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"MY DIARY"

age 13 years

at the age of 13 years
Lillian Claire Wight
begins this diary in
the year of 1907

beginning July 18, 1907

3 Tue July 18, 1907

Got up a picked 2 1/2
quarts of raspberries
ate dinner and then
went to the Kalamazoo
Chautauqua assembly
at Oakwood Park
with Mrs. DeWater
Cather, Hazel, the
Misses Moor & Manning

while there heard the
7 Tennessee Colored
Jubilee Singers
and it was fine
also heard Col. Geo. W.
Bain on "A Search-
light of the Twentieth
Century," also Miss
Ruth Hamerway
and went on the

"Figure Eight." We also
had our supper out
there.

3 Fri July 19, 1907

Went to Chautauqua
with Cather, Hazel,
Cornelia & her cousin
Hazel, Mrs. Dewey
& Mrs. DeWater. I
ate supper with
the Dewey's there
were 13 present &
Mr. Dewey introduced
me to Mr. Wilson
the manager of the
Chautauqua. I had
a fine time. I went
at 9:30. met
brother Henry & gave
Dad and Dan Dewey

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Sat July 20, 1907

Went out to Oak Wood
for the afternoon and
evening had a fine
time and enjoyed
program greatly
ate ice cream cones
1 drink Gem made
went with
Aunt Emma
Miss Eugenia &
Miss Phelps on car
and mamma
came later

Sun July 21, 1907

Oh dear me I never
had such a funny
day! We went to
Oak Wood in the
afternoon and the

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program was fine
up to the lecture at 2:30
and that was horrid,
before it closed it was
raining awfully.

Then instead of the
Bennessians
they had the orchestra
and it was fine.
Then Miss. ~~Hemenway~~
came on in a long
white robe with a

white cross hanging at
her side and her
hair in two braids
down her back.
It was fine!!!
She had to stop
once because of the
rain. When she

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stopped it just rained
torrents! I never saw
 it rain so hard
before! It was just
 a perfect year.
 the roof of the tent
 was leaking and
 people had their
 umbrellas up. Well
 it rained and it
 rained and it
 rained! and at
 about 8:00 the roof
broke in one place
 and it came down
 in tubfuls. They
 could not have the
 program because
 it made such a noise.
 Every time it rained

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up a little bit
 people made a
 rush for the car
 line. at about
 8:30 we left and
 lake view had
 risen to the west
 side of the figure
 eight. We got
 home at 9:00 soaking
wet.

Mon. July 22, 1907.

No Chautauqua today
 I picked over 3 qts of
 berries to-day. I
 am going to try to
 learn some pieces.

Tues July 23, 1907.

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Esther was up in the
afternoon and we
made candy and it
was awfully. Ellen
Campbell was up
to see mammatoos

Wed July 24, 1907.

Went to Chautauque
and it was fine.
Mrs. J. Rabbit and
Louise went with
us Louise treated me
to an ice cream cone
I brought a box of
Craker Jack. Mrs.
Maybrick spoke
and it was very
sad. She was in
prison 15 yrs

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with nothing but
stone under her
feet all that time
for the first 9 mo
she had mutton
broth to eat for
the 2nd 9 mo she
had mutton broth
with mutton in it
and for the rest
of the time she
had beef and Potatoes
her cell was 6 ft
by 3 ft and she
had to shovel
coal 10 hrs a day
She was accused
of killing her hus-
band.

Mr. Bingham was

awfully sunny
but we had to go
home before it
was through for
mamma thought
it was going to
rain and it
did not rain
at all,

Thurs July 25, 1907.

I did not go to the
Chautauque. I went
down town in the
afternoon.

Fri July 26, 1907.

I went to Oakwood
heard Frederick
Wards and it was
fine he gave a short

sketch of the life of
Shakespeare and
then took up his
subject.

I heard the Chicago
glee club and it
is wonderful.

In the evening there
must have been
7 or 8 thousand
people there, there
was hardly standing
room. It was fine
Mr. H. Todd
gave a dinner
for Bryan and
invited 50 men
He spoke on "the
old World and
the ways!" He does

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not think we
will have a war
with Japan. I
don't think he
looks as fat as
some people say
he is.

Frederick Ward
thinks William
Shakespeare wrote
the plays.

Sat July 27, 1907,

Went to Chautauque,
it was fine concert
in the evening was
fine, fine, fine,
fine, fine, fine.

Frederick Ward
was fine to

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Sun July 28, 1907

Went to Chautauque
from Sunday
school and it was
fine. I stayed
with Miss Eugenia
between times.

Mon July 29, 1907

In the afternoon
I went up to see
Esther.

Tues

July 30, 1907

I went down to
see Louis & Robert
and we went down
to see Mrs. Rogers
and she was not
at home so we
came home and

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shut off fire
crackers that I
had left. Some
the 4th of July
then we played
jacks with
stones.

Wed. July 31, 1907
got up at 10:00
o'clock. afternoon
went downtown
and Esther came
down and we
made candy
and played
jacks. in the
evening played
I lunch at Aunt
Emmas and Uncle S at
beach and

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I saw ~~July~~ Aug 1, 1907

I had Louis up to
spend last night and
we had lots of fun.
she was to go home
this afternoon but
she missed her train
and so she came up
to play and she
stayed to supper.

Thu Aug 2, 1907

Papa I played tennis with
gave me games almost all the
5 dollar morning in the after-
noon I saw Louis
and went to see
Esther but she was
not at home.
Aug 3, 1907
Went to field in the

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afternoon and had
a nice time.

Sun. ~~July~~ Aug 4, 1907

Had a tooth ache &
stayed at home & read.

Mon Aug 5, 1907.

got Beauty &
Edna read to
me in the afternoon.

Tues Aug 6, 1907.

my birthday I got
Box of 10 onions from
James.

2 handkerchiefs from
Edna

socket (a beauty)
from mamma &
Papa

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a glove box from
aunt Emma,
10 beautiful Post
Cards from Miss
Moore & a pretty
book mark

a lovely box of
stationery from
Esther. I had a
fine time. Esther
came over and
stayed for the
afternoon and
luncheon. We played
tennis with James
in the evening
he beat us
awfully 6 to 2.

Mrs De Water

Esther and Hazel came up after we finished playing. Esther is going to town

Wed. Aug 7, 1907.

In the morning stayed at home and cleaned out my shelves and read. In the afternoon wore my new locket and took Esther and Hazel to the train. In the evening played tennis with James, and then Edna & James and mamma & I played dominos.

Thur Aug 8, 1907.

This morning I went

down town for mamma. This afternoon I helped James sail a kite (but it wouldn't sail) and I owned and went up to Mrs. DeWitt for goldy & Jinky in the evening I beat James & Est in tennis 6 to 2 and went to see Papa Base Ball game & The Y. M. C. A. beat Goltz 3 to 1.

got a beauty postcard from Papa

Fri Aug 9, 1907

In the morning Cornelia Dewey & I went down to town and she treated me at Harry's soon after we left

there we met Mrs. Dewey
and she took us to midway
and treated us. C. & I
each got a bag of
candy at the 5¢^{10¢}
store and then I
treated her at the drug
store by Oliver's.

In the afternoon
I went with Mrs. Dewey,
Mr. Dewey, Frances,
Cornelia, Evert & Gloria
& Mrs. Hazard, Hilda
& Charlotte & another
lady and Hazel
to Oak Wood Park &
I heard Creator's band.
Creator has hair that
comes down to his
shoulder. I heard
were from 50 to 100

in the band, I
rode on the merry
go round 2 times
and I was in the
lovers tub both
times with Cornelia.
We ate supper out
there and I got
home about 11:00
o'clock.

Sat

aug 10 1907.
I did not sleep
hardly a wink last
night I had a tooth
ache. I helped
mamma move
and can fruit
the front rooms
look real pretty.
I did not go to Y. W.

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Sun Aug 11, 1907.

I stayed at home all day and read. Today has been awfully hot.

Mon Aug 12, 1907.

got up and did my work. In the afternoon mamma read to me and then I went up to Cornelia's.

Tues Aug 13, 1907.

In the morning I ironed. This afternoon I went down to the library and read until 4:15 then I

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went to Mrs Rogers for supper with mamma and we had a fine supper.

Wed Aug 14, 1907.

to supper took care of Dorothy it was Burial this afternoon it was a job. Then went to Aunt Emma's

Thurs Aug 15, 1907.

Went down to the Dentist with Cornelia this morning. In the afternoon I made candy and then mamma read to me and we finished the "Blazed

Shur
(blain)
& a lady
they call
ally &
her two
children
were
there
from
off
Mrs
St. John

"Jr rail."

Fri Aug 16, 1907.

In the morning I did my work & then read, practiced and studied. In the afternoon darned and marked stitching and took care of Dorthy. In the evening mamma read. Today was Ednie's

Sat Aug 17, 1907.

In the morning I worked, read & practiced. In the afternoon Cornelia and I went down to the Y. W. C. A. and played. When

I got home I ate super and while ^{waiting Papa} came home and surprised me from Indianapolis.

Sun. Aug 18, 1907.

got up in the morning and went to Battle Creek and took Uncle Jute by surprise. Alice & Uncle Jute were there but aunt Ella was at Allan. We had a nice time and a good dinner. Ice cream & chicken

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Mon Aug 19, 1907.

In the morning I worked and read. In the afternoon I had the 3 Daft Children the 2 Gates and the 2 Read Boys and Dorthy Burrell up to play and we made Oulters catch. This evening I went and played & dined at Edna's.

Tues Aug 20, 1907.

In the morning played & dined with Edna & read. In the afternoon I had Dorthy up.

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Wed.

In the morning I waked in the afternoon I took Dorthy Burrell down town and such a time as I had.

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aug 22, 1907

In the morning I read to Edna & she read to me in the afternoon I played curcuro with papa. In the evening mamma read to me and we finished 'Silda Jane'.

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Fri Aug 23, 1907

In the morning I worked and practiced in the afternoon I read and then May Graiser came up and we played games and made candy. This evening Edna and James came over and sang.

Sat Aug 24, 1907.

This morning I worked & played with Lawrence and Howard and in the afternoon I went to the Y. W. C. A. and from there I went up to Alder St.

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John's to see Seila Bowman and stay to tea I had lots of fun and a fine supper. Seila and I are going to write to each other and I think that will be fine! she is 3 yrs older than I am but she is only 1 class ahead of me in school. I think miss Kolve is real nice. On the way coming home I stopped in aunt Emma's for a minute to see Mrs Waite and I played a movie in Maggie's

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and it is lots of fun.
Mrs. Waite is a dear.

Sun Aug 25, 1907.

In the morning we
went to church and
Sunday school &
took Wm. Fred with
me. In the afternoon
& read. In the evening
Edna and James
came over and
sang.

Mon Aug 26, 1907.

In the morning
I received 3 Post
cards and worked
& read & practised.
This afternoon Mrs.

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Dr. Williams
came up to call
on mamma and
I took care of
Dorothy. &
This evening
Ed & I and us
went over to
aunt Emma's &
played Huggins
I beat 1 game &
Edna beat the
other. We are
going to White's
cake tomorrow
if it ~~does~~ does
not rain.

Tues Aug 27, 1907.

In the morning

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viewed & worked
in the afternoon I
worked Land mamm
had the misses Mure
and Mrs. Waite for
supper we had a fine
supper, after supper
we played nuggins
and Papa beat me
3 games. It rained
today.

Aug 28, 1907 Wed.
We went to Gull Lake
today and went in
bathing and
around the lake &
down coverslain.
We had a dish of
ice cream apiece

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too. We got
home about 7:00
o'clock. We went
around the lake
in the "Search
light" and saw
Mr. & Mrs. D. May
in the "Alert" going
around the lake
too. Mamma
bought 3 pictures
at the 5¢/10¢ store
today. It cost me
90¢

Thur Aug 29, 1907,
I went down town
this morning and
got me a pair of
shoes and a comb
a back comb for

her birthday which
is today.

This afternoon
Carmelia came up
and we made candy.

This evening I
went over to help
aunt Emma make
some candy for
the folks. The candy
I made turned
out good but Miss
Moore came out
kind of bad aunt
C. made some pop
corn and then we
all ate and played
"muggins." I guess
we are going to White
lake tomorrow.

Fri Aug 30th 1907

In the afternoon
May and the Misses
Moore and Mrs
Waite and our
folks went out
to Whites lake
for a corn roast
and we had lots
of fun. May and
I walked around
the lake. We got
home quite late.

Sat Aug 31st 1907

In the afternoon
May & I went to
Y. L. May treated
us at Harrys,
I wish Esther

would tell me when she is coming home. In the evening Mrs. Mucker and Hattie came up to see us. Hattie told me how she got mad at a boy & then how she told him she was sorry and how he took her to the Blue. She says she is going to Illinois next summer. In the evening the folks came over and we played games

and talked,

Sun. Sept 1, 1907

Went to church and S. D. James & Edna came to dinner. Then I read.

Mon. Sept 2, 1907

Esther came up and surprised me this afternoon then C. D. came up and we made Butter & starch it seems good to have Esther back. In the evening I went up to Cornelia and had lots of

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fun. Esther was there to, then I went up to Aunt Emma's and Mugg. The girls played a joke on me.

Sept 3, 1907

Tue In the afternoon went up to C & C and we dressed up in boys clothes and had our pictures taken by G. Wrenner. Dewey In the evening Esther and Cornelia and Hazel and Mrs. D. came up to see us we had lots of fun. C, Esther & Fred

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Cornelia and my hair-like hair, Esther and I are getting ~~on~~ a hurry for school to begin.

Wed Sept 4, 1907

Went down town in the afternoon, played ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ the evening. Sept 5.

Thur C & C & M & H & C H & I tried to play a "World of girls" in Mrs Hazard attic. In the evening the misses

moore came
over and we
read out loud.

Fri September 6th 1907
In the afternoon
went downtown
with mamma
and had my picture
taken, then I came
home and went to
C. D. S. We are going
to have the play
of Hansel and
Gretel soon. In
the evening I played
muggins at church
at Aunt Emma's

Sat Sept 7th 1907
practiced for
play in the
afternoon. In the
evening played
Glines.

Sun Sept 8th 1907
went to church
Sunday school.
Read,

Mon Sept 9th 1907
Went to school
in the morning
in afternoon
practiced for
play and studied
C & D are awfully
glad school
has begun.

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Sept 10, 1907

Went to school
 & had a jolly time
 Miss Woods a dear
 " Vincent is a
 darling.

Miss Brown is
 severe Miss Ashton
 I can't understand
 & Miss Shean is
 lovely. Miss Watkins
 is jolly, Miss Balcock
 is fine. After
 school C & R & J
 walked with D & K
 and talked about
 the class pin. Elma
 don't like anything
 the rest do.

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Wed. Sept 11, 1907

Went to school
 had lots of fun
 In Miss Vincents
 room I had to sit
 on the front seat
 because I talked
 so much but I
 didn't any more
 than R.P.

Thur. Sept 12, 1907

Went to school
 had a nice time.
 After school club
 meet at R.P. and
 we ate a watermelon
 had a perfect
 time in the evening
 J & C & Miss Moore
 came over to supper

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Fri

Sept 13, 1907.
 went to school and
 in the evening
 I went down to
 the Y. W. C. A
 reception to help.
 we met Miss White
 and she is a dear.

Sat

Sept 14, 1907

In the morning
 I went to see
 Esther May
 Cornelia Rosamond
 Edith Elma
 Dona Louis B.
 Margaret B. Katherine B.
 about the Y. W. C. A.
 in the afternoon
 went down to the

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Y. W. C. A. and

I had a fine time

Sept 15, 1907

Sun

This morning Esther
 and I went to Sunday
 school and we asked
 some more girls
 to join the Y. W. C. A.
 in the afternoon I
 read, this morning
 I got an invitation
 to the W. I. C.
 spread. In the
 evening I went
 over to Aunt Emma's
 for a little while
 and ~~ate~~ ate
 popcorn and
 then I came
 home and read.

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~~Sept 15, 1907~~
~~Sept 15, 1907~~

Mon Sept 16, 1907.

Went to school
 and got out early
 then went up to
 Esther's and in
 the evening
 practiced for play
 at C. P. B. and then
 went to Aunt
 Emma's and ate
 watermelon.

Tues Sept 17, 1907

Went to school
 and in the
 afternoon it rained
awfully while we

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were in Miss
 Vincent's room
 we had lots of
 fun. In the
 evening Miss
 Clark & Miss White
 came up and we
 had a visitine.

Wed

Sept 18, 1907
 I went to school
 today and this
 evening I
 played Mt + Jr.
 with the folks.

Thurs

Sept 19, 1907.
 Went to school
 and in the
 evening I
 studied and

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James gave me
some beautiful
silk samples.

Sat Sept 20, 1907,

Went to school and
ate dinner at Edna's
and mamma & Papa
and the Misses more
went to Austin Lake
and Long Lake. In
the afternoon Esther
and I went to the
W. I. C. social from
4 to 8 and had a
lovely time they got
us to join the club too
when I got home I
found the folks over to
Aunt Emma's and I
stayed there till about 10:30.

COMPLIMENTS OF

THE .. KALAMAZOO GAZETTE.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

JULY 18, 1907.

Tennessee Colored
Jubilee Singers



- 2:00—Invocation.....
..... Rev. Wm. M. Puffer
* Introductory Remarks
..... Prof. S. O. Hartwell
* Words of Welcome....
Hon. William Thompson,
Mayor of Kalamazoo.
- * 2:30—Prelude—Selections....
Tennessee Colored Jubi-
lee Singers. **
- * 2:45—Lecture: "A Searchlight
of the Twentieth Cen-
tury".....
* * * * * Col. George W. Bain
- * 4:30—Reading, Selected * * * * *
* * * * * Miss Ruth Hemenway
- { 5:00—Organization, Round-Table and Free Parliament. .
..... Auditorium
- * * * * * 7:30—Prelude—Reading * * * * * Miss Ruth Hemenway
- * * * * * 8:00—Concert—Southern Melodies and Rag-Time Songs..
* * * * * Tennessee Jubilee Singers



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