

**Personal Diary of Mary Perrine Deveney  
Jamesburg, New Jersey  
1908 – 1909**

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Historians have been interested in courtship and love and its evolution over time. The diaries of Mrs. Mary Perrine Deveney, a schoolteacher, demonstrate courtship and marriage between two professionals in the early twentieth century. Once becoming engaged, it was customary for schoolteachers in the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century to resign from their position, as Mrs. Perrine Deveney did. It was not acceptable for a teacher to be married, because it was believed there were few women who could manage a home and a school at the same time. Mrs. Perrine Deveney was a schoolteacher in the Jamesburg Public School and became the spouse of Mr. Curtis Allen Deveney, the first principal of Jamesburg High School, in 1908. Mrs. Perrine Deveney was twenty-five and Mr. Deveney was thirty-four. Mr. Deveney was attending Columbia University on the weekends. He served as Jamesburg High School Principal from 1909 until his death in 1927. The diaries offer insight into the life of a highly respected woman in Jamesburg the year prior to and after her marriage. One significant item in Ms. Deveney's diary to note is how she refers to Curtis A. Deveney as "Mr. Deveney," "C.A.D.," "Mr. D," or "Mr. Dev" before marriage and once they are married, simply "Curtis." These are excerpts from two of her diaries, written between 1908 and 1909. The entries are short; the diaries were small - four by two and a half inch - complimentary date books issued by The First National Bank of Jamesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Deveney were highly respected in Jamesburg and this diary gives the reader a glimpse into their life and the life of residents in Jamesburg. The diaries indicate the weather conditions, health problems, and local women's societies in the early twentieth century, exhibiting the trials and tribulations of early twentieth century life for women of stature. The diaries also demonstrate the importance and dominance of the Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg in Ms. Perrine Deveney's life every Sunday and present miscellaneous Jamesburg facts, which are vital to the interpretation of Jamesburg history.

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**1908**

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Memoranda

Sam and Katharyn married Oct. 2nd, 1907. I was maid of honor and wore yellow silk chiffon over white silk and carried yellow roses. A house wedding at Holmdel about 100 guests. They went to Canada on their trip. They are building a new house in J-. And expect to move about March 1st in it. They spent most of the time with us Grandpa Magie died August 11, 1907.

**December, 1907**

Sunday 29

Beautiful warm day. Katharyn and Sam with us. Their house nearly finished. Mr Deveny took me to church this eve.

Monday 30

We started back to school after a weeks vacation feeling pretty blue Jess gave a card party to night about 30 people there a good time no prizes.

Tuesday 31

Cold morning Mr Dev watched the old year out with me and we had a pleasant eve. Joe here while Edna is in Newark. A full house

**January, 1908**

Wednesday 1

Went out to farm with Papa and we spent a quiet day home.

Thursday 2

Back to school this morning with 45 pupils Luella and Eliza down this afternoon Grandma and Alice called.

Friday 3

Busy as a bee. Teachers meeting this P.M. Visitors and excitement Mr D- here this eve.

Saturday 11

Mother and I went to New York shopping. I bought my furs at Mc fueries for \$50. lynk very pretty mother bought a black long coat. Had a nice day. Katharyn came up on eve. train.

Sunday 12

A very rainy day. Papa went to Newark to see his brother Eruch. Kit here

Monday 13

A busy day. Katharyn and Mother go up to the house Mrs Suydam called Joe came back from Newark

Tuesday 14

Katharyn went to Freehold. Lue, Margie and Will came down and we played cards.

Wednesday 15

Mr D- and I went over to see Jess this eve. Dave, Roy Stillwell, Rolland and Howard VanDyke there.

Thursday 16

Half session at school. Joe Sruoke the worse boy I have gave lots of trouble. Edna came to see Joe. Book club meeting at Mrs Kirkpatrick's. We each received a book. Uncle Ed president Miss Martin & Miss Kingsbury called and we played cards.

Saturday 18

Nothing much doing. I took a walk up to the store and to see the new house. Joe went to Newark.

Wednesday 22

Joe's birthday

## **February, 1908**

Sunday 2

Bess Conover here. We all went to church. Sam went to Freehold and went out to Uncle Voru's to dinner.

Monday 3

Cousin Ida came to night for a few days. She and Mother went to over to see Mrs. Buckelew this eve. Joe went to Newark very cold.

Tuesday 4

Sent Rosa Kuba to Mrs. Deveney to day. She did not go and I could not find whose she went too Mr Deveney down to night to tell me about her. Mr. McCleghey called to night

Wednesday 5

Cousin Ida went home very snowy and slippery I nearly fell on the ice

Thursday 6

Edna and children here for dinner, they opened their house to day Have been gone 64 weeks I took lunch to school

Friday 7

Teachers meeting I had paper on "Numbers" Mr D – down this eve. Mother went to Prayer-meeting. Sam and Kit went to card party in Englishtown at the Applegates.

Saturday 8

Cold windy day. Called on Moely Zandt who is getting ready to be married. Miss Kingsby and Mr. D Osine down and we went to Mrs. Geo Shults to spend the evening.

Sunday 9

Katharyn, Sam, Grandma and myself went to dinner with Aunt Anna Lie and Will came down to hear the Temperance sermon to night.

Monday 10

Zero weather Kit went to Freehold and I went back to work. Marjory here for supper, she is such a nice little girl nearly 11 years old

Tuesday 11

A beautiful day Ice 13 inches and they are gathering 44 cakes a minute.<sup>1</sup> Nell Courer & I went to call on Mrs Hadley and Mrs Kirk. The two brides good time, Mr D- down to night.

Wednesday 12

No School Went to see Ms Suydam Katharyn came to night. Looked at wall paper Luella came home.

Thursday 13

Went to Book Club<sup>2</sup> at Mrs Wm Brooks<sup>3</sup>. Valentine night. Mr D- and I had a scrap. Hope nothing serious.

Friday 14

Went to Freehold<sup>4</sup> and spent night with Kit Went to Bager? and saw lots of old friends. Alice over to Eliza supper. very bad weather.

Saturday 15

Came home in the rain this A.M. Mother – Eliza Forman went to Ellen Barabours funeral at Monmouth Junction<sup>5</sup> Lue went back with Will

Memoranda

Joe gone to Miami, Florida on business trip. Marjory & Phyllis here over Sunday

Sunday 16

I have bad cold did not go out all day. Mr D- here to night and we are good friends again. Had a nice time together.

Monday 17

Cold not much better and teaching went pretty tough. Went to bed at seven o'clock took a lot of my mothers medicine and slept fine. Mrs Wm Brooks called

Tuesday 18

Feel better. Went over to Edna's this P.M. and called on Grace Dixon. Mother went to sewing Society Mrs C.M. Davison<sup>6</sup> called also Eliza – Margie here.

Wednesday 19

Sunny & rain A very bad day One session of school.

Thursday 20

I have a cold in my throat and can scarcely speak aloud

Friday 21

Colonial Tea in the chapel. Mr D took me to supper. Chamberlains had a reception this eve.

Saturday 22

Mrs Kirkpatrick had card party for lady's this P.M. Kit got first prize. About thirty there good time

Memoranda Church made \$139 on Friday eve.

Sunday 23

Sick in bed with gripe. ??ame down stairs for supper with Curtis.

Monday 24

In bed all day Mrs Hadley teaching for me. Lots of callers here to inquire for me.

Tuesday 25

Rainy and I did not go to school. Mr D- here this P.M. one session of school. Mother at sewing society.

Wednesday 26

I went to school and my voice is better

Thursday 27

Book Club at Miss Ada Soden's. I do not go out in the damp air yet.

Friday 28

Papa bought Luella a bed room suit for her room. Sam spent the day at Holmdell. Skating good.

Saturday 29

Katharyn came this a.m. She and I went to a swell luncheon at Mrs I. S. Buckelews this eve. Sam and Kit went to a dinner at Mrs Voorhees the brides and grooms of J- Mrs Suydam, Miss Kingsburg, Mr Deveney and myself played cards.

### **March, 1908**

Sunday 1

Sam and Kit went to Freehold to dinner Mr D and I went to church to night sermon on Home Making.

Monday 2

Mr Deveney got better from his home in Perm telling of fire burning his fathers house. Every thing lost.

Tuesday 3

Kit working up at her house unpacking furniture and getting things set aside.

Wednesday 4

They slept up there to night and had brought down with them. Has

Saturday 7

Sam and Kit took first meal in their new home to day. Every thing is lovely Joe Holaces with them.

Sunday 8

All went to church Bad day and night Mr D- here for supper he is sick with cold.

Monday 9

Croud went to Trenton to play. I could not go as Kurt had a school meeting. A blue Monday.

Tuesday 10

Feel better to day Teaching went all O. K. Have 145 pupils to day and nothing exciting happened.

Wednesday 11

Began to paper my room in blue with [illegible] borders. Mary Wintringer here.

Thursday 12

Book Club at Mrs David Smiths. Mr D took me. I got the giggles Jess turned Mr Payton over in his chair. Big time after.

Friday 13

The electric lights were turned on for the first in Jamesburg to night and are O.K. Mr Deveney here.

Saturday 14

Beautiful spring day. Went to a card party at Mrs. C. M. Davisons this P.M. Luella went with me. Had good time.

Sunday 15

Mother, Papa and I were at dinner with Joe and Edna. Took walk in P.M. with Kurt. Went to church.

Monday 16

This is all I know. School

Tuesday 17  
School

Wednesday 18  
School

Thursday 19  
School

Friday 20  
Glad to see Friday. C. A. D.- here Mother went to Prayer meeting.

Saturday 21  
Mrs Floe Elliott has a big card party to night. We went and had a good time I wore my yellow dress

Memoranda  
Went out to Formans in P.M. Eliza in Phil.

Sunday 22  
Windy and cold. Went to church in P.M. went out to Sams CAD. - here to night

Monday 23  
Rainy. School still keeps up. Kit went to New York rain to night

Tuesday 24  
CaD took me over to State Home entertainment. Great crowd there so we did not stay long. He still has bad cold.

Wednesday 25  
Beautiful spring weather. Took walk after school

Thursday 26  
Book Club at Mrs C. M. Davisons good time. Refreshments to ice cream and cake

Friday 27  
Very warm. People sitting on their porches. Joe building new porch. Luella and Margie here this P.M.

Saturday 28  
We gave Sam and Kit surprise party. Sam was not surprised about twenty there of young people. Mr D- got cold and went home without me. Is in bed sick. Jess sick with cold.

Sunday 29  
Rainy and I did not go to church. Joe, Edna, and children here to dinner.

Monday 30

I went up to call on Kits company to night.

Tuesday 31

One session to day. Mother cleaned the dining room. Rainy and disagreeable.

**April, 1908**

Wednesday 1

April Fool. Mr D here to night to call and Lue here this afternoon

Thursday 2

Tests at school. Lots of work.

Friday 3

Had a pleasant time with my beau this eve. He sure is good to me.

Saturday 4

Went to Dentist to day in Freehold Dr Lruex has always been my dentist but he is very expensive.

Memoranda

Kit and I called on Farries, DeVolves and Voorhees.

Sunday 5

Went to church had fine sermon. Mr McCleghen is very much liked.

Monday 6

Beautiful day.

Wednesday 8

Mother real sick all day. Lue went to N.Y.

Thursday 9

Book Club with Mrs McClegan a musical program had fun C A D- took me.

Friday 10

Col Bainy lectured in church to night very fine. Luella home.

Saturday 11

Mr & Mrs Miller from Manasquan spent the day. Very windy and cold.

Memoranda

Mr N? Silvers of Cranbury died yesterday very sad.

Sunday 12

Beautiful day went to church and we all went to dinner at Sams. Also Mr & Ms Ely.

Tuesday 14  
Mother birthday 61 years old.

Wednesday 15  
Mr Voorhees came to see about my teaching another year. I accepted.

Friday 17  
Good Friday. C.A.D took me driving in A.M. and to Asbury Park in P.M. and to church to night a good time.

Saturday 18  
C.A.D. went to Newark to spend Sunday with his brother. Cake and flower sale at Aunt Annas. I went up to supper with Katharyn Rain to night.

Sunday 19  
Easter  
Showery day all went to church. C.A.D. here to night. Lue down this eve.

Monday 20  
Joe here for dinner, Edna and children in Newark

Thursday 23  
Book Club with Mrs. I. S. Buckelew I went with Dr & Ms Suydam

Friday 24  
C.A.D. here to night and we had real lovely time together He certainly is good to me.

Saturday 25  
Mother and I went to New York shopping. I bought blue silk dress all ready made. \$19.50 at Macy's.

Sunday 26  
Beautiful warm day.

Wednesday 29  
Molly Zandt married at 2 P. M. A large wedding. Refreshments late big time.

Thursday 30  
Tests and all very busy.

### **May, 1908**

Friday 1  
Miss Kingsburg Mr Stullwer and C.A.D. here and we played cards. Jess & Dave here late in evening. Lanty Magee shot herself at Manasquan.

Saturday 2

Went to Dentist at Freehold. Called on Mrs John Paxton. Lue and Eliza here for supper.

Sunday 3

R. L. Day All went to church in A.M. C.A.D. took me to supper at Sams. Had a good time Miss Brice there. came home at 9:30 and C.A.D. went at 12 o'clock.

Sunday 10

All went to church.

Monday 11

Mrs. Laird came to sew for us this week. Lue came home for a visit.

Tuesday 12

Very warm. I wore white dress to school.

Wednesday 13

I signed contract to teach another year at school salary \$475 for year.

Thursday 14

A crowd of 14 young people drove around to New Brunswick to circus. Rained terribly and mud to shoe tops. Had good time.

Friday 15

Rainy day.

Saturday 23

Jess and I went to New York to buy our summer hats. Had good day and got pretty hats.

Tuesday 26

Final tests began today. Very warm. Euge Magee out tonight.

Thursday 28

I entertained Miss Pye, Kit, & Sam to supper and then in eve, Jess, Dave, & Mr. Dev came to play cards.

Friday 29

Cool and lovely Mr Dev. here to night

Saturday 30

Rain. C.A.D. and I drove to Freehold in all the rain and took dinner with Mr & Mrs Ely. Had good time

Sunday 31

Beautiful day. Went to church. Ned Hammell home.

**June, 1908**

Wednesday 3

Played cards to night at Sams. Forman Davison there.

Friday 5

Miss Peye went home to day. Kit went as far as N.Y. with her

Sunday 7

Sam & Kit here for dinner. Kit not very well. Took drive to farm.

Tuesday 9

Katharyn went to Freehold and is quite sick will not be home for week. Sam here.

Thursday 11

Sam, Curt and myself drove to Forman for supper Van there. good time.

Monday 22

Hot

Tuesday 23

Hot-Hot- Worked hard at school and got mad at so many reports.

Wednesday 24

School Closing. Commencement to night Everything went off beautifully

Thursday 25

High School Picnic. I took a good rest. Drove over to Formans.

Friday 26

Went rowing this morning. Had picture take of our house

Saturday 27

Went to ball game this P.M. Joe Perrine played. C.A.D. here for supper then we went rowing on the lake.

Sunday 28

Hot Day

C.A.D. went to church with me for first time in A.M. Took drive in P.M.

Monday 29

Busy A.M. house very dry and hot.

Tuesday 30

Uncle Ed, Aunt Anna left for Ocean Grove for the summer in a cottage there. Eleanor came here for a few days.

**July, 1908**

Wednesday 1

Papa birthday. 68 years old. Virginia and Eleanor here to dinner with h???. all well

Thursday 2

Very warm. Eleanor went down to Grandma Magees

Friday 3

Had shower this P.M. mist cooled the air.

Saturday 4

Good time. C.A.D. and I spent the day in Asbury Park. Took dinner at the Brunswick Hotel. Was a showery day he went bathing. We had Pryor in P.M. came home on 6:30. The church had a supper but rain spoiled fireworks

Sunday 5

Very warm. Did not go to church Mr. D- here for supper

Monday 6

Mr D- went to his home for a week. Mr & Mrs David Clayton came here for a few days warmest day in year

Tuesday 7

Papa took the company for a drive Christina, the girl not home from Amboy yet Luella quite sick.

Wednesday 8

Claytons went to Ocean Grove. Cooler Mrs Suydan and went to New Brunswick.

Friday 10

Cousin Libby Vanwickle spent the day with mother.

Friday 31

Very hot day

**August, 1908**

Wednesday 5

Jess and I went to the ??? water gap to day for week. Stopped at Glenwood Hotel.

Thursday 6

Mr Deveney there and he took us for a long trauck through the mountains. Then to stroudsburg this P.M.

Friday 7

Went down the Delaware River in a lanch. Had a good time. Dave every night at Hotel.

Saturday 8

Dave came to day we climbed this a.m. & this P.M. took boat and went to Cold Air Cave weather 40°. Also Van Donn stopping at Gap House a good time to night

Sunday 9

Took walk to Gap House this A.M. went to Stroudsburg this P.M. and to bed early to night.

Wednesday 12

Came home to day. Tenant Havert Home to night I did not go

Thursday 20

I went down to Avon with Joe for a few days. Daisy came to Jamesburg

Friday 21

Lue & Eliza spent day with mother Lue Bordon here in P.M. Full house all well

Saturday 22

Rained this A.M. Joe took me in automobile to Asbury Park and I came home on first train found three letters from Curt here.

Sunday 23

Mr D- wrote me a 16 page letter I write often to him but not long ones.

Tuesday 25

Daisy and I went to Hightstown Had a lot of fun

Thursday 27

Mother had Mrs Buckelew<sup>7</sup> and Mrs Hoover to supper also the Suydams

Friday 28

Mr D. came home to day. I was very glad to see him I got my engagement ring and am a happy girl.

Saturday 29

I am to wear my ring around my neck until November no one is to know that I am engaged.<sup>8</sup>

Sunday 30

Very nice day I went to church Daisy went to Catholic church. Curtis here for dinner

Monday 31

Daisy, Curtis, and I walked to Hoffman Station this P.M. Stopped at Formans and ate water melon.

**September, 1908**

Wednesday 2

Curtis and I went on picnic with High School pupils a good time.

Sunday 6

Rainy Day Went to church to night with Curtis.

Monday 7

Labor Day. Mrs Thos Elliot very ill and Drs have given up hope.

Tuesday 8

Jamesburg Public School opened. Nine teachers. I have 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 48 children.

Thursday 10

Book Club at Mrs Marriots. Public School discussion Mr D – a paper.

Friday 11

Teaching meeting I invited the teachers here after school to eat water melon. C.A.D. went home

Saturday 12

Papa and I spent the day with Uncle Van and Helen

Sunday 13

Mr D – got home at four o'clock Had a picture taken of his family. Kit & Sam had dinner party.

Monday 14

Mrs Thos Elliot buried today.

Friday 18

Katharyn's father very sick in Holmdel.

Saturday 19

Mr D – went to New York came up to night and brought me a box of Huylers<sup>9</sup>.

Memoranda

Mr D – has a dreadful carbuncle on his neck.

Sunday 20

Mother, Papa and I took dinner with Grandma Magee Mr D – here for supper.

Wednesday 23

Mr D – suffers dreadfully. Has another on his leg and can not sleep

Thursday 24

Book Club with Mrs Everitt. Mother and I went. A good many there

Friday 25

Very warm we still wear our white dresses Mr D – had one [carbuncle] lanced to day

Saturday 26

Lue home to night. Miss Martin and Kingsbury called

Sunday 27

Eleanor Hand here for dinner. Sam & Kit drove to Freehold

Wednesday 30

Uncle Eugene out to night. He took Mildred to Ogonce to boarding school

### **October, 1908**

Friday 2

Windy & cold Took a long walk after school with Curtis, he came down to night is feeling better

Saturday 3

Sam & Kit in Phil spending Sunday they have been married part one year Brides doing well Katharyn is expecting a stranger also Ethel Kirkpatrick at Molly Ferries.

Memoranda

Curtis goes to N.Y. every Sat. is taking a course in Chemistry at Columbia College

Wednesday 14

Curtis came down to night. Lue home for a few days.

Thursday 15

Book Club meeting here tonight about fifty here. "Democracy" the subject

Friday 16

Mother & I went to East Orange and spent the night with Aunt Minni. She some better. walks with cane

Saturday 17

We went shopping in N.Y. went under the Hudson River Tunnel for the first time.<sup>10</sup>  
Bought some pretty underclothes Curtis came home with me

Memoranda

Mr D – can not wear a collar yet. Has his neck dressed every other day

Sunday 18

Very warm Everyone wearing white dresses yet. Curtis down this P.M.

Monday 19

School and a good crowd

Wednesday 21

Curtis took me to supper at the Methodist church

Friday 23

My birth day 25 years old and I showed Edna my diamond ring.

Thursday 29

Book Club at M. T. Vorhees. Very rainy but all had a good time.

Friday 30

Sent in my resignation as teacher to day. A sixty day notice. Told my relatives of my engagement.

### **November, 1908**

Friday 14

Bess Conover came to school lovely

Thursday 19

Sams birthday Twenty-nine years old.

Saturday 21

Katharyn gave me a handkerchief shower. Lovely refreshments

Wednesday 25

Closed School for Thanksgiving

Thursday 26

Thanksgiving. A family dinner Thirteen in all. Had two turkeys and plenty to eat. Canby Demered married at York Pa.

Friday 27

Mother and I went to N.Y. shopping. got two new dresses shoes gloves and lots of little things.

Sunday 29

I went out to spend the day with Formans. Uncle Van there and we had a good time.

### **December, 1908**

Thursday 3

Book Club with Mrs Zandt a good time

Friday 4

Teachers Institute at New Brunswick. Curtis and I together all day. Bought Wedding ring.

Saturday 5

Mr D went to New York for College. I showed my clothes to Anna Hadley, Grandma and Aunt Anna and they all think they are pretty.

Sunday 6

I went to church with Papa & Mama Curtis is lovely to me to night.

Monday 7

A Rainy day One session Very busy.

Tuesday 8

Mrs Soden making my dresses very pretty

Thursday 10

Luella came home for two weeks

Friday 11

Curtis took a state examination to day in Trenton He was here to night

Saturday 12

Lue & I went to New York to buy my wedding suit. Bought at McGreerys Blue. A blue hat and did our Christmas shopping Curtis came home with us.

Sunday 13

Curtis and I were at Joe's to dinner –

Monday 14

My mind not on school Boys bad Joe Corse the leader of badness

Thursday 24

Wedding Day

Memoranda

Mr J. C. McDonald

345 West 37<sup>th</sup> St.

New York City

Miss Francis Oliver

166 East Rock Road

New Haven Con

**1909**

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**December, 1908**

Thursday 31

I have been married one week today. Curtis and I are on our way home from Old Point Comfort. Spent this night at Philadelphia.

**January 1909**

Friday 1

Curtis and I reached home to night at five o'clock. The boys and men of the town gave us a serenade. Lots of noise and we treated to crullers<sup>11</sup> and cigars.

Saturday 2

We spent today unpacking our trunk and wedding presents. Eliza, Sue, and Will called also. Mrs. Suydam, Slum, McClogham Joe here for dinner.

Memoranda: We visited Washington, Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Jamestown, Newport News and other places of interest on our wedding trip.

Sunday 3

Curtis and I went to church this A.M. We received many congratulations. This P.M. we spent reading and writing letters.

Monday 4

Curtis went to school. Miss Burnside is my successor. I was busy all day putting away my presents etc. Joe here while Edna in Newark.

Tuesday 5

Very Rainy one session. Curtis home with me all the afternoon. Mother has rheumatism in her knee Joe here today. Red letter day.

Wednesday 6

We ironed this A.M. Mother went to sewing society.

Thursday 7

Jess & Nell Conover called this P.M. Aunt Ana sick with grippe.

Friday 8

Mrs. I. S. Buckelew<sup>12</sup> called this P.M. I went to see Katharyn. Mother went to sewing club at Grandmas.

Saturday 9

Curtis went to New York to day. Luella came home for over Sunday. Rainy to night.

Sunday 10

Curtis Mother Father & I went to church. Mr. McClogharen preached. Dr. Everitt making a prayer.

Monday 11

Will came down for Tue. Curtis went to Board meeting tonight. I went to Suydams to Book Club committee meeting.

Wednesday 13

Made cake for Book Club

Thursday 14

Book Club with Mrs. Kirkpatrick to night. I wore my yellow dress. All had a good time about 6 others. I was in the receiving committee.

Friday 15

Mrs. Suydam & I went over to Mrs. Kirkpatrick's this morning and helped clean up. Alice was here. Very cold and icy

Saturday 16

Curtis went to New Brunswick to a big dinner at the Mansion House. Lue Margie walked down and spent the day. Very snowy to night.

Sunday 17

Very stormy day. No one went to church from here but Papa this A.M. Mother has rheumatism very badly in her knee.

Monday 18

Katharyn very sick. Holmes Ely Perrine born about three o'clock this P.M. Dr. Applegate there and Mr. Barber nurse. Sam a very proud man.

Tuesday 19

Cold & icy. We went skating this P.M. Curtis is very busy with schoolwork.

Wednesday 20

Concert in church to night. Lue was down.

Friday 22

Joe's Birthday. Cold.

Saturday 23

Curtis in New York. Rain to night and very bad walking.

Memoranda

Snowstorm

Sunday 24

All went to church. Joe & Edna called. Sam down to night.

Monday 25

Wash day - Curtis called at Dr Suydams this Eve.

Tuesday 26

Mother & I went to New York to a luncheon at Mrs. Geo A. Helmes<sup>13</sup> – This Eve –  
Curtis & I went to a party given in my honor at Mrs. Voorhees.

Wednesday 27

Mrs Everitt called. Joe & Edna had dinner party. Mother & Papa there. Jess here this P.M.

Thursday 28

Book Club at Mrs. Sodens. Mrs. Taylor Mount's daughter called.

Friday 29

Aunt Anna here this A.M.

Saturday 30

Cold & Snowy. Lue home this P.M.

Sunday 31

All went to church

### **February, 1909**

Friday 5

I went to see Jess today. She has a new piano

Saturday 6

Mrs Watson Ralun called today. I was over at Suydams to night. Curtis in New York to day.

Memoranda

Mother has rheumatism very badly in her knee.

Sunday 7

A Lincoln Memorial service to night in the church. A great crowd of people there. Eliza & Lue here for dinner.

Monday 8

A beautiful warm day. I walked up town to the store and stopped to see Holmes. He is a lovely baby.

Tuesday 9  
Cloudy.

Wednesday 10  
Dinner Party at Formans in our honor. We went out in a stage. Had lots to eat two Turkeys.

Thursday 11  
Cousin Ida Conover here for a few days. Book Club with Mrs. Brooks – Valentines were plenty. I read a selection.

Friday 12  
Cousin Ida here and she and Mother went to Grandma's for supper. Curtis had a holiday.

Saturday 13  
Aunt Anna gave me a card. Party to night. All had a good time. I wore my black dress and Curtis brought me a bunch of violets from N.Y.

Memoranda  
Mrs. Probasco called. Mother & Cousin Ida over with Mrs. Buckelew for dinner. Lue home.

Sunday 14  
Curtis & I home to day. Had lots of calls. Went to church to night to hear Indian lady speak.

Saturday 20  
I went to N.Y. with Curtis. Went to Hippodrome<sup>14</sup> this P.M. Had a fine day.

Memoranda  
Susie Dora works for us. She has a little baby boy "Billie"

Sunday 21  
Curtis went up to Mr. Barenous this P.M.

Monday 22  
Washington Supper to night. A good crowd. Made \$150.

Tuesday 23  
Went to Grandmas for supper.

Wednesday 24  
School closed until Monday for Scarlet Fever. Charles Paxton sick.

Thursday 25  
Teachers keeping house for themselves. Cold & windy. Curtis home.

Friday 26

Lue came home. Covered a chest for me. She, Curtis, and I went to Mrs. Suydams to sewing [??] – sick.

Saturday 27

Curtis went to New York to college.

Sunday 28

Luella's Birthday. She spent it home with us will here for supper. All went to church to night.

### **March, 1909**

Monday 1

School opened small attendance.

Wednesday 3

Papa went to N.Y. Lue went home. Mother went to sewing society.

Thursday 4

Mr. Taft President of U.S. took oath today. Snowy cold and a bad day.

Friday 5

Very cold.

Sunday 7

Communion Sunday All went except Curtis.

Wednesday 10

We practiced for the Book Club to night. Ms. Kirk was the colored [waitress?]. Sam colored butter fine

Thursday 11

Book Club here. The Program committee gave a parlor play. Called "Obstinacy". About 60 people here.

Friday 12

I made some calls this P.M. Alice here to see Mother. Mrs Suydam a bad cold. I got weighed uptown 118lbs

Saturday 13

C.A.D. in N. Y. Rainy. I hemstitched a sheet. Mother made ginger snaps. Katharyn took Holmes to Freehold. Sam here all night.

Memoranda

Eliza Forman in Philadelphia for three weeks.

Sunday 14

We all went to Church. Curtis & I went over to Formans to call Joe & Edna here. Marjoy 12 years old to day.

Monday 15

School has good attendance. I sewed all day. Mother went to Lady Aid meeting. Grandma went to Freehold for a week.

Tuesday 16

We ironed this A.M. I called on Mrs. Shinn with Katharyn. Holmes well and a dear little baby held him to day for first time.

Wednesday 17

Lue & Margie down this P.M. Mother went to Sewing Society.

Thursday 18

Aunt Anna, Mother & I sewed and made a new carpet for our dining room. Curtis & I called on Mrs. Voorhees.

Friday 19

Mother went to Prayer meeting. Curtis busy. I made candy. Rainy to night.

Saturday 20

Mother spent day in Philadelphia she and Aunt Anna.

Memoranda

Curtis in N.Y.

Sunday 21

Sam Kit & Holmes here for dinner. Beautiful spring day.

Tuesday 23

Ex. Pres. Roosevelt sailed for Africa to day.

Wednesday 24

Mr Lang papered Mothers room to day. Mother went to sewing society

Thursday 25

Very rainy day. Lue was down this P.M. Dr Everitt very sick

Friday 26

On the anxious bench. Times up. Papa and I went to Formans. Margie sick Eliza in Philadelphia

Saturday 27

Curtis in N.Y. Brought me candy book and magazine. He took his final exam in chemistry at Columbia

Memoranda

Happy to day All O.K. Married three months. No fights.

Sunday 28

Joe, Edna & children here for dinner. Curtis studying masonry with Mr Barenore.

Monday 29

Cold & windy. Mrs Buckelew called Aunt Anna & Grandma here.

**April, 1909**

Monday 5

Hot to day

Tuesday 6

Curtis Took third degree of masonry to night a big banquet. Very warm

Wednesday 7

I am not very well. In bed part of the day.

Thursday 8

Dr says I have lumbago. Home taken cold.

Friday 9

Curtis had a holiday for Good Friday. We took a ride to farm and stopped at the Formans. I have a lame back

Saturday 10

Curtis was vaccinated to day by Dr Suydam. Van DuBois came here to night.

Memoranda

Sam stayed all night

Sunday 11

Easter Sunday. Beautiful warm day, we all went to church. Uncle Van went over to see Eliza

Monday 12

I taught school to day for Miss Martin. Had a good day. Joe came home for dinner. board met to night

Tuesday 13

Uncle Van & Papa went to farm. Showers this P.M.

Wednesday 14

Mothers Birthday. Curtis & I went to the Drama "Down in Maine" very good. Very rainy

Thursday 15

Lue, Eliza & Van here. They all went to the play to night. Eliza & Van have a bad case

Friday 16

Van took Eliza home. Lue did some sewing and this P.M. we went to see Edna & Eve to see Sam & Kit

Saturday 17

Curtis arm very sore. We took a walk for [arbutus?]. Sam & Kit here to night

Sunday 18

Lue went home. Joe took Edna, Curtis, & I automobiling this P.M. – warm

Monday 19

Curtis sick from his vaccination. It is [ta??g] & very sore. Went to school. We cleaned sitting room

Thursday 29

Evelyn's birthday. 9 years old today.

**May, 1909**

Memoranda

Dr Everitt anniversary of preaching 50 years. A great crowd here in town.

Sunday 9

Jubilee Services for Dr Everitt. Communion Services at church – Mr Frank Everitt preached

Monday 10

Services this P.M. at two P.M. A supper at 6 o'clock at church. I helped serving people. a large crowd

Tuesday 11

Mrs Laird here sewing for us. Lue home for a week. Sam & Kit took the baby to Phil. to a specialist. Dr Stan. Eleanor Hammell applied for a school position & did not get it. The Hammels are no longer friends to Curtis and myself – we get all the blame.

Thursday 13

Mrs Laird taught me how to make a button hole to day. I made a dozen. Very warm

Friday 14

Mrs Laird went home we finished sewing.

Saturday 15

Beautiful day but very warm.

Memoranda

Eleanor Hammell graduates from St Marys Hall Burlington in June.

Sunday 16

Will came down for Lue this P.M. Curtis & I took drive. all went to church. Sam brought the baby down

Monday 17

Curtis very busy now. School closes June 17

Friday 21

Rain this P.M. It has been very dry and the farmers were all glad to see the rain.

Saturday 22

A very rainy day. Curtis went to Woodbridge to a Principals meeting. I went to see Holmes this P.M.

Memoranda

Mrs Young called this morning

Sunday 23

Curtis & I spent the day with the Van Dons in Freehold. Will took us for a long automobile ride this P.M. a fine time

Monday 24

I went to the Dentist Dr Heckman this P.M. of Jamesburg. Called on Ida Taylor who is sick and not able to teach any more this year.

Tuesday 25

The Hammells fighting us because Eleanor was not elected teacher in Jamesburg school

Monday 31

Curtis took me to the Freehold races. We had a good time. Decoration Day was celebrated in Jamesburg with a festival

**June, 1909**

Tuesday 1

I took Ida Taylors place at school to day. She is very sick so I will teach until the close.

Thursday 3

Book Club with Mrs Buckelew. A good meeting

Friday 4

Teaching goes pretty hard for me with little children

Saturday 5

Mrs C.M. Davison gave a party this eve to the young people. We all had a fine time.  
Curtis won first prize

Sunday 6

Curtis & I went over to Formans and ate strawberries

Monday 7

I am teaching now for Ida Taylor

Thursday 10

Lue came home for a few days

Friday 11

Edna had the sewing bee. Mother went out had a good time. Curtis took Lue & me for a nice ride.

Sunday 13

We all went to church. Childrens Day Virginia spoke a [peice?]

Wednesday 16

Mother spent the day with Aunt Minnie. She is some better but still has a nurse

Thursday 17

School closed with commencement to night. A heavy rain about nine o'clock. A large crowd out

Friday 18

Curtis & I chaperoned the High School picnic to day. A lovely cool day and all had a good time. Mother went to sewing bee

Wednesday 30

Nellie Conover married to Harry Silvergrail. A large wedding and all had a good time.  
Very warm

**July, 1909**

Thursday 1

Papa's birthday. Papa 69 years old today. He is well and goes out to his farm everyday

Friday 2

Curtis & I took early train for York. Reached there at 3:30. Spent the night with Canby & Hiliaria. Went to a park to cool off.

Saturday 3

Went to Seven Valley this A.M. Walked from station. Found all well. Curtis went to Glen Rock for Evelyn. I saw her for the first time. Evelyn is 9 yrs old and a sweet little girl. She seemed to like her new mama.

Sunday 4

Spent a quiet Sunday. Had lots of good things to eat. Magie came home to day

Monday 5

Went to Glen Rock picnic today. The fourth was celebrated and lots of fireworks. Mr D-busy with wheat

Tuesday 6

Went down to spend eve with Jesse Deveney & Daisy. Curtis pitched wheat for his father.

Wednesday 7

Mr [Bartuslanglen?] spent the day with us

Thursday 8

Curtis & I spent the day at new Park with Frank Everitt. A good time. Rose Deveney is home

Friday 9

Curtis, Evelyn, & I went to York. Took supper with Dottie and called on Jermie. Evelyn got new shoes.

Saturday 10

Curtis Birthday. 35 yrs old. Carrie Moody came to call on us this eve.

Sunday 11

Very dry & dusty. Mrs D went to church. The rest spent a restful day – Canby & wife home

Monday 12

Curtis & I left for Jamesburg at 9 A.M. found it very dry & hot. The lawns are all burned up. Rain is needed.

Tuesday 13

Everything dying for the want of rain.

Thursday 15

Lue & Margie spent the day. We took Margie home and got caught in an awful shower. I was so afraid of the lightning.

Friday 16

Lue & Mama spent day in Manasquan with Mary Miller Preston. Papa went to see Van DuBois at Plainfield Hospital. Curtis & I [left house?] home.

Sunday 18

We all went to church. Lue went home. I did not feel well today.

Monday 19

Curtis & I took a ride. Dr Everitt not well again. Must go to N.Y. tomorrow for treatment.

Tuesday 20

Luella not very well. We were out to see her.

Wednesday 21

Rain today. Mother went

Thursday 22

I went to call on Jess Paxton. Virginia went to Avon

Memoranda

Joe, Edna & family went to Avon for a month

**August, 1909**

Monday 2

Joe takes his dinner with us each day.

Wednesday 4

Curtis & I went to Atlantic City. A very rainy day

Thursday 5

We went bathing this A.M. We are stopping at the Iroquois Hotel.<sup>15</sup>

Saturday 7

Went on Steel Pier to night. Having a fine time

Sunday 8

Very hot

Monday 9

Went to the theatre to night saw "The Beauty Spot."<sup>16</sup>

Tuesday 10

Bathed and spent the P.M. on the Million Dollar Pier

Wednesday 11

We came home to day. Papa came to Atlantic City on an excursion

## Memoranda

Will Forman has a great many peaches this year.

Tuesday 24

I went to Plainfield with Eliza to see Uncle Van –

Wednesday 25

Harvest Home on the church lawn. we gave Ida Taylor [Badla?] a syrenade.

Friday 27

Mother & I went to Asbury Park for the day.

Saturday 28

Curtis & I went to Newark this P.M. to spend Sunday with Harry. Van DuBois left hospital.

## Memoranda

John Kirkpatrick baby died tonight

Sunday 29

We came home to night. Lue & Will here. Sam stayed all night. Kit in Freehold

Monday 30

We washed and had a busy day. Papa took a load of peaches to Freehold for Will Forman.

Tuesday 31

I went over to Kirkpatrick's to see the little baby. A private funeral. Alice here to day.

**September, 1909**

Wednesday 1

We canned peaches and made grape jelly.

Thursday 2

We preserved peaches, grapes. I called on Mr Everitt. Congratulated Roy Stilbell

Friday 3

Beautiful day. Curtis working up at the school house a new laboratory table

Saturday 4

Bess Conover came to day to spend a week with me.

## Memoranda

Will Forman still busy with peaches-

September 5

All went to church. Kit, Sam & Holmes here for dinner. Curtis, Bess and I took a ride this P.M.

Monday 6

Labor Day. Nothing doing. Bess & I went up to eat water melon at Sam's.

Tuesday 7

School started to day. Curtis busy. Bess & I drove to Cranbury – a full High school and ten teachers. We spent this eve at Jessie Paxtons-

Thursday 9

Bess spent the day with Hanah [Sabask?]. Mother & I canned peaches & tomatoes. Mother went to Book Club

Friday 10

A rainy day. Curtis had half day off. One session. Horace Jennings called on Bess. Mother went to Prayer meeting

Saturday 11

Bess went home. Mother & I went to Preparatory meeting this P.M. Curtis busy. & Lue & Margie here

Memoranda

Curtis united with the Jamesburg Church by letter. Sept 12

Sunday 12

A lovely day. All went to church. Kit, Sam & Holmes went driving & stopped here

Monday 13

A beautiful day. We washed and were busy all day.

Tuesday 14

Grand Army of Republic met here to day. About 300 men took dinner.

Wednesday 15

Lots of calls today. Mr & Mrs Longstred and Mrs Conover called this P.M. Papa went automobiling.

Thursday 16

Lue home for the day. I called to see Molly Ferries baby. We made chilli sauce yesterday

Friday 17

Grandma here in A.M. Mama went to Kirkpatrick's to call. I went automobiling with Joe – Papa went to Avon with Joe.

Saturday 18

Katharyn & Sam started on their vacation this A.M. They left Holmes in Freehold.

Memoranda

Cook or<sup>and</sup> Peary<sup>617</sup> home discovered the North Pole – Much talk now on that subject

Sunday 19

We went to church this A.M. Eliza, Lue & Will here this eve –

Monday 20

Joe & family came home from Avon to day. Curtis went to Board meeting tonight

Tuesday 21

Curtis & I went to Mrs Smiths this eve to a watermelon party.

Wednesday 22

Showery. Mother, Mrs Suydan & I went to an entertainment at Methodist Church

Thursday 23

Book Club at Mrs Kings. Curtis read a paper. A beautiful eve. We walked out, very warm. Lue walked home.

Friday 24

A very rainy day. One session of school – Curtis home this P.M. Mother went to Prayer meeting.

Saturday 25

Jess, Bert, & I walked to Cranberry bogs. Mothers & Grandma went to Hightstown.

Memoranda

A great many people in New York to the Hudson Fulton<sup>18</sup> celebration.

Sunday 29

A cool Sept. day. Church this A.M. Sam came home from his trip to night.

Monday 27

Joe bought the Richmond farm also the Rue farm.

Tuesday 28

Kit came home with Holmes. He is well now and getting out. Has two teeth.

Wednesday 29

Papa went to Trenton Fair. Joe took Mrs Suydam and myself to N. Brunswick.

Thursday 30

I cleaned the study this A.M. ?th??? called this P.M. Lue & Will went to Fair.

October, 1909

Friday 1

We washed our curtains to day and dried them in frames. Billy fell down stairs. I went to see Jess-

Saturday 2

Curtis took me over to State Home. Mother went calling with Mrs Suydam.

Memoranda

Hudson, Fulton Celebration of 300 years in New York now going on-

Sunday 3

Cold, cloudy. Kit & Sam & Holmes here for supper. Curtis & I took walk for chestnuts.

Monday 4

Busy Monday

Tuesday 5

Curtis took lunch to school today. Eliza Forman have here. Papa picked apples.

Wednesday 6

Mrs Soden making me a gray silk [waust?].

Thursday 7

Book Club at Mrs Frd Buckelew. We went and had a good time. Cold-

Friday 8

Daisy Murray came to night to spend Sunday with us. Sam & Kit down to night. Uncle Eugene here

Saturday 9

Warm to day. We walked to Cranberry bog this A.M. went for chestnuts this P.M.

Sunday 10

Mother & Papa went to church. Lue came home to stay a few days.

Monday 11

Daisy went home. I taught for Mrs Bugen. Curtis went to Board Meeting to night.

Tuesday 12

Columbus Day. No school. Curtis went with Mr Stillwell to South River to a funeral. Lovely show for Hazel Jobes to night.

Wednesday 13

Lue went home. Billy very sick.

Thursday 14

Mother spent day in Princeton. Very cold. Big frost. Billy sick

Monday 18

Miss Gregory sick so I taught for her-

Wednesday 20

Mr Willis visited school.

Thursday 21

Book Club with Mrs Zandt. A good time

Friday 22

Curtis & I went over to Joe's to night to call. Mother went to Prayer Meeting. I taught all this week.

Saturday 23

Birthday. Mother spent day in Trenton. Roy & Miss Kingsbury here this eve to play cards.

Memoranda

Papa has a very bad cough.

Sunday 24

Curtis & I went to Sams for supper

Monday 25

Busy Monday

Tuesday 26

We went to linen shower at Dr Shins to night for their daughter Elizabeth. Papa & I drove to Hightstown

Wednesday 27

Dr Beverer visited the High School and said everything was O.K. Curtis happy

Thursday 28

Curtis & I went over to Cranberry to hear Will Conover lecture on Home [Sch???

Friday 29

Lue & Eliza spent the day. Very cold-

Saturday 30

Curtis went to Roosevelt to Prinicpals meeting.

Sunday 31

Warm & pleasant. We all went to church

**November, 1909**

Tuesday 2

Election Day. Mr Pownall was defeated and Dr. Suydam will lose his job as County Physician.

Thursday 4

Book Club at the State Home. We went out in stage - Mother & Papa spent the day in N.Y. They went under the river in the tunnel for the first

Friday 5

Lue & Eliza drove down this A.M. I hung mothers new curtains in the sitting room.

Saturday 6

Beautiful day. Curtis & I drove to Englishtown this P.M.

Sunday 7

Anniversary Sunday. About 1000 people at church this P.M.

Monday 8

Luella came home to spend the week and help mother get ready for her party

Tuesday 9

I went automobiling with Mrs Kirkpatrick in her new machine. Dave ran it for the first time.

Wednesday 10

Lue made cake. I cleaned chickens and mother helped. All busy

Thursday 11

Mother gave a party to about 50 of her friends – a good time. Had chicken salad and sandwiches, olives, ice cream cake & coffee

Friday 12

We cleaned up the house and Lue went home this P.M.

Sunday 14

Church this A.M.

Wednesday 17

Musical in the church. Mrs I Buckelew at the head of it. Eliza spent the night here.

Thursday 18

Book Club with Mrs Smith – A large crowd and good time-

Friday 19

Sam's Birthday. Mable & Ray & Jess & Dave here this evening this P.M. I went with the Kirkpatricks to the Sewing Bee at Mrs Ferries.

Saturday 20

Beautiful warm day. Curtis & I took a drive this P.M.

Sunday 21

Church this A.M. Marjory spent the day with us

Wednesday 24

A cold bad day. All busy getting ready for Thanksgiving.

Thursday 25

Thanksgiving Day

Mother had the family for dinner. A very rainy & snowy morning. Holmes & Curtis made 14. All had a good time. Lots of turkey and good things to eat.

Friday 26

Curtis & I went to Trenton this P.M. Met Daisy and went to theater and did some shopping.

Saturday 27

We came home this P.M. Curtis visited Trenton schools this A.M. we did some Christmas shopping-

Sunday 28

Curtis & I did not go to church this A.M. Kit, Sam & Holmes here this P.M. Mrs Suydam spent the evening with us.

Monday 29

Curtis went back to work. A fine cold morning.

### **December, 1909**

Thursday 2

Curtis & I went up to Paxtons to night. The Chamberlains called here.

Friday 3

Lue came home to night to stay all night. Mother went to sewing bee at Mrs Edgar Paxtons. Jess called this P.M. We went over to Joes to night

Saturday 4

A beautiful day. Curtis & I drove to Englishtown this P.M. then took Lue home.

Sunday 5

Communion at our church a great many there

Thursday 9

Book Club at Mrs C. M. Davisons. Curtis elected President of the Club.

Friday 17

Teachers Institute at Perth Amboy. Curtis went very cold morning.

Memoranda

Dr Everitt is not able to speak now. The [w????] all. He walks to church and keeps pretty well.

Sunday 19

All went to church. Mother & Papa were over to Joes to dinner.

Tuesday 21

A Masonic banquet at Cranbury. About 90 there. A swell time. Very cold. Curtis & I drove got home at 2:30 A.M.

Thursday 23

School closed. Ice 5 inches thick. Lue & Eliza & Margie walked down and we gave them their Xmas presents.

Friday 24

Wedding Anniversary. Curtis & I spent it at home together. All well and happy. Sam spent night here. We went to church entertainment.

Saturday 25

Christmas morning. We all received many gifts. Curtis gave me a \$10 gold [????]. I gave him a ring. Mother gave me \$b and we spent a quiet day with Mother & father. It snowed dreadfully all day & night.

Sunday 26

The roads are all blocked and the telephone wires are down and no trains are running through here.

Monday 27

Sleighing good very cold. We were out this P.M.- Trains are all about two hours late. Joe here for dinner & all night.

Tuesday 28

Curtis rested by reading all day. Helen Owens married at Paterson & Mrs Suydam went-

Wednesday 29

Curtis & I went to New York we stopped in A.M. went to theatre in P.M. Saw M and Adam

Lue & will went to New Haven for a few days yesterday.

Thursday 30

Very cold. Zero weather – Curtis went to New Brunswick. Jess spent the day with me.

Friday 31

The last day of 1909. we have spent a happy year of married life and hope 1910 will be as happy and prosperous- we are all in good health.

Memoranda

We went to New York to theatre on Dec. 29. Saw the play what every woman knows. [??] of Adams plays. It was fun.

Evelyn Deveney's birthday April 29

Mrs David Kirkpatrick died Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Susie & Billy Dora left us March 28<sup>th</sup>. Billy 20 months old.

Evelyn Deveney came to Jamesburg to live Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Curtis Allen Deveney married Mary Elizabeth Perrine. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1908 at twelve o'clock noon, about 25 relatives here. Mr. S. J. McCleghan tied the knot.

Holmes Ely Perrine born Jan. 18, 1909. on Monday.

Curtis bought Ford automobile of Wm E. Mount on Tuesday April 12, 1910.

Mrs Harvy Silvernail  
2858 Boulevard  
Jersey City, NJ

Mrs Robert Ferries  
480 West State St.  
Trenton, NJ

Mrs Andrew Bidle  
94 Tonnele Ave  
Jersey City, NJ

Mr E. V. Magie  
93 Lenox Ave.  
East Orange, NJ

Mr John Danby

1313 Delaware Ave.  
Wilmington, Del

Miss Elizabeth Conover  
Wickatunk, NJ

Mrs C. I Hadley  
Mt Union Pa.

Mrs C. E. Deveney  
330E Poplar St.  
York, Pa

Mrs Albert Leatherly  
725 West Phil. St.  
York, Pa

Mrs John Rowes  
E. Colleen Ave  
York, Pa

Mr Howard Bartondaugh  
SouthBeth Burries College  
South Bethlehem, Pa

Mrs. Geo. Wentriger  
1162 Broad St  
Newark, N.J.

Mrs Geo H Severson  
71 Tommele Ave  
Jersey City NJ

Miss Florence E. Breckwedel  
313 West 87<sup>th</sup> St  
New York City

Mr. Harry Deveney  
137 South 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Newark N.J.

Mrs G. A. Helme  
35 West 56<sup>th</sup> St  
New York City

Miss Carrie Moody

Glen Rock  
York Co. Pa.

Mr. J. C. Deveney  
Seven Valleys  
York Co. Pa.

Jessie I. Paxton married to David Kirkpatrick July 20<sup>th</sup> 1910. A small wedding of about 40 guests. Curtis & I gave a ½ dozen solid silver tea spoons. They went to Atlantic City by automobile were gone about a week stopping at Asbury Park for a few days.

Commencement 1910 June 17<sup>th</sup> Jamesburg's first High School Commment Nine graduates.

Dr Everitt buried July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1910.

Bath room put in our house Sept. 1910.

Cement walks laid in April 1910.

Halley's Comet<sup>19</sup> visible here in May 1910. We all saw it in the evening in the western sky. M.P.D.

I taught for Miss Delba Bergen Oct. 18, 19, 20 21

## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> Ice cutting operations on Lake Manalapan in Jamesburg were a large-scale operation. The Jamesburg Ice Company was in operation from the mid-1800s through the 1930s. Ice cutting was begun when the ice was eight inches thick. Children were not allowed to skate until after the ice cutters had finished their business, but they could certainly watch the expertise of horses and their drivers. Ice cakes, 24" x 18" were marked, cut, and loaded on an elevator which placed them either in railroad cars or in the icehouses along the lake where insulation was provided by sawdust filled partitions with salt hay.

<sup>2</sup> The Jamesburg Book Club has been in existence since the mid-1800s. Members of the club meet weekly in each other's homes to discuss books and other topics. Today, it is called the Round-About Book Club and still meets regularly in member's homes on a rotating basis, carrying on the traditions of the early twentieth century.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Brooks is the wife of William H. Brooks, who owned a fire insurance agency on East Railroad Avenue in Jamesburg in the early twentieth century and who eventually passed the agency onto Mr. William Kerwin, who operated at the Courter-Brooks Mansion until the early 1990s.

<sup>4</sup> Freehold Borough is the County Seat of Monmouth County, approximately 11 miles from Jamesburg. Freehold was one of the larger and more developed towns by 1910.

<sup>5</sup> Monmouth Junction is a section of South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, approximately 7 miles from Jamesburg.

<sup>6</sup> Mrs. C. M. Davison was the wife of Mr. Condit M. Davison, owner of a general store on West Railroad Avenue in Jamesburg, home to Jamesburg's first telephone.

<sup>7</sup> Wife of Isaac Buckelew, the son of Jamesburg's namesake James Buckelew and Superintendent of the Jamesburg and Freehold Agricultural Railroad.

<sup>8</sup> It was customary for schoolteachers during this time period to resign from teaching after becoming engaged. It was stated that there were few women who could manage a home and a school at the same time.

<sup>9</sup> Huyler's was a chocolate company.

<sup>10</sup> The first trains ran through the Hudson River tunnel in 1907 and revenue service started between Hoboken and 19th Street at midnight on February 26, 1908.

<sup>11</sup> A cruller is a type of doughnut, sometimes topped with sugar or icing. It is often twisted (rather than round) in shape and unraised. The word comes from early 19th century Dutch *kruller*, from *krullen* "to curl."

<sup>12</sup> Husband of Isaac Buckelew, son of James and Margaret Buckelew and Superintendent of the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad.

<sup>13</sup> Mrs. Geo. Helme was the wife of George A. Helme, son of the tobacco and snuff entrepreneur George W. Helme, who after passing in 1893, gave the Helme Snuff Company to his son who became president and chairman of the board. Mrs. Geo. Helme was originally Mary Townsend Buckelew of Jamesburg, granddaughter of James and Margaret Buckelew, Jamesburg's family namesake. Both families were very prominent and wealthy in their time. George W. Helme, who started the tobacco company, was reported by newspapers to be the wealthiest man in Middlesex County, and supposedly the second wealthiest man in New Jersey. He left behind an estate estimated to be five million dollars.

<sup>14</sup> The Hippodrome Theatre stood in New York City from 1905 to 1939. It was called the world's largest theatre by its builders. Its auditorium seated 5,300 people and it was equipped with what was then the state of the art in theatrical technology.

<sup>15</sup> Hotel in Atlantic City that burned down in 1928.

<sup>16</sup> *The Beauty Spot* opened at the Herald Square Theater on April 10, 1909 and closed after 137 performances in August, 1909.

<sup>17</sup> Peary and Matthew Henson, a colored man, discovered the North Pole after eighteen years of traveling through the Arctic Ocean.

<sup>18</sup> Robert Fulton tested the Clermont, the commercial first steam-powered ship on the Hudson River in 1807.

<sup>19</sup> Halley's Comet can be seen in the Earth's atmosphere about once every 75-76 years. In the year 1910, many people confused Halley's Comet with the Great Daylight Comet of 1910, as it appeared four months before Halley.