

**John Thomas Matcham Pitt - diaries, 1881, 1883, 1896**

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Saturday 1 January 1881

New Years day.

Charlie Pitt and myself left circular quay at about 12.30 p.m. in the P&O Steamer the Siam (3014 tons) bound for Melbourne.

Passed the heads about one o'clock. Sea was moderate. After meals we were both sick – Stayed up on deck till 10. Then went down to bed. About 70 passengers on board, most of whom were off their perpendicular.

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1881

Head winds all the day. Sea very rough. Was not sick, Charlie completely not de (indecipherable).

We passed Gabo Island at 11 oclock in the morning.

Could see the coast all the way. Plenty porpoises and sea birds followed us. Passed the Ly- ee moon and the Coonowarra Steamers, bound for Sydney.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1881

Sea moderate. Entered Melbourne Heads at 20 to 2. Steamed up the South channel of Port Philip and landed at Williamstown pier at 5 in the evening.

We then got in a train which took us up to Spencer St Station. Hired a cab and went for a hotel. Tried the Port Philip Club, Menzies, 0 and a few other places all full. We finally got a room at Goyders Victoria Hotel in Bourke St. After tea we took a walk round the town and met Will and Fred Moses.

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Strolled about the town during the morning with Brady and the two Fairfax's in Collins St. After dinner we visited the International Exhibition. Walked through the various courts pictures gallery etc. Resembles the Sydney Ex in most respects, but is not half as pretty a building. After tea wrote home then went down town and had a look at the Waxworks, came back to the hotel, with Mr Brooks a squatter then he & I had another fly round to the recesses of the theatres etc.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1881

To day CBP and I took the train out to St Kilda. Walked round part of the beach then returned to dinner, after which I called to see Betsy Dempsey, found her after a good search in the No. 5 Hey St. Stayed with her for 1½ hours then cabbid it to the exhibition where I saw (indecipherable) Pitt also W. I. Dempsey and his new gas machine. Walked through the building with young Morris a few times then made for home.

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1881

During the morning we visited the following places on the Public Library the Museum, the Art Gallery and the New Law Courts, also the sculpture gallery.

After dinner we went to the Ex again- stayed there till 5.30.

After tea met Bob and I went out to the Melbourne C. Ground to hear the final performance of the Strauss band.

In my opinion they are not much better than the Sydney German band Beautiful day.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Very warm day. Went to the Art Gallery again in the morning – Came back very sick and had to lay down all the evening. Bob came to see us.

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Very hot day.

Walked over out to and through the Fitzroy gardens in the morning.

After dinner we went to see the cricket match between the Sydney and Melbourne Universities.

After tea went out to see Mr Dempsey. He walked part of the way back with me.

Charlie paid the Miss Bucks a visit.

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1881

In the morning I went to Dempsey's again, had dinner and tea there.

He and I went to the Botanical gardens which are very nice and walked along the banks of the Yarra then took a bus to St Kilda and back, enjoyed the run, grand buildings on the way.

Arrived at the Hotel again at 9.30.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Left Melbourne by the morning train 10 minutes past 6. Reached Wodonga at 2°7'. Cobb and Co coach brought us from there across the Murray to Albury. 2 miles, where we had to stay until the following day. Found accommodation at the Globe Hotel. Albury does not appear to be a very lively town. On the way we saw the places where the notorious Kelly gang had been such as the Bank at Euora, Jones Hotel, Glenrowan etc. Country very flat and monotonous all the way to Wodonga 187 miles.

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1881

We left Albury by one of Cobb & Co.s coaches at a quarter to 11. Alice Harrison was also in the same. After a very rough and dusty ride for 3½ hours 18 miles we reached Georogery.

(2.17). Not sorry to arrive there. Half way we had to change horses - -.

Here we each took a break in one of the sleeping cars. Train left at 3. p.m. – Did not turn in until we reached Cootamundra where it commenced to rain. Had tea at Junee. Train stopped for 20 minutes.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1881

After 16 hours travelling from Georogery 386 miles we reached Sydney at 7 oclock in the morning. Took a cab down to the .N.S. Ferry and met Georgie the other side. Stayed at Holbrook till 2 then went over to town and came home to Sunny side in the 5.25 train.

Ethel Raymond & May Holborrow here -

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1881

River nearly up to the bridge on account of the late rains.

Had a pull about in the morning and after dinner had a good sail –  
After tea had a shot at the foxes.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Knocked about the river during the morning.  
After dinner I (indecipherable) Bess & I rode up to see Williams new house – Got drenched  
touring house – Georgie came up in the night train.

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Showery most of the day – Went out after Kangaroos in the evening, rode 10 miles but did not  
see one.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Hot day.  
Had a sail and swim in the evening.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Went into Richmond at 7. in the morning. Left Georgie at (indecipherable) then  
(indecipherable) indecipherable surveyed Mr Bowmans allotment. Came home then went up  
to Lamrocks with Jack. After tea rode home through the bush. Shot one kangaroo & saw  
about 50 more. Bess and Ethel Raymond drove up after dinner. Jack came down to tea &  
after a little dance went home.

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Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Knocked about house during the morning in the evening had a pull up the river, then came  
home and rode over to Newcoureu's paddock after kangaroos. Landed two each with a young  
one in the pouch,  
Dull day. All went to Windsor excepting (indecipherable).

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Very hot day.  
Fishing during the morning.  
Had a shower in the afternoon.

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1881

The heat of to day accompanied by a strong burning westerly wind was something dreadful.  
Thermometer over 100° in the shade. Storm came up after dark and cooled the atmosphere.  
Stayed in doors all day.  
Had a swim in the river.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1881

Went for a ride through the paddocks with I.T in the morning. After dinner helped father to  
slate the yard.

At night went to a party at Holborrows with Ethel Raymond, L. (indecipherable) etc. Enjoyed myself and came home with John Lamrock in his buggy at 2. o'clock. Georgie came up by evening train.

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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1881

Hot and sultry day.

Had a fish and a swim in the afternoon. Put the nets out below the bridge, had bad luck as we caught only 5 mullet.

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1881

Raining lightly all day.

L.O. went home this evening.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1881

During the morning preparing things for our trip down the Hawkesbury.

Fishing in the afternoon. Storm at night.

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Father, I. Town & myself left home at 3 p.m. Drove through Richmond, Windsor and Wilberforce and arrived at Pluvichiles Warf at 6 p.m. Camped for the night, had two tents one for ourselves and the other for the men (Gibbs & Cartright).

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Shifted camp and pulled about 3 miles down to Books land where we again took up our quarters. Had an early dinner. During the evening we were surveying – 40 acres for I. Books. Very hot day.

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Did not go surveying with them in the morning but remained behind with I Town and had a fish. Caught 3 fine bream av. 2lb. and 1. perch 3lb.

Surveying all the evening. Very warm.

No less than 16 men accompanied us.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Occupied my time in fishing during the morning. Caught 3 large perch with a hand line.

Intense heat. A heavy thunderstorm came on after dinner and prevented us from moving. Mr Musgrove supplied us with butter & eggs. While W Books sent us a goose and fard, pudding etc for dinner. We did remarkably well, and had an idea we were in good quarters.

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Shifted our camp from Book's and pulled on 10 miles further down. Pitched camp on a pretty little grassy flat opposite the mouth of Colo River.

After dinner we completed the survey of R. Lowes 40 acs.  
Caught a number of mullet with the net at night.

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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1881

Very hot day.

All fishing during the morning but did not catch anything but eels. Manning's blackfellow brought us word that grandfather had a fall and as was very ill. So father had to go home. We then pulled and sailed against tide up to Books where he got a horse and rode home. Returned to camp where we arrived before dark. Old Calico Smith brought us 2 rock melons and had a yarn. We had no sooner returned when Mr Tuckerman brought us word from father to pack up in the morning and pull up to Churchills.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1881

Shifted camp and pulled up to Churchills. Reached there about 10. a.m. Pitched camp Richardson brought Books horse back & Jack rode him home. Fishing all the evening and eating melons.

Cool day.

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1881

Fishing again this morning.

Father returned bringing some fresh provisions. Grandfather improved. Shifted camp and pulled down to the mouth of Colo thence 4 miles up that river. Pitched camp again by dark. Scenery very pretty all the way.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1881

Dreadful hot to day.

Surveyed H. Jones 40 acs and 4 acs additional. Had dinner at Jones house. Heavy storm came on in the evening. Got back to tent at 7.  
Shot two bears and skinned them.

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1881

Shifted camp and made a start at 7 am. Reached Wisemans Ferry 11.45. Telegraphed home, recd post and had then had dinner in the boat.

Pulled 7½ miles up the Mt. Donald and pitched our camp on Mr Morris farm at 4°.30'  
Heavy storm accompanied with terrific lightning came on. Unable to do much work. Very hot. Pulled about 21 miles to day.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Father surveyed road.

J Town and I went after wallabies on the adjacent mountains. Shot half a dozen. Saw plenty ducks but could not get near enough to shoot any.  
Shifted camp and pulled to Wisemans got caught in a heavy storm on the way. Caught a cough ell Raining all night heavily.

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Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Raining all day and cool Southerly wind blowing.  
Fishing most of the day for bream etc caught a few.  
Could not manage to do any work. At Wiseman's Ferry.

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Raining nearly all day.  
George Gibbs, J. Town and myself went after wallabies on the mountains opposite the ferry.  
Shot one and almost had a pheasant.  
Old Wilson came to the tent and had a yarn in the evening.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Pulled from our camp at Wisemans Ferry left Webbs Ck to Syl. Butlers and Measured 40 acs for him. Miserable wet day. Walked along some high ridges but did not see anything to shoot.

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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Shifted our camp and packed up boat with the intention of going down 15 miles pulled 3 there changed our winds on account of the rain and made for home. Called at Wisemans, had dinner on Stewarts land. Afterwards pulled up to within 3 miles of the mouth of Colo, where we hung on to Books steamer (the maggie) which gave us a good lift of 10 miles or so. We then pulled the remainder of the way 2½ miles to Churchills where we again pitched camp about 6. o'clock. Jack Cartwright took his departure, on account of not getting enough to eat "so he said".

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Fine day. Surveyed a line of Jones and the Church and School Estate at Churchills during the morning. Shook some peaches in the Parsons garden. After dinner father, J. Town and myself drove home in the buggy through Wilberforce and Windsor reached home at 7. p.m.

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At home all day. Men arrived with boat 2 p.m. Beautiful day.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Rode to Richmond with Bess in the morning. Louisa (indecipherable) came over to stay till Monday. We expected (indecipherable) & Will Perry & also E. Raymond up with Georgie but only (indecipherable) came. Fine day.

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At home all day. Very hot. Cricket match between Butsworth Swamp and Enfield on. The latter won. R. (indecipherable) here. Lucy Smith came over on the mail. Had a swim in the evening.

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Hot day with a Westerly wind blowing. Eddie Pitt over to dinner. Had a swim in the evening.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Cool day. Drove Georgie & L.O. to the train in the morning.  
Rode about 12 miles with J. Town after Kangaroos in the evening. But were unable to obtain any. Too much green grass.  
Shot 20 foxes after tea.

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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Remained about house during the morning. Father & Bess drove up with me to the train. I took a cab from the Sydney station down to the North Shore P.L.Cs. and reached Holbrook by about 7. p.m. After tea went around to see Georgie, and made up my mind to go up to Eddie's wedding.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Grandfather. H.S. Badgery, P. Wilshire, Col, myself, (indecipherable) & Ada went up to Windsor by the 9. a.m. train. Three carriages met us there and we were driven round to Johnsons. After a while we went to the church & saw Eddie & Julie married at 12.30. Came back to the breakfast where numerous speeches were made. None of my people there. We all returned by the 4. p.m. train and reached Holbrook again by 7. o'clock. The day was fine but a little hot; The wedding was watched by a great many young people.  
Grandfather Ps 67<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Bridesmaids were Eva. & the two Miss Johnsons – Bridegrooms P. Wilshire, A. Dransfield & H. Pitt

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Returned to my official duties again to-day. All glad to see me back, especially W.H. Foster who had charge of my work.  
(Indecipherable) E.B. Raymond & J. Barrington came to see me.  
Had tea with Col & Mad.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At Office all day. Very warm. A half day was given to see the cricket match between NSW and Victoria. I retained my half until Monday.

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At office until 12 o'clock.  
Had dinner with Georgie & CB Pitt at Perkins.  
The took the train over to the Cricket match.  
A great number of people present.  
Victorians made 193 first innings  
N.S.W. made 200 first innings.  
Reached Holbrook again about 7. p.m.

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day. Cool. Harry & I trapped a lot of bream. And whiting in the boat house. For the first time.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1881

Cool day.

At office until 12.

Had half a day given us to see the cricket match. Went out with Col. met Mr. Harper on the way. Victorians made 168 second innings thus leaving our men 161 to catch which they did not do being 38 runs behind at the fall of the last wicket. Great disappointment. A. Bannerman played a fine innings for 52. Allan bowled well. Ground was very wet.

Had a talk with S. Laidley, who has just returned from a tour to England. Maurice Laurie round after tea.

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1881

At office all day. Strong N.E. wind blowing. After 4. went over to GA Morrells and helped them to eat a melon which came from home, weighing about 50lbs. Paid Cooke 33/- for boots.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1881

At office all day.

Went to a dance given by Charles B. Pitt in the evening. Enjoyed myself very much. Walked home part of the way home with (indecipherable) Davis etc. Got into bed at 3 o'clock. There were about 30 or 40 there.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At office all day.

Father & Mother came down by the morning train. Went with them & G. to see H.M.S. Pinafore at night (Played by Williamson, Verdi, Beaumont etc. Very good. Saw L. Rotton there. A great storm came on but cleared off just after we got out. Georgie & I reached home about 12.

Father & Mother stayed at the Metropolitan for the night. Very hot.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1881

At office all day.

Came home in the 5.25 train. Angelo with us. Lost my plain gold ring at Mulgrove. Fell off my finger. Lucy Smith still here.

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Father. Angelo. Georgie & I drove into Windsor in the morning. Met May Benson, R Ridfde etc there and had a yarn. Reached house at 2 o'clock. After dinner drove Rev. G Hurst up to the train, where we met Andrew Dransfield & E B Raymond. Shooting and (indecipherable) the remainder of the evening. Had a dance. Among ourselves after tea. Eddie Pitt was over for a show time.

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1881

Knocked about house all day. Ada Richards, May Wick Ridge & Young Salway came over for a drive in the afternoon.

Beautiful cool day.



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1881

5 of us returned to Sydney today. Reached office at 9.30  
Did not feel inclined to do much hard work  
Met Lizzie Town, Ellie Crowley and L.Rotton after 4.  
Came home with Col in the 5.30 boat

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Came home with Georgie, Coll & Mad.  
Met Miss Messeter & the Miss Davis, on the boat (after 4 went round to the American novelty Co.s shop with uncle St S.Badgay).  
The Australian eleven returned to day via New Zealand.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Bess came down but I did not see her. Staying at Tornaghi's.  
Took a stroll after 4 (indecipherable) met Miss Rotton H. Woods etc.  
Weather splendid.

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Met Bess, Duia Tornaghi & Emily Williams after 4.  
Walked about with them for a while. They went to see H.M.S. Pinafore played.  
Went round with Winnie Laurie after tea & stayed there until 10.30.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Met (indecipherable) Lamrock at one o'clock and Bess at 4.  
Came home to tea then went back with Georgie to see Blow for Blow Played. Met Bess, Dina, Wm. Tornaghi etc at the theatre the (Gaiety). Came home with Tom Laurie and got into bed about ¼ to 1 after writing this.  
Liz Town, E Crowley, L. Rotton and others I knew were there.

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Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Left office at one.  
Met Bess Duia, Georgie & Bessie at P.S.& B office. Went to the Coffee Palace and had dinner. We were unable to get a tram to the cricket match (between the 11 & the combined 11) so had to take a cab  
Reached the ground about 2 o'clock. Georgie Bess & D left at 4, Bess having to go home, he took them to the tram where they met I Lamrock.  
A thunderstorm came on at 5 and the match was not continued.  
[Indecipherable] & I took a cab down to the Coffee Palace, where we had tea.  
After walking about a while I went home in the ¼ to 8 boat.

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Warm day.  
Had a picnic in the boat house at 12 .  
Reading and knocking about the house all day.  
After tea went for a walk round the shore with Georgie.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office until 1.  
Half holiday on account of the cricket match.  
Had dinner with E B Raymond and then took the tram out to the ground.  
Met Harry White & H Shute there. Stuck together all the evening. Came home by tram & had tea with Harry Shute at the Coffee Palace. Met A(indecipherable) & Andrew there.  
Caught the ¼ to 8 boat. On the way to Holbrook I called in at Col's and stayed about an hour.

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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day . The cricket match terminated in favour of the Combined 11 by about 240 runs  
At 1.15 there was a tremendous hail storm lasting about 15 minutes. The lumps of ice were the size of hens eggs, the largest I ever saw. At a ¼ past 4 we had the heaviest storm of rain that has been seen in Sydney for years. The streets were completely flooded and all traffic stopped. Cleared up at 10 p.m. Today I took the cataloguing S of plans billet. One I did not wish for as it occupies most of my time

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Fine morning but a little showery during the remainder of the day. Met Raymond at 4. Ordered the Bulletin for May Benson. Received this month a rise to first Class draftsman.

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
After tea went with Georgie to hear the Austrian Band at the Garden Palace.  
Enjoyed it very much. Saw Miss Walker & Miss Elford there.  
Caught the 10.15 p.m. boat and reached home at 10.30.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day. Cool.  
Went to Boyds, Bullards etc and walked about with Col after 4. Georgie went home in the 5.25 train. Winnie Laurie came round after tea.

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office until one.  
Had dinner at the Coffee Palace with Harry Shute.  
Went home by the 1.45 train.  
Father and Mother met me with buggy.  
Eddie & Julia came over at 4 and stayed until after tea.  
Watched a cricket match between the Enfield men and school boys, until dark.  
Beautiful day. Country never looked better.

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Remained at house all day.  
Not extra well.  
Eddie & wife came over to dinner.  
Cricketing in the evening.  
Warm day.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Returned to Sydney in the early train. Accompanied on the way with Ernie Skeethorpe, Wm. Rutter, & Mr & Mrs Payne.  
Reached office at 20 to 10.  
Worked until 4, when I met Ernie Raymond.  
Knocked about with him for a time .Took Bessie`s music to H. Woods to be bound.  
Caught the 5.15 boat with Col & Charlie  
Georgie came round at 7.30  
Played bagatelle until 9.15 then went to bed.

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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day. Cataloguing.  
Met Ernie at 4 and walked about with him for a while.  
After tea went up to see Col who was not well.  
Came back with Georgie & had a Swim in the boathouse. Beautiful and moonlight. The Austrian Band went down to Manly.  
Expected father & mother down but they did not make their appearance.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Father & Mother came down in the morning train bringing Horrie.  
Met EBR at 4, and knocked about until 6.  
Went down to Manly with Bob. Father & Georgie and stayed there all night. Beautiful night.  
Full moon.

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Came up from Manly with Bob in the 8.10 am boat & reached office about 9. Had dinner with father at one, met him & mother & (indecipherable) at 4.  
Did a little buzzing out with them. After they had gone to the train Georgie & I wended our way home. Calling in at Peapes & Shaws & Boyds on the way. Percy Wilshire came to tea at Holbrook.  
Went to bed a little of my horizontal toothache etc.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.  
Went to the Garden Palace with Georgie to hear the Austrian Band combined with Madam Bounte and Miss Palma. Met Jim Perry there. Enjoyed it pretty well. Caught the 11.15 boat coming home.

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office until one.

After dinner Georgie & I took a walk to the gardens. Had a look at the picture gallery & came round by Farm Cove to the steamer. Met Tom Laurie. Reached Holbrook about 4 o'clock. After tea we went to hear the Minstrels (( indecipherable)) at the Gaiety Theatre. Jim Perry met us there. Enjoyed it very much. Caught the 11.15 boat coming home. Felt very tired by the time I got into bed.

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day, excepting in the evening took a walk up to Cols house with Eva, Mad, Georgie etc. Was not in the best of health. Wrote home and posted letter.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1881

At office all day. Went to D Jones and ordered a pair of trousers and also to Priddys with Georgie. Weather very hot and sultry . Ordered at Peapes & Shaws a new coat and waistcoat.

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1881

At office all day. Cataloguing plans during the morning.

Bought a new hat and a pipe.

Expected Bess down but she did not come on account of not being well. Rather warm in the middle of the day.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1881

At office all day.

Called at Hardy's for (indcipherable) after 4. Walked up to Parliament house with H S Badgery MLA. Nice day .

My throat very sore at night.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.

Met Ernie R at 4 and knocked about with him until 5. Georgie went home by 5.25 train, Granny, Eva & Emily I also went by the same train in order to see the Hawkesbury show which commenced today.

Went round to Taylors at 8 and saw Tom.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office until 4. Met Tom Lawry at 4.15 and caught the 5.25 train. A great storm raged until we reached Richmond. When we got there we walked to the Royal and played there until father came for us. Reached home about 8.30. Mother was not very well.

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Sultry day.

Most of us went up to the mill in the morning and had a swim in deep water. After dinner father drove us all, (Bess, Tom Lawry, Georgie & Fred etc) to the Hawkesbury Agricult. Show. Saw a great (indecipherable) there. (indecipherable) came up by evening train & met us on the ground. Granny ,Eva etc were present. We left about 5 and reached home before dark, bringing (indecipherable) over with us. Had a little dance and some singing after tea .Got into bed about 1 oclock.

Rain came down before morning.

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1881

Raining most of the morning.

Remained at home all day. Eddy & wife drove over in the afternoon. Intended to go for a ride but did not on account of the rainy appearance.

28<sup>th</sup> March 1881

All returned by morning train to Sydney. Miss Walker, Miss Sampa & Miss Lewington accompanied us .

Felt very unwell by the time I reached the terminus. Cabbed it down with Tom & Georgie.

Stayed at office until 12 then cleared out, & came to Holbrook.

Went out to town again at 4 & called at the Taylors. Came home with Georgie, Mad and Col in the 5.30 boat.

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Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day, cataloguing plans in the evening.

Came home by 5.30 boat.

Mrs Boeson & her daughter spent the evening here, plenty music.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1881

At office all day.

After 4 met Arthur Smith, E B Raymond & H Shute.

Came home in the 5.30 boat with Georgie, Col & Mad.

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Thursday 31 March 1881

At office all day. Very hot and muggy.

Met Raymond at 4

Came home by 5.30 boat with Georgie & Col. Played bagatelle at night for a time.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1881

At office all day. Raining on and off.

Bess and May Benson came down. Met them at Shaw's at 1.

After tea Georgie & I took them to the theatre Royal to see, The Pirates of Penzance. Enjoyed it very much. Play ended at 10.30., we then took them up to Miss Walkers where they remained for the night. Caught the 11. pm. boat and got home about 11.30

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1881

Raining on and off all day.

At office until one. Met Bess and Georgie and had dinner at Compageonis. Saw C. Hueverbein and got him to play the Rodondo Schottische, composed by him, a copy of which he gave to Bess. Caught the 2.30 boat and went down to Manly. Left Bess at Uncle Bob's and came home again in the 5 boat. Cold & raining all night.

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day, except in the evening I took a walk up to Cols house with him, Charlie & Georgie. Met Harry Woods and his wife there who came round after tea. T. Lawry also came round to see me re going up to Richmond.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At office all day. Beautiful weather. Saw Bess and Jessie at 1 for a few minutes. Paid for some clothes at D Jones and came home in the 5.30 boat. Had a talk with Mr. Crook on the way.

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At office all day.

Met Bess at 6 and took her over to Cols to tea.

We then went to the Garden Palace to see the Austrian Fancy Dress Ball. The galleries were crammed with people. No seats to be had. On the whole it was a grand sight. Left Bess with Miss Walker with whom she stayed during the night, and then came home in the 11.15 boat after standing up for three lovely hours.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At office all day.

George and I went down to Manly and stayed with Jennie for the night. Took a walk round to the Ocean Beach after tea, then came home and finished up with music fruit etc. Bob away at Goulburn. Enjoyed ourselves well.

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Came up from Manly in the early boat, and remained at office until 4 getting my work examined. Met Bess and Jennie at 4.30 and did some knocking about with them in search of dumb bells. Met H. Thorne. Came home in the 5.45 boat – Hawkesbury races on to day. The Lusitania arrived bring Laycock the Champion sculler.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At office all day.

Met Bess and Jennie at 4. and had a look at Laycocks reception. –

Bess, Georgie, Harry Shute and myself were home in the 5.25 train. Also Ernest Davis of P.S&B's Office –

Met May & L.O at the train.

Saw Mr Newcomen at the Royal.

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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Harry Shute, I Town. Fred and myself went to the Hawkesbury Races in the buggie. I never felt the heat so hot in my life. Went up in the stand and met Mr. (indecipherable) Paine, Misses Rotton, (indecipherable), Elford, Walker, Benson and a great many more. Enjoyed ourselves very much. Won a sweep. Barba a Queensland horse won the Handicap a spoilt a great many doubles.

Reached home again by (indecipherable) had a game of cricket.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Cool dull day, light S. wind Playing cricket most of the morning with H S and Jack Town. In the afternoon Mr Paine brought his wife Mrs Town and Jennie Rutter over – They remained until 5.30. Harry & I then went up the river for a pull in the good boat. Rained commenced at 7 and continued all night.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Raining most of the day. Harry & I returned to Sydney by morning train with George Paine Andrew & Angelo – Winnie Lawry and Misses Whittol came round after tea for a couple of hours.

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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Did not go to office to day on account of holiday given in order to View the Naval demonstration which I went round to Taylors to see. The 4 man-o-war ships, Wolberane, Emerald Miranda & Cormorant attacked and took Lady McQuaries Chair which was guarded by 400 of the naval Brigade and the man-o-war (indecipherable) Beagle, Conflict etc. The day was beautiful and fine and the sight grand. Was asked round to a dance to Taylors but declined.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day, Cataloguing plans. Went to Farmers after 4. Met Raymond and Lamrock. Came home by 5.30 boat. Beautiful day.

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day. Went home in the evening train, which was dreadfully crowded. Ernie Georgie & myself May B. Jennie Rutter, Mrs Paine, W. Lamrock and a lot more numbering in all 36 occupied one carriage to Blacktown. We took charge of Mrs Richards little girl Stella at Parramatta. At Blacktown we had another rush for seats. May, Jennie & myself managed to get into one prior to any others. Reached Richmond 1 hour late. Father met us at train with buggie. May & Louise went home with us.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1881

The first fine good Friday we have had for years. Cricketing, boating and knocking about all day.

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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Beautiful day.

Georgie, Fred, J. Town, Ernie and myself left house at 10 and went up to the Vale of Avoca in the good boat. Reached there at 2 o'clock after a good deal of bother getting over sand banks. We had a job to pick our road through the (indecipherable) etc but after we reached the Gross the water was deep up to within half a mile of the terminus where we encountered one more sand bank. Our dinner consisted of 1 bun and a quince each. After a spell for an hour we again made for home. Got a fine grass (indecipherable) on the way. A rather weighty customer. Met old B. Carver and some Sydney cards on the way back. Had a few shots at Ducks etc and reached home again at 6.30. tired and hungry. After tea had a dance and went to bed about 1. o'clock. may went home in the mail.

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Raining all day. Let in from the South. Had to remain indoors could do nothing else.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Showery nearly all day.

Played cricket and went for a pull in the morning.

J Lamrock & D Shute came down after dinner and remained until 9 o'clock. Played cricket most of the evening. Had a dance after tea.

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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Georgie & I came down by morning train leaving Ernie who had a weeks holiday behind. Father drove us to the train. May Jennie Rutter, Mr & Mrs Paine A.J. etc also came down. Had dinner with Ted Barrington at Perkins after 4 met May. Jennie etc in King Street. Came home with Col in the 5.30 boat.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day. Fine.

Expected to get a half day to go to the races but the Minister for Lands did not quite appear to see it.

Progress won the cup.

Met Harry there at 4. Came home with Georgie in the 5.30 boat.

Rec.d news of Disraeli's (Earl of Beaconsfield.) death).

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1881

At Office all day.

Met May Benson and Jamie Rutter at 4 and knocked about with them until 5.15. Came home to tea and met them again at Miss Walkers with Georgie. Took them to the Exhibition, where we remained until 10 o'clock. Came back by the tram and reached home by 12 rather tired.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881

At Office all day.

Went home by evening train. Met May & Jamie again at station with Mrs Rutter, Andrew Town George Paine etc. Father & Ernie met me at train with buggie.

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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1881



Ernie, Clary & myself took a long walk in the morning out in the paddocks. Did not get anything. The dog hunted the kangaroos. After dinner went down to the school and watched a cricket match with the boys.  
Went for a pull up the river at 5.  
Took a half day minus pay.

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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Ernie & myself rode round the Kurrajong before dinner. Came home through the bush. Mr & Mrs Paine and Mrs Rutter over all day –  
Playing cricket and sailing about the river the remainder of the evening.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1881

Returned to Sydney this morning with Ernie, Bess and a bot more –  
Cabbed it down to the office where I left Bess who went on with E. to Manly in the 10.15 boat  
After 4 met Ernie and went up to Cowles with him & Col.  
Left little rifle there to be mended.  
Came home in the 5.°30' boat with Georgie and Eddie.

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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day.  
Saw E. Raymond after 4. o'clock.  
Came home with Georgie & (indecipherable).  
Fine day. Warm.  
Paid Uncle H. S. Badgery £12.0.0 towards choke bore gun.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day.  
Met Ernie Raymond & H. Shute at 4 and walked about for a while with them. Came home with Georgie. Winnie Laurie round after tea walked home with her at 9. o'clock.

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day met Johnny Town and had dinner with him and Col. After 4 saw Bess, Jennie and JT again for a few minutes -.  
Very cool day. Came home by 5.°30' boat.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office all day. Met Georgie J. Town & Ernie at 4, he and I went to the train with them in the tram and made them think we were going up. Came back to the Coffee Palace were we had tea after which we went to the Opera house and saw the Mastodon minstrels, enjoyed it very much. Caught the 11 oclock boat and reached home at ½ past  
Met Lt. Manning on the steamer.

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Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1881

At Office until one. Tornaghi came in to see me and borrowed my watch to time himself, training for the sports. Called in at Mowbergs, Shaws & Jones at 11. Met Ernie Raymond at one and had dinner at Coffee Palace (indecipherable).  
Went down to Manly in the 2°.30' boat. A southerly gale blowing and very cold. Went round to the beach then up to Uncle Bobs where we met him, Jennie and Bess –  
Remained there until 5. Came back in by Fairlight. had tea at Palace (indecipherable) and caught the ¼ to 7 south Shore steamer home.

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day.  
Weather miserable, cold and showery.  
Wrote to JT. Buuaba and A.D. Hobart  
Also did some writing in E. I's album.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1881

At Office all day. Miserable and raining. Met Ernie at 4 and went to a few places with him.  
Came home in the ¼ to 6 boat and cabbied it round –  
The Steamer Tararua bound from (indecipherable) to Melbourne wrecked about 2 days ago and over one hundred persons drowned.

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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1881

At Office all day.  
Met EBR at 4.  
Came home with Col in the 5.15 boat.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office all day. Met Ernie at 4. and Georgie at 5. Came home in the 5°.30' boat with (indecipherable) and Will Perry & Miss L Patrick walked round as far as the corner with her. After tea walked up and spent the evening with at CBPs with Eva, Emily Jim and Will Perry. Harry drove us home in the buggy.

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office all day.  
Saw Jennie at one oclock.  
Met Ernie at 4 and knocked about with him for a time. Took seats for the theatre on Friday night.  
Have a slight cold in my head.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office all day. Met Ernie at 4. Came home and had tea.  
Went to the "Pirates of Penzance" with Bess, Ethel R and EBR in full dress. I met them at the theatre, got in a little late. A crowd audience. Enjoyed it very much. Walked afterwards down to the train with them and then came home in the ¼ to 11 boat.

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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office until one.

Ernie and I caught the 1.45 train to Richmond. A great number went up chiefly to the land sale at Riverstone and the Windsor [indecipherable]. Father met us at the train with buggy. Eddie & his wife also returned from Holbrook to Bronte. Nothing much doing at home.

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Remained about the place all day playing cricket for a time. A strong hot westerly wind blowing, thus making the day rather unpleasant. Eddie & wife came over to dinner.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Returned to Sydney by morning train. Felt owly all day.

Came home with Georgie & Col. Winnie Laurie Miss L Patrick came round after tea. Received Winnie's photo after waiting a long time. Saw Jennie at the office and gave her a parcel for Bess.

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office all day.

Beautiful and fine. Came home with Georgie and Mad.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office all day hard at work cataloguing plans. Met Raymond at 4 and went & got some tickets from Tornaghi for the Sports. Came home with Georgie. Eva, Emily, Charlie & Ada went to see "Maratana" at the Gaiety Theatre (Montague Turner company). Tom Baker spent the evening here. Aunt Badgery & Luida also.

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office all day.

Went down to Manly and stayed at Leona for the night. Only Jennie, Emily and Bess at home.

Played card etc. until 11 o'clock.

Beautiful moonlight night.

Friday 13 May 1881

Came back from Manly in the 8.10 boat. At office all day.

Met Jennie, Bess & Emily at one. Had dinner at Perkins with Ernie Raymond & then went and took (6) seats for the theatre. After 4 met them all again besides M. Walker, Bella Elford & Ada Richards. Went up as far as the tram where I left them. Came home in the 5.30 boat with Georgie. Full moon to-night.

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

At Office until one.

Had dinner at Perkins and then met Geo., Bess, Ernie & Emily Blanchard at the Office. Went out to see the SAA. Sports at the Association ground. Met a great many there, HLB, May Benson, Ada Richards, Lamrock and others. Sports very good. Came back in the tram and

went to the Coffee Palace to tea where HLB and Jennie (Bob) joined us. Also met there May Benson etc.

After tea we took a walk and then spent the remainder of the evening at the Theatre Royal where "Struck Oil" was produced in rare style by Mr & Mrs Williamson & Co. We then cabbied it down to the Manly Beach steamer and reached Manly about 12. Went to bed about one. Lovely moonlight night. Georgie could no accompany us.

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Playing billiards (I am sorry to say) most of the morning. Camped Ernie easily twice running. Went for a walk with the girls round to the ocean beach etc. after dinner. After tea I walked as far as the church ~~the~~ and left the three there to enjoy themselves, meanwhile I strolled about the ocean beach and joined them again on the way home. Went to bed a little earlier than the previous night.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Ernie and myself returned to town in the 8.10 boat. Raining lightly for a short time. Remained at office all day. Came home to Holbrook again with Georgie in the 5.15 boat. W H Foster left our room today – going out in the field with Smith in the Queanbeyan District.

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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office all day.

Father came down in morning train. Had dinner with him.

Met Jennie, Bess & Emily at office.

After 4 knocked about for a while with H Shute, Ernie & Father.

He returned again by evening train. Came home in 5.30 boat with Geo., Winnie Lawry & Miss L. Patrick.

Mrs Ridge from Putty here.

My right eye painful on account of a sty.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Miserable wet day. Sydney Streets very muddy.

At office all day.

Came home with Geo. & Ada. Tom Baker came round with Col and wife after tea and remained until 10.15. Raining lightly or as the Scotchman would say, "A fine soft night!"

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office all day. Beautiful & fine. Met Tornaghi & Jim Shute at 4. Harry Hassall stayed here for the night. I also saw Bess & Emily Blanchard at ¼ to 5.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At Office until 4.

Went home in night train with Ernie R, Bess, Georgie, W Lamrock and Emily Williams. Left my bag in train at Blacktown. Father met us with buggy. Emily Williams stayed all night.

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1881

Beautiful day.  
Playing cricket part of the morning. Father and Georgie went to Richmond and had a look at Cameron's new house. Brought L Onus back with them.  
Had a few shots with rifle down on the sand after dinner.  
Broke seven bottles successively with little rifle at 80 yds.

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1881

Remained about home during the morning. Eddie & wife came over to dinner.  
Walked out in the bush with J Town in the evening, did not get anything but had a few shots.  
Got home at dark.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1881

At home all the morning, ran Bessie's pony in for George & Ernie who rode into Windsor.  
Killed a lot of rats and mice in the shed after dinner.

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Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Queen's birthday. Aged 62.  
Johnny Town and myself rode out in Newcomens bush after breakfast taking with us the dogs and little rifle. Saw a great many Kangaroos but did not get a shot.  
May Holborrow came over to dinner and remained all night. Had a look at the [indecipherable] in the afternoon with the girls. Spent the remainder of the day night playing cards and music. Retired at 1.30.  
Ernie came down in the morning. I drove him to the train with Father. Had a few crackers at night.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Returned to Sydney by morning train with Georgie and W Lamrock. L O & May H came up with us.  
Felt a little seedy all day.  
Met Ernie at 4 and went with him to the train where I obtained my lost bag. Came back in the tram and caught the 5 boat.  
Went with Harry up to Goddars hill and watched a display of fireworks they let off at 8 o'clock.

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office all day. Cataloguing plans in the afternoon. Saw Jennie at one. Clara Dowdell, Mad, Col and W G round after tea.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office all day. Met Ernie & Angela at 4 and went with them to the dwarf man in Pitt St. Spent the evening at Col's. Jim Perry there also.

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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1881

At office until 1. Raining on and off all day. Had dinner at Perkins with E M Garling & Georgie. The two of us then went down to the Art Gallery and had a look at the competition designs for Xmas cards a prize for same being given by Sands the book seller. Levee at

Govt. house. Came home at 3.30. thundering at 4.9 p.m. Strange for this time of the year. Raining at heavily at intervals during the night.

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Raining all day. Badly wanted. All the factions down to dinner. Had to remain indoors.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1881

Miserable wet day. At office.

Recd. letters from Father, Bess & May B, the latter from Bathurst.

Bought an overcoat at D Jones, price £2.10.0. Recd. an invite to spend the evening at Taylors but declined on account of the wet.

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Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1881

At office all day.

Raining the first thing in the morning. Andrew Town on Saturday won at the Woodstock Coursing with dogs "My Lord" & "Hopbine", £450, a £25 cup and medal.

Barque "Queen of Nations" a regular trader between Sydney and London wrecked on the coast at Wollongong. (About 872 tons.)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Met E B R at 4. Knocked about with him until 5. Came home in 5.30 boat with Georgie & Tom Lawry.

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Met EBR at 4. Came home in 5.30 boat with Geo. & Jim Perry. Col, Mad, Clara Dowdell & Tom Baker here to tea. Winnie Lawry also round until 10 o'clock. Beautiful day and lovely night. [indecipherable] discovered by Tebbutt plainly visible in the sea.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Came home in the 4 boat with Georgie and went back to town in the 5. Took a cab to the train where we met CBP, T Baker, Col, etc. Spent the evening at Uncle Badgerys, had a little dance. Came back in the 10.43 train. Plenty wind, dark as pitch and raining. Reached home at 12.

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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office until one. Met EBR at PS & Bs and had dinner with him and Georgie at Perkins. Then walked down to Circular Quay. Georgie went home and Ernie & I knocked about and finally reached the Royal Hotel where we played billiards all the evening. Thrashed him each time. Miserable day. Cold wind blowing. Reached home in time for tea.

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Whitsun Day, 5<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Fine day. Writing letters most of the morning. After 4 went for a walk up to Cols new house with Charlie, Georgie & Col.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Fine day but quite cold.

At Office until 4. Met EBR there, and went to a picture framers in Hunter St., then to D Jones and squared up account.

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Fine.

Came home with Col. Took a walk up to his place with Eva etc. after tea then went up the shore with Harry a short way.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At office all day. Very cold. 50° about. Went with Georgie to Wentworth Court at 4 and met Mr Crook there who gave us our first lesson in water colors.

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Commenced to rain at 4 and continued.

Met Ernie and went to see about our pictures, then went to Turner & Hendersons and bought some drawing materials. Came home in 5/30 boat with Georgie.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Raining part of the morning. Went home by evening train with Georgie & Ernie. CBP also went up to Bronte. Father met us at train with coach. Saw ESO and MH. Raining nearly all night.

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Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Cool dull day no rain. Walked out in the bush in the morning with J Town after Kangaroos. Did not see many but had one shot. Georgie, Father, & Ernie drove into Windsor after dinner. John Lamrock came down at 4 and remained until 10.30 p.m. Spent the even playing music, cards and singing.

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Beautiful day. Cool. Knocked about home and the paddocks in the morning. In the evening Eddie & wife also LO and May Holborrow came over.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Returned to Sydney with Bess, Lew, Georgie and EBR. Had a carriage to ourselves all the way down. Left Bess etc. at PS and B's. She went to Manly in the 11.30 boat. Missed Jennie who came up in the 12. Met Ernie at 4 and did a walk about with him. Came home with Col etc. in 5.30 boat.

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day.

Went to drawing at 4 with Georgie. Came home with H Gifford 5.30 boat.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Went after 4 to Wentworth Court and took Drawing lesson. Beautiful day, fine and cool. CBP and wife returned from Bronte.

Gill and Paine's station "Tooloona" sold by Pitt Son and Badgery today. Purchased by Amos Bros for £162,000. A great price. £100,000 sheep at 24/-, 3000 cattle at 80/- 25,000 acs. of pen law at 25/-.

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Went to Hunters Hill and remained the night with Angelo. S Fairland came down after tea. Playing cards, yarning etc. until 12 when we retired to bed.

5 cases of small pox reported in Sydney to day.

Met Bess Lawry and Miss Alice Briers at 4.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Returned from Hunters Hill in the 8.15 boat and reached office at 9. Saw Georgie & Lew at one and came home with them in the evening.

Rosie died today with the small pox. Beautiful day. Westerly wind blowing.

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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office until 12.30 when I left. Georgie, Bess & Lew went home in the 1.45 train, had a good mind to go to but met Harry Shute and went with him & C Jones out to the Assoc. Ground to see a football match between the Sydney & East Sydney teams. After a time we went across to Moore Park and there met Walter Peake. Came back in the tram and had tea at Coffee Palace with R Lyons, M [indecipherable] etc. After tea about 12 or us went to the Royal to see La Fille du Tambour-Major. Got in first by a side door, Theatre fearfully crammed. Play was splendid & amusing. Caught the 11.30 boat and reached home at 5 minutes to 12.

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day.

Did a little drawing and writing.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At office all day. Very cold. After 4 went down to Woolloomooloo Bay with Ernie & Walter Raymond to see a boat of Rays which we were thinking of buying. Came back into town and met Georgie, Mad and Clara Dowdell with whom I came home in the 5.30 boat. After tea went up to Cols with Georgie and remained until 10.

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1881



At Office all day. Cold. Went to drawing at 4. Finished my first attempt at a boat.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1881

Miserable weather. At Office all day. Went with Georgie and bought some paper at one. Went to drawing at 4. Did not do extra much. Heard that May & Ada were in town.

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Raining on and off. Met Ernie at 4 and went with him round to the American Novelty Co. where I bought an alarm clock for grandfather, thence to Holdsworths where I bought a football 16/6 to take home. On the way home met May Benton and Emily Richards. Grandfathers cattle sold to day, not much good averaged all through £3.7.9.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At office all day. Met May B and Ada R at one and walked about with them for a time. Did a little shopping after 4 and met Flo Perry and Miss Briers, also saw Jim. Came home with Georgie, Charlie & Col. Met Mad & Clara who came round to Holbrook to tea.

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Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office until one. Met May and Ada at 11.30 and went with them to Boyds, then back to office. Took a cab with A Tornaghi to the train. Reached Richmond ¼ to 4 with Georgie & EBR also. Bess met us there with buggy. Drove down to Ollie's where we remained a short time. Father came home from Springwood just before dark. Had great fun at night. J Lamrock down to tea. Lucy Smith also present.

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Remained about home. Beautiful day. Angelo and myself walked out in the paddocks after dinner "larking". Eddie and wife over for a time. Did not feel well at night, went to bed at 11.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 1881

All of us returned to Sydney with Father. Had to rush for the train. Very sharp frost – temperature below zero coming across flats. At 4 met Harry White and Shute. Went up to the Office to see father. Met him there with Angelo & Ernie. Yarned until 5 when we scattered, father returned home. Met May also at one and 4.

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At Office all day. Met Raymond at 4 also Harry White and Shute at 5. Came home with Georgie and Cols faction. Did not do any painting to day on account of Mr. Crooks unavoidable absence.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1881

At office all day. Met Raymond at 4 and went to Wentworth Court. Did not go to painting Mr Crook being absent.

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1881

Fine and warm. Office all day.

Met Raymond at 4 and went with him to the markets where we did a little business in the fruit line. Saw Angelo Tornaghi at 5 and took seats for the theatre on Sat. night to see "La Fille du Tambour".

Georgie round after tea.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Met Raymond at 4 and went to see Tornaghi. Fine day. Wrote home and posted letter after tea.

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1881

At Office until one.

Met Georgie, Ernie & Angelo and had our dinner at Smiths then went down to Manly in the 2.30 boat. Had a game of billiards at ~~the~~ Cohens Hotel, over which we had a row with some of the [indecipherable] who made remarks on our good play. Came back and had our tea at Smiths then strolled up to the Coffee Palace. Stayed there half an hour and spent the remainder of the evening at the Theatre Royal, witnessing La Fille du Tambour Major. Got home at 12.

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ad a game of billiards at the Cohens Hot

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1881

Lovely day. Went over to town in the morning with the intention of going to Randwick but came back and walked all round North Shore Georgie with me. After dinner Col and I took another long walk round the Shore and along the military road.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Ernie met me at 4 and we knocked about for an hour. Paid some bills Cook, Peapes & Shaw etc.

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office until 2.30, a half day was to be given on account of the opening of parliament but we did not hear anything of it until 2.30.

Went to drawing at 4. Crook arrived about 20 minutes past just as we we for off.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day, went to drawing at 4. Beautiful weather. After tea went to Garlings with Eva and Emily Johnson and spent the evening. Dick Baynes, Miss & young Oxley also present. Old Robert Pitt stayed all night.

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At office all day. After 4 went with Angelo Tornaghi out to Moore Park in a cab to see some houses.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At office all day. Went home in the evening train with Georgie, Angelo and Ernie. Joe met us with buggy. LO over. Father not well. Had some music etc. after tea and retired about 12.30.

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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Beautiful day. All went to a picnic given by Mrs A Town at the Vale of Avoca. I rode with Bess. Had great fun. Reached home again before dark. Every one called up at the house on the way home.

Singing, dancing and fooling around until some time in the morning, about 1.30 or 2.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Dull morning and showery afternoon. Took a walk round the paddocks. Felt very stiff the effects of yesterdays riding. Went over to Grandfathers and drank his health in the evening. Young Will Newcomen down since yesterday. The childrens newly vaccinated arms very bad.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Raining all day, Angelo, Ernie and myself returning to Sydney in the morning train, At office until 4. Did not feel much incline for work. Went to D Jones and Abbeys with Ernie and then came home in the 5 boat.

Five fresh cases of small pox are reported to have broken out since Friday in different parts of the city.

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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Raining and blowing all day very miserable day. Went to Wentworth Court at 4 but Crook did not turn up.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Dull and cool. Went to Wentworth Court at 4. Mr. Crook not there. Garlings, May Holborrow & Cols faction round to tea. Had a little dance, getting in train for Friday.

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Met Raymond at 4. The flying Squadron with the young princes Victor & George arrived at 10 oclock this morning. Dull day. Got the room in order for to-morrow nights dance after tea.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Fine weather. Had a grand dance at night (Holbrook) – about 40 present. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We managed to get through 30 dances by 3 o'clock when we knocked off. Got into bed about 4. Slept with Ernie. Had the cramp in my right leg, bad. Mayors Ball on also, at which the young princes were present.

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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Got up about 8.30, felt rather sore. About 20 mustered to breakfast, including Misses Sandys, Miss Canning, Woods, Smith, and others besides Andrew, Angelo, Ernie, Percy Wilshire, McKinley, etc. Pulled across to Woolloomooloo Bay about 10 and got Ernie's boat. After dinner HC, Harry, Georgie, Percy Wilshire and myself had a grand sail all over the harbour and round the Squadron. Wind blew pretty strong down about Shark Island. Reached home about 5.30 and anchored boat just off the boat house. Ernie stayed here for the night. Went to bed pretty early.

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Beautiful day. Light westerly wind blowing. After breakfast Ernie and myself did a grand sail around the bays. Got home to dinner and went out again afterwards with Harry. Wind blowing hard. Ran down as far as the Flag Ship and Watsons Bay. Had a good deal of tacking to get home. Towed the dingy behind us. Left Ernie's boat at her moorings in Woolloomooloo Bay and pulled home in time for tea.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Met Ernie at 4. Called in to see Angelo. Cabbed it down to the steamer with him. Met Georgie, Col, Mad, Clara & Garling there.

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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At office all day. Went to drawing at 4. Had a little dance after tea. Col, Mad, Clara, Georgie & Garlings round.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Went to drawing at 4. Came home to tea and went over to town again with Georgie and bought a pipe. Saw the electric light thrown from one of the Squadron the Inconstant. Masonic Ball at the Old Exhibition building. Eva went with Bob and Jennie.

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1881

At office all day. Met Ernie at 4 and knocked about with him until 5. Winnie Lawry & young Panton came round after tea. Mercantile ball on to night.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1881

At office all day. Went to Boyd's at 5 with Clara Dowdell and thence home. After tea went to Garlings with Eva, Col, & Mad etc. to see the "Serenade". Rained a little during the night.

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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1881

At office until one. Went home with Georgie and Angelo in the midday train. Father met us at the station. Saw May Benson and L Onus there. Fred Rutter also went up. Lovely day.

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Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Beautiful day. Took a walk round the paddocks in the morning. Young Walker over after dinner.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Returned in the morning train bringing Johnnie Town with us en route to the Station. Very sharp frost, nearly frozen by the time we reached Sydney.

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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At office all day.

Mothers birthday.

Went to drawing at 4. After tea went over to town again with Georgie to say good-bye to Johnnie Town. Saw him at the Freemasons Hotel in York St., now kept by Mr Grover with whom Johnnie intended to go as far as Boggabri. Reached home again about 11.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office all day. Went to drawing again at 4. Cold day. Mr Dunsmore and the two Mr Mitchells round after tea.

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Very cold day. Raining a little after dark. The Backause the Princes ship in the flying Squadron came in about 8.30 and also the Orient. Had a grand view of the electric light about 9.30.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At office all day. Met Raymond at 4. Came home with Winnie Lawry. After tea went to see "Diplomacy" with Angelo at the Opera House. Enjoyed it very much. Acting first class. Reached home at 12.

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Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1881

At Office until one. Had dinner with Georgie at Perkins. Took a walk through the Botanical Gardens and had a good view of the Squadron, also watched the Miranda leaving for a cruise to the South Sea Islands. Went up as far as Cols house at 5. Winnie Lawry came round after tea.

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1881

Remained at Holbrook all day. May Holborrow round to dinner and tea. Mrs Taylor, Winnie & Tom Lawry & Miss Wilshire came and spent a few hours also.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1881

At Office all day but did not feel much inclined for work. Had an invite to a dance at Taylors but did not go like a jackass. Took a walk after tea.

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1881

At Office until eleven. A public holiday. Prince Edward laid the foundation stone for the Queens statue near St. James Church. Grand procession. The Princes took the lead in a state carriage. 15,000 school children present besides several thousands of general public. Knocked about among the crowd with Angelo for a time.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1881

At Office all day. Met Ada Richards at 1 also C McKenzie. Went to drawing at 4. Came home ¼ to 6 boat with Miss Walker. Dick Baynes round after tea. Recd. a letter from J Town at Moree.

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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At Office all day. Met Raymond Shute & Bess Lawry at 4. Felt very queer all night. Col's faction down to tea.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At Office all day. Went home in the 5.25 train with Georgie, Angelo & Ernie. Father met us at station. After we reached home we went down to the concert in the Public School. Was not much good on account of C [indecipherable] missing train, and an accident which happened to Mr & Mrs Mitchell whose shoulders & leg were broken also put a slur on the matter. J Lamrock, Ada Richards, May Benson & Emily Williams remained for the night and we danced till 3.

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Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Beautiful day. Did not leave home but remained in the company of the girls. Had a few shots with little rifle. Eve. went home early.

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Beautiful day. Sharp frost in the morning. Harry McQuade came over in the evening and took May and Ada home. Eddie & his wife were also over for a few hours.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1881

We returned to Sydney in the early train. Was dreadful bad all on the way down. Cabbed it all the way home and did not go to office, Jennie & Mrs Chesney staying here.

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Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Went to drawing at 4. After tea I took Eva, Emily, Jennie, Mrs Chesney & Georgie to the Royal to see Tambour Major. Enjoyed it very well. Reached home again about 12.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Drawing at 4. Came over in the steamer with May Benson and Ada. After tea went with Georgie up to McKenzies and remained there until 10.30. The Flying Squadron with the Princes left to-day at 4 accompanied by the Wolverine. Was a grand sight and witnessed by thousands of people right down to as far as the heads.

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Met Ernie, May Benson, M Walker, B Elford, Bess Lawry and a few more after 4. Beautiful moonlight night.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Miserable west wind blowing. Not in the best of health.

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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office until one. Left with Georgie in the 1.45 train for Springwood. Met Ernie, Raymond, Brady & Thallon at the train, they were also bound for Katoomba. Reached Springwood about 4.18 and met father there. Walked around until tea time, looked at Frazers new house. After yarning with different fellows who came to the tent for that purpose we retired about 12. Did not sleep much on account of the noise of the trains.

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Beautiful day. After breakfast Father, George Gibbs, Georgie & myself took a long walk down the gullies first looking at Mr Chas Moores premises. had the luck to find 2 lyre-birds eggs – one in each nest. Reached town again at 1. and had dinner. After which we again went out – young Small accompanying us. We found several native bees nests and brought two nests home besides having a good feed of the honey. Went to bed about 11.30.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Got up about ½ past 5 and had breakfast. Caught the 6.38 train, and got in with Ernie etc on their way back. Had a grand view from the zig-zag, the flats below being covered with one white dense fog. Reached Sydney at 9.15 and went to office. Met Ernie at 4 and went to Wentworth Court and mounted drawing. We met Bess and Flo at Blacktown, left them at Parramatta.

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Went to drawing at 4. Winnie Lawry and Percy Wilshire came round after tea. Had a wrestling match with her.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Met Raymond at one and had dinner with him. After 4 went to drawing. Made application for a weeks spell.

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. had dinner with Raymond. Went to Cowles and bought some cartridges. after 4.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1881

At office all day. Met Ernie at 4 and knocked about with him for a time Mr. Linklater, (Sophie Levee's husband) and George round after tea.

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Having obtained one weeks leave of absence from office I went home with Georgie and Angelo on the midday train. Father met us at station but we drove over in Houghtons coach.

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Beautiful day. Loafing about house in the morning. After dinner father took us into Windsor Angelo & I went to Richards where we met Sid Ridge, Bella Elford & Clary Walker besides Ada – Had a yarn and some music (sacred) then took our leave. Reached home at 6.

Monday 22 August 1881

Rain set in very heavily from the South and continued all day without the sign of a break. Georgie & Angelo returned to Sydney in the early train. had to remain indoors all day. Did a letter drawing for father.

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1881

Raining heavily all day. Remained indoors. John Lamrock paid us a visit in the morning.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Turned out a fine day but a strong cold southerly wind blowing. Drove into Richmond with father and Fred in the morning. Met J. Lamrock and Charles Heather. After dinner Fred and myself took a long walk through the paddocks. Saw plenty kangaroos. Had three flying shots but did not kill.

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1881

My 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Received a nice little locket from granny as a present. Shooting down by the river in the morning. Mr Cleeve had dinner with us. Rode with Bess and Fred to Richmond and Bronte in the afternoon. Lovely day.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Went to see the Coursing at McQuades. Rode in and called at the School of Arts on my way. Saw Col. Clara and Mad there. At night went to the dance given by L. indecipherable. Kept it



up until 4 in the morning. About 70 there all of whom appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Had the naval Brigade Band and Compagnon to provide. Danced 27 dances -

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Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Owing to the good hours we kept last night I felt somewhat owly. Intended to go to the races and coursing but changed my mind. Angelo went alone. A very unpleasant day. – hot west wind blowing. Mr Rutter came up in the midday train. Had a little dance after tea and returned about one o'clock.

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Took Georgie, Sands. Ernie & Fred for a walk out in the bush – in the morning. in the evening we had plenty company viz. A Dransfield, Reg. Lyons, Ada Richards, May Benson & Pros Ridge. Lou & Carie Onus . Col. Mad. Clara Dowdell, Eddie and wife besides our own number which included Angelo, Winnie Ethel & Ernie Raymond. Al Rutter and h. Sands. rain came down for about an hour but cleared off again at 5.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Beautiful day. Rode into the races with J. Lamrock, Father Mother, Georgie & Sands drove in buggy. Went into the stand and enjoyed myself well. All the girls being present – besides saw Jones etc. Reached home at 6.

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Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1881

Returned to Sydney in the morning train with Georgie, Young Sands Hardy and L Onus. Took her to Hardy Compagnons and the Museum and left her at 12. Had dinner with Col. Went to drawing at 4. Reached Holbrook at 6.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1881

Went to office again to day. Work in great disorder. Took drawing lesson at 4. After tea went with Eva, Emily and Col up to his house. Had a few songs and came home at 10.

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

At office all day working hard. Came home with Col and went up to his house. Georgie came after tea. Cold wind blowing and all appearance of rain at night.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1881

At office all day Met Ernie at 4. Went to Hardys and the School of Arts with him. Saw may, Ada & C McKenzie at 1. Went with Georgie to see Olivette at night enjoyed it well.

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1881

Unpleasant day. At office until 12. Met Harry Badgery and cabbied it about with him. Came home to dinner after which George and I took Eva & Emily to the Botanical Gardens. Band playing there to rather a large crowd. Had tea at the Coffee Palace. Met Sid Ridge there. Left him at 8 – and reached home at 9. Intended to spend the evening with Cooks at Marrickville but did not feel well enough to go.

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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Very windy day. Remained at home. May Holborrow down to dinner and tea.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Met Ada Richards at one. Knocked about with Harry Shute at 4. After tea spent the evening at Charlies. Jim Perry, Alice Bucks. C McKenzie Angelo Eva & Emily Johnson among the number. In the Walker Whiskey Trophy the four first Heats were won by Laycock. Ruch, Tricket and Pearce.

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Went do drawing at 4. Met may Benson at 5.30 and came over in the steamer with her. Sam Jones called in to see me in the morning. rather windy at night. The Metrop. at Randwick won by Mayor Hesperian. 15 to 1 was laid against him.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day.

Had drawing lesson at 4. Took tea with Angelo & Fairland in town, then went by train to Lawrys at Stanmore. Was very unwell on the way. returned in the 9.40 train and reached home again at 11.

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

At office until 12. Had half day on account of the races. Saw may Benson & C. McKenzie at 12.15. had dinner with H. McQuade and Jim Perry. Met W. Garling at 2 and went with him to Randwick races in the tram. Reached home again in time for tea.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

At office all day. Did not feel well. Sam Jones came in to see me at 3. Laycock won the Walker Whiskey Trophy, Power 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pearce 3<sup>rd</sup> and Edwards 4<sup>th</sup>. 3 fresh cases of small-pox reported to day.

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office until 12.

Went to Randwick races in the tram. Met Harry Pitt, Wm Garling and many others there. Enjoyed myself fairly. Returned by tram. A man aside of me had an awful fit and did not recover until we reached King St. Cols and Garlings & Charlie's factions down to tea.

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Raining part of the morning. Remained about the house all day. May Holborrow to dinner and tea.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Raining and miserable. Met Ernie Raymond at 4 and knocked about with him for a time. Came home at 5.30. Dr McMaster round to tea, had to stay al night on account of the wet. Felt queer all day.

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Raining on and off during the day, went to drawing at 4.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Raining at intervals during the day. Went to drawing at 4. Another death in quarantine from small-pox thus making the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office al day. Met H. Shute and Ernie at 4 and knocked about.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Met H. Shute again at 4. Went home in the evening train with Georgie and Sam Jones. Met may Benson & (indecipherable) Town at the Richmond station. Went to camp about 1 oclock.

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Warm day. Playing cricket football and shooting most of the day. Father drove Georgie Sam and Bess into Windsor after dinner.

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Went for a long walk before dinner. Remained at home all the evening. Ada Richards Bella Elford, C. McKenzie & Mary Walker also Eddie and wife came over and spent the evening. Went to camp about one.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Beautiful day. Sam Georgie and I returned to Sydney in the morning train. Father accompanied us as far as Blacktown on his way to Springwood. At office until 4. met Ernie and left ? again at 5. Came home in the steamer with Mad Clara & Col. President Garfield died.

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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day.  
Went to drawing at 4. After tea took a walk to Cols. Beautiful day.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Drawing at 4. Paid Crook for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter £5.5.0. Raining all the evening. Laycock beat Rush easily on the Parramatta river.

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1881

Turned out a cold wet miserable day. Attended office.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1881

Another wet day. Went to office. Came home in the 5.30 steamer and saw a boat (sailing) capsize with 3 young men in it. One of whom was nearly drowned saw him sink for the last time but his mate just reached him in time to save his life. Great excitement on the steamers.

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Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office until one. Feel very queer to day. Saw Angelo who was going to Sunnyside in the evening train. Came home about half past 2. Sport postponed until next Saturday.

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Windy day. Rather unpleasant. Remained about the house. Drawing and writing letters in the morning.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Wet during the morning. At office all day Saw or at least spoke to Bella Elford & Mary Walker also Mrs Chesney, whom I met in George St. Percy Wilshire round to tea.

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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. met Sammy Jones at 4. Walked about with him until 5, then with Georgie we took the train out to his place and had tea, after which we came into town again and saw 'Macabe' at the School of Arts. Enjoyed it thoroughly. Did a walk about afterwards and caught the 11. o'clock boat home.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1881

Warmish to day. Rained very heavily from 6 to 7 in the evening. Met Ernie Raymond at 4. Winnie Lawry and Annie Patrick round after tea.

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. Met Harry McQuade and Col McKenzie at 4. Beautiful day. Mr Linklater round to tea.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1881

At office all day. met B. Lawry at one. knocked about with H. Shute for a time after 4. Came home with Tom Lawry. A few friends came round and we had some music in the evening. Georgie went home to Sunnyside.

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Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1881

At office until one. Had dinner with Col and H. Shute. Took the tram out to the sports. Eva, Maddie & Emily J. met us there, spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Weather beautiful & a great crowd among whom were a gr plenty ladies. Drove to the home in the carriage. & embarked for Richmond. Angelo – Andrew – Col McKenzie Sid Ridge & young FitzHill got in with me. Met father at Blacktown. Spent the evening at Towns. – Music, singing & dancing were kept up until near one o'clock on Sunday morning. Plenty refreshments. Fred McQuade played some classical music with one of the Austrian bandsmen who played the violin cello beautifully. Met among the crew young Martin & W. Evans – Reached home about 2. Father drove in for us. Georgie Bess. L Onus & myself. A show of wild flowers, finishing up with a concert was held at (indecipherable) Beach. Proved a great success I believe.

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1881

Rather a warm day. Remained at home. Andrew, Angelo Col & W. Evans came over in the afternoon and stayed for about two hours.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1881

Returned to Sydney in morning train with a mob of friends. Ada Richards accompanied us as far as Windsor. Train got in rather late on account of an engine running off the line. Streets crowded. 8 hour demonstration on. Came home with P. Wilshire, Winnie Lawry & Annie Patrick round after tea.

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office all day. Went to drawing at 4. Georgie came back this morning. Met Captain Davidson on my way home with Col. Captain Levie round to tea also Col and Mad

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Wet morning.  
Went to drawing.  
Met Bess Lawry and Alice Bucks in the morning.

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office all day. Had tea at Coffee Palace with Georgie and then went by tram out to Jone's where we spent the evening. Reached home again about 12. Bess came down to day but I did not see her. Felt queer all night and at 6 in the morning I was very bad but recovered sufficiently to go to town.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Office all day. Met Bess & ? Tornaghi at one. Came home to tea. Took Bess, L Onus, Duia & Georgie to the theatre to see 'Madame Favart'. Ada Richards Angelo, Col & Charlotte McKenzie and a few more there also. Enjoyed the play pretty well. Walked as far as the steamer with them after it was over. Met Sam Jones who accompanied us down to the Quay. Reached home at 12.30.

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office until one. During the morning, I met May Benson, ? Town, Mrs McQuade FitzHill and others. Had dinner at Perkins (indecipherable) and then took the tram over to Randwick where we saw the American horses trot. Driven by their owner – Weir. About 2000 people there. Met Little & Charlie Mulla among the number. Came back by bus. After tea took a walk up the shore with Georgie & Pauton. Hunters Hill sports on to day

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Beautiful morning but unpleasant evening. Badgerys, Bobs & all the other factions down to dinner after which Georgie and myself went over to town and met Bess, Lou Onus Duia and Angelo Tornaghi. We went by tram out to Coogee. and walked down as far as the sea. Trams dreadfully crowded coming back. Left them at King St and reached home 6.15.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Hot and muggy day. At office. Met Bess at 4 and took her by tram over to Jones – Moore Park where she stayed all night

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Another beast of a day – Went to drawing at 4. Did precious little.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office all day. Very warm. Thunderstorm in the afternoon. Col's & Charlies factions down.

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office. Bess came to see me in the morning. Walked as far as the Manly boat with her. Sam Jones also paid me a visit. After 4 went to Hardys and to Farmers with Col where I bought a bag. Came home in the 6.30 boat and went and had tea with Col. Clara Dowdell & Mad at home.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office all day. Met Bess at 4 with Emily Williams & to Tornaghi. Went home in the evening tram ~~met~~ taking with us Will Moses. Harry McQuade accompanied us as far as Windsor. Father met us at Station.

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Beautiful day, everything looking its best. Shooting, cricketing and buzzing about all. day. John Lamrock and Harry McQuade spent the afternoon with us. Put the boat in the river and set the nets at 6 and went home to tea. Caught about 60 in all, mullet & perch some weighed as much as 3 lbs.

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Lovely day. Pulling about the river in the morning. Eddie & wife over to dinner. Angelo Tornaghi drove over from Towns but returned again about 6. Will & myself amused ourselves sailing most of the evening. Felt a bit queer all day.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Returned to Sydney this morning, father drove us to train where we met Angelo and Fitz Hill. Miserable day Commenced to rain in the evening . Met Ernie Raymond and Harry Shute at 4.

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Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Miserable wet day. At office Went to drawing. Got soaking wet coming home. After tea the rain came down in torrents & the wind blew a tremendous gale which lasted all night. Paid Uncle Bob £51.13.4 which he lent to use in connection with VLO at Katoomba. Being 3 rds in it with Father & Ernie Raymond. Paid 155 for L.L.O.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Did not have courage enough to go to office to day on account of the dreadful gale which was accompanied with heavy rain. During the day 4.25 inches fell. the wind blew Uncle Bobs verandah down at Manly.

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Went to office. Wet morning but fine in the evening. Buzzed around after 4

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1881

Miserable day. Office. Met Ernie Raymond at 4. Cols faction down to tea. Snowing de in the southern districts. Heard that the water rose 18feet about the Hawkesbury bridge.

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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1881

At office until one. Met May Benson and Fitz Hill. Had dinner with Georgie at Perkins – Came home until 5.30 then went over to town & had tea at the Coffee Palace, after which we went to see Lucretia Borgia at the Opera House played by The Turner Co. Enjoyed it pretty well, Reached home again about 11.40. A Mercantile marine picnic was given by the Captains of the various ships in the harbour was held at Clontarf. Grandfather went taking with him Eva, Emily Harry etc.

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1881

Fine day. 30 to dinner – Went for a walk in the evening with W. Garling along the Military Road. After tea I went to Church with Eva, Emily and Mad!!!!

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office till 4. Met Ernie Raymond and mouched about till 5. Came home with Eva etc. After tea I went to the 'School of Arts' with Ernie to see the 'Chinese Opera Company' Never want to see another.

Met Fred McLeod in George St and came home with him by the 12 boat. Pretty tired.

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office. Went to drawing at 4. Met Charlie ? at 5.15.  
Came home by 5.45 boat. Winnie Lawry, Annie Patrick & Linklater round after tea.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office. Went to drawing at 4  
Tom Baker and Cols faction here to tea. had a little music.

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office until 4. Met Georgie, & H. Sands at 5 and went by tram out to their place. Dressed, had tea and then went with the crowd up to Mrs Grahames (Stratheane) – where we were invited to a dance at which about 50 were present. Danced with Misses King – Murray, Perry Burrows, Cooke – Smith – Brownlow – Sands and others. Kept it up till 2.30- Enjoyed myself thoroughly. Met Mrs Clarks who gave me an invite for Wednesday evening. Remained at Sand's for the night. Did not sleep much.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1881

Got up rather owly – had breakfast and came into town by train with the young Sands & others. At office all day. Saw ELO at Tornaghis. Georgie went home by evening train. Fæ Dick Baynes round for the evening. Walked round from the steamer with Annie Patrick.

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1881

At office all the morning. Went by the 1.45 train to Katoomba. Arrived there about 6. Met father and men at (indecipherable).

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Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> 1881

Rather hot day. had breakfast about 9.30. Walked down to the cliffs where we obtained a grand view of the Three Sisters (indecipherable)  
Partially went round over land. From there we went to the Katoomba Falls and thence to J.B Norths works.  
Reached here again about 2 and had dinner. Keeping father (indecipherable) letters until tea time. Took a stroll along the lane and received a galvanic shock through taking hold of a telegraph wire.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1881

Got up at ¼ to 5. Had breakfast and returned to Sydney in the 5.34 train. Met Georgie at Blacktown. At office all day. Met H. Shute at 4. Very warm. Raining in the evening.

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1881

At office. Drawing at 4. Finished picture. Came home with Tom Lawry & Col. Linklater round to tea.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1881

Office all day. Drawing at 4. Had tea at Coffee Palace. Took him to Cambridge Hotel. Dressed and went to Mrs James Marks dance at (indecipherable). Enjoyed it very much. About 140 present. Finished up about 3. Slept at Cambridge Club Hotel.

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Owlly – Saw Misses Kings in town. Came home with Col & Jack Tucker. Captain Levie round to tea.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Hot day. Very close. At office Met Ernie at 4 – went with him to (indecipherable) Street. Came home to tea after which Georgie & myself went to the circus (Wilson's.) A southerly wind sprung up and smothered us with dirt. Enjoyed the circus very much. Reaching home about 11.40.

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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Cold day. Quite a change. At office till one. Met Tornaghi. Had dinner at Perkins. Went to the Coffee Palace for a time and from there with Georgie through the exhibition grounds to the Art Gallery. Watched a cricket match for an hour & then came home

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At home all day. Painting some of the time. Cool. May Holborrow and some of the factions to dinner

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Fine day. At office.

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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office.  
Drawing at 4.  
Percy Wilshire, Winnie Lawry, Annie Patrick & Georgie round after tea.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Holiday. Cold windy day. Georgie & I went over to town at 10 & met H. L. Badgery with whom we went home. Drove via Piermont. to Summerhill. Met Mrs Cope etc.

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Returned to town. Office all day. met Ernie at four also Mr A. Town. Mrs Paine, W. & May Benson. Came home with Col.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Went home to Richmond in the evening train with Georgie & Ernie. Had great fun on the way up. Father met us at station.

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Miserable day. Did not feel well. Went up the river in the boat after breakfast. lying down most of the evening. Jack Lamrock down for a time. Granny. Eva & Em. went up to (indecipherable) in the midday train.

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Fine day. Spent the day boating cricketing – Shot about 20 [indecipherable]

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Returned to Sydney on morning train at office all day. Met Ernie at 4 and knocked about with him. Came home with Clara Dowdell Col & wife [indecipherable] Grandfather, Harry and myself to tea. Bachelors quarters.

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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Office. Miserable day Raining and hot. Went to drawing at 4

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office. Drawing, at 4 Col & Wife, Charlie Georgie & (indecipherable) to tea.

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At Office. Met Ernie at 4 took Clara Dowdell to see the Pirates of Penzance at the Royal. Enjoyed it very much.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Cruised round with Ernie after 4. Captain Levie round to tea

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office till one. Saw Meg Benson, L.O. (indecipherable) & Mrs Town in the morning. Had dinner at Exchange with Ernie. Went out in his boat with Percy Cooper. Aruliune, Alworth, M<sup>c</sup>

Farlane and Joe Barringlore . Wind blew very strong from the south. Got wet through. Followed a race down the harbour then came back to ~~la~~ see the N. Shore regatta. Had great fun reached the moorings about 5.30. Had tea with Joe and then strolled about etc until 11. Saw a 'set to' at Perkins. Met Walter on the steamer & walked round with him. Captain Levie left to day with his ship the John Durlue. Granny Eve & Emily returned from Bronte in the evening tram. Saw A.K. Tornaghi in town pretty well on.

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At home all day Painting most of the time. Reading at night.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Raining most of the time. Met Ernie at 4

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1881

At office. Went to drawing at 4. Beautiful day.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Drawing at 4. Mother and Bess came down in the morning train. Met them at one and remained with them an hour did not see them again as they went home on the late train.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At Office all day. Buzzed around after 4 and came over in the ¼ to 6 boat. After tea went to the train with Col and Mad to see Clara Dowdell off. Met Walter Adams in town also Tom Lawry. Reached home about 11.30.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Went home in the evening train with Georgie. Father and Bess met us at station. Mrs & [indecipherable] Town accompanied us from Windsor.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Windy day. Boating all the morning. Went out into the bush with Fred after dinner. Reached house again about 5. Angelo & L. Smith came up on the midday train. Tom Laycock remained for the night. Had plenty fun.

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Boating up the river in the morning. Eddie and wife over to dinner. Went for a sail down below the bridge with Bess etc in the evening. Lovely day.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1881

All returned to Sydney in the morning train. At office all day. Met Fitz Hill, Ernie & W Raymond W Adams & Bessie Lawry after 4.

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Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1881

At office all day. Went to drawing at 4 and finished picture. Met Bess Lawry and had a yarn with her.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1881

Office all day. Drawing again at 4.

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1881

At office. Did nothing in particular

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1881

At office had tea with A Dransfield at Coffee Palace. Reached home 11.30

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1881

Office until one. Had dinner with Tornaghi after which we went up to the Garden Palace, thence down to the Government House steps where Reg Laidley picked us up with Yacht the Peri 18 Tones. George Mason also on board. Went down to the Heads where we watched the [indecipherable] practising. Could plainly see the cannon balls going. Reached the moorings in Double Bay at 6. Took a cab down to town. Tea at Coffee Palace. Went and saw Patience at Theatre Royal. [indecipherable] Richards, Harry & Fred McQuade there. Enjoyed it pretty well but had to stand up, no seats obtainable. Met P. Blake and others after that [?] came home in the 15 ft boat with Georgie & Paceton.

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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Beautiful day. Stayed at house accursed with toothache part of the time

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Lovely day. At office. Met Mr and Mrs Lawry at one – Ernie at 4. Came home in the 5.30 boat with Eva etc.

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1881

At office all day. Very hot morning Went to drawing at 4

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Warm day. Office getting work ready for examination. 80 cases ready. Went to drawing at 4 .  
Saw Bess Lawry at one.

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day. Storm in evening. Cruised about with Raymond & Conper after 4. Went to see  
Patience with Eva, Emily. Col & Mad. Enjoyed it thoroughly – Very hot in the theatre.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day. After 4 went with Ernie out to the Association grounds to see the match  
between our men & the all England Eleven.

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office. Had dinner with Charlie Col & Georgie. Went by tram to the Cricket match. Between  
15 & 20 thousand people present. Englishmen made 272. 1<sup>st</sup> innings. Came back with Ernie  
in a cab. had tea with him at Compagnons. Went to the Coffee Palace after & met Tornaghi –  
Went with him Andrew, Hill & Jones to the opera house where we witnessed a written play  
called the 'Streets of New York'.

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Sunday 11 December 1881

At home all day. All the factions to dinner.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1881

At office until 12. Took my half day & went with Ernie R to the Cricket Match. Met there Jack  
Lamrock – Hardy – Bess and many others. Enjoyed my self well. Walked into town and had  
tea at Compagnon's Reached home about 9.

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Office all day. Did not go to drawing. Had tea with Andrew Dransfield etc. Met Georgie, Bess  
Fred & the two Misses Jones at the theatre door. Enjoyed it well. Patience being the piece  
produced. Took them home by tram. Caught the 12 o'clock boat on the way home. Cricket  
match finished this evening. Won by the Englishmen by about 60 runs.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day getting (indecipherable) work (indecipherable). Went to drawing at 4. Bess went  
home in evening train. Eddie & wife came down from Bronte for (indecipherable).

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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day working hard. Met Ernie, May Benson & ada Richards after 4. Also E.L.O.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day. Georgie & Fred went home by evening train. H S Badgery & wife to tea.

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office until one. Went home in the mid-day train with A.K. Tornaghi. Harry McQuade accompanied us as far as Windsor. Father & Georgie met us with buggy. Saw May Benson for a time.

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Rather warm day. Knocking about the river during the morning. After dinner playing cricket – Out of the policemen's sight.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Returned by morning train to Sydney – bringing with us little Mabel Jones. Harry McQuade & Bob Richards got in at Windsor. Office all day Getting work (indecipherable). Met Ernie at 4 and knocked about with him for a time.

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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1881

Office all day. Heavy storm at night. Went to drawing after 4. English cricketers beat the Victorians by 18 runs. Put them all out for about 60 runs.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1881

Office all day. Met Ernie at 4 and got some things for Xmas. Also met Ethel & Ada Raymond.

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1881

Office all day. Drawing at 4.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1881

Went home with Geo & Ernie for a fortnights spell.

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January 1<sup>st</sup> Month

	£	s	d
Received (away)	0	9	0.
Spent	10	18	8
—	£	10.	18 8

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January 31 days

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February 2d month

	£	s	d.
Received	6.	15	0
Spent.	8.	15	4
dif	2.	0	4
(+)- . . . . .	10	18	8
—	£	12.	19 0

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February 28 days

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March 3d Month

	£	s.	d.
Received	18	7	6
Spent	8	11.	1
	9.	16.	5
	12	19	0
—	£	3.	2. 7

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March 31 Days

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		£	s	d
Spent 55.18.11	Received	17	5	0
Received 42.7.6 (4 mos)	Spent -	27	13	10
£ 13.11.5 -dif -		10	8	10
	(+)-		3	2 7
	£		13	11 5
				minus

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April 30 days

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	£	s	d
Received	17	5	0
Spent	8	1	8
+	9.	3	.4
last month -	13	11	5
-£	4.	8	1

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May 31 days

Spent since 1 <sup>st</sup> Jany 81	£64	0	7	
Recd do do.	do.	59	12	6
		£ 4	8	1.
			minus -.	

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June 6<sup>th</sup> Month

Received	18.	0.	0
Spent	14	19	7
+	3.	0	5
last month -	4.	8	1
-	£1	.7	.8

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June 30 Days

Spent since Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> =	79	0	2
Received do do =	77	12	6
-	£ 1.	7.	8

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July 7<sup>th</sup> month

Received	17	5	0
Spent	13	0	11
	4.	4	1
-last month	41	87	18
-		<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
£+	2.	16.	5

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July 31 days

Spent Since Jany 1 <sup>st</sup>	£92	1	1
Received do		94	17
+	£ 2.	16	5

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August 8<sup>th</sup> Month

	£	s	d
Received	12	7	6
Spent	9	9	5
	2	18	1
+last month	2	16	5
	+ £ 5	14	6

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August 31 days

	£	s	d
Received since 1 <sup>st</sup> Jany 107	5	0	
Spent " " "	101	10	6
	+ £ 5	14	6

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September 9<sup>th</sup> month

Received	18	0	0
Spent	17	3	2
	+	.	16.
+last month	5	14	6
	£	6.	11
			4

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Recd. since 1 <sup>st</sup> Jany. 125	5	0	
Spent	118	13	8
	£+	6.	11.
			4

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October 10<sup>th</sup> Month

Received	16	17	6
Spent	23	16	6
	-	.6.	19
	+	6	11
	-.	7	8

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October 31 Days

Recd.	142.	2.	6
Spent	142	10.	2
		- 7-	8.

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Received	17	12	6
Spent	7	11	11
	+	10.	0.
	-	7	8
	+	9.	12
			11

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November 30 Days

Received	159.	15	0	
Spent	150	2	1	
	+	9.	12.	11

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Various sums

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ADDRESSES.

Misses Onus. C/- C Durham Esq. "Wornbo" via Singleton.  
A.K. Tornaghi: C/- C. McKenzie Esq Weilmoringle: Brewarrina.  
E.B. Raymond. C/- D. McCaughey Esq Coree. Jerilderie

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MEMORANDUM OF THINGS LENT, etc.

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1883 January 1 to 6

At home on leave.  
Left office end of Sept 82  
See over. Apl. 1<sup>st</sup>

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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1883

Returned to office to day after 6 months absence, part of which was on a/c illness.  
In W<sup>m</sup> Bennetts room, Charting Branch Pacific Chambers. Bent St.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1883

At office all day. Had a lot of work in County of Beresford, issued to me.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day.

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Rec<sup>d</sup> a telegram from father stating that grandfather was dying. George & I went home by evening train. Lou accompanied us to Sunnyside.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Monthly half.

(John Town)

At home. Grandfather very ill all day. Turned unconscious at 9 p.m.

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1883

At home. Grandfather died at ½ past 7am, apparently in no pain and unconscious. Aged 77 ¾ years.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1883

At home. Funeral at ½ past 2

About 18 vehicles & several horsemen attended. Glad when day was over. Raining during part of morning, but fine evening.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

At home. Spent a quiet day.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Returned to office with George. Nearly missed train. Bayley & Miss Marks married.

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1883

At office all day.

Friday 13 April 1883

At office all day.

Took a lesson in boxing from Foley's blackfellow "Jack" – (indecipherable)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1883

At office. Drove out to Botany in the evening with George and Jack Hardie. Met D<sup>r</sup> West, H. Thome, Stubbs and others there. Had some fun. We had tea in town, met Geo (indecipherable) knocked about to Tattersalls Bazaar etc.

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Went of Randwick and had dinner at Kisses - George drove us out to Botany. Went to church and returned by tram.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1883

At office all day. Spent the evening at Hardies -.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day.

Father came down on business. Went to see Bocassio at the opera House with him. Did not care much for it. He remained for the night at the Exchange

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. With father for a bit in the morning. He returned home by evening train. Down town after 7. Met Kirkwood etc

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. After tea went over to Col Pitts, Lavender Bay & spent the evening. Met Tom Baker & young Blue's there. Amy Dowdell arrived in the morning from Hobart. Thunderstorm at 10.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. With Fitzgerald after 4. Went to Foleys and got "put through" with Jackson at ½ past 8. Home by ½ past 10.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1883

Lou Onus's Birthday. Still away at Wornbo. [indecipherable]. Office in morning. Fitzgerald - George and I cabbed it to Botany & back. Met several there. T. Baker. Bath Logan. Had plenty fun. Tea at Moloneys and then to see "Romany Rye". Rignold at the Royal. Home by tram about ¼ to 12.

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1883

George and I took a stroll about the Gardens in the morning. Met there Miss. P.L. Slept in the afternoon -

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Raining. Have a very bad left eye. Painful.-

Met Col Pitt after 4, and HL Badgery. Remained at home and doctored my eye. Rec<sup>d</sup> dress clothes & letter from home. Went to Adger about my hair.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Raining. Very heavy at night. Eye still very bad, more inflamed. Went to see L. Stubbs after 4 and then home.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Raining heavily on and off. Eye very bad in the morning, but better at night. Could not go to dance at Stubbs.

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Showery.  
Eye better. Saw Fitzgerald at 4 re going up with me to-morrow. After tea went to Hardies. No one at home excepting Florrie. Walked down William Street met P.L.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. Cabbed it down. Father came down. With him for a time. Went home by evening train to Sunnyside.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1883

(Indecipherable)

Monthly half.

Shooting about paddocks during morning. After dinner drove up to the train with Bess and met Fitzgerald. Intercolonial 8 oar races to day on Parramatta River. Won easily by Melbourne 8 lengths.

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Lovely day. Fitz & I went for a ride in the morning as far as Richmond Butts & round by Clarendon House. Spent the remainder of the day at home.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Office all day. George, Fitz and I returned to town this morning. Dense fog. Had dinner with Harry Shute. Saw P.L. after tea. Paid George Kiss Guinea and got members ticket for Randwick Assembly. 5 weeks due Frazer @ 27/-

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Dinner with Will Moses. After tea called Hardies. Jack and I walked up to tram with Jennie Kiss & then proceeded to Foleys. Had a box with Jackson. Called at Louisville again on the way home.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Dinner with Fitzgerald. Parliament prorogued. Bess came down morning train. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jack & Flo Hardie Bess Geo & myself went to the Farewell Concert to M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> H. Woods. Protestant Hall. Very slow. Royston College Sports.

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Lunch with Fitz. Met Bess. Called at Louisville on way home. Opening dance of Randwick Assembly. Went off fairly. Home by 10.38 train with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Alderson, Geo, Bess Fitz- Logan and others.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Father down. With May. Benson & Lou morn & evn. Called to see FitzHill laid up broken leg. Had tea at Giblins with Fitzgerald played two games billiards. Then went to Foleys. Jack Hardie joined us there and we (indecipherable insert) went to see walking match O'Leary V Edwards.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

At office. Lunch with Fitz. Halligan Rodd Hardie & George. Fitz Geo & I took Bess Flo Hardie & Lou to the sports. Went for them again to Louisville after tea & took them to see "Manolo" at the Opera House. Spent a very enjoyable day although the sports were slow. Edwards beat O'Leary again in the walking match

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883

With Lou most of the morning. Took her to Miss Walkers & then to the Gardens. Spent the evening at Hardies and had tea there. Home about 9. Windy day.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Met Lou & Bess at 11. After 4 met Lou again, walked about with her for a time and took her to the station. Came down to town after tea and picked up Ned Halligan. Home about 11.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Called at Hardies on the way home & delivered Bessies Bag. With Fitzgerald for an hour. After tea went to Foleys & had a box. Met Geo. Mason at the Oxford etc. etc.S.G. 2-15/-.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Very unpleasant wind blowing, hard & dusty. The coldest this year. Raining most of the night. Remained at home and wrote a few letters.

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Raining & a very cold wind blowing. Met Fitz. Barton and others at 4. Called at Louisville on way home and saw Bess. Remained indoors after tea.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Raining. Hired a cab and took Bess & George to Stubbs dance given in honour of Mr & Mrs H. Woods, prior to their departure for England. Enjoyed ourselves very well. Rained heavily at intervals. Reached home about 3.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Went home by morning train with George, Bess & Fitz.. No one to meet us so were driven over in Houghtons coach. Fitz. Fred and I went out shooting all evening, did not go to the Hawkesbury Show  
1<sup>st</sup> Monthly half.

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Fitz & I amused ourselves shooting about the paddocks during the morning. In the evening Ned Halligan and Eddie Pitt were over. Wet night.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Fitz George & I returned to town. Almost missed the train. George had to stay at Blacktown - very queer. Came down in luggage train. Office all day. Raining. Met Stubbs at 4 and went with him to see Guilfoys boat in which he came from America 7000 (indecipherable).

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Showery. Went to Foleys after tea. Played 3 games of billiards at the Exchange and walked home with Kenyon.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Weather fine at last and warm. Came down to town with George Yeo. According to papers Hawkesbury is 4 ft above the bridge at Windsor.

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Fine. Did not go to Randwick assembly as intended, but went to the Gaiety and saw the opera Il Barberese etc. Did not care much for it. Met Dick Ridge there.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Went home (alone) by evening train. Father met me with new horse (Dunstans). Took Lou with us. Water just level with the bridge. Was 13 feet over it.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Shooting with rifle most of morning and also after dinner. Dick Shute came up from Sydney on his bicycle. Cold day Jack Lamrock called and had tea.  
2<sup>nd</sup> monthly half.

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Went for a ride through the paddocks with Fred, in the morning. Dick returned about 11. Remained about home all the evening.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1883

Returned to Sydney this morning. Father drove me across. Fell in with H. McQuade & Geo Yeo. Southerly weather. Home and to roost early.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Showery. Went to Foleys with George after tea & had a box. Had dinner with Fitz and Gus Adde at Catering Co -.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1883

Office until 12. Took a half day. Father, Uncle & Fred down. Bunaba & Currygundi offered for sale. Never got a bid. Very queer all the day. George went home with the rest.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Met Fitzgerald, Gus Adde, Stevens, (indecipherable) & Bruce at Maloneys. Cabbed it to Randwick. Met May – Ada. Lou (indecipherable) and several others there. Won a fiver on Sardonscy. Came back to town with Fitz & Halligan in a cab. Had a few games of billiards & wound up with Fitz at the theatre. Seeing (indecipherable).

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Met Fitz and went up to Foleys about tickets for Glove Contest. Took bus home with Lance Alderson. Could not go for boxing lesson on account of having a very bad cold.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office till one. Dinner at Giblins with others. Went to Manly with Fitzgerald. Watched a football match for a time and finished up with a game of billiards. Came back to Giblins & met the tribe again. Went home about 11.

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Spent the evening at Pendergast's "Mariola". A regular levee there. After dinner had a dance. Met a very nice lot of persons. Walked home with an Englishman at 11. Enjoyed myself well.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office until 12. Took a half day. Dinner at Exchange with two Fitzgeralds, George, & H. Francis. Went with the two former and saw the Boxing match between Foley & Miller. Lasted 2 hrs 50 m during which time 42 rounds were fought. Lance was gradually beaten being overpowered. Knocked about afterwards until 10.30 and then went home.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Lunch with A. Mort  
Met Lance Alderson and walked home with him. Called in at Hardies.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Met Eva, & Ern Johnson at 4. Took Amy Dowdell to see "Manolo" accompanied by Col. Mad. and George. Enjoyed it very much. Walked with them as far as the steamer and them home. Bed about 12.30.

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Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1883

Office all day. Met Stubbs & Saclier at 4. Went to the Randwick Assembly at with George. Enjoyed myself very fairly. Danced with Amy & Annie Woods Misses Burks, Miss Patrick, Misses Kiss, (indecipherable) Ann Strong & Richards, Rotton & others. Reached home knocked up.

Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1883



Office all day. Came down in cab met Angelo Tornaghi who arrived from up the country this morning. Went home by evening train with Angelo. George & Stubbs. Lou also joined us at Richmond. met by Father with coach. Got into bed about ½ past one.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1883

Knocked about home all day.  
Cricketing etc George Kiss, Hardie & Saclier turned up at tea time & remained the night. Had great flu. Bed again about 2. Lovely day. Bess & Legar went for ride after dinner to Windsor.

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1883

George Kiss, Jack & Saclier left about 11. Logan & Bess went riding and I spent the evening down on the river Bank. with Lou  
Bed about 12.30.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1883

All returned to Sydney, father also Mother a cold morning.  
Knocked about after 4 with father until he went home, then picked up Legar and others.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Miserable and wet weather. Met Angelo at 4  
Took Rifle to Cowles. Remained at home after tea.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Fine. Met several after 4. Home to tea. Came down to town afterwards & picked Angelo. Played him a game of billiards – Called on Misses Walker etc.

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Fine. Came down to town after tea. Met C. Lord & Gowland at Catering Co.  
Knocked about until 11 and then went home.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Went out for an hour with Fitz in the morning. After tea went to Randwick and spent the evening at Richard's. Angelo Misses Viles & a few others then had some music, game of cards etc and met the 10.38 tram home at Randwick gates.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all the morning. Went to Richmond in midday train, accompanied by George, Mrs Col Pitt & Amy Dowdell. W. Rutter also up. Met Lou, Bess & Jack Lamrock on the Park.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Knocking about home all the morning. Rode over to Richmond after dinner. Eddie & Amy Dowdell paid Sunnyside a visit. Improvements being made in the house.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Returned to Sydney by morning train with W. Rutter & May Benson. Office all day. Met Angelo, Fitzgerald Stubbs etc. Home by cab, (indecipherable) killed a boy by running him down – Dowling St. G.(2/. 18/. - -

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Round at Foleys after tea where I had a box with Jackson. Fitzgerald met me there with his trap and drove me out to "Mariola". Met Miss Cosgrove there. Came back in the ½ past 10 tram.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Very cold. Bess & George down for the day. Saw them after 4. Went home after 5 and remained there. -.-

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Office all day. Cabbed it about with Angelo from ¼ past 4 till 5. Went home, dressed and took the 7 tram to Randwick. to the Assembly. Enjoyed it fairly. Came back with Ligar Stubbs & Saclier in the formers cart.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Fitzgerald, Halligan & myself went by the 8.30 train to Bowral arrived there at 12-15(night). Stayed at the Royal Hotel (Rileys). –

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1883

At Bowral. Wallaby shooting all the morning with Fitz. Hired a buggy and went to Berrima after lunch.

Inspected the gaol there, saw Beches Thunderbolt & all the ins and outs of the prison. Came home back via Nattai & were pretty well ducked before we reached home at dark. Cold weather.

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Remained in Bowral all morning. After dinner Ned and I walked towards Nattai through the tunnel & returned by the road. Fitz went shooting but got nothing. Messers Arson & King staying also at the hotel. Great fun.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Came down by ½ past 3 train and reached town at 10 minutes to 8. Yarning with Mr J Jones all the way. Ned & Fitz went to sleep. Office all day. Very windy. George returned after 10 days spell. Bess also. Cabbed it into town with J Kenyon after tea to see the fire at Farmers. Nothing much. Had two games of billiards & home.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Met Lou at 10.30. Also May. Ada Bess etc. Went to Misses Walkers Party at (indecipherable) Room. Had 17 dances out of 21. Enjoyed myself thoroughly. About 170 present. Got home and into bed at 4 feeling completely done up----.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Met Merv Town after lunch. And saw Lou for about 2 minutes after 4. Home to dinner and to bed early.

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Met May, Lou. (indecipherable) Town & Fitz Hill at 4 also Amy Dowdell. Home to tea. Came down town for a while – called at Foleys.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Met M<sup>rs</sup> Payne and the girls after 4. Drank Angelo's health with HS Badgery Bedford and Warner at Pastoral Chambers. We left by 8 train for M<sup>c</sup>Kenzies s<sup>tn</sup> Went to see the "Kings Dragoons" with Fitz Hill, Lou May. (indecipherable) & (indecipherable) Walker. George took Bess to see "Jo".

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1883

Office. Met the girls at ½ past 10. Dinner at Exchange with Ted Brown and Les Mason. Hired a cab at ½ past one and took Lou to Bondi. Had a look at the football matches on the park on the way back Met Bess & Flo Hardie there. Took Lou to the train & home to dinner after which Geo & I spent the evening at Aldersons.

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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Queerish all the morning. Went to Parramatta in the 2/45 train. Met W. (indecipherable). Spent the evening at Richards with May (indecipherable) & Lou. H. McQuade & F. Moses. Ret<sup>d</sup> in the 8.30 train.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Dinner with Fitz etc. Met May and [indecipherable] after 4. Drove down after tea. Called at Foleys.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Boxing with Jackson round at Foleys after 4. Met Lou and May at 5.15. Home to dinner. Took Lou to see "Jo" at Theatre Royal. "Jennie Lee" with May. (Indecipherable) M<sup>rs</sup> J. Richards & Fitz Hill. Drove her up to train & brought [indecipherable] back.----

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Went to Parramatta with Lou in the 5.20 train to Richards. Remained there all night.

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Returned from Parramatta in the 8. train with Ted Brown and Osborne. Met Lou at one and again at 4. Came down town after tea with George and buzzed about. Jack Gardine committed Suicide about ½ past 4 by shooting himself with a revolver.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Office all day. Went home by evening train with Bess, Lou, Flo. Hardie [indecipherable] Kiss and George. Found it very cold at Richmond. The improvements to the house being quickly got on with.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Very cold morning. Sharp frost. Did not go to the Coursing but paid the paddocks a visit. Caught a kangaroo alive with 'Hero' & brought him home. Rode into Richmond with Fred after dinner & had a look at the football match versus HS Diamond. Put the kangaroo in grandfathers garden.

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1883

About house all the morning. Rode to Richmond after dinner. Miserable dull day.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1883

George and myself returned by early train. Miserable wet day. Took my gun to Cowles after 4 and ordered some cartridges. Went home at 5 and remained there.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Rec<sup>d</sup> cheques. Boxing with Jackson after 4. Home to tea. Went with George to see the Engineering Exhibition at the old building. Very good and interesting.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Cold & raw. George and I spent the evening over at Col Pitts had a few songs etc. Home at 25' to 12.

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Met Reg Lyons after 4. Round to Foleys with George after tea. Had a box with Jackson. Home by ¼ past 10. Paid M<sup>rs</sup> Fraser up to the end of June £5.7.2

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Father down. Met him at lunch time. Left the office at 3. Went by 4.25 train to Bowral with Ted Brown. Reached the ¼ to 9. Had tea and a game of billiards.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Ted and myself went wallaby shooting. Found ourselves out on the Berrima road. Shot three & some birds. Must have walked 12 miles. Home at ½ past one. After dinner went after hares. Only saw one. George & father went up to see Sir Henry Parkes

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Went to Bowral Church in the morning. After Church drove to Mossvale and back. Very shy horse but a good goer. Enjoyed the drive but found it cold.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Ted and I walked up as far as Tooths after hares. Only saw one & a few wallabies. Home by 12 o'clock. Returned to Sydney by the 1.12 train. Home by 6. Went to bed early. Very tired.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Queer. Cold wind. Met Saclier after 4. News that Padget Bayly died at Liverpool just after his arrival at home. Married 3 months on 11<sup>th</sup>. [Arrow pointing to next day's date from 11<sup>th</sup>.]

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Still unwell. Called in at Foleys & had a box with big Doyle & another gentleman. Could do them both big as they were. After tea went to the Engineers Exhibition

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With George. Met Miss Wentworth there and a few others. Home and in bed by 11.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. After tea went to see [indecipherable] with George & Jack Hardie. Enjoyed it very much. Home by 11.40.  
Beautiful weather.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Went home by evening train with George and Jack Hardie. Met Halligan and others in the train.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Shooting about the paddocks during the morning. Lost the sight of my rifle. In the evn drove George Bess and Jack to Richmond to see the football match V Redferns. Richmond had no show. Met Lou M<sup>rs</sup> Town and others on the park.

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Home all day. Lou & Cara came over at ½ past 2, & remained until 5. Lovely weather.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1883

George, Jack, Flo Hardie [indecipherable] Kiss and myself returned to Sydney by morning train. Cold morning. Sharp frost. Office all day. Took rifle to Cowles.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Foleys after 4, boxed with Jackson for half an hour. Down in town after tea, picked up Andrew and knocked about with him until 12 or so.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Cold. With A. Dransfield after 4. Drank his health on two bottles of Krug. Game down town with T1 after tea. Met [indecipherable] and others at Foleys —

Miss Clara Merriman  
aged 21 years dead

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office. Wet miserable day.  
Had a box with Jackson after 4.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office. George & I and Fred went by 4.25 train to Mittagong. Stayed at the railway hotel Gibsons for the night. Very cold. Walked round town after tea\_\_ to bed about 11.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1883

Remained at the station until ½ past 11. Then walked up to Oaklands with Fred. Met M<sup>r</sup> Phillips & Mrs Southey. Mr S away: were shown over the school & grounds by Mrs S. Had dinner there with the masters & boys & were driven back to the station by M<sup>r</sup> Phillips. Shep Laidley there. Said goodbye to Fred & left by the 1.45 train. Reached Sydney  
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about 5.30. Went down town after tea. Met G. Kiss Stubbs & others.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1883

Raining all day. Remained at home. Yarning shooting & amusing ourselves the best way we could.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Went to see Geo. Kiss after 4. Home to tea. Did not go out -wrote letters.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Foleys after 4. Could not box a little. Went to see George Kiss Met Stubbs there. Home to tea.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Mother Father and Bess down. Met them in the morning & after 4. They returned home by night train. During the day fell in with Eva & Ern. A. Barton. Stubbs Rodd Jones & others. Went to see Man-

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teaux Nous again. Picked up Arthur Barton again there. Home by 11.40  
E.K Cox died to day.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Took Amy Dowdell to the Randwick Ball. Had 20 dances -160 present. Enjoyed myself first rate. George stayed at Kisses. I came back in the special train at ½ past 2 which was 1 hour late. Amy stayed with H Frances. In bed at 3 - rather tired.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Office all day. Went to Richmond by evening train with George & Ted Brown. & Uncle. Father met us at station. A strong west wind blowing. Found all well & Lou also at Sunnyside.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1883

About home during the morning. Ted & I went shooting all the afternoon. Did not get much. Jack Lamrock drove Bess & Lou to Richmond & back & stayed to tea. Went to bed at 2 o'clock .

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Remained about home all the day. Ted & I had a shot with the rifle & a pull up the river in the morning.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1883

Geo. Ted & I returned to Sydney by morning train. Met Fritz and had a drink with him he leaves for a fortnights trip to Queensland. Home to tea and in bed by ½ past 9. Earthquake in Italy over 3000 persons killed.

Tuesday 31st July 1883

Office all day. Boxed with Jackson after 4. Received a tremendous lander fair between the two eyes, I may say it opened a spacious (indecipherable) to the bewildered eyes, wherein I saw more stars in 3 seconds etc.—

Wednesday 1st August 1883

Office all day.  
Down town with Kenyon after tea - Miserable dull day.  
Bank Holiday

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1883

Office all day.  
Down town after tea. Met Andrew D.G. Short. Home again early.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1883

Office all day.  
Boxing after 4.  
Took Amy Dowdell to see the "Grasshopper" Jennie Lee at Theatre Royal.  
Very laughable. Took her down to the steamer where Col met her. Walked home. Missed last train.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all morning. Went to Sydney Bicycle Sports with Col. Turned out wet. Came back to town, had a game of billiards. Went to Richmond by 15.20 train with Beatty who has now taken charge of the district. Met Lou at train. J Lamrock ran Hero at the coursing - and thinks he won his course but it was given against him by one point.

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Father Beatty & I drove up as far as Lamrocks in the morning to see about road. At home all evening. Eddie drove over.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Beatty and myself returned to Sydney in morning train. Very sharp frost. Picked up Halligan and Pros Ridge and several others at Windsor -. Office all day. With Col & Andrew after 4. Tried to make Col tight

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Lovely day – At office. Had a boxing lesson after 4. Home to tea. Down town afterwards with George & Tyler to see the Poultry Show. Finished up with a game of billiards at Exchange. Met Mr & Mrs Gourly.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Met Jack Lamcock at ½ past one. After 4 went up to see George Kiss, had a look at Beattys horses.

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Met J. Lamrock at 4. Went down to the gardens & heard the band. Came back met George & had tea at Moloneys. Picked up Farnell & his friend Miller. The whole lot of us went to see Manteaux Noris & enjoyed ourselves too much. Left Jack at the train with (indecipherable) Jones. We must have had something over a doz nips-

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Went home on evening train with George Jack Lamrock & others. Father met us at train with Lou, who went over with us.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Buzzing about all day. Jack Lamrock & W. Newcomen down after dinner. W. Haylock & Reid appeared after tea and we had a regular musical evening  
W Haylock played a cornet.

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Took Flo & Lew for a pull in the morning. With Lou part of the evening. Eddie Pitt over.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Geo & I returned by morning train. Not cold. Yeo & Newcomen also accompanied us. Met several fellows after 4. Home to tea and to bed early.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. George & I went over to Col's to tea. Young Frank Dowdell up from Hobart. Home again by ½ past 11.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office. Bess & Lou at 11. Also at 4. Picked up Barton & Fred Moses afterwards. Took the girls to see Manteaux Noirs—George & Ted Brown with us. Ted went

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with them afterwards to Parramatta where they remained the night with Emily Richards. Edward Hordern died suddenly.



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office. Met Lou at one & again at 4 with Bess. Knocked about with them ~~again~~ until 5 when she left for home. Down town after tea had a couple games of billiards. (Queerish) ~~May~~ Ball given to Mayor & Mayoress.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office. With Fritz 3 times during the day. Engaged 2 horses for a ride to-morrow (at Hawkes'). Met Dowdell at 5. Bussed it home with Lance Alderson. (Queerish).

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office. Rode out to Sandringham with Fitz in the evening. Roads dusty. 2½ hours going & coming, 1¼ hr each way. 12 miles. Tea at Giblins picked up Halligan & Hardie, knocked around until after 10. Felt ill all day. Hot day.

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Walked down to Botanical Gardens with George & Jack Hardie in the morning. Jack drove us out to Botany in the evening. Enjoyed the day but still unwell.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office. Close day. Rain commenced about 6 o'clock and came down all night. Met Stubbs at 4. With him a short time.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Went to Richmond with Miss Luida Stubbs George Kiss, Geo & Uncle. Bad eye. – Father met us at train with buggy which we had some difficulty

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to squeeze into. Raining all day. Dull at Richmond.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1883

Had to remain at home all day on account of my eye. The rest went to the races in Houghtons Coach – George Kiss won 30/- for (indecipherable) -.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Knocking about home. (Indecipherable) in my eye very bad. Took the girls for a walk and pull. Mr Richards, (indecipherable) Flo & Lee Rotton over in the afternoon. They fixed up our beds. Ligan Stubbs & Jack Hardie up at night.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1883

All of us went to the races. J Lamrock drove us. Enjoyed the day thoroughly. Came home 15/- win. Fitz returned with Jack and myself. Had great fun at night, keeping up my 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday bed at 2. Eye still bad

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Knocking about all day. Lou, Con & Flo Richards & Lil Rotton over in the evening. A good tribe of us in all. Plenty fun. Fitz doctored my eye at night and made it much better.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1883

All returned to Sydney by morning train. Father with us. Train crowded. Had half a holiday in the evening – went to see the show. Took father to the theatre with George & Geo Kiss – he stayed at Kisses for the night.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. With farther in the morning and again after 4. We met W Gooley who took us round to his office to have a drink. Saw Fitz and Hardie -.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Miss McKenzie and Smith married. Down town after tea.

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Office all day. Met Uncle and several after 4. Down town after tea. Met Fitz and Mr Aster just out from home. Knocked about until ½ past 10 -.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1883

Office. Raining most of the day and at night. George went home. – Met Dick (Indecipherable) after 4. Had a yarn with him. Nothing doing.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1883

Office. Went to Races with Fitz dropped about a fiver – in sweeps etc. Cold day. Derby won by Le Grand. Came back to town by buss. Knocked about with Barton Rodd & others. Went out to W (Indecipherable) with Fitz where he left me. Home late (Indecipherable).

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1883

Went to Manly to Stubbs in ½ past 10 boat with Hardie & Depass. Went for a walk for with the girls in the evening. Missed the steamer. Left Stubbs at 11 and stayed at the Ivanhoe with Jack for the night.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1883

Returned from Manly with Ligar Jack & his sister. Had breakfast round at Stubbs. Met George & Fred at one. Fred returned to Oaklands. Home early and to bed.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office until 12. Half day given for races. Met Lou at ¼ past 10. Went to races with Andy Johnson. Had lunch under the stand with the Town faction. Champagne etc. Won £11 in a sweep but lost 7 of it again – The Gem won the Metrop. Cabbed it back with Andy who won £80 spent the evn at hardies

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Had a box with Jackson after 4. Jim Lamrock left for England in the Assam at noon

Home to tea, did not go out.

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Went to the Gymnasium with Ted Brown after 4. Looked on. Met Barton down town. After tea George, Tyler and myself went to see the Minstrels at the Masonic Hall. Enjoyed it very much –

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Met Miss Stubbs at 12. Had a box with my man after 4. Met L.S and her sister again – Walked down to the Steamer with them. Down town after tea with George & Tyler. Queer in the night.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office. Went to Races with George. Fitz & Ligar. Won 8 notes. Returned with Dick (indecipherable). Home to tea. Down town then to the train with George & Fitz. Nearly missed it while changing carriages. Andrew, Mason, and a lot of the girls with us. Father met us at ten. Cold night

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1883

At home all day. Andrew & George Mason drove over in the morning. Eddie & Harry Hassall in the evening.  
Lou also over since Friday.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1883

George Fitz & myself returned by morning train. A sharp frost – picked up Andrew Dransfield & George Mason at Windsor. Office all day. Home to tea & to bed at 10.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Father down. Met him after 4. Returned by 5.4 train. Home to tea  
Spent the evening at Hardies had a few games of billiards  
Mr Mr Dando there.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Met Miss Stubbs at one. Bess came down by mid-day train and went with her to Manly. Boxed with Jackson after. Recd a nasty cut on the lip

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Father down – Went home again at night with Harry Hassall.  
Down town after tea with George. Played 4 games of billiards.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Father & H Hassall down. The latter left to take charge of station at night  
Went to see "Taken from Life" with George & Fitz at Theatre Royal. Manly Flower show opened today – met Ligar Stubbs

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office. Went to Manly to "Flower Show" – There on and off till 10 o'clock all friends there. Enjoyed it thoroughly. (Staying at Stubbs until Monday). George went to "Leona".

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1883

About the house with Ligar all the morning  
In the Evening, he, George, myself, Bess Linda & Miss Ward drove out to the "Colaroy" in the cart. Gathered some flowers. On the beach until 10

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Returned from Manly by 8.10 boat with a great number of the faction. Office all day. Met Bess in the morning. After 4. gave Ligar a bunch of flowers for the show – Picked up Osborne. Home to tea. E-y (indecipherable) St. Dst. 12/-.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Father down – did not see him. Went to Manly by 6 o'clock boat with George & Beattie. Stayed at Bobs. Went to Mr Hilders dance given in the pavilion. A great crowd there. Part of (indecipherable)

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Enjoyed myself very well. Plenty champagne etc. Danced over 20 dances. Home to Bobs again and in bed by ¼ past 4. Pretty well done up.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office. Returned from Manly in the 8.10 boat. Awful getting up. Had a rush for it. Met Ligar after 4. Home to tea and in bed by 9. Did not go to Randwick Social. Felt too tired.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Went home by evening train with George. Met Fred from school at Junction Uncle living at Bunaba cottage since Monday with his daughter –

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1883

At home in the morning. Fishing in the evening. Caught nothing. Jack Lamrock down after tea. –

Trial (indecipherable) of Brighton

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1883

Around the bush with Fred in the morning. Took for George & Flo for a drive after 4. Ada & Emily Richards over. Saw May & (indecipherable) in Richmond.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Returned to Sydney. Morning. Office. Mr Way of Hordens drove over with us to the train. Accompanied Ada Richards & Em Johnson down. Landed Em at P.S.&B.s. Met Jennie Bob and Amy Woods after 4. Took them to (indecipherable) Tail's – Bed early –

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day – getting work examd. By Mr. Chisholm – .  
Home to tea, went for a walk after. St Vincents Ball.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Met Ligar & Stubbs after 4. Home to tea. Raining from 6 – on and off through the night. –

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office all day. Commenced to rain about ½ past 5. Wind blew a hurricane all night—heavy rain sharp lightning & thunder. Queerish most of the night.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Wet day. Office. Queerish—home to tea.. and Bed early..

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1883

Office. Dinner at Giblins with Andrew D & others. Jack Ligar George Kiss & others there. Had a look over the museum. Wet night Had a spree at Fragers. All pretty well tight — 3 bottles of [indecipherable]/ 1 of wine etc.

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8<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

Office all day. Very tired. Home to tea and to bed about 10.

See over 9 6<sup>th</sup> 8 Oct

Ret<sup>d</sup> from Richmond morning train. Left Fred at Granville on his way to school. Met Mrs Lawry after 4. Home to tea. Young Kenyon called up to [indecipherable].

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Raining most of the morning. Pulled the boat down the terrace with Fred after dinner. Had some work getting back against the current –

11 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday.

Went for a ride about the Common with Fred in the morning. Came home thro Richmond. Home al the eveng Eddie & W Newcomen there -

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[No Entry follows date]

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1883

Office until 12. ½ day on account of opening of Parliament. Knocked about town. Went to Hardies' dance. About 50 present. Enjoyed myself very well. Home between 2 and 3.

6 40<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office all day. down to the Town Hall after tea with George to see the Art Societies Exhib. Had 3 games of billiards. Rained between 9 & 10 heavily. Met Amy & Annie Woods.

7 11<sup>th</sup>

At 7 (indecipherable) and walked down to the Steamer with them—Saw Mrs Stubbs and Mrs [indecipherable] there.

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30<sup>th</sup> September 1883

George, Tyler, & Myself walked round Darling Point and back through Waverley in the morning. Went to Manly in 3 boat. Remained at Stubbs all night. Jack Jones there to tea. George went home. — Lovely day —

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1883

Returned home from Manly in new Steamer Brighton ¼ to 9 with Ligar & Mr Stubbs & Jack Hardie. Had a regular run for the boat which left at the old instead of the new pier. Office all day. Met Bess & Fulvia Stubbs, Bella Elford and others in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Hardies.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1883

Office all day. Lovely weather left town in the morning. Met Jack H. Day H Prince & Woodhouse. Went to see Ligar. Home to tea. Went to see (indecipherable) O'Posen Polks with George - Enjoyed it very well —

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1883

Office all day. Father and Fred down. Went down to the Return Ball (at Manly/ to Mr & Mrs Hilder. Stayed at Bobs. Enjoyed myself fairly. 175 there. Finished up about 3 —Mr & Mrs Joe King also staying Leona

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4<sup>th</sup> October 1883

German band and good refreshments. All the boys there Bess also. — .

[From this point there are no alterations to the printed dates. The dates commence at Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October]

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office all day. Went again to see the Federal Minstrels with George Kiss & Arkie. Col, Eva, Amy and others of the North Shore faction there. Very laughable especially "Slocums Dog." Home by 12.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office all day. Went to Richmond with George & Ted Brown, and Will Lamrock. Father met us with buggy. Low over at [indecipherable]

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Miserable morning. Showery. Took Ted for a ride round the Common in the afternoon. Fitz Geral, [ indecipherable abbreviation] came up by midday train. Father met him with & girls. Jack & Will Lamrock down to tea. Late to bed.

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Miserable. Fitz, Ted and I amused ourselves [indecipherable] & cock fighting cricket etc. Eddie over and Uncle up from Bunaba Cottage. To bed by 11. 30. Getting a cold.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Ret<sup>d</sup> to Sydney with George. Fitz and Ted Brown Office all day. Wet. Cold very bad. "Off it" all day went home to tea & to bed early.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Cold very bad. Father and Harry Hassall down for the day. With them for a time.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Still unwell with infernal cold. Hottest day we have had this summer. Strong southerly came up about 8 o'clock.

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Showery miserable day. George and I did not go to the Randwick Soiree. Felt queer. Remained at home. Had dinner with Harry Hassall & met him again after 4. –

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Miserable wet day. Did not go to Woods' dance. Disappointing. George & myself met Harry Hassall at the Exchange & went to see the Minstrels with him. Left him at the Royal. He started home by the "Maitlang" at 11.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Fine morning. Wet evening. Dinner at Exchange. Met the tribe at Giblins Drove out to 'Meriola' with Fitz and back to town. Dropped 10/- on Sardonic "Caufield Cup". Home to tea. Went to see (indecipherable indecipherable). (Indecipherable) my room only so did not go in. Played (indecipherable) a game of billiards. Met Mr (indecipherable) – home by 11. oclock.

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1883

At home all morning. Wet. After dinner went for a walk with George and Maiden. Round the gardens. Home for tea; after which we did another stroll down town & as far as the Railway Stn. – then home.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1883

Office. Fine day. With Fitz after 4 for a while. Home to tea did not go out.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1883

Office. Fine. Home to tea. Out with Maiden afterwards. Left him at or near Railway station. Home again about 1130. [indecipherable].....+!

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Fine. Southerly at night. Met young Day & Saclier at 4. Home to tea. Did not go out. George & I shifted our room from the one below to the one

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above – which suited us much better. Caught 3 rats & 2 the previous night.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. ~. Fine. Spent the evening at Hardies. Had a game of billiards.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Fine.. Home to tea. Yarned till one oclock. George went to Richmond

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Met Fitz and Halligan at one. Went to Pendergast's picnic in the Gov<sup>t</sup> boat – all round the Bay & up Middle Harbour. Called in at Pearl Bay. About 30 present – most of whom were ladies. Enjoyed myself very much. Had a drink with Major Murphy at the Reform Club afterwards. Tea at Catering C. Left Fitz at 9. Met George Kiss etc.—Home by 10.30--. Tired

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1883

At home all the morning. Went out to Pendergasts after dinner. Met several there. Drove out to Coogee with Fitz in a cab –. Got him to drop me at home on the way back – not well enough to return with him. Went for a stroll after tea.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office.[indecipherable] day. George returned. Home to tea. Sick in the night (biliousness). Called in to see Fitz at 4.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1883

Office. Very queer all day. Went straight home at 4 and took the bed for it.

Wednesday 31 October 1883

Office. Father, mother, Bess Lou & Jack Lamrock down with them for a time. Home to tea. Went to Day's dance—'Ealing' with George in Cab(88?). Met several there we knew Woods, Stubbs, [indecipherable] etc . Enjoyed

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ourselves thoroughly. Left about ¼ to 1 before the finish & reached home by 10 pm past. Had about 16 dances. Missed one or two & played billiards.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1883

Office. Queerish all day. Strong south wind blowing. Home to tea & to bed early.



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1883

Office. George & I went to Richmond by evening train. Met Bess and Lou going to the concert.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1883

About house all day. Shot a few birds in the morning. Country looking lovely. Jack Lamrock called in the morning and brought the two girls home in the evening. Caught two swarms of bees. Martini Henri won the Melbourne Derby Archie the favourite – not ridden –

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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Rode all through the paddocks in the morning. Lovely day. Mr & Mrs Lackey over in the afternoon – Remained at home –.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Retd to town. Mother went up to train with us. Going to see (indecipherable) – not well. Met Rumsey. Vallacks Hassall etc on the way down. Down town for an hour after tea to hear news of races. Met Fitz Hill. Had a little music before going to (indecipherable).

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Warm day. Storms between 7 & 8. Excitement in town over the Melbourne Cup won by Whites horse Martini Henri – who also won the Derby. First Water 2<sup>nd</sup> & Commotion 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dropped a “quid” on Legrand.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Sultry day. Down town after tea for a short time – (indecipherable). Plenty lightning, but little rain – .

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Went home evening train with Geo & Fitz. Picked up Fred at Granville. Raced home and got covered with mud, had charge of a box of flowers which gave me an unusual amount of trouble –

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Fitz & I went for an infernal long walk shooting, over the Terrace. Got very little. In the evening rode round Newcomen’s paddocks with the dogs. Lou came over with her mother & Mrs (indecipherable).

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Walked round the paddocks with Fitz & Fred in the morning. Shot a Jack (indecipherable). Wet evening – Storms.

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1883

About house all day. Eddie over in the evening. Also Andrew & Fred Dransfield in the morning. Went for a swim. Very windy.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1883

George & Fred returned. Fitz & myself remained. Drove out to the Chain of Ponds Shooting about the Common all the morning – Father met us at Bronte Gates at ½ past 12 & drove us home. Home all the evening very windy. Shot a doz possums

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Fitz & myself returned by morning train. Got in with J. & A. Town. Office all day. Out after tea for a few hours. Fred went to Mittagong by early train.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 1883

Office. Went round to Garlings after 4, met C. Müller there. Home to tea. Down town with George between 9 & ½ past 10.

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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Grand weather. Met Eva & May Smith after 4. Walked down to the steamer with them. Home to tea. Went to see Le Cloches de Corneville. Picked up Fitz & some of his people there. Home in tram with Ellis –

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Up town in the morning. Met several. Dinner at Exchange. Called at Giblins met Fitz & Halligan. Took tram out to Botany with George. Home to tea. Down town afterwards until 11 –

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Went out to Kisses to dinner, George Kiss & Arkie & Frank & myself drove out to Botany in the two buggies. Had a good race home giving them a wide start – licked them at Cleveland St. Came back by train after tea. George remained.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. met Cols wife, Jennie & Amy Dowdell at 4. Went out to Paddington with George. After tea "Out" again until 11 or so.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Called in to see Walter Bradley at 4. Met May Benson at Hardies walked up town with her. Home by bus with Jack Hardie & George. Went to see "Olivette" – Home by 20 to 12.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1883

Office. Had dinner with Walter Bradley. Home to tea. Spent the evening with Arkie over at Col's – Young Dawes & another lady there. Home by 20 to 12.

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1883

Office. Met Saclier at 4. Home to tea. J. Hardie called up on his way to Days I jibbed on it. Went down town for a stroll. Picked up W. Kemp knocked about with him until after 11: -

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1883

Office. Went home by evn train with George. Walter Bradley & Young Stanley Stubbs. Lou over at Sunnyside. Late going to bed.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Very hot day. Could not go out. Had a swim in the morning and again in the afternoon. Jack Lamrock down for a while. Shot some swifts but they were a trifle too good for us. In bed after one.

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Took Walter for a long ride over the Common & through Richmond home in the morning. Very hot. Remained about the house all the evening. To bed at ½ past one.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1883

George, Walter & (indecipherable) returned by morning train. Picked up Andrew D. Geo Yeo & others. Home to tea. Out until 11.30. Two fresh gentlemen took up their quarters with us on Saturday.

Adventure "The lost hat"

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Called at Foley's in the morning and paid him £6 for Sparring lessons. Had a good box with him. Home to tea. Down to Foleys afterwards with George. Met a crowd there. George Seale – Dave M'Cawley & others. Had a look at a set to between Seale and another chap. Seale convinced him that he was the best man.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Met Linda Stubbs after 4. with her for half an hour. Storm came on, rained all night wanted badly. – Did not go out – Called in to see Fitz.

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Dirty day -. Geo Kiss sold Rainbow, Bally – Piebald Pony. Chestnut Brumby - & my old white (indecipherable)

Out after tea for a while (indecipherable).

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Office. Dull day. Met Walter Bradley at one. After 4 went round to see George Kiss. home to tea after which went for a run down town with George.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1883

Office Dinner at Exchange. Went to see the cricket match with George & A. Gardyne, (between University & Carltons. Home to tea. met Walter Bradley in town & went to "Mascotte". Enjoyed it very well.

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1883

Round the Gardens for a stroll in the morning. Went to Manly by ½ past 2 boat. Visited Stubbs – Returned by the 5. Lic. Sur. (indecipherable) committed suicide by shooting himself at Manly.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1883

Office. Father & Bess down for the day. With him. After 4. for a time. Called in at Cowles to see a fun. Home to tea did not go out.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Nothing doing. Lic. Sur. Exam. commenced Harry Shute up. but after tea MM. MP.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Very war-rum day. Lou down for the day. Met her at 11 and again at 4. Took her to the train. Met Jack & Sarah Lamrock there. Home to tea. Down town

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afterwards with George for an hour or so.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Hottest day I've felt up to date. Heavy storm between 10 & 11. With Walter Bradley after 4. Home to tea – down town afterwards for a walk with Mr Robertson – George took Annie (indecipherable) to see "Mascotte".

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Went home by evening train with George & Duia Tornaghi. Saw Jack & also Lou in Richmond.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Sultry & stormy all day. Tried the new gun (Fred's). Too much powder – kicked liked fun. Took all the youngsters for a swim in the afternoon –

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Went for a walk round the Paddocks in the evening. Shot a black snake & took him home. At home all the evening. Eddie P over Angelo & Andrew called in the evening but did not see them. Angelo just returning-

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Returned to town with George & Stanley Stubbs. Picked up Angelo and Andrew at Windsor also Lance Alderson & Hill 'Quade. Quite surprised to see old Ernie Raymond who called in to see me. Had dinner with him. After 4 fell in with Jack Hardie, Stubbs Ligai & Percy Day-Angelo McKellar - Hassall & drank the new Mayors health Mr J Hardie—

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Dinner with E. Raymond & Ted Brown. After 4 met Angelo and Andrew. Boozing up prior to the wedding. Andrew shouted 4 large bottles of Champagne.- Went to the train "pretty

fit". Spent the evening at Hardies. George Kiss- Carson & Ligar Stubbs there. Had a few games of billiards.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Andrew Dransfield & Ada Richards married. Went up to the dance by evening train with several others. Heat intense - never felt anything like it. Had great fun at the dance. "All" got boozed Stayed at Goughs - 21 dances. Finished

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up about 3. Camped with Jack Lamrock. The waiters were all tight and that spoils the affair to a certain extent. I don't exactly remember getting home. All in a lifetime. [ink faint]

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Up next morning by 8. George returned to town. I was not in a fit state. 'Very bad' After breakfast went up to Richards with Barton. Took the train to Richmond & the coach home with Angelo & Arthur - Straightened ourselves up as well as possible. Plenty music & long drinks bed at 11

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Ret<sup>d</sup> to Sydney in morning train with Bess. Flo Angelo & Arthur Barton. Bella Elford got in at Windsor. Office. Met Bill Moses and others at 4. Home to tea. Went to see Patience with Angelo Fitz & George Mason. Saw Col and his people there. Home by last train with Fitz.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Up town in the morning. Met several. Went down to Manly in the afternoon with George. Angelo Will Moses and others. Saw a cricket match & the regatta. Down town after tea. Buzzed around till late Ernie T Dransfield with us.

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1883

At home all morning. Went out to Badgererys with George & Angelo in 12. train. Met Barton M<sup>r</sup> Lichfield & Ted Dransfield there. Returned after tea.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Queer all day. After tea went to Hardies - stayed there until 10.30.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Unwell. Went to see D<sup>r</sup> Fraschi - got some medicine from him. Met Raymond Cols wife and Amy Dowdell. Home to tea. Bess and Flo gave us a look up.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Up town with Bess and E. Raymond in the morning. Went to the Holbrook dance. Good crowd there - too many ladies. Intended to go home by the last boat but remained

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all night. Very hot, had about 18 dances out of 21. Not well enough to enjoy myself. 14 Months since I was last at Holbrook - Slept with Ernie and Bill Wright upstairs to bed ¼ after 4.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Office. Very hot day. Off it altogether. Regularly knocked up. Home and to bed early. George & Angelo went on board the Italian Man-of-war. George came home sick.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1883

Went home for the holidays taking Fitz, E. Raymond up with us. Bess also who had been staying & father who was down for the day. Angelo also accompanied us but returned next morning for Braidwood.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1883

At home buzzing about shooting at the butts.

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1883

At home.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Went up the Grose 4<sup>th</sup> Excursion. Jack Lamrock, George, Fred, Fitz, Ernie & myself. had great work to reach Casons after which we were "in it". A tremendous storm caught us (as usual) on the way – Got thoroughly ducked and nearly frozen had good fun nevertheless

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Spent a Merry Xmas.

Lou came over

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Went for a ride early in the morning with Fitz & Bess round the Kurrajong.

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1883

George Fitz & Ernie returned morning train –

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1883

B. George & Ernie left for Melbourne in the Shannon.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Knocking about home

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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1883

George & Ernie reached Melbourne had a pleasant passage.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1883

Knocking about home.

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CASH ACCOUNT-- April

23 days

2 days absent

21 days @ 17/-

Paid £17.17.0 (16/5/83)

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CASH ACCOUNT – May

Paid Mrs Fraser £16.15.0 for board (May 15/83)

5 weeks due viz from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> ..83

~~23 days~~

~~2 days absent~~

~~21 days @ 17/-~~

~~Paid. £17.17.0~~

Paid Mrs Fraser £5.10.9

for 4 weeks & 3 days board

(up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June @ 25/- per week)

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CASH ACCOUNT – June below

Worked 26 days.

Saturdays count as whole days. @. 15/7 per day

= £20.5.2

MAY 1883

Rec<sup>d</sup> £19/17/4

Paid Mrs Fraser up to end of June 30 days @ 25/-

£5.7.2

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CASH ACCOUNT – July

Rec<sup>d</sup> £7.5.1 back pay  
 12 ½ %  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> from ap £58 1/8 = 7.5.0

Rec<sup>d</sup> for month of July

£18.14. 0  
 2. 6 .9 back pay

Paid Mrs Fraser £5.10.9  
 up to end of June

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**[1896 Diary]**

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Years-	Inches	Rainfall at Sunnyside	
1888	21.25		
1889	39.66		Sketch of hanging man?
1890	49.05		
1891	40.25		
1892	50.25		
1893	45.40		
1894	36.95	Average Rainfall, Windsor for 32 years	
1895	27.65	33.6	

Rainfall 1896

		Inches	Total
January	Heat Phenomenal	3.20	
February	Muggy	4.23	7.43
March		3.2	10.63
April	Very Dry	nil	10.63
May	Very Dry	.69	11.32
June	Welcome rain towards end of month	5.29	16.61
July	Plenty frosts – but not biting	.09	16.7
August	Mild month—Very dry	.3	17
September	Mild light frosts – dry	.80	17.8
October	Dry and hot	2.28	20.08
November	Showery.. Rain [indecipherable]	3.29	23.37
December	Very dry. Exceptionally [indecipherable]	1.5	24.87
		Total	24.87

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1896



Pleasant weather...little warm.

Busy about home. Thinned covering of bush back a bit.- Clarry, Sep. Mr Streeton (Artist), Bess Flo and the Bowman girls- picnic up the Grose. Father put boat in. Cricket Match. Nth Richm<sup>d</sup> v Combroy Rd—the locals winning.

Premier Reids Free Trade Policy dates from today – £700.000 Custom Duties Wills & Tariff wiped out. Land and income Taxes come in place.

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1896  
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Fine [Indecipherable] Cool change towards night. Put in a quiet day at home. Showing paintings [Indecipherable] from Sunnysides. Young George Robertson came over for day or two. [Indecipherable] J Ede Onus over.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1896

Nice day. Busy about. Potting and watering plants. Ede Onus & Warden over after tea  
Clarry & G.R. boating up the Grose.  
Streeton & Waugh called in

Our dear little Dorothy 3 years old to-day

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Very hot 100° Burning West winds [Indecipherable]  
Strong N East 4 p.m. Watered plants in garden. George came over business Selected [Indecipherable] Alterations. Drove over with father & [Indecipherable] the [Indecipherable] train Took Jack for a Swim Bess spending day or two with the [Indecipherable] Kurrajong.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Very hot 95° Busy about. Took Jack - another Swim. All the boys inc Streeton to tea. Flo & Waugh drove up to Windsor. Eddie Over.--

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1896

108° An awful day. Burning [Indecipherable] and a light hot wind. Impossible to remain outside. 102° at [Indecipherable] am. No change till [Indecipherable] p.m. light [Indecipherable]. Cooling the air a little.-- 105° in Sydney highest temp there for 20 years --. A week of heat passing over the colonies. Old fashion weather and a good old drought. Cut down all plants — pumpkins, corn etc. The Big Paddock on fire - back of Will Clancy's. Watered parts of garden.  
George Robertson returned.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1896

98° Hot till noon. South wind then Sprung up.  
Pottering about.  
T.M. Sheridan hanged. For the murder of Jessie Nicholls. Abortion Case. He made a fuss of it & tried to do away with the body.  
Old Daniel Holborow of Ashfield Father of the newly created CMG of Richmond died. Aged 78

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Dull and [Indecipherable] it relief - but no rain. [Indecipherable] Made couple [Indecipherable] and wife called afternoon. Father and Clarry and Streeton out to camp Londonderry

Bit of a row in the Transvall between President Kruger, Boer Chief and the Highlanders. – The Germans rather nasty with England over the matter.  
M<sup>r</sup> Jameson's force of 460 men defeated ---

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1896

86° Fine. Warm. A nice day

At home – little doing

M<sup>rs</sup> Onus, Bess and lady friend over

Went to Richmond for day with Mr Grannunt (?) & Flo.

Father, Clarry and M<sup>r</sup> Streeton to Windsor re Survey of a nice Swimming Course - above the bridge - for the Sg. club.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1896

102° Very hot again. A terrible day. Strong Southerly Buster between 6 & 7 pm. – died out & a hot night. Not much doing – existence just possible under the circumstances.

Father & Clarry to Windsor Surveyed Course. Home 3.p.m.

Jack home by the mail – having put in a day and night at Joseville.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1896

102° Another terror of a day – and night. Almost unbearable & not a breeze. Everything cut up. Watered pot plants & George came up - to School of Arts. Drove him over to meet the 4.10. p.m. train. Spent an hour at Ridges - had hair cut etc. [Indecipherable] came up with train. Jack accomp'd. Flo to [indecipherable]. Big fire still rages in our Back paddock – almost pain stifling.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1896

104° Still another burning day. Very trying. E wind slightly cooled the air – o rest at night Impossible to sleep in the [indecipherable]. Feeling a bit queer. George [indecipherable] & Charlie over -. Accompanied the boys for a Swim – remained until 12.

Streeton up as per usual. –

Garden pretty well damp'd

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1896

112° Heat phenomenal. A blazing hot day for Sydney 118°.5 the highest ever recorded. In the country the thermometer registd. with one or two exceptions from 100° to 120°. Last week the hottest on record. Then for between 8am & 8pm the glass registd. nothing less than 110°. About 2. pm. 112° was reached. Most of us pretty well laid out. A South wind came up after tea – somewhat cooling the air. – Fire raging in Big Paddock – Swim with Jack and the boys. Shower bath and soft drinks & - the order of the day – No Sleep and unable to eat – the cry of all. Some 40 deaths recorded in the towns and country. – Sunstroke and prostration. Wind light from the West. Everything cut up. Bad look out for the maize etc. 20,000,000 gallons of water & 100<sup>ds</sup> of tons of ice consumed in Sydney.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1896

90° During the morning Southerly Wind continued reducing the temperature and making life somewhat worth living. Thunder and a couple of points of rain by 1 pm. Quiet day at home. Watered plants and dairy garden. Onus girls over. Did not see them. Misty rain during the night. Feeling very much off color. Weakness no appetite – 20 points

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Misty all day will do good and revive the corn & a little. In doors chiefly – Cleaning up back rooms. Father and Fred drove out to Camp – removed to another part of the Subdivision. Papers full of accounts of the heat wave. Very hot [25 points – Total 45] – again inland yesterday. A large number of deaths reported. The thermometer registering in most places from 100 to 120.

European situation considered critical. England [indecipherable] The Venezuela dispute & the [indecipherable] flying Squadron equipped. Half a million volunteers have expressed their willingness to join the Rescuers at once.

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Dull.

Muggy – Quiet morning about house. After dinner drove Fred & young Jack to Windsor to watch the Swimming Races. Clarry, Sep & Streeton (indecipherable) also present. Saw the finish of the Mile Championship of Australasia - won by Cavill. Watched also the diving from bridge and other performances. 800 or 2000 persons present. A good afternoons outing. Home 6pm. Father, Mother Bess & Dory over to Richmond. Squaring accounts with Storekeepers etc. –

Death

of Richard John Ainsworth (poor old Dick) at Leichardt aged 61. Originally a big importer of Agricultural Implements and Machinery. Great heat continues inland –

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Fine.

~~108°~~

105°

A very trying day. North to West wind – Muggy & moist. The glass was over 100 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the morning and remained so till night – when it receded to 90 – at which it remained inside and out. Too hot to do anything – although father Clarry & Surveying Dunstans Kurrajong home tired. Lou took suddenly ill about tea time. Prostrated with the heat – gave us a turn. Sent for Dr (indecipherable) 10.30pm. Had a bad night no sleep, Dorothy slept with Flo. Reports of terrible heat inland – 22 deaths already recorded at Bourke. – Thermometers from 100° to 121°

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Fine.

108°

Another scorching day accomp<sup>d</sup> with light N to W Winds. Fortunately a grand change in the shape of a Southerly buster came at 3pm [indecipherable] & reducing the temp from 108° at 3pm to 72° at 9pm and great relief & no (indecipherable). Felt queasy enough till air cooled. Bad enough myself Young Bess. Father & Clarry survey Dunstan's. Had a trying time. Onus girls over late [15 60-]

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1886

Misty

Continuing from last night. Thermometer 60° odd - Quiet day George Woodhill over – swim with Clarry & [indecipherable] remained till 10.

Mrs Onus called did not See them. Father and mother wedding day – Married 1860

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Raining lightly most of the day. 50 points regist<sup>d</sup> by 9 am this morning. A most welcome change – this little will do immense good- altho corn and other crops have been much cut up and have made poor headway.

Not much doing – cleared our collections of ages in the shape of rubbish from back room. Jack Town called also Streeton. (Artist and (indecipherable) friend Spong. Scenic Artist & a Mr Reid. He [indecipherable] turned up after tea. Had a little talk and music. Father and Fred to Windsor before dinner. – attended Lic. Court.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1896

Fine. Dull. Muggy. Rain ceased during the night. Not much doing. Lou queezy again. Got [indecipherable] Launchbury down for the afternoon. Cara Onus & Miss de – over. Cara drove [indecipherable] home.... Lou better towards night. Father busy in Office. Dunstons & Bowen Survey. Lookout Hill. [Indecipherable] preparing for Camp tomorrow. Bess and Flo drove to Belmont. Men cut remainder of lucerne. Some of it has suffered with the rain.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1896

Fine  
90°

Very muggy. – Heat and moisture. Papers still report great heat inland. Bourke Brewarrina Wilcannia & 118 to 121 causing a great number of deaths – Pottering about but considerably off color. Cara and Hilda Onus came and spent day with Lou. Pros Ridge and wife called. Streeton painting at [indecipherable]. He Spong and Reid up after tea – Did not see them. Father Clarry etc made another [indecipherable] Londonderry Survey. Left home (sweet home) 8am for new camp – Men hay making.

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1896

Fine  
100°

A very trying day. Muggy and followed by a beast of a night – not a breath of air – We had no rest – . Remained at Sunnyside till 11. Streeton Strong and Reid up – Bess and Flo to Will Charleys to tea—Met young D. Woollette – now a wealthy man from Coolgardie – Sep at the bridge for a swim. George Woodhill and some Richm<sup>d</sup> folk down. Not much doing- made use of the hose for a time.. Men getting in lucerne hay. Still great heat inland – 10 more deaths at Bourke. Temperature in most places 100 to 120°.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Fine.  
107°

Another glorious day. One of the most oppressive with a continuous blast as if from a furnace. N to West Cut everything up. Glass remained over 100 from morn to night. Impossible to do anything outside. Ede Onus for the day. Lou out prostrated again. Father and Clarry home from camp. 112° and unbearable out there. Lucy Smith and George Robertson came to S.side. – Southerly change during the night. Sharp shower after daylight from the N.E.. (Streeton & Spong up after tea)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Showery.  
70° abt

A splendid change. Heavy rain at intervals. In general the high temperatures will be burst up. Rain continued the night. Drove over to Richmd.. with father & Sep. called at Allison's[?]. Holbourn[?] Woodhills & the Royal. Bessie  
[indecipherable between lines]  
Robertson came up & Llew by the midnight train. Spong & Streeton called in after tea.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Dull

Little mist. Still a pleasant day. Big crowd to dinner. Besides family – Spong, Waugh, Frank Horsey – Young Benson and Lucy Smith – total 20. – Most of them spent the evening swimming and sprat fishing  
A Mr Palmer & Langtry (Surveyors) called Eddie over.

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Fine.

All the family and friends went to Belmont during the afternoon.  
Lou youngsters and myself remaining. Pros Ridge wife Mrs Onus girl. Jack Town and wife called – .  
Poor dear wife took ill after tea. Brought her home. Got nurse Mrs Lainchbury down,  
Had no sleep all night (queer myself)  
Little did we think of the morrow.

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[Newspaper clippings of death and obituary notices on page]

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1896

Following comment written on right-hand side of the page.

Visits of sympathetic friends  
Letters of condolence and sympathy.

Misery.

Farewell dear wife of many years  
My life is lone for evermore  
But hope looks up through Sorrows tears  
And says not lost but gone before

Friday 31 January 1896

Misery  
(Newspaper extract.)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1896

Misery

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Birth and Death Notices- newspaper extract

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(Newspaper extracts covering entry for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> )

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Mrs and Cara Onus Over

Dr Horsham called at 12 to see Lou.. In good spirits and health. Brought baby boy into the world by the use of instruments at 12.20..(an unnecessary interference). At about a quarter to one my poor dear darling wife died from shock and collapse. She knew she was going and was quite sensible to within a few minutes from the end. Poor dear soul. how we shall miss you. Three poor motherless children – a broken hearted husband – and a home without a mother – and a long long lonely period of grief and sorrow to come – to be faced. Farewell. farewell for evermore. God be merciful unto us.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1896

A dark 'terrible' day

Grief misery anguish torture madness

My poor loving old girl was taken to her last resting place 3. pm. Followed by loving husband some relatives and friends a great number. – I cannot write –

Good-bye – farewell for evermore

(Aged 31)

Born 21.4.64

Married 17.3.86

Sacrificed 28.1.96

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1896

[No entry]

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1896

[Written at right angle to page]

Misery

Misery

Our long long day

We miss thee from our home dear

We miss thee from thy place

A shadow o'er our life is cast

We miss the sunshine of thy face

We miss thy kind and willing hand

Thy fond and earnest care

Our home is dark without thee

We miss thee everywhere

“United in life, and in death not divided”

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Baby to Richmond in care of Mrs Joe Pye  
Took nurse home

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1896

About  
Young Knott cleaning up garden

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Father and Clarry home from camp

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Fine  
Frank Horsey & Jack Williamson came up again – drove over to town with father—Called to see Mrs Onus

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull  
Feeling very miserable. Cara, Hilda & Ed Onus and O. Rawson over. Late in the afternoon father, mother Bess, the 2 kiddies & self drove over to Richmd—to see the poor little baby (with Mrs Pye). Picked up Mrs Onus on our way. – Baby alright.

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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Raining on and off. Nice showers from the S & NE..  
Put in a miserable day. Not well.. How do I miss my poor dear wife and what is the future for me? Oh God this is too terrible —

“Oh for the touch of a vanished hand  
Oh for the sound of a voice that’s stilled”

76  
4.04

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1896

In margin: Kenneth Matcham christened

Dull  
Spent the morning about home deserted.. Wrote two doz return thanks ‘Cards Sympathy-. George came up to School of Arts bringing his little girl. Returned 4.10 p.m. Bess Flo and Dorothy accompanied me to the Church 3.p.m. Christened poor baby calling him Kenneth Matcham, a favourite name of his poor dear mother. The Rev Killworth officiating. The Onus girls brought the child down from Pye’s. Mrs Onus (standing as Godmother). We all then went round to Joseville where father mother Fred Pros Ridge & wife joined.  
Poor wife left me this day fortnight.—Seems one long lonesome day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Showery – from the N and N.E. Reports of good rains inland. A blessing.  
Put in quiet day at home. Rather lonely- as father, Mother, Bess, Flo, my two kiddies and Mr Streeton spent the day at the camp. Fred and Lucy Smith at home.

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull

Quiet day at home. Very lonely.  
Father drove Mr Streeton out to camp –. The latter remaining.  
Heard that baby not well. Since yesterday—

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull.

Very muggy. Showers about – good rain after dark heavy in places. River rose 4 or 5 feet —  
Father out to camp and back to tea. Drove over to Richmond with Fred to see baby at Pyes –  
Met Mrs Onus and the girls there. Youngster very ill – purged and vomiting and apparently in  
pain. Dr Cox attended. – Changed food etc. Home to dinner – put in very miserable  
afternoon- unwell at night .. While in town called at A.Js Bank – met Frank Vivain[?] Mr  
Greville & others.

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5.08

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Showery evening

Muggy Morning

Heavy 6.30 p.m. Drove over with Jack to see baby – noticed a great change. Most sunken  
& weak. Met Mrs Onus, the girls. Pros Ridge and wife there – Rec<sup>d</sup> word 5.p.m. baby much  
worse.

Father, Clarry & Streeton back from camp to dinner.

Johnny Town Called...

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6.06

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull. Showers

Quiet Morning at home. Frank (indecipherable), Mr Greville (Bank Inspector) & Eddie over.  
Look round. Bess, Flo & Dorothy to Belmont. Streeton (indecipherable) us after tea.  
Mrs Onus sent word that baby was better this morning but not so well towards night.

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull. Muggy

Drove over to see baby in the evening. Very weak and seems to be in constant pain – poor  
little soul. (If dear mother could only have forseen all this trouble and misery. God only knows  
it is hard to bear)

Bess, Flo and [indecipherable] also over.- We called at Joseville – .

Father took Clarry out to Camp.

I miss thee. I mourn thee in Silence unseen  
But dwell on the memory of joys that have been.



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull. Very sultry.

George came up 1st train. – drove over to meet him. Jack with Johnny Town re improvements to Hotel. Took him back to train 4. p.m. – and drove on to see baby. Mrs Onus and Cara nursing. Seems weaker but brighter. Remained an hour – drove Mrs Onus home. Remained at Joseville a while – Dorothy with me.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dully. Muggy.

Put in a lonely day. Watched cricket match for an hour with Dorothy. Mother and Bess drove up to see Mrs Charley. Father away – home at night. Streeton called in after tea.

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Cloudy but very Sultry.

Spent the day in Richmond. Baby very ill. Dispensed with services of Drs Cox & Dunlop and got [indecipherable] out. Leave the child entirely in his hands. Very low and weak – still there may be hope.

Lunch at Joseville – Home 7 p.m.

Bess, Flo Lucy & Dorothy up to Bowmans. Mr Streeton commences a landscape painting there.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1896

Fine Warm

Spent morning about home – no heart to do anything. Drove to Richmond 5.p.m. to see baby. Poor little soul appears much worse – very feverish – the Stomach quite hard and a nasty swelling on the jaw etc. Every attention being paid – but I don't think he can live.. Mrs Onus & the girls etc. Flo Lucy & Dory called.

Mrs Ainsworth over for the night. Have not seen her for years.

Father & Clarry home from Camp.

Age – 3 weeks & 4 days  
*"Gods finger touched him and he slept."*

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1896

Fine. Southerly and little rain at night. Mr Bowman & daughter Called. Jack Fullwood, Frank Horsey. Joe Brewer and Walter Benson up.

My poor little baby boy (Kenneth) passed away & joined his dear mother at about 11.20 a.m. this morning. Born to suffer, for he never seemed to be but in pain. Passed off easily, poor little Soul. Rest & Peace at last. Drove over to Mrs Onus's She having brought him down from Pye's. Made arrangements re burial etc. Home to tea. Feeling awfully upset. Nothing but "misery" of late.

Sunday 23 February 1896

Raining –. Rose early. Father Frank Horsey & myself over to Richmond at 8 a.m. By 8.30 we had laid the poor little fellow in the same grave with his dear darling mother. Here endeth a sad chapter in my life. Oh god be merciful. This is all too much for me. In life they were divided but united in death. Poor creatures. Mrs Onus, Cara – the Parson us alone as present.--

Home by 9.. Miserable day

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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull Misty

Wrote Letters [indecipherable] Young Knott came after dinner to cut the lawn.  
Drove over to town 1.p.m. with father, Clarry & Fullwood. Father and Fullwood out to the  
Camp during the morning. Llew[?] Frank Horsey, Joe Bonner[?] and  
[indecipherable name] ret<sup>d</sup> by the early train.

Garden looks gay. Hundreds of Roses, Single Dahlias & other flowers. Gloxinias still in bloom  
and a few choice Begonias. (Georgis Imported).

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Raining from the North most of the day. A spell of dry weather would do good now.  
Busy sending away cards, letter writing & put in most of the day at home. Cara and Ede[?]  
Onus over. Took away some clothing for Mrs Pye.  
Drove to Richmond with father for the post etc.  
Fullwood painting in water color – Old Joe – Clarry and the white Cockatoo. Streeton at his  
big picture 4ft X 4ft looking from the Terrace towards Belmont. A fine thing. Dorothy managed  
to burn her hand playing about the kitchen.  
My poor old wife – one month absent from me today.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Dull Misty

Writing – Pottering about home & Bess and mother over – among the clothes – poor old girls  
– intend to get rid of them all.  
Young Knott staking and tying up Chrysanthemums  
Fullwood left by morning train  
Streeton painting about.  
Drove to the post 7 p.m. with father and Jack  
Posted the last of my cards and letters to sympathising friends who had written & telegraphed  
& forwarded me cards  
Over 100

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Fine

Pleasant day. Busy about home and the garden with young Knott. Mother and Bess over  
again for an hour- looking among the clothes.  
Father and Clarry out to camp – remaining for the night  
Down on the banks with Sep and Streeton after tea – Shot 4 foxes  
Shields cut lucerne fields.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1896

Fine. Cloudy night.

About home – finished up with young Knott (3 days 6/-)  
Planted our old dahlia tubers – raked up etc etc – fixed buds of Chrysanthemums  
Father and Clarry home during the evening.  
Jack Williamson came up by the 7 p.m. train –  
Men got one load of hay in – not quite fit.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Fine.

Spent the morning at home. Garden a beautiful sight roses by the 100 etc etc

Walked as far as the waterworks with Jack & tried the perch with cricket. (2 small ones). Boys to Kurrajong to concert after tea. – Men got in some of the hay.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1896

Fine. Hot.

Drove over and placed wreath on poor old girls grave. Called at Joseville.  
Morning about home. Jack Town called and took Jack and myself for a drive round the Kurrajong – calling at Jacks on return – enjoyed the outing – as it is many years since I last [indecipherable] round the roads. Mother Bess & Dory – Flo and Jack Williamson, Clarry and Streeton also out. Harry Skuthorp called in after tea. Jack re Land and Income Tax returns.

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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1896

Fine. Warm.

Passed the time about home. – Very lonely. Jack Williamson left by morning train.  
Pros Ridge and wife – Mrs Geo Woodhill & Miss Woodhill called Sunnyside.  
Frank Vindin came over for me 6 p.m. Spent the night with him at the Bank. The years are many since I last slept in Richmond town. Put in a good time – talked till somewhere near 3 in the morning.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1896

Fine. Warm but a nice day. Rose from slumber about 7.30. Breakfast with Frank and a look round his garden.  
Registered the birth of dear little Kenneth now At Rest with his poor unfortunate mother – in Richmond Churchyard.  
Returned home by the Coach.  
Father, Mother, Bess Flo and Clarry drove down to [indecipherable]. mother anxious about a sore on her face- Dr says not dangerous but must come out. She evidently spent a good time. The Dr has about 50 men employed – wine making

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine. Hot.

In the morning Cara and Bessie Onus came over. Tidied up the house – polished knives and forks & Everything in its place as left by poor old Lou.  
They returned to dinner  
Put in a miserable afternoon. Father to Richmond –  
Sep staying night with Vindin –  
Bowman girls (4) and Mrs Kimmins down – Clarry and Flo showed them round.

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine. Hot.

90°

Spent most of the day at home –, inside and out  
Cleaned out cupboards etc  
Clarry over – photographing ferns roses etc  
Ede Onus at Sunnyside for the day. Sewing circle  
Mr Charley called. Talk with father re income and property taxes. He reckons he will have to pay £1000 a year which proves his wealth.

10000 of the Italian forces in Abyssinia killed and wounded by the [indecipherable] . War has been going on some time but the Italians must find it an expensive game.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine. Warm.

Morning at home. Drove Jack and Dorothy over to Joseville in the afternoon – to say goodbye to the Onus family who leave for a two months trip to Manly to-morrow.  
Vindin, J. Williams, Allan Mason & Davis called on father re assessment of land and income – Eddie over – ride around paddocks.  
Fred to Sydney to see cricket match between the 11 picked to go home & a test team of the Colonies.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine. Hot.

Weather getting dry. Put in the day at home – youngsters with me till dinner. Drove to train with father to meet Fred 7. p.m. (Indecipherable) (of Bank) at Windsor called – Clarry went down morning train  
Onus family left for Manly – 2 months change –

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine. Warm.

Busy at home fixing up everything intending to leave home with Jack tomorrow. A few days in Sydney. Leaving dear little girl with her Granny and Aunties at Sunnyside.  
In bad heart – but a change may do good. Oh Mother how we miss thee.  
Few visitors to S.side. Clarry Farlow will look after house and garden etc.

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1896

To Sydney with Jack 1<sup>st</sup> train  
Ordered some clothes etc and spent the afternoon at cricket match – A test team playing the 11 selected to leave for the Old Country

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1896

In town – spending nights at different places. Hotel Metropole – B<sup>o</sup> Georges Badgey's and with the Onus family at Manly.

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1896

In and out of town. Jack staying chiefly at Manly. Not enjoying myself – feeling queesy and the weather muggy.  
Met no end of friends

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Manly

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Came up from Manly –

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Had my poor old wife lived, we would have been married 10 years today.  
I passed the old church where we were made one. Could not enter but thought of the 10 years that have gone and the dear one who was all and everything to me.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1896

In and out of town

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Finished my purchases and packed up. Spending the last hour or two with George – Jack. Jack Williamson and [indecipherable] returned to Richmond by the evening train. Father and Fred met us. Dear little Dorothy pleased to see us again and glad to have her company.  
Found all well  
Mrs Philip Charley the mother of another Son.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1896

To the old deserted, vacant home. – with the youngsters opened doors and windows. Had a look round – found everything O.K. the Garden, Bushhouse and Greenhouse also at best — but we could not find Mother – and the place seemed so dead and lonely without her.  
Heavy rain during the night.  
Country looking Splendid  
Clarry and Sep over to Penrith Show.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1896

Spent a quiet day at home. Mr and Mrs John Williamson up for the day — returning by the 7.45 p.m. train. They had a good look round — in love with the flowers and ferns & walk to the [indecipherable] Hill – Thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1896

Fine. Morning at home – afternoon at S Side - Eddie over Jack Town down – ‘Johnny’ Williamson filling in Land Tax forms – Mother, Bess, Flo, Lucy, Sep & Clarry over for a drive

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1896

Dull. Little rain between 9 & 11 am. Pottering about at home. Young Knott tidying up garden. – Clarry liquid manuring Chrysanthemums - some promise made but they missed two months attention.  
Harry & Liz Skuthorpe called in after tea. Mother and Bess called to enquire of Mrs Charley. Father to Windsor with Fred – attended Licensing Court

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Dull. Rain about - Light Shower.  
At home – finished cleaning up with young Knott. Weeds and the like growing apace. Summer grass 2 to 3 feet high in the orchards.  
Father and Clarry to Richmond – Ted Turner returning with them – Bowman girls called –

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine.

Not much doing – at home for awhile pottering about.

George came up re building of shading for Mr Charley. Drove with him and father to meet the 4.10. p.m. train. Met Pros Ridge and others at the Royal. People Land and Income Tax made all turning Protectionists.

Dr Fiaschi left for Abyssinia, offering his Services to the Italian Government in the War v King (indecipherable). Had a great send off. A patriot no doubt –

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine Bright. Thunder showers around but not much rain

About home – Flo over—played for me dear old wife's waltzes "The Sunnyside and the Gaiety. If only to make me sadder for most of the day. How I do miss her music- for she was a genius.

Flo left by ev<sup>n</sup> train- for Manly intending to stay week or two Mrs Jim Richards

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine

Rigged up some lines. Drove to Richmond with Clarry afternoon to get some tar for boat etc-. Met a few-- To home again with father after tea for the post.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fair. – Spent morning gathering crickets. Obtained some prawns from young Quinns & tried the perch with young Jack- No luck only 2(1/4lb). Killed 2 young snakes & lost a big one at Broughtons Ck.. Tack Williamson & Charlie Cotter came up evn train. – Llew and Harry Robertson by the mid-night.

A regular house full

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1896

Fine

Harry Robinson and the boys over for a look round. Tried the perch with Sep and Llew - but they would not [indecipherable]. Eddie over--. Cotter and Jack Williamson made things bit lively - and gave old Lucy Smith a time of it.

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1896]

Fine Clear Moonlight night – rather Chilly

About home with the youngsters. – Writing part of the evening – drove up to the post with father and Fred

Una Cliff came by early train – Stay for a few days Clarry met her.

A Streeon (Artist) called in after tea.

George's Birthday.

Llew. H. Robinson, C. Cotter and Jack Williamson left for Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> train.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1896

Dullish – rather cool

Spent morning about the old deserted house – and the garden. Any amount of flowers – roses - dahlias begonias etc.

Frank Vindin[?] and a and a young Spart[?] (over during) the afternoon. Eddie round the paddock – Stock –

Drove up to get the post.

Father finally got rid of the Londonderry Subdivision. Sending of plan & papers.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1896

Fine.– Splendid weather – Clear atmosphere

Caught some prawns and tried the perch with Bess and young Jack borrowed Sam Broughtons boat and pulled up tp Belmont Corner – fishing at different places on the way down – Caught 5. but no Size –.

Clarry and Una Clift also, along the banks[?]

Sydney Show opened to-day. Three Governors on the Spot. Lords Hampden & Brassey & Sir T. F. Buxton

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1896

Part of the morning fishing – got nothing

Mixed some potting Soil, planted our few Seedlings etc afternoon. –

Drove to train with father 7.p.m. to meet Frank Horsey, Jack Williamson, George and Annie Robertson. A great number came up.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1896

Fine. Splendid weather. Caught some prawns etc and & tried the perch with Jack during the evening. Lost a few but landed 1½lb. Sep[?] and Frank out to the creek. Una Clift returned by the evening train – .

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Pottering about – liquid manured Chrysanths - now Coming into bloom. Annie Robertson over - played [indecipherable]. Frank Horsey, Clarry & Sep fishing from 3 to 6 caught 2 perch (Small). Father & Jack Williamson to Richmond. Sep down to the Sydney Show.- Some 35 or 40000 persons present [indecipherable]

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine Warm Spent morning at home. The Evening fishing with the boys up the river. Caught nothing worth mentioning

Mother, Bess & Dorothy for a drive. Lucy & Annie far a'way.

Eddie Pitt over.

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine Dry wind – rain wanted.

At home – After dinner father, Jack W, Frank, Fred and myself drove over to Richmond – returning via the College and Bronte[?]

Streeton, a Dr Leslie and Harry Skuthorp & Wm Bowman dropped in after tea. Music – the Dr. good on the violin –.

Sep down to the Show again.

Shields Cutting Lucerne

[Georges wife (Nettie) gave birth to a boy early this morning. but it was dead. Nett alright. Bit of bad luck – Sorry for George in his trouble.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine

Dry weather – Put in morning at home. Annie Robertson over with Youngsters for some flowers. She returned to Sydney by the evening train  
Bess and Dorothy driving over.  
Streeton, Dr Leslie and Mr Legget from Dubbo way, called.  
Frank, Jack W & George P returned by the early train.  
Young Jack suffering with a cold

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine warm day west wind continuing -

Morning at home - Wrote Couple letters etc. Jack Town Called drove with him to Richmond - had look round Clarry Lawson's garden. Met Alick Benson, C. [indecipherable] Campbell and others

Father out all day making a survey - Surround of the Big Paddock to ascertain area etc.  
Streeton & Dr Souser called in after tea. New Justices of the Peace. Lord Phillip Charley, Wm Dean, John Dunston (Kurrajong), John Gibson (Dr), Norman Hall, A. L. Haigh[?], Charles [indecipherable], Hy Skuthorp, F.J. Vindin & Wm Wark - - Appointed at a meeting of the Executive Yes! Some of the 600

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Dry –

At home all day Very lonely and miserable. My Poor wife Lou I miss you. - You were everything to me.

Walked part of garden etc.

Father out surveying. home by Sundown.

Men get 4 loads of hay in – a nice bit

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Strong N. wind – turning to a gale from the west 12 o'clock at night. Some heavy thunder and little rain. Busy most of the day potting up some Spare plants for Sale.

Had an early tea & drove into Windsor with father, Clarry and Streeton to Mr Tebbett's – That Gentleman kindly showed us his 3 telescopes and other instruments etc. We got there at 7 remaining till 9.30. Home 11 p.m.

Big fire at the College. Stables and other buildings destroyed between 2 & 3p.m. Estimated damage £2000

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Gale of wind from the West continuing. Ruined all Chrysanthemums, levelled dahlias etc. to the ground – terrible mess. Cold night. Over to Richmd with father during the evening. Mr and Mrs Will Charley down to tea – remained till 11.30 p.m.

Eddie branded calves \_ turned cattle out etc.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine Light Frost 1<sup>st</sup>! Nice day. At home – cleaned up some of the mess made by the wind etc. Spent the evening fishing with Jack – No luck – Frank Vindin, wife and Eddie over.

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1896



Fine. – Morning at home  
Over to Richmond with Clarry, attended meeting of Horticultural Society – decided to hold no Autumn Show. Next Meeting in May. Had a look over the improvements of the School of Arts. Parson Cameron showed me round his garden.–

[Mrs D. Cobcroft (Mary Benson) died. – After a long & painful illness. Sydney. Aged 62. Just double that of my poor old girl.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Over to Richmd with father. Attended funeral of poor Mrs Cobcroft. Walked down to the Scotch Parsonage – thence on to the Church of England. – A good many present. Old Dave and his son Tom appeared very much affected

After dinner Clarry, Fred & myself drove over to the Opening of the New College Buildings by Lord Hampden. Speeches by Syd Smith, Minister for Mines etc. Gould. McIntosh & Others. A large number of Local People present. Medals and Diplomas etc. distributed to the pupils. Mr Frank Farrell MLA Mr Griffin and others – Home 6.p.m.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Beautiful clear weather\_ Cool mornings and nights-. Watered pot plants and part of the garden. [indecipherable] & chrysanthemums making a pretty show but on the whole they are much inferior to those grown previously---. Father drove Mother Bess and Dorothy to Windsor to see Dr Gibson – re sore on mothers face. Dr to cut out to-morrow.

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Beautiful day. Spent most of my day at home. Potted a few plants etc.  
Dr Gibson called 4 p.m. Cut lump out of mothers face using cocaine to deaden the pain. May Charley stood by the Dr. Poor Mother underwent the operation with great fortitude. Father very much upset until it was over. – May remained till 11p.m. – Showed Mrs Gibson round the garden ----

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Quiet day. Mr & Mrs P and Mrs W. Charley Called during the morning. to enquire of Mother, who remained in bed the day. Face very sore and suffers headache – Frank Vindin, wife and Liz. Skuthorp called in the afternoon – Streeton after tea. Wrote to Johnny Williamson - re poor old Lou's Waltzs wishing to have matters in connection with same settled

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Clear weather. Morning at home. – Watched cricket match afternoon with Streeton & others. Flo came home by the midday train from Manly — also Llew and Walter Benson. Mother remained indoors – face Still Sore. Mr Charley down – Charlie Cameron, old School fellow Called. Staying at Turners in the [indecipherable]

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.  
Collected Some prawns and crickets and tried the perch with Jack during the ev<sup>n</sup>. Not a bite. Boys over to Richmd . Tennis. Llew not well. – Pain in the chest etc. Eddie Pitt over with Miss Berner (Governess).  
Harry Skuthorp. Wife and Streeton called after tea –

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. At home.– Wrote to Mrs Onus etc.  
For a drive to Windsor with Jack Town after dinner – Called on Pye and Byram re Lou's music – Met Clarry Lawson, Bess & May Ridge etc  
Llew Very queesy last night and the morning. Dr Gibson out to see him. Palpitation of the heart brought on by over exertion.  
Father and Fred to Windsor. Lic Court  
Walter Benson ret<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> train.

LOU. 32 years

[ written diagonally across page]  
[Oh 'that these lips have language. Life hath passed  
With me but roughly. Since I saw thee last.] |

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1896

Fine – (Change approaching) – from the N & West

My dear old girls Birthday. Had she been allowed to live she would have been 32 to-day. Lost but not forgotten. Drove over to Richmond with Clarry & placed two nice wreaths on the cold cruel grave. Put in a miserable afternoon. Johnny Town run me up, the last thing, to see his Chrysanthemums takes them to compete – Sydney Show to-morrow. Back to tea.  
Emily Richards came to stay, day or so. Pros drove her across.  
Mrs Dines of Maitland married to Mr Sparke of same town.  
Llew and Mother much better.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1896

Dull. Little rain from the north. Cleared off by night.

Open Air Concert got up by Social Cricket Club, held in the Public School Grounds. Went off very successfully. Mr Charley in the chair. About 150 persons present, including all at Sunnyside –. Jack Williamson brought up a Mr Willis and Horace Bent ([indecipherable] & Comedian). Morgan MLA also assisted. Plenty fun & enjoyment Late getting to bed.

{Uncle Henry S Badgery remarried to Mrs Joe King (Alice Thorne. He has 6 children & she 4. it fair start –

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1896

Fine.  
Mr Bear kept us amused with his comicalities etc. Jack took him for a drive round Kurrajong. In the afternoon Harry Skuthorp, Jack Dunstan & Jack Lamrock called. Had a look round the garden and orchard. Chrysanths. making a fine display, but not many choice blooms.  
Streeton left Stevenson's this morning having had along stay in the district.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.  
Not much doing. Fixed up a 12 board of Chryses for Woodhill.  
Father, Mother, Bess, Llew and Dor<sup>y</sup> to Windsor – Called on Dr Gibson  
Visitors during the morning Charlie Cameron (old school fellow and friend Roberts.  
Pros Ridge & wife, Jack Town & wife, Mrs W. and Miss Bowman shewed them round.  
Some of the family walked up to W. Charley's after tea.  
Jack Williamson, Willis & Bent returned early train.

|| William Pitt Faithfull of Goulburn died today aged 90.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.

Morning at home with Jack. After dinner drove over to Richmond with he and Fred. Watched football match R<sup>mond</sup> v Marrickville the local team winning 8 to 5 points. Met several

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.

Quiet day at home. Round the orchard & Eddie P. & H Skuthorp called  
The Druids of the district turned out in Richmond. – Great numbers of people going to see them in the Park. Collection made for the poor & Hospital. Mother Bess Flo Lucy Sep & Lew went

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine. Down to the Butts Paddock with Fred Skuthorp & Stevenson – fixing position of old race course. Richmond with father, taking Llew to train. Met Charlie Cameron. Home via College. After tea Messers P & W Charlie Love and Misses Ewing & George Woodhill turned in. Music & noise

### – SIR HENRY PARKES –

Our 'Grand Old Man Sir Henry Parkes (Born 27<sup>th</sup> May 1815) died at 4. am this morning (Kenilworth). Having been ill only a few days – with Bronchial pneumonia. Syncope the finish –

Without a doubt the Greatest Australian Statesman. A man of the age. His great labours in the making of Australian history over 40 years will never be forgotten. The Statue Book speaks for itself. General regret expressed from all parts. Leaves a third wife.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.

To dinner with Mr & Mrs Will Charley and Mr Love. Rode round with Will and had a look at all the prize sheep. Red polled cattle, Cleveland horses etc. Old horse (Billy) fell with me while opening gate – came off clear & unhurt. – . Home to tea --  
Father surveying part of the day at Dunstan's. No Signs of rain. Clear days – cloudless skies. Cool nights

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.

Spent the day at home. – watering plants – tidying up garden. Drove to train with father to meet Clarry from Sydney. Dance held in School of Arts – funds required for the institution. Sep and Clarry attended –

Sir Henry Parkes buried at Faulconbridge on the mountains. (3. p.m. Private funeral, but largely attended. The people lined the streets in thousands –

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1896

Fine.

Busy about home. Cleaning up – watering etc.  
Father surveying. Kurrajong. land for Pittman and Reilly.

Bess left ev<sup>n</sup> train for Sydney. Stay with Mrs Alderson – Preparations for wedding in June?

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1896

Fine. Warm.

Had a regular day of it with visitors. At 11.30 a.m. Brinsley Hall, his wife and sister and Miss Johnson called. Showed them round the garden chrysanthemums etc. Frank Vindin. wife – Mr & Mrs P Charley and Mrs Will Charley called. Frank and May over.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1896

Fine 85°

Squall between 4 & 5 dust and rain. In Richm<sup>d</sup> at the time with father and Jack. A large number of people in the town. Excitement over Bicycle Race – 10 miles round Windsor. Young Dunstan 1<sup>st</sup> Daly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Football match also on the Park. Met Jack Lamrock, Vindin and others. – Temperature high  
H. Lees Paid Rent ½ year end 30<sup>th</sup> Apl.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1896

Fine. West wind. Very dry. Inches of rain badly required.

Quiet day at home. Daley of Richmond and a Mr Chapman over to dinner – on their bicycles. Eddie Pitt, youngsters and Johnny Town also put in an appearance.

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine. Dry SW wind. About home – not feeling too well. Wrote to Mrs Onus (Manly) & S. Purchase. Planted some Freesia Bulbs etc – Dorothy queerish – temperature (100¾) gave her some medicine. Men getting in some of the corn. A great deal of Smut amongst it this year.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine. Wind S. and dying out. Cool night. At home. Pottering about. Dorothy appears alright again Father and Fred to Windsor. Lic. Branch.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1896.

Frost. 1<sup>st</sup> The 1<sup>st</sup> of the season. Not heavy about the house. Splendid day. Weather promises fine for the Hawkesbury Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday [indecipherable] - Otherwise busy about.

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine.

Hawkesbury Agricultural Show opened to-day. Drove in with father. Had a look round the exhibits & watched the jumping & so on. Llew came up ev<sup>n</sup> train. Jack Fullwood, A Streeton & Billy McAlpine staying at Sunnyside.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine.

Second day of Show. Officially opened by the Premier G.H. Reid. All our party there. Some of us going by coach, father drove the rest. A big crowd present. – The new grandstand a great

acquisition. Met Mr Budge, Morgan Gould and no end of acquaintances. All enjoyed the day's outing. Young Walter Benson came up

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine.

Drove in to the Show with Fred, Clarry and Jack. Plenty Sport. The jumping first class. No accidents. Met G. Cole and others. Watched football match in Richmond on our return. After tea. The Amateur Morishe [unknown/indecipherable] Party turned in for a rehearsal at Sunnyside. Woodhill, Charley, Vindin, Collett, (indecipherable) (indecipherable) & others(16). We got to bed at 2 am. Music (noise) and fun. A great time of it. Mrs Onus and girls home from Manly.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine.

Quiet day at home. Everyone appeared. Knocked out with the late hours etc. Mrs Kersie & Ede Onus over to see the kiddies etc. Look round the old house.

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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine. Cloudy and a little rain during the night.

Wrote couple of letters--. Father & Fred to Windsor. Lic<sup>n</sup> Bench. George came up to Belmont drove with him & father to Richm<sup>d</sup> to train. Met old Dan McAulay at the Royal. Jack Lamrock & Jack Dunstan down to dinner. Marked out racecourse with Clarry in the Butts Paddock.

Fullwood, Streeton, Benson McAlpin & Llew left for tow.

Australian Cricket Team commenced their 1<sup>st</sup> Match t-day against a strong eleven picked by Lord Sheffield.

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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Fine.

Pottering about home "lost and forlorn".

Drove to Richm<sup>d</sup> with father after noon. Called at Woodhills – Collet etc. Met Mrs Onus, Frank and the girls.

Parliament Opened to-day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. 17<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

Father sold Mandarin Crop to Brown –buyer for Griffiths Bros. for £66. Season has been too dry - light crop.

Wednesday 13 May 1896

Cold. 48°(indecipherable) raw miserable windy day – with a little rain from the South West. Snow on the mountains. At Sunnyside chiefly round the fire. Jack Town called.

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Thursday 14 May 1896

Fine.

Little rain towards night

Spent the morning at home. Drove Jack and Dorothy over to Richmd after dinner – to see their Granny Onus and the girls – up the town for a time. Jack Town and Fred over – also Clarry – Ted Turner spent the night at Sunnyside.

Friday 15 May 1896

Fine. Cloudy.

At home little doing. Father and men packing up camp etc. for Survey at Bilpin. Men Cartright & son leave with same tomorrow Harry Skuthorp, wife and Mrs Phizackly called in after tea also the Minstrel Party for another rehearsal – 13 in all. They kept it going till near 12 o'clock'. Charleys (2) Vindin, Collett, Hinch Mason, Cunningham, Allison, Kirwan, Woodhill Clarry, Sep and another.

Saturday 16 May 1896

Dull. Misty towards night. Pottering about – not feeling too well.

Camp left for Bilpin

Intercolonial 8 oar race – won by Victoria – beating N.S.W. by a length – Queenslanders – no where - (Vic. 13 races N.S.W. 4)

Sunday 17 May 1896

Fine.

Quiet day. Mr Collett over – fixed up telephone etc. Frank Vindin to dinner – Eddie & youngsters as usual – May & Will Charley called on return from church.

Took Dorothy for a walk to the Taubs Hill – Met Mr Godfrey (Schoolmaster) - Shewed him round garden etc.

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Monday 18 May 1896

Fine.

Busy about home. Father drove mother in to Windsor to see Dr Gibson about her face.

Nothing serious.

Flo, Lucy Smith & Dorothy for drive to Richmond – The onus girls (3) & Miss Hughes brought her back – gave them some flowers. Eddie over – killed young bullock.

Mrs Winter, Mary, ill for some time – Drs say she has cancer (of the breast) and no hope for her –

Tuesday 19 May 1896

Fine.

Usual rounds. Down to river for some sand - tried pointer slut with gun - want to get rid of her  
Father & mother to Richmond – took Dorothy

My poor dear wife. Departed now 16 weeks

Leaves have their time to fall.

And flowers to wither at the north-wind's breath

And stars to set – but all

Thou hast all seasons for thine Own, Oh Death.

Wednesday 20 May 1896

Fine.

Potted some roses - manured beds etc.

Wrote to W. Dymock re pointer dog

Father in office – plotting Dunstons Survey. Clarry and Sep over to Richmd to rehearsal (Minstrel)

Flo to Sydney by morning train – stay with Bess at Aldersons till to-morrow.

Father having slak laid on the road from Sunnyside down – will make a good job of it.

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Thursday 21 May 1896

Dull. Little rain from the N & West. Good showers round the Kurrajong.  
George came up with contractors (Brown & Capsum) for Mr Charleys shedding: Retd Evening. Father and I drove with him to train.  
.05  
11.07

Friday 22 May 1896

Fine. Nice day  
Potted some plants etc.  
Flo home morning train - Llew by the evening – unwell another attack of palpitation of the heart. Better on going to bed. Put his feet in hot water, which had a magic effect.

Saturday 23 May 1896

Raining lightly on and off throughout the day from the South. 25 points.  
Drove over to Richmd with Clarry etc. and watched football match R v College. 11.32 Great many present. The Richmd won 6 points to nil. Met Clarry Lawson & others.  
Bess came home midday train together with Walter Benson & Mr and Mrs Kirkaldie. Father met them ...Boisterous night – Southerly.

Whitsun Day 24 May 1896

Cloudy. Strong South winds. Showers on the coast.  
Quiet day at home. Eddie over. Bess, Flo, Kirkaldie & wife drove to Belmont Queen Victoria aged 77 to-day. Holiday to-morrow.

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Monday 25 May 1896

Beautiful day.  
Put in the morning at home with [indecipherable] Dorothy.  
After dinner Clarry and myself walked over to the College and watched the sports for a time – thence into Richmd – Football Match. Father and mother drove up – home with them – Bess, Flo, Mr & Mrs Kirkaldie – afternoon tea – Kurrajong – Will Charley and wife down after tea. Clarry & Sep to dance School of Arts. Youngsters to Teafight at the Chapel.

Tuesday 26 May 1896

Fine.  
Cool morning and night.  
Not much doing. Father and Clarry made false start for camp. No place like home.  
Kirkaldie, wife and Wal. Benson left by morning train  
Ede and Hilda Onus over  
The Czar of Russia Nicholas II ( wife) crowned to-day. Great pageant.

Wednesday 27 May 1896

Fine. Frost.  
About home – lifted gladioli bulbs and put away.

Father, Clarry and Farlow managed to get away during the morning to the Camp on the mountains. 1<sup>st</sup> trip.

Dorothy spent the day in Richmond with Cara Onus & the girls – Sep took her over Fred and Llew to Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> train.

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Thursday 28 May 1896

Fine.

Put in quiet day at home.

Father etc. back from Camp 5 p.m. Drove to the post with him after tea.

Clarry & Sep over to rehearsal School of Arts. Horace Bent and Cecil Alderson up to take part.

Fred home from Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> train

|| Mary Winter, youngest daughter of Eliz. W. of the Post Office died 5. p.m. Aged

|| 44. Cancer of the breast – internal.

|| She was a good girl and will be much missed in Enfield.

Friday 29 May 1896

Fine.

Not much doing.

All attended. "Minstrel Concert and Variety Entertainment" at night. The Hall was packed and the performance on the whole a great success. Jack Williamson returned with us. Late to bed At 4. p.m father, Fred & myself attended funeral of poor Mary Winter. A great many present & the service rather impressive.

Saturday 30 May 1896

Fine.

Spent morning at home. Over to Richmd with father. Fred. Sep. Jack Williamson, Cecil Alderson & watched football match v University – the local team won 14 to 3. Had a great night at Sunnyside. Jack Dunstan 2 daughters & Helmrich (indecipherable) down. George Woodhill over with two young fellows Hughes & Cooper- two comics. No end of amusement. Bed 2.30 a.m

Sunday 31 May 1896

Fine

Visitors. Frank Vindin & wife. Mr Collett (Layman of that College Jack Town – Eddie Pitt – Miss Berner etc. a good muster with those at Sunnyside. Music and songs.

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Monday 1 June 1896

Fine.

Cold. South wind. Unpleasant.

Jack Williamson & Cecil Alderson returned.

Worked with Clarry through orchard and round the new race course – now being cleared one chain wide by Jim Potts.

Drove to train at night with father and met George – Frank Vindin and the Rev. Price called.

Tuesday 2 June 1896

Fine. S wind

Most of the day at home. Mr & Mrs Charley and Misses Ewing called during the afternoon – mother brought them over – look round the garden.



Father and Clarry etc left for Camp 3. p.m. George all the morning at Belmont – returned to town by the 4.10 p.m. train. Lucy Smith also.

Wednesday 3 June 1896

Dull. Rain in the mountains and coast. one shower here. 11 p.m.  
Pottering about the garden etc. Watered parts very dry.  
Papers report terrible loss of lives at Moscow – celebrations in connection with the Coronation of the Czar. 3600 killed and 1200 injured & dying. No less than 400.000 peasants were invited and attended to receive provisions – a rush was made to the booths and consequently men women & children were crushed & trampled upon.

4.88 inches of rain in Sydney.

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11.40

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Thursday 4 June 1896

Misty.

At home. Little doing. Mr H. R. Whittel, Assessor under the Land Tax, called during the evening wanting information from father re subdivision and boundaries of old grants.

Friday 5 June 1896

Fine. Cool S wind.

Spent the morning about home – writing etc. Drove to Richmd with Jack. Called at the train, the barbers, Woodhills etc. Met several.

Weary of living isolated life,  
Weary of hoping hopes for ever vain  
Weary of struggle in all sterile life  
Weary of thoughts which maketh nothing plain.

Saturday 6 June 1896

Fine.

Over to train with Fred for two cans of gasoline. Again after dinner with Jack. Watched football match v Federals – Rough game several mills etc. Richmd won 26 to 5. Picked up Llew, Wal Benson & Lucy Smith who had come up by train. Home with them and back with Wal to meet Frank Horsey at train. Father back from Camp to tea. Clarry remaining Sep Turner, G Woodhill etc J Dunstan out to Tomah for the night. Return to-morrow.

Sunday 7 June 1896

Change.

Nice rain during the night. – heaviest for many a day.  
Mr H R Whittel (Land Valuator under the Law & Income Tax)  
called during the evening. Eddie Pitt as usual.

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Monday 8 June 1896

Dull. Raining towards evening and during the night.  
About home, little doing.  
Frank Horsey, Wal Benson & Llew returned 1<sup>st</sup> train.  
Sunnyside full of women – sewing circle Mrs V Charley 2 Misses Ewing, 2 Onus girls – Mrs Skuthorp & Mrs Phizackly & 2 others besides the girls.

.50  
12.40

Tuesday 9 June 1896

Dull. Showers about. Chiefly on the mountains.  
Will Charley called – let him have some cuttings of American Noisette Rose for Stocks.  
Pros Ridge, wife – Geo Woodhill & Jack Town also called. Great preparations amongst the women for Bess's wedding  
Death of Major General Richardson. Head of our forces for some 27 years.  
.08  
12.48

Wednesday 10 June 1896

Fine.  
At home. Weeded part of garden etc.  
Father and Fred to Windsor. Lic. Court. Back 2 pm  
H Skuthorp, wife and Mrs Phizackly up after tea. Bess to Sydney. Midday train.

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Thursday 11 June 1896

Fine.  
Busy about – forked up garden round the fence etc.  
Mrs W Bowman. Mrs Onus & girls called-  
Father and mother to Sydney for the day. Drove to meet them and Bess 7 pm train

Great slaughter amongst the pigs. Eddie over assisted by the men – got through the 8 by 4.30. a fine lot. Weighing 1614 lbs.  
Rain during the night  
Alf George leaves Melbourne today.  
.30  
12.78

Friday 12 June 1896

Dull. Misty. Heavy rain during the night from the S.W. Barometer 29.05.  
Ran the mower over lawns etc.  
Father, Eddie, men and women cutting up salting hams, bacon, sausage making etc.  
Hilda and Ede Onus over. Sewing with others — May and Will Charley also remaining until 10. p.m.  
Steve Dunstan called arranged re coaches and traps to bring the crowd over on Wednesday.  
2.70 inches rain since Sunday.  
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14.11

Saturday 13 June 1896

Fine.  
Clarry rode home from Camp.  
Spent morning at home. Drove over to Richmond with Clarry & Fred – little business. Met Onus girls etc.  
Alf George and Frank Horsey came up Midday train. Some 14 months since Alf left for Melbourne.  
Mr and Mrs Charley called. Bess not too well. Bad throat.

Sunday 14 June 1896

Fine. Cold SW wind

Visitors. Jack Town, wife, etc. Cara Onus & O. Rawson. J W Farmer, E. Pitt & H Skuthorp  
General topic of conversation – “The Wedding” on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Monday 15 June 1896

Fine.

Sunnyside upside down. All hands at work. H Skuthorp & the boys out for “ Devil’s Back –  
Cabbage tree etc. Decorating until late at night. Cart loads of tables, boxes etc etc lying about  
in all directions. Mrs Richards and Stella came .Bella Pye in the kitchen plus ½ doz. Others-  
Onus girls . Parson Price etc called.

Bess and Alf to Sydney - returned 7 pm train.

River up 4 feet

Tuesday 16 June 1896

Fine.

An extra busy day . Sunnyside full of men and women all doing . Finished decoration of  
verandah etc. made arches & fixed up tables and seats. Enough to seat 150 or more.  
Father over to train. George, wife & kiddies. Llew & Wal Benson came up. Mr Ramsay (post  
man) over till 12 at night when he ,Clarry and Alf George left for Richmond. Staying the night  
at the Royal ( Bush’s) Several visitors during the day -.Late in getting to bed. Camped for the  
1<sup>st</sup> time since dear wife died at home in the same old bed with Frank Horsey and young Jack.  
Onus girls came over for Dorothy - stays at Joseville till Monday.

Wednesday 17 June 1896

WEDDING DAY Mr and Mrs George

Bess and Alf Married

Fine.

All up early . finished decorations etc Toggled up to Richmond Church 11.30 .Packed with  
people. The Ceremony over a procession of vehicles to Sunnyside.  
150 sat down to a grand dinner. Speeches etc Photos on the lawn, Good bys and a stampede  
to the train. Plenty fun and the platform packed . Such a time & such a day Sunnyside has  
never seen. After tea visitors (in all about 100) reappeared. Music ,songs, dances etc etc till  
4.30 in the morning. Plenty to eat & plenty to drink. Some did not get to bed. Some had to  
catch the early train. Most of the Sydney folk about 40 returned by the evening train. A grand  
wedding in grand style, not to be forgotten by those who attended. Flo & Stella Richards  
bridesmaids,  
Clarry [indecipherable].[ indecipherable] Margie & Charley’s two girls – little maids. Parson  
Price assisted by Dr. Cameron conducted the ceremony.

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Thursday 18 June 1896

Fine

Frank and myself turned out 11.30 two of the many wrecks.

Joe Parsons, G Robertson, Fullwood & others leaving by the morning trains.

Most of us over to Richmond in the afternoon. Drove up with father taking Mrs Town. Emily &  
Stella Richards to the train.

Boys had game of billiards at the Royal. Saw Kiddie on way home. Pretty late in getting to  
bed again. More music, big drum & fun.

House and surroundings pretty well tidied up. Leaving decorations and arches. Mr & Mrs  
Charley etc called.

Bella Pye and sister returned . They were a great help with such a crowd to cater for.

Friday 19 June 1896

Fine

Quiet day after all the fuss. Llew , Wal Benson and Annie Robertson ret'd by morning train.

Father Ma and Frank to (indecipherable)

George ,Clarry & Streeton to Belmont. Bess & Hilda Onus brought Dorothy over for an hour or two. Fred took Miss Seek for a drive round the Kurrajong. Harry Skuthorp popped in after tea.

"Smike Streeton – and old Lucy Smith down by morning train. Lucy had a long stay at Sunyside (Saturday)

Saturday 20 June 1896

Fine. Cold wind.

Drove to Richmd with George,Clarry Frank Horsey & watched football match v College (Bess & Alf) Llew, Wal Benson & Jack Williamson came up .

Had a great night at Sunnyside. Some 50 or 60 visitors.(Gooch at the piano)

Messrs Hughes & Cooper ,songs etc. Dancing till late .Plenty fun all put in lively and enjoyable time

Sunday 21 June 1896

Fine

Quiet morning. Walk around with Frank. Few visitors. Onus girls brought Dorothy over. After tea George Woodhill brought Gooch, Hughes & Cooper – put in quiet but enjoyable time.

Music and songs. Camp 12 o'clock

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Monday 22th Jun 1896

Rain. Set in from the S & SW 11.30am.and continued day & night .About the coldest darkest day we've had. Great snow storm about the Southern districts. Averaging from 6 inches to 12 inches thick and in some places it was 4 to 5 feet deep. Kurrajong Heights received great damage in places.

Telegraphic communications cut off with the South. One of the heaviest and most general falls recorded .

Father to Windsor, Lic Court. Drove with him to meet George at night who went to town early train with Llew. Wal, Frank and Jack Williamson. Camped at home with Jack.

Wm Tomkinson of Richmond died aged 73.

Tuesday 23th June 1896

Fine. River topped bridge 9 p.m.

George, (indecipherable) and youngsters cleared out by the evening train,Drove over with father and Alf. Arranged Alfs & Bess's luggage. 11 boxes weighing over half ton .

Called at Joseville and brought my little fire home been away over a week and very much missed.

H Skuthorp wife and Mrs Phizackly called up after tea.

Slept at home with my two youngsters. Rather lonely.

Dorothy awake most of the night.

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Ed Campbell (Solicitor) & Miss Cameron Married

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jun 1896

Fine

Water 5<sup>1/2</sup> feet over bridge. Not anything doing myself excepting squaring up things at home. Poor old Sister Bess [indecipherable] left us and her home by the evening train. Mother much grieved. Father, Clarry, Fred & Sep & many others saw them[?] off at the train. Had to cross river by boat. Mrs Alderson gives them an evening in their honor. They leave for Melbourne by train tomorrow. Flo and Miss Nellie Seefe accompanied them down. Another gone from Sunnyside. She too will be much missed. Mrs Town returned for the night. Will Charley to tea – Saw his wife off to Adelaide for a time. Sleeping again at S.Side

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1896

Fine

Water clear of bridge. Put in a quiet day at home. Not feeling well. Dorothy and Mrs Town over. Father and Fred to Richmond. Eddie across to kill bullock... Vindins & [indecipherable superscript] Wife called.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1895

Fine

At home\_ alone pottering about

Flo returned with Una Clift. Mr and Mrs Charley, Misses Ewing, Mr Percy Spence & wife spent afternoon at Sunnyside. [indecipherable] and Alf arrived (home) Melbourne about 10 p.m.— (by train) had few hours at Albury on the journey.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1896

Fine

Morning at home\_ deserted home.

Drove to town with Jack and watched Football Match V Buccaneers[?]. Neither side scored. Good game. 500 or 600 present. Met Alec [indecipherable names] & others. Mrs Town over and back with Flo, Clarry out with the girl (Una)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1896

Fine

West wind rather warm. Quiet day. Visitors Mr & Mrs and [indecipherable] Vindin. E Pitt. Clarry took Una Clift out for a drive – Lost old pointer [indecipherable] ([indecipherable]) a good and faithful dog. Had her since 1886. Caught cold after pups.

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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1896

Fine. Cold South west wind.

Drove over to town with father before noon. Met [indecipherable] Joe Onus etc

Emily Richards called. Up to see old Mrs Ben unwell

Old Mrs Town, Clarry and girl out for drive.

|| Old John Lamrock of Woodburn Wheary, Kurrajong died early this

|| morning aged 78 [indecipherable insert]. A man much respected

Queer day and night.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1896

Fine

Frost

Cold morning and night, but a nice day. Nothing much doing. Feeling very unwell. Pain, internal complaint. Laid down most of the day.

|| Father & Clarry managed after a great struggle to

|| get away, leaving home ¼ to 3 hoping to

|| reach their destination at Bilpin about 6 p.m.

Mr & Mrs called afternoon late

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1896

Sharp Frost

Fine. Pleasant in the sun. Fred and myself attended John Lamrock's funeral which left [indecipherable] 10.30 & [indecipherable] 12 am. One of the largest seen in the district. Burial Service over 2. pm. Met Mrs Jim & Leslie[?] & [indecipherable]

Una Clift left by the 4.10 train. Flo drove her over, taking Dorothy for an outing.

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Printed Insert

"Weary of living isolated life  
Weary of hoping hopes ever vain  
Weary of struggle in all sterile life  
Weary of thoughts which maketh nothing plain"

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1896

Frost Very heavy (Nº 3). Cut up all soft plants etc. Ice till late in the day.  
Nice clear warm day and chilly again at night. Spent most of the day at home with Dorothy.  
Mother and Mrs Town drove over to see Mrs Ben Richards. This winter will see the end of some of the old ones.

	It is a beautiful belief	
	That ever round our head	
	Are hovering on angels wings	
	The Spirits of the dead	

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1896

Fine

Frost

Almost as severe as yest,dy Similar weather to that of last year when we had 10 or 11 successive frosts of great severity from 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Spent the morning about home. Drove over to Richm'd with Jack Town 4.p.m. Played game of Billiards etc. Fred returned and spent the night with him. Father home from camp 6.30 p.m. George & Contractor Tapson up to Belmont. Additions to house. Ret 4.10. train

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Frost

Warm pleasant day. Busy about. Drove over to Richmond after noon taking Mrs Town – Geo Robertson who came up 1<sup>st</sup> train and Jack. No football team failed to turn up. Did a little business and dodged about. Met Jim Lamrock Dr and wife ---  
Brought home case containing 2 new kerosene lamps. Father full of the gas.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Frost Light

Quiet day at home. Dry N to W wind. Eddy Pitt over. Constable Westropp called to say Goodby. Leaves tomorrow for Robertson near Mossvale. Has been stationed here since /93 and gained the respect of al.

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Wind

Unpleasant weather. Strong dry warm wind from N to W. plenty dust along the roads. Wrote few letters & Mrs Town over.—talk and look round.

Father left for camp 2.30 p.m. with young Geo Robertson for a mate.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Wind

Strong W to S.W. wind. Disagreeable – dropped towards night. At home.-- Mrs Town over for some cuttings – left by the evening train – had a long stay.

Bowmans and Onus girls called. Fred to Sydney with Jack Town – taking some poultry to show.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Wind

Cold SW wind Sleety – Snow on the mountains

In doors pretty well all day. Fred home at night. Quietness reigns supreme at last at Sunnyside.

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Wind

Strong S.W. wind Very keen. A cold night

Pottering about. In the evening raked and barrowed in a good heap of manure.

Clarry Farlow in from camp. Sent some letters out by him.

Premier GH Reid delivered Budget Speech. Makes out a surplus for the year of £380000 in cash. Free trade not so bad after all considering the drought and the knocking off of £75000 o. Customs Duties. So far Land And Income Taxes have yielded only £27000 out of £508000

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine

Frost

[indcipherable] wind continued from the S.W. but not so strong. All day at home – with Jack and Dor<sup>y</sup> – made fire in old dining room. Mrs Onus and Cara called 4 p.m.. Took Jack over to Richmond with them till Sunday. His fortnight holiday expires this week. On Monday he will have to face his new schoolmaster – Geo Tomkinson – Mr Godfrey having been shifted to near Gladesville.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine

Little Wind

Cold – Spent the day at home. – Little jobs reading etc.LLew and Walter Benson came up.

Father – Geo Robertson & Farlow arrived from Camp 4.30 p.m. Clarry remaining

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine

Little Wind

Morning at home. Walk with the youngsters after dinner. Jack back with Hilda & Bess Onus.

Turner drove them over. Eddie as usual. Boys knocking about.

Very chilly after sunset

Mrs Stevenson & Bertha Penton up after tea --- .

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Sharp Frost  
Cold morning – nice day  
Home passing the time – little jobs etc

Father left for camp again ¼ to 3.

LLew and Wal Benson down 1<sup>st</sup> train. Geo R. drove them over  
George up to Belmont with contractor Tapson. Bought kiddie with him re,nd 4.10 pm

Stansbury, our man, beat Harding on the Thames -- £500 a side and World Championship

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Frost Sharp  
Clear Warm day  
Wrote a couple of letters – tidied up Chrysanthenums bed down plants & took out stakes etc

Mrs Holborrow and Mrs Collett called Sunnyside.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Frost Sharp  
Fine day – At home. Young Knott helping tidy up the garden. Father and Clarry back from  
Camp 6 p.m.

Father, Fred, Clarry & Myself down to Stevenson's after tea –  
H'y Skuthorpe, Smith, Leggett and about a dozen more present.  
gave Harry & wife a send off After 19 years as a publican he retires to his farm on the  
Terrace and Johnny Town steps in his place. His wife and two  
children slept there for the first time tonight. To-morrow will be his first day. Had a  
bit of fun & a few short speeches. Father helped to liven matters

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Dull raw day  
About home helping young Knott---  
Father and Clarry to Richmond. A Mr Chapel, an Englishman, called to dinner. Fred showed  
him about. [indecipherable] Ridge and wife called Sunnyside did not see them\_

John Towns 1<sup>st</sup> day as Licensee of the Travellers Rest. May he do well

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Rain and fog – cold raw & miserable  
In doors chiefly. Dorothy getting a cold. Sep home had 3 teeth extracted yesterday by Syme –  
under Gas - Gave him rats.

[inserted here but probably belongs to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>]

The Australian Eleven beat the Englishmen  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cricket Match by 3 wickets..  
One each now.



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Cloudy

Morning at home. Drove to Richm'd with Fred, Clarry and Jack. Watched Football match v. the Mercantiles. A great Game. Rich'd. winning 4 to nil. A great crowd of people present. Will Charley down to tea.—remained till 11 p.m.

Dorothy's cold appears little worse

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine

Morning at home. George Woodhill over for the day and night. Joe, Clarry, young Jack and myself walked down to the creek. Had a look at the racecourse etc.—Peter Steince, of the college called—Eddie over as usual.—The (new) constable Egginton had a look round garden etc.—Ethel Town up for a little while.

Dory's cold no better

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine

Home all day. Keeping young Knott about gardens etc. During the afternoon Mr and Mrs Charley called with some friends Mr and Mrs Bowman [indecipherable] of Miss Love and the Misses Ewing (Adelaide people). Over and a look round—

Hilda and Bess Onus also called

Father to Windsor – Lic. Bench

Clarry to Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> train to have teeth attended to.

Dorothy's cold worse. Had no sleep with her all night. Poor little soul in agony with a gathering in the left ear—which broke in the morning & gave relief.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1896

Dull Cool day

Barometer very low – wind must come. Drove over to Ricnm'd with father in the afternoon -- .

Called at the Chemist. Woodhills D.....

Kept Dorothy in all day. Cold no better – and ear running.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1896

Fine

Very unpleasant day. Strong south wind\_ dull & cold. Not feeling well remained chiefly indoors. Much of 'Grippe'[?] headache etc. Mother also suffering from several complaints. Dorothy better\_ but restless throughout the night

Mrs Onus & Cara called

Clarrie came home per midday. Accompanied by Miss Nellie Selfe

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1896

Fine Cool weather. In doors most of the day with Dorothy. She not well Cold etc. Awake æt from 2 to 6 am with her pains internally.

Sep, Flo and Nellie Sep spent evening at Belmont.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Sunnyside bit upset. Mother Dorothy & myself queesy. Got Dr Gibson out to see the little girl. Gave her some medicine applied a poultice & [indecipherable] to stomach. Suffering from some complication of the bowels & the bladder. Better about 12 bed time. Little rest anyhow. Misses [C] Bowman called.

Jack Williamson came up. Clarry to Sydney again 1<sup>st</sup> train to have teeth attended to.

The Opposition Leader [Lyne] See and others speak to night in Windsor advocating "Protection" Richmond tomorrow.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Dull Raw and cold. Remained chiefly indoors. Dr Gibson called Dorothy improved. By midday train Jack [A.H.] Fullwood, Frank Horsey, Wal Benson & Llew came. After tea Mr & Mrs Charley, Will, M Ewing, Ethel Town, Hilda & Bess Onus & Ted Tower turned in. Had a little jolification in com. Mothers Birthday [26<sup>th</sup>] Bed about 2 am.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

Fine S wind continued. In doors. Rather queesy. Dort'y & Mother better. Boys kicking footballs about. Most of them walked up to Belmont afternoon, including Geo. Woodhill and wife who remained here till 11.

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Frost Nice day. Not feeling up to much with [indecipherable] Dort'y Much improved, walked her about in the sun. Llew, Will Benson, Frank Horsey & Jack Williamson ret 1<sup>st</sup> train. George came up to Belmont, returned 4.10 pm. Sunnyside to [indecipherable] Father, Clarry, Fullwood left for camp on the mountain 3 pm [now about 12 miles from home]. Father had a great struggle as usual to get away [Getting too old for it now]

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Sharp Frost Light South wind. Busy about home Mrs Keilly [Pop Holborow] wa-Mary Stewart, Mrs Alf Woodhill and 2 Onus girls visitors to Sunnyside. Pop over had a look round. Poor dear wife died this day and date 26 long weeks ago.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Fine Frost Nice day warm in the sun Cold nights

Home . Writing and about the garden.

My cold a bit worse Dorothy seems OK again.

Flo & Nellie Selfe. drove over to enquire of Mrs B Richard Very ill in great pain and no hope

TWO Pages of Newsclippings

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1896

Dull Nasty raw day a little rain about. Drive over to Richmond with Fred this afternoon. Called at the trains, hair cut etc. My cold still hangs on

Sep's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Mrs B. Richards [Elizabeth Williams] died 1 pm at Kamilaroi Richmond in her 76<sup>th</sup> year.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1896

Fine Cold S and SE wind

Drove with Johnny Town to Richmond and attended the funeral of Mrs Richards at 12.30 pm All walking down to the church about 500 including many from Sydney and the employees at Riverstone. Old Bea seemed to feel it very much. Met H.S.Badgery and others. Home 2pm Jack and Frank Quodling [orig'ly college students] called. Remained at Sunnybank to dinner Sep, Flo and Nellie Selfe spent evn. at Geo Woodhills. Jack Williamson came up on train.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1896

Fine Father and Fullwood home from camp. I accompanied them and a Mr Molloy to Sydney by the 4.10 pm train. We had tea in town, father & I then journeyed over to Holbrook to see Grandfather ill in bed. Eva there. The old man pleased to see us. Met George 9.30 and over to town. Met Mr Spring & others. Home by the 11.35 train reaching Richmond 1.15 where Jack Williamson & Fred met us. Bed after two. Sep down for the day returned with us Chilly night

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1896

Fine Frost Unpleasant wind from the N.W. Feeling a bit off. Bad head. Visitors Mr& Mrs Charley, Ede& Hilda Omu & Miss Hemming & Mr Millan, Ted Twiney and O.Pitt Sep and Jack W. over to Richmond for the night.

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1896

Fine Frost Pleasant day knocking about home. Little do Still queesish with a cold. La Grippe in a wild form  
Father and Fred to Richmond. Jack Williamson missed the train and had to drive to Penrith

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Made a start at Rose pruning a nice job in view and no hart for it now  
Father also made a start for Camp reached [indecipherable] and returned suffering with his thumb having smashed the nail of same a week ago.  
Flo's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. The Onus girls treated her [and Nellie Selfe] to afternoon tea.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine South Wind

Rose pruning

Father left for Camp 10am his thumb much better

Mother, Flo, Sep & Nellie Selfe spent the evening at Belmont home 12

Fred over to the College for grape cuttings, 200  
white sherry and Woradello for tullis

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine nice day. At home pruned few more roses and otherwise busy about.  
Nellie Selfe left by the evening train after a good stay.

A Stanford paid rent fm back ½ year end July

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Calm warm day Collected manure for garden cut away at another batch of rose trees etc

Mother has young Knott helping do up flower beds.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Fog Put the morning in at roses etc. Over to Richmond with Sep during the afternoon. Knocked around for an hour or two Met several A Benson, B Evans & others.

Cara Onus and O Rawson over, did not see them.

Father, Clarry and Farlow home from Camp at 10.00

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Quiet day. About home. Took the youngsters for a walk after dinner on the hill & down along the river, handlines with grub, Jack getting a cold

Johnny Town and wife up after tea. Eddie over Onus girls called, did not see them.

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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Not much doing. Down to river to see handlines, caught an eel.

Father and Clarry left for Camp after dinner. George up to Belmont called on his way back gave me some Tuberous Begonias young tubers from imported stuff

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Drove over to the train with Flo and Dorothy to meet Mrs S. and Gordon Clift who intend staying a time, Gordon recovering since the attack of typhoid. Up again at night with Sep to [indecipherable] Mrs Town.

Down to Jack Town to see his new Indian Game bird which cost him 7 Pounds 10 shillings.

Young Jack bit off with his cold.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Warm Part of the day Rose pruning. Garden in a bit of a mess. Gordon Clift over. Walked down to river and to see hand lines.

Flo drove Mrs Clift up to W'm Bowmans

Mother and Mrs Town called down to see Jack & Esther Town in their new quarters.

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Raining intermittingly from the west throughout the day.

Remained chiefly indoors writing etc.

Father, Clarry etc. home from Camp 5pm

The 3<sup>rd</sup> [and last] test match Australia v England ended in a second win for the latter by 26 runs

Rain spoilt the wicket

Scores England 145 & 84 = 229

Australia 119 & 44 = 163 diff 66

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Dull showers around  
Johnny Town called. Drove up with him to the Cottage – got some cuttings of plants etc.  
Father drove Clarry in to see Dr Gibson- suffering with liver.  
Mrs Town & Mrs Clift over to Richmond for a spin round. In the evening father drove them all to Richmond.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Dull Cold day. South wind. Little doing  
Mrs Clift and Mrs Town left by ev<sup>n</sup> train. Father & myself accompany them over. Bro[?] LLew-  
Wal Benson & Jack Williamson came up – Will Ives & friend called – did not see them

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine. At home  
Pruned some of the rose trees etc. Boys over—  
Father drove Mother and Jack Williamson up to old R Skuthorp. Got a declaration from the old man in reference to the boundaries & possession of the Big Paddock – Johnny Town and wife called in after tea. Eddie over .

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine  
Father and Clarry got away to Camp 10. am.

At home pruning etc etc. – Gordon looking on

Visitors Mrs Onus & the 3 girls also Mrs Stemming &[?] Mrs William & Mrs Skuthorpe Mrs O & (Liz) over for a look round. Gave them each photos of my poor departed old girl.  
Sep (now) suffering from influenza.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine  
In the garden pruning.  
Dan Mc Cauley called in after tea went down to Johnny Towns with him for a while

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine warm day. Finished pruning etc

The Rev. Dr Cameron spent most of the afternoon looking around. Interested in all kinds of gardening.  
Flo and Gordon drove to Belmont – taking Dorothy.

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Nice day. Bright moon light night  
Busy raking up prunings- clippings etc Loads of it  
Fred and Gordon Clift journeyed to the Heights & back by coach.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1896

Fine Frost  
Finished cleaning up round about. The place now has a tidy appearance.

The Hawkesbury D.A. Society held a ball on the Show Ground Clarendon – a Great Success.  
Sep and Fred went.

2 or 3 inches of rain badly needed

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1896

Fine Frost

Weather exceptionally warm. Busy morning about home.  
Drove over to Richmd with Sep. Had hair cut. Made couple calls. [indecipherable] etc. Father home from camp 5 pm. A. Streeton (& mike) the Artist came up stay till Monday. Cricket match in the paddock. Combroy Road v Castlereagh.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1896

Fine Strange weather. Thunder shower passed round the mountains – calm evening. Took Dorothy for a stroll round about. Father and young farlow left for camp about 4 pm. Eddie over – Streeton about.

Young Cunningham of the [indecipherable] A College 3 this morning. Inflammation of the lungs & bowels – a consequence of catching cold after football. A popular young fellow – The best footballer in the district & a good cricketer. A sad end to a promising young man.

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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Warm and dry  
Busy collecting manure. Watering etc. Streeton left by the morning train  
All quiet at home

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Warm  
Not much doing. Spent morning about home. George came up to Belmont. Gordon Clift met him. I drove him back. Father and Clarry home from Camp in the mountains – having at last finished – leaving the men to complete marking etc.---

My 36<sup>th</sup> Birthday – felt rather miserable on thoughts of my poor dear departed wife.- She has gone whilst we journey on the same road.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine  
At home writing etc. Lifted some dahlias etc.  
Mrs S Clift and Mrs A. Town came to stay for a few days. Father drove them across

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When we are parted let me be [indecipherable]

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Wind

A regular gale throughout the day and moderating throughout the night. Coming from the West & S. West. Barometer 28.50- Very low. Busy digging up the bed round the palisade fence etc---. Mother also having garden done up.

Mr & Mrs P Charley called to say Good-by off to Melbourne to-morrow for a month. Show on.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine

Strong SW wind throughout the day.  
Manured and redug bed round the fence—  
Mrs Town over for a look round

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Fine Cold SW wind. Pottering about home till dinner. Over to Richmond with father taking Mrs Town and Mrs Clift to the train. Brought back Jack Williamson, Frank Horsey, Wal Benson and LLew. After tea Will Charley- George Woodhill[?] wife & friends Mr and Mrs Sangham & Mr Davis (of Orange) [indecipherable] in remaining till 12. Music and noise

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1896

Showers towards evening – only light. Drove over to see Mrs Onus with Jack Williamson & young Jack on business in connection with taking out Letters of Administration. Poor wife died intestate. Placed a nice wreath of Camelias, violets & ferns on her grave made for me by Flo.- Quiet evening. Old R Ezzy[?] called. Brought me a few ferns – let him have some chrysanthemums.

[indecipherable words in corner of page related to rainfall but numbers do not appear to make sense. Looks like ] 0.05 points

17.00 inches  
Total Rainfall

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Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1896

Fine

Busy at home potting ferns – planting seeds & --- .  
Father and Clarry out to Camp – remain till to-morrow to complete survey.

Boys all returned to town 1<sup>st</sup> train

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1896

Fine

In the garden – hard at it most of the day.  
Father and Clarry back from Camp  
Onus Girls Hilda & Ede called

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1896

Fine

Hard delving[?] – garden potting, planting seed etc.

Will Charley and wife down to tea. May just returned from Adelaide. Stayed with Bess at Melbourne for a few days on her return.

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1896

Fine Warm

In gardens, - Putting manure to Rose trees etc.  
Started 28 Tuberous Rooted Begonia – given to me by George  
Feeling rather queer the last [indecipherable]

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Cool South wind.

Spent the morning digging up and manuring rose beds etc. Drove over to Richmond with father after noon – little business here and there. Pros{?} Ridge & wife over – did not see them.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Frost

Warm ½ day at home. After dinner pulled up to Belmont Corner with Clarry, Flo, Gordon Cliff-Young Jack and Dorothy. Kiddies had a game on the sand.  
Hawkesbury Races today at Clarendon. 1<sup>st</sup> time for some years. Don't think the Club can exist here.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Nice day. Nothing much doing – Watered some plants --. Clarry, Sep & Gordon tried the perch – hand line & grub. Caught one ¼ lb-  
Frank Vindin and Collett called during evening. Eddie over as usual.

|||| Black Pointer[?] [indecipherable] 9 pups[?] + [indecipherable] Dog Job[?] |||||

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Queer – not able to do much\_. Watered rose bed – attended to fowls dog etc.  
Father busy at plans of Bilpin Survey  
The onus girls\_ Misses Guest{?} & Walker called Sunnyside.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Dull

Cool

S Wind\_ little rain on the hills

Busy about little jobs – Watering, Collecting manure digging etc – but not feeling up to much.  
Clarry to Sydney to see Surveyor General (Tuynam[?]) for father on business in connection with survey.

Father and mother to Richmond to sign papers\_ Transfer of lease of Goulburn property to Bank of New South Wales from Thos[?] Hungerford

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Engaged at home in many ways. Put together 3 batches[?] of chrysanthemums for Mrs B [indecipherable] & others.



Mr and Mrs W Charley called Sunnyside

Clarry home from Sydney  
Father rec<sup>d</sup> parcel of trees from Purchase[?] stone fruits  
[indecipherable] to get [indecipherable]

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Warm  
Digging round & manuring rose trees etc  
Father planted 39 stone fruits at Sunnyside where the old orange trees were. Apricots,  
Peaches, Nectarines & Plums  
Men home with the Camp Survey Complete.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine  
Unseasonably warm – with dry NW wind.  
Digging round manuring roses etc etc.  
Father and Gordon Clift drove to Windsor Lic Court.

Jack Williamson and a young Curtiss (Solicitors) rode up from below on their bicycles –  
reaching SSide 9.30.

Will Charley wife and Wm[?] Zouch down after tea remaining till late.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Frost  
Wind drying NW. Digging, watering & down to see Johnny Town. Boys to Richmond Cricket –  
Fitzgerald's Circus at night. Took youngsters for a walk up to the Tanks[?] after tea –  
Moonlight.

Sunday 13 September 1896

Squally weather from N to S.W. – hot morning cold night. Strong wind – Morning about home.  
Jack Williamson & [indecipherable] left for Sydney on their bikes 3pm. Cara Onus & G[?]  
Rawson over during the morning.  
Mr Zouch[?] called. Jack [indecipherable] wife and [indecipherable (4 words)] Clarry: Sep,  
Geo Woodhill & [indecipherable] up the Grose with others from Richmond

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Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine  
Frost  
Beautiful day – quite a relief from yest<sup>s</sup> [?] gale.  
Busy in the garden. Roses [indecipherable] etc.  
Mrs Onus, Hilda and Ede over.  
Emily Richards came by the mail.  
Father planting few mandarins in the orchard – replacing some that died.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine  
Frost

Stuck to my work in the garden – lifting Bouvardias[?] – dividing manuring etc. Mrs Richards over for a look round. Cracked some corn for chickens now around[?] [indecipherable] 60  
Father and men pruning and digging in the orchard.  
Poor dear wife departed from her loving ones this day 33 weeks. “Sweet is the memory of her but her loss is terrible to bear.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Change

Weather fine during – nice rain from the N.W. in the evening – the first we’ve had for many a day. Altho[?] but little – will do immense amount of good. Busy in the garden & in the greenhouse – cut down few baskets etc. |35 [indec] |  
Father cracked 40 bushels of maize. Steam power |17.35 | in margin  
[indecipherable] Richards left with the Onus girls -- [indecipherable] came over for Dorothy – Allow her to stay with her Granny & the girls at Joseville[?] for a day or two. Miss her very much

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Busy about planted some chryanths from SPurchase new varieties.  
George ,Nettie and two youngsters came up returning by the evening train. Clarry and Gordon drove them over  
Father pruning orchard.  
Rev.Dr.Cameron called with Mitchell.  
Walked up to Will Charley`s after tea with Jack –Clarry.Sep Gordon and H .Put in an enjoyable time – reaching home ¼ to 1  
Dry West rain hroughout the day . The rain has freshened things up.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Nice shower after dark heavy towards Richmond. Where 95 points fell.  
Digging up ,manuring and watering – rose bed etc  
Mrs and Miss Bowman called . Sunnyside  
Mrs Becke wife of the ? PM at Windsor died this morning aged 55- Sent Anicus Hall some flowers for wreath

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine

Drove to Richmond with father – called at the train for Messrs Toohey & Sanders who failed to come- Met C. Cameron & called also at Joseville & saw my little girl – Dorothy – Alright – put the evening in at Garden work – Finished up the roses — Nice shower between 7 & 9 –A lot of rain wanted now

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine but clear

Morning about home. Evening tried the perch up the river with Clarry. Sep Gordon & young Jack .No Luck.-Vindins, W.Charley wife Zouch called –Ede Onus & Bob Warden over – with Dorothy. Did not see them

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1896

Fine

Collected some top soil for repotting purposes etc

Over to Richmond with father ,mother the rest of the family and Mrs Jack Town.-At big railway employees picnic on the Park. – Some 2000 people present. Called at Joseville on way home for Dorothy.

Jack Fullwood and Hy Waugh(Artist) turned in about dark drove up from Sydney

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1896

Fine

Nice weather – district looking fresh since the rain . Planted out some Chrysanthimum cutting etc

W Waugh ,Fullwood & the boys over.Will Charley and Mr Zouch also called

Wesleyan Concert held at Public School.- Some of the house went.

Father busy trimming out mandarin trees – Made a survey for Mrs Onus in the Wn All? 1.0.4 purchase from McAlpine

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1896

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Fine Warm

Busy most of the day planting Chrys Suckers

Gordon C as company

Mother, Flo and Dorothy spent the day with Mrs Will Charley, Fred and Clarry playing cricket in Windsor

Father and Farlow Still thinning out orchard.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Warm

Finished sticking our chrysanths –Otherwise busy about throughout the day father in orchard – with lieutenant Farlow

Will Charley and Mr Zouch down after tea remaining until 11

The Czar and Czarina of Russia visiting England and the Queen who has now reigned for a longer time than any previous Sovereign

Affairs very unsettled at Constantinople on account of the continued massacres of Armenians by the Turks.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Fresh, Cool S Wind , Very keen again at night

Planted out some gladioli and prepared bed for more.

Otherwise busy about . Saw black snake (about 4 ft in (cement) yard managed to get away under building

Mr Zouch Mrs Skuthorp called Sunnyside

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine,Frost. Clear cool day

Busy morning at home – planting gladioli 24 ? Drove over to town with father ,mother the youngsters etc to see parade and to hear the band of 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Will Charley, wife and W Zouch down after tea – remaining till 11.45 Jacks 10<sup>th</sup> birthday .8 months after his poor mothers death 28 Jan

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Splendid day

Morning about home Walked down to the Creek and round the new race course with young Jack and T?ynam of the H.A.College who remained till 11 pm  
? Town & wife in after tea

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine Warm

Pottering about till 12. Find Pampas Grass got the best of me had difficulty in extinguishing flames.

Drove mother ,Fred,Jack and Dorothy over to Richmond to Railway employees Picnic.The Park crammed with people mostly women and children. Met several local people H Skuthorp,J Dunstan & Jack Samrock called in after tea – wanted some posts for use on racecourse.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1896

Fine,pleasant day N.E. wind

Chipping –watering –covering frame etc etc

Father in orchard –pruning .men bone dusting

Flo, Sep,Clarry & Gordon Clift spent the evening at Will Charleys

Wednesday 30 September 1896

Fine .Perfect weather-but very dry.Cool night and morning

Chipping ,watering & otherwise busy. Arranged with Tim Potts to come tomorrow & Friday to clean up round about and do a bit of digging. Got up couple loads of loam from the bridge.

The three Onus girls over

Cricket match (1/2) holiday & tea in the paddock .Drove to town after tea with father to the post.

Killed black snake in the yard (3ft 3in) waited a week for him to come out.

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1896

Fine Frost . Light frost on the low lands rather exceptional for time of year – Cool NE wind and cloudy

Pottd in the garden chipping forking up beds etc.Gave him a heap.

Jane Smith called let her have photo of my poor lost wife also one for Mary Ann Timmins.

Father putting his office and back rooms in order- it regular clean out. Eddie over .

slaughtering bullocks

Miss Selfe (Nellie) came up by evening train

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1896

Fine Warm

Hard at work all day with Potts – Got the garden and surroundings in tip top order.  
Commenced to cut down the clump of bamboo below the house. some hundreds. Make much work and trouble in cleaning up the leaves.  
Drove to town with father after tea to meet Frank Horsey. Jack Williamson also came up.  
Dance at the School of Arts. – Some of the family attended.  
Chilly night like winter.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1896

Frost, Fine

Put in the morning at home. Pulled up the river in the Evn with Frank and the two youngsters – Game on the sand.  
Father and Frank to Windsor before dinner. George Robertson came up also Llew & Wal Benson by the midnight .A house full.  
Bridges ( Registrar of the College ) brought before the Bench in Richmond for embezzlement. Committed

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine

Mr Collett over with friend Brodie. Chief inspector of the Treasury – Shewed them round .  
Other visitors. Jack Town, wife Eddie, Ted ? and Hilda Onus. Game of cricket in the paddock . Clarry & Sep out to Taba? With others. Home to tea

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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

8 Hour Day Public Holiday

Fine. Warm

Put in a quiet day at home feeling sore after game of Cricket- The boys (7) over to Richmond –tennis- George Woodhill wife- Gooch the pianist – a Mr Maloney & Mr John Dunstan popped in after tea and things were noisy till 11.30

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine

Pottering about -

Dug up and dressed with manure Chrysanthimum bed. Planted few seeds etc etc  
Young Potts came in place of his father - cutting down bamboo – a tangled up mass.  
Father and the men in the orchard.

Llew, Frank H, Jack W, W. Benson & G Robertson to Sydney by the morning train  
A brilliant meteor passed from W to E 7.55 pm. father and myself saw the reflection which appeared like sheet lightning, the sky being cloudy.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine

Busy garden – digging –manuring beds etc

Potts completed the clearing away of bamboos.

A very noticeable gap is now where the clump grew.

George came up to Belmont – father returned with him to Sydney per evening train, intending to call and see the old man. Grandfather at Holbrook – who still lingers

Papers give accounts (?) of the passage of the Czar and /Czarina around from England to Cherbourg(France) -3000,000 visitors await their arrival in Paris.

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Change Warm morning. Welcome change in the shape of thunder showers 1 pm & 5 pm giving a total of 25 points which will freshen up things a bit .  
Employed about little jobs . Drove to train to meet father in the evening.  
Clarry`s birthday

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine. Sultry A wind from the tropics drying up yestys rain ? about. Father and Fred to Windsor ? B?ch-Clampsand,Gordon Clift to Sy;dney evening train

Fine . Sultry A wind from the tropics,- drying up yestys rain-Pansy about.  
Father and Fred to Windsor . ? B?nch,Clampsand,Gordon Clift to Sydney evening train-  
Drove to Richmond after tea with Cartright – attended meeting at Cobcrofts – Speeches delivered by the ? (Rev) Ashton.OReilly.Jessep, Wheeler & Morgan Mo L it.  
About 600 people present- Good speeches & ? ? home 11.45

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine  
Big day.Sunnyside. Visited by the Premier – the others of his party & many town folk. Two coach loads. Joined them in a trip round the Kurrajong. Calling at Hobartvilla on return, where father joined up . Lunch at the College the Premier addressed the students drove round the farm and on to Windsor – calling at Fitzpatricks. Photos taken. Meeting at the Royal 3 p.m. – some vigorous speeches. Returned with father to tea. On the whole ? enjoyable day.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine .Warm  
Put in a quiet day at home. Watered plants Read papers. After dinner took the two children for a pull in the boat- let them have a game on the sand. Eddie over & Turner.-A young Biddle (aged 18) drowned at the Terrace

Extract from page of The Australia Star.dated Monday Oct 12 1896

;Header reads “ Death of Mr. G.M.Pitt – A Pioneer Colonist.

Another of the old pioneers who in their youth in far back days of the colony`s history took their way into the then far interior has passed from us, and many an old-time friend will learn with regret the news of the death of Mr. G.M.Pitt, which took place at Holbrook, Kirribilli, this morning. The late Mr. Pitt was one of the type of men who made this colony what it is today. Born at Bronte, near Richmond on the Hawkesbury River, on February 16,1814, he spent his early youth and received his education at that place. Before he was quite out of his teens he

left his home to go into pastoral pursuits in the northern districts. Over 60 years ago he was one of the first white men to go out on to the great plains of the Murray and other rivers which form the sources of the Darling. Out in the neighbourhood of where the thriving town of Moree now stands he moved his flocks and herds, and taking up two stations there he remained For over 30 years he was engaged in the active business of pastoral production, taking his lot in the ups and downs of a squatter's life ,till in the early sixties , when an elderly man then he came to Sydney , and here founded the great firm Pitt, Son and Badgery , and now and for some years past a limited liability company. For over thirty years he was engaged in this business, and up till twelve months ago remained its guiding head, and , in fact, retained the position of chairman of directors until his death, and now in the fullness of years, for he had reached the ripe age of 82, he has passed away, leaving behind him many friends to regret their loss, also many of the poor, will miss a kind benefactor, for in all things the late Mr.Pitt was a charitable man, not one of those who figured so largely in the donation lists of charities, though he did not pass them by, but one who gave very freely what he had gained to those who had not been so fortunate in the struggle of life. He was a man who took deep interest in public matters, though he never entered into the hurly – burly of political life. He was for several years Mayor of St.Leonards and chairman of the board which for some years worked very hard to secure the water supply for Sydney. In that agitation he was a most indefatigable worker, It was a curious fact that in the whole of his long life the late Mr. Pitt was never out of the colony. He was an enthusiastic reader, and his memory was so keen that his knowledge of places in Scotland particularly was very remarkable.He leaves behind him six sons and one daughter. A second daughter ,the late Mrs. H.S.Badgery died about two years ago. His younger brother Mr.R.M.Pitt, of Kurrajong, now 80 years of age, survives him. The cause of death was general decay of the system. He had been confined to the house for some time, and had been attended by Dr. Clarke, The funeral will take place to-morrow morning. The body will be taken to the Mortuary , and thence by the 9.25 a.m. train to Richmond, where the remains will be placed in the family vault. The Rev. Mr.Prise will officiate at the grave.

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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine, Frost. Phenomenal heat throughout country.A heat ? 90 degrees/  
Not much doing –Shields cut ?.- Clarry ,Gordon and Una Clift came by early train. Father went to meet them.

Received news of the death 7.30 this morning of grand father (G M Pitt at Holbrook, aged 82 having been born at Bronte Feb.16 1814. – He was in good spirits when father visited him on Friday – but afterward collapsed. He was unconscious for some time previous to the end. The Press have made lengthy references to his career and speak of him as one of our foremost public men. He was a good man

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine .96degrees. if most unpleasant day. Heat exceptional, wind from the North and nothing but dust. We all drove to Richmond and met the morning train .Conveying the body of poor old G.M.P.and a host of relatives and friends. Most of us walked down from the train many attending from the district. Ceremony over 12.30 a great number came across to Sunnyside to dinner including Bob, Charlie,? Eddie H.S.Badgery, John ? Woods ? Gordon,McMillan, (Editor Stock and Station Journal) Tomaghi ? George, Llew- some of the boys & others. After dinner, a walk round through the orchard , ? Hill etc. They all enjoyed themselves & returned by the evening train – Jack Williamson and Nellie Selfe also. Angelo remained, - as well as Lea, Llew,Benson ? Streeton(Smike) and friend Professor Hall of Melbourne called after tea

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Dull Showers during the night, the heat brought about a general change it hard luck the ? ? 2  
? ?

At ? all sorts of work.- mixed up some soil pricked off into boxes some big coleas etc.  
Streeton and friend Hall had look round.  
The boys 5 returned by the morning train .  
Nice shower during the night

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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Dull .Light showers.  
At home-potted up some of George`s tuberous begonias.  
Father ? the men putting out a few vegetable  
No chance before the rain  
Streeton and Friend Professor Hall called to say goodbye

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine. Pleasant day  
Repotting begonias – planted out some single dahlia round the palisade etc etc.  
Father I to Windsor –Mr & Mrs P Charley called Sunnyside, during the afternoon  
Una Clift left by morning train- Clarry suffering in con from “swing back”  
Sep, he and Gordon attended ? ? ?  
Men got in remainder of lucerne- not much the worse for the rain

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine ,Warm.87 degrees  
Usual rounds about the house – fowls - have almost 70 chickens. Game & Langs? – very good  
Not much doing afternoon – feeling queasy –youngsters with me all day. – Sunnysiders with the exception of mother and father, out.-Will Charley called

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Octobers 1896

Fine Hot 95 degrees Sultry with a light wind from the West.  
Quiet day at home. Eddie over. Jack Town & wife called in after tea  
Sep fainted and remained in comatose state for some 15 minutes –a not uncommon thing with him

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine day. But a beneficial shower fell between ? and 11 am from the west followed by wind.  
Busy about .dug up chrysanthemum bed etc  
Roses a failure up to the present – a fine growth but bloom nothing no color  
Walked down to Town`s with the youngsters for an hour

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Nice day.  
At home. Planted remainder of gladioli etc. watered plants  
Joe Palmer came up for a few days



Vindia, wife – 3 onus girls & Will Charley visited Sunnyside did not see them  
Fred & Sep attended moonlight concert Kurrajong  
Chas. A Goodehap MLC late Commissioner for Ra?y died aged 59

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1896

Fine, ?

Potting a few plants. Stuck ? a dahlia & Will Charley down among the horses  
Father out to Big Paddock- busy preparing plan etc for ? title.  
Fred took Joe ? for drive to Windsor.

Announcement extract from Sydney Morning Herald July 4 1896

GEORGE Pitt – June 17, 1896, at St. Peter's Church, Richmond, N.S. Wales by the Rev. J. Howell Price, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cameron, Alfred Samuel eldest son of W.R. George, of Sydney and grandson of the late Samuel George captain of the Gloucestershire Yeomanry to Elizabeth (Bessie) eldest daughter of G.M. Pitt, Junr, of Sunnyside, North Richmond and granddaughter of G.M. Pitt, Senn

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1896

Fine Very hot and dry. Light dry N.W. wind. Southerly at night.  
93° A very trying day. Repotting plants and [indcipherable] etc.  
Will and May Charley called in the afternoon.—Look around – gave them some flowers, cuttings & setting of eggs.

Father and Clarry finished sketch etc of Big Paddock for Torrens Act 601 acres by ([indcipherable] 490?

Fred and Joe Brown over to Bronte to see his Sister.

Friday 23 October 1896

Fine 58° [indcipherable] very cool change but no rain.  
Potting plants – making up composts etc.  
George up to Richmond – father Fred and Joe Brown drove over for him – I accompanied them to Richmond – afternoon ,  
Met Hunt – Surveyor – and others \_\_\_\_  
[Clarry left by morning train with Gordon Cliff –  
[for Maitland. Stay a few weeks – Gordon  
[had a good stay here Since 11 Aug<sup>st</sup> --- (Flo  
[will miss him for he is first in the run-  
ing [?]

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Hot 86°  
Busy morning at house. Angelo and [indcipherable] came up early train for a day or two. Joe Brown left by the 12. Watched cricket match for a time during the afternoon. with [indcipherable] Called in Jack Towns and quenched thirst—  
Lost one of my pointer pups – tick laid him out.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Warm

Quiet day at home. Walk with youngsters. The [indcipherable] and Eddies youngsters over for a look round the garden. Angelo & [indcipherable] also

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Warm and dry

Potting plants[?] most of the day. Some doz – still to do ---

In the afternoon father and mother, Flo Dorothy[?] (Angelo & wife) up to see the Pitts. [ indecipherable]

Wrote to Charles Daly re disposal of Pointer dogs [indecipherable mark]

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Everlastingly fine\_ Everything languishing for rain.

At home- watering- potting plants etc – Angelo and Eva over. They returned to Summerhill[?] by the [?] train, father drove them over –

Ede and Hilda Onus called with [indecipherable] and young [indecipherable]

New Land Tax Assessment Notices coming out – Great[?] cry[?] over the excessive values by the Assessors.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine 94° V Hot and drying

Repotting plants – watering parts of garden

→ The roses are a complete failure although the bushes look well

→ /// Fathers 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Long may he live to steer Sunnyside through her troubles. \_\_\_\_

Mother Flo and Dorothy drove up to Belmont to call on Mr and Mrs Charley

H. Skuthorp & wife dropped in after tea\_\_\_\_\_

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine 97° or 98° Hottest day so far – and no wind. Southerly night

Potted some more[?] plants etc. Father lime[?] washing trees. Ede, Hilda Onus, Miss Hall [indecipherable] over. Sprat fishing – remained till 11. p.m. Mrs Jack Town up. Young Jack suffering with toothache and Dorothy with a bad cold – kept me awake most of the night.

[The eldest daughter (Elizabeth Besie) 18 of Mrs Durham, Ellie died 9. p.m. | |Kamitaroi[?] old B Richards place Richmond from pneumonia. Sensible to the last. A |sad event – an additional sorrow for the poor widow – it being but a short time since |the father Charlie Durham died at Singleton.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Fine Rain Storm

Warm morning – A heavy thunderstorm from the S.W. between 4 and 4.30. which will do an immense amount of good. The rain was exceptionally heavy.

Potted some more plants while I had time. Getting tired of it.

Dorothy's cold not much better\_\_\_\_ but had a better night with her. Jacks toothache continues\_\_\_\_\_



Father bringing trees for the orchard.  
New corn planting below the bridge

Papers report elections in the United States Tuesday last for the Presidency – Great victory for Major McKinley the Republican Candidate., over Bryan. Excitement unequalled. Voting heaviest known. Gold will remain the standard.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Hot

Sharpened 50 hardwood stakes – dug up dahlias bed – got a few out etc  
Father drove mother & Dorothy over to Richmond. Jack Williamson returned with them having come up per evening train

\*Received legal advice in conjunction with Mrs Onus Pros[?] Ridge and Frank Onus in connection with claim made by John Richard Yerrick[?] for 60 ac. Etc left to Son & [indecipherable] to my boy Jack by J E Onus who paid £375 “about” for the land

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Hot

Busy morning about. Over to town with father and young Jack in the afternoon. Met Frank Horsey at train. Watched Cricket match in the paddock on our return.  
South wind during the night with sprinkle of rain.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Pleasant weather – Quiet morning at home. Cara Onus and O Rawson over. Alick Benson, Mrs A Town, C. Pitt etc called during the afternoon. Frank Horsey accomp,d myself & dear little girl (Dory) a walk round Lees orchard – a quiet enjoyable walk. Jack Williamson over to see Mrs Onus.

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Doll Cool Took mother, Dorothy Queenie Cullen & Clarry Faslowf to Clarendon 12.30 pm to see the Military Tournament. About 2000 people present. Met many friends & put in an enjoyable afternoon watching the different events etc. Then at dark Mrs Hargraves returns with us as far as Richmond. Sep and Frank went together.  
Cricket match in paddock A Richmond verses O Rawson's team from Manly. The locals made 160 odd the visitors 4 wkts for over 100. Lunch at Jack Towns.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine. Pleasant day Bust at home with boy Cleaning up Cut down clematis vine, end of old kitchen making too much mess...  
Mrs A Town and youngster, Darcy, came to Sunnyside for a day or two.  
Father still lives washing trees in the top orchard rather a big contract [1600]

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Warm Busy about with young Potts Laid some slate here and there and otherwise engaged. George came up to Belmont. Mrs Charley called. Drove Arkie to the train 4.10 pm. Saw Mrs Burns on way back. Intended going to Sydney in the morning but postponed.

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Hot 91 All day home fixing up everything for preparation to two days absence in the big smoke Not feeling well God only knows Mrs Onus over with some girls. She had a look round my wifeless home if only she knew my loneliness. Mrs Town also had a look round with Queenie Badgery and Marie Stewart who were over for an hour or two.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Very Hot 98 To Sydney taking Jack with me. Put in a busy day in town making purchases, chiefly clothing. Over with George to tea, remaining the night with him & the wife. Felt too tired to go out. South wind about 7.

Dorothy staying with her Granny Onus and the girls until tomorrow.

Arranged with Paling & Co to have a second edition of [500 copies] poor old wife's Waltz the Sunnyside, which will continue to sell well I hope.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Change Stormy little rain Carrydon in town

Up early look round George's garden & over to town. Running about with Jack one place after another unable to get through my programme. Went to see Edisons Cinematographe, a wonderful production. Caught the 5 train home- with Lew , Wal Benson & others. Father met us. Will Charley and wife down after tea remaining till 11.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Misty. Fixed up things at home during the morning. Found everything alright. Father and the boys over for a look round Eddie Pitt [Taynam and Windeyer, of the College] the only visitors. They remained to tea. 32 2082

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Muggy Dug up and staked bed for some single Dahlias and otherwise busy. Dorothy as usual put in the day with me good as gold and my only company. Jack Smith called for some Dahlias .

Father lime washing some mandarin trees still A Mr Gibbons, travelling agency for the Universal [indecipherable] Company called says the orchard is one of the best he has seen.

Llew and Wal Benson to Sydney early train.

Peoples Federal Convention being held at Bathurst.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Muggy Tropical weather 90 deg ending in thunderstorm evening 7 night heavy rain between 11 and 2 which will do no end of good.

Busy repotting some Gloxinia & planted out 10 new single dahlia seedlings along the fence. Drove to Richmond with father to the 7 Called at Jesaille Rec. some papers with a request to sign, consenting to act as guardian for young Jack, in connection with Merricks claim for land. Sent them to Williamson & son for advice.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Dull Not much going Staked up a few dahlias etc[indecipherable] a letter and 30 copies of the Sunnyside and Gaiety Waltzs [12&18]to Paling and Co.

Eddie & H. Skuthorpe took 23 head of fathers cattle in to town for sale. Brought 1 pound per head.

Drove to get night post.

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Australian Star & ) Copy  
The Gazette ) ! Aug'st 1896

In the Supreme Court )  
of New South Wales )  
Probate Jurisdiction )

In the Estate of Emma Louise Pitt late of Richmond in the Colony of New South Wales.

Married woman deceased intestate.

Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the above named deceased may be granted to John Thomas Matcham Pitt of North Richmond. Gentleman. The husband of the said deceased.

John Williamson & Son  
Proctors for the Administrator  
Williamsons Chamber  
163 King St Sydney

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Calico for Glass [indecipherable]  
10 ft in length by 4 ft or 50 inches wide  
also  
14 1/2 x 3 1/2 ft & 4 Mustard boxes

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Muggy Rain Heat searing till dinner time when we had a nice thundershower 40 points light rain throughout the evening and very heavy again between 5 & 6 Will do good and set us up for a time. Wind change to the south . 2 inches including Tuesdays shower not so bad. 110

22.82

Drove over to town with father after dinner. Had to sign papers before Campbell (com for [indecipherable]) in connection with case Merrick v Ridge Onus & bro. Got Vindin Wood & Mitchell to witness signatures etc. Become ad litem guardian of my boy Jack who is made a party to the actions.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Dull S.E. Winds Staking and planting out bed of [indecipherable] dahlias. Cut back plants. Father etco still lime washing trees in the orchard.

A terrific hailstorm last Tuesday did great damage at Parramatta, Seven Hills etc. Orchards completely stripped of summer fruits. The storm originated hereabout but we had no hail.

Wrote to Mr George of Freeman & Co instructing him to make me as enlargement on opal of my poor lost old girl [Death of J.P. Gauvau Caucer]

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1896

Fine Cloudy Busy Finished dahlia planting, trimmed a number of rose bushes, pot plants, fowls, dogs etc. Father in orchards. Shields cut

lucerne below the hours a heavy crop.

Flo home evn'g train accomp. by Bessie Robertson. Cricket match Nth R. v Sackville

Bathurst Federation Convention closed. The movement has brought the subject somewhat to the front again.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1896

Fine Perfect weather 82 But hot till evening. Morning at home pottering about. Visitors Eddie Pitt, Ede and Bess Onus. After tea H. Skuthorpe, wife, Jack Town & wife & Mr Chignell turned in. Great talk over fruit orchards.

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1896

Fine Hot 85 Spent most of my time fixing up a case of plant [indecipherable] & Dahlias for Jack Hardie. Drove to train with father 7pm for Clancy who did not turn up bought lime a doz [indecipherable] fishing redo.

The men 6 worked two days managed to get in all the lucerne 7 loads fine stuff. Sep, Flo and Bessie Robertson went to moonlight concert-Church of England.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Dull muggy little rain

Potted up good number of Gloxinias etc. am now crowded out with pots of all sorts. Father in orchard lime washing etc.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Hot Busy potting Gloxinias and ferns—attended the usual little jobs always indispensable. Flooded with visitors during the afternoon Mr & Mrs Charley, Nurse 7 the youngsters, Frank Vindin and friend W. Carrol. Heavy shower passed round via Penrith.

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine Bright and very hot. 94°. Potted some ferns etc. Eddie Pitt called. Clarry home from (Clifts) Maitland - had good time. He accompanied me to Richmond during the afternoon – little business bought some calico for frames etc - Called at Vindins – Met the Charleys there - Dull and showers towards morning

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23.12

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Dull and showery. S. wind – a swing back from yesty heat.

Cleaned out the old servants room – burnt bundles of poor old Lou's savings – all useless now – Otherwise pottering about. – Killed 45 rats in corn shed.

25

23.37

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine. Dull. Cool. Recovered glass frames with calico shade etc . Watched Cricket Match locals V a team of Mr W. Popes – Scores 212 and 31. Good many people turned up. By the afternoon young George Robertson and Mr Renard came up – Hy Skuthorp and wife in after tea –

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine. At home. Nothing doing. Visitors – Barnes, Terry and Heron of the College. The last two remained till late – Ted Turner. Bess & Hilda Onus – Eddie Pitt.  
Father drove some of us round the new Race Course – Renard, Barnes etc.

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1896

Fine. Warm. Busy about. Made Calico frame for large [indecipherable] in the garden etc.  
Father lime washing orchard. A few hundred trees yet to do.  
Renard & Geo Robertson returned morning train.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1896

Fine. Very hot. 90°. Chopped weeds round about – panted few tomato plants and otherwise on the move. Wrote to John Williams, for legal papers.  
Chas. Joey's man called – let him have two pointer dogs. Black and Black & white – Vindin, wife, Mrs Collett – Eddie Pitt & H. Skuthorp called. Flo to Sydney again, to have teeth fixed up –

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1896

Fine. Sultry. 80 odd. Potted 5 dozen young coleus seedlings – and otherwise busy – too much to do.  
Will Charley and wife called at Sunnyside.  
Change came up from the South 7 p.m.  
Nice rain – very heavy apparently, towards Sydney – Thunder storm  
38  
23.75

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1896

Dull. Usual rounds. Poultry Garden etc. Planted in boxes seeds of Palms. Kentish [indecipherable] [indecipherable] & [indecipherable] also [indecipherable]  
Roots. Sent some dahlias to Mrs Glendhill.

Great excitement prevails on the mountains at Glenbrook where the body of a young man, Ryston, has been found buried in a gully. Supposed to have been recently murdered by a prospecting [indecipherable]. (Butler or Harwood etc) who has also disappeared. Another man, Capt Lee Wenen, is also missing since Oct 29. He is supposed to have been murdered by Bather - & a search is being made for his body.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine. Mild day. Home. Home. Home.

Filled in the time with many little jobs.  
Father finished the lime washing of the orchard. [Indecipherable] sorry.  
Papers report the death of 8 men. Stockton Mine Newcastle Foul air – a terrible catastrophe. And 3 more subsequently.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1896

"Oyama" Manly

Recd. word Mrs H.S. Badgery not expected to live – inflammation of the bowels –



Fine. Hot. Muggy. 80° odd. Morning at home. Watched cricket match with Clarry Renard (who came [indecipherable] ) between the School boys. Young Angelo Smith, while running, fell and fractured his arm. Walked down to Skuthorp's and to look at Steel & Grey's onions – smothered in [indecipherable] etc.

Mrs Onus and Cara called. Gave them some white flowers. H. Skuthorpe wife Mrs Jack Town & Mrs Stutchbury called, in after tea. Father had cup of [indecipherable].

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Muggy. 87°. Storm between 6 & 7 pm – heaviest of it passed round - South wind came up. Morning at home. Took the youngsters fishing with fly – but not much luck. Eddie and kiddies over. Jack Lamrock and Jack Dunstan stopped in out of the rain, remaining to tea 7 until 9.30.

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine. Usual rounds at home – not feeling too sage. Received word from [indecipherable] H. Badgery that his wife had taken a bad turn & had little [indecipherable]. She died during the night (1 am Tuesday). A terrible blow for poor Badgery having only been re-married Since 22<sup>nd</sup> of Ap.l.

(Sketch in margin)

Alice Mary Thorns  
Mr Joe King 1<sup>st</sup> Husband  
Mr H.S. Badgery 2<sup>nd</sup> Husband

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1896

#### FRED'S BIRTHDAY

A regular clean up of the old home – Emma [indecipherable] put in the day – going through all the rooms – putting everything in some order after a good sweeping dusting airing & - nothing having been touched since poor dear wives death. This has been a sad year for a lot of us. Poor Mrs Badgery burried to-day at Waverly. Sorry none of us could get down. Impossible. She died at 1 am this morning. Aged 38 – her remains were followed to Waverly by a large number. Peritonitis the cause of death. We got [indecipherable] hay in 3 or 4 tons. Good.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine. Hot. South wind in p.m.  
Put in the day at home – on the [indecipherable] clipping etc etc.

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Dull. Pleasant day. Morning at home – potted number of plants – attended to dogs fowls etc. After dinner drove the two kiddies over to town. Left Dorothy at Joseville. Transacted little business  
Called for Dory on way home.  
Father in orchard eradicating [indecipherable] etc.  
Clarry painting one of the [indecipherable]  
H Skuthorp called after tea –  
Mr Charley and youngsters down during the morning – brought some apricots.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Cloudy.. Busy writing\_\_ In the garden – raking watering etc.

Ted Turner of the NSW Bank came over (with his best girl Hilda O) to say Goodbye. Having to take up his duties at Lismore up north.

Sep and Clarry over to town with others. Gave him a Send off. Leaves on Monday, Has had three years in Richmond Branch.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine

98° A very hot day 84° 11. p.m. Plenty lightning arrived during the night – no rain. Busy morning about hose.

Over to Richmond with father, Fred, young Jack etc. A Great gathering to watch Bicycle races in the Park. Something new for Richmond. Met many there.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Hot Pottering about. Visitors in the afternoon\_ Mr Watson & Walker of the College - - who remained till 11. p.m. Had a walk round the orchard, garden etc. Mr W gave us some useful information – a professor[?] among stone fruits etc\_ Ted Turner & Hilda also called – Ted to say Goodbye again. Young Barnes also over for an hour or two.

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Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Raining and misty throughout the day. Will do good

**[In Margin] 90 points**

Little doing at home

**24.82**

George wife and two children came up by the morning train --- remaining the night.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Warm busy in the bushhouse making alterations \_ [indecipherable] the [indecipherable] etc... Nellie (Georges wife) over for a look round. George all the morning at Belmont. They returned to North Sydney by the evening train.

Mrs Charley sent down for fowles[?] – let her 51/2 pairs @ 5/-. Good birds. Game X Orpington

Bessie's Birthday

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1896.

Fine Dull – In the bushhouse most of the day. Chipping [or clipping] etc etc. Flo came home by ev<sup>n</sup> train accompanied by Annie Robertson.

Mother commenced her Xmas turn out

Nothing but curtains and [indecipherable] to – day

Young Fury[?] of the AA College to tea. Came to say good bye having put in his three yrs at the Institution\_\_\_\_\_.

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Hot. Drove over to Richmond with father before dinner. Called Woodhills etc. After dinner, Clarry also to the orchard at the College. Showed around by Mr [indecipherable] among the trees etc. Met some of the boys there\_\_ Home through Richmond.

Father suffering from a bad cold on the chest.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Warm Busy about. George up for the day in connection with a building for Geo Woodhill. Mr Renard came up by the ev<sup>n</sup> train

Father's cold very bad

Sunnyside Topsy – Preparations for Xmas

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Spent morning at home. Drove up for Jack Williamson 3.30pm. H Skuthorp and Mr Wignall[?] called after tea. Father laid up with his cold. Feeling queer myself.

The Gate (Race) [?] sold for £25. The Booth[?] bought up by Jack Town for £13.

Races to be held on Boxing Day\_\_ .

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Dull. Little rain during the morning.. Chiefly at home. feeling well but no appetite. Walk with Annie Robertson and Dorothy up to the banks[?]. Visitors E Pitt – George Woodhill and [indecipherable] of the College. They remained till 11.30 p.m. Plerty music and [indecipherable] etc

**[In Margin] .005**

24.87

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1896

Longest Day

Fine Pleasant weather. Put in the day at home but not doing much, feeling still rather queer\_\_\_. Watered plants, clipped amongst the dahlias etc.

Pros Ridge and wife called\_\_

Gordon Cliff came up by ev<sup>n</sup> train for Xmas. Sunnyside will be full up this time. Mother & women by the [indecipherable] doz turning rooms inside out.

[indecipherable] cut lucerne below the house—affine bit of it can be made[?]

R[indecipherable] and Jack Williamson returned.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1896

Fine Cloudy. Pottering about. Watered part of the garden etc.

Visitors Mr and Mrs W.P. Charley Mr and Mrs W Charely, Hilda and Bess Onus and young Tom Barnes. –

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1896

Fine Nice Day. Spent morning at home. George came up to Richmond with contractors [indecipherable] and [indecipherable]. Foundation stone of new buildings [indecipherable inserted word] laid. [indecipherable] and Bessie Robertson spent the day there taking Dorothy. Drove George to the evening train – had a great race for it – just in time. Clarry accompanied me – home 6 p.m.

Men getting in hay. 7 or 8 loads.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Very warm

93°

At home watered parts of garden. Weather getting very dry again\_ Rain [indecipherable]

[indecipherable] Clift[?] left by evening train for Sydney where the family are now living. Flo drove him over.

LLew and Wal Benson[?] came up ev<sup>n</sup> train. [indecipherable] & George Robertson arrived 2 30 p.m. [indecipherable] in Sydney. Biked it part of the day.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 1896

\*\*\*\* XMAS\*\*\*\*

Fine

98°

Very hot day and night. Watered all pot plants etc

Drove over to Richmond with father and Geo. Robertson 3pm. Called at Joseville to see Mrs Onus and the girls. Back 4.30. Walk up to the Tanks[?] with Dorothy & \_\_\_\_ The boys riding bicycles on and off No less[?] than three at the house.

Will Charley[?] & wife Mrs Jack Town and Miss Jay called in after tea remaining till 12.

Put in a rather miserable time myself – my poor dear old girls absence from the dinner table and from us all was more [indecipherable] enough for us. Xmas brings tender thoughts of the absent. We were so happy this day last year. Now I am alone with my children. Weighed with grief.

(Absent Bess, George and my own family circle [indecipherable to end of line])

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1896

An awful day. The heat from morning till night unbearable.

105° Not a breeze. We all attended the Kurrajong Race Meeting held for the first time in the [indecipherable] Paddock. 800 or 1000 people present. Everything passed off well. Jack Town did great [indecipherable] at his booth. The [indecipherable x 2] out of [indecipherable] and almost of everything. Won a little over £2 the exceptional heat interfered with the pleasure of the outing[?]

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1896

107°

Another scorcher. Hot west wind. Nearly all at Sunnyside prostrated with the heat. No relief till late (1 a.m.) when the glass got down to 78° but indoors a terror. All soft stuff in the garden & elsewhere burnt up. Kept busy watering pots twice during the day. Annie Robertson & Fred bit off color. Will Charley, wife and E Pitt only visitors.

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine 104°

101.4° Sydney

Still [indecipherable] hot and unbearable day. North to West winds burning everything left. A little relief about 8 p.m. when a light southerly came up, but not for long. Watered some pot plants etc [indecipherable x 2] all my labour outside [indecipherable to end of line]

Pulled up the river with Jack in the ev<sup>n</sup> Caught a few sprats and had a dip in the river

Sunnyside folk remaining indoors. [indecipherable] Robertson not too well nor Fred.

LLew, Geo Robertson, Wall Benson & [indecipherable] returned by the morning train.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine 93°

100.7° Sydney

Hot & the [indecipherable] of dryness [indecipherable] rain threatened early in the morning. Pottering about home but feeling too much off for any exertion.

Clarrie and Annie Robertson to Sydney by A<sup>n</sup> train. Renard[?] came up at night.

| Papers report terrible heat in the country from 120° to 100°. Cyclone demolished

|| the town of [indecipherable] lasting only 10 minutes. 5 miles in width only 3  
||| buildings left standing.

It is many years [indecipherable] a hotter Xmas has been recorded. The damage in the district to the fruit crops vegetables etc is incalculable

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1896

Fine Cool Change

**Sketch** South wind a great relief. Spent very quiet day. Watered garden in parts

**In** Everything burnt up. Flo to Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> train. Father and Fred to Windsor.

**Margin**

Jack Williamson & Nellie Seefe[?] married. Sent them through George a little present. Flo, Clarry & Geo of her family attended wedding.

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Thursday 31 December 1896

Fine Warm

Last day of sad year – a long lonely period of grief and sorrow for my poor departed wife. God only knows what a time it has been for me. I welcome the end of 1896 with tears and hope for some cheer and happiness in the dim future. Got to bed at 12 at which hour all the past came to me - the sweet days of old and remembrance of the dead – Sunnyside never the same without her.

Spent quiet day at home with the children .Drove to the train at night with father ,Fred & Dorothy . Frank Horsey , Geo and Annie Robertson came up. Mrs Skuthorp and Mrs Phizackly called in after tea. A quiet night, The good old customs seem to be dying out. A few bells were ringing.

Friday 1 Jan. 1897

Fine .Hot morning. – Strong S.E/ wind Came up midday cooling the air.

Spent the morning at home and most of the afternoon with Frank and Geo Robertson etc watching cricket match V.A. team from the Fresh Food & Ice Company. The local men won by a few runs.

Saturday 2 Jan.1897

Fine Hot

Put in a quiet day at home – nothing much doing . Father and Frank over to Richmd for ice etc etc- Girls taking matters easily . Annie R – not at all well

Sunday 3 Jan 1897

Fine Hot

Dorothy's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – made a wreath . drove over with her and Frank S placed upon poor old Louis last resting place. Called at Joscodia & back to dinner. Daly called. Visitors – Jack Dean. Wife (indecipherable) Mr.Dickinson,Mrs Onus, Bess & Hilda- E.Pitt- most of them over for a look aound but nothing much to see – this fearfully dry weather. Everything outside scorched up with the heat

By the Willow trees fringing Fairy Land  
When the sky was the softest shade of gray  
Save Eastward – where glowered one fire – edged cloud  
I watched in the dawning the brown hills rails  
Their wood clad crests from a misty shroud  
Whilst I waiting stood  
At the skirt of the woods  
Where the river has wound through its wash of sand

And its broad tide slips  
By the thirsty tips  
Of the willow trees fringing Fairy Land  
And you came ! – as the morning sunbeams came  
And the whole of this fair world waxed more bright  
Whilst the sunlight shone upon fields aflame  
Till the valley was flooded with yellow light!  
We tallied that day  
Till the skies grew gray  
And the gloaming yielded to dusky night  
For the hours had fled  
With so hasty tread  
As though night were jealous of Day`s delight

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Years come and go but they cannot efface  
What are memories now of Fairyland  
Your innocent eyes & your girlish grace  
And the soft warm clasp of your little hand  
Now I stand alone  
Where the sunlight`s thrown  
On the willow trees ere the day is done,  
When their drooping fringes  
Just borrows a tinge

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Now a quiet broods o`er the rugged hill  
And the birds which sing in the morn are dumb  
While here by the willows I wait until  
That other and longer night shall come  
There`s a faint faint splash  
And a silvery flash  
Where the water swirls round the willow stems  
And the darkening sky  
Unfolds on high  
Its gorgeous spangle of golden gems

The Breaker

Sideways in right hand margin - Harry Morant

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JANUARY Cash Account

C Stanford paid (27.1.6) me £5.being the ½ yearly rent for Wattle Bark. He has another 12 months lease from 1<sup>st</sup> Feby 96

August 6<sup>th</sup>.Paid £5 ½ years rent (Bark) end July 1896- 6 mths to run

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Paid £5 ½ do end January ,1897 no further lease

Lee`s Lease of Orchard commenced 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 92 – 5 yrs @ £45 per annum  
Paid ½ yearly

2 May 96 Lees paid due to Apl.30/96  
3 Nov 96 do Oct.30/96

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JULY Cash Account July 16<sup>th</sup>  
John Town & wife, Shifted into Stevensons Hotel last night & commenced the business today

Harry Stevenson – having run the place for 19 years – retires to his new home on the Terrace.

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SEPTEMBER Cash Account

Black Pointer Slut x C.Icelip Joe (indecipherable)  
Pups September 6<sup>th</sup> 1896  
6 dogs 3 sluts

[Transcribed by Eric Hetherington, Trish Barrett, Ray King, Alison O'Sullivan]