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June 24

1983 - Friday - at Tarrytown. Wes in Presbyterian. Warm sunny day. I left at 6:45 after breakfast for Ridgefield. Gizela brought over mail - asked about Wes as Tibor is facing prostate operation. I watered gardens - very dry - tomatoes growing high. Left at 1:30 for hospital, there at three. Wes still has bladder spasms - very painful. I returned to Bogus at 6:45 - stopped at Marcus and bought gas. Phoned Eileen and Bit. To bed at 10.

1984 - Sunday - 63° at 6 AM. Sun came up red and then disappeared in clouds - showers predicted - did come - sprinkle before lunch - stopped - rain at 5 pm.
To 8 o'clock Mass. I polished brass. Wes moved big stone in north grass hole - used cribbing to raise it - planks and rollers to move it to roadside to join others. I helped. I finished digging grass from cliff ledge - fed and watered plants - new bean rows coming up. Wes graded north grass where stone was - included linden tree.

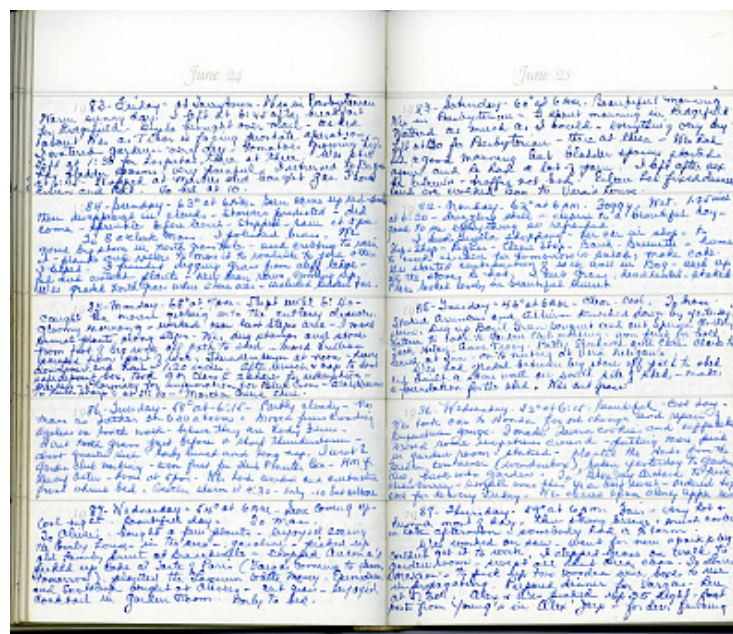
1985 - Monday - 68° at 7 AM - Slept until 6:40 - caught the mouse getting into the cutlery drawer. Gloomy morning - worked near East Steps area - I moved several plants along steps - Wes dug stumps and stones from foot of big rock off path to shed - moved trillium scraped from part of rock. Thunderstorm at noon - heavy downpour and hail - 1.20 inches. After lunch & nap to bank safe deposit box, took GM Class E 2 shares for redemption - Marcus - Pharmacy for information for Blue Cross - Waldbaums
To Ruth Sharp's at 5:30 - Martha Crewe there.

1986 - Tuesday - 58° at 6:15 - Partly cloudy - No Mass as Father on vacation. Moved ferns crowding Azaleas on South walk - believe they are Lady Ferns.
I cut north grass just before a short thunderstorm - about quarter inch. Early lunch and long nap. I went to Garden Club meeting - won first for Herb Planter Box - HM for Dwarf Aster - Home at 5 pm. Wes had weeded and cultivated front shrub bed. Another storm at 4:30 - only .10 but welcome

1987 - Wednesday - 54° at 6 AM - Sun coming up. Cool night. Beautiful day. To Mass.
To Oliver's - bought a few plants - enjoyed seeing the lovely houses in the area - gasoline - picked up old family print at Brownsville - shopped Ancona's picked up cake at Taste of Paris (Varga's coming to dinner tomorrow), planted the Lamium White Nancy - Epimedium and Santolina bought at Olivers - cut grass - enjoyed cocktail in Garden Room. Early to bed.

June 25

1983 - Saturday - 60° at 6 AM. Beautiful morning. Wes in Presbyterian - I spent morning in Ridgefield. Watered as much as I could - everything very dry. Left at 1:30 for Presbyterian - there at three - Wes had had a good morning but bladder spasms started again and he had a lot of pain. I left after six for Eileen's - traffic not bad. Eileen had fixed dinner and we walked Boo to Vera's house.



1984 - Monday - 62° at 6 AM. Foggy. Wet. 1.25 inch at 6:30 - drizzling still - cleared to a beautiful day - good to see everything so refreshed. I took Gizella shopping - her car in shop - to Stop & Shop - Liquor - Cheese Shop - Bank - Brunetti - home to cook chicken for tomorrow's salad, make cake. Wes started continuation of rock wall in Bog - used up all the stones he had. I cut grass, deadheaded - staked. Place looked lovely in beautiful sunset.

1985 - Tuesday - 46° at 6 AM - Clear - cool. To Mass. Staked Aruncus and Allium knocked down by yesterday's storm. Dug up Basil Green bouquet and cut Spirea Anthony Waterer to take to Garden Club meeting - won first for both. Took Helen, Anne Tracy, Patty Sticknoth and Chris Clark to lunch at Inn - on to meeting at Vera Neligan's. Wes had graded between big stones off path to shed and built a stone wall on south side of shed - makes a foundation for the shed. Wes cut grass

1986 - Wednesday. 52° at 615 - Beautiful - cool day - Wes took car to Honda for oil change and repair of temperature gauge. I made Tavern cookies and coffee cake. Moved some impatiens around - putting more pink in garden room - staked - planted the Herbs from the terrace container (window box), taken yesterday to Garden Club, back into garden. To Blue Jay Orchard to pick strawberries - small ones this year but sweet - ordered top soil for delivery Friday. Wes cleared space along upper road

1987 - Thursday - 59° at 6 AM. Fair - very hot & humid most of day - then strong breeze & much cooler in late afternoon - somebody had a storm. Wes worked on saw - went for new spark plug - couldn't get it to work. I clipped grass on walk to garden room - swept all that area clean. To Louise McKeon's to pick up two wooden wine boxes to use in propagating. Prepared dinner for Vargas - here at 5:30. Alex & Wes picked up 35 light-foot posts from Young's in Alex' Jeep - for deer fencing.

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