

Mary True Born Oct 16, 1856.

Mary is a native Californian, born the evening her parents, Carrie and Elisha Thomas' wagon train crossed into the state.

Husband: James Rawlings True Born Nov 26, 1843 A native of Ohio. Mary refers to her husband as, "True" and "Pop."

Married September 20, 1876 at Parents residence near Yuba City, Sutter County, California. The True family arrived in Santa Cruz sometime after April, 1879 from Santa Rosa, James is a farmer.

Residence in 1894: 120 Ocean View Avenue (now 303)

Some 1894 Highlights:

January 6, a bitter cold morning, there is enough ice collected from the horse trough to make ice cream.

March 15, An explosion at the Powder Mill kills one man.

April 10, Mary travels to Sutter for a few days to tend to her sick mother.

April 16, Mary gets the news that, "Santa Cruze [sic] Burned Sunday the 15"

June 1, Mary and family visit the California International Mid-Winter Fair.

June 16, Mary's mother dies at Sutter, California.

July, Mary takes a steamboat from Yuba City to Sacramento. Then, due to a nationwide railroad strike, Mary sails from San Francisco to Santa Cruz aboard the coastal steamer, Coos Bay.



Monday, January 1, 1894

Weather: cold and showery rain

Made two Pumpkin Pies, frosted 2 cakes and made a chicken pie took a bath Mrs W¹ called this morning Agnes this afternoon I poped [sic-popped] some corn and went over to Mrs Manns² and over to Mrs W[.] Rose³ at home all day All well Edna⁴ put trimming on her pants

¹ Catherine (Collins) Wilkins (aka Wilkie also Mrs W) and niece Agnes, living at 115 Ocean View Ave.

- ² Catherine Brower Mann (aka Mother Mann also Mrs M). She is living at 114 Ocean View Ave. with her husband Abraham, who sells shoes and boots at 157 Pacific Ave. San Jose City Directory 1892, including Santa Cruz County, page 732. Hereafter cited as Directory.
- ³ Rosa / Rose. A hired girl, Mary pays her about \$10.00 per month plus other expenses. Reference: Cash Account in back of 1893
- diary. Although not yet identified Rose is mentioned more than 200 times in Mary's diary. ⁴ Bertha Edna True (9), eldest daughter of Mary and James True.

Tuesday, January 2, 1894 Weather: showers & cold Got up and got breakfast and helped to do the washing, fed the chickens at noon Got letter from Clara and the Standard Magazine¹ Started Some more crochet for Edna Mrs M[ann] came in and read two letters Rose over to Miss Trumbley² twice to see about getting her dress made All well knitting on Edna's shirt

¹ The Ladies Standard Magazine. Promoted practical women's clothing in the 1890's.

² Katherine (Kittie) Trumbly (31), a dress maker, living with her widowed mother Frances Trumbly (67), at 135 Caledonia St. 1900 Census.

Wednesday, January 3, 1894 Weather: cold & frosty nights

Got up late helped to Iron we made vigitable[sic] soup and went over to Mrs M Got letter from Mary done my mending and washed the dinner dishes Muriel [Buckley] over also Bertha [Buckley]¹ Florence² went home Rose and Miss Trumbly went to town and got her dress Pop and Edna went to the dentist All well over to W[ilkins] knitting

¹ Muriel B. Buckley (11), living at 138 Ocean View Ave., with her sister Bertha A. (26).

² Florence (Buckley) Witmore. Daughter of Mark A. (58) and Minnie B. Buckley (36), living at 138 Ocean View Ave. Married in August 1893, Florence lives in Berkeley with her husband.

Thursday, January 4, 1894 Weather: clear & cold

Cleaned up the sitting room and started and finished one of Edna's shirt sleeves. Got a letter from home. Pop and I took Alverda¹ over To the dentist will go again Thursday at 2.30 Rose took Edna and Luene² over home All well I took my dress to Miss Hughes³ Pop got all wheat flour and some cheese and got 10 of crackers

- ¹ Alverda Everlina True, (6), second daughter of Mary and James True.
- ² Trella Luene True, (4), third daughter of Mary and James True.
- ³ May E. Hughes (aka Miss H), a dressmaker. Living at 114 Windham St. with her mother Nellie Hughes. Directory, page 718.

Friday, January 5, 1894 Weather: clear & cold, ice

Cleaned up my room and knit on Edna's shirt went over to Mrs W she was not up also to Mrs Mann. This after noon I went down to Miss Hughes and to town. Then I went over to W – again at home Mr Dunning¹ called this eve also Harry he and Rose went out some where All well Finished E[dna]s shirt

¹ James Isaac Dunning (58) a widower, living near Live Oak, working at farming. Ref: True/Lund notes. James has one son, Ralph G. (21). 1880 Census.



Saturday, January 6, 1894

Weather: clear, cold, ice

Made cake and the children got ice enough off of the horse trough to make ice cream I took Mrs Mann some I cut over one pair of my old stockings and mended my wrapper I fixed the sleeves of my old basque¹ and finished Edna shirt Pop went over to town Rose over and got her dress skirt All well C.R.C² at noon Two days early

¹ A basque is an item of women's clothing. The term, of French origin, refers to a type of bodice or jacket, and in modern usage a long corset.

² C.R.C: Crimson Red Curse; menstrual cycle.

Sunday, January 7, 1894 Weather: cloudy & cold

Got up late got the girls Edna and Alverda ready for Sunday S-- wrote two letters one to Clara & one to Ola¹ Had dinner and went for a ride came Home and poped some corn read to the children and also some stories in the Papers All well Rose and Pete gone out.

¹ Viola (Ola) Ricketts (16). Mary's niece, the daughter of Mary's sister, Elizabeth (Thomas) Ricketts.

Monday, January 8, 1894 Weather: cold and cloudy

Washed and changed my dress and went over to Wilkies. This after noon and cut over two pairs of hoes Mrs Buckley and Baby B came in also Zilpha¹ I went down to Miss Hughes to have my dress fit Agnes came in for me to go down with her did not go Rose at home got a lame foot All well But me

¹ Zilpha/Zylpha Bush (17), living on the corner of Upper Soquel Ave. and Poplar Ave., with her father, Amzy V. (41) a teamster, and her mother Alice C. (Watts) (36), and four siblings. 1880 Census.

Tuesday, January 9, 1894 Weather: clear bright & cold

Rose and I Ironed I went over to Mrs Manns and got some crazy work patterns¹ fixed Pops two undershirts. & done the darning Ralph² called Also Mrs Campbell Amanda & Baby Rose over for her dress Children over to Buckleys Mrs Mover to sew Edna down to Fitches³ All well Pop got first reader

¹ The heyday of Victorian Crazy quilting was circa 1885. However, these quilts were made from 1880 until the late 1890's.

² Ralph G. Dunning (21), son of James I. Dunning. Ralph helps his father on the farm. 1880 Census.

³ Edna is visiting Grace B. Fitch (9), a school friend. She lives at 167 Ocean View Ave., with her father Alfred H. (44) who is a butcher, her mother Elizabeth B. (41), and her sister, Hattie S. (5). Based on 1900 Census.

Wednesday, January 10, 1894 Weather: clear bright cold

Went over to Mrs M for her quilt for a pattern also to Buckleys Mrs. Wilkins here Mrs Longstreth¹ called Bertha came in work on crazy work. Got a box from Home Edna and Alverda got a ring Luene a doll & kerchief Pop a silk handkerchief me a silver Hair pin. Pop down town for groceries C.R.C called on Rose All well Edna at school

¹ Melissa Longstreth (42), A seamstress living at 15 North Branciforte Ave., with her husband, William C. a carpenter (43), and a son Fred (21) a bookkeeper. Directory. 1900 Census.

Thursday, January 11, 1894 Weather: cold clear & bright Wrote a letter home and working on crazy Block. Pop took Alverda Luene & myself down town. I went to Miss Hughes & got my sleeves & skirt Pop got a letter from Louis Amanda here Rose & Pete gone out I went over to Mrs Wilkins All well Edna at school

Friday, January 12, 1894 Weather: clear bright warm Cleaned my room & finished the crazy patch Block and pressed it ready to send home. Pressed out my dress & got it ready for the Braid Pop went down town got some tooth Powder Rose at home I worked on her dress Had clams for dinner All well Edna at school

Saturday, January 13, 1894 Weather: Foggy Put the Braid on my skirt & sleeves sent Edna down to Miss H for goods to face the sleeves. Pop & I went down town & bought a cap pattern & a new cape Went over to Mr T[histlewaite]¹ & to Miss H. Rose at home to work on her dress All well Baked ginger bread

¹ Charles Thistlewaite / Thistlethwaite, mining and mechanical engineer, living at 27 Leibrandt St.

Sunday, January 14, 1894 Weather: windy, little rain All hands got up late I went over to Mrs W[.] Wrote two letters one to Mary & one to Mattie[.] Rose went over to Sunday school Pete called after she left She & Pete gone out our children did not go to Sunday school. I copied knitting pattern and Popped some corn All well. Filled out my diarie [sic]

Monday, January 15, 1894 Weather: high winds last night rain all day Got up late but washed just the same hung the clothes in the basement made Edna a new Hood & fixed over her black dress sleeves. Knit on my skirt this eve Rose at home Edna at school took her lunch All well Rose got a lame neck Weather clearer

Tuesday, January 16, 1894 Weather: showery forenoon clear & bright Hung out the clothes and went over to Mrs W – Rose went over to Miss Trumbleys & got some of her dress. I finished my skirt this fore noon went down to Miss H & sewed all after noon got my basque. Pop bought a new knife. Pete came he & Rose gone out All well Edna at school All cleared off tonight. [in the margin] Man called to get money.

Wednesday, January 17, 1894 Weather: rain this afternoon still cloudy Got up & I sewed & finished my green Basque all to Bertelles.¹ Got them ready to put on this eve knit on my skirt Pop went down town Rose at home Edna at school All well Rose still at work on her dress Rose still got a lame neck mended Alverdas knit stocken [sic] for the first time

¹Bertelles refers to suspenders, in this case shoulder straps.

Thursday, January 18, 1894 Weather: showery clear

Went down to Miss Hughes & put the Bertelles on my dress came back by Mr Collins¹ & got a tooth brush, comb & box of letter Paper Mrs Mann came over & got a spool of 60 linen thread Amanda called Rose went over to Miss Trumbleys & over home All well Edna at school Papa went down town cut out Alverdas dress.

¹ Collins & Bryant, groceries and provisions, 190 Pacific Ave. Directory, page 690.

Friday, January 19, 1894 Weather: cloudy raining tonight Went over to Mrs Manns & to Mrs Wilkins made Alverdas dress skirt Pop went down town this morning & got me some embroidery silk. Over this after noon & got flour All well Rose at home got her glove buttons Edna at school knit on my skirt. Got Home Companion

Saturday, January 20, 1894 Weather: rained all day still at it After ten o clock P M You bet I got my skirt done just the same sewed all day on Alverdas dress Oh But dident[sic] we get a fright all for nothing Luene not very well Rose at home to work on her dress. All the rest of us are well Arlie Morgan¹ dead. Taking Lanes medicine.

¹ Arlie Josephine Morgan died three days before her eighth birthday. She was the daughter of Doctor and Mrs. F. E. Morgan, living on Walnut Ave.

Sunday, January 21, 1894 Weather: cloudy did not rain Got up late Luene better Mrs Wilkins called I poped corn took over some to Manns. Pop Rose & myself took a bath had corn beef & cabbage for dinner I made doughnuts Rose & Pete gone out Mr Dunning spent the evening here All well. Edna & Alverda went for a walk.

Monday, January 22, 1894 Weather: misty foggy

Got up early & washed stuffed a cat for the children & put a Panel on my knit skirt sewed on Alverdas dress. Mrs Mann came over to sew also to Bring some squash over. Zilpha came in to see Rose. All well. Rose at Home Pop went down town I knit on Alverdas knitting to night got a spool of black silk of Mrs Manns

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The Salem Daily News, Salem, Ohio. Feb 5, 1894, page 4.

Tuesday, January 23, 1894

Weather: foggy

Mr Manns 67 Birthday Went over to Mrs Manns & to Wilkies. Amanda here to dinner Pop got me some Rubbers & some papers. Sewed on Alverdas dress. Washed out the flannels. Harry here He & Rose gone out Rose & Edna over to Mrs Smalls.¹ All is well as usual. Tried to knit failed

¹ Edna is visiting Ethel May Small (10), living at 97 Pennsylvania Ave., with her father, Alpheus E. (49) a Master Mariner, and her mother, Mary S. (41) 1900 Census. Directory, page 762.

Wednesday, January 24, 1894 Weather: foggy cloudy Sewed on Alverdas dress Mrs Mann came in to return the spool of linen she borrowed made 3 pumpkin Pies Muriel came over to see the children I was sick in the evening & went to bed All the rest are well. Edna at school Rose at Home Got a letter from Home

Thursday, January 25, 1894 Weather: Foggy & cloudy I feel a little better today. Finished Alverdas dress. Rose took Alverda & Luene down to church Bertha & Baby¹ here Amanda came over for flowers Mr Taylor² died Got letter from Ola Rose down to church this eve. Mrs M. Brought in some Ginger Snaps Edna at School Pop went to town

¹ Bertha Buckley (26) and her little sister, Annie M. (3).
² Edgar C. Taylor, a teamster, living at the corner of Broadway and Sumner St. Directory, page 769.

Friday, January 26, 1894 Weather: clear Went over to Wilkies & finished the Grey dressing gown Mrs Mann came over & we put the Puttie into the Tile. All as well as usual Gladys & Lucille came Home with Edna I fit my drab jacket for her Rose went over to Mr Taylors funeral. I also tried some knitting R

Saturday, January 27, 1894 Weather: pleasant Fit my jacket over for Edna went over to Mrs Manns. All as well as usual. All went over to town I took Alverda & Luene up to the Casino on the car Pop took the rest up in the surry. Had a fine time All came Home together Rose went out too seen Alice & the Child

Sunday, January 28, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Got up & had an early Breakfast for Sunday. Got Edna & Alverda ready for Sunday school Luene & I cleaned up the store room Then we all went for a drive around the cliff I came home & went over to Manns & got the Sentinel All well Rose & Pete gone out



Sentinel, January 27, 1894, page 3.

Monday, January 29, 1894 Weather: cloudy tonight rain Washed & Finished Ednas jacket. fixed Luenes supporter. A Girl called to work Edna went with her to see Mrs Brooks¹ her name was Jennie Soul.² C.R. C called at 4. Rose went over to get her dress fixed All well but Me Edna at S.

¹ Sarah M. Brooks (42), living at 47 Branciforte Ave., with her husband, Dillon J. (49) a piano tuner and salesman. 1900 Census. ² Jennie/Jenny is the new girl. She was hired by Mary to replace Rosa.

Tuesday, January 30, 1894 Weather: cloudy & cold

Got up late & Ironed & made a layer cake & put the curtains up in the Pantry. Pop set out a tree he got from Mr Mann. Alice & the two children came over & stayed to lunch Pop took them home. I started some knitted lace & fixed my underdrawers All well Ednas at School Rose over to Trumbleys.

Wednesday, January 31, 1894 Weather: cloudy

Susan Porter¹ over

Went over & took W a cup of brown sugar took up my Tuberoses sent some to May Sanborn cut out two waists & one pair of drawers for myself. Wilkie came in this after noon also Bertha & children[.] Grace Delemater² Edna went over there. Samuel here Paid him \$2.50. Rose & Pete gone out

¹ Susan (Susie) Porter (21), a dressmaker, living at 99 Ocean View Ave., with her father Edward, a railroad worker, and her mother, Mary (56). Directory, page 750. 1880 Census.

² Grace Delamater (21), living at 77 Ocean View Ave. 1900 Census.



Thursday, February 1, 1894 Weather: cloudy

Sewed on my waists Pop & I went down town & to see How Mr Short¹ was he was better Mrs Wilkins & I went to call on Mrs Scott to Mrs Buckleys & to Mrs Eavert [Evert]. Mrs Sherman Mrs Fitzgibbon & Miss Johnston called I went down town to Mrs Fitzgibbon in the evening. Got a letter from cousin Queen all well Rose at home

¹ William Short (66) a farmer, living at 119 Ocean St., with his wife Susan M. (49). 1900 Census.

Friday, February 2, 1894Weather: pleasantCleaned up my room & sewed Mrs Wilkins came in I went down to the school and to call on Mrs White Miss Trumbley,
Mrs Silvester Mrs Steinmetz¹ & Mrs Lenox². Pop down town Got my picture cost 1.00 All well. Rose & I went down to M.
E. Meeting. Mrs Mann came in

- ¹ Anna Steinmetz (60). Living at 43 Ocean View, with her husband Charles (67), and three of her children. Also known as Annie,1880 Census, and Hannah, 1900 Census.
- ² Ella S. Lenox (45), living at 134 Ocean View Ave with her daughter, Alice M. (13). 1900 Census.

Saturday, February 3, 1894 Weather: cloudy rain tonight Sewed on my skirts Mrs Eaverts [Everts]¹ & Wilkie & Amanda here this morning. Mrs Eaverts & I went to call on Mrs Robinson Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith I also called on Mrs Dr Chamberlin [Chamberlain] and her sons wife [Florence] All well Rose at Home to work on her dress. made a cake

¹ Jennie S. Everts (59). Living at 143 Ocean View Ave. with her husband Morgan R. She is active in the W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and the G.A.R. Auxiliary.. Everts has been spelled; Evarts 1902 Directory, and Everetts 1900 Census. During the Civil War also as Everets and Everetts.

Sunday, February 4, 1894 Weather: cloudy windy & cold

Got up late got the Girls ready for Sunday school I read the story in the paper prepared the chicken for dinner Took a bath. We all went out for a drive up the Scotts Valley road. I came Home & Edna & I wrote a letter Home Aida Brown better All well Rose & Pete gone out. [In the margin] C R C

Monday, February 5, 1894 Weather: Rain Did not [get] too rainy & wet Got my skirts & waists ready for Buttons & button holes

Buttoned the ends of our blankets with pink yarn. Helped Rose on her dress Pop got a new stove back & two lead pencils. Edna got a bad cold All the rest are well.

Tuesday, February 6, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Got up early & washed Went over to Mrs Browns Aida is better also down to see Miss Lincoln Alverda and Luene went over to Mrs Buckleys Edna over to Fannies Pop went down town & got pigs feet I worked button Holes in one waiste [sic]. All well Rose at Home

Wednesday, February 7, 1894 Weather: Rain

Got up early & I Ironed Edna took her lunch Luene & I both got colds worked on my waist Button Holes Amanda came over. Pop fixed the faucet in Roses bed room Oh what a time taking physical culture lessons.¹ Rose at Home Bias & Crooks Married I got letter Sallie Home

¹ The Muscular Christianity movement of the late 19th century advocated a fusion of Energetic Christian activism and rigorous physical culture training.



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Thursday, February 8, 1894 Weather: Rain. all day Got up late & sick Rose made biscuits I mended up my under drawers & cut out some C.R.C. clothes cut out 5 also 2 dish towels making 18 in all, Pop went down town & got some bread Edna at school All well but colds Rose at home

Friday, February 9, 1894 Weather: Wind & Rain all day Oh how the wind blows tonight. Edna took her first lesson of Grace D[eLamater]. today. I feel a little better Hemmed 5 C.R.C clothes fixed over one waist Amanda came over for some Whiskey her mother is sick Pop went down town Rose at Home Mrs Mann came in

Saturday, February 10, 1894 Weather: pleasant I cleaned up my room & run the sweeper in the sitting room this after noon I put the Button Holes in my waist Made the knitted lace & put it on Ednas drawers Rose over Home Ralph here this eve All well but colds. Pop went down town & got some cocoa Planted Parsnips.

Sunday, February 11, 1894 Weather: clear rain tonight Got Edna & Alverda ready for Sunday School wrote to Ola and sent for Home Com[panion] for her Amanda here to dinner – I took the children over to Sea Bright to Mrs Millers Ralph here to lunch Rose and Pete gone out All well but colds Edna got S. School Book

Monday, February 12, 1894 Weather: clear north wind Got up early & got the washing done Ralph here this morning I tried some knitting patterns got one Started for my pants. Got a letter from Home. Alverda & Luene broke the Comode door I was over to Wilkies & Manns All well but colds. Rose at Home

Tuesday, February 13, 1894 Weather: pleasant

Went over to Mrs Eaverts for crotchet pattern & to Mrs M for a piece for Edna to speak. Carri Stimm [Steinmetz]¹ Mrs Mack² & children called. I went down to Miss Hughes to Have my black dress fit & over to Mrs Johnston & to Mrs Briggs All well but colds Rose and Pete gone out Pop went down town

¹ Carrie Steinmetz (31), living at 43 Ocean View Ave., with her mother Anna (60), her father Charles (67), and two sisters, Louise (29), and Clara (17). 1900 Census.

² Mrs. Jane Mack, living at 78 Front St. Directory, page 731.

Wednesday, February 14, 1894 Weather: pleasant

Went over to Mrs Eaverts to return Crochet patterns This after noon I went down & took my first Painting lesson of Mrs Reed [possibly Reid's] & went to have my dress fit also to Mrs Fitches Got a letter from Semmie Edna had some Girls to see her Pop Hauled some sand all well but colds

Thursday, February 15, 1894 Weather: Rain

Got up late Edna got off to School Amanda came over & stayed for dinner went Home in the Rain Rose finished her dress at last I cut out my Rice wrapper But I did not get it fit All well but Slight colds. I knit on my lace tonight.

Friday, February 16, 1894 Weather: clear

I got up early cooked Pigs feet cleaned my room & Fit my red wrapper Amanda came over again she & Rose went out Mrs Fitzgibbons and Rena came over. Rose & Pete gone out tonight. Edna went over & took Elocution All well but colds

Saturday, February 17, 1894 Weather: Rain

Got up early & made cake. Sewed on my wrapper all forenoon Bought .10 Hominie Amanda came over She Rose & I went over to town. I came Home & went over to see Minnie Chapman Ralph brought us some Abalones All well but colds. I finished Lace for one of my drawers [In the margin] letter from uncle Isaac

¹ Isaac Richard True. James True's older brother. He is a farmer, living in Santa Rosa in 1880 with his wife Elizabeth (Lizzie) (28), And their two daughters; Eva (8) and Laura (6). 1880 Census.

Sunday, February 18, 1894 Weather: Rained all day Cleaned & cooked Eight Abalones very nice. Ralph brought them made 3 mince Pies wrote three letters one Home & one to Cousin Queen. Ralph returned the umbrella Rose and Pete gone out All well as usual

Monday, February 19, 1894 Weather: Rain

Mrs Bliss died Rained Hard all day & still at it windy too. I went over to Wilkies this morning & down to Bliss's Mrs Bliss is very low Edna not very well I sewed on my wrapper. Pop commenced to cut some buttons for a rug Bease at Home we had roast chicken for dinner All well

¹ Mary Ramsdell. (Patrick) Bliss (64), wife of George Hyde Bliss (73) the proprietor of the Ocean Villa Hotel. Directory, page 679. 1880 Census.

Tuesday, February 20, 1894 Weather: Rained nearly all day.

Edna is better got a cold went to school. Pop still at the Buttons. I started rags

for a knit rug. fixed the Hair on Ednas doll again Mrs Mann came in Basted the ruffle on my wrapper. All well but colds Rose & Pete gone out Townsend drowned 19

Wednesday, February 21, 1894 Weather: cloudy

Got up at 4.30 and washed. Went over to Mrs M – Rose & I cleaned up the tent Mrs W came over for a setting of eggs. I went down to see Mrs Townsend. Also to take my painting lesson & to Miss Hughes. Rose gone down town Edna better all well but slight colds. [In the margin] Papa got Oranges .65

Thursday, February 22, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Got up early and Ironed Baked beans & Brown Bread. Mrs Mann Pop & myself went down to the Bliss funeral Pete called also Amanda Rose & I felt Hurt Oh such a time she & Pete gone out this eve All well but slight colds

Friday, February 23, 1894 Weather: cloudy

Cleaned up My room & the sitting room Amanda here sent her mother some Eggs Mrs M. Pop & I went to Mr Townsends Funeral Mrs Pixley¹ & Mrs Delamater² called Edna took her lesson of Grace³ All well but colds finished my wrapper also my knitted lace. [In a child's handwriting over first line] Alverda.

- ¹ Nannie Pixley (44), living at 190 Broadway with her husband Enoch Beamus Pixley (49), a salesman for Jesse Cope, the Taylor. 1900 Census.
- ² Eliza Ann (Cope) Delamater (46), living at 77 Ocean View Ave., with her husband, Guysbert B. V.(67) a merchant, and two children, May (26), and Grace (21). 1900 Census.

Saturday, February 24, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Bound the comfortable in Rose's room went over to Mrs Eaverts for her Pansy design went down town and to Mrs Reeds & Miss H – to get my dress fit had the Dr – once for Alverda & Luene. Agnes & I went down town in the Eve Amanda & Rena called Rose over Home All well.

Sunday, February 25, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Alverda & Luene are better I baked a Lemon Pie and some cake. We did not go for our ride Mrs Wilkins came over Also the Townsend girl for eggs. Rose & Pete gone out Edna did not go to Sunday school C.R.C called at noon.

Monday, February 26, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Rose & I washed Mrs Wilkie came over Amanda came in again & got 2 doz eggs. Did not get her place to work the children better Edna went down to Miss H for the ruffles for my dress. Agnes in a minute this eve Rose at Home All usual well –

Tuesday, February 27, 1894Weather: Foggy this morning PleasantRose got up early to Iron. Cooked Homeny [sic] Luene sick in the night better now Pop & I went down town took AmandaHome Mr C – worse. Mrs Buck[ley] called this morning Pete called to see Rose. I got two new cross stitch patterns fromMrs Mosher. Hemmed on my ruffle. [In the margin] Rose over Home



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Wednesday, February 28, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Rose over Home all night did not get Home till after 11. I sewed on my ruffle all the time I had Went down to take my painting lesson forgot to take the money to Pay him Rose down town I returned Mrs Eaverts Pansy piece. All as well as usual. Pop Hauled sand for the side walk Alice got 12 Eggs .13 cents



Thursday, March 1, 1894 Weather: Windy Cloudy Rain tonight Got my ruffles Hemmed Mrs Scott called Rena came down for me to teach her to knit lace Carrie Steinmetz came down to change a setting of Eggs. Mrs Macks children here. Got a letter from Ola & one from Cody also two Books and her Photo & letter. All as well as usual.

Friday, March 2, 1894 Weather: Rain. Cleaned up my Room went down town this morning returned Mrs Moshers Patterns & went to Miss Hughes got Doughnut & Brown Bread receipt [recipe] Took the children down to school. Mrs Eaverts M - & Alice called Rose went Home Pop got a Bottle of cough Syrup. All well.

Saturday, March 3, 1894 Weather: cold rain Put the ruffles on my black skirt Put the first Paint on my Popys. Finished lace for Luenes panties & started to Knit her a pink skirt. C.R.C called on Rose Edna went over to Mrs C Mrs M- & Baby came over. Wilkie brought us over some cake All well but Slight cold.

Sunday, March 4, 1894 Weather: cloudy cold Got the children ready for Sunday school. Fried Madam Williards doughnuts Good but not sweet enough Amanda came over also Bertha. Pop took the children for a walk Pete & Rose gone out All well but slight colds

Monday, March 5, 1894 Weather: Rain Alice 25 Eggs Got up early Washed but did not get the clothes dryed i new knitting Patterns Mrs Mann came in for Patterns de

Got up early Washed but did not get the clothes dryed it rained so. Fixed the band of Ednas drawers larger & tried some new knitting Patterns Mrs Mann came in for Patterns done some cross stitch Patterns Amanda came over for Eggs owe .50 now Pop got a Postal all well but colds.

Tuesday, March 6, 1894 Weather: cloudy Got up & Ironed done the Mending. Went over to Wilkies and got some Kid gloves & cut out my cushion made the Bands of two more pairs of Ednas pants larger. Mrs Steinmetz called the Buckley children came over Rose & I went to church All well but colds.

Wednesday, March 7, 1894 Weather: Rain Made a pumpkin Pie & doughnuts Ralph here to dinner. Bertha & Muriel came over. I went down & took my Painting lesson. Edna got a blank Book. I took Mrs W over some doughnuts. Pop went down town All well but slight colds. Still Knitting

Thursday, March 8, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Went over to Mrs Ms & got some Gloves from her also some from Mrs E- Alice came Home with me & spent the after noon with the children Mrs Fitz- spent the after noon here & took lunch Agnes Lou & myself went down to church Rose & Pete out

Friday, March 9, 1894Weather: mistyCleaned up my room Alverda & Luene went down to Fitz- & got some more Gloves finished the cushion looks fine. Rosewent down town this afternoon This eve she & Edna went down to church Edna over to Grace & took her lesson All wellbut slight cold Pop went down town Alice got .25 Eggs.

Saturday, March 10, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Fitch girl .25 Eggs Ralph here & took Pictures! Rose at Home Made a layer cake & drew some of the threads in my Drawers Went down got Edna 1 pair shoes Alverda 2 pair & Luene 1 pair & a pair for myself 4.00 We all went in to the show. I went in to see Miss H came Home & put the trimming on my dress & took the rest down to Miss H All well.

Weather: Pleasant

Got the children ready for Sunday school and wrote a letter to cousin Sallie Ralph called. Here for dinner We went for a drive came Home & wrote two letters one to Cody & Ola sent Semmie a paper Mrs Wilkins & Agnes spent the evening here Rose & Pete gone out All as well as usual.

Monday, March 12, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

[Can not be read] Got my first cents

Sunday, March 11, 1894

Mrs Johnston called Washed & transplanted some Chrysanthemums Got some over to Mr Wilkins. Took Alverda & Luene down town & to the Elocution class Had my dress fit again Mrs Johnston called Rose & Pete gone to Theater. All well wash my Black sateen skirt.

Tuesday, March 13, 1894 Weather: Pleasant

Ironed & sewed on my Black skirt Wilkins came over also Ms Mann. Pop took Alverda Luene & myself out to Mr Dunnings. Mrs Wilkins & I called on Mrs Swanton¹ Mrs Bliss Mrs Litchfield² & Mrs Eaverts Rose went over Home Now down to church Pop to work in the Garden All well.

¹ Stanley E. Swanton (27), living at 58 Soquel Avenue with her husband Frank W. (30) the Secretary of the Electric Railway and Electric Light and Power Co. Directory, page 767. 1900 Census.

² Martha Litchfield (63), living at 92 Ocean View Avenue, with her husband, Ansel (63), a farmer. 1900 Census.

Wednesday, March 14, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Put the trimming on my Black Skirt got it finished. Bertha & children came over this morning sent Mrs B- a pitcher of soup. Went down & took my Painting lesson. Edna took her Elocution Amanda here Mabel Fitch married All well Pop down town got Flour

Thursday, March 15, 1894 Pop spading the garden Weather: Pleasant

Made corn Bread for Breakfast washed the Basket quilt¹ on my bed went over to Eaverts & Buckleys. Got Minnies Babies² Sleeve pattern. Painted on my Popies Rose down town Amanda called. Powder Mill Explosion one man killed.³ Over to Wilkies today Put watch pockets in my basques. All well Mrs Moore

¹ Basket quilt; Printed chintz flowers and other motifs were carefully cut out from a piece of printed fabric then appliquéd to solid fabric... The basket container was often the central theme in these quilts. That is then surrounded by wreaths, flowers and birds... As you can imagine the container becomes the root of all this, a symbol of home and womanhood. Ref:

http://www.womenfolk.com/quilt_pattern_history/basket_quilts.htm

² Most likely two-year-old, Annie M. Buckley, youngest daughter of Mark and Minnie Buckley. 1900 Census.

³ Thomas McMahan, employee of The California Powder Works. Directory, page 737.

Friday, March 16, 1894 Weather: Wind & Rain

Cleaned up my room got the meat & went over to Wilkies and to Mrs Manns. Got the second coat on my Poppy piece at last Dress the threads in one drawer leg Rose at Home all day Ednas school closed for a two week vacation All as well as usual.

The greatest show ever in Santa Orus at Simpson's Block this week, afternoons and evenings. 10 cents The only performing Gorilla, on exhibition at Simpson's Block. The Giant Museum. Admission, 10 cents for all.

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1	UNIVERSALIST MEETING.
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	Guod Attendance at the Lower Ma. sonte Hall.
	There was a good attendance last night. Rev. J. E. Keyes brought with him on his return from San Francisco Rev. W. G. Swan, formerly
	pastor of the M. E. Church South, at Santa Rosa. The meeting opened with a song service and after the prayer Mr. Keyes sung a solo. Mr. Leavitt
	then introduced Mr., Swan, who took for his text. 2 Cor. 5:19: "God was
8	in Christ reconciling the world unto
1	Himself, not imputing their tres-
	passes unto them."

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The Baptist Church was crowded Wednesday evening at the nuptials of Sylvester W. Noble and Miss Mabel M. Fitch. The floral decorations were arranged by Mrs. A. A. Davis, Mrs. O. W. Britt and Miss Grace Pray. Miss Lily Wiggs was the bridesmaid, and Fred Howe the best man. Geo. Otto and Dr. Ed Alger were the ushers. Rev. F. S. Lawrence performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fitch, Ocean View Av.

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FATAL EXPLOSION. Single Wheel Mill at the Works Blown Up-Thes. McMahon Loses His Life. At 7:20 o'clock Thursday morning an explosion awakened many people in this city. That explosion sounded the death knell of Thos. McMahop at the Powder Works. Daily Sentinel, March 16, 1894, page 3.

Weather: Pleasant

Saturday, March 17, 1894 Down to Mrs Litchfields better

Went over to Mrs M- & learned How to make Paper Parasols Ralph here & took a Picture of the House cut out Edna & Alverda a Gingham dress Rose took Alverda down town Pop down town got Easel Mr & Mrs Thistlethwaite¹ came Agnes & Lou spent the evening here All well. Had a lovely evening.

¹ Mrs. [Annie] Thistlethwaite, living at 116-4 Ave North, Seattle, Washington, with her husband Charles. Reference, Notes for 1911.

Sunday, March 18, 1894 Weather: cloudy a little Rain Got up late took a Bath got dinner the children went to Sunday school. Pop took the children & I out to Mr Johans funeral We came Home got brushed up & I poped some corn Alice Chapman here to lunch Minnie came over for her Rose & Pete gone out

Monday, March 19, 1894 Weather: Windy Cold Got up early & washed Basted Alverdas ruffles she & Edna croched [sic] the ruffles. I went down & took my Painting lesson Pop plowed the Garden. I went over to Wilkies & down to the shop and got a soup bone called on Fitzgibbons Coming Home. Brought Home my wild Rose piece All well. Rose at Home!

Tuesday, March 20, 1894Weather: WindyGot up Early & Ironed done the mending sewed on the gingham dresses cut out Ednas pink waist & black dress Edna &
Rose went down town. Bertha came over & spent the evening Rose & Pete gone out All well Pop still Plowing.

Wednesday, March 21, 1894 Weather: Windy Got up late & went over to Wilkies Helped Pop plant three kinds of beans & Peas Potatoes Pop went down town got 1 doz Oysters \$3.00 Sewed all after noon Rose over Home she & Edna over to Buckleys this eve. All well. Got a letter from Ola. Planted sweet Peas Alverda and Luene over to Alice

Thursday, March 22, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Pop Planted more taters Wilkie came over to learn how to plant Potatoes. Sewed hard all day on the dresses Edna & Alverda both helped. Mrs Mann came over to return Papers. Pop set a hen Rose at work on the Pillow Shams Alice Lenox¹ Came over Pop cut the coconut

¹ Alice M. Lenox (13), living at 134 Ocean View Avenue with her mother, Ella S. (45). 1900 Census.

Friday, March 23, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Cleaned my room & finished Ednas two Gingham Aprons & her pink waist all to button Holes. One Apron for Alverda. Bertha Edna & myself went over to Reynolds Hall to a concert Rose & Pete went also. Alice Lenox & Alice C- were here. All well. Went over to Mrs Manns.

Saturday, March 24, 1894 Weather: Windy Dressed a chicken & finished Ednas black gimpe¹ all to buttons. Samuel called Pop went down town Ralph & Zilpha called. Bertha spent the eve here. Cut out Alverdas & Luenes blue dresses. Rose at Home All well. Got Mussels for dinner.

¹ Gimp, a ribbon like, braided fabric, sometimes stiffened with wire, used to trim garments, furniture, etc. Ref: Websters New World College Dictionary, Fourth Edition. Macmillan, 1999.

Sunday, March 25, 1894 Weather: Very pleasant Got all of the children ready for Sunday school Read the Story in the Sentinel Helped to get dinner. Went for a drive around the cliff & to the beach The children went over to Wilkies she is sick I went over this eve she is better Rose & Pete gone out All as well as usual.

Monday, March 26, 1894 Weather: cloudy Washed got through late cleaned up the sewer & the basement Went over to the Wilkies & to Mrs Manns met Mrs Short She & I called on Mrs Litchfield I went down to Mrs Shorts & got a cross stitch pattern for Alverdas dress Rose at Home. All Well Pop at work in the garden.



Tuesday, March 27, 1894 Weather: cloudy Ironed & went over to Mrs Manns Wilkie came over. Brought some beans for seed. Mrs Mann started for the East this after noon I took Mrs Wilkie and her children out to Mr Robles got Chrysanthemums Mrs Campbell called. Pop down town Rose over to Mrs McCoys funeral. Rose & Pete out All well

Wednesday, March 28, 1894 Weather: cloudy C R C

Mended the rest of the stockings. Had Breakfast & went over to Wilkies & divided the Chrysanthemums with her came Home & set mine out – Pop & I planted some more beans I went down & took my lesson Bertha called Pop went down town All Well Rose at Home.

Thursday, March 29, 1894 Weather: cloudy Put the Pansy pot in the ground and put the cord in Ednas pink waist Sleeves sewed on Alverda & Luenes blue dresses Mrs Lenox here this after noon Taught her the flute Skirt patterns Rose went down town Also she & Edna went over to Chappel All well Bertha returned Battery

Friday, March 30, 1894Weather: Foggy rained a littleCleaned up my bed room & sewed on Alverda & Luenes dresses. Jesse called Rose & Pete gone out. Alice returned knittingpattern. Mr & Mrs Swanton Mrs Marick & Mr Dunning spent the evening here All well. Pop got his cucumbers seeds in.

Saturday, March 31, 1894 Weather: slight wind Sewed on the blue dresses Baked a cake Took the children down to the Beach & to see Mrs Thistle[thwaite] came Home & finished All the machine work on the dresses went over to Wilkies Pete called twice Rose at Home called on Mrs Chamberlin better All well started Alverdas pink knitted skirt



Sunday, April 1, 1894

Weather: Pleasant

Got Edna & Alverda ready for Sunday school took a bath got dinner then we all went for a ride. Came home and wrote a letter to Ola got lunch Mr Mann & Rhodes¹ came in to see the garden All well Rose & Pete gone out

¹ Washington Rhodes (67), a farmer, living at 145 Ocean View Avenue. Directory, page 753. 1900 Census.

Monday, April 2, 1894 Weather: pleasant Got up early washed Pop went over to town this morning & got Cabbage & totomotoes [possibly tomatillos] plants he & I went over to town this after noon I went to Auntie Sinnetts for cross stitch pattern Agnes & I went down to see Flowing Bowl played All well Rose at Home went over to Wilkie Edna at school.

Tuesday, April 3, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Got up late Ironed & baked Beans & brown bread. Went over to Wilkies she gave me a nice little pan cut out Alverda & Luene a bonnet Luene a Skirt fixed over Ednas Bonnett Rose & Harry gone out Edna at school All well Pop planted corn & painted the Back porch.



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Wednesday, April 4, 1894

Weather: Pleasant

Sewed on the Blue Bonnets Went over to Wilkies. Pop went down town & took me to Mrs Reads [Reed's or Reid's] Ralph came & brought us some nice trout. Got a spool of 36¹ from Mr Mann Rose & Harry gone out again. I crossed on Alverdas apron this eve. Got a letter from Mrs Thistlethwaite All well Edna at school.

¹ "spool of 36" denotes the weight of thread she borrowed from Mr. Mann's boot and shoe shop. The higher the weight the finer the thread. Ref: https://sailrite.wordpress.com/2013/09/24/sewing-thread-sizes-explained/

Weather: Just like Summer Thursday, April 5, 1894 Went over to Wilkies this morning. Came back & finished the Bonnets cut out & made Luene a white skirt for her knitted lace put a band on her Pink knitted skirt & fixed her Embroidered one longer Rose at Home Edna at School. All well

Friday, April 6, 1894 Weather: Foggy & windy Minnie C – gone Home cleaned up my room & the sitting room got ready & went over to Mrs Thistlethwaites to lunch met Mrs Smith. made Parosals [sic] took Mrs Forsythe¹ home came home. Ralph here to lunch. Bertha here all night Harry called Rose & he gone out this eve. All well Edna went over & took her Elocution lesson .25 cents.

¹ Hattie (Thistlethwaite) Forsyth (37) a widow, living at 45 Baldwin Street with her niece, Inez Moore (13). 1900 Census.

Saturday, April 7, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Baked a cake & worked button Holes in Luenes two skirt bands also in Alverdas Gingham dress. Started in to Feather Stitch Ednas black Gimpe. Agnes True & myself went down to see the "new South" by "Grismen Co" Bertha here all night & to breakfast All well Rose at Home.

Sunday, April 8, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Bertha here to Breakfast Then went Home I got the children ready for Sunday school We had Asparagus for dinner for the first time today went up the Lime kiln road to the city Reservoir Came Home wrote a letter Home Edna wrote one too All well Rose & Pete gone out

Monday, April 9, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Washed & went over to Mrs Lenox & worked on Ednas Gimpe finished it this time Got a letter from Home mother sick will start for Sutter in the morning I suppose. All well Rose & Harry out for a little Spin Edna down to Vances.

Tuesday, April 10, 1894 Weather: Foggy

Left at 6:30 for Sutter this morning Mrs McGrath and Mr Brigs went as far as San Jose. Met Auntie Sinnett at Stockton went as far as Sac. Got at Mville [Marysville] at 5 came Home with Jake Onstott¹ found All well mother² much better Ola is here. I was very tired when I got here. Found the north wind here in Earnest

¹ Jacob A. Onstott (58), a farmer living near Yuba City, with his wife Rebecca (Sligar) (40), and their five children. Jacob's brother John Paxton Onstott was the first to ship Thompson Seedless raisins in carload lots to Eastern markets, laying the foundation for the entire raisin industry. 1880 Census.

² Carrie (Miller) Thomas (62) living with her husband, Elisha on their farm near Yuba City. 1880 Census.

Wednesday, April 11, 1894

Weather: North wind.

In Sutter

Got up late. wrote a letter Home had my breakfast Grandpa¹ went down and brought my Valice [sic] Home Bill² came down Ola & I churned gathered the eggs had two suppers had some dutch cheese & butter milk for supper. Ola & I done the dishes & went down & caught the old setter & took a walk out to the gate

¹ Mary's father, Elisha M. Thomas (72) (aka Grandpa) living with his second wife, Carrie (62) on their farm near Yuba City.

² Mary's step-brother, William (Bill) Henry Thomas. (37) living with his wife, Martha Etta (Sliger) (28) on their farm near Yuba City. William was born as William Harvey.

Thursday, April 12, 1894

Weather: North wind

Still in Sutter

Pa frightened us almost to death by coming into our room he got lost trying to find the door. Ola & I cleaned House all fore noon & got dinner Mrs Pope called also Mr & Mrs Duncan. Grand Ma worse tonight All the rest are well Ola & I fed the chickens & Gathered the eggs. Skimmed the milk & got supper

Friday, April 13, 1894 Still in Sutter. Weather: Pleasant

Got up at 5 got breakfast Ola sick most All night. I churned & washed windows made 2 Lemon Pies & one custard Ricketts Lib & Roy¹ here Lib stayed & Ola went Home. Got a paper from Home. Mother seems better Mrs Hyle here for butter & pressed it All well

¹ Mary's sister, Elizabeth (Thomas) Rickets (24), and her youngest son, Leroy (Roy) (4). 1900 Census.

Saturday, April 14, 1894

Weather: North wind

In Sutter

Skimmed the milk & fed the chickens. Bill came down Aired the beds Bill & I went down town to see Dr. I went to Mrs Duncans. Also to the store. Mother & the children came down Also Beckie & children Mrs Hyles children came out for two hens. Mother seems Better tonight All well.

Sunday, April 15, 1894

Weather: North wind blowing gale

Sutter

Got breakfast Skimmed the milk fed & watered the chickens. churned washed & salted the butter cleaned up the cellar & the Sitting room. Bill came down also Mrs Duncan Lula and Husband & Mrs Walters. wrote a postal Home. Ma about the same. fed the chickens & got the Eggs. All well Had a race from the Mules.

Monday, April 16, 1894 Weather: North Wind Got Mothers breakfast & fed the chickens. Skimmed the milk Ma Still grows weaker the Dr was here today. I wrote three letters one to Cousin Queen Eliza¹ & Cousin Lallie the Hyle girl came out & brought flowers Lib washed & I cleaned the Sink & some of the Stove Santa Cruze Burned Sunday the 15

¹ Eliza Frances (Thomas) Alzina, Mary's sister living with her husband, Albert Joseph Alzina at 8 Sylvar St. Directory, page 670. Throughout her adult life she will be known as Frances.

Tuesday, April 17, 1894 Weather: Quite pleasant Mother is much better cleaned up the pantry & the kitchen floor Mr Harter & son Jay called. Bill came down also Mr & Mrs Onstott. Pa & the man went down town got a letter from Home All well we are all well here but Ma Dr came out

Wednesday, April 18, 1894 Sutter Weather: Warm Pleasant

Churned cleaned the safe shelves & under the sink & put in clean Papers washed all the glass dishes Bills folks came down also Ben Roy & Ola Lib went Home Ola stayed Mother still improving. Mittie came by & brought a Telegram Jose will be here tomorrow evening All well with us lots of fun

Thursday, April 19, 1894 Weather: Hot as Blazes

Cleaned up the Pantry. Father & I went down town this fore noon Mr & Mrs White called wrote a Postal Home Mattie & children Here also Billie. Jose & Elize came up mother not as well. Lettie Hyle came out for eggs. Mattie Brot [sic] Me down some lace Patterns All well

Friday, April 20, 1894 Weather: Hot

Grandpa went down town brought me a letter & Paper from Home. Pressed 8 lbs of butter. Ola & I went out to Bills got cross stitch Patterns. Grandma not so well. Grandpa Ola Frank & myself got the pig into the Pen. Took of[f] an old Turkey with 19 little ones sewed strips for Ma to knit a rug All well start Home in the morning



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Saturday, April 21, 1894 left Sutter. Weather: cloudy

Got up at 4.30. & helped Ola a little to get Breakfast gave Grand Ma her medicine & breakfast & Ola eat ours Pa & Bill went in with me in Bills Buggy met Lulu Onstott1 there came Home alone found all well. True at the train for me with old Fan had lunch & went to bed Glad to get Home.

¹ Lulu Onstott (Walton) (18), living near Yuba City with her father, Jacob and mother Rebecca. 1880 Census.

Sunday, April 22, 1894 Weather: Foggy almost a rain Got up late Rose got Breakfast I went over to Wilkie for a little while she is better wrote a letter Home. Made a chicken Pie for dinner Brush the childrens Hair & washed the dishes. Harry came over He & Rose gone out Pop took the children out for a walk. I had a nap. All well but myself.

Monday, April 23, 1894 Weather: windy Cool C R. C called last night. Washed my red wrapper. Worked button Holes in Luenes blue dress. also Edna Pink waiste Zylpha & Mabel called. Edna at School. All well but myself. Pop went down town got Pops letter from Home. Alverda knit some. Edna did a little cross stitch

Tuesday, April 24, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Made a loaf of Brown bread & Ironed a few pieces darned the stocking & done the mending also sewed the trimming on Luenes white Skirt & put Button Holes & button on Alverdas blue dress. Mrs Nitter came over & spent the afternoon Pop went down town Edna at School All well but me.

Wednesday, April 25, 1894 Weather: Rain a little Got a Postal from Ola. Sent a box up to mother some calamus root¹ a Japanese Heater some jell & a little fish put Button Holes in Ednas Gingham dress. Pop & I went over to town I called at Mrs Johnstons and to Mrs Buckleys. Rose & Pete gone out All well I am better.

¹ Calamus root has been used to treat a number of ailments. It also has sedative, laxative, and diuretic properties. Ref: http://www.smokableherbs.com/calamus-root/

Thursday, April 26, 1894 Weather: Rained most all day I went over to Manns & got some newspapers also got some over to Wilkie too. I worked Button Holes in Ednas Red Gingham dress Rose & I cleaned up the Dish & glass cupboard also the Pantry & Put clean Papers in all the drawers under the cupboard & sink C R C called on Rose All well Had Beer.

Friday, April 27, 1894 Weather: Showery Made corn bread for breakfast & cleaned up the Bath Room Rose & I cleaned up the dining room & Bound the cream carpet Pop & I bound the Oil cloth got a letter from Home. Mother not so well I mended the kitchen carpet All well but Slight Cold

Saturday, April 28, 1894 Weather: Pleasant I cleaned up the pantry & the kitchen Rose cleaned the kitchen carpets. Pop & I went down town I stoped at Miss Hughes got Edna a hat & Alverda 2 under vests met Mrs Thistlethwaite down town took her Home Rose cleaned the poarches [sic] also All as well as usual.

Sunday, April 29, 1894 Weather: Very pleasant Washed all the childrens Hair before breakfast Got Edna & Alverda ready for sunday S wrote two letters one Home & one to Ola washed my hair & took a bath All went for a ride came Home I took Mr Manns 36 Spool Home All well Rose & Harry gone out

Monday, April 30, 1894 Weather: pleasant Got up early & washed Baked a white cake. Pop down town on the juory [jury] He & I went down town Pop got Some cheese & a dozen Oranges Then I went over & took Mrs T- & Mabel out for a drive they were here to lunch and I took them home. Edna went down to see Miss Haslam.¹ Alverda & Luene over to Buckleys All well

¹ Bessie G. Haslam, a teacher at Bay View School, living at Front St. and Soquel Ave. Directory, page 712.



Tuesday, May 1, 1894 Weather: pleasant Got up early & Ironed and done the mending started the hem in the table clothe. Pop took Alverda Luene & myself out to Mr Dunnings came Home & finished the table clothe Wrote a letter Alice Gray Rose at Home Harry called. Put on my clean spread ironed my bureau scarfs. All well Edna at School.

Wednesday, May 2, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Got up early & Marked Alverdas clothes and cleaned up the front bed room & got the Parlor ready to dust washed out a spread & Tida [sic] Got a letter from cousin Sallie Horne Went down & took my painting lesson Came Home & knitt on the Pink Skirt All well Rose at Home Edna at School Pop went down town

Thursday, May 3, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Made biscuit for breakfast Rose & I cleaned up the sitting room I washed my hat & fixed Ednas up a little took mine over to be trimmed Pop and I went over to town I called at Miss Hughes spent the evening with Wilkie Rose & Pete gone out All well Edna at school cut out my wrapper.

Friday, May 4, 1894Weather: FoggyGot up late & cleaned some on my bed room washed out the staines on the spread. Got 2 letters one from Ola & one from
Alice answered a letter. Went down and took my Painting lesson came Home & finished cleaning up my room found
Alverdas two rings in Drawer. All well Rose at Home.

Saturday, May 5, 1894 Weather: pleasant Helped Rose straighten up her room now we have the House all cleaned I went over to Wilkies & got some rose cuttings I took the children & Rose & went down to the Beach Had a very nice time Mrs Chamberlin called sent some things over to Rose mother by her All well but Me Headache.

Sunday, May 6, 1894 Weather: Windy a little cold Got up in good season helped get breakfast wrote a letter & sent cousin Lallies Home Got Edna & Alverda ready for Sunday school Rose & Harry gone to Watsonville had to get dinner Made a chicken Pie went down to Capitola came Home & wrote 2 letters one to Emma & one to Semmie All well but Slight colds.

Monday, May 7, 1894 Weather: cloudy cold Got up early & Rose & I washed. I went down to see Edna's teacher also to call at Steinmetz came Home & cut out my blue wrapper Mrs Short called also Mrs Longstreth I ripped up my pink sateen waiste to get the lining for the Blue one washed & Ironed it got a letter from Bill 2 Mr Campbell called All well

Tuesday, May 8, 1894 Weather: pleasant Got up late & done the most of the ironing Rose went Home to help her father wash Mrs Wilkins & I went over to town & to call on Mrs Renny [Rennie]¹ Mrs Barson² and Mrs Scott I called alone on Mrs Swanton the children & I went over to Wilkies. Ola's Longley droped dead. Pop went down town Mended the Hoes. Got a flower cutting of Mrs Renny All well.

¹ Margaret D. Rennie (69), living at 9 Cliff St., with her husband William (79) and their son Allan Carpenter (27), a plumber. 1900 Census.

² Mary E. Barson (48), living at 102 Riverside Avenue with her husband, Fred (54), proprietor of the Riverside Hotel. Five of Mary Barson's seven children work at the Hotel. 1900 Census.

Wednesday, May 9, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Set out the cutting I got of Mrs Rennie washed the crocks & got them ready for Butter worked on my wrapper went over to Wilkies for a colar pattern Pop went down town I went down to Mrs Reeds to work did not get a lesson Brought Home my pansy piece it is lovely All well Amanda here Rose Home.

Weather: Pleasant Thursday, May 10, 1894 Got up early Edna & I done up the work Rose did not get home till after ten Pop & A.[lverda] L.[uene] & I went out to D[unnings] to take the jars for butter Rose & I went down town & to Miss Hughes. I left my canvas at Mrs Reeds Rose & I went out to her mothers She is about the same brought the Dr. Home All well got postal from Mrs T

Friday, May 11, 1894 Weather: Foggy cold Got up early & cleaned up my room Rose stayed Home last night had fish for dinner A tramp called sent Edna with some custard over to Mrs C- Pop went down town for flour He & I went over to Mrs T- I also took my painting lesson All well sewed some on my wrapper.

Saturday, May 12, 1894 Weather: cloudy Edna Alverda & my self washed out all the white clothes and put them on the lawn to bleach and left them out there sewed on my wrapper all after noon got all of the machine work done on it Rose went over H- her mother better All well Pop went down town

Sunday, May 13, 1894 Weather: Foggy rain tonight. Got up in good season & helped to get Breakfast Wrote a letter Home & got the Girls ready for sunday school then I wrote to Ola. After dinner we all went up to Happy Valley school¹ H- Rose & Pop got sick on their dinner Wilkie came in also Mr Mann I poped some corn All well.

¹ Happy Valley School - A one room school house located on Branciforte Drive in Blackburn Gulch. Established in 1864. Named for the valley. Clark, page 137.

Monday, May 14, 1894 Weather: cold & Rainy

Got up early but it was so rainy we did not wash Rose was still sick Pop ditto made Tapioca cream & Baked some cake finished my blue wrapper and cut out the skirt of Luene's white dress and drew the threads and got it ready to work Edna went to school All well but Pop & Rose.

Tuesday, May 15, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Got up early & got the washing all out by 1/2- nine done some of the ironing at noon. fixed Ednas pongee dress dress [sic] & commenced to hemstitched on Luenes driss [sic] dress Rose went over home. Pop went down town & got some onions and planted some All well. Luene hurt her finger

Wednesday, May 16, 1894 Weather: Pleasant Mamie Onstott¹

Got up early & finished the ironing & done the mending Alverda Luene & myself went over to Wilkies. Pop & I went down town I got my study & came over to Mrs Reeds & took my painting lesson came Home & worked on Luenes dress All well Rose at Home Edna at school. knitt on Ednas skirt tonight.

¹ Mamie Onstott (15) died May 16. The youngest daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Onstott, old family friends from Yuba City. 1880 Census.

Weather: Pleasant Thursday, May 17, 1894

Worked on Luenes dress all fore noon did not get it finished. Rose washed windows. Pop & I went down town he came back & took A. L. & Rose down town I called on Mrs Noble & the Bliss Girls. Mrs Sherman & Marion called also Mrs Eaverts Florence & the B[uckley] children. All well Vance over here. Edna at School.

Friday, May 18, 1894

Weather: cloudy cold.

Cleaned the Silver & my room got Luenes dress ready for the lace Alverda & Luene went over to Buckleys. Vance & Lucille came over for Edna to go down to the Rose fair Pop went down & painted the Back of the poarch [sic] floor Rose & Harry gone down to the fair Agnes over gone to the City All well.

Saturday, May 19, 1894 Weather: cloudy Worked on Luenes dress got it done at last fixed her cap also. Went over Wilkies Florence came over for Rose cuttings the Buckley children here. We all went down to the Rose fair I had the irons over to Mann's & pressed out the white dresses. All well Mamie Onstott dead.

Weather: Rain Sunday, May 20, 1894 Got the children ready for Sunday School wrote a letter Home Went for a drive on the Big Tree road. Mrs M. came Home & brought Bert gave the children each a box of dollies I went in to see Mrs M. Bertha came in this eve C.R.C. called at 3.30 Rose & Harry gone out all well but Me.

Weather: cold & cloudy

Monday, May 21, 1894 Did not wash it was too damp & cloudy. Got Ednas & Alverdas white waists done all to the Buttons & buttons Holes. Mrs Buckley came over to say good by they left for Halifax today. Edna had some Girl to play with her over to Mrs M- for a while this eve All well.

Tuesday, May 22, 1894 Weather: cold cloudy I got breakfast & helped Rose wash some beans sick all day. finished Ednas & Alverdas white waiste worked on Ednas cross stitch Pop & I went down town Got a letter from Mrs T. Zylpha was here I went over to Wilkies All well but me drew the threads for my bureau scarf Mrs M brought in some cheese straws

Wednesday, May 23, 1894 Weather: cloudy Got up early & ironed done the mending and Hemmed the linen for the comb Holders Alverda did one. Went down & took my painting lesson. Agnes came over & told us lots about the fair Rose went Home. All well but slight colds. Made my cape.

Thursday, May 24, 1894 Weather: cloudy Went over to Wilkies three times this fore noon trying to get some knitted lace started for my Bureau scarf got them All Hemstitched Edna got her Gingham dress finished Wilkie came over Rose & her father went down town to get her shoes. Pop went down town Rose & Edna went to Prayer meeting All well.

Friday, May 25, 1894 Weather: Rained nearly all day cold Cleaned up my bed room & baked some cake & a pudding went over to see Wilkie Mrs M came in to have a sliver taken out of her hand Edna at school Pop went down town I started some new knitted lace Rose at Home all day all well. Pop got some fish.

Saturday, May 26, 1894 Weather: cloudy, Rain tonight Got up early baked a layer cake & dressed a chicken. Baked a cherry Pie & a custard Pie and done the washing put it on the lawn Pop took Wilkie & I over to town & to see Auntie Sinnett did not see her. Pop & I planted some onions Peppers & beans Ralph here also Wilkie got 2 letters Ola & Bill all well.

Sunday, May 27, 1894 Weather: cloudy pleasant tonight Got up & had breakfast & made a cherry pie took a bath Wilkie came over & brought up some canned corn Willmie came over & spent the day wrote a letter Home All well Amanda here to dinner Went over to see Wilkie a little while this even. Rose & Harry gone out.

Weather: Pleasant Monday, May 28, 1894 Got up early & washed Pop & I went down to see Auntie S[innett] she will come. Stopped to see Miss Hughes. Mrs Rennie called. Rose & I went over to get her a Hat in E. & C. Got 2. Zylpha called Mrs T spent the evening here also Agnes Had a nice time Rose & Zylpha went down town I went over to Wilkies & Manns Mrs M came in wrote to Mrs T. all well



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Tuesday, May 29, 1894

Weather: pleasant this after noon

Got up early & done the ironing & mending and knit on my lace finished it Mrs M- came over to stitch Mrs Steinmetz called Pop took Alverda & Luene down town. Rose & I took the children out to the cemetery Zylpha called Rose & Harry gone out Rose got her shade Hat done up the dolls caps All well.

Wednesday, May 30, 1894 Weather: windy Rain

Picked some currents & got my cold Jell¹ making Got the lace on my Bureau scarf & started the lace for the doiles [sic] got another letter from Mrs T- Rose & Harry & Zylpha gone all day Rose & Harry gone to night. Pop went over to town Edna had a vacation today All well but Slight colds

¹ To make currant jelly by the cold process, dissolve the sugar in the strained juice. Fill warm, sterilized glasseswith this. Place the glasses ... [on] a sunny window. Cover with sheets of glass, and keep by the window until the jelly is set. The jelly will be more transparent if the juice is strained through a flannel bag. Jelly made by the cold process is more delicate than that made by boiling, but it does not keep quite so well. Ref: Scientific American Cyclopedia of Formulas, edited by Albert A. Hopkins, Munn & Co., Inc., 1911, page 746.

Thursday, May 31, 1894 Weather: cloudy

Got up early & baked a layer cake & put the current Jell into Glasses Pop went over for Auntie Sinnett. I took a bath & got dressed & Dan took us to Sea Bright we are in the city at the Alvin House 120 Post street we went out to Edwards last night. I had a sore throat it is better All the rest are well