing the washing. Gil carried Helen down stairs to rest on Connors Couch in our Parlor. I did not enjoy the day very much and when night came I felt as though I should like to retire early. Helen spent the entire day in the parlor on the couch and rocking chair. Mrs Nancy Morrison went home on the morning train.

fair Wea. WEDNESDAY 30 Ther.

938 Cumberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Aunt Nan Morrison left our place this morning after carrying Helen in her sack. I spent most of the forenoon about the house. Got a measure for a quart and let it out for Helen to let out. Helen spent the day down stairs. Sprouts turning out well. Afternoon was very fine.

Wea. fair THUR. MAY 1, 1913 Ther.

938 Cumberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
~~Spent~~ The day about home. Helen was carried down stairs again in the morning. Alice was not feeling well during the day and when evening came I felt as though I were hardly able to make the usual entry in my diary because of my incapacity. I was glad that my children were at home to take care of me and my wife.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 2 Ther.

938 Cumberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose a little before seven o'clock a little earlier than I usually get out and tried on a new suit of clothes and kept them on during the day. Was not out much from home but helped Gil a little in the garden after supper. Gil, Grace and Alice were all at home at night. Helen was improving in strength and health. Had a very pleasant call from Little Annie Steel while we were getting ready for bed.

Wea. ^{fair} SAT. MAY 3, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Got out of bed about my usual time
and feeling much in my usual way. Spent
the day trying to help Gil and Cilice
put things to right about the chicken
house and garden. Gil got home in
the afternoon and planted some peas. He
took up a flowering shrub and re-set
it, and some lillies of one kind or other.
He also re-planted two vines of some
kind or other, and made quite a differ-
ent appearance on our door yard.
Did not retire until quite late.

938 Wea. fair SUNDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa. I slept
until almost ten O'clock and Gil and
the girls attended to the fowls and other
chores. Helen was still being carried up
and down stairs her limbs being swollen.
She sat out on the front porch part of the
day and rested couch in sitting room.
Out in night about as usual.
My nervous system very much
out of order, but had reason to
be glad that our children were
so much interested in us.
James Provines died in the Country home.

^{Cloudy}
Wea. MON. MAY 5, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until half past seven O'clock.
then spent part of the forenoon preparing
to wash land and got the grading in of
the line and at night Gil and
I sodded the spot where the bush
had stood and we were making
quite an effort to get the yard
in good shape. I in very poor
health under the doctors care. My
hearing very bad. Was quite tired when
night came. Gil had been very ob-
tentive to putting things in repairs.

938 Wea. ^{cloudy} TUESDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about seven O'clock and
was up when Gil went to his work.
I spent the day about the house mostly
re-sodding some in the yard.
Grace got home in the afternoon
to help Alice with her work and
Helen was improving in her health so
that she walked about the house and
helped herself some. My mind was
very much out of fix and I did
not like to undertake to write
letters. Still get a letter occasionally in my ^{old} ^{hand}

Wea. fair WED. MAY 7, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Not feeling or very much like
undertaking any very hard work
I commenced spading the lot for
corn and did what little I could
endure. Twenty one small chicks seemed
to enjoy gathering fishing worms where
I was at work. Stewart Hanlin came
in the evening. He had not heard of the
death of James Provier. Sabbath day. Funeral
Tuesday. Gathered from paper that he was
buried at Tuckers Church at 1 P.M. Tuesday

Wea. fair THURSDAY 8 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pa.
Arose about seven o'clock and
Gill & Grace Alice and Stewart
Hanlin eating breakfast before
Stewart started for his home was
going to see lawyer Nick Culp on business.
Doctor. I did not try to work
any in the garden except to carry
some water and do some little
chores. Gill was home at night.
I felt as though my time scarcely
to be trusted to write a correct history
of the days done.

Wea. fair FRI. MAY 9, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Arose about eight o'clock and spent
most of the day spading in the garden
and seemed to get a pretty good days
work done. Helen was in bed all
day and the Doctor called to see her and
thought perhaps she might be out in the
air tomorrow without harm.
My head was much out of order.
Grace and Alice cleaned out the garret
and used paper basket for burning
brushes and wastes in. The little
Stet. girl made us a very friendly call.
Wea. fair SATURDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Awoke shortly after sunrise but kept
to my bed until near ten o'clock resting
after yesterdays labor. Spent most
of the day after I got out spading in
the garden. Grace & Alice were
busy cleaning house. Helen still con-
fined to her couch with her face pained
for erysipelas. She got down stairs in
afternoon. My mind was considerably
affected on account of Catarah. Had not
been having much communication with
Correspondents recently

Cold. Heavy frost.
Wea. ^{fair} SUN. MAY 11, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh, Pa.
Spent forenoon in bed until ten
O'clock and when we got out our grapes
sprouts were nearly all killed with
the small sprouts living at night.
A little before sundown Gil and
I went across the Hand R.R. to gather
a few flowers. Helen rested pretty
well but her feet still swollen and
pained. Seemed better today.
Mrs Jo. Connor made us a call about
Grace and Alice went to Mount Wash-
ington Church at night.

Wea. ^{fair} MONDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Was awake between seven and
eight O'clock and returned to my
bed and slept almost ten O'clock then
got out and spent some time out
- spent on our roof and kept on
through the day. Gil was at home
the evening and was fixing up
for taking care of the roosts.
Some of our little ones were
very doctery. Alice got her wash-
ing out for good time but I did
not help her but very little.

Snead day May 13'
Wea. TUES. MAY 13, 1913 Ther.

Assisted a little in putting things in
readings for washing. Alice was
busy all day ironing. Helen had
taken her berth down stairs.
Was a little busy today. The folks
of Wood put an office in our hall. I did
not understand it. All. We did a
good bit of work with our grapes though
they were all frozen but found some sprouts
not killed. I spent part of the day
trying to adjust telephone to get
things straight in order. Doctor
still here and still in the same care.

Wea. ^{low} WEDNESDAY 14 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa
I got out a little before eight
O'clock and helped to put things
about the garden to rights as
much as possible. And Grace was
still at home caring for her sick
mother. She was gaining strength slowly.
I put two room carpets out and
brushed them both up in forenoon
and the other after. Girls were fitting up
the rooms at night. Tal. was out
at some gathering at night.

Cloudy and ~~show~~ ^{Wear} THUR. MAY 15, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh
I had slept well through the night and
arose about half past seven O'clock
to see Ed getting out to his work.

My mind was seemingly untroubled
I arrived some during the day and I
was not considered in good case for working
with the chickens chickens. Grace and
Alice were busy all day cleaning up our
apartments and were talking about
changes about bed time when all
should get through. Everything considerably
unsettled. Wet wet.

Wear FRIDAY 16 Ther.
Mostly fair Timberland Ave. Shower

938 Laid in bed until almost eight
O'clock but appearance of rain
persuaded. Took up the carpets in
the different rooms and stretched
them out on fence and beat them
a wire brush shaker. Ed was
at home helping to put down the
carpet at night. I felt as though
I could accomplish very little. Helped
some with water and feed caring for the
chickens. which seemed beginning gaps.

Mrs. Gracey Melvin's Birth Day
Wear SAT. MAY 17, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Slept until eight O'clock then spent most of
the day brushing dust out of carpet on the
fence. Was Grace's Birth Day but my mind
not reliable as to the number. Hardest shave
I thought I ever had. Bertha and Esther
Rawsthorne came to our house to spend
Bertha's 12th Bertha day. In the evening Ed
repaired the lawn mower and mowed
our front yard. Helen a good deal
of her day out doors for the first
looking after chickens. Galbraith kept
very busy also assisting Ed Ed.

Wear fair SUNDAY 18 Ther.

938 Pittsburgh Pa. Timberland Ave.
Bertha and Esther Rawsthorne took break
fast and spent forenoon with us. None of
family went to church until night when
Grace and Alice went with Bertha and
Esther Rawsthorne to Mt. Washington to
church. I took a good between one and two
O'clock but felt scarcely able to stand and
as soon as got my clothes on, laid down on my bed
and slept most of afternoon knew nothing until
after five O'clock. Grace and Alice went with Bertha
and Estel in time for evening service. With my
hearing as it was, I had very little satisfaction.

938 J. Wea. fair MON. MAY 19, 1913 Ther.

Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa

Slept until almost eight O'clock
until time for hands to go to work.

Grace carried most of her wash water
and was ready to go at washing. I put
out the clothes line for her and helped
her what I could during the day.

Jo. Connor took supper with us. Gil.
attended to the chickens and
dressed up some ground to seed on.
I was too very weak and tremble to do
much good preparing ground for planting
could scarcely keep out of the way.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 20 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until eight O'clock then
took breakfast after Grace and Gil.
had gone to their work. I finished
spading the lot and in evening
Galbraith planted peas and beans
Miss Ethel Steel called in the evening
and had a pleasant interview
before bed time. I felt my self
a loss to know what I should record here
for others to read when I am gone hence
my room left for others to fill. My mind
seemed quite steady and recalled during day.

Wea. fair WED. MAY 21, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until about usual time. Gil left
word for me to clean the chicken coops
and when I undertook to do what I could
I thought that testers were being used to
try the capacity of my mind. No one undertook
a test by bonding any conversation with me in
the evening. Tonight the bible was laid on
the table seeming to indicate that I ought to
continue to read and pray as formerly.
Often the words I would use in prayer I cannot name.
I would not have family worship abandoned without
a very reasonable excuse. Gil apparently says

Wea. fair THURSDAY 22 Ther. Eobny Larup

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa

Awake at 7-30 but returned to bed.
Either dreams or mental testers troubled
me during the night. I thought that
electricity was being used in some way
but no one seemed to call on me for answers.
A telephone was placed under my coat on
the kitchen wall covered up with other
clothes. Did not rise until after eleven
O'clock. Cleaned some chicken coops and
put them in condition for night use.
Smoothed down what was un-
planted of our garden and raked the yard

Wear ~~Dark~~ ^{Temp} all day
FRI. MAY 23, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
Awoke at 7:30 as is recorded of yesterday and
dressed myself and saw Gilbert on his usual
train. I had in prayer before eating breakfast. Saw
him start on the train. Old chickens shut in house
I cleaned out roosts and by permission of Helen and Edith
whose name I could not recall until I went to water closets.
An exceedingly busy day all day with these two water closets.
my actions and I had some very queer feelings in my
nose, head and throat. Salt in common cellars used to attract
attention (no orders to me) but gathered from crumb or specks
as indicators. Also Personal movement is most painful in day
was in the joints of legs next to foot.

Wear ^{Breakfast} ~~Dark~~ ^{Temp}
SATURDAY 24 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Awa at half past six but returned to bed
again and slept until near eight o'clock.
I did very little work during the day only
cleaning out chicken coops. Some person
from town brought a baby cart for Mr & Mrs
Carpenter and they were not at home and he
left it with us and they came over and I
drilled some holes and made some changes.
Gill burned some rubbish from under front
porch on the garden in evening. Got a copy of
the vindicator and read more in it
during day than for quite a while

Mostly Cloudy.
Wear SUN. MAY 25, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
I was awake at half past six and returned to
bed and did not arise until about nine. None at
forenoon service from our place today. Gills there at
night. Mary Ann called in the evening.
I tried to help Gills come to attend the chickens
Cleaning coop roosts etc. Spent some time during
day reading. Gill and his mother were both
very busy watching my doings. Notice of Decora-
tion day. I did not feel as though I should be fit
to go out. Have been taking medicine for kidneys for
weeks. Our house pretty well fitted with wires for
phones.

Wear ^{Day mostly} ~~Dark~~ ^{Temp} Cloudy
MONDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa - I was
awake about half past six but took my
place in bed again expecting to arise
in time to carry the wash water down stairs,
but when I arose Alice had part of washing
done and I carried the rinse water and
helped to rub out some of the clothes and
put out clothes line and poles. Cleaned
under roost in old shed and cleaned
bottoms of boxes of some of the small boxes
boxes for small chickens. When almost asleep
last night I thought I saw some electric machine
in our and felt some one adjusting it or bed.

Wet all day almost

Wea. TUES. MAY 27, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
I thought I heard my wife call me about
half past seven and I was up in time to
see Gil go on the usual train. I tried to
help Alice to care for the chickens during
the day. Grace was at work in her usual
office. I buried quite a number of dead
young chicks on account of cold bad
weather. Helped Gil readjust some roofing
in the evening to afford better shelter. A
ferret hen named Wiffled while phelloring
near fine feathering chicks dropped an egg in the
cup such a sight as I don't remember having seen

Wet Wea. WEDNESDAY 28 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
I intended rising but went to sleep
about half past six & slept until ten.
Had an unpleasant day caring for
the little and lost a great many of them.
Mitchel Carothers and Ethel Noyes
Margaret Curry took supper with our
family. I thought they had plans
laying and talking some on the phone.
I did not eat a meal all day and
went to bed when the visitors left
the table. I slept tolerably I thought
awake some time in the night.

Wea. THUR. MAY 29, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.
I slept well all night so Paul,
told. Arose this morning about eight
o'clock and helped to ^{of squabbling}
in caring for the few little chickens
that had suffered through the wet
night. Weather was cold mostly during
the day. Charley came in on the
evening train and was ready for supper
with us. I was not making any arrange-
ments for attending ^{reception} parade
although I should like to see the parade
fair

Wea. FRIDAY 30 Ther.

939 Timberland Ave P. Mo.
I spent the day trying to help care for
the young chickens and had
a great many of them killed.
This being decoration day and my loss
so very precious with corn that I did
not try to attend decoration service.
Charlie Gill & Alice went to Uncle
S. Hanlin's funeral

Wea. fair SAT. MAY 31, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
Considerable of one thing or another
going on that I know nothing

My toes were very sore with
corns and my daughter in
law made into rosebud
for decoration for our premises
and they made turkey blood
in good ~~chilled~~ ^{chilled} flour rosey

Wea. SUN. JUNE 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa
There were no fashions from her at church
on on an

Wea. fair MON. JUNE 2, 1913 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa ..
Alice got out to attend to our usual
washing water and did the rubbing
her low. I did not carry any of the
water for her for I was feeling very
miserable with sore corns and
and we had been having some.

Wea. TUESDAY 3 Ther.

Wea. WED. JUNE 4, 1913 Ther.

Wea. FRI. JUNE 6, 1913 Ther.

Wea. THURSDAY 5 Ther.

Wea. SATURDAY 7 Ther.

Wea. SUN. JUNE 8, 1913 Ther.

Wea. TUES. JUNE 10, 1913 Ther.

Wea. MONDAY 9 Ther.

Wea. WEDNESDAY 11 Ther.

Wea. THUR. JUNE 12, 1913 Ther.

Wea. SAT. JUNE 14, 1913 Ther.

Wea. FRIDAY 13 Ther.

Wea. SUNDAY 15 Ther.

Wea. MON. JUNE 16, 1913 Ther.

Wea. WED. JUNE 18, 1913 Ther.

Wea. TUESDAY 17 Ther.

Wea. THURSDAY 19 Ther.

Paul's Grandfather Samuel
Melvin died this date at 12⁰ pm.