

# Chloie Nixon's Diary – 1938

Chloie (Smith) Nixon was the daughter of Cassius Emerson Smith and Clara Elizabeth Hunt. Chloie was born on December 24, 1884, in Huntington Co., Indiana. She died on July 3, 1976, in Cadillac, Wexford Co., Michigan.

Chloie was first married to Jesse J. Holly with whom she had four children, three of whom survived to adulthood. Jesse J. Holly died in 1910 and Chloie remarried to Frank Harlan Nixon in 1912. Chloie and Frank had six children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

From about 1889 until shortly before her death she lived in Cherry Grove Township, Wexford County, Michigan. Her parents owned the farm located at the northwest corner of the intersection of S 29 Road and E 46 Road in Cherry Grove. It is unclear where she lived during her first marriage. When the census was recorded in 1910, she and her Holly children were living with her parents, her husband Jesse J. Holly having died in March of that year. After marrying Frank Nixon in 1912, she lived in the "little house" at 9648 S 29 Road. After Frank's parents died, Frank and Chloie moved into the "big house" at 9672 S 29 Road, a couple hundred feet south of the "little house." Both houses were on the Nixon farm, now recognized as a Centennial Farm because it has been in the same family for more than 100 years.

During Chloie's lifetime she kept a number of diaries. The following is a transcription of Chloie's diary from 1938. It is interesting to note how much of Grandma Nixon's time was spent in gathering and preparing food. This was well before freezers were available as they are today. And prepared or canned foods could not be easily bought at the store. She had to gather, can, cure, and prepare nearly everything the family ate. And she clearly spent a lot of time doing it.

The diary does not include the month of January. See the list of names at the end for clues when last names are not given.

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Verbatim transcription of Grandma Chloie Nixon's diary. Transcribed by: Judith Anne (Nixon) Wing, daughter of Amos Wilbur Nixon, who was Chloie's son. Note: Grandma's spelling is exceptional, but capitalization and punctuation were seldom used and shown only when used.

## February 1, 1938

Tue Feb 1 I baked bread & a cake this a.m. Went up to Stellas took her coat up was pretty cold today. snowed some this P.M.

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Wed Feb 2 washed. washed coat & pressed nice day only cloudy and not so cold.

Thur Feb 3 made Jacket

Fri Feb 4 Ironed in A.M. went to town & after Helen and Harlan came home.

Sat Feb 5 Scrubbed & made 2 custard pies Buster & Dorthy here for dinner. then them & Harlan went to town maybe Wilbur will come home with them It rained all night and is still raining Wilbur came home with Buster Dorthy & Harlan.

Sun Feb 6 Still raining and roads are so slippery

Mon Feb 7 I started to wash but machine wouldnt start needed a new spark plug so Harlan & Buster went to town after one but got my washing done by 3 oclock. hung clothes out doors such a nice day.

Tue Feb 8 Nice day. I sugar cured meat & put in Barrel made 2 pies & cake churned. thawing a lot

Wed Feb 9 Still thawing. Boys took 2 cord wood to Mrs. Shoop. I done ironing

Thur Feb 10. an awful cold N.East wind I made 4 pies 2 mince 2 blackberry

Fri Feb 11 Scrubbed dining room and washed windows in A.M. and in P.M. finished dresser scarff for Irenes birthday Nice day Bruce & Harlan worked over to Pete Morgans  
Thur Fri cutting wood

Sat Feb 12 Boys over to Morgans I scrubbed & made cake Went to town in P.M. Wilbur Howard & I.

Sun Feb 13 rained all day Leon came over & boys went to show

Mon Feb 14 Nice day. I darned sox most all day

Tue Feb 15 I put quilt on frames and in P.M. Stella came we tied quilt

Wed Feb 16 I washed hung clothes out they all got dry.

Thur Feb 17 started raining, awful slippery. am baking bread. Ironed this A.M. still raining and so slippery worse than ever Wilbur & Harlan went to town with Buster

Fri Feb 18 finished Ironing. Boys went after Helen made cookies

Sat Feb 19 scrubbed in A.M went to town in P.M. Irenes kids came home with us.

Sun Feb 20 Irene out for dinner.

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Mon Feb 21 I washed & baked bread lovely day

Tue Feb 22 Ironed all white clothes

Wed Feb 23 went to a party on Minnie Taylor in P.M. Mabel Stella and Mrs Strom went with us Carmen went with Laura's.

Thu Feb 24 finished Ironing cleaned out chicken coop. made cake churned.

Fri Feb 25 had headache this morning Frank & Howard went to town I patched shirts & pants Frank & Howard went after Helen. We went to a party on Gus in Eve all but Bruce & Frank got home at 1 o'clock.

Sat Feb 26 Scrubbed floor in A.M. went to town in P.M. Wilbur Harlan Helen & I and Alveretta rode home with us. Bruce & Billie wen to the hall in Eve to a card party & dance and Wilbur & Harlan went to show and dance but didnt get home untill near morning snowed a lot last night

Sun Feb 27 Wilbur & Harlan didnt get up untill 11 AM Bruce got up at 9 A.M. then he went over to see Alfred Pullen. Wilbur Harlan Howard [Howard] to or started with Helen to Garns and got stuck so had to turn around and come back left Helen to Uncle Charlies. Been storming & blowing all day. Willard came home from Flint today been there week [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Helen was boarding with Jess and Carrie Garn while teaching at a school near Meauwataka, probably Enterprise School. Jess and Carrie Garn were the uncle and aunt of Stewart Garn, whom Helen later married. Helen already knew Jess and Carrie since their daughter Gertrude had taught at Nixon School immediately before Helen taught there.*]

Mon Feb 28 Charlie came after boys going up to Hale Stockings after a colt Boys going to lead it home. Going to sew & bake bread

## March 1, 1938

John Hayter down in P.M.

Tue Mar 1 Washed put comfort on frames [probably quilting frames] sewed some nice day thawed a lot

Wed Mar 2 Rained this morning then turned colder & snowed. I Ironed curtains for dining Room.

Thur Mar 3 Terrible cold last night and still cold but sun shining Stella down in P.M. we tied [probably tied layers of quilt together] spread for lounge made cherry Pie

Fri Mar 4 finished Ironing made pies. didnt go after Helen

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Sat Mar 5 made cookies scrubbed kitchen Pretty slippery Then wasnt so bad today snow on. went to town in P.M.

Sun Mar 6 sun shining but cold eaves dripping

Mon Mar 7 washed this A.M. darned socks in P.M. got sore throat cold

Tue Mar 8 had sore throat

Wed Mar 9 sick. Mrs Hayter down sewed 2 stripes carpet together

Thur Mar 10 sick ---

Fri Mar 11 snowed hard in morning but turned off nice. Frank went after Helen

Sat Mar 12 scrubbed in A.M Boys Helen & Mrs Ide went to town I didnt feel like it

Sun Mar 13 all home. Nice day Carmen Milford here in A.M. awhile Helen went up to Carmens in PM Helen didnt have to go back

Mon Mar 14 Frank to town to Teachers Meeting

Tue Mar 15 Ironed & Baked bread nice day

Wed Mar 16 Washed Irene came out [end of page]

Wed Mar 16 rained & thundered saw some Robins

Thur Mar 17 Boys went after fence posts Stella Neil & Mabel here in Eve.

Fri Mar 18 going to be nice day going to Iron Frank went after Helen. Bruce Billie & Harlan went to Hoxieville [Hoxeyville] to a dance

Sat March 19 made apple pies scrubbed Kitchen nice day. Had parsnips & horseradish

Sun Mar 20 nice day. Wilbur & Howard took Helen back then went to show in P.M. Leon came down in P.M. Leon Bruce and Harlan went to show in Eve took Gladys Biglow and Erma Taylor. I went up to Leonards in P.M. [*Leonards were probably William Leonard and wife Mildred or Millie (Hunt) Leonard, Mildred being a first cousin of Chloie.*]

Mon Mar 21 Made a baby blanket baked bread and washed in after noon Boys finished hauling tree brush and trimmed Wilburs trees

Tue Mar 22 I made 2 bands for Laura. patched 2 shirts a pair of overalls and Ironed in after noon Irene was out an hour in after noon Frank to the hall such a nice day so warm

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Wed Mar 23 Raining when we got up and still raining Ironed snow all gone

Thur Mar 24 Scrubbed Kitchen made 2 cakes took one up to Stroms party Buzzing wood. Bill helping 16 women up to Stroms Shower

Fri Mar 25 Buzing [buzzing] wood. Patched 3 shirts hemmed a dress made fried cakes. rained.

Sat Mar 26 Buzzing wood. Our warm weather caught cold, all been in to get more clothes on. Wen to town Howard Dean came home with us Harlan went home with Leon they went fishing got a lot of fish he brought home 1, 6 ½ lb rainbow 2 suckers.

Sun Mar 27 went to SS [Sunday School] 46 there. Leon brought Harlan home. here for dinner Harold Leo Strom, Norman Smith Jim Pullen here playing ball. Clarence Lofgren came. [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Grandma Nixon mentions going to SS or Sunday School many times in the diary. However she did not attend when I was a child. Cousin Rex Nixon also noted that he did not recall Grandma Nixon going to church. As a child I once asked Mother about this. She told me that when the church was originally built, it was not linked to any denomination. Grandma Nixon was opposed to having the church become associated with a denomination and stopped going once the church ceased to be a nondenominational church. Mother didn't say if Grandma Nixon was opposed to the Nazarene Church, the denomination of the church today, or if Grandma would have preferred some other denomination, just that Grandma didn't want the church to be associated with a denomination.*

*It may be worth noting here that the original church, on the east side of the road about a quarter mile north of the Nixon farmhouse, was built while Chloie's father-in-law was living. Her father-on-law, Amos V. Nixon/Nickerson, was born in or near Richford, NY, the same town where John D. Rockefeller was born. Amos' much older sister Mary Nickerson married Jacob Rockefeller, an uncle of John D. Rockefeller. When the Cherry Grove community decided to build a church, Amos wrote to John D. Rockefeller, identified himself as someone who knew him back in Richford, and asked for money to build the church. The minister who presided over Amos' funeral in 1919 reported this and also reported that John D. Rockefeller sent money to build the church. Amos was three years older than Rockefeller and was reported to have told that his earliest recollection of ever seeing a baby was when he saw John D. Rockefeller.]*

Mon Mar 28 Buzzing wood. I made 2 pies a cake & washed in after noon. went to a party on Harold Lovland at night 27 went.

Tue Mar 29 Rained all fore noon. I feel rather tired after going to party last night. Irene & Hired girl out in eve. Orland stayed.

Wed Mar 30 Irene Mary & Orland Lee out all day put a quilt on but didnt get much tied. Irene to sleepy was up Tue night went to Beaula [Beulah?] after fish. Orland went home. Wilbur & Harlan finishing up Charlies wood. awful warm they took off shirts. They plowed garden. Mar 30 Wed

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**April 1, 1938**

Thur March 31 Rained last night colder this morning thought it might snow.

Fri April 1 Snowed some made cookies & baked bread in A.M. went to Mabels party in P.M. Henry Johnson died at 7:30 P.M. Stella brought Mrs Ide & home

Sat April 2 made 2 pies scrubbed Kitchen. went to town in P.M. Howard Dean went home. Harlan Helen & I went up to Stroms

Sun April 3 Helen Bruce Billie & [I] went to S.S. [Sunday School] Stella came down and we went over to see Mrs. Ferris. While I was gone Millie Ruth & Lawrence came so I had to come home practice songs for funeral [funeral]

Mon April 4 Ground covered with 2 inches of snow. Funerel [funeral] today. Frank at hall Election. Harlan & Wilbur cutting at Charlies [*The funeral was for John Henry "Henry" Johnson, who died on April 1.*]

Tue April 5 washed, baked bread, washed doors pictures in front room sweep wall then finished Irenes quilt Lawrence here for dinner

Wed April 6 Scrubbed front room washed wood work. Sweep the up stairs. clothes dampened

Thur April 7 Ironed.

Fri April 8 finished Ironing, sewed carpet together Boys making fence on Wilburs and Bruce plowing

Sat April 9 Scrubbed Kitchen stired some butter went to town in P.M. Howard Dean came home with us. Boys all went to the Hall to dance.

Sun April 10 4 Boys went to SS [Sunday School] & Helen I didnt go. Albion & Milford here in P.M. Irene Mary & Orland came after Howard Dean then Rays came then John & Mrs Hayter

Mon April 11 I washed churned sowed tomatoe seeds in box. dug horseradish Harold & Leo here in Eve

Tue April 12 nailed down carpet in Room in fore noon. Ironed 1 dress 9 shirts some handkerchiefs went to town after 3 P.M. took piece in to washer. Wilbur got 6 roll of barb wire. Dorthy & Buster in Eve Leo & Harold here brought accordion had some music. Orland Lee came out.

Wed April 13 Half soled Wilburs shoes this A.M. Ironed curtains in PM Stella down in P.M. Baked bread

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Thur April 14 finished Ironing

Fri April 15 baked bread. Went to party on Mrs Hayter in after noon

Sat April 16 made 2 pumpkin pies made cake scrubbed floor. Siglins baby born  
[probably Rex Siglin, son of Nels and Alice Siglin.]

Sun April 17 Warren Larson and Junior Edgett stayed here all night. Harlan & Wilbur went down to Mt Pleasant on train Sat going to work on R.R. on extra gang. Rained some. All the boys went to S.S. [Sunday School] Bruce Billie Warren Junior & Howard & Helen Carmen here Irene took Helen up to Garns Boys were playing ball to Hoxieville [Hoxeyville].

Mon April 18 I made curtains for Kitchen baked 4 loaves bread and 3 pies. Frank went to town to get oats cleaned Bruce broke landslide on plow an had to go to town after one, after dinner.

Tue April 19 canned 14 qt Kraut. ripped dress apart and cut it over. Went to church to funeral at church in P.M. to John Olsons [John Alfred Olson died on April 16.] Laura here to get Kraut.

Wed April 20 Buster took our car to town to get fixed. I made a dress for myself

Thurs April 21 carried fruit down cellar straightened up shelves in Pantry washed all the windows down stairs but front room windows. made fried cakes.

Fri April 22 Scrubbed pantry in A.M. and dining room in P.M. baked 7 loaves bread.

Sat April 23 Made 3 black berry pies and scrubbed Kitchen went to town in P.M. They came out and fixed washing machine didnt wash all last week.

Sun April 24 Bruce Billie Howard & I went to S.S. Rained all day. Boys went over to D. Pullens, eat supper there

Mon April 25 washed had 6 machines full. Churned. Mrs Ide over & I was over there.

Tue April 26 Ironed some made 2 custard pies

Tue April 26 Bruces birth day. 22 years went to a party on Mrs. Lowel Larson Mrs Hayter Carmen Easter Miss Bainbridge the two Mrs Pullens was there Bruce drisked [?] in oats Ironed some.

Wed April 27 I Ironed all day Frank got raspberries trimed.

Thur April 28 planted 3 rows peas 3 rows onion seed 1 row tomatoe seed got greens Ironed in after noon got thru washd BS of my dressed & pressed. Washed my hair

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Fri April 29 patched all day. It rained till about 2 P.M. Frank went after Helen

Sat April 30 Scrubbed floor made cake in A.M. went to town in P.M. went to Hospital to see Erma Millie & Mrs. Bordeau

## May 1, 1938

Sun May 1 Just Helen went to SS [Sunday School] then Boys Helen & I went to Irene's after dinner Boys went to Clam Lake to ball game then we took Helen to Garns

Mon May 2 I washed, planted garden and sewed some.

Tue May 3 Cleaned out porch cleaned up papers in Dining room made cake washed windows up stairs. read some. John & Mrs Hayter here after supper. awful hot today rained in night

Wed May 4 Cooler Ironed in A.M. Baked bread finished Ironing in P.M.

Thur May 5 Sweep two rooms up stairs and scrubbed them.

Fri May 6 sweep north room & hall up stairs washed some blankets Frank got Helen

Sat May 7 I made cake scrubbed floor [end of page]

Sat May 7 went to town in P.M. Harlan & Wilbur came home

Sun May 8 Just Helen went to SS [Sunday School] Irene out in Eve brought me a box of candy for Mothers day and Helen gave me a plant. Boys all went to ball game Frank had to take Helen to Garns and Wilbur & Harlan to town

Mon May 9 Rained all day I sewed some Aden Dill here in P.M. [*Aden Dill's grandmother was Mary Francelia (Smith) Dill, who was Chloie's aunt.*]

Tue May 10 I washed in A.M. Stella down in P.M A frost last night

Wed May 11 made pies in AM Ironed in P.M. awful cold.

Thur May 12 frost again last night

~~Fri May 13~~ finished Ironing and washed ceiling in Kitchen

Fri May 13 Baked bread planted garden all forenoon after I got bread baked I went to town to see Aden Dills wife they live on Henry Johnsons place.

Sat May 14 Scrubbed Kitchen Helen made cake. We went to town in P.M. Wilbur & Harlan came home with us had a load Donna Batt came home with Helen Fri



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Sun May 15 Helen & Donna went to S.S. [Sunday School] Bruce went to Clam Lake to play ball. Leon came and other boys went to see ball game on 55. Bruce took Helen & Dona back then took Wilbur & Harlan to Marion after supper.

Mon May 16 Washed. Scrubbed floor up stairs. trimed paper for Kitchen

Tue May 17 Ironed then washed wood work in Kitchen

Wed May 18 Mrs Ide & I papered Kitchen then I washed windows and put up curtains then went after mushrooms got 15. Frank sheared sheep Mon Tue Wed got thru at 3 then Lawrence Nelson Bruce & Frank went fishing to the lake Frank got 5 Lawrence 4 they brought home 7 Bruce Billie & Howard planted corn in AM then Bruce plowed until 3 P.M. Billie & Howard planted in P.M.

Thur May 19 Just about all in in fore noon finished Irenes curtains in P.M

Fri May 20 went to party in P.M up to Stellas for her birth day.

Sat May 21 Scrubbed Kitchen made cake went to town in P.M. Stewart came after Helen last night

Sun May 22 I got a bawling out because Helen went with Stewart last night. Wilbur & Harlan didnt come home as I was getting dinner some one came couldnt imagine who it was but it was Aunt Rose Sparks Ester Sparks Mosberg and Eva Hunt Gee they stayed for dinner. Milford came. and Uncle Charlies came by and stoped. [Note added by Lynn Garn, son of Stewart and Helen (Nixon) Garn: *Grandma Nixon got bawled out undoubtedly because Grandpa Nixon was trying to discourage any romance between my folks. Grandpa Nixon did not attend their wedding which was in September 1939, sixteen months after this bawling out. Before my folks married, it was known that Grandpa Nixon and his brother Charlie were opposed to the marriage. The only thing Dad ever said is that some of them told Mother that she would be taking care of Dad the rest of her life. This undoubtedly was because Dad had epilepsy as a result of a fall off a hay wagon when he was 9 years old. I never saw any signs of his epilepsy because medicines became available to control it shortly after their marriage. Charlie Nixon may have opposed the marriage for a different reason. Charlie attended the same church in Cadillac as Dad's family, the Free Methodist Church. Charlie undoubtedly had seen Dad grow up. And Dad's cut-up nature may have caused Charlie to think that Dad was not serious and would not make a suitable husband for Mother. Dad told me that years after their marriage Uncle Charlie pulled him aside and apologized for the way he had treated Dad. Dad said it meant a lot to him. For the record, I never heard of any other Nixons being opposed the marriage. Grandma Nixon attended the wedding as did Mother's brothers who lived near enough to attend. As a child I never observed or sensed any shunning on the part of Grandpa Nixon toward either of my folks or my brothers and me. And I never sensed any tension between Grandpa Nixon and Dad.*]

Mon May 23 Washed scrubbed hall up stairs. went to get mushroom with Dortha.

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Tue May 24 Ironed in P.M. Planted garden in forenoon

Wed May 25 scrubbed bed room went to cemetery in P.M. rained in morning. made 2 cakes in P.M

Thur May 26 the 3 boys went up to Helens last day of school. I put down carpet in bedroom made 2 apple pies & fried cakes.

Fri May 27 Went to school picnic Orleys came at 11 P.M. Janet Mitchel came

Sat May 28 Frank Orley & Ross went fishing to the lake Orley got 4 one dog fish no good to eat tho. they didnt get home till supper time then in the after noon we all went to town Boys girls Millie & I. Dortha rode to town with us

Sun May 29 I had a crowd here Orleys & Janet, Roy & Erma, Glens Carls, Irenes, Clara, Aden Dills 40 all together. then in after noon callers were Muriels Rays and Harry Hunts. nice day [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Harry Hunt who visited had to be one of Chloie's first cousins. She had a first cousin Harry Hunt, born in 1908 and died in 1970, who was the son of Chloie's uncle, Leonard Delbert Hunt. Chloie also had a first cousin Harry Earl Hunt, born in 1882 and died in 1964, who was the son of Chloie's uncle Calvin Freman Hunt.*]

Mon May 30 Orleys went home after dinner. Boys all went to boxing match to Axin Camp then Harlan & Wilbur went back to town with Lee. nice day

Tue May 31 I washed. nice day

## June 1, 1938

Wed June 1 Put hen with chickens in coop scrubbed Kitchen set out tomatoes 139 Boys planting beans planted potatoes on Wilburs Tue & Wed. Rained in Eve

Thur June 2 Ironed all day. Boys planted potatoes on Ides for Bruce

Fri June 3 Aden helping plant potatoes got to finish Ironing Aden here planting potatoes

Sat June 4 Scrubbed Kitchen baked cake in A.M went to town in P M Billie & Howard planted potatoes for Arthur. Wilbur & Harlan came home with us.

Sun June 5 Aden here for dinner fixing Wilburs car. Bruce & Billie went to ball game with Gus Wilbur Harlan & Howard took car went to Hoxieville to play ball but no ball game so they went to Clam Lake where Bruce plays.

Mon June 6 Aden got Wilburs car fixed so he took it to town. I washed. rained alittle Irene out after Potatoes

Tue June 7 Hoed in garden all fore noon. Stella down in P.M.

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Wed June 8 Hen hatching Hatched 9 chickens Bruce & Billie planted potatoes for John Hayter.

Thur June 9 Howard helping John Bruce & Billie over to Todds bailing hay

Fri June 10 Bruce & Billie bailed hay over to Todds this fore noon. sleep this P.M. it rained to. I made 4 pies in forenoon and sweep 2 rooms, hall & stairs didnt do anything in P.M.

Sat June 11 Scrubbed. churned. Bruce Harlan Billie Leon Leo Harold all went to town then to Platz to dance

Sun June 12 I went to SS [Sunday School]

Mon June 13 I washed. fixed a colar on Bruces white shirt

Tue June 14 set out a few tomatoe plants Stella down after cabbage plants in AM I went up to Stellas in P.M. then we went to Leonards then we went to see Mrs Ferris in Eve.

Wed June 15 I Ironed in P.M. set out tomatoes & hoed in forenoon

Thur June 16 Hoed all A.M.

Fri June 17 made cookies in A.M went to town in P.M. Stella down after cabbage plants but we were gone so she didnt get any.

Sat June 18 I scrubbed Kitchen in A.M Stella down in morning to get some cabbage plans & tomatoe plants. I made 2 grape pies 2 raspberries pies Harlan gave me \$20.00 to pay on washing machine owe \$17.25 yet. Owe Helen \$25 but maybe she will never get it. Its been cold all week tried to rain.

Sun June 19 Harlan Billie & I went to town to find Helen but couldnt find her She came from Detroit with Roy Odette and Odettes had moved to Leroy but Roy brought her home at noon. Boys all went to ball games. No rain. [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Roy Odette was the husband of Chloie's niece Erma Faye (Ide) Odette. Erma's mother was Lynna (Smith) Ide, Chloie's sister.*]

Mon June 20 Baked bread patched overalls. John & Mrs Hayter here after supper then Rays came and we went on Ides to swimming Pond. No rain Bruce cut hay on Ides..

Tue June 21 We washed got thru at 10:30 Howard helping Buddy plant potatoes on ThrailKills Buddy & Easter Lou over in P.M and stayed for supper. [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Chloie's husband Frank Nixon had a brother Seth Raymond "Ray" Nixon who married Ada Belle Thrailkill.*]

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Wed June 22 I picked strawberries Helen Ironed. I canned 4 qt & pint in Eve we went over to John Williams with Hayters [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Mother hated to iron, one of the reasons she always gave for being glad she had only boys.*]

Thru June 23 I hoed some Helen Ironed

Fri June 24 Helen Ironed I picked straw berries I canned 4 qt have 9 qt now

Sat June 25 Made 2 pumpkin and 2 mince meat pies scrubbed Kitchen in A.M. Bruce Billie Helen & I went to town in P.M. I picked 2 qt straw berries after supper.

Sun June 26 Went to SS [Sunday School] Harold Leo Junior Edgett Buddie Easter Lou here for dinner. Boys all went to Clam Lake to ball game with Gus an Willard Frank went to ball game on 55 Helen & I went over to ThrailKills in P.M. went up to see Lauras new baby. Ada Muriel Helen & I went to church to childrens program. [*The Laura who had a new baby was probably Laura Strom and the baby was probably Bessie Strom.*]

Mon June 27 Picked strawberries churned baked bread cleaned strawberries

Tue June 28 washed canned 7 qt strawberries

Wed June 29 I picked strawberries made 10 pint jam Helen in fore noon finished after dinner then studied I picked over straw berries

Thur June 30 went up to Lauras to a party Mabel Ester Cleo Mrs Strom Stella Mrs Shafer Florence Gertrude Helen & I. We had lunch.

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Fri July 1 John Quigly came after quilting frames and cabbage plants Mr Morris & Fred came & Willie

Sat July 1 [2] We went to town in A.M just got home & all of Willies came here all P.M all night had 15 here all night and for breakfast Aunt Rose & Leon Bigelow

Sun July 3 Willies went to SS then went down to Dewys ~~We Frank~~ & Boys all went to ball game Leon came home with boys Frank took Aunt Rose Helen & I up to see Gertrude then we took Aunt Rose to Leonards.

Mon July 4 They got in hay Harlan & Leon went over to help Bill. We all went to ball game in P.M.

Tue July 5 We washed. Irene brought kids out Clara left so she didnt have any one to stay with kids. [*This Clara was probably a hired girl.*] Willies came out just at noon ready to start home got some flower plants. The Kids & I went down to swim Howard

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drove car back as far as Wilburs place then Helen drove up to Stroms corner & back then Howard went to Bills

Wed July 6 Helen Ironed all fore noon I made fried cakes. Helen & Mary washed dinner dishes & I finished Ironing

Thur July 7 Helen finished Ironing in A.M. we scrubbed Kitchen Floyd Linn & wife were here for supper

Fri July 8 nice morning I made cookies in A.M. in afternoon Helen took Wilburs car we went to Axins and Leonards run out of Gas Stella took Helen to Bensons to get gas Irene came after kids.

Sat July 9 I scrubbed dinning room & Kitchen made cake. Bruce Helen & I went to town in P.M. got home at 3 P.M. Bruce went after Wilbur & Harlan all went to dance there.

Sun July 10 Wilbur & Harlan didnt get up and Billie & Bruce went to bed again 10 A.M raining

Mon July 11 washed this A.M. Baked bread got to churn

Tue July 12 Helen Ironed picked beans & swiss chard for dinner picked peas in P.M. for supper

Wed July 13 Stella down last night Helen finished Ironing I canned 8 pint peas 3 pint swiss chard made 3 mince pies 1 crust for butter scotch.

Thur July 14 I washed my hair put it up on hair pins picked peas for dinner. sweep bed room in P.M.

Fri July 15 made black cookies went to Stroms to party on Laura

Sat July 16 Scrubbed Kitchen washed windows went to town in P.M. came home made 4 pies

Sun July 17 Irene Lee Mary Wilbur and I started on our trip to Wisconson to see Chester. Got to Frankfort at 4 P.M. had to wait for boat untill 12 oclock got across at 6:30 Mon A.M. got to Chesters at 1 P.M.

Mon July 18 drove 200 miles got there at 1 P.M. fooled around the rest of day.

Tue July 19 Joyce Arilla & I went to church to practice songs for funerel. Irene & Lee got 3 chickens for dinner had dinner at 3 P.M. ~~we~~ Joyce & I sang for a funerel in P.M. afterwards we went to Tomah Lee Wilbur & Chester went swimming then we went up town I got new shoes. we had watermellon musk mellons & Ice cream for supper

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[*Tomah was Tomah, Wisconsin, a city near Tunnel City, Wisconsin, where Chester Holly later lived.*]

Wed July 20 we got some things to take for our lunch in A.M. Joyces folks were to Joyces for dinner we left there at 1 P.M our time 12 [P.M.] then drove almost 300 miles stayed in a cabin all night before we got to Escanaba paid \$2.00 for cabin.

Thur July 21 went to Soo [Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan] went across Ferry to Canada back again and to Saint Ignace stayed alnight in a cabin paid \$3.00 had breakfast got to boat in time to go across left at 8:30. got to Mackinaw City at 9:30 then left for home got home at 2 P.M. didnt stop to eat dinner.

Fri July 22 Left Mackinaw at 9:30 A.M. got home 1 P.M. Stella came down Elsie here to

Sat July 23 we went to town in P.M. Helen didnt come home went to Manton to camp meeting with Gerald & Mary Garn. [*Gerald was a brother of Stewart Garn.*] Leon here all night Harlan didnt come home.

Sun July 24 I made 2 lemon pies and a small raspberry pie. Harold & Leon here for dinner. Carmen here awhile in P.M. I went up to H Stroms Mrs Ide over in Eve & Rays here. rained some in Eve. Helen came home in night

Mon July 25 Raining, Chesters birth day had and awful thunder storm hit Ariel [*aerial or antenna*] and went to little house set fire to trash by oil can and came down windmill tore up board on plat form Frank got water in his hat off ground and put fire out Got raspberries picked had 3 crate & 12 qt sold them all for \$7.50 Bruce and I took them to town woods out to pay for berries

Tue July 26 Washed in forenoon had big washing 4 sheets 2 quilts. I scrubbed kitchen in P.M. Helen went up to Harry Stroms. No she went to Jessies then went to a party on the Preacher Mr. Keirstead at the Park of the lakes

Wed July 27 Picked berries in A.M. went to town in P.M. I stopped to Stellas stayed for supper

Thur July 28 Helen Ironed I churned made jam then in after noon Billie Howard & I went to pick huckleberries Stella went with us I canned 5 qt made 2 pies. Mabel Gus Willard Elinor Mildred went to we were to Doxies swamp

Fri July 29 Helen helped pick raspberries I made 2 huckleberry pies & 2 aple pies went to town in P.M. Helen stayed & went to Manton to Camp meting.

Sat July 30 I washed windows scrubbed Kitchen sweep bedroom put up curtains in Dining room. Harlan came home. Buddie here for super. got new potatoes for first time.

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Sun July 31 Boys went over to camp to get Leon here for dinner & so was Buddie. I made 2 pumpkin pies. all boys went to ball game to Buckly. Frank went to see CampAxin play City Service over on 55. I am here alone.

## August 1, 1938

Mon Aug 1 Picked berries till 3 P.M got 65 qt then Frank & I took 3 crate to town gave Irene one crate she gave us a sack of bananas Milford & Buddie here helping get in oats here for dinner after dinner Bruce went over to ThrailKills to cut oats. awful hot.

Tue Aug 2 we washed or I did had blanket straw tick 3 carpets. Helen down to Church to Bible study. Bruce up to Milfords today. I sealded bed and cleaned bead stead boys filled tick I sweep up stairs [*Tick in this case refers to the fabric case for a mattress, not the blood-sucking insect that many are familiar with.*]

Wed Aug 3 Helen Ironed in P.M. we picked raspberries in A.M. Helen went to Bible study. We took berries to town to Hannah Carlsson

Thur Aug 4 we finished Ironing and in P.M we went to Farmers picnic at Canal. [*probably the canal between Lakes Mitchell & Cadillac*] Orleys came and went to Picnic.

Fri Aug 5 Picked berries in A.M. took Florence a crate.

Sat Aug 6 Millie & I went to take a crate of berries to Lillie Burke first thing in morning going to town in P.M. I made 2 huckle berry pies 1 apples 3 crusts scrubbed floor

Sun Aug 7 I killed 2 young chickens made 3 lemon pies went to ball game to town in P.M. went to program in Eve to church.

Mon Aug 8 Washed but machine didnt work very good but got thru at 3 oclock then went to town

Tue Aug 9 went fishing up to Glengary didnt get any fish tho

Wed 10 Aug I made 5 pumpkin pies killed chicken threshing machine came but rained so we couldnt thresh

Thur Aug 11 Threshing I made 2 pies Orleys went to Carls to supper I went along Mayme went to see Lydia Hayter. Canned 6 qt raspberries

Fri Aug 12 made lemon pie for dinner Frank & Orley went to look for Black berries in P.M. got 2 qt millie canned them they fixed fence in A.M. We went to see Bridge after I got my bread baked. When we got back Helen & Millie went to see Irene Malmstrom

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Sat Aug 13 I made 2 apple pies washed windows scrubbed Kitchen got dinner Orleys left at 12:30 Carrol & Mayme went hom with them We went to town in P.M Helen stayed to Camp meeting Wilbur & Harlan came home

Sun Aug 14 I was sick so I didnt go to SS [Sunday School]

Mon Aug 15 We washed baked bread

Tue Aug 16 Rained Frank & boys threshing over to ThrailKills eat dinner over Frank helped Ike get dinner Helen & I up to Stellas but they didnt thresh so we came home Helen got thru I canned Beets 7 qt and 5 qt apples

Wed Aug 17 I made 3 pumpkin pies in A.M. and 2 apple pies went up to Stellas Stayed till 4 P.M. then went to Jesses [*probably Jessie Baker*] for supper went to church in Eve.

Thur Aug 18 I put away all Ironed clothes in A.M. Helen mended slips we went to a parto on Lucille Dill in P.M. not many there. [*Lucille Dill was wife of Aden Dill, who was the son of Chloie's first cousin Joseph Dill.*]

Fri Aug 19 I canned 5 qt apples 2 qt dill pickles. Helen went up to her school to a party this P.M. Stella took her car

Sat Aug 20 done up Sat work went to town in P.M.

Sun Aug 21 went to S.S. [Sunday School] alone all P.M. Helen & I. Erma & Lary came [*Erma and Larry were Erma (Nixon) Hitesman and husband Larry Hitesman. Erma's father was Charlie Nixon, brother of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon.*]

Mon Aug 22 washed. went to Ferris bought bed rug & table

Tue Aug 23 Helen Ironed & I went down to help Lucile can corn Stella here for dinner with Helen

Wed Aug 24 I canned 37 qt black berries tht they got Tue made 3 pies killed chicken

Thur Aug 25 went to SS [Sunday School] picnic down to park of the Lakes

Fri Aug 26 cleaned the up stairs room put up another bed went to party on Dora over to Freds

Sat Aug 27 made pies and scrubbed went to town in P.M. Party here in Eve on Helen 28 eat supper they didnt leave untill after 1 A.M. Sun Wilbur went to town and didnt get back

Aug Sun 28 Bruce Billie Howard Helen & I went to SS [Sunday School] a Returned Missinnary [missionary] talked. there was a lot there. Wilbur got home at noon. Lee's Josephine & Wilbur went up to bridge for dinner Bruce took Helen up to her school



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School begins tomorrow. she is boarding to Nicholas this year. [*Nicholas probably referred to the Bert Nicholas family in Meauwataka, where Helen was teaching.*]

Mon Aug 29 I churned baked bread and made a dress for Joan Dill picked tomatoes & cucumbers.

Tue Aug 30 I washed in A.M. Ironed 5 shirts 2 pillow 2 pants ~~Wed~~ Bruce & Frank helped Milford make a front porch laid stone

## September 1, 1938

Wed Aug 31 Raining this A.M. I Ironed picked tomatoes made cake.

Thur Sept 1 canned 10 qt corn washed windows got to sweep up stairs Frank & boys up to Milfords working on porch

Fri Sept 2 Scrubbed pantry & Kitchen made fried cakes in P.M. got card from Elwin saying he would be here some time today and he did get here at 12:30, in P.M. we went over to Grandma Hollys awhile. Frank went after Helen [*Grandma Holly was undoubtedly Laura (Gilbert) Holly, mother of Chloie's first husband Jesse Holly.*]

Sat Sept 3 went to town in A.M. made 6 big pies 1 small pie boy went to dance and Fri night went to Steelas [probably Stella's] to a party.

Sun Sept 4 Elwins birth day 35 years old. Grandpa & Grandma Hollys Irenes all here 19 eat dinner then P.M. Charlies Erma Larry & Ray Lambertson came. Men & boys Irene Doris Josie went to ball game. [*Ray Lambertson was Chloie's nephew, the son of Frank Nixon's sister Alma Arista (Nixon) Lambertson of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.*]

Mon Sept 5 Had Reunion here 33 eat had pot Luck in after Men & boys played ball had big time Ray stayed [*This Ray has to be Ray Lambertson, Chloie's nephew.*]

Tue Sept 6 Boys all took Ray L up to see bridge, hatchery, Olga, cemetary in A M in P.M. I canned 10 qt tomatoes. Ray & Wilbur went to Irenes Charlies & show. Rained all P.M. & all night. [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Olga is Olga Lake, a lake about 5 miles southwest of where Grandma Nixon lived. Officially, the name is probably Lake Olga, the name by which it may be found on modern digital maps such as Google and Bing. But everyone referred to it as Olga Lake.*]

Wed Sept 7 Boys plowing Harland and Wilbur left at 6:15 for Mesick Bruce took Ray over to Aunt Mabels

Thur Sept 8 I Ironed all day Bruce Plowed on Wilburs Frank Billie Howard cut corn

Fri Sept 9 I canned 7 qt corn 17 qt peaches. Bruce went to Aunt Mabels to get Ray. went after Helen and visit her school. Boys went cooning mellons [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Somewhere I thought I heard from one of the cousins that Grandma Nixon always wrote*

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*“cooning melons” when she really meant poaching deer. Cousins Brian Nixon and Rex Nixon and I have corresponded on this. They hadn't heard the euphemism. Rex reported being cautioned as a child not to say anything about poached deer at school and that he thought that Sept. 9 was after watermelon season. He also mentioned that the “boys” would have been a little old to coon melons and also that he didn't think Grandma Nixon would allow stealing if she had known. I agree that Grandma Nixon probably would not have allowed stealing if she had known. Rex added, however, that taking deer out of season would have been acceptable to her. Brian reported that his dad, Billie, told him that a guy who lived just down the road and across from John Hayter grew melons and that he had so many that they used to coon them. So perhaps “cooning melons” was not a euphemism for poaching deer. We may never know.]*

Sat Sept 10 Scrubbed made 4 pumpkin pies. went to town in P.M. Helen Bruce Ray & I. Boys all went to dance Wilbur & Harlan came home at 6:30.

Sun Sept 11 Boys went to Irene's to get Wilbur's car. lights went out last night. We are going over to Aunt Mabel's today Charlie & Clara & Ray Wilbur Harlan took Helen & Eloise back.

Mon Sept 12 I canned tomatoes & corn. It rained

Tue Sept 13 I started to wash but machine stopped so I scrubbed Kitchen & pantry went to Vote right after dinner Frank over to hall all day, got machine started after dinner and washed.

Wed Sept 14 It rained most all day canned tomatoes went to the fair after dinner

Thur Sept 15 baked bread & Ironed. rained most all day

Fri Sept 16 gathered tomatoes sprayed chicken coop with Lysol canned 3 qt squash 3 qt pumpkin 1 qt corn Bruce went to town and after Helen

Sat Sept 17 made 4 pies scrubbed Kitchen washed windows in Kitchen after dinner, they started filling Silo we went to town after 3 o'clock. Rained. Boys came home, have another car a Chevrolet, Leon came went away with Wilbur & Harlan didn't get home till 4:30 Sun A.M.

Sun Sept 18 Rained clearing up

Mon Sept 19 filling silo Put young chickens in coop Sprayed chicken coop with Lysol put straw in made corn relish but wasn't good so threw it out fixed cabbage & tomatoes for piccalilla [sp? probably piccalilli, a kind of relish] made pie, cake

Tue Sept 20 Bill here helping fill silo I killed chicken washed picked tomatoes 6 pails, canned 3 ½ qt piccalilla Rains all the time

Wed Sept 21 let chickens out this morning

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Thur Sept 22 filling silo I went up to Mrs Harry Stroms to a birth day party on her.

Fri Sept 23 Ironed Bruce & Willard went after Helen. Mrs Lysander Quigly died [died] at 5 o'clock.

Sat Sept 24 made pies scrubbed Kitchen went to town in P.M. had to get a new battery for car Leon came home with Harlan

Sun Sept 25 Boys brought dog home with them went to wood to try her out

Mon Sept 26 baked bread and canned 13 qt meat. Went to Quiglys funeral in P.M. [*The funeral was undoubtedly for Nellie Quigley, who died on September 23.*]

Tue Sept 27 Washed in P.M. churned in fore noon Aden here working digging potatoes

Wed Sept 28 I went up to Wilburs place and picked up 2 bags apples came back & scrubbed Kitchen. got to Iron this P.M. made apple butter Thur

Thur Sept 29 made apple butter, jell & spiced apples. Canned Pumpkin

Fri Sept 30 made chilli sauce

## October 1, 1938

Sat Oct 1 scrubbed Kitchen made 2 pies spilled 2 qt milk. went to town in P.M. Leon came but didnt say alright.

Sun Oct 2 went to SS [Sunday School] Wilbur & Billie went down to Irenes. Boys took Helen back when they went to Mesick

Mon Oct 3 Harold Strom digging potatoes I canned 8 qt pumpkin and washed

Tue Oct 4 I canned 13 qt tomatoes made pumpkin pies

Wed Oct 5 dampened clothes in A.M. baked bread carried in 11 pumpkins and 8 or 9 pails tomatoes.

Thur Oct 6 made 2 pumpkin pies 1 apple pie cleane over beans for dinner. Ironed this P.M. sewed some or patched pants nice day been nice all week and all last week to

Fri Oct 7 scrubbed dining room & Kitchen washed all the windows.

Sat Oct 8 made 3 mince pies in A.M. went to town in P.M. Helen came home from Teachers meeting from Traverse City

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Sun Oct 9 Got up with awful headache and Mrs Ide sent Betty Jean over for me she was awful sick Helen went over then I went over brought kids home for Breakfast. Bruce called up Dr. then went after Buster down to Swagers. They took Mrs Ide to town to Claras. [ Note added by Lynn Garn: *I believe this Mrs. Ide had been Mrs. Houts, the mother of the aforementioned Clara and Buster, and that she married Lucien Ide after her husband, Mr. Houts died. I also believe Lucien and his first wife were parents of Jasper Ide, who married two of Chloie's sisters, Lura and Lynna.*]

Mon Oct 10 we canned 16 qt tomatoes in A.M. washed in P.M. Helen went up to Jessies in Eve. John Hayter and Floyd & Florence were here.

Tue Oct 11 Helen Ironed got thru at 3 P.M. I churned in A.M. then canned 16 qt pears Boys took Helen over to Aunt Mabels to go to Pontiac with Eloise on Wed.

Wed Oct 12 I sprayed flies went up to Wilburs to pick up apples got 2 bags then went to Tustin with Bruce got Back at 2 then I pulled some beets carrots and dug gladolias and dahlias. They got thru digging potatoes at Noon then Billie & Bruce went up to Hayters to dig.

Thur Oct 13 Boys went up to Johns [*probably John Hayter's place*] to dig. It rained all night nice this morning tho I canned 10 qt tomatoes 4 qt beets washed Kitchen windows and put up curtains made cake picked up pail of walnuts over on Ides by road. Frank husking corn over on Ides

Fri Oct 14 Potatoe sorter is here had a man for dinner supper and all night I scrubbed Kitchen cleaned up stairs

Sat Oct 15 didnt go to town today they sorted potatoes.

Sun Oct 16 Boys all went hunting Irenes came out in P.M. & Charlies here and I was up to Stellas Harlan went up after me Bruce went over to Aunt Mabels after Helen.

Mon Oct 17 we canned pumpkins in fore noon and washed in P.M.

Tue Oct 18 We canned squash 7 qt

Wed Oct 19 Helen went to town with Wilbur & Harlan they worked town at round house [Note added by Lynn Garn: *It is not clear what the "round house" was. There used to be a building known as the Roundhouse located on property at the southeast corner of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> street and North Mitchell, across from the Fair Grounds north of Cadillac. This Roundhouse had train tracks coming in and out of it and was used as a switching station for reversing the direction of engines on the railroad.*]

Thur Oct 20 Helen Ironing Irene & kids came out we made Mary a coat I made apple butter

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Fri Oct 21 Helen finished Ironing we went to town in P.M. I went to Karcher and had a treatment [*Dr. Karcher was a chiropractor in Cadillac.*]

Sat Oct 22 scrubbed Kitchen made 4 big apple pies and one small one. we went to funeral this P.M. of Eugene Smith he died Oct 19 [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Although Chloie's maiden name was Smith, this Eugene Smith was not a relative, even though he lived in Cherry Grove. His father had come from England whereas Chloie's ancestors on the Smith side had been in America since before 1800.*]

Sun Oct 23 had head ache all day Boys done up work. Harlan went up to Leons Wilbur Billie & Howard went down to Irene's. Bruce went to Bills

Mon Oct 24 Wilbur Billie Howard Harlan over to Bills Made 2 aprons fixed a dress didnt feel good Bruce up to Arthurs Rained in morning.

Tue Oct 25 Washed nice day Boys got in cabbage and picked apples. Frank Harlan & Wilbur husked corn in fore noon Bruce Harlan & Wilbur hauling corn Frank Howard & Billie husking corn

Wed Oct 26 Ironed some nice day

Thur Oct 27 Ironed some more nice day

Fri Oct 28 finished Ironing Boys all went up to Eloises school to box social Leon went to Helen came home with them

Sat Oct 29 Leon here I made pies scrubbed Kitchen went to town in P.M. all went in our car and did we ever have a load.. had chicken for dinner

Sun Oct 30 Helen & I went to SS [Sunday School] had chicken for dinner

Mon Oct 31 made 3 pies churned baked bread and washed started my diet on orange juice sold cow for \$40

### November 1, 1938

Tue Nov 1 got up with a head ache but got better nice day. Wilbur & Harlan helped Lee on track to town at Haynes [*Lee was probably Lee Scarbrough. At some point in his life Lee worked on the railroad. Possibly the "track" referred to was railroad track.*]

Wed Nov 2 Nice day I scrubbed Kitcen was glad because Mabels were over in P.M. Frank had to go to town in afternoon. Boys got thru Bruce plowing hauled marhl Wed [*Marhl was probably marl, which contains lime or is lime-rich mud.*]

Thur Nov 3 Wilbur & Harlan went to town I canned 6 qt pears Wed.

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Fri Nov 4 Helen come home I eat apples every 2 hours all day went to program to school house

Sat Nov 5 Made pies & scrubbed Kitchen

Sun Nov 6 went to SS [Sunday School]

Mon Nov 7 made a pie took chicken to town got car fixed got home at 2 a.m.

Tue Nov 8 Baked bread and went to Election went over to see Mrs. Morgan

Wed Nov 9 Washed scrubbed Kitchen sweep rooms up stairs Aunt Mabel and Uncle Will [Stewart] over cleaned pantry shelves to put fruit on

Thur Nov 10 Ironed some went to party on Reba Larson Thur P.M.

Fri Nov 11 Carried up fruit out of cellar. Helen didnt come home

Sat Nov 12 I made pies scrubbed Kitchen Helen came home.

Sun Nov 13 Rays came up Jim Ridgeway came [Note added by Lynn Garn: *Jim Ridgeway's mother was Gertrude (Barto) Ridgeway, who was a first cousin of Frank Nixon. Gertrude's mother Elizabeth Lovisa (Nickerson) Barto was a sister of Amos Nixon/Nickerson, Chloie's father-in-law.*]

Mon Nov 14 Ray Buddie & Jim over Jim & Bud stayed for dinner. Made pies & cookies.

Tue Nov 15 They all went hunting no deer, awful cold tho snow on. Jim went home.

Wed Nov 16 Rays went home. no deer I washed awful cold. Churned today or Tue.

Thur Nov 17 I baked bread cooked beans and went down to church to help I puttied 4 windows no one home for dinner so I took beans a butter scotch pie & Buns down to church and eat dinner there was 11 eat Alma Miss Emmons Mr & Mrs Miller Carmen Stella Milford Neil Lawrence, & Harold Strom & I fell & broke 2 ribs.

Fri Nov 18 Ironed all fore noon made fried cakes & knit in P.M.

Sat Nov 19 Harlan went after Helen last night I baked 5 pies 2 cherry 2 mince and one apple Helen scrubbed in A.M. went to town in P.M. I had my ribs taped up. no deer yet

Sun Nov 20 Alma & Miss Emmons here for dinner Bruce shot at a deer

Mon Nov 21 Harlan shot at a deer I washed

Tue Nov 22 I baked bread didnt do much else ribs hurt to much

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Wed Nov 23 Wilbur got a deer Buck up by Elof Johnsons in A.M. and Bill got one in P.M. lucky day

Thur Nov 24 Lawrence Stewart over to hunt John Mrs Hayter, Ross Iva & Lawrence down Wed Eve. We had chicken dressing gravy Baked beans cake, Jello & beets. got a sick cow. cow got better.

Fri Nov 25 I couldnt do much today ribs hurt Bruce & Billie cut xmas trees for Pat Stockings today Wed & Tue. Wilbur went after Helen.

Sat Nov 26 Leon here Helen Ironed & scrubed I made cake Harlan went home with Leon.

Sun Nov 27 Harlan Leon went to town saw a deer by 16 creek shot 4 times at it went on to town & back tracked deer up got it over by Bill Felsks Leon did. Bruce took Helen up to school.

Mon Nov 28 Bruce sitting up xmas trees in town rest all went hunting and Charlie Art Grey Lee. Frank been sick all last week but feels s some better today his back so lame

Tue Nov 29 Made cake & knit all day

Wed Nov 30 Bruce & Billie both cutting xmas trees for Pat [probably Pat Stocking] Tue & today.

## December 1, 1938

Thur Dec 1 Washed and washed windows

Fri Dec 2 We butchered 3 pigs and one for Green

Sat Dec 3 Helen scrubbed Kitchen and Ironed 2 shirts we cut up pumpkin. we went to town in P.M.

Sun Dec 4 Leon stayed all night last night Helen & I went to SS [Sunday School] Kids all her to practice for xmas program at church.

Mon Dec 5 I baked bread 3 pumpkin pies churned A.M. Harlan & Frank did they made Kraut this P.M. to got half a barrel full. raining tonight Wilbur Howard & Willard went to show.

Tue Dec 6 I tried out Gut lard canned venison

Wed Dec 7 I canned venison got 39 qt

Thur Dec 8 Boys cut up meat to dry out for lard and ground meat for sausage

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Fri Dec 9 tried out lard and Ironed

Sat Dec 10 canned 8 qt sausage scrubbed Kitchen Helen Ironed some. went to town in P.M. Harlan went up to Bigelows Bruce & Billie worked all week cutting xmas trees.

Sun Dec 11 Helen Howard Billie & I went to SS [Sunday School] all the children Carmen Dortha Alma and Frances here in afternoon to practice play then we all went down to church to trim tree [*Alma in this instance is probably a neighborhood girl and not Chloie's sister-in-law, Alma (Nixon) Lambertson.*]

Mon Dec 12 Harlan had to go to town Bruce & Billie working Frank & boys hauling up wood poles for Mr. Green I washed this A.M.

Tue Dec 13 I cooked head meat for mince meat

Wed Dec 14 I ground up meat and peeled apples and boys ground apples

Thur Dec 15 canned 30 qt mince meat

Fri Dec 16 Ironed all white clothes

Sat Dec 17 made pies & scrubbed kitchen

Sun Dec 18 went to SS [Sunday School] Leon & Betty here

Mon Dec 19 I had sick head ache all day There was a program at church S [Sunday] night I got a picture

Tue Dec 20 I done up work and sweep up stairs

Wed Dec 21 I washed nice day

Thur Dec 22 I knit most all day baked bread & churned all day long or Frank did no butter

Fri Dec 23 I Ironed in A.M. scrubbed in P.M. made fried cakes washed windows knit

Sat Dec 24 made 2 pies Helen made cake we scrubbed Kitchen went to town in P.M.

Sun Dec 25 xmas day Irenes out Leon here in Eve. I got blanket from Irenes & Helen cedar chest from Wilbur Diary from Billie cake holders from Harlan syrup pitcher from Howard Towel & two wash clothes from Bruce Hankie from Mary 5 wash clothes from Lee table cloth from Irene and 2 towels for birthday 2 from Wilbur Hamer from Helen and an Gasoline Iron from all the boys Helen Irene & Lee [Note added by Lynn Garn: *It is interesting that she doesn't name anything she received from Grandpa Nixon.*]



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Mon Dec 26 Washed in A.M. knit in P.M.

Tue Dec 27 stormed awful today a regular bizard Helen & Wilbur went to town car stopped and Lee had to bring them home and Harland & Wilbur both went home with them

Wed Dec 28 Had birthday party on me Just Stella Irene Wanda here and Ethelyn here awhile got .25 cts a towel

Thur Dec 29 Helen Ironed with new Iron works dandy

Fri Dec 30 Helen went up to Jessies for dinner then went to Garns for supper and a party at Rogers cold today and stormy

Sat Dec 31 Snowing I scrubbed Kitchen

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## People named in the diary

- Ada: Ada Belle (Thraikill) Nixon, wife of Seth Raymond "Ray" Nixon; this Ray was the brother of Chloie's husband.
- Albion: Albion Strom, a neighbor.
- Alveretta: probably a neighbor but am uncertain of her last name at this time.
- Arthur: probably Arthur Grubbs, a neighbor.
- Axin: Axin Morgan, not to be confused with the place nearby called Axin, named after Axin Morgan, the first postmaster of the post office that was there from 1899 until 1943.
- Bill: possibly William Leonard, whose wife Millie was Chloie's first cousin. Unlikely Billie, Chloie's son.
- Billie: William Gordon Nixon, Chloie's son.
- Bruce: Bruce Emmet Nixon, Chloie's son.
- Buddy, Buddie, or Bud: possibly Milford Carol Nixon or "Bud." He was Chloie's nephew and the son of Seth Raymond "Ray" Nixon. However, the name Buddie appears in some contexts that suggest there was another Buddie in the community.
- Buster: undoubtedly Buster Houts, who lived or had lived across the road from Chloie.
- Carmen: undoubtedly Carmen (Fewless) Ferris, a neighbor.
- Charlie or Uncle Charlie: Charlie Nixon, brother-in-law of Chloie.
- Chester: Chester Leroy Holly, Chloie's son.
- Clara: may have been wife of Charlie Nixon, brother of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon; may have been Clara Houts, a neighbor.
- Dorothy: probably the wife of Buster Houts or possibly a sister.
- Eloise: probably Eloise Stewart, daughter of Mabel (Nixon) Stewart; Mabel was a sister of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon.
- Elwin: Elwin Holly, Chloie's oldest son.
- Erma: possibly Erma Taylor, a neighbor; possibly Erma Nixon, daughter of Charlie Nixon, possibly Erma (Ide) Odette, who was the daughter of Chloie's sister Lynna (Smith) Ide.
- Esther Lou: Esther Lou Nixon, niece of Chloie and the daughter of Seth Raymond "Ray" Nixon.
- Frank: Frank Harlan Nixon, Chloie's husband.
- Gus: probably Gustave Hultman, a boy in the neighborhood who was about the same age as some of Chloie's sons; Gus was the son of Mabel Hultman.
- Harlan: Harlan Smith Nixon, Chloie's son.
- Harold: Harold Strom, a neighbor.
- Helen: Helen Frances Nixon, Chloie's daughter, who later married and became Helen (Nixon) Garn.
- Howard: Howard Emerson Nixon, Chloie's son.
- Howard Dean: Howard Dean Scarbrough, Chloie's grandson by her daughter Irene (Holly) Scarbrough.
- Ike: Probably Ike Thraikill, believe he was father of Ada Belle Thraikill who married Chloie's brother-in-law Seth Raymond "Ray" Nixon.
- Irene: Florence Irene (Holly) Scarbrough, Chloie's daughter, always known by the name Irene.

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- Jessie: undoubtedly Jessie Baker, a half-sister of Arthur Grubbs, who lived a bit north of the Nixons on S 29 Road.
- Jim: usually Jim Ridgeway, son of Gertrude (Barto) Ridgeway, Gertrude being a first cousin of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon.
- Joyce: Joyce (Sherer) Holly, wife of Chloie's son Chester Leroy Holly.
- Laura: probably Laura Strom, a neighbor and wife of Albion Strom.
- Lawrence: Lawrence Leonard, son of Chloie's first cousin Mildred or Millie (Hunt) Leonard.
- Lee: probably Lee Scarbrough, husband of Chloie's daughter Irene.
- Leo: Leo Strom, a neighbor.
- Leon: Probably Leon Bigelow, who married Frances Strom, a sister of Anna (Strom) Nixon, how married Chloie's son Bruce.
- Lucille: probably Lucille Dill, wife of Aden Dill, who was the son of Joseph Dill, son of Mary Francelia (Smith) Dill, who was Chloie's aunt.
- Mary: Mary Scarbrough, granddaughter of Chloie through her daughter Irene, later became Mary (Scarbrough) Nelson.
- Millie: Mildred (Hunt) Leonard, first cousin of Chloie and husband of William Leonard.
- Orland or Orland Lee: Orland Lee Scarbrough, grandson of Chloie by Chloie's daughter Irene.
- Orley: Orley Edwin Smith, brother of Chloie.
- Mabel: uncertain who this is, probably Mabel Hultman or may have been Chloie's sister-in-law Mabel (Nixon) Stewart.
- Mayme: probably Mayme Pullen.
- Milford: probably Milford Ferris, especially when named with Carmen, wife of Milford Ferris. Milford was a neighbor.
- Muriel: undoubtedly Avis Muriel (Nixon) Johnson, daughter of Seth Raymond Nixon, brother of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon.
- Neil: Undoubtedly Neil Copley, a neighbor and husband of Stella Copley.
- Ray or Rays: usually Seth Raymond Nixon, brother of Chloie's husband Frank Nixon; in one instance Ray Lambertson, son of Frank Nixon's sister Alma Arista (Nixon) Lambertson.
- Rose or Aunt Rose: possibly Chloie's aunt Rose May (Hunt) Sparks.
- Ross: probably Ross Leonard, son of Chloie's first cousin Mildred or Millie (Hunt) Leonard.
- Ruth: Ruth Leonard, daughter of Chloie's first cousin Millie or Mildred (Hunt) Leonard.
- Stella: undoubtedly Stella Copley, a neighbor and wife of Neil Copley.
- Stewart: Stewart Garn, who later became husband of Chloie's daughter Helen.
- Wanda: probably Wanda Baker, daughter of Jessie Baker, a neighbor.
- Wilbur: Amos Wilbur Nixon, Chloie's son.
- Willard: probably Willard Irwin, a neighbor.
- Willie: probably Chloie's brother William Nathan Smith, who was known as Willie.