# Gertrude Tallman Diary - April/May/June 1904

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33	1	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 @ .16 doz	BKP@ .50 -   3/4 lb cheese .26 2 pk force @ .25 yeast @ 4  /2 dz broom \$1.70	
31	3	Sun	Easter cold snow cldy				
34	4	Mon	clear	churned butter 8 1/2 #	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	lda cleared parlor Took coal stove down.			
3 30	9	Sat	showry	Frank Neville & I cleaned sitting room.	8 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.	I ironed + baked bread	3 doz +   egg @ .15	I Ib Sunny Sope Coffee .25 I " 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.	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	9 1/2 doz eggs @ .16	2lb cracker .21 3 lb cheese 42. I oz lemon extract .10	
18	19	Tues	19° at 7 P.M. cold snowed hard	G + I cleaned Ma's bedroom + two cupboards in dining room			
24	20	Wed	29° 6P.M. cold Blizzard	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° 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	5 1/2	Ida churned 5 1/2 lb. butter			
15	26	Tues	cloudy	I washed.Took colts pictures. went up to Silas			
39	27	Wed	cldy rain	I ironed baked bread.			
24	28	Thur	rainy	finished ironing. B + I went to Hannibal P.M.	14 doz eggs @ .16	molasses .25 5 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 8 1/2 # 83 eggs set	27 3/4# butter	8 I/2# jersey butter	48 doz+2 egg sold.		

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DAY OF MONTH	CASHED RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVABLE	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
I		S?_ oil .65			Miss Henthorn calf Sept 1903
2	J Steveson eggs 1.28	Steveson groc \$2.75   Oswego   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	S?_ Store 5 doz eggs .80				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	J Steveson 8 7/12doz eggs 1.37	J Steveson Groceries .86			B went to Hannibal + after Frank
9					Wade Dominey broth us a nice fish
10		Hall + Archer 9 3/4# beef @08	B. Paid79		Ida went to Hannibal PM Bernahm 2 _?_ to _?_
П					drew I load of potatoes to Crocketts.
12	S?_ Store 3 1/12 doz eggs 46	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 lb 112 - \$5.60
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DAY OF MONTH	CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVED	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
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18	J Steveson 9 1/2 doz eggs 1.52	J Steveson Groceries 73			
19		S _?_ Store I/2 doz oranges I5		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 1/2 doz eggs of Will 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	J S 4 I/2 doz eggs .72 S.V. 9 doz I/2 I.52	4 lb steak .50 Groceries .75 + oil 1.15			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.
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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	8 1/2 doz eggs @ . 16	1/4 lb pepper .10 5 1/4 lb meat .50	2+lb cheese .33
24	3	Tues	2   2 # clear	l ironed, raked yard P.M. churned 2 1/2 # butter			
32	4	Wed	warm clear	I 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.	5 1/2 doz eggs @ . 16		
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 eggs @ .17	4 lb rolled oats .20 I lb coffee .25 2 I/4 lb cheese.	
17	12	Thurs	cold 3 1/4 # clear	Made cake churned 3 1/4 lbs +c	5 doz egg @ .17	2 pk. Force .25   lb cocoanut .20 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	cool 2 3/4 # pleas	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	I 34 - 2 - steak pork .2 I 4 lb brown sugar .20 I lb mocha + _?_ coffee .30 I 8# soap grease .54	
17	19	Thur	cool showry	I baked cake finished ironing Ma + I went up to Silas eve.			
12 16	20	Fri	3 1/2#	I baked bread churned 8 I/2 # butter			
18	21	Sat	cool clear	B + I went to Oswego	3 doz egg @ .17 7 lb butter @ .20		
27	22	Sun	warm clear	F + Ma took Ida to Center I sick			
16	23	Mon	warm 4 1/2# 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 I went up to Silas P.M.			
14	26	Thur	warm 3 1/2# variable	I churned 3 I/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 Ida 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	31 48 doz + 4	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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DAY OF MONTH	CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVED	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
I					Aunt Sarah + Uncle Agustus would have been married 60 years today
2	J Stevenson 8 1/2 eggs 1.36	Groceries .43 5 1/4 lb. meat .50			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 12.31
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7					
8	J Stevenson 5 1/2 doz eggs .88	2 1/2 lb beef steak 25 5 1/2 " beef .55			1st chickens hatch today
9					B took Ida to center P.M. Allie Calvert here for minutes P.M.
10				lda 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 3 doz eggs .51	Groceries .45 2 1/4 lb. cheese18 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		S_? 3 lb steak @ .12 1/2 .37			Ma Ida + I went to Fair Haven with Bess Marbleman then Auburn

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CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVED	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
				Irve Smith brought 2 colts here to pasture P.M. Aaron took _?_ Bert to train this evening.
J Stevenson 7 1/2 doz eggs 1.27	Groceries .50 porksteak + soap grease .75			Bernham went to Hannibal P.M.
				B + F went to Hannibal eve. Mr Streeter here P.M. (joint insurance)
3 doz eggs .50	7 1/4 lb. beef .58 pineapple .15			
				B marked corn + potato ground on hill
				B F Aaron + John McMillen planted potatoes P.M _?_ B + F set out tomato plants.
				F + B planted corn Fred Prosser took our milk to factory
			Pete Cooper took black + white calf Dominey PM.	Kate Dominck came P.M to stay over night B + F planted corn
				B + F finished planting corn. B took Kate home + brought Ida home
J. Stevenson 6 1/2 doz eggs 1.10	5 3/4# beef .57 Groceries 1.02			Ma + I went to Hannibal Sara came on 5.25 Train. Mrs. Fairley here PM
				B. F. Sara + I went to Baptists church at Hannibal _? John Tilford here evening Ida sick
				B. took Ida to Center + Sara to Crocketts station 5.48 Ma + I went up to Silas PM.
6.63	graham 25  7.17	.54		B + I went to Valley eve I to see Mrs. Parrish Carrie Calvert here A.M.
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EGGS	DAY OF MONTH	DAY OF WEEK		THER  Butter	Asp'cts	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS OF THE DAY	SALES	PURCHASES	CONTRACTS /BARGAINS MADE
2	1		THCI.	Dutter		Li Li Marilanti Militari DM			MADE
_?_	I	Wed			showry	l ironed +c. Ma + I went to Mini Kents P.M.			
12	2	Thur		3 3/4 #	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.		2 3/4#	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# sl	howry 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 = 1# coffee .28	
20	10	Fri	cool		pleas	baked bread made screen for cellar window mosed some +c			
18	П	Sat.	cool	2 1/2#	<sup>£</sup> 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	clea	ır pleas	Ma Ida + I went to Church heard Mr Kellogg on hill eve.			
37	13	Mon	warm	2# cle	ar	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 I# castile soap .15	
21	15	Wed	warm	thunde	r shower	I ironed, made pudding +c			
18	16	Thur	cool	4# cle	ear	I finished ironing churned 4# butter went to Silas after coffee			

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EGGS	DAY OF MONTH	DAY OF WEEK	WEATHER Ther: Butter Asp'cts	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS OF THE DAY	SALES	PURCHASES	CONTRAC TS/ BARGAIN S MADE
16	17	Fri	cool clear	I baked bread cake made pudding worked butter +c B + I went to corn field eve.			
14	18	Sat	cool clear	I made pies cleaned lamps went to Center after Ida P.M. could not come home with me	5 doz eggs @ .16	I# soda .08 cornstarch .08 2# coffee .56 I# tea .45 min tapioca I0 - 2 + cheese .22	
11	19	Sun	warm clear	I went up to Silas P.M.			
11	20	Mon.	hot clear shower	I did work + Ida and Ma washed			
27	21	Tues	hot 3 1/2# shower	I baked bread cookies pie churned 3 1/2# butter. Ida + I went to Hannibal P.M.			
11	22	Wed	cool rainy pleas	I made cake, pie, worked butter canned berried - picked P.M.			
12	23	Thur	cool pleas	I made pudding canned strawberries, _?_ nasturtions			
14	24	Fri	hot 2 1/2# clear	I baked bread cake churned 2 I/2# butter fixed feed pen P.M.	I doz eggs @ .18		
19	25	Sat	hot clear	Swept dining room picked strawberries +c. B + I took ride called at Lottie Blakes P.M.	8# butter @ .20 3 doz eggs @ .16		
17	26	Sun	cool clear	Gertrude B + I went to Method Church. B + I came home this eve. John Tilford here.			
19	27	Mon.	cool 4 1/2# clear	Ida + I washed, I got diner washed dishes + churned 4 I/2# butter	3 doz eggs @ .16		
13	28	Tues	cool cloudy	I baked bread canned strawberries, worked butter +c			
17	29	Wed	warm pleas	ironed got dinner washed dishes pick berries +c.	2 doz eggs @ .18	1/2# baking powder 25 1/4# pepper .08	
13	30	Thur	warm 28 1/4# rainy	I picked berries got dinner washed dishes canned berries went up to Silas, +c	1/2 doz eggs @ .18	I doz lemons .24 3 I/4# cheese @ .05	
533	31	44 doz + 5		28# butter sold 8# at 20 = \$1.60	34 I/2 egg sold		

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DAY OF MONTH	CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVED	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
I					
2	S.V. Store 5 doz. eggs .85	kerosene 5 gal65			Ma + I went to Valley PM I went up to Silas afterwards
3		meat beef .69 #			B took Mat to Uncle Joes + brought Ida back Roy Leon Darling Jim Wiltse + Aaron plant potat
4					Aaron + Roy helped plant potatoes today.
5					B + F took ride P.M. B.F. Ma + I went up to Silas eve Kents there. Men finished planting potatoes A.M.
6					Ma + I went up to Silas P.M. called at Allies a minute
7					
8	J Stevenson 7 doz eggs 1.12	Groceries 1.02 veal .50			Jim Malone 2 day Roy Darling 1/2 day working at basement B. went to Hannibal PM after _? am to have Maud shod
9		2 lb. steak .25			B went to Olivers + after Ida I spent evening with Kate Smith.
10				B. + Roy drew gravel this P.M. 4 loads.	Roy Darling + Wade Dominey worked here (Wade with Frank (weeds))
П					Claude Hall here to dinner. John Tilford took Ida back to Center
12					
13	SV. Store 7 doz eggs 1.26	Groceries .64			Ma, Bernham + I went to Mrs Parrishes funeral + to Center.
14		2 1/2# beef steak .30			Mr Drappere here laying cement. John D + Allie Calvert here eve.
15					Ma went with Miss Kent to Addie Hallows to tea party.

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DAY OF MONTH	CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID OUT	BILLS RECEIVED	BILLS PAYABLE	MEMORANDA
16		8# 10oz beef .70 #		Ida finished teaching at Center	Mr. Drapper J. Malone Wade Dominey + B finished back part of basement.
17	J. Stevenson K.5 doz eggs .80	Groceries Ham 1.11 Groceries S.V16			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	I doz. eggs .18	1 3/4# belona			
24	3 doz. eggs16				B + I went to Oswego evening.
25					
26	J Stevenson 3 doz eggs .48	Groceries .25 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	SV Store 2 doz eggs .36	Groceries .33			Ida + Ruby Williams here P.M. Mr C. went home
29	SV Store I I/2 doz eggs .27	lemons .24 3 1/16# cheese @ .08 25 Factory			Mr C. here.
30	\$5.80 5.80	\$7.92 \$2.12			