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Explanatory notes:

Bx refers to box in which papers are filed.

Fd refers to folder.

Bk refers to book.

CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

This collection consists primarily of the diaries of Samuel Roy Jenkins, written from 1887 until 1941. The early diaries, written between 1887 and 1898, deal with his life as a student at Grafton High School and West Virginia University, and later as a civil engineer in Grafton, West Virginia. The middle group of diaries cover the years from 1906 until 1925; Mr. Jenkins' floral business in Grafton and his increasing financial difficulties are the subjects of many of these entries. In the last group of diaries, written between 1930 and 1941, the entries discuss Mr. Jenkins' return to the engineering profession as an employee of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the city of Grafton.

All of the diaries contain entries which demonstrate Mr. Jenkins' continue interest in national and local political affairs, sports, and entertainment, especially music and drama. The early diaries contain many entries dealing with his great interest in reading and hunting; many of the later entries concern engineering projects taking place in the town of Grafton in 1898 and later, during the Depression.

The major gaps in this collection of diaries are from 1893 until August, 1897, and from February, 1898 until 1906. Other large gaps take place between 1926 and 1930, and between 1931 and 1934.

Included in the collection are letters, bills, newsclippings, and programs which are found in the diaries.

SAMUEL ROY JENKINS, 1870-1942?

Samuel Roy Jenkins was born on March 17, 1870, in Grafton, West Virginia. He was educated in Grafton public school's and graduated with a bachelor of science in civil engineering from West Virginia University in 1894. After graduation, he was engaged in an engineering partnership with Clement Ross Jones, who was to become dean of the College of Engineering at West Virginia University.

Sam Jenkins lived in Grafton from 1906 until his death. He worked first with his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Henry Moore Leps, in the family floral business and on two farming ventures. Later, after the death of his sister in 1920, he encountered financial difficulties, and finally, in 1930, he returned to the engineering profession as City Engineer for the city of Grafton, a position which he presumably held until his death.

He was active in local political affairs, working through the years as a precinct worker or registrar at various elections. He was also a member of the Farmer's Bureau, the Business Men's Association, the Rifle Club, Rotary International, the Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, and the Knights of Pythias.

No specific date of death has been found; evidence places it at 1942 or 1943.

SAMUEL ROY JENKINS DIARIES, 1887-1941

I. Diaries

Bx 1 Diaries, 1887-1898

17 Bk

Bk 1 December 27, 1887 - March 24, 1888

February 28, 1888

School recitations not very good. Played chess after dinner with Mary. Went down in evening to see the electric lights for the first time at the railroad company. Thinks that they are not much stronger or more brilliant than calcium lights. Mentions an article of considerable length in the morning's *Wheeling Intelligencer* about the lights.

Bk 2 May 23, 1888 - July 10, 1888

June 19, 1888

Worked in the shop. Excitement due to the Republican Convention. Thinks Blaine will be nominated and elected. Mary went to Wheeling to commencement exercises at Mont de Chantal, and Aunt Mary went as far as Fairmont with her. Fears Aunt Mary is too frail to get back.

Bk 3 July 11, 1888 - September 9, 1888

August 9, 1888

Worked, read Wheeling papers and a few pages in *House of Seven Gables*. Went to the courthouse to hear a speech by A. W. Campbell of Wheeling concerning the protective tariff.

Bk 4 September 10, 1888 - October 23, 1888

October 7, 1888

Didn't go to Sunday School or church; finished "Character" by Dr. Smiles; reading took longer because of the pup--he has had to watch out

for him. Read aloud to his father and mother about Indians.

Bk 5 October 24, 1888 - December 29, 1888

November 6, 1888

Benjamin Harrison is elected President; the townsmen are jubilant. The Republicans had hired a telegraph operator and had a wire run to their headquarters at the Opera House; the Democrats had done the same at the Court House.

December 8, 1888

Went hunting in the morning with no luck; same in afternoon. Cleaned gun in evening and read some of "Pendennis."

Bk 6 December 30, 1888 - March 19, 1889

February 9, 1889

Lists all the books in his personal library

March 10, 1889

Went to Sunday School and church. Mother's birthday--she is sixty-three years old. Found out he sent Smith's letter to Thayer and vice versa. Cousin Will announced he is going to marry.

Bk 7 March 20, 1889 - June 4, 1889

April 15, 1889

Went to school. Began final examinations in Geometry; practiced his duet after school. Received another book catalogue. The Professor kept in the Senior class after school to discuss getting commencement invitations printed.

Bk 8 June 5, 1889 - July 11, 1889

June 25, 1889

Begins summer institute at West Virginia University. Staying at his uncle John's home while in school.

July 10, 1889

Went to classes; attended a lecture by Professor Myers of the Experiment Station criticizing the curricula of most college courses. Went with Bob into town and had ice cream.

Bk 9 July 12, 1889 - September 8, 1889

August 16, 1889

The shops have been closed and the men laid off, including Sam and his father. He describes the last day.

Bk 10 September 8, 1889 - October 12, 1889

September 27, 1889

Was too late for chapel to answer roll; after chapel, went to the President for an excuse from attending chapel except when convenient. Upon inquiry about how far he had to come, the excuse was given. Went to the fairground to see Parkersburg and Morgantown play ball. Studied Caesar and explained Geometry to Em.

Bk 11 October 12, 1889 - November 16, 1889

October 24, 1889

Studied Geometry; went to classes in Geometry, Latin and English. Played pass, then went to the cane mill where they were boiling cane juice. Several young people were there. Sam and Tim have decided to bid on books on Bernheim's auction: Tim is bidding on Milton's *Prose and Poetical Works* bound in cloth, gilt edges, three volumes, slightly rubbed; Sam, on a Turner *Portfolio*, *Leatherstocking Tales*, five volumes, Milton's Poems, and several others if the first bids are not successful. Is continuing his reading of one chapter of the Bible each night.

Bk 12 November 17, 1889 - December 20, 1889

November 27, 1889

Comes home for Thanksgiving vacation, finds Mary ill with rheumatic fever and his mother and father looking careworn.

Bk 13 December 20, 1889 - January 23, 1890

December 31, 1889

Thayer comes over to play chess, some books arrive, and after supper he and Mary go to the doctor to have him put cocaine in Mary's eyes. They then go to Donohue's for a visit.

Bk 14 January 23, 1890 - March 7, 1890

February 22, 1890

Washington's birthday: they are firing cannons at the University—forty-two shots, one for each state. He goes down to see Thayer and his roommate. Back at his uncle's, he gets in the coal for his room, then reads his mail. Studies, reads in *Tom Jones*, reads a chapter in the Bible and goes to bed.

Bk 15 September 1, 1891 - December 4, 1891

September 24, 1891

Coal and coal mining class put off until tomorrow because of John Robinson's circus.

October 18, 1891

Describes events of the last week. He went to Grafton to get some teeth filled, visited at home for a while. The greenhouse equipment is in. On Saturday the Geology class went out on a field trip.

November 15, 1891

A cousin has come to stay with the Van Gilder family to go to school; there seems to be some disappointment about his smoking and chewing. Sam has joined the football team--his first game will be against Washington-Jefferson.

Bk 16 December 18, 1892 - August 13, 1893

December 30, 1892

Finished reading "The Lamp Lighter" by Mrs. Maria Cummings. Hasn't studied any in Mechanics. Visits from Harry, Smith, Thayer, and Hettie Church. Family has been up at night watching the greenhouses.

April 16, 1893

Sam has joined the Glee Club, which, along with the Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, makes a tour to Martinsburg, Weston, Buckhammon and elsewhere, traveling in a private railroad car.

Bk 17 August 21, 1897 - February 16, 1898

October 3, 1897

Secured the superintendence of constructing the water works in West Grafton after some opposition by the Council. Sent in second list of questions in the Century competition for five hundred dollars prize. His

and Jones' railroad job in Irontown turned out badly, Jones just making expenses.

January 3, 1898

This entry contains note on the family genealogy.

January 31, 1898

Wrote a letter to the President of the University in answer to a circular requesting subscriptions to a fund for building a pipe organ in Commencement Hall. Spent the last day or two figuring how one could make a profitable living as a florist in Grafton because of its central location and access to transportation, fuel and water.

Bx 2 Diaries, 1906 - 1916

8 Bk

Bk 18 1906

February 24. Outside temperature 28 to 65 ; inside 55 .

Watered the house, took some violets out of bed and set out on the hill; did some potting. Took some flowers to the train, went to the bank and did some marketing after dinner. After supper, went over the river with Mary to carry some flowers to the Campbell's. Miss Kuh finished her week's sewing.

April 3. Clear and bright; 30 to 60 ; inside 55 .

Cut and sold first lettuce to stores, twenty-five pounds. Wheeled twenty-five barrows of manure from Hieronimus stables to the shop cellar. Earl covered a section of mushrooms with sod.

November 16. 34 - 50 ; sun cam out about 11 A.M.; P.M. bright and clear.

Watered everything; put new leather washer on main piston; went to freight depot and found Montgomery and Ward order. Disconnected piping from sterilizers and took all fittings apart and put them away. Mary counted up her sales; they totaled 231 dollars since November 1.

Bk 19 1907

January 15. 40 - 50 ; rain.

Set out some more lettuce in lower bed. Cut fifteen pounds lettuce (three dollars) for Walters and brought it down home to cellar...Finished reading "Quentin Durward". Read it to see how it agreed with "If I Were King" in its account of Louis XI. The style is smoother and action slower than the latter.

June 29. 62 - 88 ; rain early this A.M. and several showers during the day.
Picked twenty-six pounds of tomatoes this P.M. Spent nearly all day yesterday looking up records, packing Hughes' instruments which he asked me to ship him...
Boy worked all day weeding.
Henry and I went up after supper and being weather-bound by a heavy shower of rain we tried the experiment of running engine in kerosine and found it to work perfectly satisfactorily.

September 16.. 64 - 98 . Fair all day.
Worked at greenhouse till 12:30 taking buds and tying up. After dinner we all went to Buffalo Bill's show. Henry took father in hack. May King, Lucy Newhaus, Mary and I were together. The show of course was nother near as large or complete as when Mary and I saw it in Chicago in 1892. Came back and went up on hill and fumigated. Henry and I went up at 10:30 and opened the house up so the plants would dry off.

Bk 20 1908

February 15. 38 - 42 - 30 ; snow and rain.
Henry and I worked at the re-arrangement of piping in east end of lower greenhouse nearly all day. We got it disconnected and moved over and hung on south wall ready to re-connect.
Have all our nipples and short pipes cut and threaded--went up on hill late in afternoon to do it.
The tomato plants and lettuce plants from Vincent's which I set out yesterday have wilted badly.

July 4. 64 - 90 . Fair most of day, shower about 1 P.M.
Went up and took look around greenhouse and went over to Elks Ball Park with Henry and saw High School Team defeat Elks 11 to 6.
After dinner went back and watched Eagles beat YMCA 7 to 4.
The balloon ascension, horse races, and boat races were a fake.
The fireworks were all right.
Ira ploughed up ground we had in dwarf peas for corn and more peas.

November 22. 36 - 65 . Fair.
Went up on hill about 10 o'clock and watered.
After dinner went with Mary to west end with some flowers just after we got back Willie Clark telephoned he had seen our dog at Fetterman (Fox). So Henry and I went down after him and found him where McCue had

tied him to keep him for us. We came back the old pike and stopped at greenhouse long enough to fumigate.

Bk 21 1910

January 19. 46 - 56 variable some rain

Nothing much doing today.

Ira shot a dog in greenhouse last night.

I wrote a letter to Hon. J. W. Weeks Chairman House Postal Comm. To protest against Taft Bill on same which I will mail tomorrow.

March 16. 24 - 55 Fair nearly all day.

Up 5:30 and took flowers to early train.

Got new igniter _____ and spring from Standard P & Eng Co and took them up and put on engine also ground valves.

Charged batteries from 1 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Talked to Henry about Thomas team of grays which he wants to sell me for \$275.00.

Went to see demonstration of Marconi wireless after helping Mary fix 250 bunches sweet peas for Joliff's opening...

November 8. 32 - 65 Fair.

Voted for two Democrats one socialist and one Republican today.

Returns tonight seem to indicate Democrats have swept the country.

In this state they have elected 4 out of 5 congressmen I believe and Democrats will have 15 in State Senate to Republicans 15 with a large majority in lower house.

Henry and I finished ploughing below the greenhouse this evening.

Lettuce from Vincent came today.

Bk 22 1912

February 12. 20 - 32 . Snow.

Went up at 7:30. Worked on sled and have it ready to put together. After dinner I benched white and pink Frick and Golden Chadwick stock mums.

Ducks layed 3 eggs. Duck in greenhouse still laying everyday.

Today makes 14 eggs without missing.

March 22. 40. Nasty day till near noon.

Left Front Royal on 9 o'clock train over Southern or rather Strasburg for we didn't get off at Front Royal. Got dinner in Strasburg and got acquainted with Burgess Real Estate man who gave us description of farm

near Manassas and one on Eastern Shore near Salisbury.
Walked up to Strasburg Inst. And looked at two line quarries and kilns.
Got B & O for Harpers Ferry by way of Charlestown at 4:50 about and
connected with No. 7 main line at Harpers Ferry at 7:00 P.M. Home at
1:45 A.M.
Smith reports 19 eggs.

August 12. Fair and moderate.
I cut rest of oats in alfalfa field above house.
Hauled some sand and cement up to reservoir and helped Roach get rest of
forms out of holes. Berry's started to move today, using Buck and Jinny
to haul their stuff.
Bean replanted last Wednesday are up.

Bk 23 1914

March 12. — 18 - 30 . Fair.
Got to Shenandoah Junct. about 6 o'clock and got away about 8:20.
Had nice trip up river reaching Island Ford about on time.
Tiresome walk through 6 inches of wet snow up to farm with camera and
heavy grip.
Spent afternoon resting and talking. Men not working in woods as trees
and bushes are full of snow.

August 2. — 60 - 88 . Fair in A.M. clouding up and threatening a storm which
fizzled with slight shower.
Went up and watered about noon after delivering flowers over the creek in
South Grafton.

December 29. 38 - 55 . Rain.
Did not go up on hill till late P.M. Henry and I went up and while he
worked on some piping I put out stock plants of Chieftan, Wm Turner and
Mistletoe from Faust of Merion, Pa.

Bk 24 1915

January 31. 35 - 45 . Variable rain and snow.
The old boiler is leaking something fierce and we'll have to make some
sort of makeshift heater till we can it down and go over it.

April 3. 30 - 40 . Variable cold and raw with interval of brassy looking sunshine.
Ran like a Ford automobile all day.
Man came to run out potato ground but it was too cold for him so I let

Williams go at noon after he cleaned up the greenhouse aisles and boiler house.

We sold nearly all our pot plants and all our cut flowers.

December 5. 25 - 38 to 40. 28:95. Variable - slight snow flurry.

Took large wreath to G & B train.

Went on hill and turned down gas and aired house.

Went back in PM and reversed operation. Cut nice Golden Chadwick and several small pink Mums.

Bk 25 1916

February 21 - 15 50 29:10

Beautifully fair and clear.

Shut gas off at 9 and raised ventilators started to clear chickweed out of lettuce and sweet peas in No. 3. Cut 75 peas 8 callas and 9 paper whites.

Saw Marguerite Clark in film play "The Crucible" pretty nice work.

July 15. 60 - 90 . Fair till afternoon when it clouded up and stayed cloudy till sunset.

Finished typing up peas...watered twice. Went to baseball game in P.M. and saw Grafton B & O lose because of errors to Baltimore 11 or 12 to 4.

October 3. 40 - 76 . Fair.

Got on jury this morning that will keep me tied up for a week they say.

I went on hill just before court and lit fires for Smith's canning. He canned 31 cans beans and 25 cans tomatoes.

I went up late in evening--after five o'clock--and helped finish up.

This McVickers case has been in court for 4 years I believe and comes back this time from Supreme Court for retrial.

Bx 3 Diaries, 1917-1924

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Bk 26 1917

January 21. 40 - 56 . Rain all day and far into night.

Went up on hill twice. Was out at Dr. Ellis' from 9:15 to 11:30 listening to his new Edison machine.

Wrote letter to Henry.

July 11. 58 - 80 . Overcast.

Went downtown to deliver some flowers for funeral of Mrs. John Thayer

and got dragged into meeting of Business Men's Association and spent whole morning.

Went back after dinner and spent afternoon getting prices on material. Went up on hill at 5 o'clock and worked in garden till 7:30 trimming tomatoes. Ordered cowpeas shipped from H____bg to Chas. and Inoculation from Baltimore.

December 25. 30 - 40 . Gloomy all day a little snow.

We got the Christmas weather pot plants and cut flowers off with less confusion than usual. Smaller business but nearly all cash. Went over to Mary Moran's for dinner and a cracking good too.

Henry's Xmas present was an announcement of his promotion to Lieutenant junior grade before he had applied even for an examination.

Bk 27 1918

January 21. -8 - 22 - -2 . Fair.

The first of a long list of Mondays which are to be business holidays to save fuel. The town looked absolutely dead when I went down street today and yet nearly all groceries were doing business, I believe. There was a lot more noise, life and movement on back and side streets where youngsters were coasting.

April 11. 32 . Snow and lots of it.

Jinks Mason brought me a load of horse manure and I wheeled enough in to finish No. 4 from lettuce up.

Spaded up some more of No. 4 and Smith set out some tomatoes and potted some.

Tied up some peas. Smoked tonight. The news from Flanders is not very reassuring. The Germans are still gaining slowly in spots.

October 9. Soldiers bodies going through from camps on every train--dying from pneumonia following Influenza.

Chas. Has it bad has two doctors.

December 9. 50 - 55 . Rain. Very dark.

Did not get up till after 10 o'clock. Had breakfast so late I did not go to Business Men's Luncheon.

Went down and had Feed and Storage ship 100 lbs calf meal and 40 lbs Sal Vet to Chas.

Got stack cap from Morans and took it up on hill and painted it and put fire brick baffle in back of boiler. Took Flowers for Mrs. Lawthers funeral.

Food Adm. Tonight.

Bk 28 1919

January 13. 30 - 40 . Fair.

Attended Business Men's Luncheon and spent quite a while at Rohrs office.

Saw Mary Pickford in Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm at Grand and the government film "America's Answer" at Brinkman's.

Rohr has gone to meeting at Parkersburg and wanted me to go along.

June 16. 70 - 90 . Showers in P.M.

Attended meeting of 4th of July Committee and Business Men's Luncheon. Went up on hill and gave house a good looking. Sharpened about 50 tomato stakes after cutting them off.

Cut 100 sweet peas.

Sold first fall cabbage plants.

Henry left for Pgh. via Wheeling 6 A.M.

November 30. 38 - 48 . Variable.

Mary and Henry left on 4 tonight to look at farms on Eastern Shore and in Virginia.

Hugh Church is staying with me at nights while they are gone.

Harry Kunst came up from Station and stayed all night with us.

Bk 29 1920

February 2. 32 - 50 . Frosty. Fair all day. Fair tonight up to midnight.

Went to Business Men's Luncheon and after had a long talk with county agent and Newt Grimes.

Kocher is typing my letter to President Howard of Farm Bureau Federation on Good Roads.

Also gave him letter to send out to Dairymen of vicinity.

Saw Nazimova in An Eye for an Eye and Constance Talmadge as Betty in "The Shuttle."

February 23. 38 - 45 . Gloomy all day with shower.

...Saw a bird of a burlesque film tonight at Grand and it may be only a coincidence that this burlesque of the feminist and suffrage movement is being shown in this state the same week legislature is called in extra session to pass an amendment and it may not be a co-incidence.

July 21. 70 - 88 . Fair.

I renewed the \$2250 note in 1st National for 120 days and made arrangements to use firm name of Jenkins & Co. instead of Mary's name in renewing notes.

Saw a lot of people about things.

Betty and Emma have run on to a lot of keepsakes and heirlooms in going over things Mary had put away.

December 5 - Mean cold day. Little if any sun.

Angela came over after church and made some bouquets which I delivered.

I went to church morning and night.

Took dinner at Smith's where we had rabbit as pied de resistance.

Bk 30 1921

March 28 55 noon-50, p.m.-45, midnight-28.

Drizzling this morning. Had a splendid nights sleep at Brownies and came up about 9 o'clock.

Getting colder fast cleaned up house some and made out bills.

Went to Chamber Commerce Lunch.

Snow during night.

September 8 68 - 90 . Fair.

Finished cutting 5 acre field and hauled three loads from big field.

Silo is filled within 6 feet of top.

Started home on 8 o'clock train from Manassas. 1 hour late. Had four minutes in Washington to get ticket for Grafton.

December 6. Snow - but melting fast.

Pennock and I are at a showdown says he is going to put the account out for collection.

Bk 31 1922

February 4. Frost. Fair and Frosty early.

Made door badge for Barlett and then went down and told Will Hendrickson I would give Methodist Church option on home property at 16000.

Earl and I then went over to First National and put up our deed of trust and collateral note plan to him to cover present indebtedness and give me enough to take care of immediate bills.

He seemed favorably impressed with idea and I am glad I did not take up Abe Burdettes plan.

September 25. Fair and cool.

Walked 6 hours on Yates [Avenue] putting in and lowering grade 1 inch.
6 hours for L. Clayton.
Went up to Smiths and played hearts last night.

December 1. Smoky. Ice this A.M.

Spent morning trying to collect some money...
Acted as chairman at Reception and Entertainment at formal opening of Public Library this evening after Rotary. Rotary the 2nd anniversary at Presbyterian church. Dick Aspinall speaker of evening splendid address...Had nice program at Library opening.

Bk 32 1923

January 30. Fair. Cold. Up at 5 o'clock.

Henry and I went over to Southern Station and stood around in cold till 5:30 till station opened just few moments before train left. Henry will try and straighten out things there and go over by farm on his return.
I reached Harper's Ferry ok. Took breakfast at restaurant and got away on No. 11 at 10:55.
Reached Grafton at 5:10 and found Will Feltner had died and Mrs. Smith had a lot of flowers ordered.

June 12. Rain part of day but street work went on and they laid 150 feet concrete. Steam shovel at M.E. Church. Good concert at Chataqua this P.M. elegant contral to same tonight and Flowers gave lecture on America looking ahead. Very fine. Has wonderful voice.

December 28. Fair and cold. A light day today. Collected some money. Went to bank. Delivered flowers to Emma Kennedy from Mrs. Eddy at Pasadena California.

Made cemetery wreath and took order for 2 more for Sunday.
Rotary at Hotel.
Letter to Henry advising him to accept 7100 loan from Land Bank on Manassas farm if they won't increase it.

Bk 33 1924

February 6. Colder snow.

Made two trips over river with small orders.
No collections.

Wrote Flemington Bank to try and place \$2000 (collateral not in B & T).
Orders for two funerals. A Mrs. Grayson and Joe Garner.
Flowers on road and no money to take them up. Used last flowers in sick
room orders and 4.00 spray for Mrs. Tacketts funeral.

May 20. Rain in A.M. and late P.M. Cloudy all day.
Went over river about 1:30 and worked with Norman to 5:30 trying to
establish Yates Ave. lines and reconcile differences of angle from
monument to monument.
Supper at Earl's. Wire from Henry at Island Ford saying damage to farm
less than feared...

October 25. Fair. Got report typed and signed upon Cecil survey. No other
work.
East Side Fairmont beat Grafton here 6 to 7 I think.
-Varsity playing Centre College in New York. Won 13 to 6 I think.
Centre making her points by two drop kicks.

Bx 4 Diaries, 1925-1941

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Bk 34 1925

February 19. Fair most of day.
Worked some at upper greenhouse getting out some material to sell to pay
up those checks I wrote on B & T for 1st National interest and reducing M
& M \$75.00 note to \$40.
Also got out a lot of pots for Ed White and his ten boxes of glass which I
let him have for 1.50 a box.
Went to K. of P. anniversary tonight and had very good time.

June 28. 60 - 80. Fair most of day one small shower...Chatauqua opened
today...but I didn't go as I had no money to put in contribution--...My
financial condition is desperate. I made a 9.00 basket for Redmen this
AM and it took all money I had but 1 cent to pay for the flowers and I
won't get the 9.00 for 2 weeks maybe.
I should go to Flemington to make the survey for Mrs. Brown tomorrow
but haven't 2.00 bus fare for Clayton and myself.

December 18. Rotary. Fine address by Dr. Hully of Broaddus College. Went up
to High School and saw high school defeat Grafton Business College team
of old seasoned players 15 to 9. The roughest game I ever saw.

Bk 35 1930

January 21 — 10 - 30 . 28:6. Warmed up and sprinkled a little snow.
I worked all night on Earl's plan and finished tracing about noon. Took it down to him this afternoon and after fooling around all afternoon he took it over to B & O and had them two prints each of the first plan and this one. I went down to Mill and got a 10 pound sack of buckwheat flour. Got some sausage and maple syrup.
Slept till 10:30 PM and will go to bed again shortly.
Letter from Beavers asking me to vacate house if I can't pay rent immediately.

June 7. 54 - 68 to 70 . 50 .
Cooler - threatening rain. Went up to Joyce Land on 7:10 car and worked till 3:45 with 45 minutes out for lunch. 8 hours.
Mrs. Morgan Tom, Joyce, and the Clarksburg air pilot came up in afternoon to look over the ground. Decided to put on 3-15 minute exhibitions at 2 hour intervals without landing.
I worked some in garden after supper.

December 3. 20 - 55 . 42 . 28:90, 29:00 Fair.
Did not go to bed at all last night.
Started to read "Dracula" by Bram Stoker after coming home and kept reading till 8 o'clock. Had breakfast and finished it about 9.
City office called about 10 and asked me to look over some gravel Armstrong Co. wanted to use in South Side curb...Spent rest of morning and till 5 P.M. watching them pour curb which they finished.
Time 6 hours.
Down at Kitzie's tonight.

Bk 36 1935

February 7. 30 40 36 . Fair.
Went over to Woodyard's mill and got estimate on stuff for a drawing board. Got some official blanks for the competition essay in Pontiac Car Prize offer...Frank Bennett told me he had a tax report to make on delinquent land sale.
Think I will start on it tomorrow.

July 23. 2 AM 75 . Noon 87 . Fair most of day...
Had conference with Frey about rodman to take Flanagan's place. My watch I find is a 17 jewel Waltham instead of a 15 jewel Elgin Flanagan and I put in 4 hours on Maple Ave. setting Station points and he was

called to Hazel Atlas at 1 PM for a job he had applied for...

November 30. Noon 30 . Midnight 32 . Snow flurries.

In house all day till after supper when I went down for some tobacco. I heard the most of the broadcasts of the 3 big football games viz SMU vs Texas Christian 20 to 14; Army vs Navy 28 to 6;...

Bk 37 1936

March 17

Rained till noon...Did some work at C.H. Saw Ginger Rogers in "Personal Appearance." Very good entertainment. I wish she would do something about her singing voice it she must sing.

The river is higher than it has been this winter...

June 10 - 12

(Listens and reports on the Republican National Convention)

October 31. 8 A.M. 26 , N 46 , M 54 — Fair

Went down and prowled around all morning to find someone to take me for a ride i.e. to Morgantown.

Finally Loyd Shriver...agreed and we left...at 12:35.

Got to Morgantown at 1:40 or thereabouts... It was a nip and tuck game...with WVU 33 and Western Maryland 20...Made run back in 35 minutes from Bridge St. Morgantown.

Bk 38 1938

February 19.

...Went down to West Main this A.M. and don't see that there is much I can do with an instrument.

The curves are irregular and the curb is being reset to agree with the sidewalks and may not be level across and probably are parallel as to grade.

Saw the Life of Bengal Lancers at Strand. Good acting. Have seen it before I think.

August 27 ...Fair

Finished tracing of plan long and cross sections of Walters St. wall which is to be rebuilt - and mailed to Horner Bros. for blue prints...

December 27.

...date with man to look over some of Sam Joyce stuff near country club.

Met him at Bennett's office 9 AM.
Cold piercing wind getting worse as day advanced.
Went down river with Trimble boys and looked over ground they want surveyed. Will go down and survey it as soon as weather permits.

Bk 39 1939

January 25.

...sworn in as commissioner to divide the estate of late Louisa Jacobs.
We drove out to the place and adjourned to a day to be appointed later as there was too much snow to appraise value of land.
Came back and worked out cross sections of Compton lots for young Philips and calculated amount of excavation...

August 18.

...Went down to Ross Jones' funeral...I could not identify any of the faculty (Even of the Eng. College)...

December 16. -mostly fair — cloudy at times.

I made my mincemeat this afternoon and night. [Ingredients follow]

Bk 40 1940

March 4.

...Spent most of day at Gene Ford's office giving deposition and listening to other depositions in case of Shriver vs State Road Comm.
English have intercepted nine Italian _____ from Dutch ports to Italy with German coal and taken them into English ports.

August 19.

...My old friend L. A. Smith died at 1 AM this morning...I have known him since 1898 or about the time he joined the K. of P. Lodge and have been closely associated and intimately acquainted with him and his family since 1904 or 1905...

November 6. Mean cold chilly day.

Roosevelt election conceded before noon...Mayor called me in to ask me to run in some L points on Knotts Avenue for curbing and repaving.
I feel more depressed about this election than any I have ever gone through...

Bk 41 1941

April 9.

...The Cather McVickers stuff didn't work out right and I picked up Rosier and we went out and check over whole thing this afternoon. Tom was in bed all day we wore him out yesterday...Went up to H. Nicholas and paid him 10.00 pf 20 I borrowed last week.

The Germans are pushing Jugoslavs back and also making gains in Northern Africa.

June 26 ...Fair.

Turned plat of Fred White survey over to him this evening.

I have been feeling sort of wobbly in my feet today and have started taking the digitalis prescription again.

November 9 ...Dark, scattered, snowflakes.

The Army went down before Harvard 6 to 20. We may beat Army if team shows the next two weeks in kicking as they have in passing.

Mich State played a 0-0 tie with Purdue and Penn State which is next on our schedule beat a supposedly dangerous Syracuse team 34 to 9 in a _____ scoring team...

II. Papers

Bx 5	Items found in Bks 1 - 33	49 Fd
Fd 1	(Bk 5, Dec. 28, 1888) List of book read	1 item
Fd 2	(Bk 7, April 25, 1889) Program	1 item
Fd 3	(Bk 7, May 1, 1889) Programs; newsclipping	3 items
Fd 4	(Bk 8, June 11, 1889) Program	1 item
Fd 5	(Bk 8, June 26, 1889) Program	1 item
Fd 6	(Bk 9, July 15, 1889) Program	1 item
Fd 7	(Bk 13, Dec. 26, 1889) Program	1 item
Fd 8	(Bk 13, Dec. 28, 1889) List of books read	1 item
Fd 9	(Bk 16, Dec. 25, 1892) List of books read	1 item
Fd 10	(Bk 17, Dec. 27, 1898) List of books read; electric plant specifications	2 items
Fd 11	(Bk 18, Feb. 4, 1906) Letter; photograph	2 items
Fd 12	(Bk 18, April 4, 1906) Notes	1 item
Fd 13	(Bk 19, Jan. 1, 1907) Notes	2 items
Fd 14	(Bk 19, April 28, 1907) Deposit slip	1 item
Fd 15	(Bk 20, Jan. 1, 1908) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 16	(Bk 21, May 30, 1910) Notes	1 item
Fd 17	(Bk 23, July 13, 1914) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 18	(Bk 24, Jan. 1, 1915) Letter	1 item
Fd 19	(Bk 24, Jan. 1, 1915) Clippings	13 items

Fd 20	(Bk 24, Jan. 1, 1915) Notice of note due	1 item
Fd 21	(Bk 24, Jan. 1, 1915) Notes	2 items
Fd 22	(Bk 24, March 2, 1915) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 23	(Bk 25, March 12, 1916) Letter; newsclipping	2 items
Fd 24	(Bk 26, Jan. 1, 1917) Newclippings	6 items
Fd 25	(Bk 26, Dec. 31, 1917) Receipts	6 items
Fd 26	(Bk 27, Jan. 1, 1918) Letter, card	2 items
Fd 27	(Bk 27, Jan. 1, 1918) Contract	2 items
Fd 28	(Bk 27, Jan. 1, 1918) Newsclippings	5 items
Fd 29	(Bk 27, Jan. 1, 1918) Photograph	1 item
Fd 30	(Bk 27, Dec. 31, 1918) Receipts	2 items
Fd 31	(Bk 28, Jan. 1, 1919) Newsclippings	4 items
Fd 32	(Bk 28, Sept. 14, 1919) Newsclippings	1 item
Fd 33	(Bk 29, Jan. 1, 1920) Letters	2 item
Fd 34	(Bk 29, Jan. 1, 1920) Receipt	1 item
Fd 35	(Bk 29, Jan. 1, 1920) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 36	(Bk 30, Dec. 21, 1921) Newclipping	1 item
Fd 37	(Bk 30, Dec. 31, 1921) Letters	2 items
Fd 38	(Bk 30, Dec. 31, 1921) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 39	(Bk 31, Jan. 7, 1922) Pamphlet	1 item
Fd 40	(Bk 31, Dec. 31, 1922) Letter	1 item
Fd 41	(Bk 31, Dec. 31, 1922) Receipts	2 items
Fd 42	(Bk 31, Dec. 31, 1922) Newsclipping	1 item

Fd 43	(Bk 32, Dec. 31, 1923) Note	1 item
Fd 44	(Bk 32, Dec. 31, 1923) Receipts	2 items
Fd 45	(Bk 32, Dec. 31, 1923) Newsclippings	2 items
Fd 46	(Bk 33, April 22, 1924) Letter	1 item
Fd 47	(Bk 33, June 15, 1924) Letters	3 items
Fd 48	(Bk 33, June 15, 1924) Post card	1 item
Fd 49	(Bk 33, June 15, 1924) Notes due	2 items

Bx 6 Items found in Bks 34 - 41 34 Fd

Fd 1	(Bk 34, Oct. 1, 1925) Bill for surveying	1 item
Fd 2	(Bk 34, Nov. 30, 1925) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 3	(Bk 34, Dec. 31, 1925) Letter	1 item
Fd 4	(Bk 34, Dec. 31, 1925) Bill for surveying	1 item
Fd 5	(Bk 34, Dec. 31, 1925) Statement, P.C. Kullinan & Co.	1 item
Fd 6	(Bk 34, Dec. 31, 1925) Statement, Weber & Sons	1 item
Fd 7	(Bk 34, Dec. 31, 1925) Address	1 item
Fd 8	(Bk 36, Jan. 1, 1935) Letters	3 items
Fd 9	(Bk 36, Jan. 1, 1935) Form letters	3 items
Fd 10	(Bk 36, Jan. 1, 1935) Notations	2 items
Fd 11	(Bk 36, Jan. 1, 1935) Order form	1 item
Fd 12	(Bk 36, Jan. 1, 1935) Newsclippings	2 items
Fd 13	(Bk 36, Nov. 29, 1935) Raffle tickets	5 items
Fd 14	(Bk 36, Dec. 31, 1935) Receipt	1 item

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Fd 15	(Bk 36, Dec. 31, 1935) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 16	(Bk 37, Dec. 31, 1936) Letters	2 items
Fd 17	(Bk 37, Dec. 31, 1936) Notations; meridian location, Taylor county, West Virginia	3 items
Fd 18	(Bk 37, Dec. 31, 1936) Receipts	23 items
Fd 19	(Bk 37, Dec. 31, 1936) Clippings	2 items
Fd 20	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Letters	3 items
Fd 21	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Invitation	1 item
Fd 22	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Surveying notations	2 items
Fd 23	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Receipts	7 items
Fd 24	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Brochure	1 item
Fd 25	(Bk 38, Jan. 1, 1938) Newsclippings	6 items
Fd 26	(Bk 38, Jan. 5, 1938) Letter	1 item
Fd 27	(Bk 38, Oct. 24, 1938) Receipt	1 item
Fd 28	(Bk 38, Nov. 15, 1938) Receipt	1 item
Fd 29	(Bk 38, Dec. 31, 1938) Clipping	1 item
Fd 30	(Bk 40, Jan. 1, 1940) Time sheet	1 item
Fd 31	(Bk 40, Jan. 2, 1940) Order form	1 item
Fd 32	(Bk 40, March 18, 1940) Bill for surveying	1 item
Fd 33	(Bk 40, Aug. 19, 1940) Newsclipping	1 item
Fd 34	(Bk 41, July 28, 1941) Reminder strip from diary	1 item