

## A YEAR IN THE LIFE

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### Part Two

[In this conclusion of Cecelia McHenry Edgar's diary of 1911, we read about her solitary life in Stillwater, northern Columbia County. I was asked about an approximate location of the Edgar farm and found this information on pg. 50 of Baillie/Dominguez/ Johnson's Columbia County Grist Mills book:

*In 1877 Thomas Hardy Edgar added feed mill machinery to his planing mill at Ikeler Town about a mile south of Stillwater and did custom grinding for local farmers. Later his brother Frank Edgar ran the mill, succeeded by carpenter Norman Dewitt and last by William Marr. According to the Beers Annals, the mill was abandoned in 1912. No trace of the mill survives in 2014, and its site is uncertain.*

Bill Baillie estimates its location to be near present-day 3372 State Rte. 487, Stillwater, PA, 17878. Below is a photo of that mill.]



*Circa 1900 – CCHGS Photo #08-0932*

The diary has been edited for publishing purposes. Cecelia read her Bible lessons and had an entry for every single day.

June 1 – *This morning is cool. Had a lovely shower last night – I am all alone. Donald went home yesterday. Am going to wash this morning.*

June 2 – *This is a lovely morning. Am going to work in garden. Lessons read and breakfast over. Am all alone.*

June 4 – *Still cloudy. Yesterday had a letter from Roy. Took dinner with sister Mary. Came home in the afternoon. Am not going to Bible School this morning as the preaching is this afternoon and it is so damp and chilly. Morning lessons read.*

June 5 – *This morning it is raining. Was to preaching yesterday. Called to see Brother Stou, Sister Mary Elizabeth and Sadie. Seen Emma at church. She always makes her way to the house of the Lord on his day.*

June 6 – *Cloudy this morning, rained in the night. Sent a letter to Lelia yesterday, also one to Roy.*

June 7 – *Cloudy yet this morning. Called at Stokers yesterday afternoon. Found them all well excepting Mr. Stoker. He was feeling badly. Received a letter from Lelia yesterday.*

June 8 – *This morning is perfectly lovely. The sun is just peeping over the hills. The birds are singing, flowers are blooming and wherever we look we see signs of God's goodness and love for us.*

June 9 – *Another perfect morning. Am all alone. Morning lessons read. It is early, quite too early for breakfast. Am staying nights up at the double house. Mr. Hess is working at carpentering trade. Helping at a barn over to Mr. Karns.*

June 11 – *This morning is perfectly lovely. Donald came up yesterday. I took dinner at Mosie's yesterday. Sister Mira came down to see Mary on the noon train. Also Annie McHenry. They are coming to the church services today. Lessons read.*

June 12 – *Cloudy this morning. Rained hard through the night. Donald and I went to the church services yesterday. Then after church I went up with Emma and Mira to see Mary. She is not feeling good. Morning lessons read.*

June 13 – *This morning is perfectly lovely. The sweet perfume of flowers and roses. The birds singing fill our hearts with gladness and our lips with praises to God for his goodness and wonderful love. Received a letter from Roy yesterday. Donald has gone home. Lessons read.*

June 14 – *This morning it is cloudy. Had a fine rain in the afternoon yesterday. Mrs. Stoker called yesterday, also Mrs. Donaldson.*

June 15 – *This morning it is bright and clear. Mrs. Crossley is to be buried this afternoon. [This is Rachel Bright Crossley, 1822-1911, wife of my husband Wally's first cousin three times removed.] Would like very much to go to the funeral. Lessons read. Have not eaten my breakfast as it is so early only half past five.*

June 16 – *This morning is perfect. Am going to work in garden, mow the lawn and do great things. Lessons read. Will now eat my breakfast. This morning I fixed ground for setting out celery.*

June 17 – *This morning is perfect. Have worked in garden, taken a bath, read the morning lessons and it is only half past seven. Had a letter from Lelia yesterday.*

June 18 – *It is now Sunday night. Last night I went over to Mr. Beishline's, did not get home till this afternoon. Then went to preaching. This evening had callers. Sister Sadie, Gaylord and Ella Stoker came in their auto.*

June 20 – *It is again beautiful this morning. Mr. Hess is coming for the oats. Am getting ready to go to Sligo [A borough in Clarion County]. Can scarcely wait. Feel as though I would like to be a bird and fly. Morning lessons read.*

June 21 – *Another bright and beautiful morning. Went up to Stillwater last night. Mrs. Simonson went with me. Stayed with Sister Mary all night. Rode home this morning with Charlie Hess. Lessons read.*

June 22 – *This is a lovely morning again. Am getting ready to go to Sligo. Expect to go to Bloomsburg on night train. Morning lessons read.*

June 23 – *This morning is lovely. Had a shower. Am at Bloomsburg come last evening. Lelia, Rena and myself are going out shopping.*

June 24 – *This morning it is quite cool. Lelia and I called yesterday to see Mrs. Zainer. She came the night before to Mrs. McHenry's. I am the only one up this morning. Had a letter from Roy last night. I start for Sligo today at noon. Mrs. Zainer is coming to take dinner with us. Lesson read.*

June 25 – *It is now evening and I am at Sligo. Roy met me at New Bethany last night, then this afternoon we come to Sligo. Could not go to church this morning as my clothes will not be here before tomorrow noon. We are now having a fine rain.*

June 26 – *This morning it is raining. Roy has went to the Bank. I slept good last night. Am feeling fine this morning. Will write to Lelia today.*

June 27 – *This morning it is cloudy. Had a nice shower this morning. Wrote to Lelia and Sister Mary yesterday. Stella had callers last night. Treated us to cake, fruit and cream.*

June 28 – *This is a perfect morning. Last night there were lots of callers here. Pres. of Bank was amongst the number. Stella canned some nice cherries yesterday. Morning lessons read.*

June 29 – *This morning it is perfectly lovely. Stella had callers last night. Wrote to Jennie yesterday. Morning lessons read and breakfast is over. Roy has gone to the Bank.*

June 30 – *Another perfect morning. Yesterday they were quite a few making calls here. Then in the evening we took a ride in auto.*

July 1 – *This is a clear bright beautiful morning. Stella and I went to the Bank yesterday afternoon. I am resting in fine shape, nothing to do but sitting work. Lessons read and they are good.*

July 2 – *This morning finds us well and a nice sunshiny morning. Had a letter from Lelia yesterday. Morning lessons read. Now we are going to eat breakfast.*

July 3 – *This morning is bright and warm. Was to Bible School yesterday, had a fine lesson and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Hodil is a good teacher.*

July 4 – *It is exceedingly warm this morning! Last eve we had callers. Dr. Woods and family, later on went out riding. Had a postal from Lewis Beishline yesterday. The town is quiet yet this morning.*

July 5 – *This morning we find it warm as ever. Yesterday we stayed in the house all day and evening, too. This morning there is a good farmer cultivating Roy's potatoes. Lessons read. Breakfast over and Roy is gone to the Bank.*

July 6 – *Warm this morning. Had a letter from May yesterday. Was so glad to hear from her. Callers last night and in the afternoon. Dr. Woods also Dr. Miller were here. We called over to Mr. Christie's after callers left. Lessons read. Breakfast over. Roy gone to the Bank.*

July 7 – *This morning it is cooler. Rested fine last night. Ate some fine chocolate cream before retiring. Had a letter from Jennie yesterday. Stella and I called on Mr. Felt and Mrs. Bell last night.*

July 9 – *This is a perfect morning. Through the days it is very warm. Yesterday had a letter from Mrs. Hess. Morning lessons read.*

July 10 – *This morning bright and sunshiny. We did not get to any of the church services yesterday. Called on the Millers in the afternoon.*

July 11 – *This morning the sun is shining. We had a fine rain yesterday about noon. Roy came for dinner as it began to rain. It hailed some and there was a barn burned below here. Had a postal from Lelia yesterday. We called at Mr. Christie's last night.*

July 12 – *This is a lovely morning. We had a fine shower last night. Roy and Mr. McEwen are going to New Bethlehem. It is quite early, something after six. Lessons read.*

July 13 – *This is a perfect morning. We had a lovely ride last evening. Have eaten our breakfast and Roy has gone to the Bank. Lessons read.*

July 14 – *This morning it is cool and pleasant. Roy had Mr. Christy out riding last night. Stella had callers. He also had one of the directors out mixing business with pleasure. Morning lessons read.*

July 15 – *This morning finds us all well and it is lovely out. Yesterday had a letter from Lelia. Last night we had a lovely ride and we called at Dr. Woods. Also in the afternoon Stella and I called on Mrs. Hodil. Lessons read.*

July 16 – *This morning is some warmer. Yesterday after closing Bank in the afternoon, Roy, Stella and I went to Dr. Woods. Stayed till after eleven. Had a fine time then the moon shone coming home a lovely evening. Lessons read.*

July 17 – *This morning it is cloudy, rained through the night. The air is pure, everything is beautiful. We were to church yesterday. The sermon was good. Morning lessons read, breakfast over and Roy gone to the Bank.*

July 18 – *This morning finds me in car at New Bethlehem soon to start. Roy brought me over in auto last night. It is damp and chilly, too early for the sun. Have read in this Book this morning, but not the Bible. Now the car is going.*

July 19 – *This morning it is bright and pretty out. Am going home on morning train. Willie and family are well come to Bloomsburg yesterday in afternoon. Stood the trip from Bethlehem good. Wrote Roy last night.*

July 20 – *This morning finds me at home. Found everything all O.K. excepting my young chicks are all missing but four. Was very busy yesterday after coming home. This morning it is raining some. Mr. Hess and wife are going to Eagles Mere today. Morning lessons read. Will now prepare breakfast. The first breakfast I have eaten at home for a few weeks.*

July 21 – *We had a nice shower this morning also one last night. I rode up to Stillwater with Rush Beishline yesterday. Was looking up my suitcase. Stayed with Sister Mary for dinner. Was glad to see her looking so well. Had a letter from Roy yesterday.*

July 22 – *This morning it is beautiful. I am baking this morning. It is only five minutes after six and have bread in oven. Am looking for Will and family.*

July 23 – *This morning it is lovely out. Edgar is with me and he will go to Bible School but I will stay. Am looking for Willie, Lelia and Marjory when train comes. Morning lessons read.*

July 24 – *This morning it is raining. Willie and family are with me. Came yesterday on morning train. Edgar came Saturday.*

July 25 – *This morning it is cool. The farmer is going to bring the hay in today. Yesterday Willie, Lelia, Marjory and myself went to call at Beishlines. Found them well. The twins are nice looking, just alike. Am ready for breakfast..*

July 26 – *It is exceedingly cool this morning. I am the only one up. Wrote Roy yesterday. Willie and family are going to A. B. and O.D.'s today, also myself.*

July 27 – *This morning it is bright and clear. We spent yesterday at A.B's and O.D's. Had a fine time.*

July 28 – *This is lovely morning, but am very lonely. Willie and family went home yesterday. Am going to sow turnips today.*

July 29 – *This morning finds me alone. The weather is fine. There was a lecture in the M. E. Church last night but I could not go. Had a letter from Roy yesterday. Am going to bake this afternoon.*

July 30 – *This morning it is raining. Edgar is with me. Had a good long letter from Roy yesterday that makes two for this week. Lessons read. Expect to go to the church services today.*

July 31 – *This morning is perfectly lovely. Was to the church services yesterday. Was glad to hear Brother Burrell again. Am writing to Roy and Sadie. Edgar went to the camp last night. I am going to wash this morning.*

August 1 – *This is another nice morning. The early train is now coming. I have fed chickens, picked a few berries, read the morning lessons. Have breakfast on the stove, also the irons. Am going to iron this morn. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley were here calling last night. Edgar went home yesterday.*

August 2 – *This morning it is beautiful but very dry and dusty. Was out picking a few berries last night. Now am canning them. Had a letter from Donald last night. Was so glad to hear from him.*

August 3 – *We had a nice rain last night. Willie came up yesterday stayed with me last night.*

August 4 – *This morning it is raining a little. Mrs. Rischie and I were after berries yesterday in the afternoon. Am going to can them this morning. Willie is with me. Lessons read.*

August 5 – *It is very warm and cloudy this morning. Willie is going off to the farm to pick berries. The M.E. is going to have a festival tonight. Lessons read and hope I will profit by this, I do try to be contented and happy, but it is certainly lonely. The Bible says “Contentment with godliness is great gain.”*

August 6 – *Yesterday I did not write in this Book as I was up to Sister Marj’s. Went up Saturday evening and stayed till last night. Sister Mira and Klases came down yesterday and was to Mary’s for dinner then in the evening went down in Grove and had our suppers.*

August 7 – *This is a perfect morning. Yesterday was to Bible School. We did not have preaching. Had a good letter from Roy Saturday. Willie went home on Sat. on freight.*

August 8 – *This morning it is cloudy. Wrote to Roy yesterday. Am all alone. The lessons read. Have not breakfasted yet, have been working in strawberry garden.*

August 9 – *This morning it is warm and sun is shining. Did not read my lessons till after breakfast, as Willie come last night and was going early this morning for blackberries. Finished strawberry garden yesterday. Lelia sent me some ripe tomatoes. They taste good.*

August 10 – *This is a bright and beautiful morning. The Grangers have their picnic today. The town will be deserted. Only Mrs. Simonson and I will be left. Am going to wash my lace curtains today. Farmer is finishing the oats.*

August 11 – *This is a lovely morning. Yesterday I was all alone. Everybody to the picnic but Mrs. Simonson and I. Am going to iron curtains today.*

August 12 – *This is a perfect morning. Roy and Stella goes to Chautauqua today.*

August 13 – *This morning it is raining. Donald came to his home in Bloomsburg yesterday. I called on Mrs. Simonson last night. Lessons read but have not eaten my breakfast yet. Was working in the strawberry garden yesterday.*

August 14 – *This morning it is warm and bright – was at home alone last night. Did not go up to Mr. Hesses as they were away. Am going to wash this morning.*

August 16 – *This is another perfect morning. Yesterday in the afternoon we had a very hard shower. I was writing to Lelia while it was raining. Am all alone this week so far and to say I am lonely is putting it mildly.*

August 17 – *Morning bright and beautiful. Had a postal from Roy last night. He and Stella had just returned from Chautauqua. Donald and Marjory came up yesterday.*

August 18 – *This morning it is lovely out. We are going to thrash oats. Marjory went up to Richies for milk for breakfast. Lessons read and will soon have breakfast. Sent a letter to Lelia yesterday.*

August 19 – *This is somewhat cooler than we have been having. Am baking this morning. Edgar and a Mr. Brill are here come yesterday. Now have four children. Thrashed here yesterday oats and rye.*

August 20 – *This morning it is bright and clear. Edgar, Marjory and Brill went home on the morning train. Am going to preaching this morning. Donald is going to Bible School, too.*

August 21 – *This morning is lovely. Was to preaching yesterday then went up to O.D. for dinner. Called on Mr. Wesley in the afternoon – found him better. Mr. Stackhouse is buried here today. Burrell preaches the sermon. Mr. and Mrs. Hess called here last night.*

August 22 – *This morning it is cool and pleasant. Am alone as Donald went over to Mr. Beishline's for butter and did not come last night. I have been working in strawberry garden this morning. Lessons read and have breakfasted. It is half past nine.*

August 23 – *This morning it is pleasant. Think it will storm soon. The roads are very dusty and water is low. Last eve I called up at Mr. Donaldson's.*

August 24 – *This morning it is raining. I have baked four loaves bread, three pies and a cake with chocolate icing. It is a little after nine. We have not breakfasted yet but we are now going to. Am going to the convention.*

August 25 – *Raining this morning. Also yesterday had our dinner and supper in Smith's Hall. Did not get to the convention till evening. Only a little while in afternoon. It was very good at night. There is two ladies from Millville stopping with me. We are not going to eat our breakfast.*

August 26 – *It is now in the afternoon. Was to the convention last night. Stayed with Sister Mary till this morning. My delegates from Millville went home after convention. Am alone today. Donald went to Millville. Will be back this afternoon.*

August 27 – *This morning it is raining a very little. We will go to the church services. Morning lessons read. Rec'd my letter from Roy yesterday, also Donald and I had one from Lelia.*

August 28 – *This morning it is bright and breezy. I have ironed this morning, also am washing. Donald and I have eaten our breakfast. Did not read my morning lessons this morning till after breakfast. Am sending a letter to my boy at Sligo today.*

August 29 – *Today it is raining. Had a hard shower last evening and then a continued rain. Golder took supper with Donald and I last night. It is now after ten o'clock. Was canning elderberries for Lelia this morning.*

August 30 – *Think this morning it is going to clear off. We have been having lots of rain. Donald went up to Stillwater yesterday afternoon and was stormed and stayed.*

August 31 – *Still raining this morning. Donald went home on the evening train last night. Am all alone, but this rainy day will fill up the time reading and sewing. Rec'd a postal from one of my convention girls yesterday.*

September 2 – *Morning bright and clear. Am going to can some plums today.*

September 3 – *Another bright and beautiful morning. Am going to Sunday School. Am all alone.*

September 4 – *This morning it is perfectly lovely. Am all alone. I saw Gaylord, Sadie, Mr. and Mrs. Kesler last night. Was out automobiling. Was to Bible School yesterday, also to preaching in the afternoon at the M.E. Church.*

September 5 – *This morning it is cloudy. I went to Stillwater last night, wanted the news as we did not have free delivery yesterday. Rec'd a letter from Roy, also sent one to him. Stayed all night at Mosie's.*

September 6 – *This morning it is clear and bright. Rained in the night. Was digging potatoes yesterday. They are not good.*



September 7 – *This morning partly cloudy. The farmers picnic is today, some went from here. Wrote to Lelia yesterday. Am going to pick the apples in door yard today.*

September 8 – *Morning cloudy. Was pruning flower bed and digging potatoes yesterday. Our little town was almost deserted yesterday, so many going to picnic. Had a letter from Lelia yesterday.*

September 10 – *Very gloomy this morning. Rained hard yesterday forenoon. Will go to the church services this morning. This dull weather makes it very lonely. Lessons read. Must now eat some breakfast.*

September 11 – *It is now in the afternoon. I was not at home this morning so missed my lessons, but now I have read them. I stayed with Mary last night. Was to the services of the church yesterday. Took dinner up with Mary. Wrote Roy today.*

September 12 – *This is a very pretty morning. Am going to wash. Am all alone but quite busy.*

September 13 – *This is an ideal morning. Yesterday was canning tomatoes. Today am going to get apples read for making cider. This morning the lesson is fine. I am trying to heed this lesson and to be a peace maker, to love everybody, to do good to everyone.*

September 14 – *This morning there is frost. Makes one feel that winter is coming and it is a sad time for me. Mrs. Richard and myself were up in the vineyard yesterday. The grapes are ripe. Had a letter from Lelia Tuesday.*

September 15 – *This morning it is raining and is quite cool. Am all alone and oh, but it is a lonely time when it is raining. Will sew today. Morning lessons read and breakfast is over. Wrote to Lelia yesterday.*

September 16 – *This morning it is cloudy. Am baking today. Lessons read. I like this lesson and I often feel as though I was not alone, that my Lord is near me and the thought cheers me and I am quite happy.*

September 17 – *This is a perfect morning. Am going as usual to the church services. Would like to go to the M. E. Church this afternoon. Had a letter from Roy yesterday.*

September 18 – *Another fine morning, but not bright and clear. Was to the church services yesterday and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Wesley called. Was all alone and very glad to see them.*

September 19 – *This morning it is beautiful. Am going to do up grapes today. May McH called last night. Mrs. Richie, Mrs. Hess and myself were up in the grape vineyard yesterday.*

September 20 – *This is a lovely morning. Willie came up yesterday. He and I picked a basket of grapes last evening. Had a letter from Lelia and Donald.*

September 21 – *This is a fine morning. Willie went home yesterday. I am going to Bloomsburg today.*

September 22 – *This is a lovely morning and it finds me in Bloomsburg come yesterday. Donald leaves for Philadelphia this morning.*

September 23 – *This is a beautiful morning, but we are quite lonely. Donald went to Philadelphia yesterday, also Willie went to Stillwater. Lelia is not feeling good.*

September 24 – *This morning it is cloudy. Willie came home last night. I failed to get my weekly letter from Roy. We have not heard from Donald yet.*

September 25 – *This is a lovely morning. Am going home today. Was to all the church services yesterday and greatly enjoyed them. Lelia is going to wash.*

September 26 – *This morning finds me at home. Was up to Hesses last night. Had boiled chestnuts. Found a letter in mailbox from Roy. The weather is fine. Had a shower in the night. This morning have read home reading for the Bible School, also the reading of this book.*

September 27 – *This morning it is cloudy. Was up in the grape vineyard last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley made a call last night. Morning lessons read and will now have my little breakfast.*

September 28 – *This morning it is perfectly lovely. Went up to Stillwater last night, stayed with Sister Mary. Just come home and have read the morning lessons. Am going to pick pears today.*

September 29 – *This morning it is raining. The pears were picked yesterday. Golder helped me. Lessons read. I have a good fire in summer house this morning. Think I will spend the day right here reading, sewing and writing.*

October 1 – *Cloudy this morning. Am not going to Bible School as I am looking for Sister Mary and Mira. Suppose we will all go to preaching this afternoon.*

October 2 – *It is still cloudy. Rained yesterday in the afternoon quite hard. Mr. Hess and Mr. Richie are going to cut down the Silver Maple in door yard today as it is dying.*

October 3 – *This is a lovely morning. The Silver Maples is cut down in door yard. Received a letter from Ruth Edgar yesterday. Wrote to Lelia and Roy.*

October 4 – *Cloudy this morning. Was picking apples yesterday a while.*

October 5 – *This morning it is quite cool. Was to meeting last night. Stayed at Sister Elizabeth's all night. Enjoyed the meeting very much but few present. Had a letter from Lelia yesterday.*

October 6 – *This morning it is cloudy. There is a great many rigs going to fair this morning. Was to meeting again last night. Sister Sadie went with me, came home with Mrs. Simonson.*

October 7 – *Cloudy this morning. Mrs. Simonson and I started to church last night but it began to rain and we come back home. Was very sorry as the meetings are good, but small audience. The lessons read. Am baking pies this morning.*

October 8 – *This morning it is bright and clear and makes us feel that winter is coming. Had a good letter from Roy yesterday. Am going to the church services today. Lessons read.*

October 9 – *This morning it is beautiful. Was to meeting on the hill yesterday morning and in the evening went to the M.E. church. Took dinner with Sister Mary. Am going to wash today.*

October 10 – *This is another beautiful morning. Was to meeting last night. Sent off a letter to Roy yesterday also one to Ruth Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley took me in auto yesterday. We went to Orangeville, Lightstreet, Bloomsburg and Espytown. The afternoon was perfect and I enjoyed every minute.*

October 11 – *This is a rainy morning. Stayed at home last night as Willie come up yesterday on morning train. Is up at the farm working. Stayed here nights. Sent Roy a barrel of pears and apples yesterday.*

October 12 – *This morning it is foggy. Think after the sun gets up it will be nice. It is not cold out even now. Wrote to Lelia yesterday. Did not get to church last night.*

October 13 – *This is a perfect morning. Willie has gone to the farm. I am all alone. I was to Stillwater yesterday. Took dinner with Mosie and family.*

October 14 – *This is a beautiful morning. Such a gorgeous sunrise. Am baking this morning.*

October 15 – *This morning looks like rain. Lelia and children come up yesterday, also Sister Mira. I will not get to church today as Mr. Beishline and family are coming over and the company that I have cannot go.*

October 16 – *Cloudy this morning. All the people went home last night excepting Willie. Callers yesterday was Sadie, Gaylord, Bertha, Elizabeth, Phebe and Ruth Hess. Did not get to the church services yesterday. Am going to wash today.*

October 17 – *Cloudy this morning again. Yesterday afternoon the sun shone so bright and warm that one sweat a working. Sent my weekly letter to Roy yesterday. Had a postal from Edgar last evening.*

October 18 – *It is now afternoon and I have just read the home readings. Last night I started for church, but did not get farther than O.D. It was so dark and rained all night. Did not get home till this morning, then had to get cider apples ready as Mr. McMichael is making it this afternoon. Meeting broke up last night at the M.E. Church.*

October 19 – *Cloudy this morning. Willie went home Tuesday night. Am going to can pears today. It is almost eight o'clock. Must soon think of eating my breakfast.*

October 20 – *Cloudy again this morning. Am all alone as Willie did not come yesterday as he expected when called home. The morning train is just going down.*

October 21 – *This morning it is raining. Quite warm, need but little fire.*

October 22 – *It is still rainy but am going to the church services. Mrs. Hess and I were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and company last night. Had a very pleasant time. Received a letter from Lelia and Roy yesterday.*

October 23 – *Bright and clear this morning. Was to the bible school and preaching yesterday. Went up to A.B. and spent the remainder of the day. Am going to wash.*

October 24 – *This morning we have a light frost. Received a good letter from Donald yesterday. Wrote one to Roy.*

October 25 – *This is a lovely morning. Yesterday afternoon we had callers. Mrs. Donaldson, sister and niece. It is now nine o'clock. I kept Mrs. Hesses baby while she went to Stillwater. Am going to put apples in cellar today.*

October 26 – *The morning lesson makes me happy. If I am indeed God's child he will care for me. This morning it is perfectly lovely. Willie came up yesterday. Am baking today. Ordered a car of lime this morning.*

October 27 – *This morning it is lovely and not cold. Willie has gone to the farm, so I am alone. Will now have my breakfast.*

October 28 – *This morning it is bright and clear. Think it is the coldest morning we have had this fall. Froze a little crust of ice on water bucket. Was up to Stillwater yesterday.*

October 29 – *I did not get to read this morning in my Book as I was up with Sister Mary last night. Went to preaching this afternoon and Brother Burrell gave us a good one. Was very sorry there were so few to hear it. Last night I had a letter from Lelia, Roy, Ruth Edgar.*

October 31 – *This morning it is raining. We intended to haul rest of lime today. Sent a letter to Roy yesterday.*

November 2 – *This morning it is bright and sunshiny. Am going to have lime haulers.*

November 3 – *This morning it is quite cold out. The men finished hauling the lime yesterday in forenoon. Had a good letter from Stella last night. Am going to stay in house today. Will knit.*

November 5 – *This morning it is much warmer. Was to see Sister Elizabeth as she was very sick yesterday. Am very anxious to hear how she is this morning. Had a letter from Roy also a post card from Mrs. Yohey.*

November 6 – *This morning cloudy and warm. Was to Bible School and preaching yesterday. Spent the rest of the day reading and writing. Morning lessons read. Am going to gather up the leaves today. Will send a letter to Stella, Roy, Lelia and Donald today.*

November 8 – *This morning it is perfectly lovely. Edgar was with me last night. Went up to the farm this morning.*

November 9 – *This morning it is quite cold, a white frost. Had a letter from Roy last night. Took in celery yesterday, finished leaves in door yard.*

November 10 – *This morning it is misting a little, but don't think it is going to rain. Went up to see Sister Elizabeth yesterday. Sister Mira come down, too. I do not think she is improving. Edgar is up with John. Am going to bake bread today.*

November 11 – *This morning it is foggy, rained in the night. Hess and Richie are going to spread lime today. Edgar is going home today.*

November 12 – *This morning we have a strong south wind. Looks like rain. Had a letter from Roy last night. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley are there. Our church services are this afternoon. Am all alone. Edgar went home yesterday.*

November 13 – *Cold and clear this morning. Did not get to the church services yesterday as it rained and blowed fierce. Am going to wash today. Will have lime spreaders if the wind is not too strong.*

November 14 – *It is not as cold this morning, but the ground is frozen. The wind has ceased. I washed, put apples, turnips in cellar yesterday. Sister Elizabeth is better.*

November 15 – *This morning looks like winter snow on the ground, but is not as cold as it was yesterday. Rec'd a letter from Lelia last night.*

November 16 – *Can it be said of us she hath done what she could. This morning the snow is flying and it is quite cold. Am all alone and I fear the day will be lonely.*

November 17 – *This morning it is cold but the wind has ceased. Am having lime spreaders.*

November 18 – *We had rain last night, looks still raining. The men nearly finished spreading lime on hill. Am alone and think it will be a gloomy day. Was going to Stillwater if it had not rained.*

November 20 – *This morning is beautiful. Am at home all alone. The weather has moderated. Yesterday it was quite breezy out. Was to see Elizabeth yesterday. She is greatly improved. Bertha went home Friday. She was taking care of her mama and she done it well.*

November 21 – *This morning it is beautiful. Am going to iron. Sent a letter to Roy yesterday.*

November 22 – *This morning it is lovely. Am so glad that it is not wintering up early. The winter will seem very much shorter.*

November 24 – *This morning finds me at home. Willie come down and stayed with me all night. He has now gone to the farm. I came home last evening. Mary come on afternoon train. We had a shower last night. Sallie and Ella called here the other afternoon.*

November 25 – *This morning the snow is flying in the air. Makes one think winter is coming. Willie went home last evening.*

November 26 – *I went up to Sister Mary's Saturday night so did not write in this book. Stayed there till last evening after the church services. It was cloudy yesterday and the air quite chilly. May and O.D. went to Bloomsburg Saturday night to the Lecture.*

November 30 – *Thanksgiving morning found me at Mosie's so I did not get to read in my good book. Took dinner at A.B. also Sister Emma and John, Ruth Edgar, Mildred were there for dinner. Then in the afternoon went to the entertainment at school.*

December 1 – *This morning it is bright, lovely morning. Have been reading home readings. Had a letter from Lelia yesterday.*

December 2 – *This morning there is a little snow on ground. It is very nice out, not cold, and very still. Am going to Bloomsburg on the noon train. Had a good letter from Roy last night. Lessons read.*

December 3 – *This morning finds me in Bloomsburg, come on noon train yesterday. O.D. was here for dinner, too. Lelia and I went to church last night. Enjoyed the meeting very much. We are going this morning. There is a little snow on ground this morning.*

December 4 – *This morning it looks like winter. The ground is covered with snow. We were to the church services which were very good. One confession in the morning, one in the evening. Willie goes to Maryland today.*

December 5 – *Last night Lelia, Marjory, Annie and myself were to church. Enjoyed the meeting greatly. This is a beautiful morning. Ruth Edgar called here this morning. She goes to her school today at Bethlehem.*

December 6 – *This morning it is bright and clear. We took in the service last night. He preached about Backsliding Peter.*

December 7 – *This is a lovely morning. We did not go to church last night. I am suffering from a sore toe.*

December 8 – *This morning finds us all well and quite cold but very pleasant for winter. Last night we were all over to Mr. Doke's being his birthday. Had very good refreshments. My foot was so swollen could not go to church.*

December 9 – *Last night the meeting closed. Lelia and Annie went. I could not go as my foot was so very sore. I had a letter from Roy yesterday. Was glad to hear from him. Willie come home yesterday.*

December 10 – *This is a warm winter morning. We had callers last night. I cannot go to the church services as my foot is still sore. Have been missing quite a few meetings this week. Lelia is getting Marjory ready for Bible School.*

December 11- *Warm this morning. Lelia, Annie and I were to church last night. The services were very good. One confession. Am sending a letter to Roy this morning.*

December 12 – *Warm this morning. Had a letter from Stella yesterday. Lelia had one from Donald. We are expecting him home sometime this week. Lelia and I were up town last night, the first since coming to Bloomsburg.*

December 13 – *Warm yet this morning. Company last night. Tonight is prayer meeting night. Hope we can go. Lessons read and breakfast over. We are going to bake and sweep this morning fixing for Donald's homecoming.*

December 14 – *Colder this morning. Willie and Lelia went to Stillwater this morning to butcher. They went on freight train. Am going to keep house. Edgar has not come in from delivering papers.*

December 15 – *This morning is gloomy. Rained quite hard in the night. Lelia come home last night.*

December 16 – *Cloudy this morning. Donald come home last night, is looking fine. Lessons read and Edgar has come home from delivering papers.*

December 17 – *Colder this morning. Received my weekly letter from Roy yesterday. We have no preaching this morning as the minister has gone home.*

December 18 – *Cloudy yet this morning. Was to Endeavor and preaching last evening. The services were very good. Am going home this afternoon.*

December 19 – *This morning the ground is frozen. I spent last night over with Mrs. Doke. We are going to iron and bake.*

December 20 – *Clear and cold this morning. Mrs. Doke spent the evening with us last night. Annie also called.*

December 21 – *This morning it is cloudy. The air looks like snow. May McHenry and Maria Hess were here calling yesterday. I fear I am taking a cold.*

December 23 – *Gloomy this morning. Am looking for a letter from Roy.*

December 24 – *We were to church this morning. Services very good. At this time we should not forget God's great gift to us. Mr. Hoyt is dangerously ill. Charlie McH and Annie went to see him this morning. Had a letter from Roy yesterday, also a present from May.*

December 25 – *Gloomy this morning. Was made sad by hearing of the death of Mrs. Crossley. [This is George B. Crossley's wife, Lillian McHenry Crossley (1870-1911). George is Wally's second cousin twice removed, son of Rachel Bright Crossley who died a few months earlier. Lillian died of pneumonia.] Donald and I are going to Stillwater today.*

December 26 – *This morning finds me at home. I received last night a very pretty present from Roy and Stella. Donald is with me. Lessons read. Am going to send out some presents this morning.*

December 27 – *Gloomy this morning. Rained last night. Edgar come up yesterday. Received another present from Roy and Stella. Also when I come home Monday, the Christian Standard and a Commentary was in mail box from them.*

December 28 – *Colder this morning. We should continually thank God for his goodness to us. Am going to sew this day.*

December 30 – *I am all alone this morning. Donald went home last night and Edgar is up to Stillwater. Lessons read.*

December 31 – *This morning it is storming. Am going to church this afternoon. Edgar went home last night. Had a letter from Roy, also some lovely Xmas presents from him and Stella. Lessons read. We should render to God our best service.*

These entries were in the back of Cecelia's diary. ~ Ed

### **Marriages**

Thomas H. Edgar and Cicelia Allice McHenry were united in matrimony December 26, 1867.

Will L. McHenry & Lelia T. Edgar were united in matrimony January 24, 1889

Orvis Roy Edgar & Estella Wesley were united in matrimony November 30, 1905.

### **Births**

Thomas H. Edgar born February 15, 1845

Cicelia Allice, wife of T. H. Edgar born July 26, 1848

Harry Omer Edgar born April 16, 1869

Lelia T. Edgar born June 11, 1871

Orvis Roy Edgar born February 9, 1883

### **Deaths**

Thomas H. Edgar died December 20, 1902 [57y 10m 5d of appendicitis]

Harry O. Edgar died February 18, 1888 [18 years old]

Lelia T. McHenry died July 20, 1920 [Died of myocarditis following goiter operation]

Orvis Roy Edgar died October 16, 1918 [Died in Arkport, NY of influenza]

[Per Cecelia Alice McHenry Edgar's death certificate, she died September 28, 1934 of Atheroma at 86y 2m 2d of age. She outlived her husband and all three of her children.]