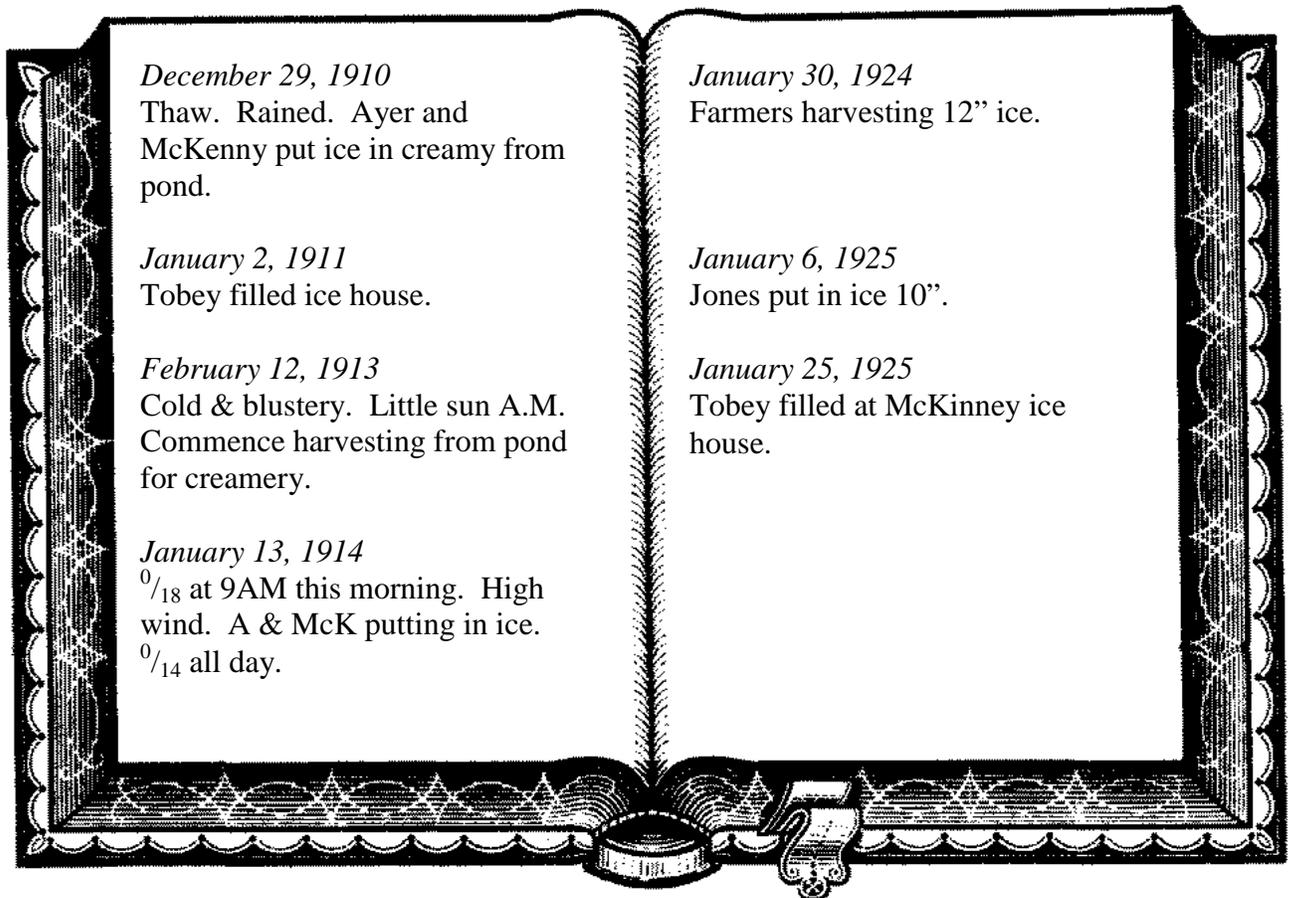


Diary Entries

A great deal of information can be found in primary sources, such as diaries. Diaries provide firsthand accounts of events and important information, including: the weather, the location, time, and date of an event, and who was present and what they did. Read the following diary entries that two East Meredith residents wrote about ice harvesting. Note the time of year the harvesting took place and some of the problems that occurred. Answer the questions at the end of the activity.

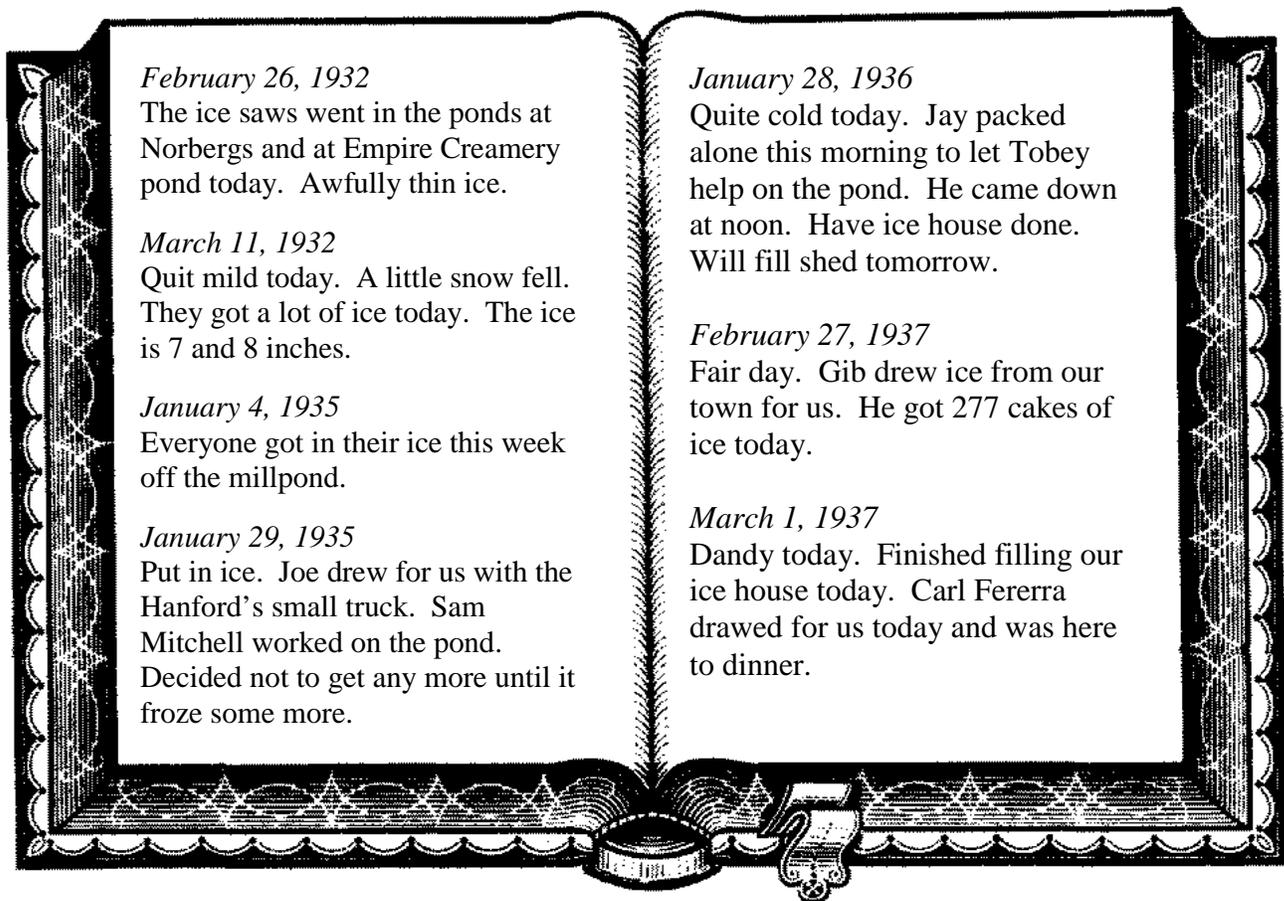
Merritt S. Barnes' Diary

Merritt S. Barnes, nephew of Horace and Will Hanford, was a bookkeeper for the Hanford Brothers' Mill business for many years. Several of his diary entries between 1910 and 1925 mention ice harvesting on the millpond:



Maude MacClintock's Diary (on next page)

Excerpts from Maude MacClintock's diary describe some of her husband Jay's experiences cutting ice between 1932 and 1937:



Questions:

1. According to the diary entries, when was ice harvested in East Meredith and why?

2. Where was the ice cut? _____

3. Who do you think was using the ice and for what reasons?

4. What do you think it was like to cut ice on January 13, 1914?

5. When was the temperature 14 degrees below zero* and windy? _____

6. Why does milk need to be cooled and how is milk kept cold on farms today?

* Note that $^{\circ}/_{14}$ = 14 below zero