

The following was transcribed from a diary kept by Norman Alexander Hall (RN162) when he and Gertrude Garnett (RN443) visited to England in 1957. Nora Garnett Hall (RN159) has the original diary. It appears he lost interest in maintaining the diary towards the end of the trip and the entries ceased.

Gertie and Norman

Merry Christmas and an enjoyable trip during 1957 to England. Use this book to keep track of all the interesting places you visit, nice people you meet, and worthwhile things you do.

from Dorothy¹

Saturday June 1/57

Left Regina 10:15 AM for Montreal. Good trip all the way

Sunday June 2/57

On train. Nice observation car and interesting scenery.

Monday June 3/57

Arrived Montreal AM and booked in at Queen's Hotel. PM had lunch and took a sight seeing bus until 5:15.

Tuesday June 4/57

Went on board S.S. Empress of Scotland 8 AM and had a good breakfast. Our cabin C25. No trouble with luggage etc.

Wednesday 5/57

Due to ice we had to go south of Newfoundland. Very smooth trip. Passed 8 ice bergs at night.

Thursday 6/57

186 Scotch people on board. So we are going around north of Ireland and to Greunick in the Clide² to unload.

¹ Alice (Dorothy) Hall (RN161)

² Greenock on the River Clyde

Friday

The Scotch passengers Guinness Stout and Baur Ale is only 1 / 2 (16 cents) a bottle. Scotch 3.50. Went to picture show.

Saturday

Ship not so steady. Mom not feeling so hungry but not sick. Went to picture show.

Sunday June 9/57

Did not get to church service. Mr. and Mrs. Geo Murray who travelled with us on ship were killed in a bus accident in London. They were on a visit to England.

Monday 10/57

Passing Ireland and will unload Scotch passengers by tender about 5 or 6 PM.

Tuesday 11

Arrived Liverpool and passed custom dept. (no trouble). Checked luggage through to 20 Lighburn Rd¹ and strolled through Liverpool. Had lunch at Lewises.

Wednesday 12

Got 2 PM train for Ulverston and had to change at Preston. Lizzie² and Aunt Eliza³ met us at station with taxi and went to Lizzie's.

Thursday 13

Took a taxi Coniston Lake and had a picnic on beach, lovely day, drove around lake about 30 miles (Aunt's expense).

Friday 14

Took a bus trip to Aldingham and looked through Gert's old church (built 1150 AD). Also walked around Aldingham Hall. Walked to and had tea at Fisherman's Arms⁴ and looked at Gert's old home.

Saturday 15

Inquiring about bus trips and accomodation etc. and inspected the town. Very hot.

Sunday 16

Very hot.

¹ 20 Lightburn Road, Ulverston

² Elizabeth Bragg (469)

³ Eliza Brookes (456)

⁴ Fisherman's Arms is located in Baycliffe

Monday 17

Very hot.

Tuesday 18

Went to Manchester and saw W. Wadsworth¹. Very hot.

Wednesday 19

Thursday 20

Came to Lytham² by train and staying at 26 Mythop Rd as prearranged.

Friday 21

Went to Fleetwood, Blackpool and St. Annes³, lovely day. Went to see Bleakleys⁴.

Saturday 22

Cool. Watched annual parade, had a afternoon nap and long walk. Show after supper.

Sunday 23

Cool but clear. Went for a walk with Frank and Elaine B. AM. Write a letter. Going to Bleakley's for High tea at 5:30.

Monday 24

Booked seats on bus for Bleasdale⁵ leaving 2:30. Rained part of the trip but very enjoyable. Gert had a nasty fall but is now OK.

¹ Could be someone Norman worked with - Nora Garnett Hall (RN159).

² Lytham, Lancashire is located south of Blackpool

³ Fleetwood, Blackpool and St. Annes are located along the coast in Lancashire

⁴ Mr. and Mrs. Bleakley were longtime friends of the Hall family. Dorothy Hall also kept in touch with the daughters, Peggy and Elaine. - Nora Garnett Hall (RN159).

They never married. Kay Hall also kept in touch with them - Katherine Patricia Hall (RN158).

Not certain which Bleakley's are referred to in the diary.

⁵ Bleasdale is a village and civil parish in the Wyre district of Lancashire, England, in the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at 53°54'07"N 2°39'04"W Coordinates: 53°54'07"N 2°39'04"W.

Tuesday 25

Went to St. Anne's. Friends took us by car, did some shopping. Really enjoyed the afternoon, Lovely shopping centre.

Wednesday

Bleakley's took us to Blackpool by taxi and to the Grand Theatre. We saw Ride-a-Cock-Horse, later had supper and taxi home. A very enjoyable evening.

Thursday 27

Returned to Ulverston 5 PM and went to see Eliza (not so good). Lizzie stopped the night with her.

Friday 28

Ulverston weather fine.

Saturday 29

Ulverston weather dull. Wrote Brakes¹. Rained all afternoon. Eliza came down for tea. Bill Barton called in the evening.

Sunday 30

Monday 1 July

Went to Grange-on-Sands² by bus. Had a nice swim. Went 1 o.c. and returned 8 PM. Lovely day.

Tuesday 2 July

Went to Bowness³ for picnic by taxi, lovely day, also to Windermere Lake.

Wednesday 3 July

Had eyes tested for new glasses.

Thursday 4

Friday 5

Went to Barrow⁴ 1 o.c. Very hot. Back at 5:30.

¹ Bill Brake was family friend in Regina.

² Grange over Sands, Cumbria. East of Cartmel.

³ Bowness, Cumbria

⁴ Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria

Saturday 6

Sunday 7

Rained most of the day.

Monday 8

Ulverston

Tuesday 9

Left for Plymouth 9:26 and arrived 9:45. Stayed at Riverside House 902 Wolseley Rd.

Wednesday 10

Spent most of the day around city and Hoe. Had lunch on the Hoe¹.

Thursday 11

Raining, were going for boat trip up River Tamer² to Weir Head vi Calstock.

Friday 12

Very dull early but turned out fine. Took a bus 2 o.c. to Looe, Polperro³, Gunnis Lake⁴ and returned by Moors⁵ and Tavistock Got back 8:45. Lovely trip. 1 hr stop at Looe and Polperro.

Saturday 13

Cloudy but nice. Went to get boat trip but were cancelled due to regatta. Went to Royal Theatre.

Sunday 14

Cloudy and rain. Went to Saltash⁶ after tea by ferry and walked to top of hill.

Monday 15

Cloudy and rain AM. Cleared up so we went to Torquay⁷ and had a nice day. Got back at 7 PM and went to Lock___? Hotel for supper.

¹ The Hoe is a park in Plymouth.

² River Tamar

³ Looe and Polperro are in Cornwall.

⁴ Gunnislake is located SW of Tavistock, Devonshire

⁵ Likely refers to Moorswater

⁶ Saltash is NW of Plymouth on the west side of River Tamar.

⁷ Torquay, Cornwall

Tuesday 16

Took train to Marazion Cornwall (3 miles from Penzance) and staying at Mrs. R. Thomas opposite Mount St. Michael home of Lord St. Leon.

Wednesday 17

Wet day. Went for a walk in the evening.

Thursday 18

Wet morning but cleared in PM. Went to Penzance, Lands End and St. Ives by Mrs. Thomas' car. Lovely days trip and very interesting.

Friday 19

AM went to Penzance to look at shops, back 12:30 PM. 2 o.c. We went to see St. Michael's Mount Castle. A guide took us through.

Saturday 20

Sunday 21

Monday 22

Went for a long drive along both coasts of Cornwall and spent some time at Falmouth

Tuesday 23

Wednesday 24

Had company for supper and spent most of the day at home and in the garden.

Thursday 25

Left Plymouth for London 12:10, arrived London 4:20 PM and met by Lou and Molly¹. Had supper and later went for a drive and road house.

Friday 26

Went to all places of interest in London saw changing of the guards at War Office, Tower of London, Cath. etc.

Saturday 27

Went to Bromley shopping in afternoon and to a road house in the evening.

¹ Louis and Molly deVos. Molly Owen (857) is the sister of William Ernest Owen (RN228) - Katherine Patricia Hall (RN158)

Sunday 28

Drove to Hampton Court and Windsor Castle. Went through both and also to London Airport, completed 91 miles got back at 9:15 PM.

Monday 29

Helped with house work at Molly's in the AM. Did not go to London.

Tuesday 30

Went to Victoria Palace Theatre and supper at the Strand after.

Wednesday 31

Went for a swim with Paul¹ and his pal.

Thursday Aug 1

Gert and Molly went to Bromley² to the shops.

Friday 2

Drove to Brewood Staffs with Louis Audly and they went on to Chester. We had tea at Bainbury and lunch at Warwick. Played bridge in evening.

Saturday 3

Went to Wolverhampton with Bill³ in the AM, slept all afternoon and played bridge in the evening.

Sunday 4

Went to Jambo⁴ (84 countries represented) at Sutton Cold Fields.

Monday 5

Went to Wolverhampton with Bill to hire car (no luck). Company came for tea. Watched TV until late. Bad thunderstorm and lights went out.

Tuesday 6

Got Mr. Boyle's car and went to see B.Malkin, Tatton, the roaches⁵ and Upper Hulme. Stopped at Stone for supper, had a lovely day.

¹ Molly Owen's son.

² Bromley is a part of Greater London

³ William Garnett (RN451)

⁴ Boy Scout Jamboree. Dorothy Garnett (475) was participating in the jamboree.

⁵ The Roaches are located near Leek, Staffordshire. John Hall (172) had a house on The Roaches.

Wednesday 7

Drove back to Ulverston vi Chester.

Thursday 8

Ulverston

Friday 9

Ulverston

Saturday 10

Ulverston

Sunday 11

Ulverston (Raining)

Monday 12

Tuesday 13

Went to Coniston by taxi for picnic.

Wednesday 14

Went to Eliza's for tea.

Thursday 15

Friday 16

Saturday 17

Sunday 18

Went to Lakeside to took steamer to Bowness and Ambleside in Lake Windermere. Got back about 8 PM.

Monday 19

Raining in morning. Took bus to Barrow by the Coast Road. Nice trip.

Tuesday 20

Wednesday 21

Betty¹ came home vi Rome.

¹ Sarah Elizabeth Garnett (450), sister of William Garnett (RN451).

Thursday 22
Rained

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Saturday 24

Sunday 25
Rained all day.

Gertie &
Norman Merry Christmas & an
Enjoyable Trip during
1959 To England.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Good trip all the way

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on train, nice observation
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MONDAY

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AM & booked in at Queens Hotel.
P.M. Had lunch & took a sight-seeing
bus until 5:15 PM.

TUESDAY

June 4/57 Went on board
S.S. Empress of Scotland 8 AM & had
a good breakfast, our cabin @ 25
no trouble with luggage etc.

WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Ship not so steady,
more not feeling so hungry
but not sick
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SUNDAY

June 9/57

Did not get to Church service
Mr & Mrs Geo. Murray who travelled with us
on ship were killed in a bus accident in
London. They were on a visit to Suffolk.

MONDAY

10/57 Passing Ireland

& will unload Scotch passengers
by tender about 5 or 6 PM.

TUESDAY

11 Arrived Liverpool &

Passed custom Dept (no trouble) checked
luggage through to 20 Lighburn Rd & strolled
through Liverpool. Had lunch at Reivers

WEDNESDAY

12 Got 2 PM train for Preston

& had to change at Preston. Peggy & Aunt
Elena met us at Station with Taxi &
went to Leggies

THURSDAY

13 Took a Taxi Coniston Lake

and had picnic on beach, lovely day, drove
around lake about 30 miles (Aunt's expense)

FRIDAY

14. Took a Bus trip to Aldingham

& looked through Geri's old church (built 1150 AD)
also walked around Aldingham Hall. Walked to
& had tea at Fishermans Arms. & looked at Geri's old home.

SATURDAY

15 inquiring about Bus

trips and accommodation etc
& inspected the town. Very hot

SUNDAY

16. Very Hot

MONDAY

17 Very Hot

TUESDAY

18 Went to Manchester &

Saw W. Wadsworth Very Hot.

WEDNESDAY

19

THURSDAY

20 Came to Lytham by train

and staying at 26 Mythen Rd as pre-
arranged.

FRIDAY

21 Went to Fleetwood,

Blackpool & St Annes lovely day.
Went to see Blankleys.

SATURDAY

22 Pool. Dashed Annual parade

had a afternoon nap, & long walk, Show
after supper

SUNDAY 23. (Bob) but clear.

Went for a walk with Frank & Elaine B.M.
Write a letter. Going to Blackley's for
High Tea at 5.30.

MONDAY 24 Booked seats on Bus
for Bleasdale leaving 2.30.

Rained part of the trip but very enjoyable
Jest had a nasty fall but is now OK.

TUESDAY 25 Went to St. Anne's friends

Took us by car did some shopping
Really enjoyed the afternoon.
Lovely shopping center

WEDNESDAY Blackley's took us to

Blackpool by taxi & to the Grand Theatre
we saw Rids-a-Cock-Horse, later had supper
& taxi home. A very enjoyable evening.

THURSDAY 27. Returned to Silverstone 5 P.M.

& went to see Eliza (not so good) Lizzie
stopped the night with her.

FRIDAY 28. Silverstone weather fine

SATURDAY 29 Silverstone weather dull
lots of rain. Rained all afternoon
Eliza came down for tea.
Bill Barton called in the evening.

SUNDAY 30

MONDAY 1 July. Went to Frange-on-Sands
by bus. Had a nice swim, went 10c
& returned 8 P.M. Lovely day.

TUESDAY 2 July. Went to Bowness for
Pic. with by taxi. Lovely day.
also to Windermere Lake.

WEDNESDAY 3 July Had eyes tested for new
glasses.

THURSDAY 4

FRIDAY 5 Went to Buxton 10c.
very hot. back at 8.30

SATURDAY 6

SUNDAY 87 Rained most of the day

MONDAY 88 Adversion

TUESDAY 89 Left for Plymouth
9.26 & arrived 9.45 Stayed at
Riverside House 902 Walsley Rd

WEDNESDAY 90 Spent most of the day
around City & Hae had lunch
on the Hae

THURSDAY 91 Raining, were going
for boat trip up River Tamer to Wechs
Head v. Calstock.

FRIDAY 92 Very dull early but turned
out fine. Took a bus 2.00 to Looe, Polperro
Jannis Lake & returned by moors & Launceston
Got back 8.45 lovely trip. 1 hrs stop at Looe & Polperro

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TUESDAY 23

WEDNESDAY 24 Had company for supper & spent most of the day at home & in the garden.

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TUESDAY 30 Went to Victoria Palace Theatre and Supper at the Strand after

WEDNESDAY 31 Went for a swim with Paul & his pal

THURSDAY Aug 1 Got & Molly went to Bromley to the Shops.

FRIDAY 2 Drove to Broomwood Staffs with Louis & Molly and they went on to Chester. Had Paat. Banbury & lunch at Warwick. Played Bridge in evening.

SATURDAY 3 Went to Wolverhampton with Bill in the A.M. Slept all afternoon & Played Bridge in evening

SUNDAY Aug 4. Went to Jumbo
(84 Counties represented) at Sutton Cold Fields.

MONDAY 5 Went to Wolverhampton with
Bill to his car (no luck). Company came
for tea. Watched TV until late. Had
thunder storm & light went out.

TUESDAY 6. Got Jim Boyler's car and
went to see B. Martin. Tatter, the ranches
& upper hallme. Stopped at Stone for supper, had
lovely day.

WEDNESDAY 7 Drove back to Wolverhampton
V. Chester

THURSDAY 8 Wolverhampton

FRIDAY 9 Wolverhampton

SATURDAY 10 Wolverhampton

SUNDAY 11 Wolverhampton (Raining)

MONDAY 12

TUESDAY 13 Went to Coniston by
Lair for picnic.

WEDNESDAY 14 Went to Ely's for
Lea.

THURSDAY 15

FRIDAY 16

SATURDAY 17

SUNDAY 18 Went to Lake Side
to take steamer to Bowness &
Ambleside in Lake Windermere
Got back about 8 P.M.

MONDAY 19 Raining in morning.
Took bus to Barrow by the
East Road nice trip.

TUESDAY 20

WEDNESDAY 21 Betty came home
vi Rome.

THURSDAY 22. Rained

FRIDAY 23 Rained

SATURDAY 24

SUNDAY 25 Rained all day.

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TUESDAY 27

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THURSDAY 29

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