

Pease Work for Summer Folks

Mrs. Baer, Henry & Jane MacGinnis, Alice Herrin Lucy Worthington.

[From the diaries of Francis R. Pease, Glenn F. & Theda L. Pease and from newspapers]

Dr. and Mrs. Ruth Baer bought the old Savage place, both sides of the road south of the East Orford Cemetery in 1912. They lived in Baltimore but established an apple orchard here and also brought their prize Chow Chow dogs here some summers. Mrs. Baer was usually here alone. My grandfather Francis Pease did some work for her and my father Glenn and brothers much more.

By the late 1930s, Dr. Baer had died and Mrs. Baer remarried, apparently to someone who didn't want to spend time in New Hampshire. The property on the east side of the road was sold to some combination of Alice Herrin and Lucy Worthington, both unmarried ladies from the Baltimore area. *[In Ma's 1952 diary, she lists their address as 1015 Winding Way, Poplar Hill, Baltimore, MD. Tel. Tuxedo 3790. This is north of the city center, just east of I-83, in a wooded subdivision. I am unclear just which one owed the property – Lucy was a trained nurse and had originally been hired as a nurse\companion to Alice.]* Mrs. Baer continued to own the property on the west side. Dad continued to work for Mrs. Baer and Alice and Lucy, as did my brothers, my mother and Gerald's first wife, Doris. Harry, Gene and I even did a little work for them in the late 50s and early 60s. They continued the apple orchard for a time and were also active in defense work during WW II, buying the old East Orford schoolhouse and setting it up as a 'defense station.' Alice died first and then Lucy sold the property to Ralph and Elizabeth Fauver Bischoff *['Ibby's' father and uncle were early Moosilauke counselors and then started Camp Pemi.]*

Henry and Jane MacGinnis were summer visitors and then bought a place on the hill north of Upper Baker Pond. Henry was an accomplished artist and did many paintings in the East Orford area, including one of Mt. Cube where he had to have been standing in the front yard of the Sherburn\Pease farm or just across the road. He and Jane later moved to Fairlee, at the north end of Lake Morey, where both he and Jane died. Jane was the art and music teacher in Orford schools from 1956 to the late 1960s or early 70s.

Comments from Dave Bischoff, 1\13\15:

Art: The 2nd attachment talks about the automobile road. I assume that may be the driveway going from E. Cemetery Road, past the Baer house & down to the lake where there are the remains of 2 stone posts. I have info at home about who owned the land & who set out the trees. I think the only trees that were involved in a commercial way were on the West side of E. Cemetery Road.

Art: One last comment. Don't forget that there was a two-bay tractor shed with cement floor between Steve Parsons' driveway & the cemetery. Actually, it was quite close to the south end of the cemetery. Am sure if one took an iron bar & poked around they would hit the floor. Ralph Mack took the shed/garage down either in the late 40's or early 50's.

Francis Randall Pease's 1915-1916 Diary

1915

5\10\	work for Baer with dump cart
5\11-12	work for Baer
5\14	work for Mrs Baer

5\15 work for Mrs. Baer on the automobile road nobody worked only Charlie and I
[Charlie is likely Charlie Ladd]
5\18 Work over to Baer's today on the Automobile road
9\25 Went down and got a load of cement for Mrs Baer

1916

6\26 Work for Mrs Baer harrowing mud [*Once in a while Grampa has a smart-ass comment in his diary – guess Dad and I both inherited the gene and passed it on to Jeff.*]

Glenn Francis Pease's Diaries

1920 [Dad usually spells the name incorrectly: Bear]

1\1 drawing wood for Mrs. Bear
1\3 finish drawing wood over to Mrs. Bear's

1928

He worked for Mrs. Baer a total of 16 days in July 5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19, and October 12,16,17,19, mostly spraying and some mowing in apple orchards. Paid \$85.25

This is the last diary entry. In the back is a record of at least some days he worked for Mrs. Baer.

Mrs. Baer			
July 5	\$5.50	October 12	\$6.50
“ 6	\$2.75	“ 16	\$3.00
“ 7	\$5.50	“ 17	\$3.50
“ 9	\$5.50	“ 19	\$6.00
“ 10	\$7.00		
“ 11	\$7.00		
“ 12	\$7.00		
“ 13	\$7.00		
“ 16	\$3.50		
“ 17	\$7.00		
“ 18	\$5.50		
“ 19	<u>\$3.50</u>		
	\$66.25		

1932

He worked for Mrs. Baer a total of 37 days between May and October, mostly spraying and some mowing in apple orchards.

4\24 Mrs Bear and Charles [*Ladd. Florence Ladd, Charlie's wife, came to Orford one summer to work for Mrs. Baer, met Charlie and married him.*] folks came up and had some sugar [*likely sugar on snow.*]

5\10 spraying over to Mrs Bears 8 tanks
5\11 Over to Mrs Bears 9 tanks
5\12 Over to Mrs Bears 9 tanks
5\13 Over to Mrs Bears
5\16 spraying over to Mrs Bears 8 tanks
5\17 Over to Mrs Bears 8 tanks
5\18 Over to Mrs Bears 9 tanks
5\19 Over to Mrs Bears 3.5 tanks

6\3 Went over to Mrs Bears put on one tank
 6\4 Spraying 9 tanks
 6\6 Spraying 9 tanks
 6\7 Spraying 5 tanks
 6\8 Spraying 9 tanks
 6\9 Spraying 1 tank

6\20 mowing over to Bears
 6\21 working over to Bears put on 2 tanks & mowed 2 hours
 6\22 over to Bears put on 3 tanks & mowed rest of the time
 6\23 over to Bears put on 5 tanks & ground machine knife
 6\24 over to Bears put on 7 tanks
 6\25 over to Bears put on 4 tanks
 6\27 over to Bears mowing this forenoon
 6\28 over to Bears put on 8 tanks
 6\29 over to Bears put on 3 tanks then mowed
 6\30 over to Bears mowing

7\1 over to Bears this forenoon
 7\2 over to Bears mowing
 7\5 Finished mowing over to Bears
 7\11 over to Mrs Bears got home 3 o'clock put on 6 tanks
 7\12 over to Bears 8 tanks
 7\13 over to Bears 7 tanks
 7\14 over to Bears 6 tanks finished up

9\9 over to Mrs Bears
 9\10 over to Mrs Bears

10\17 over to Mrs Bears this afternoon
 10\19 over to Mrs Bears
 10\20 over to Mrs Bears
 10\24 over to Mrs Bears

[Given the mention of 'tanks', I think Dad must have been using his team of horses to pull a large tank with spray in it. Two men would walk behind and use hoses to spray the apples. When using the horses, there may have been a motorized pump on the tank, to provide pressure to make the spray. [See below]

I think he is also using a horse-drawn mowing machine, as he mentions that he 'ground machine knife' on June 23rd. This would be the cutter-bar which went in the horse-drawn mowing machine. This would be used in the spaces between the rows of trees, while there would also likely be hand mowing with a scythe in the areas close to the trees themselves. Gerald says that one could mow both ways through the trees with the machine. See below]

1933

8\11 over to Mrs Bears the tractor came today
 8\12 over to Mrs Bears
 8\24 went down and got the tractor

8\25 Harrowed with tractor

[This is the only mention of a tractor. Dad didn't have one until after WW II, so this is likely one which Mrs. Baer bought to work on her place. Whether Dad was harrowing for Mrs. Baer or had borrowed the tractor to use at home is not clear. By saying 'went down and got the tractor', I think he means that he brought it home. However, he only used it there 2 days at most. Gerald remembers a Fordson tractor, with steel wheels, which had a power take-off to operate the sprayer. Charlie Ladd broke his leg once when he got it caught in the pto. I expect that this tractor may also have been able to operate a mowing machine. See below 1940]

There is no mention of Mrs. Baer in the 1934 diaries and I don't have Dad's for 1936 or 1938. I expect that as Dad was doing more farming and crop raising at home, he may not have had time to work at Baer's. It could also be that Charlie and Oscar Ladd and Walt Mack were working there and they didn't need more people. With a tractor, horses wouldn't be needed to do the spraying and perhaps not the mowing.

1935

9\17\35 Worked for Mag [Henry MacGinnis, at the head of Upper Baker]

9\18\35 Worked for Mag.

9\19\35 Worked for Mag.

9\20\35 Worked for Mag 2 hrs., then drove truck.

9\21\35 Finished mowing my wheat this morn., raked a little. Went over and picked apples this afternoon

9\23\35 Working on road. Pulled beans tonight until 10:30

9\24\35 Worked on road till 11 o'clock.

9\25\35 Worked on road for MacGinnis

9\27\35 Finished up on road for MacGinnis.

9\29\35 [S] Finished raking wheat. Went over to Mrs. Baer's, got some apples.

9\30\35 Went over and picked apples this afternoon

10\1\35 Picking apples over to Baer's.

10\2\35 Over picking apples.

10\3\35 Picking apples over to Baer's

10\4\35 Picked a few apples before dinner. Over to Baer's this afternoon.

10\5\35 Over to Baer's picking apples

10\6\35 [S] Went over and picked my apples over to Baer's.

10\7\35 Picked a few apples, got in a little corn, got in 3 load pumpkins.

1937

8\27 Drawed stone for Mrs Bear this P.M.

8\29 Went over to Mrs Bears new house

9\3 Drawed out a few stone for Mrs. Bear

•This must refer to old apple house which Mrs. Baer renovated in 1937. The stone could be for the the house itself and/or for some of the gardens which Ibbly Bischoff mentions below.

9\6 Pulled stone for Walter down to the building

•This probably refers to the building which Walt Mack & Charlie & Oscar Ladd built on half an acre of land bought from Grammy Mabel Pease in 1937, where they built an apple storage house. This was a small piece from the northeast corner of the farm, opposite where Cemetery Road meets Route 25-A. They in some fashion took over the

operation of the orchard at Mrs. Baer's around this time. My brother Howard says this was a great place for he and the other boys to get a good apple when they were kids! Half of this building I knew as Charlie's home in the 1950s and 60s.

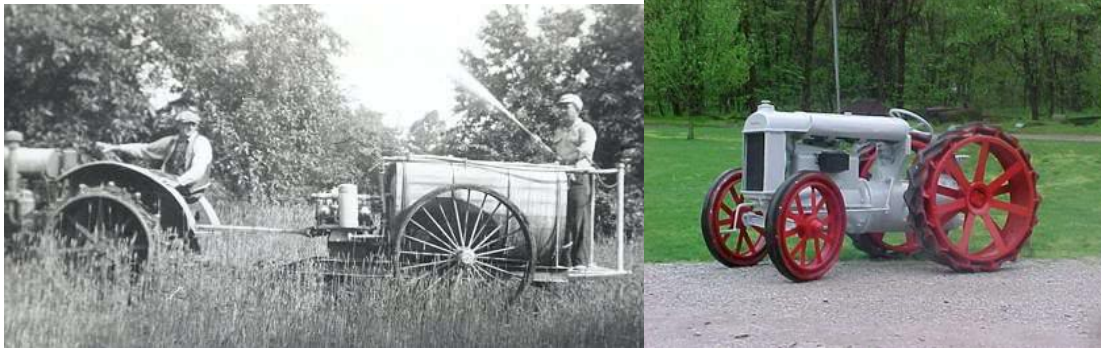
- 9\9 drew stone for Mrs Bear this P.M.
- 9\13 Rainy Took 2 load of shit over to Mrs Herring Went out to Fairlee this P.M.
- 9\16 Worked for Mrs Herring this afternoon
- 9\18 Drewd shit for Mrs Herring
- 9\20 Worked for Miss Herring
- 9\21 Worked for Miss Herring

- 9\22 Worked for Miss Herring
- 9\23 Finished up for Miss Herring
- 10\10 Got 12 1\2 bushels of apples of Walt
 - These are likely apples from Mrs. Baer's orchard.*
- 10\20 Went over to see Mrs Bear

•Note the mention of Miss Herring [he means Alice Herrin], so she and Lucy Worthington must have been on the Baer place by 1937. In her oral history done for the Orford Historical Society in 1996, Ibbly Bischoff says, "In 1937, she [Mrs. Baer] decided sell the present house, that is the old Savage house built in 1824, to some friends from Baltimore, and she moved across the road and redid an apple house that had been used to store grading equipment and sprays and that kind of thing. . . . And so she redid the house and sold the Savage farmhouse to two ladies, her friend Alice Herrin, whose father had been Chief Counsel of the Southern Pacific Railroad and a Californian by birth, I would say, with loads of money. But poor Alice apparently was schizophrenic and had been showing symptoms at the age of 16. So Lucy Worthington was taken on as the nurse, and they lived together for more than 65 years. At the end when eventually they both died, it was hard to tell which was a patient and which was a nurse. And so anyway, they came up here and bought this house and Mrs. Baer moved across the road . . . " The Bischoffs bought the house on the west side of the road in 1946.

This also fits with the fact that the Ladd brothers and Walt Mack bought the land of Mabel Pease in 1937 and built the apple house there. If Mrs. Baer was redoing the former apple house, a new one was needed. I don't know if she sold them the orchard but I doubt it, because I think it went with the place which the Bischoff's bought but I may be wrong. There were apple orchards on both sides of the road and the property sold in 1937 was likely all of that on the east side of the road, which included orchards. Gerald also says that Dad and the Ladds helped to plant at least some of the apple orchards, probably in the 1920s. Below are four images I found with Google Image Search. These may give some idea of the equipment owned by Mrs. Baer and used by Dad, Charlie and Oscar Ladd and Walt Mack when they worked in her apple orchards.





1939

- 6\8\39 Finished planting over back of the hill. Ernest harrowed p.m. Went to Fairlee for Mrs. Baer. Took over 2 load manure.
- 9\3\39 [S]Went over on the hill. Went over to Mrs. Baer's to supper.
- 9\8\39 Helped Charles and Oscar make boxes. *[Must be for packing apples, from Mrs. Baer's orchard, which the Ladds and Walt Mack were operating.]*
- 10\12\39 Yarded logs for Miss Herrin
- 10\16\39 Yarding logs for Miss Herrin
- 10\21\39 Yarding logs for Miss Herrin.

1940

- 1\9\40 Got out some logs on Mrs. Baer's for Charles and Oscar, made a skidway. *[He drew logs for Charles and Oscar Ladd several days but this is the only one where he mentions them being from Mrs. Baer's. I expect they were, because logging jobs usually were in the same place, at least for the year.]*
- 1\20\40 Put in Henry MacGinnis' ice

6\7\40 Orford Bradford, Vt. United Opinion

•The many friends of Charles Ladd are glad to hear that he is more comfortable but on account of the seriousness of his injuries will be in the hospital for some time. Gerald remembers a Fordson tractor, with steel wheels, which had a power take-off to operate the sprayer. Charlie Ladd broke his leg once when he got it caught in the pto. I expect that this tractor may also have been able to operate a mowing machine.

- 6\14\40 Went down to Hanover for a blood test for Charlie Ladd a.m.
- 6\19\40 Went down to see Charlie Ladd
- 7\3\40 Charlie Ladd home today.



This is Dad mowing with Dick and Harry on the Chase Pease farm in 1940. The family story is that Mrs. Baer sent a photographer over to take photos of Dad using the horses and I have several photos from August, 1940, which were likely produced by a professional photographer. A mowing machine like this one would have been used in the apple orchards at Baer's.

8\26\40 Mowed up to Clarence's, got in 2 load. Bury took 30 pictures of the horses. *[These are the professionally taken photos of Dad mowing with the pair of white horses. I think Bury was someone Mrs. Baer knew and sent over to take the photos. I have 4-5 different ones taken that day.]*

9\21\40 Took a load of stone over to Mrs. Bear's.

10\13\40 [S] Not doing much. Went down to apple house a little while. Went over on the hill

10\18\40 Drawed 12 load manure over to Miss Worthington.

10\19\40 Took 8 load shit over to Miss Herrin. Went out to Fairlee, took some apples out for Charles and Os

12\25\40 David's folks were over to dinner. Went over to Miss Herrin's. Made ice cream.

1941

1\24\41 Went over to Mrs. Baer's, got some drums for ashes.

2\19\41 Got 3 load of spruce. Bob took Ma down to Ply. Os worked for Miss Herrin

5\31\41 Plowed for Miss Worthington p.m.

6\2\41 Took 7 load manure over to Miss Herrin's. Over to Miss Herrin's p.m.

6\3\41 Over to Miss Herrin's 2 hrs. a.m. and p.m.

6\4\41 Over to Prettyman's all day mowing

6\12\41 Worked for Mrs. Baer all day.

8\18\41 Worked in cemetery a.m. Took 1\2 cord wood over to MacGinnis.

9\5\41 Mowed bushes for MacGinnis.

9\26\41 Went over and picked 8 barrels apples for myself.

10\8\41 Took 11 load of manure over to Miss Herrin

10\9\41 Took 1 load of manure for Miss Herrin and 2 load from Mrs. Baer.

10\11\41 Took 4 load of manure over to Mrs. Baer's and helped her 2 hrs. p.m.

10\15\41 Picked apples over to Baer's p.m.

10\16\41 Picked a few apples over to Baer's p.m.

1942

3\13\42 Went over looked at MacGinnis' wood a.m. Miss Worthington came this morn.
 3\14\42 Went over and got out MacGinnis' wood, about 3 cord.
 4\5\42 [S] Thed and I went over to Miss Herrin's a few minutes.
 4\6\42 Pulled Miss Herrin's beach wagon out of mud tonight
 4\7\42 Rained all day, not doing much. Went over to Miss Herrin's and got John and Edith with horses
 4\22\42 Went over and pulled Miss Herrin's car out of mud.
 4\27\42 Went over and plowed for Miss Herrin all day.
 4\28\42 Bob harrowed for Miss Herrin p.m.. Charles Ladd took 2 load manure over to Miss H. for me. Helped them put on some super.
 4\29\42 Bob went over to Miss Herrin's, finished harrowing.
 5\6\42 Went over and sowed Miss Worthington's oats. She gave me most a bag of oats.
 5\11\42 Sawed wood over to sugar camp and over to MacGinnis'.
 5\23\42 Went over and put in MacGinnis' wood.
 7\6\42 Hunted for Peggy all a.m. Found her about 1:30 with a broken leg. Dressed her off over in the woods.
 7\7\42 Sold 1\4 beef to Mrs. Baer, 1\2 to Camp Moosilauke.
 7\8\42 Helped Mrs. Baer 3 1\2 hrs. this a.m. Took potatoes down to Camp.
 8\10\42 Rufus and I worked for Mrs. Baer all day.
 8\11\42 Worked for Mrs. Baer a.m.
 8\24\42 Worked for Mrs. Baer 7 1\2 hrs.
 8\25\42 Worked for Mrs. Baer 3 hrs. Plowed for Miss Worthington p.m.
 8\26\42 Plowed for Miss Worthington p.m., broke my plow beam. Rufus took 3 load manure over to Miss W. Got a load of hay over there.
 8\27\42 Plowed and harrowed for Miss. W. p.m.
 8\28\42 Worked for Mrs. Baer 7 hrs.
 8\29\42 Worked for Mrs. Baer p.m.
 8\31\42 Began building a dam for Miss Worthington, Stanley, Rufus and I. *[This was in Brackett Brook, just a little upstream from the 25-A bridge at East Cemetery Road. They use hemlock logs and large boulders rolled into the stream. It was to have a source of water in case of a fire at the old schoolhouse, the Orford Defense Center in WW II.]*
 9\1\42 Building dam
 9\2\42 Building dam.
 9\3\42 Went to party down to schoolhouse last night. *[I bet the party was to raise money for the war effort, organized by Alice and Lucy at the Mt. Cube Defense Station.]*
 9\4\42 Worked all day
 9\5\42 Building dam.
 9\7\42 Worked on dam p.m.
 9\8\42 Working on dam
 9\10\42 Worked on dam p.m., plugged up dam p.m.
 9\11\42 Went down and let water out of dam, had a hole in it.
 Went down to Wentworth and got a rug.
 9\13\42 [S] Went over to MacGinnis' p.m.
 9\14\42 Fixed up dam all day
 9\16\42 Had to fix another hole in dam.
 9\18\42 Harrowed in Mrs. Worthington's wheat.
 10\2\42 Drew 15 load manure over to Miss Worthington
 10\5\42 Took 7 load manure over to Mrs. Bear, 5 load for Miss Herrin.

- 10\11\42 Went over and picked up 14 bu. cider apples, Snows.
 10\17\42 Went to Miss Herrin's to husking tonight
 10\18\42 [S] Went over to Herrin's, got some corn fodder.
 10\23\42 Went over and worked 2 hrs. for Mrs. Baer, got wet.
 10\24\42 Over to Mrs. Baer's 4 hrs.
 11\9\42 Helped Charlie Chase saw wood over to Miss Herrin's a.m.
 11\19\42 Walt [Downing], Mervin [Newton] and Charles [Ladd] helped me this p.m. Miss Herrin sent them over. Shingled this side of barn. *[Apparently Alice Herrin sent the men over to help Dad, while they were working for her. This is when Dad built the addition on the end of the cattle\hay barn.]*
 11\20\42 Went over to Miss Herrin's got some roll door hangers and track and she gave me some ground oats.
 11\23\42 Got out wood for Miss Herrin, p.m.
 12\5\42 Put some sand on the road for Miss Herrin.
 12\7\42 Got out wood for Miss Herrin over back of schoolhouse, 7 hrs.
 12\8\42 Got out wood for Miss Herrin, 7 hrs.

1943

- 1\14\43 Chet Pierce came out and plowed road up to MacGinnis' and on to pond *[Needed to be able to get to MacGinnis' to put in ice they will soon cut.]*
 1\15\43 Took 148 cakes ice up to MacGinnis', 32 home
 1\16\43 Finished MacGinnis' ice this p.m., 101, 41 cakes home.
 1\27\43 80 cakes over to Miss Herrin's
 1\28\43 Drew 147 cakes ice over to Miss Herrin
 3\23\43 Charlie helped Walt and Mervin *[Newton]* prune. *[Must be Mrs. Baer's apple orchard.]*
 3\29\43 Went over to MacGinnis'.
 4\5\43 Rup and Charlie took 6 load shit over to Miss Herrin's.
 5\7\43 Plowed for Miss Herrin, 7 hrs.
 5\22\43 Went over and mowed lawn at O'Gara's and MacGinnis. Out to the Office with truck last night. *[From Quentin Mack, 12\26\17: Margret O'Gara lived in the cottage on the corner where Matyka has his taxidermy shop. We used to own it and converted it from 2 season to 4.]*
 5\23\43 [S] Mrs. Baer came this p.m.
 5\24\43 Took a load of manure over to Mrs. Baer.
 5\27\43 Went over to O'Gara's and dug out some stumps a.m. Put on screens and doors p.m.
 5\30\43 [S] Went over and mowed lawn at O'Gara's and MacGinnis.
 6\4\43 Went over and hitched out some wood for Miss Herrin.
 7\5\43 Took Mrs. Baer out to the street a.m.
 7\7\43 Took Mrs. Baer out to Fairlee. She has gone home.
 7\15\43 Got some grass down to schoolhouse.
 7\17\43 Pulled in some logs for Miss Herrin.
 7\27\43 Went over and mowed Crosby's lawn and started the water. *[From Quentin Mack, 12\26\17: I believe the Crosby's owned the place that is now used by the heirs of the old game warden, Harry Goodwin. (On the hill across the road from) where Gary and Judy Miller now own.]*
 7\28\43 Took some ice over to Crosby's.
 9\3\43 Mr. and Mrs. MacGinnis were over to supper last night.
 10\3\43 [S] Helped down to apple house p.m.

- 10\4\43 Rup and I helped on the apples today.
 10\19\43 Went over to Mrs. Baer's a few minutes. Picked some apples over to Mack's. Dug ditch back of Cottage [*O'Gara's?*]
 10\22\43 Took 3 load of manure over to Mrs. Baer's a.m

1944

- 1\1\44 Cleaned out MacGinnis' ice house.
 1\4\44 Began on ice. Filled MacGinnis's ice house, 165 cakes.
 1\5\44 Drew 288 cakes of ice up to Miss Herrin's
 1\7\44 Got 2 load of wood for Charlie and Oscar over on Mrs. Baer's
 1\10\44 Drew 72 cakes ice up to Miss Herrin, 360 in all. [*Gerald says that Alice and Lucy had a nice icehouse, with a roof and insulated. As one came into the yard, the barn was on the left and the ice house was a bit further along the driveway, on the left.*]
 3\12\44 [S] Went over to Miss Herrin's.
 4\27\44 Cut wood for MacGinnis.
 4\28\44 Finished up MacGinnis' wood a.m.
 5\1\44 Helped Charles saw wood over to Miss Herrin's.
 5\2\44 Finished sawing wood for Miss Herrin and finished sawing Rufus' wood for Sorg.
 5\17\44 Plowed for Miss Herrin all day. Rup drew over 8 load manure, got out 2 at home.
 5\18\44 Rup harrowed for Miss Herrin all day.
 5\28\44 [S] Went over and mowed MacGinnis lawn.
 5\30\44 Filled MacGinnis' woodshed a.m.
 6\4\44 [S] Mowed MacGinnis' lawn.
 7\1\44 Mowed for Miss Herrin p.m.
 7\28\44 Finished up over to Cemetery and O'Gara's p.m.
 8\4\44 Had Miss Herrin's truck today. Got 2 load on that and 1 with horses
 8\5\44 Got 4 load hay with Miss Herrin's truck. Gerald brought home a little with old mare.
 8\8\44 Had Miss Herrin's truck today, got 3 load hay.
 8\15\44 Took Miss Herrin's truck, took her oil barrels out to the street, got mowing machine and horse rake a.m.
 9\5\44 Took Miss Herrin's truck, went to Fairlee, got boys' hair cut.
 9\7\44 Went over to MacGinnis'. Got 3 load wood p.m.
 9\8\44 Henry and Jane [*MacGinnis*] were over to supper last night.
 9\15\44 Went over to MacGinnis' and tore out his garage floor and put in new sills
 9\16\44 Got Miss Herrin's ladder, got a little limb wood with the dump cart over to MacGinnis' p.m.
 9\18\44 Took Miss Herrin's truck and got them a load of coal, got me some grain
 9\20\44 Over to MacGinnis' a.m. 3 hrs. fixing flowerbed, apple tree hooks[?] and put wood in shed. Over to MacGinnis' 2 hrs. p.m.
 10\1\44 [S] Went over to Miss Herrin's, got a load of corn fodder.
 10\2\44 Went over and picked 15 bu. apples on Miss Herrin's p.m.
 10\3\44 Went over and picked some more apples p.m.
 11\16\44 Went over to Mack's got some steel roofing and some ice from Miss Herrin.
 12\26\44 Went out to Fairlee and got Henry and Jane MacGinnis.

1945

- 1\26\45 Drewed ice up to MacGinnis p.m.
 1\27\45 Worked on ice, finished up MacGinnis, 167 cakes. Got 60 up to Miss Herrin
 1\30\45 Cutting ice, used all three horses today. Got 150 up to Miss Herrin's

1\31\45 I finished up Miss Herrin's, 245 cakes
 2\3\45 Took a load of sawdust from Miss Herrin's over to MacGinnis. [*Must have had enough left from covering Miss Herrin's ice.*]
 4\15\45 [S] Went over to MacGinnis' and Miss Herrin's ice houses.
 5\20\45 [S] Went over to MacGinnis' a little while.
 8\9\45 Took a load of shit out to MacGinnis', p.m., got some grain. [*I bet Henry and Jane are now living in Fairlee. Dad wouldn't say 'out to' if they were over on the hill and he gets grain in Fairlee. They likely still own the place in East Orford.*]
 9\7\45 Went over and put paper on MacGinnis' garage roof p.m.
 9\21\45 He went over to Miss Herrin's and mowed lawn with the horses.
 9\24\45 Went over to Miss Herrin's, got a load of grass. [*To feed to the cattle green.*]
 11\11\45 [S] Cleaned out MacGinnis' ice house.
 12\3\45 Rup logged. I got out wood for Miss Herrin.
 12\5\45 Rup got out wood for Miss Herrin.

1946

1\11\46 Had Howard stay home today [*He was a Sophomore at OHS. I think he was glad to be out of school.*] Cleaned out Miss Herrin's ice house a.m. Got 212 cakes up there today
 1\12\46 Finished up Miss Herrin 378 in all.
 5\31\46 Took the Ford out to Garage and left it. Took out some chairs and a table for MacGinnis.
 6\17\46 Went over and cut some wood for MacGinnis a.m.
 8\24\46 Boys worked for Mrs. Baer
 9\2\46 Boys worked for Mrs. Baer
 9\5\46 Took a load of goods down to Plymouth for Mrs. Prettyman a.m.
 10\16\46 Went over on the Hill, got some stuff for MacGinnis a.m. Took stuff out to MacGinnis and got 2 heifers from Henry's.
 10\19\46 Boys worked over to Mrs. Baer's

1947

2\3\47 Got ice up to MacGinnis' 130 cakes
 2\4\47 Finished up MacGinnis' ice and sawdust
 9\11\47 Got an icebox for MacGinnis.
 10\20\47 Just tinkered around. Went over to MacGinnis' and picked 15 bu. apples after boys got home.
 11\1\47 Went over to Miss Herrin's. 11\18\47 Went to Lebanon, got a ton of ice for Miss Worthington. [*Alice and Lucy were up in November this year but had not had Dad cut them any ice, so must have bought some. I wonder if this was the first time they were in town in 1947.*]
 11\1\47 Went over to Miss Herrin's.
 11\3\47 Went over and mowed lawn for Miss Herrin p.m.
 11\4\47 Rup and I went down to Ply. to look at new Chev. truck a.m. Mowed an hour over to Miss Herrin's. Bought Miss Worthington's truck p.m., \$500.00 Went out and paid tax and sent for plates for truck.
 11\5\47 Thed and I went to Ply., got some money for Miss Worthington for truck. Got 2 load of stuff from Miss Herrin's.
 11\6\47 Rup and I worked over to Miss Herrin's most all day.

- 11\7\47 Went to town, had tires pumped up and a sticker on Lucy. Cleaned out stuff ready for garage for Lucy. *[Lucy is the name for the truck he bought from Lucy Worthington. We later made it into a doodlebug which we used for many years.]*
- 11\8\47 Got some spruce on Joe's for garage for Lucy a.m. Got sills ready for garage. Put Lucy down in garage at schoolhouse.
- 11\13\47 Cleaned up in front of garage and dug out dirt inside of it. Took sides off from Lucy and made some low ones.
- 11\14\47 Got two load of gravel and tar to put in garage and in front of it. Went to Fairlee p.m., got starter fixed on Lucy.
- 11\18\47 Went to Lebanon, got a ton of ice for Miss Worthington. *[Alice and Lucy were up in November this year but had not had Dad cut them any ice, so must have bought some.]*
- 11\19\47 Cleaned out chimneys for Miss Herrin
- 11\30\47 [S] Went to dance last night with truck, put the top on it. *[Gerald says this was the truck bought from Lucy Worthington. It had hoops which could be covered with canvas.]*
- 12\4\47 Moved some oil for Miss Worthington, took 6 oil drums out to Huntington's for her.
- 12\6\47 Went out to the street, got 4 barrels oil for Miss Worthington a.m.
- 12\18\47 Boys went with truck and got barrels of oil for Miss Worthington.

1948

- 1\10\48 Howard and Charles cleaned out Miss Herrin's ice house a.m.
- 1\12\48 Had to draw oil out of ice Ford to start it up Finished Camp ice and Miss Willis Got some up to Miss Herrin's
- 1\13\48 Finished cutting ice Sam had 168 cakes today took 20 more to Jess and 20 more to Os Got Miss Herrin done and rest of mine
- 1\14\48 Packed rest of my ice got a load of sawdust for my ice and some for Miss Herrin and Rup.
- 5\7\48 Went over to Mrs. Baer's p.m
- 5\15\48 Rup, Gerald and Francis cut up wood for MacGinnis.
- 5\23\48 [S] Went over and helped open up house for Miss Herrin a.m.
- 5\26\48 Took a load of shit over to Miss Herrin and mowed some lawn a.m
- 5\28\48 Went over and plowed a little piece for Miss Herrin and garden back of house. Helped Mervin *[Newton, I think]* rest a.m.
- 6\1\48 Francis harrowed for Miss Herrin.
- 6\9\48 Rup went over and fixed up a garden for Mervin *[Newton, I think, at Miss Herrin's.]*
- 6\10\48 Went over and sawed some wood for MacGinnis p.m.
- 6\14\48 Rup plowed all day over to Miss Herrin's, 7 hrs.
- 6\16\48 Over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
- 6\17\48 Over to Miss Herrin's a.m.
- 6\18\48 Over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
- 6\20\48 [S] Howard helped Mervin spray *[apple orchard at Miss Herrin's.]*
- 6\22\48 Sawed one load wood for Lucy.
- 6\23\48 Sawed wood a.m.
- 6\24\48 Finished sawing wood and got it over to Lucy.
- 6\25\48 Went over and mowed lawn for Lucy a.m. Rup and boys got a load of slabs for Lucy. Rup and boys cut up wood for MacGinnis p.m.
- 6\26\48 Went to Fairlee a.m. Got some grain and pipe for Henry *[MacGinnis].*
- 7\8\48 Howard and Gerald got some sawdust for Miss Worthington.

7\21\48 Mowed down to schoolhouse.
8\2\48 Dressed 2 chickens, one for Ross and one for Lucy.
8\6\48 Dressed 5 roosters, Ross had one and Lucy had one. *[Dad bought and raised some roosters, for meat and apparently sold some of them, dressed.]*
8\10\48 Howard and Gerald over to Miss Herrin's a.m.
8\16\48 Howard and Gerald over to Miss Herrin's 2 1\2 hrs.
9\6\48 Moved a piano and a few things for Pat Ryan. *[Former owner of what became Sunset Ranch Camp. Perhaps she was moving from the 'cottage' on the hill above the Pond Road, north of the Camp. It was bought by the Durham's at some point and used as part of the Camp.]*
9\10\48 Howard worked for Miss Herrin a.m.
9\11\48 Got an icebox for MacGinnis.
10\1\48 Howard took over some cement for Lucy.
10\2\48 Rup mowed some stuff for Miss Herrin a.m., 3 hrs. Francis split slabs for Lucy, 5 1\2 hrs.
11\27\48 Francis and Gerald over to Miss Herrin's 4 hrs
11\28\48 [S] Put a new spline in Pontiac. David, Gladys, Ray and Mrs. Howard over to dinner, had a turkey Miss Herrin gave us.
11\30\48 Over to Miss Herrin's a.m.
12\12\48 [S] Went over to Warren, bought 10 cord wood for Miss Herrin.
12\15\48 Rup and Gerald got 3 load of wood for Lucy
12\16\48 Got 3 more load of wood for Lucy, 10 cord in all.
12\24\48 Rup and Gerald cleaned out chimney's for Lucy.

1949

1\1\49 Went over and cut wood for Lucy and drewed it
4\25\49 Went over and put 5 ton lime, 1 \12 ton super on apple trees. *[Must be for Alice and Lucy.]*
4\27\49 Rup cleaned up garden over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
5\4\49 Rup plowed over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
5\5\49 Rup harrowed for Miss Herrin and on Joe's p.m.
5\9\49 Rup and I went over and put 5 tanks of spray on apple trees
5\10\49 Put on 2 tanks more spray. Mowed some lawn.
5\11\49 Went over and mowed lawn, broke lawnmower, took it out to Harold's. *[Sounds like Alice and Lucy had a gas-powered mower.]*
5\21\49 went over to spray but blossoms still on. Went out to Fairlee, got Lucy's lawnmower. Francis put in wood over there a.m. Mowed some lawn p.m., broke lawnmower. Gerald and Francis put in wood p.m.
6\1\49 Francis and I put 6 loads spray on apple trees
6\2\49 Rup and I finished spraying a.m.
6\4\49 Boys put in wood for Miss Herrin 2 hrs.
6\6\49 Over to Miss Herrin's putting in wood and working on lawn. All over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
6\10\49 Took some stuff out out Fairlee for MacGinnis.
6\11\49 All over to Miss Herrin's all day. Finished lawn and filled woodshed.
6\27\49 Sprayed some apple trees, mowed some lawn, broke belt on lawnmower *[for Alice and Lucy.]*
6\28\49 Whitewashed cow stable with Miss Worthington's sprayer a.m. Sprayed p.m., finished lawn.

6\29\49 Rup and I got swill, finished spraying. Miss Herrin gave Rup a stove and me a big ice box.
 7\15\49 sprayed apple trees p.m.
 7\16\49 went over to spray but engine wouldn't start
 7\20\49 Boys went raspberrying over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
 7\21\49 finished spraying
 8\4\49 Boys went over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
 8\27\49 went over and mowed around apple trees picked 3 bu. Duchess
 8\30\49 went over and finished mowing around apple trees
 9\26\49 picked apples all day Harry and Myrtle helped [*Likely at Baer's orchard.*]
 9\27\49 picking apples
 9\29\49 picking apples
 9\30\49 picking apples Harry and Myrtle helped a while
 10\1\49 Finished picking apples about 250 bushel in all
 11\25\49 Went over to Lucy's and got plow and harrow.

1950

6\23\50 Mowed over to Prettyman's, Cemetery and schoolhouse a.m.
 7\19\50 Mowed over to Miss Herrin's p.m.
 10\2\50 Over to Miss Herrin's a.m., closing up house.
 10\3\50 Over to Miss Herrin's a.m., 1 1\2 hrs. p.m.
 10\4\50 Over and finished closing house a.m. Put some things in garage down to schoolhouse.

1951

10\3\51 Gerald had a letter from Lucy with the bill for the schoolhouse.
 10\4\51 Glenn went to P. to get money to pay for schoolhouse
 10\11\51 Glenn, Arthur & I went to Woodsville in p.m. Got the deed recorded for the schoolhouse.

1952

1\10\52 I wrote a letter to Ma and Barbara and sent birthday card to Lucy Worthington.
 2\24\52 [S] Alice and Lucy called and want Glenn to come and get goods. [*They lived outside of Baltimore.*]
 2\25\52 Miss Worthington called today and said for Glenn not to come.
 2\29\52 Got up about 6:30, built sitting room and Marm's fire. Alice and Lucy called and want Glenn and Norman D. to leave White River about midnight tonight and drive them back, get here Sun. a.m. Glenn and Gerald started for Woodsville about 9 to see the county agent about getting Gerald deferred. Francis took the truck and will finish unloading the car of super. I finished Howard's letter. Didn't get any dinner. Francis got back about 1 and went over to Miss H. to shovel. I made a scrap pudding and swept. Jessie Pease called this p.m. Glenn, Gerald and Doris came about 3. Gerald went over and shoveled. He and Doris went home about 5 and came back about 8. Glenn, Gerald and Doris went to bed but I didn't. Woke Glenn up about 11 and he took a bath. Norman came about 12:15 and we started right away. Got to W.R. about 20 past 1 train left at 5 of 2. We got home at 3

- 3\1\52 Gerald got up about 6:30 and built the fires. Doris put up his dinner and he went down to log. Walt D. called at 7 and said Alice and Lucy aren't coming back.
- 3\2\52 [S] Glenn called me at 3:30 and I woke up Gerald and Doris and they went to W. River to get he and Norman, got back at 6. Glenn did chores. F. got up about 9. G. and D. got her about 10:30. Doris did sweeping and wiped dishes. We had dinner about 2. Dr. was down in a.m. Gladys, David and Ray and Vernie, Hazel and Billy were up in p.m. Doris and Gerald went home about 8. Glenn went to bed about 9 for his first night's sleep since Thursday night. *[Alice and Lucy could be a tad excentric!]*
- 5\1\52 Glenn got up at 5. John Foster came in and talked a while. Glenn took two cans of water and went over to Miss Herrin's about 6. I saw them go by about 6:30. I ironed a little before breakfast. Francis and Gerald did chores. Gerald went over to Miss H. after breakfast. I ironed and listened to the radio this forenoon. Glenn took the two darkie chauffeurs out to catch the 11 a.m. train, called a minute on way back. Miss Herrin called and said Glenn and Gerald would have dinner with them. We had a lunch.
- 6\22\52 [S] Got up about 7. Beautiful day. Miss Herrin called to invite us to a party July 18.
- 7\20\52 [S] Got up about 7:30. Barbara came about 11. We had dinner a little past one. All but Jay & Della went over to Miss Herrin's birthday party at 2:30. They had a white and chocolate cake and lots of ice cream and cold drinks. We left about 4:30. Stopped at schoolhouse so Marm could go in.
- 8\27\52 Got up about 6:30 to talk with Lucy W. She wants Glenn to meet the darkies at Fairlee this a.m. that are coming to drive them home today. They went by about 10:15.
- 11\21\52 Gerald is drawing manure from Danny's to Miss Herrin's with tractor and cart.
- 11\28\52 Irene went down to Doris's about 9. Alice and Lucy came over there.
- 12\1\52 Alice and Lucy called about 10:30 Gave us all x-mas cards \$10 each \$5 for Arthur. . . Wrote a few lines to Barbara and sent their letter from Alice and Lucy.

10\5\56 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Lawrence Huntington of Orford and Norman Downing of Wentworth left on Wednesday of last week for Baltimore, Md., driving down the two cars for Miss Alice Herrin and Miss Lucy Worthington. The boys returned home the next morning by plane.

1958

- 1\10\58 Sent Lucy a birthday card and short letter.
- 6\15\58 [S] Thed and I went over and got Lucy's washing, mowed lawn.
- 8\24\58 [S] Fixed a little fence. Went over and got Lucy's washing.
- 8\31\58 [S] Went up to Gould's to see cattle. Took washing over.
- 9\2\58 Gerald took logs over to Warren for Lucy p.m. Helped load them, picked 2 baskets of apples, some blackberries over to Lucy's.
- 9\9\58 Got some more apples over to Lucy's.
- 9\12\58 Gerald took old maids for a ride a.m.
- 9\16\58 Gerald took Alice and Lucy for a ride p.m.
- 9\19\58 Took Lucy's washing over. Sawed 2 load of wood for Lucy p.m.
- 9\20\58 Sawed another load of wood for Lucy a.m.
- 9\23\58 Sawed rest of Lucy's wood p.m.
- 9\27\58 Took Lucy's washing over.

9\29\58 Gerald and I went over to Lucy's p.m.
10\1\58 Gerald worked for Lucy.

1959

1\19\59 Fair a.m., snow a little p.m. Went over and cut a few birch logs and a little wood. [T] Got up about 7:15, built kitchen fire and one down cellar [that is where the washing machine was.] Soaked clothes and then did pails. Glenn and Gerald are cutting birch for logs and wood. Hung my clothes all upstairs. Didn't do much in p.m. Put zippers in legs of Arthur's wool pants in evening while I watched TV. Had a letter from Alice and Lucy.

5\17\59 [S] We went down to Howard's to dinner and supper today. Stopped to Vernie's down and back. Home about 10. *[Dad was 53 today.]*
[T] Got up at 7. Arthur didn't go to church today as we are going to Howard's. Didn't wash machines today. We were almost ready to go at 10:30 when Alice & Lucy called, they aren't coming this summer. Stopped at Vernie's a few minutes, got to Howard's about 12:30. Barb had turkey. Glenn, Howard & Arthur went up to Mac's in p.m. We had lunch and did dishes and started for home about 8:30. Called at Vernie's a minutes and got home about 10.

1960

1\11\60 Gerald drew wood, 3 load on truck. Thed and I went to Bradford p.m.
[T] 10 below, fair, cold. Got up about 7, built kitchen fire. Made jelly roll after breakfast and sent to Lucy W. for her birthday Wed. Washed pails, put a few clothes outdoors and the rest on porch and upstairs. Gerald got two load of wood from where he is logging. Glenn and I went to Bradford in p.m., got Arthur more green pants at Gould's \$7.95, 30W, 32L. A little big and long.

1\12\60 Gerald logged for Don. Went over in woods p.m., brought home a load of wood on truck.
[T] 0, beautiful day. Got up about 7 and built fires. Charles was up. Gerald is logging. Wrote a letter to Lucy and Alice and cards to Bertha and Edna. Glenn went over to cut wood in p.m. I swept all thru in p.m.

1\16\60 Gerald logged for Don. Tinkered around a.m. Took a chain off old truck and made it longer to put on this truck. Went over in woods p.m., got a small load of wood.

[T] 10 above, mostly cloudy. Got up before 7 and built fires. Swept and packed Jean's wash before breakfast. Made a big and little lemon pie, did dishes and machines. Glenn & Arthur went after wood in p.m. I made filled cookies, wiped floors and took a bath before supper. Glenn went to dance at Warren. I put zippers in legs of Arthur's new green pants in evening and watched T.V. Lucy called about 11 to thank me for the jelly roll.

2\7\60 [S] Howard's folks up today at Gerald's folks for dinner and supper. Gerald helped Don plow road over across ballfield *[likely down to Camp Moosilauke, as they were logging on the east side of Upper Baker and hauling the logs across the corner of the pond, to the Moosilauke beach.]* Edith had a heifer calf yesterday p.m.

[T] Snow. Got up about 8. Fixed boiled dish and made a bag pudding *[Yes!!!]* Dewey was up a while. Lucy called, is sending Gerald some seeds. Doris and the

- 4\16\60 kids came about 11 and Howard's folks about 12. Didn't eat till past 1. Watched part of Dartmouth Carnival on TV in p.m. Howard's folks went home about 9. Out listing, Lower Street, Orfordville over Dame hill. Gerald went out and got our fertilizer and Lucy's stuff and took down banking.
[T] Got up about 6:30, built fires. Glenn took his lunch and has gone listing. I made a small lemon and butterscotch pie and a medium custard this forenoon. Made 1 1/2 chocolate cake in p.m., wiped up floors. Gerald and Arthur got fertilizer from Fairlee and Lucy's packages in a.m. Took down banking and raked yard. Ray was here a little while. He has a pickup now.
- 4\18\60 Finished listing, home about 3 o'clock. Cut up bacon, last of it. Gerald tinkered around, helped Thed plant Lucy's seeds. Gerald went over to Warren and got a horse for Charles Cutting a.m.
[T] Cloudy, hard showers. Got up about 6:30 and built fires. I put up Glenn's dinner and Allan and Brad came out here about 9:30. Washed and put a few clothes on porch, left a basketful of white ones. Gerald helped me get dirt & boxes ready & I planted 18 pkgs. of flower seeds for Alice & Lucy. Put them on table upstairs. Glenn and I went down to Vernie's in evening. I went down to Dot's and she cut the back of my hair. Howard is 31 at 5:45 p.m. today.
- 4\23\60 Went up and got out logs for Dartmouth Outing Club. Charles Cutting up there with his bulldozer *[Depending on just where they were cutting, he may have drawn them to the cabin site or to a skidway so they could be trucked to the site.]*
[T] 34 above, partly cloudy. Got up at 7 and built fires. Glenn and Arthur took their dinners, Gerald and Bud went with horses and yarded logs the boys cut. Charlie Cutting drew them with bulldozer I did milk things and made an angel cake and spice cake in p.m. Finished ironing before supper. Mended a little in evening. Picture is gone most of time on TV. Glenn went to dance at Warren. The seeds are beginning to come up that I planted Mon. Rita and Irvin have another boy, Barry Kenneth, April 14. Took a bath and went to bed about 12.
- 4\24\60 [S] Loaded hogs this morning. Gerald's folks went down to Howard's today. We went down to Marjorie's for dinner, stopped and got Sal and Vernie. Hazel here to lunch tonight, says Les is gaining.
[T] 34, rainy, thundershower in evening. Got up at 7 and built fires. Dave got the milk today. Did usual work and we started for Marjorie's about 15 of 1, went down and got Vernie and Dorice. Marj. had a nice dinner. Calvin and Arthur bumped heads playing ball, hurt Calvin [I know, just shows who had the hard head!] Came home about 4:30.
- 4\25\60 Gerald took hogs up to Gibbs'. We cleaned up down cellar. Thed went over to Lucy's p.m. Canned up 13 gals. syrup, made 15 lbs. sugar, made a mess of pickle for hams. Had a thunder shower last night.
[T] Washed in a.m., over to Lucy's in p.m.
- 4\26\60 Went up and got out rest of logs for Dartmouth Outing Club. Ground some knives. Gerald and Bud brought pigs down from Gould's and put them out in the orchard. Thed over to Lucy's today.
[T] Over to Lucy's all day.
- 4\27\60 Went up and got pigs, 210-240-250. Cut up pigs p.m. Then over to Lucy's today. They got here about 6:30 tonight.
[T] Over to Lucy's all day.

- 4\28\60 Gerald took Thed over to Lucy's and then went down and got Sal. Got pigs all cut up and in freezer. Lard most done. Sal done up meat. Took heads down to Marjorie.
[T] Over to Lucy's all day.
- 4\29\60 Took Thed over to Lucy's. Finished up lard and made sausage, about 30 lbs. Washed up grease dishes. Gerald went and got Pete a load of sawdust a.m. He got Bud p.m and they cut wood for sugarplace. Went out and had snow tires taken off p.m.
[T] Over to Lucy's all day.
- 5\3\60 Got sawrig out and sharpened some stakes a.m. Harry over a.m. Paid me for logging. Fenced over to Mack's p.m. Thed over to Lucy's today. Made 35 lbs. damp sugar, 5 lbs. cream and 2 lbs. sugarcakes last night.
- 5\4\60 Gerald took Lucy and Alice to Ply a.m. Thed went with them. Finished fence over to Mack's p.m.
- 5\5\60 Gerald took Lucy to Ply. again a.m. Got out 8 load shit p.m., split some stakes. Thed washed for Lucy p.m. Put on some screens p.m. Made rest of syrup into sugar tonight.
- 5\6\60 Fenced up to Gould's a.m. Got out shit p.m., 10 loads. Thed over to Lucy's today.
- 5\10\60 Put 8 yearlings over to Gratz a.m. *[the Mack place – first time Dad has called it Gratz, who bought it some time ago.]* Put 2 Gurnseys out to Phil Bean's, 3 Holsteins out to Barnard Bennett's. Let calves out beyond lane today. Cleaned out calf pen. Thed over to Lucy's today.
- 5\11\60 Gerald's hand worse today. He went up to see Dr. today, he opened it. Thed over to Lucy's today. Put fence out at end of house and down front of house. Went up to Gould's and fenced a little while. Out to Office last night.
- 5\12\60 Gerald didn't come up until late p.m., hand feels mean. Thed over to Lucy's today. Let cows out in barnyard a.m., fixed Mary's stanchion. Fixed barway up to Gould's and fenced a little here at home. Gerald went out to St. and got Arthur, he practiced ball.
- 5\13\60 Fixed barway up by Camp, over in 4 acre field, over in old road and shut gates down in lane and let cows out about noon. Just tinkered p.m. Gerald went down to Hanover Hospital today, has got to stay 3 or 4 days. Thed over to Lucy's today. They sent me over \$25 for birthday. Out to Office last night.
- 5\14\60 Just tinkered all day. Put on some screens, mowed a little lawn, dug up around sage and rhubarb. Arthur over to Lucy's today.
- 5\18\60 Went down to Grange last night. Just puttered around a.m. Vernie, Sal and Ginny called a few minutes p.m. Went up to Woodsville and got 2 bags of taters to plant. Gerald and kids went up with me. Thed over to Lucy's p.m. Got Arthur a pair of shoes, 8 1\2.
- 5\19\60 Put pigs out in orchard but they got out. Fixed up fence again. Uncle Charlie and Aunt Clara here p.m. Thed over to Lucy's a.m., went over and got her at noon. Gerald went down and had his hand looked at again a.m. Out to Office last night.
- 5\20\60 Thed over to Lucy's. Marked out Gerald's piece and helped him plant 11 lbs. peas in a.m. Put a load of shit on garden, took 3 loads up to Gopulds. Out to Office last night.
- 5\24\60 Took flags out to school *[for kids to put on graves for Memorial Day,]* orders out to Gunther and signed a note. Gerald took Alice and Lucy to Ply., gone 3 1\2 hours. He fixed drag *[stone boat.]*

- 6\3\60 Francis picked over a few beans. I wrote in account book and diary a.m. Francis took Evelyn out to have hair fixed. Gerald took Alice and Lucy to Ply. a.m. We went up and got truck p.m. Francis and Gerald harrowed up to Gould's p.m. *[Did we have two tractors or just the H and horses?]*
- 6\8\60 Frost this morn. Picked rest of stones on Stanley's and 2 load out by silo. Francis harrowed with horses on Stanley's a little while a.m. Gerald got piece over on Don's ready to plant and harrowed some on Flat on Stanley's a.m. Gerald and Francis over to Lucy's a little while p.m. We planted corn on Don's p.m. Francis harrowed a little while then I took over. Gerald harrowed with horses on Stanley's on Flat a while. [Not sure if he means down on the Flat or on the flat piece just west of the brook on Stanley's.] Francis and Evelyn went up to Edna's for supper. Thed over to Lucy's today.
- 6\17\60 Finished grass silage, 3 load on trailer. Mowed about 3 hrs. on Miller's with horses and tractor. Evelyn went to Ply. and got some stuff for Lucy.
- 6\19\60 [S] We went down to Howard's to dinner today, home about 6 so Francis could get packed. Alice and Lucy went to Hospital today.
- 6\26\60 [S] Tinkered around a.m. Went down to see Lucy and Alice p.m. Put rounds in a 14-ft. ladder. Bud and Marion down a.m.
- 7\3\60 [S] Just puttered around a.m. Went over to Lucy's, got washing. Gerald raked piece across lane, baled 72 bales. Art and I got it in.
- 7\8\60 Gerald cul. corn here at home. Tedded hay twice, raked and baled it, 290 bales. They went down to Marylin's about 5:30 tonight. Went over to see Alice a.m. Gerald went over p.m. She said for him to come over before she changed her mind. *[From Harry, 4\23\19: Grandpa's diary for October 1951 has an entry where he said he went to Plymouth to the bank and got \$1,500 for Lucy for the schoolhouse. The Schoolhouse was in Lucy's name. I asked Dad about it a number of years ago and he said Grandpa paid for the schoolhouse and got repaid from Dad by withholding a \$1.50 a week from his pay. Mom and Dad got married November 4, 1951. I think this diary entry may be about the time Alice gave them some money. Dad told about one time when he and Grandpa were working up in the field and Grammy came up and said Alice wanted her and Grandpa to come right over, so they did. Alice gave Grandpa and Grammy \$500. When Grandpa came back, he told Dad that Alice wanted him and Mom to come over. They went and Alice gave them \$500. So, I think this might have been what Grandpa was writing about. -This is 1960, not 1951 but the rest sounds right.]*
- 7\28\60 Over to Gratz' a.m. Gerald horse-hoed taters and Cul. some down to his place. Over to Gratz' cutting out *[bushes]* to fix fence p.m. Roger and Helen here to supper. Don West bought Doll House of Gus Titus. *[The first house on the driveway opposite Alice and Lucy's. Had been Mrs. Baer's.]*
- 8\1\60 Gerald took Alice and Lucy out to Fairlee a.m. I done some grinding. We moved over to Leighton's p.m., upper side of road.
- 8\3\60 [T] Fair, hot. Got up about 6, built fire and got breakfast. Doris did dishes, etc. I went to work. Got home about 15 of 2.
- 8\4\60 [T] Built fires about 6. Went to work about 9. Got dinner and did about as usual. Larry came out and got the Cadillac to wash it. I picked over a qt. of raspberries after dinner. Got home about 3.
- 8\5\60 Tinkered around a.m., figured taxes p.m. \$5.90 rate. Gerald took a 2x6 down to Dewey's and got it ripped and got 4x4x10 \$3.50 p.m., to go in calf stable. Buried Lambert Prettyman's ashes p.m. Merrimack brought me 100 bags of insulation to put up stairs p.m. Thed paid for it \$126.00. *[Ma must be using the money she earned working*

- for Alice and Lucy. This is likely the loose insulation which we put under the upstairs floorboard, to insulate the ceilings.]*
- 8\6\60 Out to Office all day. Gerald sawed 2 load wood and took over to Lucy. Ted helped 3 hrs. Howard and Barn\b and kids came up p.m. Picked a pail of cukes.
- 8\8\60 Cows out this morn. Cattle out over to Gratz last night. Gerald and Art fixed fence them we unloaded 3 load rowen. Sawed rest of Lucy's wood.
- 8\9\60 [T] Fair. Built fire about 6. Did dishes and pails before I went over to Lucy's. Made gelatin with peaches and bananas in it for dinner. Got thru about 1:30. Hazel and Don west were outside so she brot me home.
- 8\10 [T] Rainy. Got up before six. We had breakfast at 7 so Gerald could take his logs to Dewey's to be sawed. Is raining a little. Walked over to Lucy's. Made some rolls from scratch, came out real good. We had chicken broth, ice cream and cake too. Jean brot me home about 2.
- 8\11\60 Sent a card to Edna, wrote to Thed. Sore neck today. Jean brought Thed down p.m. Tony helped Gerald get a load of slabs for Lucy of Dewey p.m.
[T].. . Hazel West showed me their house while I waited for Jean, Got ready & we left for Hanover at 2. Had a letter from Glenn. Got him bigger slippers at Fairlee. He was having treatment didn't see him till 3:30 Has a sore throat, stayed till about 4:30 Got things for Lucy, Gerald and me, Got home about 4.45. *[This must be Jean Gratz who took Ma to Hanover.]*
- 8\12\60 Felt mean all day and night. Sore neck + mouth. Had some cards today. Gerald and Art put slabs in for Lucy a.m.
T] Fair. Got up about 6:30. Had breakfast about 8. Wrote a few lines to Glenn and sent his milk check. Gerald took me to work about 9:15, then he and Arthur brot over 3 cord of slabs and put in shed. Made 9 more rolls, had string beans and hamburg and ice cream *[Hey, how about inviting us in for some ice cream!]* Watered plants and came home about 2:30.
- 8\14\60 [S] [T] Partly cloudy. Got up at 7, built fire and took a bath before breakfast. Did up work and Gerald took me over to Lucy's at 10:30. Got dinner and did dishes before and after and Tom came for me at 1.
- 8\15\60 [T] partly cloudy. Built fires about 6. Did usual work and Gerald took me over to Lucy's about 9. He had breakfast here. Came home about 1:30.
- 8\16\60 [T] Got up about 6:30. Gerald ate breakfast with us this morning. Did usual work. Went over to Lucy's about 9:15. Dusted and cleaned some carpets. Jean called there *[Ma was working for Alice & Lucy. Louis and Jean Gratz had bought the Mack farm a year or so before and the West's had bought the 'Doll House,' a building built by the Baer's, across the road from Alice and Lucy's]* and said she would meet me at West's at 1:15. We started for Hanover at 15 of 2.
- 8\17\60 [T] Fair, hot. Built fire about 6:30, did usual work. Gerald took me to Lucy's about 9:15. Did about the same as usual, came home at 1:30.
- 8\18\60 [T] Fair, hot. Built fire about 6:30. Made donuts before breakfast. Washed pails and Gerald took me over to Lucy's about 9:15. Put phosphate on glads and potatoes, made a few rolls and we had salmon, salad and ice cream. Came home about 1:15.
- 8\19\60 [T] Partly cloudy, little rain in eve. Built fire at 6:30. Stanley and a surveyor were here to look at old deeds. Hazel called and I didn't get over to Lucy's till 15 of 10. Put ashes around some plants and got dinner. We had stuffed eggs on lettuce, cabbage, and ice cream. Got home at 2.
- 8\22\60 [T] Started to wash about 10. Lucy had 9 sheets, 18 pillowcases, etc. I had 6 sheets from Jean. Lines all full of white ones. Began to thunder about 3 and rained some. Got in

- sheets and cases and got part of them ironed before supper, finished after.
- 8\23\60 [T] Cloudy showers. Built fires about 6:30. Washed pails. Went over to Lucy's about 9. Washed 8 vases and picked over flowers in them and picked some new glads. Wrote a letter to Della and a few lines to Glenn this a.m. Gerald came over this noon and started the oil burner. Was raining when I got ready to come home, so waited a few minutes. Borrowed a coat and umbrella but didn't rain.
- 8\24\60 [T] Beautiful cool day, 60 at 2 p.m. Got about 6:30. Doris came up and did pails and dishes. Went over to Lucy's about 9:15. We had tuna fish salad and hard boiled eggs in white sauce. We ate before 12. Came home at 1:15.
- 8\25\60 [T] Fair, cool. 30 above at 5:45. Built fire at 7, only 30 but didn't hurt anything. Finished Lucy's ironing after breakfast, two baskets full. Defrosted top of kitchen refrigerator. We had soup and ice cream. Stopped at West's a minute. He brot me home.
- 8\26\60 [T] Fair, 32 at 6:30. Built fires about 7, got the pickles cooking before breakfast. Doris canned it and did dishes and pails. Gerald took me over to Lucy's about 9:15. Cleaned bottom of both refrigerators, made a few rolls and we had tomato soup and cuke salad and ice cream. Watered plants after dinner, got home about 2:30.
- 8\30\60 [T] Fair. Built fire about 7. Gerald brot up bulb to bake Glenn's knee. Gerald took me to Lucy's at 9:15. Had tomato and cuke salad, cake and ice cream. Got thru at 1:30. David Bischoff picked me up on the way home.
- 8\31\60 [T] Mostly cloudy. Built fire about 7. Glenn baked his knee and I massaged it before breakfast. He took me over to Lucy's at 9. Washed Lucy's feet and curled her hair. Made a boiled custard and tomato and cuke salad for dinner. Got thru at 1:30 but they said wait and ride with them at 2. Norman took them to Hanover.
- 9\1\60 [T] Mostly cloudy. Built fire about 15 of 7. Fixed Glenn's knee before breakfast. He took me to Lucy's at 9. Washed Alice's feet. Made applesauce. Mrs. Bischoff was over in a.m. Got thru at 1:15 but waited and came home with them at 2. Norman took them to Hanover.
- 9\2\60 [T] Glenn canned 3 qts. and 13 pts. shell beans before he took me to Lucy's. Did usual work. Gerald came over at 1 to get in wood, so I came home with him.
- 9\5\60 [T] Jean brot over a big wash after dinner and some clothes for Arthur and I. Glenn did dishes and I washed. Did a few of Jean's.
- 9\6\60 [T] Fair. Got up about 7. My head and stomach are upset so got Doris to work for me.
- 9\7\60 [T] Lucy didn't want me to work. Glenn, I and the girls got a pail of shell beans on Stanley's, took some to Vernie. Had lunch with her and then Dorice went to Plymouth with us. Got groceries for Lucy.
- 9\8\60 [T] Alice, Lucy and Norman called for me at 11:15. Washed the glass in both outside library doors and both sides, made rolls and salad and we ate about 3:45, came home about 4:30.

[Ma didn't write after 9\8 but from some of Dad's entries, I think she kept working for Alice and Lucy for the next few weeks.]

- 9\11\60 [S] Went over to Lucy's and got washing.
- 9\12\60 Gerald over to Lucy's an hour p.m.
- 9\24\60 Gerald went out and cut rest of corn up to Jeff Bean's for Mel today, home about 3 p.m. He and Art got a load of corn from Don's and put in silo, then he went and got himself

some sand. Art got in wood for Lucy a.m. [*suppose I got some ice cream after I was done?*]

10\3\60 We went over and got Lucy's washing a.m.

10\9\60 Art over to Lucy's 2 1\2 hrs.

10\21\60 Roy and Art picked sweet apples, put onions down cellar, put squash out to barn. They went over to Lucy's p.m. and got some apples.

10\24\60 Gerald over to Lucy's 6 hrs. Thed and Doris both over there all day.

10\25\60 Gerald, Doris and Thed over to Lucy's all day.

10\26\60 Thed went over to Lucy's this morn. They left about 8 o'clock, Gerald, Doris and Larry.

[I expect Alice and Lucy still had two cars, so Gerald and Larry drove to Baltimore, then back on the train or by plane.]

11\20\60 Art helped Gerald rake leaves over to Lucy's p.m.

1961

1\1\61 [T]Gerald yarded a few logs on Lucy's with Sam in p.m.

1\22\61 Lucy called today.

1\29\61 Gerald and Don drew 2 load of logs from Lucy's, then loaded up a load for me to take over to Whitchers.

Preparing for the spring return of Alice and Lucy - Ma's 1961 Diary

[Ma and Doris worked for Alice and Lucy while they were here in the summer, 10-15 hours a week, I think.]

2\9\61 Doris called and said Lucy had called and said they planned to come up and want us both like last year.

5\18\61 Gerald took Doris and I and girls over to Lucy's at 9:30. We cleaned Alice's bed and bath room and Lucy's bedroom before dinner and did all the books in the library and a little other cleaning in there in p.m. Started home about 15 of 4.

5\19\61 Gerald took Doris and I and girls over to Lucy's at 9:30. Began work at 9:45 finished the Library did powder room part of Lucy's bathroom most of hall and dining room before dinner. Began again at 12:30. Did all the dishes on shelves in kitchen, mirrors pictures and books in living room. The girls had a nap. Gerald came after us at 4. . .

5\20\61 Went over to Gladys in eve. Gerald, Doris and the kids. she will come over to stay with the girls Wed.

5\22\61 Gerald came after me about 1 and we went over to Lucy's and cleaned till 4:30 washed some windows and finished dishes. Glenn came and got us. . .

5\23\61 Glenn took us over to work at 8:30 and then took Gerald out to Street and he and Larry are flying to Baltimore to get Alice and Lucy. We washed more windows and I wiped up floors and got thru at 3. Pat Widney picked us up part way home. Glenn Arthur and I went over to Lucy's about 8:30 Don came over and started oil burner. Arthur and I stayed there. I went to bed at 11.

5\24\61 Got up at quarter of 1 and fixed fires. Gerald woke me up at 3. They were only 11 hours on the road. I unpacked some things and we had coffee and bread about 4 and they had a nap but I didn't got up at 6 We opened the boxes Lucy shipped. Don came at 8, Gerald and Doris at 8:30 and two plumbers from Hanover at 9. Were most of day getting water all going. We had dinner about 10:30 We got some things straightened out and came home about 4. An awful long day and I am tired tonight. *[Alice and Lucy had two big cars, so Gerald and Larry each drove one. Gerald says they only wanted to stop for gas!]*

- 5\25\61 Glenn took me over to Lucy's about 15 of 9. Doris went earlier. We had dinner all ready at 10:30 when Reg Davis came so had to wait for about 1\2 hr. Doris made biscuit. Alice and Lucy had a nap in p.m. and we washed more windows doors and woodwork. Came home at 4. Walter picked us up.
- 6\2\61 a robin is building a nest right near Lucy's kitchen window and a thrush near the Library has 4 eggs. . .
- 6\7\61 Reg Davis and Junior Randall came about 10 changed wires in fuze boxes. . . the plumbers from Hanover came about 2:30 put in a new stool for Alice took them about an hour. . .
- 10\1\61 [S] Howard's folks up to Gerald's today. He and Don helped Gerald saw wood and take to Lucy.
- 10\4\61 Alice Herrin fell this morn. They think she broke her hip. Thed went over about 5 0'clock, over there all day. Alice and Lucy went to Hospital about noon today.
- 10\12\61 Gerald and Doris went down to see Lucy last night. *[I expect he means Alice but I bet Lucy stayed there with her.]*
- 11\19\61 [S] Fair. Gerald went down and got Lucy and took her back to Hospital. Thed went over and stayed while he went after her. *[Sounds as if Alice and Lucy were home from hospital buy still in town.]*
- 5\28\61 Walter and May Belle Brendle came about 4 left addresses of 25 people for us to send a qt. of syrup each. They were interested about everything were here about 3 hrs. are from San Francisco. .
- 5\31\61 Glenn sent 10 qts. of syrup to Mr. Brendle today. .
- 6\1\61 We had a card from the Brendle's from Maine. Glenn sent the rest of their syrup. 15 qts.

1962

- 3\4 Gerald went over to Lucy's and shoveled snow today *[likely roofs.]*
- 4\13 Thed and Doris over to Lucy's p.m.
- 4\16 Thed over to Lucy's today.
- 4\17 Gerald went down and got old maid's stuff. They come up today.
- 4\18 Thed and Doris over to Lucy's last night.
- 4\21 Thed home in p.m., went back at 7:00 o'clock.
- 4\28 Thed home tonight first time since Wed. *[Ma sometimes stayed overnight at Alice and Lucy's.]*
- 5\5 Thed came home about 5 p.m.
- 5\6 Thed went back over at 6 this morn. Sal and I went down to Vernie's p.m. *[Aunt Dorice and perhaps Aunt Bertna may have stayed with us for at least some of the time that Ma was staying overnight at Alice and Lucy's. Dad did the washing some weeks and once made bread and donuts. What a domestic old cuss!]*
- 5\8 Thed came home and washed p.m.
- 5\13 [S] Thed stayed home last night.
- 5\14 Went over and got Thed and took her back. She washed.
- 5\17 Thed came home tonight.
- 5\21 Thed went back over to Lucy's this morn.
- 6\10 [S] Helped Francis get packed. Gave them taters, pork, sugar, syrup, soap, canned stuff. They left about 3:30 p.m. Thed came home for 2 hrs. p.m.
- [I think Ma worked most days at Alice & Lucy's this summer, often staying overnight or perhaps several days in a row..]*

- 6\17 Thed home at 3 p.m.
 6\24 Thed home today.
 6\30 Thed home today.
 7\1 Thed came home a little after 8 this morn.
 7\4 Thed home with lame back. Marion Hook over to Lucy's last night.
 7\9 Thed over to Lucy's p.m.
 7\10 Thed over to Lucy's a.m.
 7\14 Thed over to Lucy's until 3 p.m.
 8\17 Lucy fell down last night, went over and helped get her up. Thed stayed over with Marion last night. Doris is over there with Thed today. Ambulance is coming after Lucy at 3:30 to go for x-rays.
 8\19 Went over and helped Thed and Marion get Lucy off the pot.
 8\21 Thed home today. I done dishes, helped wash, got dinner.
 8\25 Thed home today.
 8\28 Thed home last night and today.
 8\30 Thed home today.
 9\1 Thed home today.
 9\4 Thed home p.m.
 9\12 Thed home until 2 p.m.
 9\15 Thed home today and night.
 9\18 Thed home from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.
 9\25 Gerald went out and got Marilyn, she is going to stay with the kids.
 9\26 Gerald helped me run in two load of corn this morn, then he went over to Lucy's. . . Gerald, Doris and Thed home from Lucy's about 3 p.m., back over at 6 p.m. Went up by here about 7:15 for Baltimore. . . Went down to Francis. B's last night to have Dot set her hair but she and Ginny both gone
 9\29 Went down to White River at 3 a.m. and got Thed, Gerald and Doris. *[Returned on the train.]* Gerald's folks left about 5 p.m. to take Marilyn and kids home.

1963

- 2\3 [S] Gerald shoveled snow over to Lucy's today.
[Alice and Lucy must have been here some this summer but Ma apparently didn't work for them.]
 9\14 It is all lit up over to Lucy's tonight Alice Herrin died sometime in the last 2 weeks.
[Huh – can't mean that she has been dead for days . . .]

1964-66

[No mention of Lucy these years – likely didn't come up from Baltimore. I don't have any 1965 Diaries but not in 1966..]

1967

- [First mention of Lucy for 4 years. She spent a couple of months here and then returned home to Baltimore. Seems to have needed someone there 24\7. Ma was there during day at first, then often overnight. I don't have Ma's diary, so might have been there more than what Dad listed.]*
 5\28 Thed over to Lucy's from 9 am to 2:15 pm.
 5\31 Thed over to Lucy's from 10 – 9 today.
 6\4 [S] Took Thed over to Lucy's at 9 am.
 6\11 [S] Thed over to Lucy's 12 hrs.

6\18 [S] Thed over to Lucy's today, home at 2:30 pm.
6\22 Thed over to Lucy's today.
6\24 Thed over to Lucy's today. Annie has gone to Baltimore for a week and Thed is going to work. [*Annie must be a maid\ nurse who came with Lucy – I never heard of her.*]
6\25 Art went up and got Edna am, had dinner ready when they got here at one pm. [*Aunt Edna must have come down to keep house while Ma was working full time for Lucy for a week or so.*]
6\27 Doris washed for Thed today.
7\9 [S] Art took Edna home pm. Thed over to Lucy's 13 hours today.
7\12 Thed over to Lucy's today.
7\13 Thed and I went down to see Liz last night, then I took her back over to Lucy's. She was home pm, back at night.
7\15 Thed came over with May this morn at 8.
7\16 [S] Took Thed over to Lucy's at 7 am. Doris over to Lucy's last night and today.
7\17 Thed home about 10 this morn. . . May all done over to Lucy's.
7\18 Took Thed over to Lucy's at 7 am. . . Edna [*perhaps Perry*] all done over to Lucy's.
7\22 Thed home at 9 this morn.
7\23 Thed went back over to Lucy's last night.
7\24 Thed home about 10 this morn.
7\28 Thed home from Lucy's about 11 am. Gerald went to Baltimore with Larry today. Lucy went home on plane from Lebanon. [*Gerald and Larry Huntington must have driven Lucy's car back to Baltimore, then flew home.*]
7\29 Gerald and Larry back home at noon today.
9\9 Thed got her check from Lucy today, the lawyer made it out. [*Sounds as if Lucy needed help managing financial affairs, as well as personal care. She was home in Baltimore at this time.*]



Mrs. Ruth Baer, with Chow dog, likely Pao Yun, c.1924



Henry and Jane MacGinnis, in Pease farm dooryard, c.1950



Glenn and Theda Pease, Alice Herrin, Lucy Worthington, in Herrin\Worthington home, 1958



Alice and Lucy's Baltimore home, 1015 Winding Way, Poplar Hill, Baltimore, MD. Taken in 2012 for Google Maps.