

Della Donnelly Diary In N.H. July-October, 1957

Includes her notes on Pease fire

[Owned by her grandson Lloyd Donnelly]

July 17, 1957.

Mabel & Preston started their vacation and we all came up to N.H. They went to Leslie's and I stopped at Glenn's.

Aug. 4th, Bob came and got me.

" 18, Bob brought me up to Leslie's. Lizzie Brown and the Jollymore's were here, but went home in late P.M.

Aug. 31st.

Mabel, Preston, Maude Kirby, Mike & Barbara Childs, Bobby & Joan Boutin, & Allen Childs came up to Bob's and we went down there for a cook-out. Grand time.

Sept. 1st - Mabel & Preston married at the congregational parsonage in Lyme. All went to the Riverside Grill in Lebanon for supper, afterwards, then the Mass. folks left for home. We came back to Bob's for a while before we came home.

Sept. 4. - I went to Glenn's with Mabel & Preston on their way back to Mass.

Sept. 5. Helped Theda can 14pts shell beans.

Glenn's house burned in evening. Started about 7:45 P.M. while I was there alone, Theda & Arthur were baby sitting at Gerald's, and

Glenn gone to school meeting. I phoned the alarm and got out back door. Smoke pretty thick there, then. House burned to the ground, but they saved about all that was in 4 rooms. My dresses, shoes, coat, hat, housecoat, nightdress and a \$5.00 bill, as well as smaller things burned, but I saved my pocketbook & glasses.

Sept. 18th. Came out to Leslie's after the fire. Arthur too. Glenn's Theda staying with Gerald. People gave a shower for the "Peases" at Town Hall in Oxfordville. Nellie, Hazel & I went out in Bob's car. They also gave me a box of writing paper, an Estabrook fountain pen and a \$5.00 bill. Hazel & Les gave me a nice diary. Francis Pease came home from Texas Mon. night to stay till 29th.

Sept. 21st. Sat. Les, Hazel & I went to Lebanon & Hanover in A.M. Hazel & I went to Piermont in P.M.

Hazel washed and made pies & cake.

Sept. 22nd. Sun. A very hot day. Hazel & Lloyd went to church. Les & Norman Shaw went on river in P.M. and were out in the terrific thunder shower, but came home O.K.

Mon. - much cooler. Tom & Edna came after me and we went out to Gerald's, then came to Woodsville.

Fri. - Glenn called today after a soil conservation meeting.

Sun.
Sept. 29. - Tom, Edna & I took a lunch and went down and picked up Dorice, then to Vernie's and picked up Vernie & Bertha and went for a ride up past Stinson Lake and down through Plymouth & back to Vernie's where we all ate. Then back to Ralph Jones at 7:30 where we stayed till 9:15, then home. A beautiful day, a nice visit and too much to eat.

~~Sept. 4~~ Oct. 4. Tom & Edna & I went to store & library, then down to Mr. Haverhill and got apples & new cider.

Mabel writes that Puet has been sick with a bad cold. Hazel writes that Mae Clifford is there and having had heart attacks. Had Dr. Swinell down at 3 A.M. and didn't recover very good. Says Mrs. Pond of Lynn told her that Nellie has appointment at Hanover to have her legs operated on next week. Letter from Lillian and my O.A.A. check from Mabel.

Oct. 5th. Tom & Edna took me down to Vernie's.

Oct. 19th. Mabel & Puet called on way out to Bob's.

Les & Lloyd called on their way down to Ken & Ruth Spauldings' and Tom & Edna called on their way

home from Boston. Vernie feeling some better.

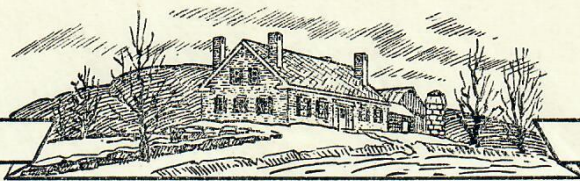
Oct. 20th. - We came home today. ^{Bertha, Eluda & Arthur came with Glenn. He went to Ramsey dance.}

" 28th. - Mrs. Carr & Debbie came down this P.M.

" 29th. - I washed my clothes & did a little ironing for Mabel. She went to Al's tonite. Got her usual

shots and one for Asian flu. Dr. says I must have one, too. Letter from Vernie. Says Glenn has timbers all on the house and first floor done-

Mt. Cube Farm



Orford, N.H.

September 17, 1957

Mrs. Della Donnelly
% Leslie Donnelly
Orford, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Donnelly:

It has come to the attention of the committee, who is trying to help Glenn rebuild his home, that you have given a generous contribution to help this worthy cause.

I hasten to acknowledge this contribution and assure you that it is deeply appreciated.

The spontaneous and generous outpouring of help provoked by this family's tragedy is a wonderful inspiration to all in our community.

Sincerely,

Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

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Chairman, Acknowledgement Committee

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