

6x4 - Date Book of J. N. Esselstyn, 368 pages. Includes short blurbs for each date from 1925 to 1930. Blurbs include weather facts

Dates of interest.

January 30, 1925: E. D. Marshall murdered.

Building kennels

Mar 7, 1925: Stuck in mud hole 3 ½ hours near Ed McCoys

Mar 18, 1925: wrote my will

Mar 28, 1925: Gyp Couieuer to whelp pups at 11:15am; 3 female, 1 male; the male died

Apr 1, 1925: Mr Uland of ICRR here to see about move right of way on Lynch Tract

Apr 10, 1925: Mr. Molloy called about 8:20 to ask me to go before the Fiscal Court regarding the Murray Hill Road; went over about 10am. The Court approved of the road and voted the fencing.

Apr 27 1925: Mary left at 7:20am for Paducah to have Dr. Reynold operate on her uvae? Returned Noon  
Apr 28, 1925

May 7, 1925: In the morning to Princeton to arrange for telephone crew to put line across River at Rock Castle on May 16 & 17.

June 16, 1925: Had talk with Earl Love about Ferry Road across the corner of his land but he wants pay for it. I declined to pay him anything

Aug 5: Mary's birthday

Aug 7, 1925: 50 attended meeting at Hematite at 2PM

Aug 8, 1925: Gyp ran? over just before dark? [not killed]

Aug 19, 1925: Left Gyp at S. H. Winstead's [in Paducah] to be bred

Aug 20: Nannie Birthday

Sept 4, 1925: too hot to work on books

Sept 23, 1925: Mr. Mason called about 7 PM to say he was ready to pay for the Baker Tract

Oct 20, 1925: Mr. Vick does not like the way things are going. He says he will quit.

Oct 21, 1925: "Look Out" is with me. He is either home sick or has distemper.

Oct 22, 1925: Saw Jim Miller about tractor. He cannot continue making payments so he will accept \$125 cash and we are to take the tractor back. Gyp had 5 pups

Nov 25, 1925: Could not cross the river at Rock Castle on account of the mud. Ed & Sarah arrives 6PM.

Dec 16, 1925: Mr. Miller here to see about pottery handle factory on property.

Jan 4, 1926: Mary will have baby tonight. Mrs. Johnson, Ruby, & Dr. Lyour here.

Jan 5, 1926: Mary Esselstyne born about 2:30am DEAD.

Jan 24, 1926: Mary to table for dinner for the first time.

Feb 11, 1926: Mr. Wooten and Mr. Wilkinson arrive at 8:15 to see about going to property.

Feb 12, 1926: Mr. Wooten and Mr. Wilkinson ... in afternoon John Dunnigan took them to old Fulton Furnance. We were through supper at 8PM. They are good fellows especially Mr. Wilkinson.

Feb 27, 1926: "Queen" whelped 3 pups, 2 dogs & 1 bitch

Mar 2, 1926: "Aunt Eppie" whelped 7 pups, 4 males, 3 females

Apr 4, 1926: 2 of Aunt Eppie pups died last night.

Apr 14, 1926: The Tom Price baby died last night

Apr 15, 1926: In the afternoon to Eddyville to the Price baby's funeral with Mary, Mrs. Black, & Mr. Ordway

Apr 24, 1926: Mrs. Martin served notice by Sam Cash to vacate house.

Apr 30, 1926: Mr. Vick testified in a fence ??se stealing case against Ernest Morgan.

May 6, 1926: Mr. Simmons arrived at 9:47. All day at Kuttawa. He had decided to build office at Empire and we are to move there.

May 7, 1926: Mr. Simmons ... decided to build vault at office & ballroom on house.

June 12, 1926: Mary [Esselstyn] had hair bobbed. Mr. Grassham wrote resolution to change date of Annual Meeting and place of office for the Stock Holders meeting.

Sept 2, 1926: Moved from Wess Harris house to Empire House.

Sept 16, 1926: Weighed hogs. They have gained 40# in 14 days.

Sept 18, 1926: Mr. Littlejohn died about 6:30am.

Oct 27, 1926: Wrote deed for Andy Smith Tract to Jack Cork & Joe Major

Dec 26, 1926: Joe Aldridge moved to Wess Harris House

Mar 5, 1927: In the morning weighed Company hogs and put rings in noses. Harve and Leonard building grape arbor.

Mar 16, 1927: Set out apple trees & grape vines

Mar 22, 1927: Harve, Dave & Roy putting in orchard fences.

Apr 22, 1927: "No Name" whelped 5 puppies last night & all were dead this morning from the cold.

Apr 24, 1927: Mary put a large paper box in the fire place that set fire to the chimney. Paper over the chimney hole in the Dining room burnt out. It looks as though the roof might catch fire from the sparks but the Pyrene extinguisher stopped the blaze.

May 11, 1927: Jersey Cow had calf last night

May 12, 1927: Joe came and told me the Jersey with the calf was about dead; went to see her. Left for Kuttawa at 5PM back at 7:10 with Dr. Travis. He had her up at 9PM. She had mile fever. We were up until 11PM.

June 2, 1927: Mrs. Hancock telephoned about noon that Mary had gone to the hospital. Mrs. Hancock telephoned about 10:30 that a boy baby was born about 9:30PM. That Mary is doing fine.

Nov 20, 1927: In the afternoon took pictures of Couce Cubs etc that were photographed during the January high water

Nov 25, 1927: John Jr. pulled himself up to the side of his crib and stood on his feet for the first time.

Dec 24, 1927: Set up Christmas tree for John Jr. Mary trimmed it before going to bed.

Jan 20, 1928: There is a leak in the Reservoir fill apparently under the old slag fill of ? old tramway.

Jan 26, 1928: C. C. Travis here to get me to approve of his appointment as Deputy Game Warden

Apr 4, 1928: Ed Layton died about 1 AM at Hopkinsville Hospital. Mr. Vick & I left for Cadiz 11:30, returned 4 PM Mr. & Mrs. Layton very much broken over death. Charlie Hillois house burned. Mr. Vick reports about 200 fires burned. Small fires in many locations.

Apr 27, 1928: ... sick with head ache.... Went to bed in afternoon for about 1 hour.

Apr 28, 1928 – June 23, 1928: SILENCE

June 24, 1928: Returned to Empire Farms after being in hospital since about April 28<sup>th</sup> where I was operated on second time for Menigititis. Still bincy?

June 25, 1928 – July 4, 1928: Silence

July 5, 1928: This is about the first day of a clear mind or the first day I remember any items. Mr. Layton is here as temporary manager and Mr. Plutoild as Bankkeeper. ... I will be reinstated to my old position as soon as I am strong enough.

July 8, 1928 – July 17, 1928: Silence

July 18, 1928: Mary received letter from Mr. Simmons that I was interfering with the work of employes and that I should not be permitted to talk with any employee and she must control my activites or get off property.

July 28, 1928: Arranged with Mr. Layton to pick up my personal belongings at the office.

Aug 2, 1928: Had about 2 ½ hour talk with Mr. Simmons. He is determined that we must take a trip & refused to return me to my former position but after talking with Mr. Planthold & Mr. Layton, just before leaving for Kuttawa, he reinstated me to my former position .

Feb 10, 1929: Wescotts chicken house with 200 chicks burned last night caught fire brooder.

Feb 19, 1929: Received telegram from Mr. Simmons saying Morris offer of \$12,000 for Lynch tract was accepted.

Feb 20, 1929: wrote deed to W. J. Morris for Lynch tract.

May 14, 1929: Continued to work out a double entry system of books for Land Department

May 15, 1929: Brought back load for Store and Kelvinator unit. Mr. Wilkins came to install it in refrigerators. He finished installation about 9 PM. It takes all the current of our plant so he booked on his demonstration plant which he has in his car.

May 20, 1929: All day with tractor in river fields. J. S. Trisn planted about 7 acres corn. If it does not rain tonight the tractor will work all night. Tom & Paul planting peas in orchard.

June 10, 1929: Ground too wet to plow so every body is working on Golden Pond Road. Put in Culvert beyond Goodioun. Graded road to foot of Wallace Hill.

June 20, 1929: Mr. Wilbur here installing 1500 watt Delco light plant.

Aug 11, 1929: About 11AM La Vogel and Julinus Bohanan came to tell me Cook the Ferryman had skipped out with another man's wife. James & I went to Hillman Ferry returned 7 pm in rain. Mrs Cook thought Cook will return Monday. He took the Ferry funds which amounted to about \$11.00 Company's portion. Julinan Bohanan wants the Ferry job.

Aug 20, 1929: Brought back Alice Loving Colored cook.

Sept 24, 1929: Cuipe Edwards around about 4 PM to be House Man (1930 Census shows him)

Apr 21, 1930: ? Presidential mediation chamber?

July 20, 1930: Cleve Hudson & crew fighting forest fire near Noah Jones.

Aug 24, 1930: Clear & mild all day at Hillman Ferry. Grand opening of new craft. Rev. Barnett preached at Hillman Park. 600 to 700 people there.

Aug 30, 1930: John had second shot of acute typhoid

Sept 6, 1930: John had his third shot of anti typhoid.

Oct 23, 1930: Herb Coleman & I went to Hopkins for fixtures to wire store for electric lights

Oct 24, 1930: All day with crew moving Wescott Light Plant to Hematite Store.

Oct 26, 1930: In the morning helped Herb Coleman finish the wiring of the store.

Oct 31, 1930: Light plant at store put into commission. Maytag washing machine delivered from Paducah on trial.

Nov 3, 1930: Mary tried out Maytag washer & likes it.

Nov 14, 1930: Returned Maytag washing machine to Paducah

Nov 23, 1930: Mr. Malone failing. Mary telephoned Ed & Dr. Futrell to come over.

Dec 3, 1930: Troy Harper convicted of killing a deer.