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Everyday Life on an East Andover Farm in 1902

A continuation from last month's article

Rita Norander
Introduction:

In my previous article, Nannie Robie, my grandmother, was writing to her brother Robert, who was working as a hired hand at a farm in Amherst, New Hampshire. It was early spring, and Nannie was passing along family and hometown news.

In this article, it is summer, and Robert is working in Lakeport, New Hampshire for Mr. A. A. Tilton. I was surprised that Robert had changed jobs so soon, but most likely once the spring

the land where the hog yard was last summer, and it is the most rocky piece of ground I have ever seen.

What are you going to do with the puppies? They are playing around in the door yard, and they bother about coming in the house. I have named the darkest one Dewey and the other Sampson. Yesterday, I made them speak for their dinner. Paige is as bad as a little child, playing with them all the time. They are great eaters. Ma and Pa think you had better sell them even if you don't get that much for them.

Charlie Kirk was married on June 11th to Minnie Jellison. Albert's wife's folks came over from Hill yesterday.

She and her mother called (visited) here when they went up on the hill to pick strawberries. Her mother said she was only 13 when she was married.

Did you have a hard shower over there last Monday? We did here. Pa went over to Tilton a week ago last Saturday. On his way home, he stopped at an auction on Willow Hill, and bought an accordion.

One of the puppies is barking now. They are comical. Spider (the mother) doesn't let them nurse anymore unless we hold her. Atkins came up the Tuesday after you left and got his pup.



Nannie Robie - taken in 1902 when she was 16. This is the picture she talks about receiving in the mail in one of her April letters.

June 25, 1902: As I am going to the village, I will send my letter even though we have not heard from you. Mother went over to Ada's (her sister) yesterday and brought Clarence (Ada's son) home with her. The children all have hard colds. The men folks cleaned out the hen house yesterday. Well I can't think of anything more to write so I will say goodbye. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Excerpts from Nannie's Letters

From your sister, Nannie
 June 23, 1902: Dear Brother: We have been looking for a letter from you for almost two weeks, but haven't received any yet. We are all well and hope this finds you the same. How do you like the place? The men have plowed

July 2, 1902: Dear Brother, I received your letter last Sunday and the postal card yesterday morning. Well, Pa is laid up for the summer. He went to Franklin Monday afternoon with Fan (horse) and
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