

Viola's Williams Diary written in 1920, 1921 and first part of 1922

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This diary started on Jan. 1, 1920.

On the 14th Viola wrote "we sewed and mended all day." *I am not sure when they got REA (electricity), but a possibility they did not have it yet in 1920. They would have used a treadle sewing machine which did not require electricity. Many times, she mentions that ma (Alfreda Mathilda/ Frieda) was sewing for someone in the family as well as others, so she must have been a good seamstress. AA*

Per Carver Historical Society - Carver area got electricity in 1929.LH

Jan 15 - Ma took girls to school. *I am wondering if she drove a car or horse and buggy.*

Jan. 17 - We baked and cleaned for Sunday. Ma finished a dress at Gilbert's...probably for sister Anna.

Jan. 21- 28° before zero. Girls stayed home from school. Talked to Harry & Lillie thru phone.

Jan. 23 - Pa (William) and Fritz drove Fanny for 1st time.

Jan. 30 - Ironed and baked. Fritz & Pa were in Cologne on Fanny.

February – *She seems to write when someone was sick and in Feb. she wrote often of sickness (flu). Sometimes the doctor had been to see them.*

She mentions often that Oscar or Fritz were at the creamery. Maybe they separated the milk and took the cream into the creamery.

Feb. 14 - 16° below zero

Feb. 17 - went to auction

Feb. 20 - Lillie came home.* check notes about Lillie

Feb. 22 – took girls to Luther League

Mar. 1 – butchered a pig. Also baked and washed. Pa, Oscar and Walter in B.P.

Wow, what a day – butchering takes a bit of time.

Mar. 2 - finished with the butchering and ironed. *Before they had electricity they would have used the flat irons that were heated on the wood stove to do their ironing.*

Mar. 3 - A real blizzard. Lorena stayed home from school. We cleaned for the evening. Geo's, Ted, Lillie, Harry's, Rob, Mellgrens boys, Oscar and Wesley were here in the evening. Fritz got Laura, Hildur and Wesley in the eve. *Hard for me to think about them out and about with a blizzard.*

The nurse was up in the hall.

The next day there was no school and no mail. Hildur was home...*she was 14, so wonder if she was working somewhere.*

March 9 - Harry's came home. Pa down at Scotts. We baked, ironed & sewed. Cleaned the cistern and fanning wheat. Viola sick.

March 10 - Pa & Fritz hauled logs. Harry took down first load to Carver. *I wonder if Mabel and Harry moved to Carver.*

March 12 - We ironed, sewed and baked. Lillie came home from Carver, rode with Aug. A. walked from EU. Pa met her at Olson's. Mabel & Eailor went over to grandpas in eve. Fredolf sick.

March 13 - We cleaned for Sunday. Mabel at grandpa's and Walter's. The men folks hauled logs. Talked to aunt Thilda & Harry.

March 15 - A piece of Walter's windmill fell down and the hay rack went to pieces.

March 17 - The mail carrier went around for the first time for a week.

March 18 - The first thundering was heard. Snowstorm in the evening.

March 19 - Ma & Fredolf were in Carver. Harry's & Ma in Chaska. Laura & Lorena came home in the eve. Edith came from the city in the eve. No mail.

March 20 - Viola at grandpa's & Walter's in a.m. Cleaned & baked for Sunday. Gilbert's at Brahee's. Anna stayed overnite. Fredolf went South in eve. Edith came home to Larson's. *(Larson's would be Gilbert's parents and Edith was one of their daughter's)*

March 21 - In a.m. Viola & Fredolf in church. In p.m. Ma & Pa & the small children at Anton's. Harry's at Alf's and Brahee's. Mabel & Eailor came home. Edith at Sandburg's. Dora & Edith here. Dora & Edith went to Geo's in eve. Rob here.

March 27 - The men folks started plowing in p.m.

March 29 - Harry's finished packing. Stayed at Geo's overnite. (Probably Geo Carlson as that is Harry's sister's husband). Harry took a load to Carver.

March 30 - Harry loaded the car. Fritz, Lee & Ted helped Harry. They plowed. Joe Johnson's baby died at North Branch.

April 1 - we went to St. Paul in a.m. At Johnson's for dinner, downtown in p.m. Stayed at Johnson's overnite.

April 3 - Went to Minneapolis, visited at Hans J. (?) & Mrs. Johnson & John Anderson. Came to St. Paul at 9:30 in eve. Joe Johnson's baby buried at East Union.

April 4 - Ma & Viola in church in am. In pm were at Dahquist's, Thompson's and at an Easter program in church in evening. Mrs. Hall buried at WU. Laura & Hildur walked to church. In p.m. Alf's children & Rob were here. In eve Edith & Maymie came here. Wes also was here. Willie came to Minneapolis from Sweden.

April 5 - in am went to Beystroms. Stayed there for dinner. Left for Mpls. In pm were at Christ Johnson's. Minnie & Ray met us at the depot. Mabel & Eailor left for Milaca at 4:15pm. We left Mpls at 7:30. Met Willie A. at the depot. Lillie & Fredolf met us at Carver. Mrs. Joe Johnson came to Lindquists. Were in at Mellborg's, had

lunch. Maymie left for Mpls. Came home at 11 o'clock. Very cold and snowing.

April 7 – Willie at grandpa's.

April 9 – Rob left Carver for Alvin's. *Alvin and Ada Stomberg – Ada sister of Alfreda. They had moved from Carver area to Graceville area. – L H*

April 13 – raked all day. Started seeding.

April 14 – we finished raking the lawn and burned it in the evening.

April 18 – Were in church in the am. Communion. In pm were down fishing for the first time this year. Lillie, Viola and Hildur over at Tengblad's. Fredolf at Brahee's & Mellgren's. Gilbert's at grandpa's.

April 19 – In pm fixed the incubator. Raked up at church.

April 20 – Saw an airplane (*I am sure they did not see many of them*). Fishing in pm. *She mentions often of going fishing in the creek.*

May 1 – G. Mellgrens got a girl. (referring to Gerhard & Emma daughter Lucille being born.)

May 2 – In am Ma, Pa and the girls were at church. Fredolf, Gilbert's & Lindstrom's were fishing in the creek. In pm Fredolf at the baseball game. Ma, Wesley and all the rest at Gilbert's. Walter's at Larson's and Gilbert's. Larson's & Hughes at Sandberg's. In the evening Fredolf at Lindstrom's. Viola at Sandberg's & Tengblad's. Mrs. S. & Marion came home from Mpls.

May 3 – In pm ma & pa were up at church raking and fixing the graveyard.

May 12 – The Raleigh man was here.

May 13 – Ma got a letter from Ada.

May 14 – started planting corn.

May 15 – We scrubbed, ironed the curtains and baked a cake. Mowed the lawn first time this spring. Mrs. B. Anderson lower. Dr. Bohland there. Big play in Carver.

May 16 – Mrs. B. Anderson died. *William's aunt married to Benjamin Anderson.*

May 19 – Felt's decorated the church in the evening. *Felt's were William's uncle & aunt.*

May 20 – In am Viola & Fredolf were up at church with flowers. Mrs. Johanna Anderson buried.

May 21 – Ma sewed Hildur a dress. Lillie, Viola up at church all day. Washed the church & hall.

May 22 – Ma sewed Laura a dress in am.

May 23 – Confirmation at EU

June 13 – *A typical Sunday* The girls at church in am. Pa & Fredolf over at S. Olsons. Walters from Winthrop were down. J.S. Olson got a telegram from Canada, A. Kraft died. In pm Fredolf, Lillie and Viola at B. P. (*Belle Plaine?*) Keystone defeated by WU. Uncle

Victor's here. Hildur & Wesley here. Pa took Maud and Fanny to Cologne. In evening went to get pa in Cologne. J. S. Anderson's here.

June 14 – School until 1 o'clock. Ma sewed Lillie's skirt and Girlie's dress.

June 15 – Mrs. C. Olson and A. Kraft were buried. We cooked 4 ½ Qts. Strawberries. Pa & Fredolf got a load of lumber from Larson's.

June 16 – We baked bread, doughnuts and egg cakes and churned. Gilbert over at grandpa's. Gilbert's got a girl in pm. (Ruby Theodora) Mrs. J. S. A. and Mrs. Sandberg at Gilbert's. It rained nearly all day. Nora at Gilbert's overnight. (Nora is Gilbert's sister who married Walter Brahee.

June 17 – In the morning Fredolf took ma across the creek went to Gilbert's. Hildur stayed home and baked at grandpa's. Got the license for the car. Sent Mabel & Ada each a letter.

June 19 - Ma came home at noon. Ma was at grandpa's in the afternoon.

June 20 – (*another interesting day of visiting etc.*) Fredolf, Viola, Laura and Lorena were at church in the am. Alexander's boy baptized in church. In the pm Fredolf at Mellgren's. All the girls and Elvin at Gilbert's. Walter's and Brahee's were at Gilbert's. Got Turn at Scotts. Girlie went to grandpa's from Gilbert's. Fredolf and Lillie at church in the evening.

June 21 – Lindstrom, Turn and Carl J. at grandpa's. (I think Lindstrom and Turn might be carpenters)

June 23 – Ma sewed Lillie's waist. (another term for blouse).

June 24 – Half day school. Ladies Aid & Sewing society at the parsonage. Fredolf took Lillie, Ma, Viola & the small children up there. Lillie stayed for choir practice & wiener roast. Laura & Lorena at Wanquist's in the pm. Grandpa & Nora were at Gilberts. It rained in the evening.

June 25 – Ma sewed the girl's petticoats & bloomers. Turn came here in the pm. Started building the garage. Carlson, Lundgren & Lindstrom also Sandberg at grandpa's.

June 26 – Rog & Hilda went out riding.

June 27 - Johns' at Winthrop. No services and no Sunday school. Viola, Hildur, & Wesley at John's. In the pm. All were out riding in Carver and around except pa & John Turn.

June 28 – Lillie sick. Viola taught school. The plasters finished at grandpa's. In the evening Lindstrom went home. Were down by the creek in the evening.

June 29 – Graduation at Watertown. Hildur came home and ma sewed her dress.

June 30 – Ma sewed Lillie's dress. Viola washed and ironed her white dress. Lindstrom here & helped pa.

July 1 – finished the yoke for Hildur's skirt.

July 4 - In pm all in church except pa, Elvin & Viola. Were at the ballgame in pm at Hallgren's

July 5 - Celebration at EU & WU. West Union played ball with Keystone at BP. WU won 3-2 score.

July 6 - We picked and canned 6 qts. gooseberries. Lindstrom & Turn were here.

July 7 - Turn, Lindstrom & John J. were here carpenting. In the evening pa took them over to Walter's. Ma baked and picked all the gooseberries. In evening, Viola S. Maymie, Lillie & Vila walked up to the church. Finished what got over from the 4th.

July 8 - We cleaned & cooked the gooseberries. Ma & Laura hoed the garden. Had the first new potatoes.

July 9 - Last day of school. Viola & Whilma at school in the pm. Ma picked raspberries. Sewing Society in the hall.

July 11 - All in church except Lillie & Whilma. Gilbert's baby baptized in church. Picnic at Doxmans ? Lake. Baseball game at Hallgren's. WU defeated.

July 12 - The river started to go over a little. Lillie sewed and fixed over her green dress.

July 14 - Pa & Fredolf at Carver and got the silo.

July 15 - Sent four orders to different companys.

July 16 - pa got the rest of the stuff for the silo. In pm Ma & Girlie were at Gilbert's. Ice cream social & Luther League in the evening.

July 19 - We washed, ironed and got Viola's & Hildur's stuff ready for Tues.

July 20 - Pa & Fredolf took the girls to the train in the morning.

July 21 - party for Mrs. J. S. Anderson.

July 24 - The folks started harvesting.

July 28 - Viola & Hildur came home from Milaca. Fredolf, Laura & Lorena met them at Carver. Hannah B. came to Felt's.

July 30 - Ma sewed. Started stacking.

August 4 - Lillie went over to grandpa's washed & ironed. Hildur at Walter's helped Nora with the meals. Stacking at Walter's.

August 5 - Ma fixed the sacks. Sent an order to Sa ---ge ?

August 6 - finished stacking.

August 9 - Received the goods (*material*)for our dresses. Sewed Viola's dress.

August 11 - All the ladies here on a quilting bee.

August 12 - Ma finished my green dress. Viola & Maymie were up in the woods. In the pm both societies at Mrs. Nelsons. Wiener roast in the pasture. Fredolf & Ruth got the wieners at Carver. Aug. Olsons got back from their trip. Ruth & Cosette at Walter's.

Aug. 14 - Ma sewed Lillie's dress & waist. In pm ma Fredolf & Whilma were at Hamburg & met grandma & Mrs. A.P.S.

Note:(*I feel this grandma was probably William's mother, Maja Stina Anderson who lived in Winthrop.*) Mrs. A.P.S. I feel is Mrs. A.P. Stomberg (Charlotta). Maja Stina and Charlotta were sisters. A.P. Stomberg is a 1st cousin of William Anderson. Charlotta Stomberg is also William's Aunt. A.P. & Charlotta Stomberg lived in Parnell on the western edge of MN.

August 15 – In am Mrs. A.P.S., Ma, Fredolf and the girls were at church. In pm all were at grandpa's.

August 16 – Trashing (*threshing?*) at Anton's. Grandma, Mrs. A.P.S. & grandma were at Felts. Mrs. A.P.S. stayed at Brahee's overnite.

August 17 – In am grandma B. & Mrs. Stomberg were over by the house and at Walters. In pm Mrs. S. were at Mellgrens.

August 18 – In am Joseph was here, fixed the car. In pm the ladies were at Mellgren's. Threshing.

August 19 – Threshing here in the pm. The threshers moved to Olander's at 6:30 pm. Carl, Rodney & Clarence slept here overnite. Anna was here in pm.

August 22 – Grandpa's & Mrs. Stomberg were at Nords.

August 23 – Pa were at Walter's threshing in the morning. Joe got Lillie, grandma & Mrs. Stomberg went to Gerhard's.

August 25 – Talked to J.S.A. at the mailbox.

August 26 – We finished the quilt.

August 27 – Mrs. Stomberg went home. Talked to J.S. Olsons & Mrs. A.P.S. thru the phone.

August 30 – We washed, ma sewed. Started picking some apples.

August 31 – In am we ironed, ma sewed the girl's dresses. Laura & Lorena were over picking butternuts in grandpa's woods.

Sept 2 – We cooked plums & canned corn. In pm the men folks went over to Hallgren's & started filling the silo.

Sept 6 – Ed J. had his fingers cut off on the corn cutter or shredder. Uncle John's at the State F.

Sept. 13 – The girls started school. Received my hat.

Sept 16 – Finished cutting corn. We picked the last plums & canned apple butter for grandma. Grandma was here for dinner and lunch.

Sept 21 - Fredolf & pa were at Ed Johnson's shocking corn.

Sept. 28 – Fixed the sugar cane.

Sept. 30 – Fredolf dug the potatoes.

Oct 4 – We canned apples & green tomatoes.

Oct. 11 – The men husked corn.

Oct 18 – Ma sewed. In evening Hildur came home, ma sewed her gingham dress.

Oct 22 – The electric men wired at Uncle Alf's. The folks husked corn.

Oct. 24 – In am ma & the girls in church. Ed Johnson boy was baptized in church. 13th wedding anniversary were celebrated at Ed Johnson in the pm. Were all there. Dance at Henry Hughes barn.

Oct. 27 The men folks hauled corn stalks.

Oct. 28 – Finished husking corn.

Oct. 29 – The children had Halloween trick in school.

Oct. 30 – The confirmation children met for the first time.

Oct. 31 – English services in church.

Nov. 2 – Election day. Fredolf & pa were at the town hall.

Nov. 4 – Red Cross meeting at the hall. Lillie were at Dowds school house. Stayed at Hallgren's overnite.

Nov. 10 – Ma sewed. Making cheese in the hall. Butchered two calves. Very cold.

Nov. 11 – Moved in the stove in the dining room & separator in kitchen. Very cold. In the evening dedication of the Memorial Tablet and chicken supper.

Nov. 16. - Ma sewed

Nov. 17 –Ma finished Whilma's dress and started on Lorena's. Sawed wood at the school house.

Nov. – 18 Ma finished Lorena's dress and did some on Laura's.

Nov. 19 – Fredolf worked on the road. The Sewing circle had their sale in the eve.

Nov. 20 – In am Fredolf worked on the road. Ma sewed. Laura & Lorena were in school.

Nov. 22 – No one in school. Ma sewed

Nov. 23 – No one in school. Ma sewed

Nov. 24 – Ma finished sewing and pressed the dresses. Received Hildur's coat and Lillie's shoes.

Nov. 25 – In am Laura, Hildur & Viola walked to church for services & for dinner. In pm all were there except pa. In evening were in EU.

Nov. 28 – English services & communion in church. Hildur & Viola walked to church. The roads were terrible.

Dec. 1 – Mission Meeting at church. Pa & Viola were there all day also for dinner & lunch. In evening Viola stayed and Fredolf came to church. Walked home. Very dark & the roads were bad.

Dec. 2 – Ma made a little coat out of her summer coat.

Dec. 7 - Grandma walked to Gilbert's.

Dec. 8 – We made the fruit cake. Mrs. A. V. Johnson sick. Amanda was there. In evening pa at J.S.A. Mrs. Johanna Johnson died.

Dec. 9 – In evening old Mrs. Edblom died.

Dec. 10 – We scrubbed and oiled the floor. Fredolf at grandpa's & butchered.

Dec. 11 – The girls were at school. Hildur were at grandpa's. We washed, cleaned, scrubbed and oiled the kitchen floor. Mrs. Ericka Johnna buried. In evening Fredolf were at Gotha. Baby was born. (Elford) Amanda stayed here overnight. *see note about Amanda

Dec. 12 – Grandma came here in the evening and stayed overnight.
 Dec. 13 – Amanda was here in am. Took in all the clothes. In evening aunt Anna came here and stayed overnite.
 Dec. 14 – We washed and baked. Aunt Anna were home. Anna & Ruby were here all day. In pm Aunt Thilda came here.
 Dec. 18 - In pm girls were at church & practiced for the Christmas program. Very cold weather.
 Dec. 21 – It snowed all day. Fredolf were up at the hall. Decorated the church and surprise on Dr. Nelson (pastor).
 Dec. 22 It snowed all day. In evening program at the school house.
 Dec. 23 – Program in Dist. 24. *See on map – lower left – L H*
 Dec. 24 – We cleaned all day. In pm the children were up at church practicing for Christmas.
 Dec. 25 – In the morning pa, Fritz, Lillie, Hildur and Viola were at church. In pm Fredolf were at Gilbert's, got a package from there. In evening Walter's, Gilbert's, Rob & we were at grandpa's. Anna stayed home overnite.
 Dec. 26 – In am Pa, Lillie, Viola & Whilma were at church. In evening were at the Christmas festival.
 Dec. 31 – took out the Christmas tree. In evening Hildur, Viola & Fredolf walked up to the hall.

Ending of the Year 1920

1921 Viola's Diary

Jan. 2 – In am Hildur & pa were at church. J. S. Olson's and Dr. Nelson's were here for dinner & supper. In the pm baby was baptized. Dr. Nelsons rode with Olson's back home.
 Jan 3 – Fredolf up at hall. Organized a band. *Does anyone have photos or info about band? LH*
 Jan 5 – Mrs. Swan Scott died. *Mentioned in August Brahee letter to Sweden 16 March 1921. LH*
 Jan 6 – Rabbit Fry at Lindstrom's. Ordered the instruments for the band.
 Jan 7 – Fredolf, Gilbert and Robert shot 10 rabbits.
 Jan 8 – Pa & Viola rode with Brahee's to EU. Mrs. Scott buried. In pm birthday party on grandma at John's. (note: this grandma is William's mother Maja Stina. Wonder if John is William's brother Lars Johan)
 Jan 12 – 14 below zero. In pm Clarence & Fredolf were over at Lundberg's practicing their trombones.

Jan 20 – August Berlin buried in EU (August Brahee's nephew who was killed in TX) *Also mentioned in August Brahee letter to Sweden 16 March 1921. LH*

Jan 23 – In am Viola, Hildur & Fredolf walked to church. In pm Dora, Harlan & Ted were here, also Marie L. Gilbert's, Walter's & Florence O. were at grandpa's. In evening Fredolf, Oscar's & Viola were at Walter's. (one of those typical visiting days)

Jan 24 – Hildur stayed home. We washed, Laura stayed at grandpa's overnite. Grandma was here and sewed herself a night gown.

Jan 25 – Emil Felt's got a girl. (Loretta Marion)

Jan 26 – Victor Lundquist got a girl in Graceville (Doris Eleanor)

Feb 11 - Viola, Hildur & Viola S. walked up to church. Program and candy social in evening.

Feb 13 – Willie were at grandpa's.

Feb 22 – Mrs. (Sven Johanna) Johnsons died in Mpls.

Feb 23 – Oscar helped Gilbert drive some hogs to Carver.

Feb 25 –Mrs. Johnson buried in pm. In evening band concert and pie-ala-mode.

Feb 26 – Box social and entertainment in Dist. 25

Feb 28 – Lillie started practicing teaching in Dist. 25.

Mar 3 – Auction at Herman A. the men folks were there. Received the goods from Montgomery and Sears Roebuck.

Mar 6 – In am Fredolf fixed the car and drove to Brahee's & Mellgrens.

Mar 7 – It snowed and rain. Sent two orders one to Philip ____ Chicago Mail order. Lillie walked over to Dist. 25 in the morning. Ma sewed four aprons also baked bread.

Mar 8 – Lillie teaching at Dist 24.

Mar 9 – In am called from St. Paul - auntie died in the morning. Had a letter from Lillie. She teached in Dist. 24

Mar 11 – In the morning Fredolf and Oscar left for St. Paul. Auntie buried in St. Paul. Lillie came home.

Mar 12 – Viola, Lillie and Viola walked up to Dist. 24. Play given and basket social.

Mar 13 – A student from St. Peters had English services in church. Received the goods from Phillips__. C.F. A. came home from Stillwater.

Mar 14 – Mrs. Aug. Scotts died in Mpls.

Mar 17 – Mrs. Aug Scotts was buried at East Union.

Mar 23 – Dr. at John's, auntie low also. Fredolf sick, not at band practice.

Mar 24 – Clinton very low. A.P. Felt very low. Dr. at Felt's and John's.

Mar 25 – Clarence here and fixed the car. In evening Clinton very low. Amanda stayed there.

Mar 29 – Clinton changed for the better. Ma ironed and cleaned all the lamps.

Mar 30 – Ma & Pa washed. Fredolf got sick in pm. Amanda talked to grandma. Clinton little better.

Viola has written of so much sickness recently

Apr 3 – Dr. at Mellgren's in am Dr. here in pm. Hildur better "Yellow Jaundice."

Apr 5 – Hildur getting better. The others worse.

Apr 9 – Florence & Anna came back from California.

Apr 10 – Were fishing, got 50 fishes.

Apr 12 – Pa finished seeding the oats.

Apr 15 – Dr. here at noon. Lillie & Fredolf in bed. In pm pa & Herbert were at BP got medicines.

Apr 16 – Lillie & Fredolf same or lower.

Apr 17 – Fredolf lower and Lillie the same.

Apr 18 – Dr. here - Fredolf & Lillie lower. In evening pa got the medicine at John Mellgrens. Oscar got the painter at Carver.

Apr 19 – Fredolf & Lillie the same. Pa planted potatoes & plowed for the garden.

Apr 20 – Hildur fixed the chicken coops.

Apr 21 – Hildur were at J. S. A. exchanged eggs.

Apr 22 – Moved down the flowers from upstairs. Elvin got sick. Hildur set two hens.

Apr. 23 – Elvin also in bed all day.

Apr 24 – Herbert Peterson got a girl. Grandma got sick

Apr. 26 – Robert was here all day. In pm Dr. Bohland & Kennedy were here. Fredolf better.

Apr. 27 – Elvin up

Apr 28 – Elvin in bed again. Grandma was up

Apr. 29 – In am Dr. Kennedy was here. Fredolf getting better, sitting up in bed. In evening Robert & Gilbert were here with medicine. Got the washing machine.

May 1 – Elvin was up all day. No one at church. Sunday School started.

May 2 – Fredolf came downstairs first time since taken sick. (first mentioned on Apr. 15) In pm Ma & Hildur planted some garden stuff.

May 3 – Ma & Hildur washed all day. Birthday party on Aug. Olson.

May 4 – Last day of school. Hildur along. Picnic in the woods. Fredolf weighed himself.

May 6 – We're fishing. Had the 1st rhubarb.

May 7 – Laura was home planted the flower seeds

May 8 – Communion in church. In pm Fredolf at Hallgren's (first time Viola mentioned he'd been out)

May 9 – In pm washed the car. Had all the clothes out in the big box. (anyone know what that is about?)

May 14 – Hildur at the hall in the pm. (often she is at the hall – anyone know why)

May 16 – cleaned the old shanty and Fredolf's room. Took out all the stoves. Pa finished with the corn planting.

May 21 – Uncle John took grandma to Winthrop.

May 22 – In am all were in church except Lillie, Viola & baby. EU & WU played ball at Burlings. WU defeated 3 to 1 score.

May 23 – Swedish School started. Esther as teacher & Ellen O. at Dist. 24. (Ellen Olson is a 2nd cousin of Viola – 24 years old).

May 28 – Finished Lillie's dress. Dora & Maymie came home from Mpls. Sandberg's took family picture. In evening weiner roast in Sandberg woods. Fredolf at John's fixed the car.

May 30 – WU played ball with Keystone at Henderson and were defeated 17 to 6. In the evening all were at church excepting ma and three small ones. Mowed the lawn and planted the sugar cane.

May 31 – in am we cleaned all over. In pm all the ladies were here on Mother's birthday. (she would be 42)

June 5 – In am Laura sick. All at church except Whilma, Elvin & Viola. Fredolf got Lillie while the rest were at church. In pm Lillie unpacked all her stuff. In evening were up at church. Edith A. & Arthur Honebrink were married.

June 6 – ma sewed her dress. We cleaned the cellar and mowed the lawn. Cooked 12 qt. Rhubarb. In pm 2 men from Cologne were here. Put lightning rod on the silo.

June 7 – Ma sewed and baked. Mended all the clothes.

June 8 – We washed and churned. Gust J. was here fixing a rope.

June 13 – Ma & Hildur weeded the garden. In pm Hildur helped the men take in the alfalfa. (this is the 1st time Viola has written of one of the girls helping in the field) In evening Fredolf, Lillie, Hildur & Viola were up at church, fixed the graves.

June 14 – In am Laura & Lorena at school. In pm Lillie ironed & ma sewed/

June 15 – Lorena at school. Lillie ironed & ma made Laura's dress. In pm grandma was at Gilberts made her dress.

June 16 – we cooked some marmalade.

June 17 – Baby sick. In evening were up at the hall. Program. Band concert & ice cream social.

June 18 – We washed the car. J. S. A. left for Cokato. In evening Fredolf & Viola and the kids were at J. S. A. doing chores.

June 20 – Cooked pie plants & gooseberries. In pm party on Mrs. Hall at Edbloms.

June 21 – ma sick, Dr. Knotz? was here. Lillie got her proofs.

June 22 – Ma in bed. We baked and ironed and also dyed some stuff.

June 23 – Ma better and up. Whilma went along to school.

June 24 – Ma made Viola's blue organdie dress.

June 25 – In am ma finished my dress, also sewed bloomers in the pm.
 Albert Nord was buried.
 June 27 – Lillie got her waist in the mail. In the evening Fredolf,
 Lillie & Viola were at choir practice.
 June 29 – canned gooseberries, currents and raspberries.
 June 30 – ma made her dress.
 July 1 – Whilma & Elvin were at school. Last day of Swedish school.
 July 4 – Harry's (&Mabel) got a girl (Gudrun)
 July 7 - Ma, Fredolf, baby took Lillie, Lorena & Mrs. Mellborg to
 Excelsior. Took train to Milaca. Had a card from Mabel.
 July 11 – in pm Ma were at Felt's on a birthday party. Hildur helped
 with the haying. Finished with the first hay crop.
 July 12 – Started harvesting.
 July 17 – Harry's baptized their baby in Milaca
 July 18 – Started cutting the oats.
 July 19 – finished harvesting. Had the first new cabbage & cooked
 green tomatoes. Also found cucumbers. Started stacking.
 July 21 – In evening were at Larson's , Clinton's birthday.
 July 22 – Started shock threshing.
 July 25 – received word that A. L. Anderson from Winthrop was dead.
 Wrote letters.
 July 26 – Sent back the waist & sent for pr. of shoes. Ma made her
 blue skirt.
 July 27 - Ma started Whilma's dress. Dug the potatoes. In evening
 pa & Fredolf were at B P with potatoes. The men started plowing.
 Grandpa's started papering.
 Aug 2 – Had a letter from Ada.
 Aug 3 – ma sewed for Viola all day. Had a letter from Lillie.
 Aug 4 – finished Villa's dress, also made a dress for Whilma and suit
 for Elvin.
 Aug 7 – Were at Winthrop all day. Had a fine time. Alf's & Aug.
 Olson's also were there.
 Aug 8 – Hildur were at grandpa's washing & papering.
 Aug 16 – Ma made Lorena's dress.
 Aug 17 – Ma sewed for Laura. Oscar broke his finger.
 Aug 18 – Fredolf took Oscar to dr.
 Aug 26 – In evening were at Hallgren's on a watermelon &
 muskmelon feed.
 Aug 27 – cleaned everywhere and prepared for the picnic.
 Aug 28 – In morning Maymie & Marion were over. Were at church in
 am. Went out to Lake Minnetrista (maybe) for dinner and supper. In
 evening were at show and at the pavilion.
 Aug 31 – in evening moved the tractor & machine here. (I had
 wondered if they had a tractor)
 Sept 1 – Filled silo here all day.

Sept 5 – (This is the first time that Viola uses Elford instead of baby when referring to her little brother)

Sept 6 – We canned jelly, apples, plums & cucumbers. Lillie was at J.S. Olson's all day making her dress. Walked home in the evening. (a lot of dress making going on, I suspect for Oscar's wedding)

Sept 7 – Lorena, Ma & baby were at Mellgrens sewing Lorena's dress.

Sept 9 – Nylanders got a girl. (Florence)

Sept 11 – Walter had his car smashed.

Sept 12 – Laura (11 year old) & Lorena (9 years old) started school. (I do not know when they quit school,) Hildur home, ma sewed her dress. In evening were up practicing for Wednesday.

Alvin's got a girl (Millie).

Sept 13 – We pressed and ironed. Ma sewed.

Sept 14 – Gilbert's got a boy. (Ruben) Ma finished sewing in the am. In pm ma were at Gilbert's. In pm Fredolf & Gilbert M. were up at church with flowers. In evening were at the wedding. (Oscar & Florence). In rained in the evening.

Sept 16 – Ma at Gilbert's all day. In the pm were at Chaska and took the pictures.

Sept 22 – Oscar & Florence were in the city.

Sept 23 – In evening all except Lillie & small ones were at Carver to see the parade.

Sept 24 – Were all at County Fair.

Sept 26 – Oscar got his furniture.

Sept 27 – Hildur helped husk corn in the am.

Sept 29 – In am husked the pop corn. Hildur helped husk corn all day.

Sept 30 – In am Hildur along in the corn field.

Oct 3 – dug potatoes in pm. Heavy frost.

Oct 4 – finished haying. Brought in all flowers, cleaned cellar.

Oct 5 – Alf's got word – grandma sick. (William's mother Maja Stina). Ma, Pa, Alf's, Thilda, Fredolf & Elford went to Winthrop. Stayed overnight.

Oct 6 – At noon pa Fredofs & Thilda came home

Oct 8 – Ma, Elford & Alf came home from Winthrop.

Oct 9 – Clarence, Ardie & Lillie took John to Winthrop.

Oct 10 – Lillie commenced school.

Oct 14 – In evening were at Luther League. Robert & Ruth rode with us. Played games up at Dist. 24.

Oct 16 – Grandma died in the morning (William's mother MajaStina). Ma, pa, Fredolf, john, Alf, Herb & Evelyn were at Winthrop. Pa stayed there.

Oct 17 – Pa came home in the evening.

Oct 20 – Were all at John's for dinner & supper. Grandma buried. Victor's stayed at Alf's overnite. Mrs. Nelson at John's. Mrs. Swanberg & John Anderson at Felt's. Lillie went back to Mattfelds.

Oct 22 – Lillie up at church decorating for Sun.

Oct 23 – All were at church. Confirmation. Oscar's, grandpa's, & Wesley were here for dinner & supper.
 Oct 31 – Hildur started school. Fredolf & Viola rode with Herb & Evelyn down to Walter Lundberg's on a Halloween party.
 Nov 1 – Dug the carrots.
 Nov 19 – Moved in the separator.
 Nov 21 – Snowed in the am. Washed and put in all the storm windows and doors.
 Nov 22 – Polished & put in the stove in the dining room.
 Nov 23 – Baked bread, pie & cake, fixed for Thanksgiving & cleaned in the kitchen.
 Nov 24 – Fredolf took Ruth to Cologne.
 Nov 25 – In pm ma & pa were at uncle John's. Cleaned out the old house. In the evening Lillie & Viola rode with Oscar's to the parsonage. Made out the Christmas program.
 Dec 1 – sewed & crochet.
 Dec 2 – Colder weather. Ma sewed and made soap.
 Dec 9 – In the evening band practice and chivory.
 Dec 3 & 10 – girls at the hall practicing for Christmas.
 Dec 13 – Pa & Fredolf were at Carver with roosters & old hens.
 Dec 22 – Ma sewed. Viola was up at church decorating for Christmas. In evening Fredolf, Lillie, Hildur & Viola walked up to Dist. 24 for the program.
 Dec 23 – Made candy & filled boxes. Received package from National & Christmas cards. Were at Dist 64 for the program & candy social. Band practice and oyster stew. John Lundborg received a Christmas present from the band boys.
 Dec 25 – overslept in the morning. Bummed all day. In the evening were at Hallgren's on a party.
 Dec 26 – Ironed the girls white dresses. In the evening all were at Christmas festival except pa & Elford.
 Dec 30 – ma sewed. Telephone men were here. Hildur were at the hall practicing a song.
 Dec 31 – Ma finished Hildur's dress. Ironed, cleaned & baked. In evening ma, Laura, Viola, Hildur, Lillie & Fritz were at church.
 Ending of year 1921

1922

There were many of the same activities like from the previous years..cleaning, churning, visiting, family sick etc.

Jan 22 – Very cold, 18 below zero. About 20 people in church.
 Jan 23 – In the evening chimney fire at A.V. Johnson's.
 Jan 27 – Swept upstairs, took in all the clothes, scrubbed & oiled the floors in the D.R. The folks got two loads of wood from the river.

Jan 28 – grandma sick, Laura went over there. Mrs. Felt sick. Carl John died at Carver.

Jan 30 – Mrs. Felt very low. (This is William Anderson's aunt – A. P. Felt's wife Christina)

Feb 1 – Dr. at Felt's. Snowstorm started.

Feb 2 – Blizzard. Only Lyla at school. No mail. Miss Rosenau (Ruth who married Fritz – Dorothy said they met when Ruth was teaching school there) was at Uncle Alf's in pm.

Feb 3 – Fredolf took the girls to school. Basket social was postponed. Got a letter from Mabel. Emil Felt's came to Felt's

Feb 5 – In pm Walter's & Miss Rosenau were here.

Feb 7 – Dr. at Felt's. Mrs. Felt weaker. Ellen & Ruth came to Felt's. In the evening ma & pa at Felt's.

Feb 8 – Grandma sick. Laura stayed there overnite. The men got the last wood from the river.

Feb 9 – Mrs. Felt very low. Dr. Nelson there. (pastor)

Emil came back. Sent a telegram to Algoth Felt (one of the sons)

Feb 10 – Dr. at Felt's & grandpas. Grandma bad headache. Mrs. Felt died at 2pm (Christina-Mrs. A.P. Felt) Uncle John there. Edith O. was helpless.

Viola was 17 years old when writing this section of her diary in 1922 about death of August Brahee.

March 27, 1922 – Grandpa's all sick. (August Brahee) Nora & Florence at grandpa's.

Sent telegram to Ada. Viola over there. Fredolf at Walter's cutting down trees. Rained in the evening. Were at the schoolhouse.

March 28 – Grandpa better. Fredolf at Walter's.

March 29 – The same. Sawed wood at Oscar's and Walter's. Fritz at Walter's.

March 30 – Nora sick with flu. Dr. at Grandpas and Walters. In evening ma was over while we were at schoolhouse.

March 31 – Dr. at grandpa's and Walter's. Mrs. L. came to Walter's.

April 1 – Dr. at grandpa's and Walter's. In evening Oscar at Brahee's.

April 2 – Grandpa getting worse. Dr. and Dr. Nelson (pastor at WU) there. Anna, A Albert, Oscar's, ma & pa were there. Telegram to Ada.

April 3 – Dr. there. Grandpa very low. Ma stayed there. Oscar & Walter were there.

Walfred was there.

April 4 – Dr. there. Grandpa very low. Josie & Ruth were there. Mrs. Anton J. were there. Also Florence, pa, Hildur & Elford were there.

April 5 Gilbert's were there all day. Dr. there. Little better in am. Dora came to Walter's. Called Graceville. Mrs. L. went home. Grandpa died at 7 o'clock P.M. Felt's & Aug. Olson's & pa were there in the evening.

April 6 – Fredolf met Ada & Mildred at Cologne in the morning. Gilbert got Anna.

Hallgren's & Emmons? were there. Wesley at Wm's.

April 7 – Laura & Florence were at grandmas. Ada, ma, pa, Oscar & Fritz were at Carver & Chaska. Lillie came home. Viola stayed home overnight.

April 8 – Viola was over there all day. In evening Oscar & Wesley met Oscar Vig.

April 9 – Were home. It rained. In PM Hildur & Lillie were at grandmas. Anna came home. Dr. there. Grandma very weak. Mrs. Aug. CP and Ed Larsons were there. Dahlin came from SD. In evening Fritz & Adolph met Louis and Swan.

April 10 – Viola went there in the morning. At noon Johnsons & Lofgren came from Hopkins. Grandpa buried. Were there for supper. Took Louis, Swan, Johnson and Lofgren down to Carver.

***April 11** – Lillie went back to school

*Note : this is the last entry.