## Gertrude Tallman Diary - April/May/June 1904

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| 33 | । | Fri | Rainy | Went to Oswego on 12.30 churned butter 10 3/4\# |  | 5 gal Kerosene |  |
| 37 | 2 | Sat | cldy. | Came home on 1.05 | 8 doz eggs @ . 6 doz | BKP@. 50 - I 3/4 lb cheese . 262 pk force @ . 25 yeast @ 4 I/2 dz broom $\$ 1.70$ |  |
| 31 | 3 | Sun | Easter cold snow cldy |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 4 | Mon | clear | churned butter 8 I/2 \# | 5 doz. eggs @ . 15 |  |  |
| 27 | 5 | Tue | clear | Coal fire went out Surprise of Mr \& Mrs J. D. Calvert. |  |  |  |
| 35 | 6 | Wed |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 7 | Thur | clear |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | 8 | Fri | showry | Ida cleared parlor Took coal stove down. |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | 9 | Sat | showry | Frank Neville \& I cleaned sitting room. | $8 \mathrm{doz}+7$ eggs @ . 16 | Pk min tapioca. 10 cornstarch . 10 box cocoa . $25-2$ pk force 25-4\#oats . 16 |  |
| 25 | 10 | Sun | cldy | Went to Church. |  |  |  |
| 31 | 11 | Mon | cldy snow flakes | I washed + took tacks out of my carpet + I cleaned my room. |  |  |  |
| 31 | 12 | Tues | showry |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | 13 | Wed | Pleas. | l ironed + baked bread | $3 \mathrm{doz}+1$ egg @ . 15 | I lb Sunny Sope Coffee 25 \| " castile soap . 15 |  |
| 32 | 14 | Thur | 2 in. snow snow this a.m. | G + I cleaned store room + corner room + took tacks out of 2 carpets. |  |  |  |
| 34 | 15 | Fri | cold Snow P.M. | $\mathrm{G}+$ I cleaned front room cloths press + hall tack out of one carpet |  |  |  |
| 29 | 16 | Sat | cold snow on ground | G + I cleaned Franks room + Ida's room. A.M.Took pipe down churned 3 \# butter |  |  |  |

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| 33 | 17 | Sun | 3\# clear |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 18 | Mon | pleas | I washed G cleaned hall AM.We put carpet down | 91/2doz egss @.16 | 2 lb cracker . $2 \mathrm{l} \quad 3 \mathrm{lb}$ cheese 42 . । oz lemon extract. 10 |  |
| 18 | 19 | Tues | $19^{\circ}$ at 7 P.M. cold snowed hard | G + I cleaned Ma's bedroom + two cupboards in dining room |  |  |  |
| 24 | 20 | Wed | $29^{\circ}$ 6P.M. cold <br> Blizzard | $\mathrm{G}+$ I cleaned dining room Ida $+G$ put carpet down. I finished ironing. |  |  |  |
| 17 | 21 | Thur | warmer clear | G + I cleaned pantry + two glass fronts (sides) |  |  |  |
| 18 | 22 | Fri | $16^{\circ} \mathrm{AM}$. clear | G + I cleaned kitchen glass front + back entry. finished. |  |  |  |
| 19 | 23 | Sat | warm 65 pleas | B + I went to Hannibal AM. I up to Silas P.M. B. Ida + I spent evening at Ida Williams |  |  |  |
| 20 | 24 | Sun | cloudy rain | Ida + Frank went to church B_Ida went to Mr.Wilsons P.M. I sick all day |  |  |  |
| 19 | 25 | Mon | $51 / 2$ | Ida churned $5 \mathrm{l} / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. butter |  |  |  |
| 15 | 26 | Tues | cloudy | I washed. Took colts pictures. went up to Silas |  |  |  |
| 39 | 27 | Wed | cldy rain | 1 ironed baked bread. |  |  |  |
| 24 | 28 | Thur | rainy | finished ironing. B + I went to Hannibal P.M. | 14 doz eggs @ . 16 | molasses 255 gal kerosene 65 inde ink 25 coffee .25 oranges + lemons 50 |  |
| 30 | 29 | Fri | cldy rain | I painted kitchen floor. |  |  |  |
| 24 | 30 | Sat | misty cldy. | Baked bread. swept cleaned lamps +c . |  |  |  |
| 42 | 31 | $7-2$ <br> 81/2 \# <br> 83 eggs set | 27 3/4\#\# butter | 81/2\# jersey butter | 48 doz+2 egg sold. |  |  |

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| I |  | S.? ? oil . 65 |  |  | Miss Henthorn calf Sept 1903 |
| 2 | J Steveson eggs 1.28 | J Steveson groc \$2.75 Oswego I doz oranges 28 |  |  | Settle Jersey Mar 21, '04 Frank Neville began work at 22 Apr '04 Came Mar. 29, '04 P.M. |
| 3 | Feb 25 | 20 sacks flour \$25.25 |  |  |  |
| 4 | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { S. _? Store } & 5 \text { doz } \\ \text { eggs } & .80 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | Kents, Eastons, Mrs. Andrews, 3 Domineys, + I. B. F. + I went to party |
| 5 |  | Sack Graham B. paid. 25 |  |  | Ida went to Miss. Meeting |
| 6 |  |  |  |  | Ida + Bernham went to Hannibal |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { J Steveson } 8 \text { 7/I2doz } \\ & \text { eggs 1.37 } \end{aligned}$ | J Steveson Groceries . 86 |  |  | B went to Hannibal + after Frank |
| 9 |  |  |  |  | Wade Dominey broth us a nice fish |
| 10 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hall + Archer } 9 \text { 3/4\# } \\ & \text { beef @. } 08 \end{aligned}$ | B. Paid. . 79 |  | Ida went to Hannibal PM Bernahm 2 _ ?- to _? |
| 11 |  |  |  |  | drew I load of potatoes to Crocketts. |
| 12 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S._?_Store } 31 / 12 \mathrm{doz} \\ & \text { eggs } 46 \end{aligned}$ | Groceries . 40 |  |  | Dine at Fred Jerrott's tonight. |
| 13 |  |  |  | Dominey Heifers calf came today. | Gertrude Green came to help clean at $\$ 2.50$ week |
| 14 |  | 8 lb beef @ . 10 80 |  |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  | set 2 hens 29 eggs | My Jersey calf went P.M at . $05 \mathrm{lb} 112-\$ 5.60$ |
| 16 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 17 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | J Steveson 9 I/2 doz eggs 1.52 | J Steveson Groceries 73 |  |  |  |
| 19 |  | S _? Store I/2 doz oranges 15 |  | set 2 hens 28 eggs | German Charlie Hough came at 9 P.M |
| 20 |  |  |  | set I hen 13 eggs | _?- went to work for JD Calvert, sleep here |
| 21 |  |  |  | set I hen 13 eggs |  |
| 22 |  |  |  |  | Mr Murry of Canastota bought black 4 year old colts Fred + Frank |
| 23 |  |  |  | white leghorn 30 | Gertie Green went home this A.M. Got $2 \mathrm{I} / 2$ doz eggs ofWill to set. white leghorn |
| 24 |  |  |  | (Will Williams) 30 eggs set 2 hens white leghorn 21 chicks |  |
| 25 |  |  |  |  | Bernham + I went north took colts (Fred Frank) to Red Creek to ship to Canastotia Mr Murry here at noon. |
| 26 |  |  |  |  | B + I _? I went to Auburn + bought horse |
| 27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JS } 4 \text { I/2 doz } \\ & \text { eggs } .72 \\ & \text { S.V. } 9 \text { doz I/2 } \\ & \text { I. } 52 \end{aligned}$ | 4 lb steak .50 <br> Groceries . 75 + oil _ I.15 |  |  | I _?- brought horse to night. Ida papered at Silas this P.M. |
| 28 |  |  |  | Set 2 hens Plymouth Rock (Engless) 26 eggs | B took new horse to G. Cooper's shop. P.M. |
| 29 |  |  |  |  | B went to Hannibal I went to Florries + stopped at Silas on way home. |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | $\$ 7.67$ | \$10.06 \$2.47-3 \$2.44 |  |  |  |



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| 31 | I | Sun | Foggy clear | B + I went to Aunt Sarah' at Fair Haven start about II. |  |  |  |
| 31 | 2 | Mon | warm clear | I washed + put screens in windows + c | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \text { I/2 doz eggs @ } \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ pepper. $10 \quad 5 \mathrm{l} / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ meat .50 | 2+1b cheese. 33 |
| 24 | 3 | Tues | 212 \# clear | \| ironed, raked yard P.M. churned 2 |/2 \# butter |  |  |  |
| 32 | 4 | Wed | warm clear | 1 finished ironing |  |  |  |
| 25 | 5 | Thurs | warm clear | Filled 2 ticks helped weigh oats Mr Kipp. swept my room baked bread. went up to S's. P.M. |  |  |  |
| 28 | 6 | Fri | warm clear | I baked cake put 2 window lights in barn +c . |  |  |  |
| 21 | 7 | Sat | hot clear | swept dining room +c went to see Carrie Myers P.M. | $\begin{aligned} & 51 / 2 \text { doz eggs @ } \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 23 | 8 | Sun | 2\# pleas | churned 2 lb . butter |  |  |  |
| 22 | 9 | Mon | warm clear cool rain | I washed + c |  |  |  |
| 24 | 10 | Tues | cool clear | I ironed +c . Ma + I went to Silas P.M. |  |  |  |
| 20 | 11 | Wed | cold clear | I finished ironing went up to Silas P.M. | 3 doz egss @. 17 | 4 lb rolled oats. 20 l lb coffee .25 $2 \mathrm{I} / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ cheese. |  |
| 17 | 12 | Thurs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { cold } 31 / 4 \# \\ & \text { clear } \end{aligned}$ | Made cake churned $31 / 4 \mathrm{lbs}+\mathrm{c}$ | 5 doz egg @ . 17 | 2 pk. Force 25 IIb cocoanut. 20 <br> 4 qt beans. 35 |  |
| 23 | 13 | Fri | warm clear | Baked bread + pies worked butter +c B went after Ida P.M. |  |  |  |
| 21 | 14 | Sat | clear rainy |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | 15 | Sun | rainy cldy | F. took Ida to Center P.M. B went to see Jim Malone Ma + I went up to Silas |  |  |  |
| 21 | 16 | Mon | $\begin{aligned} & \text { cool } 23 / 4 \text { \# } \\ & \text { pleas } \end{aligned}$ | I churned 2 3/4 \# butter, mowed lawn P.M. Ma + I went up to allies + Silas in evening |  |  |  |

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| 25 | 17 | Tues | pleas | I made cake yeast worked butter ironed +c |  |  |  |
| 19 | 18 | Wed | cool cldy | I baked bread ironed +c clearned kettle in hog pen $+c$ | 7 1/2 doz eggs @. 17 | \| 34-2 - steak pork. 2 | <br> 4 lb brown sugar 20 <br> \| lb mocha + _?_ coffee 30 I8\# soap grease . 54 |  |
| 17 | 19 | Thur | cool showry | I baked cake finished ironing $\mathrm{Ma}+\mathrm{I}$ went up to Silas eve. |  |  |  |
| $12 \quad 16$ | 20 | Fri | $31 / 2 \#$ | I baked bread churned 8 \|/2 \# butter |  |  |  |
| 18 | 21 | Sat | cool clear | B + I went to Oswego | 3 dozegg @. 17 <br> 7 lb butter @ . 20 |  |  |
| 27 | 22 | Sun | warm clear | F + Ma took Ida to Center I sick |  |  |  |
| 16 | 23 | Mon | warm 4 I/2\# showry | Ma churned 4 I/2\# butter I made hen coop + c |  |  |  |
| 15 | 24 | Tues | pleas | I made pudding rioned a.m. p.m. wroked butter Ma + I mowed yard + fixed flower bed. |  |  |  |
| 23 | 25 | Wed | hot thunder showr | I planted nasturion seeds ironed + Ma and \| went up to Silas P.M. |  |  |  |
| 14 | 26 | Thur | warm 3 I/2\# <br> variable | I churned 3 \|/2\# butter A.M. P.M put front screen door up |  |  |  |
| 15 | 27 | Fri | pleas | I worked butter made cake + cookies +c |  | I lb coffee . 30 2\# codfish . 19 I/4\# nutmeg 18 minute tapioca I02pk force. 25 |  |
| 22 | 28 | Sat | 2\# pleas | I baked bread made ice cream. swept dining room + my room got dinner lda churned about 3\# butter | 6 1/2 doz eggs @. 17 |  |  |
| 15 | 29 | Sun | warm pleas | froz cream B S.I + I went over to see cattle. F went to church at Hannibal. |  |  |  |
| 28 | 30 | Mon | rainy | I worked butter + c. B made soap _ put on two screen doors. |  |  |  |
| 13 | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 48 \mathrm{doz}+ \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | Tues | 24\# pleas sprinkle | I made cake + pie +c Put begonias out P.M 25 \# butter sold 7 I/2\# at $20=\$ 1.50$ | 40 doz sold |  |  |


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| 1 |  |  |  |  |  | Aunt Sarah + Uncle Agustus would have been married 60 years today |
| 2 | I Stevenson 8 1/2 eggs 1.36 | Groceries $5 \mathrm{l} / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. meat | $\begin{aligned} & .43 \\ & .50 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | B +F went to Hannible eve. 3 loads of hay went today |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  | Mr Isaac Howe called here P.M. |
| 4 | Geo. Richmond I doz eggs . 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  | B began sowing oats back of peach orchard - Three men after oats. Mr Kipp Irv Smith + Mr Hall (westerner) Mother came home from Mich today on I2.3\| |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | J Stevenson $5 \mathrm{I} / 2$ doz eggs .88 | $2 \mathrm{I} / 2 \mathrm{lb}$ beef steak 5 1/2" beef . 55 | $25$ |  |  | I st chickens hatch today |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  | B took Ida to center P.M. Allie Calvert here for minutes P.M. |
| 10 |  |  |  |  | Ida began teaching at Center | Ida began teaching for Mrs. Ball.(finishing term) |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  | Mr. Baker after oats P.M. B finished sewing oats P.M. |
| 12 | S. _? Store <br> 3 doz eggs .5। | Groceries <br> $2 \mathrm{I} / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. cheese. | $.45 \text { Factory }$ |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |  |  | Mother + I went to Hannibal with Bess + stopped to Florries to tea. |
| 14 |  |  |  |  |  | Surprise party here Kents Calverta Eatons Domineys Prossers. Mrs W + Sida |
| 15 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S_? } \\ & \text { 3lb steak @ . } 12 \text { I/2 } \end{aligned}$ | $.37$ |  |  | Ma Ida + I went to Fair Haven with Bess Marbleman then Auburn |

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|  |  |  | Ther. | Butter Asp'cts |  |  |  |  |
| -?- | । | Wed |  | showry | I ironed +c. Ma + I went to Mini Kents P.M. |  |  |  |
| 12 | 2 | Thur |  | $33 / 4$ \# pleas | I ironed, painted pantry floor, made pudding, $+c$. Ma churned 3 3/4\# butter | 5 doz eggs @ . 17 |  |  |
| 16 | 3 | Fri | cool | cloudy | Baked bread, cake, made pie filling finished ironing worked butter |  | roast. 44 steack. 25 |  |
| 19 | 4 | Sat. |  | $23 / 4 \#$ shower | I washed dishes churned 2 3/4@ butter, swept, worked butter + c |  |  |  |
| 17 | 5 | Sun |  | warm | I took Ida to Center + brought ma hom with Bess. P.M. |  |  |  |
| 16 | 6 | Mon |  |  | I took washing to Sil McMillen put screen on ironed |  |  |  |
| 26 | 7 | Tues |  | 2 3/4\# showry cool | I went after washing ironed + ma churned 2 3/4\# butter |  |  |  |
| 21 | 8 | Wed | cool | showry | I baked bread cleaned cellar windows + ceiling. ma cleaned cellar |  |  |  |
| 17 | 9 | Thur | cool | windy | I made cookies cake pudding. finished ironing | 7 doz eggs @ . 16 | yeast . 04-2 pk Force . $25-2$ cans salmon .30 vanilla $15=$ I\# coffee 28 |  |
| 20 | 10 | Fri | cool | pleas | baked bread made screen for cellar window mosed some $+c$ |  |  |  |
| 18 | 11 | Sat. | cool | 2 1/2\# pleas | Ida churned 2 I/2\# butter I took B + Roy to Stephen Olivers after 2 heifers. swept dining room cleaned lamps worked butter $+c$ |  |  |  |
| 20 | 12 | Sun | cool | clear pleas | Ma Ida + I went to Church heard Mr Kellogg on hill eve. |  |  |  |
| 37 | 13 | Mon | warm | 2\# clear | I made yeast churned 2\# butter washed milk cans sprayed rose bushes worked butter $+c$ |  |  |  |
| 19 | 14 | Tues |  | clear eve shower | I baked bread + cake +c | 7 doz eggs @. 18 | 2 cans dried beef .50 <br> \| \# castile soap . 15 |  |
| 21 | 15 | Wed | warm | thunder shower | I ironed, made pudding +c |  |  |  |
| 18 | 16 | Thur | cool | 4\# clear | I finished ironing churned 4\# butter. went to Silas after coffee |  |  |  |




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June 1904

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| 16 |  | 8\# 10oz beef . 70 \# |  | Ida finished teaching at Center | Mr. Drapper J. Malone Wade Dominey + B finished back part of basement. |
| 17 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { J. Stevenson } \\ \text { K. } 5 \text { doz eggs } \end{array} .80$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Groceries } & \text { Ham } & \text { I.11 } \\ \text { Groceries } & \text { S.V. } & .16 \end{array}$ |  |  | $B+F$ went to Hannibal eve. Wade + Roy worked here today. |
| 18 |  |  |  |  | Ma F. B. Ida and I went to Hannibal to baccalaurate sermon eve. |
| 19 |  |  |  |  | Bernham and Frank went fishing eve. |
| 20 |  | 5 3/4\# beef . 46 \# |  |  | Orville here fixing horse stable + bridges. |
| 21 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 |  |  |  |  | B + I went to Hannibal + took Orville home calf went a.m. |
| 23 | 1 doz. eggs . 18 | \| 3/4\# belona . 18 |  |  |  |
| 24 | 3 doz. eggs. . 16 |  |  |  | $B+I$ went to Oswego evening. |
| 25 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | J Stevenson 3 doz eggs . 48 | Groceries . $25 \quad 20$ cts mine 5 \# 6 oz meat . 43 |  |  | Ida + Ma went to Hann to see Dr Boyd. B mowed |
| 27 |  |  |  |  | Dr Boyd here. I went to Hannibal after medicine Mr G Cummins came to work |
| 28 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { SV Store } & \\ 2 \text { doz eggs } & .36 \end{array}$ | Groceries . 33 |  |  | Ida + Ruby Williams here P.M. Mr C. went home |
| 29 | SV Store <br> । I/2 doz eggs . 27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { lemons . } 24 \\ & 31 / 16 \# \text { cheese @ } 0825 \text { Factory } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Mr C. here. |
| 30 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 5.80 \\ 5.80 \end{array}$ | $\$ 7.92 \quad \$ 2.12$ |  |  |  |

