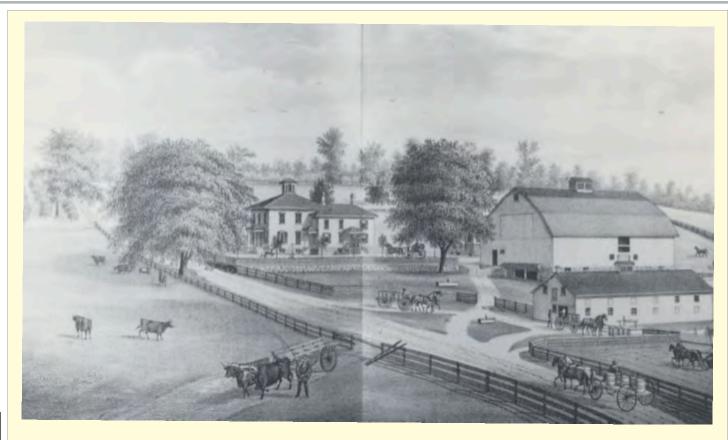
Gertrude Tallman - Life on a Farm

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Gertrude Tallman 1873-1905 Photograph by John K. Nagle,

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Residence of E.S. Tallman, Hannibal, Oswego County, NY

- 1. This image shows an Oswego County farmstead over 100 years ago. What does it tell you about life on a farm when Gertrude Tallman was a girl?
- 2. Take a close look at all the buildings. What do you think they were used for?
- 3. Why does the road lead to the barn?
- 4. What manner of transportation would be used to take eggs and butter to market?
- 5. Imagine you lived and worked on a farm like Gertrude Tallman. What does your farm look like? Draw a picture showing some activities you do each day.

Sandy Creek News, July 10, 1890, page

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A Burned Barn & Insurance

Questions for Further Research and Discussion:

- 1. Why would lightning strike a barn? How often does it happen? Is there a way to prevent lightning from hitting a barn or other structure?
- 2. How many bales of hay is ninety tons?
- 3. How much money could Mr. Tallman sell 500 bushels of oats for in 1890? How much would that be in today's dollars?
- 4. How much did a wagon cost in 1890?
- 5. How much would it cost to re-build the barn in 1890? How much would it cost today?
- 6. What is insurance?
- 7. Why would someone get insurance?
- 8. Did \$2,000 cover Mr. Tallman's loss?
- 9. Who was Mr. C. W. Colony?
- 10. Why were horses considered so valuable in 1890?
- 11. What would you want to insure?

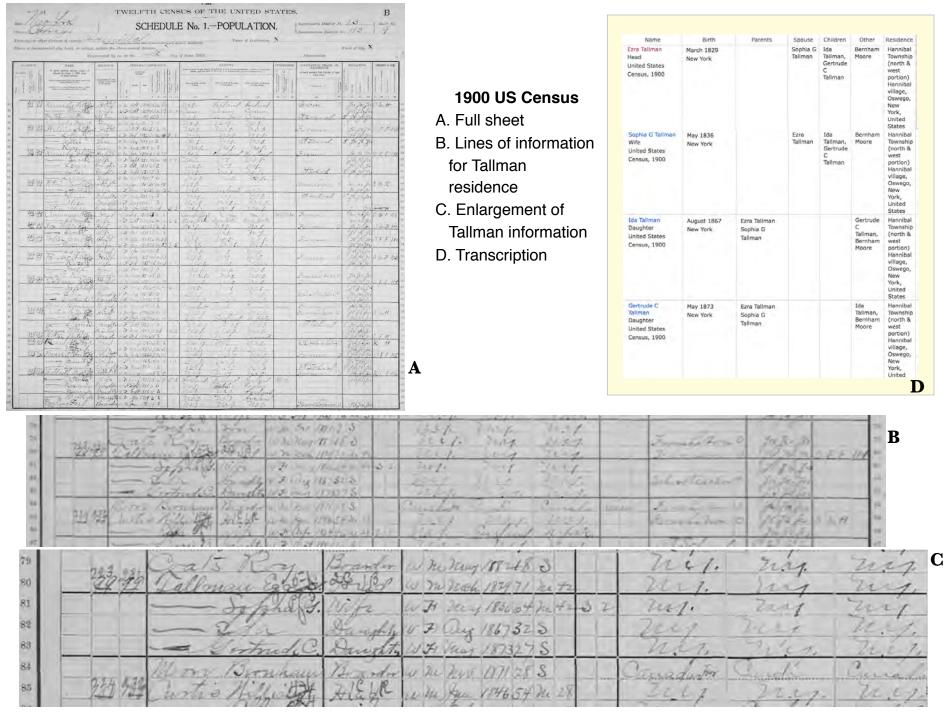
Page from Gertrude Tallman's Diary

Diary of Events, &c.,

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28	6	Fri.	Warm		Clear	I baked cake put 2 window lights in barn &c.				
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Name	Residence Place	Age	Birth Year (Estim	Birthplace	Relationship to H	Race	Gender
Burnham Moore	Hannibal, Oswego, New York	33	1872	Canada	Head	W	Male
Gertrude Moore	Hannibal, Oswego, New York	30	1875	United States	Wife	W	Female
Ida Tallman	Hannibal, Oswego, New York	37	1868	United States	Boarder	W	Female
Sophie G Tallman	Hannibal, Oswego, New York	70	1835	United States	Boarder	W	Female
George Washington	Hannibal, Oswego, New York	50	1855	United States	Boarder	В	Male

1905 Census

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Tallman Census Questions (1900)

- 1. Who do you think Exra Tallman was? When was he born? How old was he in 1900?
- 2. What was his wife's name? When was she born?
- 3. Who else lived with Ezra and his wife in 1900? What was the relationship of each to Ezra and his wife?
- 4. When was Gertrude born? How old was she in 1900 when this census was taken? How old would she have been when she wrote in her journal in 1904?
- 5. Who do you think Burnham Moore was? Where was he from?

Tallman - Moore Census Questions (1905)

- 1. Compared to the 1900 census, who is missing?
- 2. Compared to the 1900 census, who is added to the Tallman residence?
- 3. Who is now the head of the household? What is his occupation?
- 4. Who is listed as his wife?
- 5. Who are the boarders and what are their relationship to Burnham and Gertrude Moore?
- 6. What life events may have happened from 1900 to 1905?