

FRANK D. McALLEY DIARY

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: Frank D. McAlley

Title: Frank D. McAlley Diary 1907

Dates: January – December 1907

Abstract: The diary is a small brown leather covered book (2 5/8 x 4 1/8 in). It has the seal of the First National Bank of Glens Falls in gold on the front cover and gilt edges to the pages. The author notes the weather and where and how long he is working.

Quantity: 1 vol.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frank Delos McAlley (1868 – 1945) was a laborer in Glens Falls, NY. He was the son of Hugh and Ellen (?) McAlley. In 1891 he married Eliza Belle Taylor, who outlived him. They had one son who died as an infant, and three daughters: Della (b. 1895), Ruth (b. 1896) and Dorothy (b. 1902). In 1907 the family lived at 2 Cameron Street (later 6 Cameron) in Glens Falls, where they had resided at least since 1900. Frank's daughters, who did not marry, continued to live in the house for the whole of their lives. Frank worked for the Glens Falls Coal Co., on various construction jobs, and for many years as a janitor at Finch Pruyn. He was a past master of the Glens Falls Lodge 121 F and A.M. He is buried in Union Cemetery, Fort Edward, along with his wife and children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The diary is a small brown leather covered book (2 5/8 x 4 1/8 in). It has the seal of the First National Bank of Glens Falls in gold on the front cover and gilt edges to the pages. In the front matter "Easily Forgotten" Frank has entered his weight as 163 pound on January 1st. The Diary portion is arranged a week at a time with 4 lines for each day. Some weeks have several notations, but many are blank. Frank notes the weather and where and how long he is working. The 1907 City Directory lists his occupation as

“shipper”, but it would appear that he worked a series of (presumably) laboring jobs in the course of the year. In March and April and he worked on the canal and then on the Sandy Hill -Fennimore bridge. In June he worked “for Rhinlander” on the new building at the corner of Haskell Ave. (a shirt factory), and then on the 24th “commenced work at Y. (?) D. Association @12 for 3 weeks.” The few personal notes include, on April 7 “Reception to R.W. J.A. Holden D.D.G.M.”** and on Nov. 18 “Ruth’s eyes examined by Dr. Payne.”

** This translates to: Reception for Right Worthy J.A. Holden, District Deputy Grand Master, which indicates that Frank McAlley was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Canal
Sandy Hill – Fennimore bridge
Haskell Shirt factory

Places: Glens Falls, NY
Fort Edward, NY

Important People: Holden, James A.

Form/Genre: Diary

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