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Preface

Millions of our ancestors' old envelopes, letters, and postcards await discovery by genealogists. While you may already have some old correspondence in your family papers, this book is about the envelopes, letters, and postcards that have survived outside your home. They are in private stamp and postcard collections. They are pictured in old stamp auction catalogs, books on postal history, and published postcard collections. They are in manuscript collections at local, state, and national libraries, museums, and historical societies. Hundreds of thousands are on sale every day on the internet. Some show where our ancestors lived before coming to the United States and where brothers and sisters moved after the family arrived. Others document military service, where people worked, their political and social interests, their pastimes, and where they went on vacation. A real photo postcard may show their picture. Some simply let us glimpse our ancestors' daily life. Using these materials as a genealogical source is what I call philatelic genealogy.¹

Each postcard and envelope that traveled through the mail is unique and personal. Most are handwritten. Our ancestors wrote the name and address of someone they knew on the envelope or postcard. Their text is like a page from their diary. A postmark confirms the date and place of mailing. In genealogical terms, old envelopes, letters, and postcards are original sources of primary information.²

Genealogists are fortunate that old envelopes, letters, and postcards have been saved for many years for reasons other than genealogy. Postal historians are stamp collectors who collect 'covers,' that is, entire envelopes or postcards with their stamp, postmark, and any additional marking such as "censored" or "registered," as well as folded letter sheets sent from the 1600s to the mid-1800s. Postal historians are interested in how mail was transported, the routes it traveled, postal rates, and in general, how the mail system worked. Postcard collectors are often interested in pictures of a particular location or a theme, such as valentines. The same envelope and postcard can be appreciated for different reasons by a postal historian, a postcard collector, and a genealogist.

This book promotes the use of envelopes, letters, and postcards as a genealogical source. One hundred envelopes and postcards in ten categories are shown as a sampler of the age and variety of available

material. Original letters or transcriptions accompany twenty of the envelopes. Thirty-four other envelopes are empty but still tell a story. Forty-six postcards are shown. Each sender and recipient is identified in a census, city directory, and/or other genealogical source, and their dates of birth and death and their parents' names are given, if determined. The relationship between the sender and recipient is explained, when possible. Seventeen envelope and postcard designers and publishers are also identified, as well as two paper manufacturers. An introductory chapter focuses on correct identification of the sender, the recipient, and their relationship. A closing chapter describes how an online philatelic genealogy database has been assembled. The benefits of philatelic genealogy for postal historians and postcard collectors are summarized in an appendix along with a primer on genealogical research. Names and places are grouped in the index. All web links were accessed in January 2016.

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Historic Map Works (<http://www.historicmapworks.com/>)

Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>)

Jim Forte Postal History (<http://www.postalhistory.com/>)

National Park Service, The Civil War, Soldier and Sailors Database (<http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>)

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Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com) subscription required

Philgen.org (<http://philgen.org>)

Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries (<http://www.siegelauctions.com/>), "Power Search," and enter sale no. and lot no. to locate an envelope.

Abbreviations:

Co. County

col. column

dwel. dwelling

ED enumeration district

fam. family

FHL Family History Library (*FamilySearch.org*)

NARA National Archives and Records Administration

NEHGS New England Historic Genealogical Society

NPS National Park Service

pop. sch. population schedule

RPPC real photo postcard
SSD Soldiers and Sailors Database (NPS)
SSN Social Security Number
YMCA Young Men's Christian Association

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“Correct identity is the foundation upon which all else rests ... Erring is unacceptable.”¹

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Introduction: Identifying the Recipient, the Sender, and their Relationship

When we read a name on a census sheet, passenger list, vital record, or military roster, we must ask whether this is the person in whom we are interested or another person with the same name? The same question applies to names written on old envelopes, postcards, and letters. To use the information that an envelope or postcard provides about the sender and recipient, we need to correctly identify the people named. Correct identification is a process of comparing known information about a person with clues provided by the envelope, postcard, and letter. Are the presumed sender and recipient shown in a census, city directory, vital record, and other documents at the locations and times indicated by the envelope or postcard? Identification of the recipient, sender, and their relationship requires thorough research in all available records, analysis and comparison of the information found, and notation of unresolved questions or inconsistencies.² This book shows how city directories, military rosters, censuses, and similar documents can be used to identify the sender, the recipient, and their relationship. For each envelope or postcard, the basic questions are always: Who was the recipient? Who was the sender? How were the sender and recipient related?

An ideal envelope or postcard has a complete, correctly spelled, legible name and address for the recipient, and a postmark with a legible date and location showing where and when it was mailed. Many envelopes and postcards are less than ideal. For an envelope or postcard to go through the mail, it needed at least the recipient's family name and the recipient's village, town, or city. The recipient's first and middle names may be spelled out, abbreviated (Robt. for Robert), shown as initials, shown as a nickname (Lizzie for Elizabeth), or missing. The address may include a street name and number. The recipient's country may be included if the envelope or postcard was mailed from another country. Addresses often include a title (Miss, Mrs., Mr., Master, Dr., or Rev.) that may help in identifying the recipient. Esq., an abbreviation for Esquire, may identify someone as an attorney, but is more often a sign of respect and need not be considered in

identifying the recipient. An ideal envelope has an original letter, but this is often not the case.

An ideal envelope or postcard will also have a return address that identifies the sender. The return address may be on the envelope's back flap. The post office has encouraged but generally not required the sender's return address. The post office needs a return address when a letter or postcard is undeliverable because the recipient cannot be located or did not claim their mail, or when postal exchange was suspended due to war or another cause. A return address may show the sender's initials or nickname only, or may have a street name and number without the sender's name. Many envelopes and postcards do not have a return address. Some recipients wrote the sender's name, date received, and date replied on the envelope or postcard, a practice referred to as docketing (see, Figures 2-5 and 10-4, and full list in the index). The sender's probable town or city appears in the postmark, provided the sender lived in the same location. The stamp shows the country where it was mailed.

The postmark may be the only indication of where an envelope or postcard was mailed. Postmarks can be incomplete or difficult to read, but a searchable post office database is available.³ Envelopes and postcards may have a second, or receiving, postmark, showing when it arrived in the city/town/village to which it was addressed (Figures 5-1 to 5-3, see Appendix for full list). The date and location of the receiving postmark will help when the recipient's address or the initial postmark's date are difficult to read. If the year of the postmark is missing or cannot be read, the year of mailing may be estimated using a stamp database that tells when each stamp was first issued.⁴ Picture postcards may have a legend showing where it was mailed, provided the sender lived at the pictured location. For envelopes and postcards with "City" or "Town" in place of the complete city/town/village name, the postmark and return address will show where the item was mailed (Figure 8-7).

In nearly all cases, the sender and recipient knew one another. They may have been related or they were friends. Senders and recipients with the same family name will nearly always be related. Postcards that begin 'Dear Sister' or close with 'Your cousin' show a family relationship. When the sender and recipient have different family names, the sender may be a married sister or daughter, or the recipient may have remarried. Identifying a sender or recipient shown as cousin, uncle, aunt, niece, or

nephew requires determining each person's parents and finding the relationship between the parents. Much correspondence without the same family name or text indicating a relationship was still sent by family. One exception is postcard exchange which was very popular in the early 1900s. The sender and recipient were often not related, but the exchange shows at least the sender and recipient's hobby or past-time.

Begin by searching for the recipient and sender in an indexed genealogical source

Linking an envelope, postcard, or letter to someone in your family tree begins by searching for the recipient and sender in a census index, city directory, vital records list, or similar document for the city/town/village to or from which it was sent. Use a list, index, or directory for a year as close as possible to when the postcard or envelope was mailed. You can often filter your search to a particular year and location. Search city directories for the preceding or following year if needed. Using a middle initial may help your search but omit the initial if too many matches have the initial but not the first name.

Three key pieces of information

1. Street address

Many envelopes and postcards include the recipient's and sender's street address. **Finding the name in which you are interested at the exact street address written on the envelope or postcard is generally a sure sign that you have found the correct person.** Be alert for two persons with the same name at the same address, such as father and son, mother and daughter, or grandchild and grandparent.

The 1880 U.S. census was the first census to include street names and building numbers for each household. If a census page has a name in which you are interested but does not show the street address, check a preceding page for the street name. Some households are unfortunately shown in the census without a street address. In addition to the census, street address is shown in town and city directories and is often included on applications and registrations that may match the street address in the envelope or postcard.

Prior to 1863, people went to the post office to pick up their mail.⁵

An address written on an envelope in the 1700s and 1800s may be the nearest post office and not the recipient's home address. Home delivery of mail in the United States began in 1863 in large cities. Mail sent to people in rural areas as recently as the early 1900s may be addressed to the nearest post office. City directories in large cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, and New York from as early as the 1780s include street addresses. Naming streets and numbering buildings was essential when home delivery of mail began in 1863, and was greatly expanded in the early 1910s when rural free delivery (R.F.D.) was established.

2. Additional names in text

The text of a letter or postcard often includes names and relationships of people in the sender's or recipient's family, and these names and relationships can help confirm that you have identified the correct family. Finding these additional names and relationships with the recipient or sender in a census or city directory helps assure that you have selected the correct family. Check the salutation for a first name or relationship to use in your search, such as Dear Tom, or Dear Brother.

3. Handwriting comparison

When the sender's identity is not or is partly indicated, the sender's handwriting on the envelope or postcard can be compared with writing specimens known to from a particular person. Handwriting comparisons are presented in this book to help identify eight senders. The sender's identity is uncertain in these cases because the envelope does not have the sender's name (Figures 2-7, 3-7, and 3-10), has the sender's first and middle initials with the family name (Figure 3-1), has the sender's initials only (Figure 6-2), has a first name only (Figure 9-4), or has a nickname (Figures 9-6 and 9-8). The writing samples used for comparison come from a ledger entry and a signature on a letter (Figures 2-7 and 3-1), signatures on World War I draft registration cards (Figures 6-2, 9-4, and 9-8), signatures on military service papers (Figures 3-7 and 3-10), and a passport application signature (Figure 9-6). The writing comparison is not presented as the sole evidence of the sender's identity. In each case the sender and recipient appear together in a census or other source document and/or they were related (husband and wife, father or mother and son, brother and sister, and uncle or aunt and niece). **The writing comparisons focus on similarities in the initial strokes, slant, pressure, letter**

construction, ending strokes, and other features.⁶ A magnifying glass may help when making comparisons.

Seven Common Challenges

1. Spelling of names:

A family name written on an envelope or postcard may be spelled or indexed differently in a census, city directory, or database. Larsen may be indexed as Larson or Larsin; Seubel as Subel. The presence of an ä, ô, û, or similar letter increases the possible spellings. Schädler may be indexed as Schadler or Schaefer, and Müller as Muller or Mueller. Someone named Andreas may be indexed as Andrew or Andy. François and Frantz may become Fran, Francis, or Frank. Friedrich may become Frederick or Fred. You may use an exact spelling in your initial search, but if this fails to find a possible match, consider alternate or partial spellings. See “Illegible handwriting” (below) for other suggestions on searching with part of a first and/or family name. Correspondence sent from outside the United States, such as from Italy, may be addressed to a sender with family name first, followed by the given name. The first name may be written in the language of the sender’s country. An envelope sent from Morbegno, Italy in 1916 and addressed to Masciadrelli Giuseppe in Westfield, Massachusetts was received by a man listed in the 1920 U.S. census as Joseph Masciadrelli.⁷

2. Initials:

When the recipient’s initials are shown in place of complete first and middle names, check the salutation to see if the recipient’s first name appears there. You may also search a city directory or census using the family name alone and examine the list of matches for first and middle names that match the initials. When the envelope or postcard has a street name and number, the directory can be searched by family name looking for a match on street name and number. An envelope sent in 1897 from St. Louis by “F. Burkart & Co.” was probably sent by Ferdinand Burkart.⁸ The absence of someone’s name in a city directory does not necessarily mean that the person was not living in the town or city. The names listed in a city directory are often limited to heads of household, and other adults in the household are listed only if they were working outside the home.

3. Illegible handwriting:

Handwritten names and addresses can be difficult to read. Depending on the size of the town or city and the number of times the

family name is listed, it may be feasible to search a directory using the legible part of the family name. If you are searching in a database, check if wildcards such as a question mark (?) or an asterisk (*) may be substituted for one or more letters. If they may, try searching for the first three, four, or five letters of a last name followed by an asterisk, or search with the last three or more letters preceded by an asterisk. You may also search for the first name alone, or the first name's first or last three or more letters followed or preceded by an asterisk. **Some city directories have a street directory that lists residents by street name and number in addition to the alphabetic list of residents' names.** A street directory is useful when the person's name is difficult to read but the street address is clearly written. Check the city directory's table of contents to find where the street directory is located, and then check the street directory to see if it lists residents' names or just describes the street grid.

4. Post office locations differ from census locations:

Census locations and post office locations do not always match. The village or town written on an envelope or postcard may be a post office in an unincorporated area not used by the census. Genealogical databases may use the same locations as the census. When searching for the village/town/city written on an envelope or postcard, it may help to determine the county in which the post office was located and to include the county name in your search. A searchable list of post offices by state and county (if desired) is available to help you find the county name, and can also help when the post office name is difficult to read.⁹ A county map from the approximate time the envelope or postcard was sent will show nearby villages/towns/cities as well as post office locations in relation to places used by the census.¹⁰ Remember that state, county, and even national boundaries and names change over time and some old villages and towns are now city neighborhoods. You may search using a nearby village/town/city name in place of the location written on the envelope or postcard.

5. Widows:

A woman to whom an envelope or postcard was addressed may have been a widow. The address may be written with her husband's first name (such as Mrs. John Smith) even though her husband was no longer living. Searching a city directory or census for John Smith for the year the envelope or postcard was sent is unlikely to yield a match. Search in an earlier directory or census when the husband was still living to find the

woman's first name. You can then search a census or city directory using her first name. If you have a street address, the directory can be searched using just the family name and looking for a street address match. City directories often show that a woman is a widow and provides her former husband's name. Beginning in 1880, the census also indicates if a woman is a widow.

6. Errors, omissions, and possible misinterpretations:

Names may be misspelled on the envelope or postcard, as well as in the census, the census index, or a city or town directory. The census may contain errors in building numbers and street names, or the street name and number may be missing from the census. Family trees found online may contain errors. Omissions are also possible. A sister may not be a blood relationship but rather a sister-in-law. The use of terms such as uncle, aunt, or cousin may refer to a close friend of the family and not a relative. In some religions, fellow members are referred to as brother and sister. Catholic priests are generally referred to as father, and some Catholic orders have members who are referred to as brothers and sisters. Comparison with other documents about the sender and recipient will help clarify the relationship and correct errors and omissions.

7. Uncertain sender and/or recipient:

You may not have sufficient information, at least initially, to identify both the recipient and the sender. Recognize when a census or city directory has more than one possible match. Several people with the same name may have lived in the same location at the same time. You can ask for help in identifying a recipient or sender on a locality- or surname-specific message board.¹¹ Another genealogist with more complete information may be able to link an envelope by knowing, for example, that the recipient had a sibling who lived where the envelope or postcard was postmarked. When the recipient is identified but the sender is either not known or partially identified (first name only), contact genealogists who have posted family trees that include the recipient. Determine who the recipient was even if the sender cannot be determined; the envelope or postcard is still part of the recipient's life even if the sender is not yet identified. The recipient's first initial may help identify the recipient, or at least reduce the number of possible people that match. **Above all else, hold off making a decision on the recipient's and/or sender's identity until you have sufficient information.**

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11. "Message Boards" (<http://boards.rootsweb.com/>), supports searching by surname and locality.

Chapter 1: Folded Letters

The earliest letters sent in colonial America and the early United States were folded letters. A simple folded letter was a single sheet of paper with a letter written on one side, the recipient's name and address written on the back, and the sheet folded and sealed to form an envelope. Additional text could be written on the back of the sheet in areas hidden when the sheet was folded. The earliest postmarks and postage were handwritten. Folded letters were sent as early as the 1600s and were in use until the 1860s, when envelopes and separate enclosed letter sheets became established. Handwritten postmarks gave way to hand-stamped, and later machine-stamped, postmarks, and stamps replaced handwritten postage. **The genealogical value of a folded letter comes from its age and the combination of the sender's letter, their signature, the recipient's address, and a postmark on a single sheet of paper.** Exceptions exist when the sender paid extra postage and inserted the letter inside a second sheet that has the address and postmark. An empty, outer folded letter is referred to as a wrapper (without contents). Folded letters are also known as stampless or pre-stamp covers and sheets.

Colonial and early United States mail service was expensive. From 1792 to 1845 the average daily wage was a dollar or less, but postage for a single page letter sent more than five hundred miles was twenty-five cents.¹ High postage rates remained a barrier until 1845, when domestic rates were reduced to five cents, and the rate was reduced to three cents in 1851.² Early mail service was slow. A folded letter traveling by horseback or stagecoach could take weeks or months. A letter from Portland, Maine to Savannah, Georgia took on average twenty days in 1799.³ The combination of high cost and slow service reduced letter-writing frequency, and accounts for the abundance of news and names found in folded letters shown in this chapter. Matthew Lind speaks of forty-five people and nine locations (Figure 1-1), Daniel Benedict of twelve people (Figure 1-3), Ephraim Hartzler of twelve people (Figure 1-8), and Gilbert Ray of eleven people and eight places (Figure 1-4). With a long interval between letters, many things happened that then found their way into the next folded letter. One folded letter from Scotland identifies the birthplace of the recipient's husband (Figure 1-6). Businesses, for whom postage may have been less of a barrier, sent four of the folded letters shown in this chapter (Figures 1-2, 1-5, 1-9, and 1-10).

Notes

1. Stanley Lebergott, "Wage Trends, 1800-1900," in *Trends in the American Economy in the Nineteenth Century*; National Bureau of Economic Research (<http://www.nber.org/chapters/c2486>), 462. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," (<http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/domestic-letter-rates-since-1863.pdf>).
2. Wayne Fuller, *The American Mail, Enlarger of the Common Life* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1972), 344-345.
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1-1: 1831 “[W]hat ... I have in the way of news”



1-1A 1831 folded letter from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Erie, Pennsylvania via Pittsburgh (Author's collection)

Matthew F. Lind (circa 1811-1886), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Hannah Smith Lind (circa 1809-1895), Erie, Pennsylvania

This folded letter was sent by a brother to his sister. “Miss Hannah S. Lind” in Erie, Pennsylvania received a three-page folded letter written 28 October and 1 November 1831 in Philadelphia and postmarked 6 November 1831 in Pittsburgh that opens “My dear Sister” and ends “your brother Matthew.” Matthew writes “I cannot promise you any thing either new or interesting but shall endeavor to give you what little I have in the way of news.” In all, the letter mentions forty-five people and nine places. Hannah Smith Lind, born 24 March 1808, and Matthew Lind, born circa 1811, were children of

John and Ann Washington (Smith) Lind who married 22 May 1807.¹ John Lind, their father, is in Washington County, Maryland, where Hagerstown is the county seat, in the 1820 U.S. census.² John Lind was an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister who died 20 September 1824 in Hagerstown and was succeeded in the ministry by his nephew Matthew Lind Fullerton.³ Matthew Lind writes "Last night I enjoyed the pleasure of seeing Cousin Matthew Fullerton his wife and wean." Matthew Lind married Elizabeth Caroline Chambers in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania 20 May 1847, and they are in Philadelphia in the 1850 U.S. census.⁴ Matthew Lind writes of his work in Philadelphia, apparently selling clothing. "I never had a thorough knowledge of what hard work was, until I came here." Matthew writes of Robert and John Lind, their brothers.⁵ Matthew and Robert Lind would later go into business as "Lind & Brother" selling dry goods in Philadelphia.⁶ Matthew addressed the folded letter to Hannah in Erie, and Matthew and Hannah had an uncle and aunt, Robert and Elizabeth (Lind) Reid, who lived in Erie.⁷ Hannah and Matthew had apparently lived with another uncle in Mansfield, Ohio, probably after their father's death. Matthew writes "I think it would be the height of imprudence for you to return to Mansfield." In the next sentence Matthew writes "Uncle thinks hard of my leaving him." A Matthew "Linn" is in Mansfield in the 1830 U.S. census.⁸ Hannah Smith Lind married Reverend William Ramsey Hemphill 10 May 1837, and she is in Abbeville County, South Carolina in the 1850 U.S. census.⁹ Matthew is in Philadelphia in the 1860 U.S. census and in Mansfield in the 1870 U.S. census.¹⁰ Matthew F. Lind died in Mansfield 10 April 1886, and obituaries state that he first came to Mansfield from Pennsylvania with his uncle circa 1828, and subsequently lived in Philadelphia.¹¹ Hannah died 5 October 1895 in Abbeville County.¹² The letter was not postmarked in Philadelphia and was apparently carried outside the regular mail by a traveler, possibly "Mr. Spencer" (written on the envelope, lower left), from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Matthew writes of "sending letters by private conveyance." Postal rates in 1831 were based in part on distance, and postage between Philadelphia and Erie would have been twenty-five cents.¹³ The number "12 ½," the cost of postage for 100 to less than 150 miles, appears faintly on the address side of the letter (above "Lind"), and Matthew avoided paying full postage by sending the letter first to Pittsburgh.

Notes:

1. William B. Sprague, *Annals of American Associate, Associate Reformed, and Reformed Presbyterian Pulpit* (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1869); digital image, Internet Archive; "Associate Reformed" section of book, 131, for Matthew

and Hannah's mother's name and their parents' marriage date. "Find A Grave," database, Hannah Smith Lind Hemphill, Abbeville Co., S.C., memorial no. 73822555, for gravestone photograph with Hannah's birth date. 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, South Mulberry ward, p. 255 (stamped, verso), dwell. 514, fam. 588, Matthew Lind; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 815, for Matthew's birth year estimated 1811 based on his age of thirty-nine years (col. 4).

2. 1820 U.S. census, Washington Co., Md., election district 2, p. 212 (penned), John Lind; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M33, roll 46.

3. Sprague, *Annals*, "Associate Reformed," 131, for John Lind's death date and place; 135, for succession by Mathew Lind Fullerton, nephew.

4. "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708-1985"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Matthew Lind-Elizabeth Caroline Chambers, marriage list, Presbyterian Church of The Upper West Conogogheague, Mercersburg, Pa.; citing Historic Pa. Church and Town Records, Historical Society of Pa., Philadelphia. 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, South Mulberry ward, p. 255 (stamped, verso), dwell. 514, fam. 588, Matthew Lind.

5. Robert is mentioned on all three pages of the folded letter and John on p. 2.

6. *McElroy's Philadelphia Directory for 1844* (Philadelphia: Edward C. Biddle, 1844); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 182, entry for Lind & Brother.

7. Benjamin Whitman, *Nelson's Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Erie County, Pennsylvania* (Erie, Pa.: S. B. Nelson, 1896); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 574-575, "Rev. Robert Reid," for his wife Elizabeth Lind, daughter of Matthew Lind (Matthew and Hannah's grandfather).

8. 1830 U.S. census, Richland Co., Ohio, Mansfield town, pp. 23 (stamped, verso)-24 (stamped, recto), Matthew Linn; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 139.

9. *The Centennial History of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1803-1903* (Charleston, S.C.: Presses of Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., 1905); digital image, Internet Archive; 163-164, for William Ramsey Hemphill-Hannah Smith Lind marriage date. 1850 U.S. census, Abbeville District, S.C., pop. sch., Due West, p. 98 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 1510, William R. Hemphill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M432, roll 848.

10. 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 9, p. 169 (penned), dwell. 957, fam. 1057, Matthew F. Ling [Lind]; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1159. 1870 U.S. census, Richland Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Mansfield, ward 1, p. 7 (penned), dwell. 40, fam. 41, Matthew Lind; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M593, roll 1261.

11. *Mansfield* [Ohio] *Herald*, 15 April 1886, p. 3, includes "died Saturday morning," for arrival in Mansfield with his uncle. *Richland* [Ohio] *Shield and Banner*, 17 April 1886, p. 7, for arrival in Mansfield in 1828 and residence in Philadelphia; scanned images from microfilm, Mansfield Richland Co. [Ohio] Public Library.

12. *The Charlotte* [N.C.] *Observer*, 9 October 1895, p. 3, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; "Mrs. Hannah Hemphill," obituary, includes "buried here Saturday."

13. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink].

Philadelphia Oct. 28th 1831

My dear sister

Thinking that you feel the same interest in hearing from me, that I do from you I have taken my pen to devote a short time in writing you a few hasty lines. I do not know which of us wrote last, however I do not intend being formal neither do I wish you to be so; I should have written sooner had it been in my power, ^{but my} time has been so entirely engaged in attending to business, that I have had to forego that pleasure. I never had a thorough knowledge of what hard work was, until I came here, now I have an experiential knowledge, for about 3 or 4 months past we have been kept nearly close selling goods through the day and packing them at night, very frequently until twelve and one o'clock, and now it is something more painful to retire before twelve. I cannot promise you any thing either new or interesting but I shall endeavor to give you what little I have in the way of news. I am so closely confined that I have no bare opportunity of seeing more than the common occurrences in our business. Last night I enjoyed the pleasure of seeing Cousin Matthew Callister & wife and son, and also Mrs. Thompson, they were returning from a tour to New York. Cousin M. said he saw Aunt Eliza who inquired about you in a very affectionate manner. I also saw a son of Aunt M. & Leland's who gave the Green Castle news. Mother has returned from the city and has commenced housekeeping. Uncle F. is again elected to the Assembly and intends breaking up house. Aunt C. is to live with Cousin Abner's. I intend to go to the academy to live with Cousin Matthew, who informed me that he intended sending me to school you would like to see Aunt Eliza she has such a kind heart, while I was with her she tried every way to make me comfortable she is very smart and beloved by all who know her. I would advise you to write immediately to Uncle F. and request him to remit you your share of the rent money would you that you stand very much in need of it and suppose you etc. he is so hard pushed that when he gets property into his hands he has to let it go to pay his own debts the amount that is now due you is about forty dollars, estimate of the crop that was raised the present year which is worth as the three preceding years, and which I think is in City & London, London and therefore will be safe. I rec'd a letter from Robert a few days ago he was well, we carry on a regular correspondence as our opportunities of sending letters by private conveyance is very frequently he writes that Mother spends two or three days in Pittsburg and he was very much pleased with her, and particularly so with little Mary, who he says is a very interesting child she is very delicate and so thin almost as a waif, to speak figuratively.

waiting for you in the prayer of your brother Matthew.

[Marginal note:] This note was written on paper which I wrote before you got things. This note was written on paper which I wrote before you got things. This note was written on paper which I wrote before you got things.

1-1B Page 1 of 1831 folded letter from Matthew F. Lind to Hannah Smith Lind (Author's collection)

1831 folded letter transcription (minor spelling changes and capitalization added, line breaks changed, illegible text indicated by ...)

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so with little Mary, who he says is a verry interesting child she is verry delicate and as thin almost as a wasp to speak figuratetively [in left margin] It is now late and I fear you patience will be exausted before you get through this scrall else I would cross it however this must suffice for this time. Do not forget to write soon remember a long letter and tell me who your sweetheart is what kind of a man and +c Good night and may angels gaurd and protect you in your sleeping and
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waking hours is the prayer of your brother Matthew

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Mother offered Robert Father's watch, but he declined accepting it on the grounds that it in justice belongs to me, which was verry generous in him and such a course of conduct has allways characterised his movements. I have some doubts in my own mind wheather I will get it yet, for whilst I was at Green Castle some of the good people there, who are fond of hatching up old quarrels, told me a parcel of stories that she should have said about us, some of which I believed, and some I did not. However some of them were of such a nature as to raise my ire, and I expressed myself verry plainly, which if she hears (and I have no doubt but she will) will make her a little wrothy. I declare that I would not live at Greencastle or Hagerstown for any consideration. There is such a mean sett of people there (I do not include all for there are some hone-rable exceptions) they are continually wrangling and battling and whilst I was there I was the subject of general conversation one said that they wondered why such mother did not do something for us another such as one ought and so on and others looked sideways, I suppose for fear I should ask some favor of them but if they had known it, they need not have given themselves any uneasyness, for I did not go there on a begging expedition and further, I would not have accepted a favor from any of them had it been offered. I have a verry poor opinion of that old sucak John Kennedy who would not trouble himself with your business. He is a hypocritical Pharisical old sinner. Uncle F. told me that he spoke to him to take me in the store at the time of Pas death, and he told him to bind us [his] out to trades, and make us learn to work for our living +c. since I heard that I cannot bear him. Cousin Jane is bringing John up in the good old way she intends making him a rigid seceder of him, even now he will not go to hear Cousin Matthew preach. Mrs Ramsey has been busily engaged to day purchasing clothes for Margaret Patterson who is to be married in three weeks to Abram Barnes alias Barnes Mason Mrs R bought her a cloak the patern of which alone cost \$30 and other things in proportion that will do verry well for rich people. B.

has a fortune of about \$100,000 Doctor P. still retains his animosity towards the Clark and Young families he will not suffer them to visit his house. I have not received a letter from Uncle for some time but heard from there a few weeks ago by Mr Christopher Lamberton who I presume you have a slight recollection of no doubt he was here purchasing goods

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Nov 1st Since I wrote this letter Mrs R rec'd a letter from Miss Mary Baird Pitt[sbur]g who writes that you had left P that morning having remained there only one week she did not say where you had gone, back to. E. or to Greencastle I was surprised at your short stay there I have written this scrawl intending to send it to P. by the first opportunity. Last night I had a fall out with a young lady but have settled it I have not time to give you the particulars

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and did not know that I was in the city until he had nearly completed his purchases. I also saw Messrs Arnold + McFall James Purdy and James Stewart. A few days ago I rec'd almost as long a letter as I am writing you, from Jane Purdy who was then in Dayton she writes a beautiful letter. The longer I remain in my present situation the better I am pleased with it. Mr R is one of the most kind and affectionate men I ever was acquainted with and I think if there is a truly pious man Mr R is the one. He appears to be particularly interested in our welfare. A few days ago he told me that in a conversation with Mrs McLandburgh and Mr Agnew of McConnellsburg, he proposed educating Robert if they would assist. McL said she would do her part, but Mr A declined on the grounds that he was educating two young men, and he could not afford it Mr. R. told me if R. had an inclination to study Divinity in the A. R. C. and he could get another to join in with him, he would assist though his mind appears bent on making an associate R'd clergyman of Rob't Mother wrote Mrs R a very flattering account of him. I have mingled very little in society here, have been at one party where I was obliged to go for politeness sake not inclination. There is one young lady a Miss Ireland with whom I am much pleased I have been to see her three or she is very handsome and smart, and from her actions I am v... .. to think she loves your dear brother a little however I do not intend visiting her again least I should get in over the ears and that would not do in any present situation. We are trying to raise a congregation here but our number is so few that we have our doubts whether we will be able to effect it. We have the instrument in the person of a great big Red headed Scotch man, a Mr. George a classmate Pollock and the celebrated Dr Chalmers. He is a man of brilliant talents and I think of genuine piety, plain

and unostentatious in his manners and remarkably studious. I am rejoiced to learn that you are pleased with Erie and hope you will continue so. I think it would be the height of imprudence for you to return to Mansfield, for if you do, it will on[ly] be to make a slave of yourself which I do not wish you to do and for what? For nothing I suppose. Uncle thinks hard of my leaving him, but why should he! I had no other alternative. I was out of business and could not get a situation, had no capital of my own to go into business for myself I could not have remained there unless I had hired out to chop wood, drive waggons or some such thing, and that I had no relish for when I could avoid it. As you know I have been anxiously expecting a letter from my dear Aunt Betsy but now have almost come to the conclusion that she does not intend writing me at all. If she knew how glad I would be to receive a few lines from her I think she would make the attempt for I know she would like to gratify in any way she could. I was not a little diverted at Old Mrs Knox the other day she was inquiring about Aunt asked me how many children she has I told her one. Then the old lady asked me if she would have any more I told the Old woman that she had over rated my abilities in that way. My dear Sister what this letter lacks in quality I have given you in quantity and as I am now

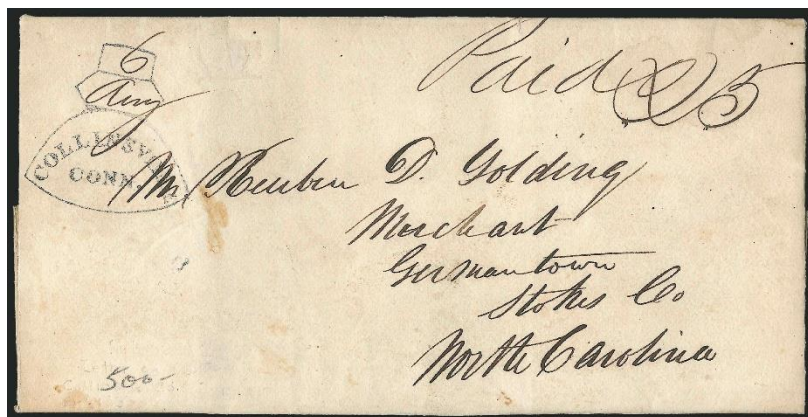
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a profecent in the art of letter writing I hope you will overlook all inaccuracies defects +c with which this epistle abounds and I will promise my next shall be more systematic. Present as much love as can be conveyed in a letter and as much more as you can imagine to my beloved Aunt and Uncle and and accept for yourself a large portion of the esteem and affection of him who now professes to be and remain your affectionate brother Matthew

[address]

Fw'd by R C S Lind	
[postage] 12 ½	
Pittsburgh Pa. Nov 6	
Miss Hannah S Lind	
Politeness of	Erie
Mr Spencer	Pa

1-2: 1833 Connecticut axes for a North Carolina merchant



1-2 1833 folded letter from Collinsville, Connecticut to "Germantown," North Carolina (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1063, lot 1243)

Samuel Watkinson Collins (1802-1871), Collinsville, Connecticut to Reuben D. Golding (1802-1879), Germantown, North Carolina

This folded letter was sent by a manufacturer to a merchant. "Mr. Reuben D. Golding," merchant, in "Germantown," Stokes County, North Carolina received a folded advertising circular postmarked by hand "6 Aug[ust 1833]" in Collinsville, Connecticut.¹ Reuben D. Golding is in Stokes County, where Germantown is located, in the 1830 U.S. census, and a Reuben D. Golding, merchant, is in Germantown in the 1850 U.S. census.² Reuben D. Golding was born 1802 in North Carolina, and he married Mary Bitting 5 August 1827 in "Germantown."³ The folded letter contains an 1833 circular for Collinsville Axes selling for two dollars a dozen. S. W. Collins is in Canton, Connecticut, where Collinsville is located, in the 1830 U.S. census, and Samuel/Sam'l W. Collins, manufacturer, is in Canton in the 1840 and 1850 U.S. censuses.⁴ Samuel Watkinson Collins was baptized 8 October 1805 in Middletown, Connecticut, the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Watkinson) Collins who married 2 September 1801 in Middletown.⁵ The envelope has a "Collinsville Conn." postmark in the form of an axe-head. The Collins Company made axes and was a principle employer in the area. "Paid 25

[cents]" is written on the envelope, which was the postage rate in 1833 for a letter sent over four hundred miles.⁶ Samuel W. Collins died 30 April 1871 in Canton and is buried in Collinsville.⁷ Reuben D. Golding died 12 April 1879 in Germanton.⁸ The Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford has a collection of Collins Company papers, and the company's history is featured in Janet Siskind's *Rum and Axes, The Rise of a Connecticut Merchant Family*.⁹ The Collins Company employed three hundred workers.¹⁰

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1063 catalog, lot 1243, for advertising circular and postmark year.

2. 1830 U.S. census, Stokes Co., N.C., pop. sch., pp. 223 (stamped, verso)-224 (stamped, recto), Reuben D. Golding; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M19, roll 125. 1850 U.S. census, Stokes Co., N.C., pop. sch., Germanton district, pp. 104 (stamped, verso)-105 (stamped, recto), dwell. 510, fam. 513, Reuben D. Golding; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M432, roll 645.

3. "Find A Grave," Reuben D. Golding, Stokes Co., N.C., memorial no. 27053414, for gravestone photograph with birth year. 1850 U.S. census, Stokes Co., N.C., pop. sch., Germanton district, pp. 104 (stamped, verso)-105 (stamped, recto), dwell. 510, fam. 513, Reuben Golding, for birth state. Carrie L. Broughton, compiler, *Marriage and Death Notices in Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette 1826-1845* (Raleigh, N.C.: N.C. State Library, 1947), 22, Mary Bitting-Reuben D. Golding, newspaper abstract, for marriage date and place, citing 7 August 1827 *Raleigh Register*; book is available as a pdf download at "North Carolina Digital Collections" (<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/>) > "Collections" > "Family Records" > "Marriage and Death Notices" > scroll to link for 1826-1845.

4. 1830 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Canton, pp. 291 (stamped, verso)-292 (stamped, recto), S. W. Collins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 7. 1840 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Canton, pp. 185 (stamped, verso)-186 (stamped, recto), Samuel W. Collins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M704, roll 23. 1850 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Canton, p. 297 (stamped, recto), dwell. 71, fam. 72, Sam'l W. Collins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 40.

5. "Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing Middletown First Congregational, vol. 70, part 1, p. 138, and Alexander Collins-Eliza Watkinson, marriage index, p. 140, Samuel Watkinson Collins, baptism index; citing Conn. State Library, Hartford.

6. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink].

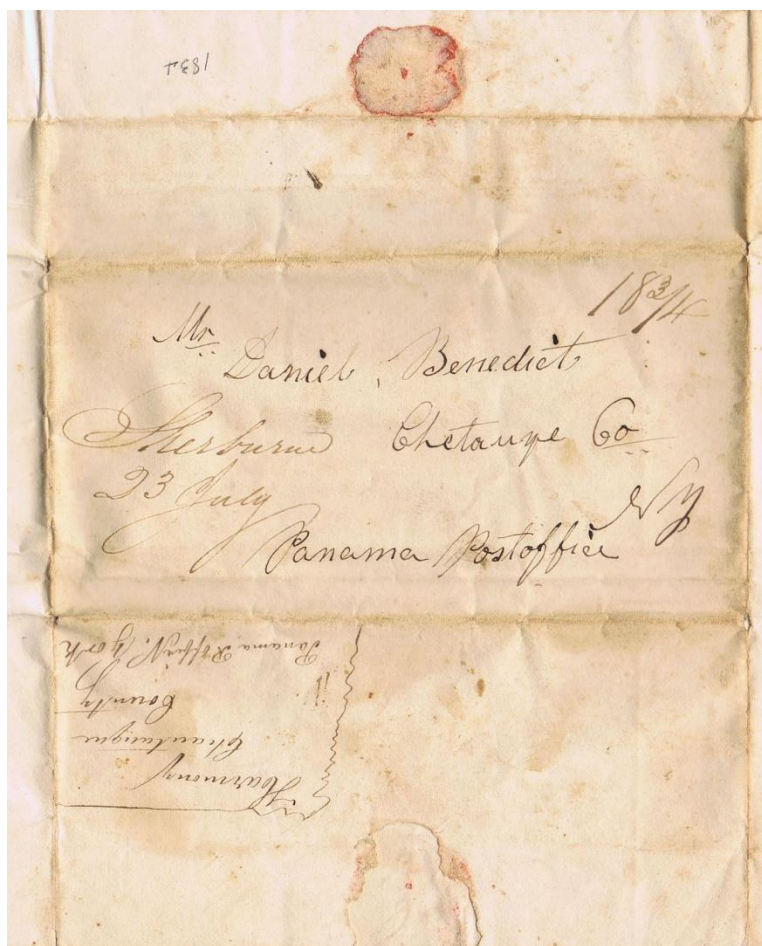
7. "Connecticut, Deaths and Burials, 1772-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Samuel W. Collins, death abstract, for death date and place. "Find A Grave," database, Samuel Watkinson Collins, Hartford Co., Conn., memorial no. 32165714, for burial place.

8. *The People's Press* [Winston-Salem, N.C.], 17 April 1879; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 3, col. 2, "Reuben Golding," obituary, includes died "last Saturday," for death date and place.

9. Connecticut Historical Society (<http://chs.org/>) > "Research" > "Research Tools" > "Manuscript Finding Aids" > "Collins Co." Janet Siskind, *Rum and Axes, The Rise of a Connecticut Merchant Family, 1795-1850* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2002).

10. Siskind, *Rum and Axes*, 89, paragraph 2.

1-3: 1834 "[W]e are repeetly reminded of our mortality"



1-3A 1834 folded letter from Sherburne, New York to Panama, New York (Author's collection)

Jared Benedict (1768-1842), Sherburne, New York to Daniel Benedict (1792-1889), Panama, Chautauqua County, New York

This folded letter was sent by a father to his son. "Mr. Daniel Benedict" in "Chetauque Co [Chautauqua County], NY, Panama Post office" received a folded letter written 15 July 1834 and postmarked by hand in Sherburne, New York 23 July 1834. The text begins "Respected children," closes with "Wright son by male [Write son by mail]," and is signed "Jared Benedict." Jared/Jerad Benedict is in Sherburne in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses, and Daniel Benedict is in Harmony (about two miles southeast of Panama) in the 1840 and 1850 U.S. censuses.¹ Jared Benedict was born 15 November 1768 in South Salem, New York, son of Joseph and Keziah (Wood) Benedict who married 22 November 1750.² Daniel Benedict was born 14 October 1792, son of Jared and Sarah (Bouton) Benedict who married 1 January 1786 in Salem, New York.³ Jared's letter lets us glimpse the lives of twelve people. He writes that he was sick in the spring and that Daniel's mother was sick for two months during the winter. "Enoch has left truxton and is on the canal betwn Sherburn and Paris." Enoch is probably Jared's son, and thus Daniel's brother, born 6 December 1794.⁴ An Enoch Benedict is in Truxton in the 1830 U.S. census, and in Lenox, New York in the 1840 U.S. census.⁵ The canal reference may be to the Erie Canal, which passed through Lenox, or to the Chenango Canal. Jared writes "Martin[s] wif[e] has got another son." Martin is probably Jared's son Martin Benedict, born 20 August 1797.⁶ Martin, Abigail, and their sixteen-year-old son Clark Benedict (born circa 1834), are in Sherburne in the 1850 U.S. census.⁷ Jared writes "Almira gardner has got a son." Almira (Mrs. John H.) Gardner is in Sherburne with a sixteen-year-old son Charles (born circa 1834) in the 1850 U.S. census, and John H. Gardner is in Sherburne in the 1830 U.S. census.⁸ The text mentions "Betsey," and this is probably Jared's daughter Betsy Benedict, born 28 May 1810, who is in Sherburne in the 1850 U.S. census with her mother and brother Eri.⁹ Jared writes "we are respectly reminded of our mortality" and "Old McCoe is no more, he died in June." This may be Elexander McCoy who is in Norwich (ten miles south of Sherburne) in the 1830 U.S. census.¹⁰ Jared writes that Milton Northop died, and this may be a son of Asa Northrop, who is in Sherburne with three sons in the 1830 U.S. census.¹¹ Jared writes that the fruit is all "cutof [cut off]," and he ends "[W]e think sometim[e] we shall com[e] out." Jared paid "18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " cents postage, the rate for sending a single page between 150 and 400 miles.¹² Jared

Benedict died 15 September 1842 in Sherburne.¹³ Daniel Benedict died 9 December 1889 and is buried in Chautauqua County.¹⁴

Sherburne July 15th 1834

Respected Children It improves this opportunity
of informing you of our health my health is not very good
this Spring but do little your Mother was sick
last winter about two months is now comfortable
and the rest of ~~our~~ our friends here hoping they feel
will find you and yours enjoying the same blessing
we have been to Martins our friends was all well their
Enoch has left Truxton and is on the canal between
Sherburne and Paris Martin's wife has got another son
Allmira Gardner has got a son this has been
some time about 10 or 12 weeks is now in bed in Jan.
Milton Northrop died in May they are repeatedly
reminded of our mortality the season has been such
that our fruit gets out of us we want to see you but
the distance is so great that we must convey together
by writing your Mother and Sister is taking
about in baby day I want to be where you are and
the prospect around you we want you to write to
let us know how you are we think sometime we shall come out
write soon by mail

Jared Benedict

Daniel Benedict

1-3B Text of 1834 folded letter from Jared Benedict to Daniel Benedict (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1830 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., Sherburne, pp. 128 (stamped, verso)-129 (stamped, recto), Jerad Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M19, roll 86. 1840 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., Sherburne, p. 226 (stamped, recto and verso), Jared Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 273. 1840 U.S. census, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., Harmony, p. 16 (stamped, recto and verso), Daniel Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 271. 1850 U.S. census, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Harmony, p. 270 (stamped, recto), dwell. 662, fam. 675, Daniel Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 484.

2. Henry Marvin Benedict, *The Genealogy of the Benedicts in America* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1870); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 69-70, "29. Col. Joseph," for Jared's parents' names and marriage date, and Jared's birth date. "Family Data Collection—Individual Records"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Jared Benedict, for Jared's birth place; citing human genetic and disease studies but original source not shown.

3. Benedict, *Benedicts in America*, 100, "84. Jared," for Daniel's birth date and parents' names and marriage date. "New York City, Marriages, 1600s-1800s"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Jared Benedict-Sarah Bouton, marriage abstract, for marriage place, marriage date shown 1787; citing *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 1900, p. 240.

4. Benedict, *Benedicts in America*, 100, "84. Jared," for Enoch's birth date.

5. 1830 U.S. census, Cortland Co., N.Y., Truxton, pp. 42 (stamped, verso)-43 (stamped, recto), Enoch Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 88. 1840 U.S. census, Madison Co., N.Y., Lenox, p. 16 (stamped, recto and verso), Enoch Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 295.

6. Benedict, *Benedicts in America*, 100, "84. Jared," for Martin's birth date.

7. 1850 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Sherburne, pp. 259 (stamped, verso)-260 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1807, fam. 1823, Martin Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M432, roll 487.

8. 1850 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Sherburne, p. 243 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1522, fam. 1536, John H. Gardner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 487. 1830 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., Sherburne, pp. 133 (stamped, verso)-134 (stamped, recto), John H. Gardner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 86.

9. Benedict, *Benedicts in America*, 100, "84. Jared," for Betsey's birth date. 1850 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Sherburne, p. 260 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1808, fam. 1824, Eri Benedict; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 487.

10. 1830 U.S. census, Norwich, Chenango Co., N.Y., pp. 162 (stamped, verso)-163 (stamped, recto), Elexander McCoy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 86.

11. 1830 U.S. census, Sherburne, Chenango Co., N.Y., pp. 130 (stamped, verso)-131 (stamped, recto), Asa Northrop; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 86.

12. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink].

13. Benedict, *Benedicts in America*, 100, "84. Jared," for death date and place. "Find A Grave," database, Daniel Benedict, Chenango Co., N.Y., memorial no. 92834911, for gravestone photograph with death date.

14. "Find A Grave," database, Daniel Benedict, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., memorial no. 37266965, for gravestone photograph with death date.

1834 folded letter text (line breaks changed):

Sherburn July 15th 1834

Respected children I improv this opportunity of informing you of our helth my helth is not very good this spring but do a little your mother was sick last winter about two months is now comfortable and the rest of our friends here hoping these few line will find you and your enjoying the same blessing we have ben to martins our friends was all well their Enoch has left truxton and is on the canall betwn Sherburn and paris Martin wif has got another son Almira gardner has got a son thirs has been some deth about us old McCoe is no more he died in Jun Milton Northop died in May thus we are repeetly reminded of our mortality the season has ben such that our fruit is all cut of we want to see you but the distane is so grat that we must convers together by wrighting your Mother and Betsey is talking about you [?]aby day I want to se where yo warck nd the prospect around you we want you to wright to let us know how you are we think somtim we shal com out wright son by male

Jared Benedict

Daniel Benedict

[front]

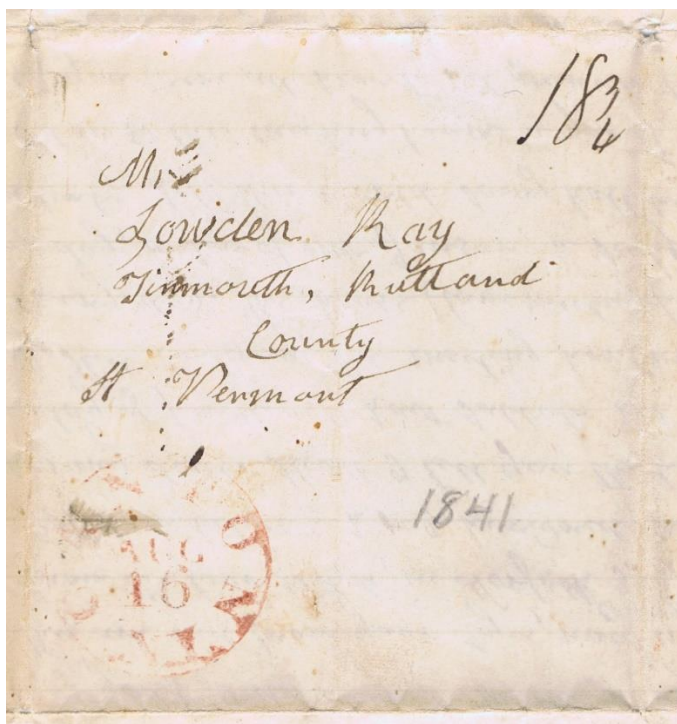
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Mr. Daniel Benedict
Chetauqe Co NY
Panama Post office
Sherburne 23 July

[reverse]

Harmony Chautauque County
Panama P. office
N. York

1-4: 1841 “[O]h how we want all our children to come to the knowledge of the truth”



1-4A 1841 folded letter from Canton, New York to Tinmouth, Vermont (Author's collection)

Gilbert Ray (1764-1849), Russell, New York to Lowden Ray (1787-1860), Tinmouth, Vermont

This folded letter was sent by a father to his son. “Lowden Ray” in Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont received a folded letter postmarked 16 August 1841 in Canton, New York that begins “Dear Children & Grand Children” and closes “Gilbert & Rachel Ray, Russel, August 14th 1841.” “Loudoin” Ray and his apparent wife and children are in Tinmouth in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ Lowden Ray was born 11 May 1787 in Wilmington, Vermont, the son of Gilbert and Rachel (Perry) Ray who married 4 May 1786 in Wilmington.² Gilbert Ray is in Russell, St. Lawrence County, New York, about fifteen miles south of Canton, in the 1840 U.S. census as a

Revolutionary War soldier living in the household of G. B. Clark.³ Gilbert Ray was born 18 August 1764 in Wrentham, Massachusetts, the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Bragg) Ray who married 17 April 1759 in Wrentham.⁴ Gilbert writes "Gideons health is poor," and he is probably referring to Gideon B. Clark, his son-in-law, who married Gilbert and Rachel's daughter Cynthia Ray.⁵ Gideon Clark died in 1844.⁶ Gilbert writes of religious meetings in St. Lawrence County, New York, that occurred in what is called the Second Great Awakening.⁷ "[I]n Norfolk 300 converts counted, in Mesena [Massena] large number, in Potsdam between 2 + 3 hundred, Maddrid [Madrid] quite a number ... Shall I tell you the holy g[h]ost has come to Canton as in the day of pentecost, Last Sabbath 280 names was taken as converts the work still continues, the meeting has continued for more than four weeks every day, the house (lane meeting house) thronged on the Sabbath, + every day." Gilbert writes "oh how we want all our children to come to the knowledge of the truth." He continues "Edens wife has a hope." Eden Ray, Gilbert and Rachel's son, married Minerva (Bailey) Ray, and "Eadon" and Minerva Ray, apparently husband and wife, are in Lisbon, New York, immediately north of Canton, in the 1850 U.S. census.⁸ Gilbert also writes "I dont know what to tell about Aranuh we have as much as we can do to keep his head a bove water." Arunah Griswold married Olive Ray, Gilbert and Rachel's daughter, 18 June 1818 in Tinmouth.⁹ Arunah Griswold is in Canton in the 1850 U.S. census.¹⁰ While Gilbert Ray wrote in 1841 "from the border of the grave" and stated "we can not expect to stay hear long," he lived until 17 April 1849 and was buried in North Russell, New York.¹¹ Loudon Ray died 4 March 1860 in Poultney, Vermont.¹² The postage was 18 ¾ cents, the rate in 1841 for sending a single sheet 150-400 miles.¹³

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Rutland Co., Vt., pop. sch., Tinmouth, p. 358 (stamped, verso), dwell. 895, fam. 910, Loudoin Ray; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 927.

2. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Lowden Ray, birth abstract, for birth date and place; and Gilbert Ray, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and wife's first name; citing NEHGS, Boston, Mass. W. G. Ray, compiler, *The Ray Genealogy, Showing the Line of Descent From Daniel Ray Who Settled at Plymouth Colony About 1630* (Grinnell, Iowa: Ray & Frisbie, Printers, [1919]), 7-8, for Rachel's maiden name.

3. 1840 U.S. census, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., Russell, pp. 258 (stamped, recto and verso), G. B. Clark and Gilbert Ray, Revolutionary War veteran; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 335.

4. Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Wrentham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1910); digital images, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; vol. 1—Births, 175, Gilbert Ray, birth abstract, for birth date and place, father's name, and mother's first name; vol. 2—Marriages and deaths, 360, Benjamin Ray-Sarah Bragg, marriage abstract, for Gilbert's parents' marriage date and place and his mother's maiden name.

5. Ray, *The Ray Genealogy*, 8, "13. Cynthia," for Gideon B. Clark-Cynthia Ray marriage.

6. "Find A Grave," database, Gideon B. Clark, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., memorial no. 28390588, for gravestone photograph with death year.

7. Daniel Walker Howe, "Awakenings of Religion," in *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007), 164-202.

8. Ray, *The Ray Genealogy*, 8, "3. Eden," for Eden Ray-Minerva Bailey marriage. 1850 U.S. census, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Lisbon, p. 203 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 2, Eadon Ray; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 591.

9. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," Arunah Griswold-Olive Ray, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place. Ray, compiler, *The Ray Genealogy*, 8, "8. Olive," for Griswold-Ray marriage.

10. 1850 U.S. census, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Canton, p. 312 (stamped, verso), dwell. 270, fam. 279, Annah [Arunah] Griswold; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 590.

11. "Find A Grave," database, Gilbert Ray, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., memorial no. 28390932, for gravestone photograph with death date.

12. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," Loudon Ray, death abstract, for death date and place.

13. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink].

1841 folded letter transcription (line breaks changed):

Dear Children + Grand Children all, your Father + Grand father
once more writes you from the border of the grave write to you to lett you
know your parents are yet a live through the goodness of God, but very
infirm but no more than might be expected for people of our age, Gideons
health is poor, he is not able to work, the rest of the connections are well,
we have not heard from any of you for a long time, want to see you all very
much, but we shall maer [never] come to vermont a gain, nor visit any of
our children a gain at a distance they must come to us if they ever see us a
gain, + that soon, for we can not expect to stay hear long. + oh my dear
children all, if we are prepaired know matter when we are cawled, but
remember we must all appear at the bar of god! O do atend to the things

that be long to your peace be fore they are hid from your Eyes, now is your time God is cawling in his Elect from the four winds, in Norfolk 300 converts counted, in Mesena large number, in Potsdam between 2 + 3 hundred, Maddrid quite a number, Bless the Lord. O my soul. Shall I tell you the holy gost has come to Canton as in the day of penticost, Last Sabbath 280 names was taken as converts the work still continues, the meeting has continued for more than four weeks every day, the house (lane meeting house) throng-ed on the Sabbath, + every day, a son of Mr Jansan, a subject of the a-wakening died very suddenly, Left this world saing hallelua, hallelua fare well all, was carried in to the meeting house a great concorse of people atended, I wish you were all hear to sit under the droppings of this Blessed Shower, but why do I say so, God is their as well as hear he will be found off all them that call on his name. Oh, dear childr-en, call on him while he may be found. I cant write one half of what I would of staid twelve days before I went home, staid one day + was back a gain, Edens wife has a hope, Amelia Ray, is at our house rejoicing in hope, oh how we want all our children to come to the knowledge of the truth. Mr Weaks from Antworth, has tended threw the meeting a fine man. The meeting stands a journed for a few weak, .. has bound to the septer of Christ. Give our respects to all our good friends Especially Mr Martindale + Wife. Tell them what is going on in this county, or show it to him. I wish he would write to me. + dont you Lowden, delay Writing to us so long a gain, your parents will be gone soon I can not write very often I have a great many to write to and it is diffic-ult for me to write. This may be the last, prepair to meat god all, is the prayer of your afectinate parents – Gilbert + Rachel

Ray

Lowden Ray and all the Rest whom it may concern

Russel August 14th 1841

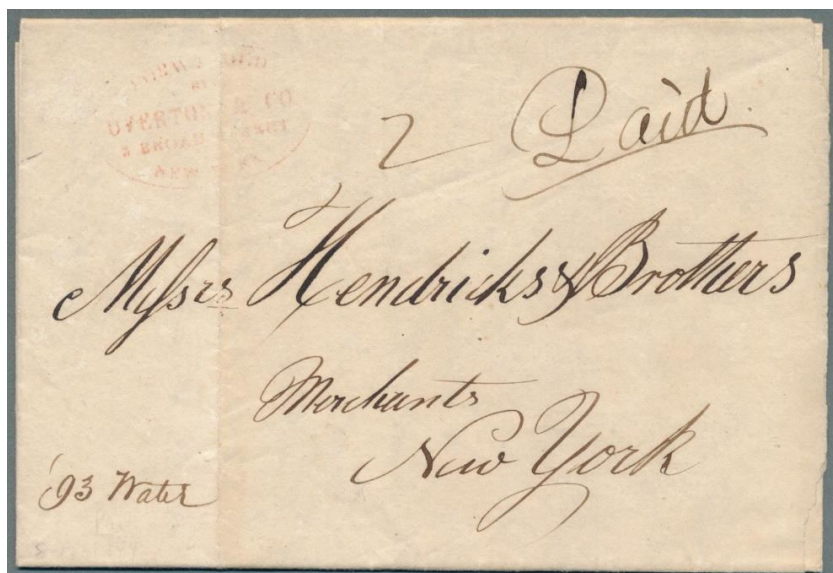
[p.2]

I dont know what to tell aboutt Aranuh we have as much as we can do to keep his head a bove water he is all the time on the wing, dont try much to help him self. Last winter he was sued for between two dollars Execution taken out leved on a stack of hay. I was their he would not do any a bout it said the hay was Davids they was a going to move it, perhaps to Town[?] I gave my word it should be their the day of sail, but new his cattle must starve. Paid the dett + cost which was five dollars, david agreed to send the money which was paid out for the oxen, he found out I sent Gideon the money he has paid no atention to it. I have paid a bought forty dollars towards bring up that child in cash. I have paid + paid till I am tired, + does

no good. he intends to clear out as soon as he hears from his folks, if they dont do to sute him

	18 ¾
Mr	
Lowden Ray	
Tinmouth, Rutland	
County	
St Vermont	
[postmark]	
Canton NY	

1-5: 1844 “[Y]ou will pleas send it By Steam Boat”



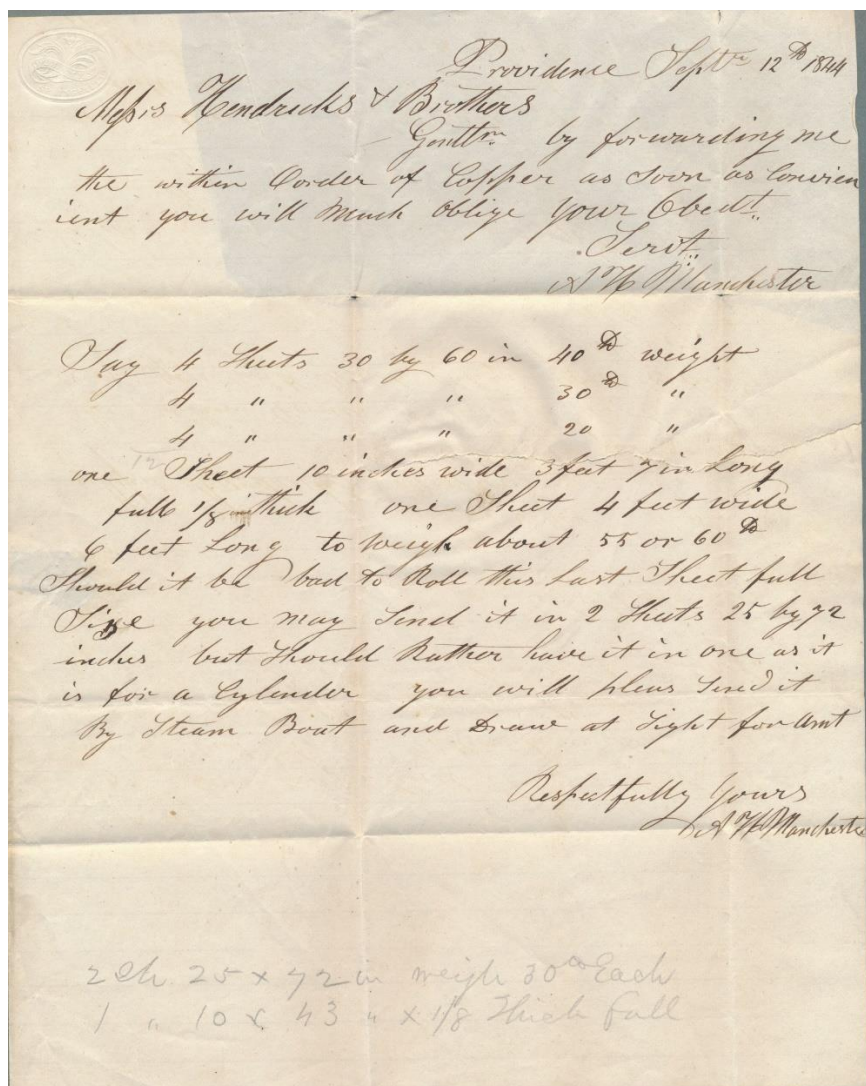
1-5A 1844 folded letter from Providence, Rhode Island to New York, New York, forwarded by Overton & Co. (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

Albert H. Manchester (1803-1889), Providence, Rhode Island to Henry Hendricks (1804-1861), Montague Hendricks (1811-1884), and Uriah Hendricks (1802-1869), New York, New York; letter delivered by Richard

**Carlton Overton (1802-1882); letter paper by David Ames (1791-1883)
and John Ames (1800-1890), Springfield, Massachusetts**

This folded letter was sent between manufacturers. "Messrs Hendricks + Brothers, Merchants, 93 Water, New York" received a folded letter written 12 September 1844 in Providence, Rhode Island by A. H. Manchester. "Hendricks & Brothers" is listed in an 1844 New York City directory at 93 Water, the street address written on the envelope, and Henry, Montague, and Uriah Hendricks have the same work address as the company.¹ Henry, M[ontague] M., and Uriah Hendrick/Hendricks, all merchants, are in New York City in the 1850 U.S. census.² Albert Manchester, "brass founder," is in Providence in the 1850 U.S. census, and "Albert H. Manchester & Son," brass founders, is listed in an 1861 Providence directory.³ Uriah Hendricks was born 1802, Henry 1804, and Montague 1811, all sons of Harmon and Frances (Isaacs) Hendricks who married in 1800.⁴ "Harmin" Hendricks is in New York City in the 1820 U.S. census.⁵ Albert H. Manchester was born December 1803 in Providence, son of Isaac and Mary (Field) Hendricks, who married 17 July 1783 in Providence.⁶ The letter is an order for thirteen sheets of copper for delivery by steam boat. The order includes a four by six foot copper sheet "for a Cylinder." Albert Manchester wrote "Gentl[e]m[en] by forwarding me the within Order of Copper as soon as convenient you will Much oblige your Obed[ien]t Servant." The envelope was delivered by Richard Carlton Overton, hand stamped in upper left on the address side of the folded letter, who operated an independent mail service 1844-1845.⁷ Prior to 1863, the post office did not deliver mail to street addresses. R. Carlton Overton, broker, is listed in an 1844 New York City directory, and R. C. Overton is in New York City in the 1850 U.S. census.⁸ Richard Carlton Overton was born 23 May 1802 in Southold, New York, the son of Maltiah/Melletiah and Lucretia (Davis) Overton.⁹ The paper on which the letter is written is embossed "D&J Ames Springfield" in the upper left corner. David and John Ames, paper manufacturers, are in Springfield, Massachusetts in the 1850 U.S. census.¹⁰ David Ames was baptized 6 May 1795 in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and John Ames was born 2 September 1800 in Springfield, both sons of David and Rebecca (Johnson) Ames who married 15 November 1781 in West Bridgewater.¹¹ "D&J Ames" reported forty male and sixty female employees in the 1850 U.S. census manufacturing schedule.¹² Henry Hendricks died 1 September 1861.¹³ Uriah Hendricks died 25 March 1869 in New York City.¹⁴ Richard Carlton Overton died 26 August 1882 in Brooklyn.¹⁵ David Ames died 12 March 1883 in Springfield.¹⁶ Montague Hendricks died 14 May 1884 in New York

City.¹⁷ Albert H. Manchester died 8 July 1889 in Cottage City, Massachusetts and was buried in Providence.¹⁸ John Ames died 25 January 1890 in Springfield.¹⁹



Providence Sept^r 12th 1844

Messrs Hendricks & Brothers

Gentl^{rs} by forwarding me
the within Order of Copper as soon as convenient
you will much oblige your Obedt^l

Serv^t
A. W. Manchester

Day 4 Sheets 30 by 60 in 40th weight
4 " " " 30th "
4 " " " 20th "

onest Sheet 10 inches wide 3 feet 7 in long
full $\frac{1}{8}$ thick one Sheet 4 feet wide
6 feet long to weigh about 55 or 60^{lb}
Should it be bad to Roll this last Sheet full
Size you may send it in 2 Sheets 25 by 72
inches but Should rather have it in one as it
is for a Cylinder you will please send it
by Steam Boat and Brant at Eight for Cent

Respectfully Yours
A. W. Manchester

2 Sh. 25 x 72 in weigh 30^{lb} Each
1 " 10 x 43 " x $\frac{1}{8}$ Thick full

1-5B Text of 1844 folded letter from A. W. Manchester to Hendricks + Brothers, letter paper by D&J Ames, Springfield, Massachusetts, embossed upper left (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

Notes:

1. *The New-York City Directory for 1844 & 1845* (New York: John Doggett, Jr., 1844); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 164, entries for Henry, Montague M., and Uriah Hendricks and Hendricks & Brothers.

2. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 15, western half, p. 45 (stamped, verso) and p. 46 (stamped, recto), dwell. 367, fam. 671, M. M. Hendricks, and dwell. 368, fam. 672, Uriah Hendricks; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 552. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 15, eastern half, p. 246 (stamped, recto), dwell. 985, fam. 1387, Henry Hendrick; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 552.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Providence Co., R.I., pop. sch., Providence, ward 5, p. 320 (stamped, verso), dwell. 295, fam. 484, Albert Manchester; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 845. *The Providence Directory...1861* (Providence, R.I.: Adams, Sampson & Co., 1861); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 97, entry for Albert H. Manchester & Son.

4. "American Jewish Archives" (<http://americanjewisharchives.org/>) > "Researchers" > "Finding Aids" > "MS-302: Harmon Hendricks Papers. 1758-1840" > "Search Terms" for birth years of Henry, Montague, and Uriah Hendricks. "Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr. Visitors Center" (<http://www.loebtouro.org/>) > "Early American Jews" > "Harmon Hendricks (1771-1838)" > for parents' marriage year and mother's name.

5. 1820 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., New York, ward 9, p. 919 (penned), Harmin Hendricks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M33, roll 78.

6. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Albert H. Manchester, death, 8 July 1889, Cottage City, for parents' names and birth month and year estimated December 1803 based on his age at death of 85 years, 6 months, and 21 days; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 400, p. 223, no. 12.

7. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries > "Tools & Resources" > "Exhibits" > "United States Back-of-Book" > "Collector: Dr. Carmen Puliafito, United States Independent Mail Stamps, 1844-1845" > scroll to "Overton & Company," page 101/128 for years of operation and 127-128/128 for other examples of the hand stamp.

8. *The New-York City Directory for 1844 & 1845*, 267, entry for R. Carlton Overton. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 10, p. 209 (stamped, recto), dwell. 457, fam. 1036, R. C. Overton; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 545.

9. "Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 18, Nut Plains Cemetery (208-6), p. 154, entry for R. Carlton Overton, for birth date; citing Conn. State Library, Hartford. *The Long Island Traveler*, 1 September 1882; N.Y. State Library, microfilm NY 25 Southold 93-32262; p. 2, col. 3, "Richard C. Overton," obituary, for birth place and parents' names with father's first name Melletiah. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970";

digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Carlton Bynner Overton (born 1894, New York), national application no. 37359, for father's first name Maltiah.

10. 1850 U.S. census, Hampden Co., Mass., pop. sch., Springfield, p. 59 (stamped, verso), dwells. 887-888, fams. 993-994, David Ames and John Ames; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 319.

11. "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850"; digital images, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; David Ames, baptism abstract, p. 16; David Ames-Rebecca Johnson, marriage abstract, p. 120; citing *Vital Records of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, To The Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911); and John Ames, birth abstract, p. 659; citing Clifford L. Stott, compiler, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts to 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 2003).

12. "U.S. Federal Census Collection"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; scroll to "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880" > "Massachusetts" > "Manufacturing" > "1850" > "Hampden" > "Springfield" and scroll to p. 1 (penned), line 1, D&J Ames; citing NARA series T1204, roll not shown, for number of workers.

13. *The* [New York] *Evening Post*, 2 September 1861, p. 3, col. 3, "Died," "Hendricks," Henry Hendricks death notice; N.Y. State Library, microfilm NY 01 New York 93-31617; for death date and place.

14. *The* [New York] *Evening Post*, 26 March 1869, p. 3, col. 4, "Died," "Hendricks," Uriah Hendricks death notice; N.Y. State Library, microfilm NY 01 New York 93-31617; for death date and place.

15. *The Brooklyn* [N.Y.] *Daily Eagle*, 28 August 1882; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 4, col. 8, "Obituary, R. Carlton Overton," includes "died on Saturday," for death date and place.

16. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; David Ames, death, for death date and place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 346, p. 388, no. 117.

17. *The* [New York] *Evening Post*, 14 May 1884, p. 4, col. 3, "Died," "Hendricks," Montague Hendricks death notice; N.Y. State Library, microfilm NY 01 New York 93-31617; for death date and place.

18. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910," NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Albert H. Manchester, death, 8 July 1889, Cottage City, Massachusetts; citing vol. 400, p. 223, no. 12, for death date and place. "Find A Grave," database, Albert Hussey Manchester, Providence Co., R.I., memorial no. 29257461, for burial place.

19. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; John Ames, death, for death date and place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 409, p. 501, no. 98.

1844 folded letter transcript (line breaks changed):

D&J Ames

Springfield [embossed]

Providence Septr 12th 1844
 Messrs Hendricks + Brothers
 Gentlm by forwarding me the within Order of Copper as soon as
 conven-ient you will much oblige Your Obedt
 Servt
 A H Manchester

Lay 4 Sheets 30 by 60 in[ch] 40 lbs weight

4 " " " 30 lbs "

4 " " " 20 "

one Sheet 10 inches wide 3 feet 7 in Long

full 1/8 in[ch] thick one Sheet 4 feet wide

6 feet Long to weigh about 55 or 60 lbs

Should it be bad to Roll this Last Sheet full Size you may Send it in 2 Sheets
 25 by 72 inches but Should Rather have it in one as it is for a Cylinder you
 will please send it By Steam Boat and Draw at S[or L]ight for Amt

Respectfully yours
 A H Manchester

1-6: 1846 “[M]any a time I have been bled since March last”

**Janet Bethune (circa 1762-after 1845), Dingwall, Scotland to
 Joanna (Graham) Bethune (1770-1860), New York, New York**

This folded letter was sent by a sister-in-law from the recipient's husband's birthplace. “Mrs. Divie Bethune” in New York City received a folded letter postmarked “Au[gust] 5, 1846” in Dingwall, Scotland. The letter begins “My Dear Sister,” is datelined “Ding[wa]ll Au[gu]st 3d 1846,” and signed “your affectionate Sister J Bethune.” Joanna Bethune, “widow of Divie,” is listed in an 1846 New York City directory at 171 Hudson, the street address written on the folded letter, and “Johanna” Bethune, born in Canada, is in New York City in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ Divie Bethune married Joanna Graham in New York City in July 1795.² Divie Bethune is listed in a 1796 New York City directory.³ Divie Bethune was born in Dingwall, Scotland, where this letter was mailed, and he had an unmarried sister Janet.⁴ Janet Bethune, seventy-five years old, is in Dingwall in the 1841 Scotland census.⁵ Joanna Graham was born 1 February 1770 at Fort Niagara (now in Niagara



1-6A 1846 folded letter from Dingwall, Scotland to New York, New York (Author's collection)

County, New York), the daughter of John and Isabella (Marshall) Graham who married in 1765.⁶ She lived in Antigua and Scotland before coming to New York City in September 1789.⁷ Janet writes "many a time I have been bled since March last" and "God...for eighty four years brought me through many trials in Life will carry me through what promises at my time here which may be very short." Janet writes "I shall be anxious to hear how [Isabella] is" and the reference is probably to Joanna's daughter Isabella (Bethune) Duffield (1799-1871).⁸ Joanna and Divie Bethune helped found

New York City's first Sunday school in 1802 and the New York Orphan Asylum in 1806.⁹ Bethune Street in New York City is named for Joanna (Graham) Bethune.¹⁰ Divie Bethune died 18 September 1824 in New York City.¹¹ Joanna (Graham) Bethune died in New York City on 28 July 1860.¹² A source for Janet Bethune's death date and place is not yet found. The University of Michigan has a collection of Bethune diaries and family correspondence.¹³ This folded letter was postmarked 5 August 1846 in Dingwall where one shilling (twelve pence) was paid, passed through London on 6 August and Liverpool on 8 August, and departed 19 August for Boston aboard the Cunard steamship *Britannia*, arriving 3 September.¹⁴ The large "7 [cents postage due]" was added when it arrived in New York.

Notes

1. *Doggett's New-York City Directory for 1846 and 1847* (New York: John Doggett, Jr.: 1846); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 40, entry for Joanna Bethune. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., New York, pop. sch., ward 5, p. 116 (stamped, verso), dwell. 891, fam. 1710, Johanna Bethune; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 537.

2. Joanna Bethune, *The Life of Mrs. Isabella Graham, By Her Daughter* (New York: John S. Taylor, 1839); digital image, Internet Archive; 49, final paragraph, for date and place of marriage.

3. David Longworth, *The American Almanack, New-York Register, and City Directory for the Twenty-first Year of American Independence* (New York: printed by T. & J. Swords, 1796); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 14, entry for Divie Bethune.

4. George W. Bethune, *Memoirs of Mrs. Joanna Bethune*; digital image, Internet Archive; 88, paragraph one, for Divie Bethune's birthplace. *Record of the Golden Wedding of Rev. George Duffield, D.D., and Isabella Graham Bethune Duffield*; digital image, Internet Archive; 37, paragraphs two and three, for Divie and his sister Janet.

5. 1841 Scotland census, Ross and Cromarty Co., Dingwall parish, p. 28, Castle Street, Janet Bethune; digital image, *ScotlandsPeople* (<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>); citing parish 62, ED 4, National Records of Scotland.

6. Bethune, *The Life of Mrs. Isabella Graham*, 10-12, for John Graham-Isabella Marshall marriage year, and Joanna's birthplace. "Finding aid for Divie and Joanna Bethune Collection, 1796-1853," Manuscripts Division, William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/c/clements/mss/umich-wcl-M-1616bet?view=text>), for Joanna's birth date.

7. Bethune, *The Life of Mrs. Isabella Graham*, 14, paragraph that begins at bottom of p. 11, for move to Antigua; 21, second paragraph, departure from Antigua; 42, first paragraph, for travel to New York.

8. "New York, Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1880 (Barber Collection)"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Geo. Duffield-Isbael [Isabel] Graham Bethune, marriage

abstract, 1817, p. 84; citing *New York Evening Post*, 12 September 1817. "Michigan Deaths, 1867-1897"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Isabella G. Duffield, death no. 4561, Wayne Co., for death date; citing Mich. Department of Vital Records, Lansing.

9. Bethune, *Memoirs of Mrs. Joanna Bethune*, 89, paragraph that begins at bottom of p. 88, for New York City Sunday schools; 95, first paragraph, for New York Orphan Asylum.

10. *Wikipedia*, "List of eponymous streets in New York City."

11. "New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890 (Barber Collection)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Divie Bethune, newspaper abstract, for death date and place; citing *New York Evening Post*, 20 September 1824.

12. "New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890 (Barber Collection)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joanna Bethune, newspaper abstract, for death date and place; citing *New York Evening Post*, 30 July 1860.

13. "Finding aid for Divie and Joanna Bethune Collection, 1796-1853," William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan.

14. Email from Dwayne Littauer to author 28 January 2016.

1846 folded letter transcription (line breaks changed):

Ding[wa]ll Au[gu]st 3d 1846

My Dear Sister

I w[oul]d sooner reply'd to yours of 19th May but that on the Wedy I received it I was taken ill of one of my distressing at-tacks indeed I believe I as .. my Doctor to see how I get through them, he never was .. hes[i]tant to bleed me, and tryed every thing .. else could, but nothing else could relieve my agony many many a time I have been bled since March last is .. four years which .. by advance time of Life is far from desirable. The ship which brought your letter must have had .. passage for I did not receive it till the beg-inning of July I was glad see be it that your own health was good, but sorry to observe dear Isabella was not so. I shall
[pg. 2]

be anxious to hear how she is. The interesting .. at Phil'da [Philadelphia?] I lament continues much the same it w[oul]d seem by your letter must have much anxiety and expence on which I well know. I was at the way you mention'd your excellent dear mother being so long in my Brothers House, I am sure he thought it a blessing and honour which it undoubtedly was to .. blesed his ..Regt. I did and do rejoice that she was the Grand Mother at home dearest to me on Earth. I do not indeed doubt but the world made you then you are but I was sorry to see your as you I am that then our out lay by you wd be a fortune to your

Englehurst 3^d 1846

My Dear Sister

I had sooner expected yours of
 15th May but that on the week I received it
 I was taken ill of one of my distressing at-
 tacks indeed. I believe I consulted my Doctor to
 see how I got through them, he never was so in-
 ducant to bleed me, and tried every thing he
 could, but nothing else could relieve my agone
 many many a time I have been since much
 better ^{through} four years which at my advanced time
 of it is far from desirable. The ship which
 brought your letter must have had tedious
 passage for I did not receive it till the beg-
 inning of July I was glad to hear that
 your own health was good, but sorry to
 observe how Isabella was not so, I shall

1-6B Page 1 of 1846 folded letter from Janet Bethune to Joanna (Graham) Bethune (Author's collection)

children when you was in your ...ught that gave me much pleasure
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I am much indebted to the kindness of my good cousin Divie Bedford I ...
 who hearing of my anxiety and .. wrote my in kindest manner
 pleasant to relieve my anxiety and that he wd take his chance my little
 .. might .. after tell that he could nothing of my .. obliged to have it and that
 he wd willingly adva.. the .. that he d .ake my .. evry time, it is true I will
 have intere[s]t for it but I .. in that mercy-full God that for eighty four
 years brought me through many trials in Life will carry me through what

remains of my time here which may be very short that you and your may enjoy health [and] every blessing is the ... of your affectionate Sister J. Bethune

[next to the address]

You must forgive this scrawl for writing

1-7: 1846 “What do the folks in Frederick County say about retrocession?”



1-7 1846 folded letter from Alexandria, District of Columbia (now Virginia) to Winchester, Virginia (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1037, lot 1339)

William Stabler (1795-1852), Alexandria, District of Columbia (now Virginia) to Edward Stabler Leadbeater (1836-1899) care of Nathan Parkins (circa 1790-1871), Parkins' Mills, Virginia

This folded letter was sent by an uncle to his nephew. “Nathan Parkins” of “Parkins's Mills, near Winchester Va” received a folded letter from William Stabler “for Edward S. Leadbeater” postmarked 25 August 1846 in “Alexandria D.C. [District of Columbia, now in Virginia].” ¹ Edward Stabler Leadbeater was born 31 March 1836, the son of John and Mary Pleasants

(Stabler) Leadbeater who married in 1835, and fourteen-year-old Edward is with his parents in Alexandria in the 1850 U.S. census.² William Stabler, druggist, is in Alexandria in the 1850 U.S. census.³ William Stabler was born 25 October 1795, son of Edward and Mary (Pleasants) Stabler who married 27 February 1794 in Goochland County, Virginia.⁴ Mary (Pleasants) Stabler, William's mother, died 20 September 1806, and Edward Stabler married Mary Hartshorne 28 July 1808 in Alexandria.⁵ Their daughter Mary P. Stabler, the future Mrs. John Leadbeater, was born 30 January 1809.⁶ William Stabler, the sender, and Mary P. Stabler, Edward's mother, had the same father, and William was Edward's uncle. William asks in the folded letter "What do the folks in Frederick County say about retrocession?"⁷ Alexandria was part of the District of Columbia when the District was formed in 1791, but the Virginia portion of the District was returned, or retroceded, to Virginia, following an 1846 vote in Alexandria town and county.⁸ Nathan Parkins was born circa 1790 in Virginia, the son of Isaac Parkins, and he is in Frederick County, which now surrounds Winchester, in the 1840 and 1850 U.S. censuses.⁹ Nathan Parkins is shown in the 1870 U.S. census as a retired miller.¹⁰ The folded leader has a round five-cent "Alexandria Post Office" stamp that was issued in 1846 by the Alexandria postmaster. Eleven city postmasters issued what are called provisional stamps between 1845 and 1847. Provisional stamps became invalid 1 July 1847 when the first U.S. stamps were issued.¹¹ The envelope is also stamped "Paid" and "5 [cents]." William Stabler died 24 September 1852.¹² Nathan Parkins apparently died 22 July 1871.¹³ Edward S. Leadbeater died 11 October 1899.¹⁴

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1037 catalog, lot 1339, "History of the Alexandria provisional," first paragraph, for sender's name.

2. "The National Museum of American History" (<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>) > type in search box: Mary P. Stabler's sampler > "Description" for John Leadbeater-Mary Pleasants Stabler, marriage abstract, for marriage year, source not indicated. William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* (1950; reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc., 1993); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; vol. 6, p. 760, for John Leadbeater-Mary P. [Stabler], marriage abstract. and Edward S. Leadbeater, birth abstract. 1850 U.S. census, Alexandria Co., Va., pop. sch., Alexandria town, p. 375 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1004, fam. 1044, John Leadbeater; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 932.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Alexandria Co., Va., pop. sch., Alexandria town, pp. 372 (stamped, recto and verso), dwell. 967, fam. 1006, Reuben Johnson and William Stabler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M432, roll 932.

4. Hinshaw, *American Quaker Genealogy*, vol. 6, p. 781, for Edward Stabler-Mary Pleasants, marriage abstract, and William Stabler, birth abstract, for marriage and birth dates and places.

5. Hinshaw, *American Quaker Genealogy*, vol. 6, p. 781, for Mary (Pleasants) Stabler, death abstract; Edward Stabler-Mary Hartshorne, marriage abstract, for marriage and death dates and places.

6. Hinshaw, *American Quaker Genealogy*, vol. 6, p. 781, for Mary P. Stabler, birth abstract (birth date not shown). "Find A Grave," database, Mary Pleasants Stabler Leadbeater, Alexandria City, Va., memorial no. 27535427, for gravestone photograph with birth date.

7. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1037 catalog, lot 1339, for quotation from letter.

8. William Tindall, *Origin and Government of the District of Columbia* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1903; digital image, Internet Archive); 8-9, 14.

9. 1840 U.S. census, Frederick Co., Va., pp. 83 (stamped, verso)-84 (stamped, recto), Nathan Parkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M704, roll 555. 1850 U.S. census, Frederick Co., Va., pop. sch., district 16, p. 331 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1840, fam. 1869, Nathan Parkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 945, for Nathan's birth state and year estimated 1790 based on his age of sixty years (col. 4). T. K. Cartmell, *Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants* ([Winchester, Va.: The Eddy Press Corporation, 1909]); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 294, for Nathan Parkins, son of Isaac.

10. 1870 U.S. census, Augusta Co., Va., pop. sch., district 2, p. 82 (penned), dwell. 581, fam. 579, I. J. Parkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M593, roll 1634.

11. "U.S. Philatelic Classics Society" (<http://www.uspcs.org/>) > "Postmasters' Provisionals" > "Summary of the Provisionals" for brief history of provisional stamps.

12. "Find A Grave," database, William Stabler, Alexandria, Va., memorial no. 15005321, for gravestone photograph with death year.

13. "Find A Grave," database, Nathan Parkins, Augusta Co., Va., memorial no. 37421928, source for death date not stated.

14. "Find A Grave," database, Dr. Edward Stabler Leadbeater, Alexandria City, Va., memorial no. 27535440, for gravestone photograph with death date.

1-8: 1849 “Fanny gave birth to a fine boy this morning”



1-8A 1849 folded letter from Minersville, Pennsylvania to Indiana, Pennsylvania (Author's collection)

Ephraim Hartzler (circa 1817-circa 1878), Minersville, Pennsylvania to Mary Ann (Moore) Searle (circa 1821-1907), Indiana, Pennsylvania

This folded letter was sent by a brother-in-law to his wife's sister. “Mrs. Mary Ann Searle” in Indiana, Pennsylvania received a folded letter written 15 January 1849 in Minersville, Pennsylvania that begins “Dear Sister” and is signed “Ephm Hartzler.” Mary (apparently Mrs. Thomas S.) Searle is in Indiana, and Ephraim Hartzler, with his apparent wife Frances and one year old son James, is in Minersville in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ Mrs. Mary Ann (Moore) Searle, born circa 1821, and Mrs. Frances (Moore) Hartzler, born circa 1826, were sisters, both daughters of Samuel Moore, who died 12 January 1848 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.² Ephraim writes “I am highly pleased to have the honor to announce to you that Fanny gave birth to a fine boy this morning at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock.” Ephraim is probably using Fanny as a nickname for his wife Frances. Ephraim also writes “Rachel has been here two weeks I was to send her home last week and had Intended to send her on Saturday and then it commenced Raining and now the sleighing is all over.” Ephraim is probably referring to Rachel Jane Moore, a younger sister of Mary Ann and Frances Moore.³ Rachel J. Moore and her mother Maria are in Marion, Pennsylvania in the 1850 U.S. census and are listed with Thomas S. and Mary Ann Searle in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴

Ephraim also writes “Sissy seems to be a little Jealous of her Brother,” and he is probably referring to Mary H. Hartzler, James Hartzler’s older sister. Mary and James are listed with the family in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.⁵ Ephraim Hartzler apparently died before 1880 as his wife Frances is shown as a widow in the 1880 U.S. census.⁶ Mary Ann (Moore) Searle died 13 August 1907 in Chautauqua, New York.⁷ James E. Searle married Flora B. Custer circa 1872, and he died in Los Angeles County, California 20 October 1913.⁸ “Jan[uary] 15, 1849, Ans[wered]” is written to the left of the address (docketing).

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Indiana Co., Pa., pop. sch., Indiana borough, p. 6 (stamped, verso), dwell. 82, fam. 84, Thomas S. Searle; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 785. 1850 U.S. census, Schuylkill Co., Pa., pop. sch., Minersville borough, p. 263 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 245, Ephraim Hartzler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 826.

2. “Pennsylvania Probate Records, 1683-1994”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; “Berks” > “Estates 1800-1850 Miller, Michael-Moser, Weirich” > image 1633 of 2344 for estate of Samuel Moore, “Thomas Searle and wife” and “Ephraim Hartzler and wife,” legatees, FHL microfilm 1818883; citing Berks Co. courthouse, Reading. “Pennsylvania, Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1999”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Samuel Moore, Berks Co., for death date.

3. “Pennsylvania Probate Records, 1683-1994” > “Berks” > “Estates 1800-1850 Miller, Michael-Moser, Weirich” > image 1625 for Rachel Jane Moore “daughter of Samuel Moore.”

4. 1850 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Marion, p. 19 (stamped, recto), dwell. 251, fam. 275, Maria Moore; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 752. 1860 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Marion township, p. 37 (penned), dwell. 235, fam. 262, Thomas S. Searle; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1076.

5. 1850 U.S. census, Schuylkill Co., Pa., pop. sch., Minersville, p. 263 (stamped, verso), dwell. 245, fam. 245, Ephraim Hartzler. 1860 U.S. census, Lebanon Co., Pa., pop. sch., Myerstown, Jackson township, p. 16 (penned), dwell. 111, fam. 112, Ephraim Hertzler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1128.

6. 1880 U.S. census, Sullivan Co., Mo., pop. sch., Union township, ED 193, p. 20D (penned), dwell. 178, fam. 180, Frances Hartzler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 738.

7. “Pennsylvania, Probate Records, 1683-1994,” > “Berks” > “Estates 1850-1915 Scull, Marks B.-Seidel, Hannah M.” > image 1289 of 3019 for Harry C. Moore petition with Mary A. Searle death date and place, FHL microfilm 2368719.

8. 1900 U.S. census, Linn Co., Mo., pop. sch., Brookfield township, ED 68, p. 13B (penned), dwell. 295, fam. 314, James E. Hartzler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 871, for couple’s marriage year estimated 1872 based on

their twenty-eight years of marriage (col. 10). 1910 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Cal., pop. sch., Norwalk, ED 291, p. 8B (penned), dwell./fam. 168, Harrison K. Custer; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 85, for Flora B.'s maiden name. "California, Death Index, 1905-1939," James E. Hartzler, death abstract, for death date and place.

Painesville Jan 15th /49
Dear Sister
I Am highly pleased to have
the honor to announce to you that
Harry gave birth to a fine boy this
morning at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock they are
both doing as well as can be expected
Harry is very weak but is lively and is
pleased that all went off so well and
Polly came here this morning and is here yet
and I suppose will stay a few days
Dr. Robbins was here only from 9 until 11 o'clock
Rachael has been here two weeks I was to
send her home last week and had intended
to send her on Saturday and then it com-
menced raining and now the sleighing is all
over I can't say when I can send her home
Catharine Mrs. Robison Mrs. Boyer (Aranda)
and Ann Robison came here on ~~Thursday~~ evening
and remained here all night went as far as
the Forge on Friday and intended taking
dinner at Dr. Bancroft's on Saturday and
as far as Reading till night whether all
was carried out I cannot say I have not
heard any thing of them since they left
Lissy seems to be a little jealous of her Brother
all her former possessions seem to be monopolized

1-8B Page 1 of 1849 folded letter from Ephraim Hartzler to Mary Ann (Moore) Searle (Author's collection)

1849 folded letter transcription (line breaks changed):

Minersville Jan 15th/49

Dear Sister

I am highly pleased to have the honor to Announce to you that Fanny gave birth to a fine boy this morning at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock they are both doing as well as Can be expected Fanny is very weak but is lively and is pleased that all went off so well A[u]nt Polly came here this morning and is here yet and I suppose will stay A few days Dr Robbins was here only from 9 until 11 o clock Rachael has been here two weeks I was to send her home last week and had Intended to send her on Satturday and then it Com-menced Raining and now the sleighing is all over I cant say when I can send her home Catherine Mrs Robison Mrs Boyer (Amanda) and Wm Robison Came here on Thursday eavning and remained here all night went as far as the Forge on Friday and Intended taking dinner at Dr Banaugh's on Satturday and as far as Reading till night whether all was Carried out I cannot say I have not heard any thing of them since the[y] left Sissy seems to be a little Jealous of her Brother All her former possessions seem to be monopolised

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Fanny has the boy with her in bed and aunt Polly Baby ocupies the Cradle I took her in the spare Room this afternoon to put her to sleep and she cried very pityfull wanted to go in her cradle and to her mama. If you did not live so far from us I could expect You to pay us A visit but to consider the distance you live from us the inclement season of the year the Rivers Hill's and Mountains between us compels me to abandon all hopes for the present, but time may bring us all together again it is getting late and I must bring my letter to A close Remember me to Mr Searle

Very Respectfully

Ephm Hartzler

Fanny send[s] her love to you and desires you to write to her amediately

Jan 15, 1849 Ans	5 [cents postage] Mrs Mary Ann Searls Indiana Indiana Co. Pa.
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1-9: 1852 “We are in a great hurry for the ... Buttons”



1-9A 1852 folded letter from New York, New York to “Williamsburgh,” Massachusetts (Author’s collection)

Taylors, Richards & Co. [Gad Taylor (1782-1861), Daniel Austin Taylor (1817-1896), and Thomas F. Richards, (circa 1815-?)], New York City to Otis G. Hill (circa 1808-1883), Williamsburg, Massachusetts

This folded letter was sent by merchants to a supplier. “Mr. Otis G. Hill” in “Williamsburgh,” Massachusetts received a folded letter postmarked 5 August 1852 in New York City that was signed “Taylors Richards + Co.” Otis Hill, manufacturer, is in Williamsburg in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ “Taylors, Richards & Co.,” selling buttons, is listed in an 1853 New York City directory, with Gad Taylor, D. Austin Taylor, and Thomas F. Richards in the same directory with work addresses that match the company.² Gad Taylor and Daniel (D. Austin) Taylor are in Brooklyn and Thomas F. Richards is in New York City in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Otis G. Hill was born circa 1 April 1808 in Williamsburg, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Bradford) Hill who married 23 December 1789 in Williamsburg, and an Ephraim Hill is in Williamsburgh in the 1810 U.S. census.⁴ Gad Taylor was born 12 May 1782 in Suffield, Connecticut, the son of Gad and Lydia (Fitch) Taylor who married in Suffield 19 November 1776.⁵ Gad Taylor married Susan Dodge Kneeland 2 November 1808 in New York, and their son Daniel Austin Taylor was born

11 November 1817 in New York.⁶ Thomas F. Richards was born circa 1815 in New York.⁷ Taylors, Richards & Co. wrote “We are in a great hurry for the ... Wood 4 Hole ... Buttons and are loosing Sales evry day.” Otis Hill is shown as a maker of buttons and button molds in the industry schedule of the 1850 U.S. census with twelve employees.⁸ Button making was widespread in the Connecticut River valley in the early and mid-1800s, beginning initially at home as “outwork” with supplies provided by a “capitalist,” and later in small factories.⁹ Gad Taylor died 21 February 1861, and is buried in Brooklyn, New York.¹⁰ Otis G. Hill died 27 December 1883 in Williamsburg, and the Williamsburg Historical Society has his diaries.¹¹ D. Austin Taylor died in Brooklyn 17 January 1896.¹² Sources for Thomas F. Richards' birth and death have not yet been found.

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Hampshire Co., Mass., pop. sch., Williamsburg town, p. 161 (stamped, recto), dwell. 215, fam. 241, Otis Hill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 320.

2. H. Wilson, compiler, *Trow's New-York City Directory for 1853-1854* (New York: John F. Trow, 1853); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 538, entry for Thomas F. Richards; 677, entries for D. Austin and Gad Taylor; 679, entry for Taylors, Richards & Co.; work address is 45 Cedar.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Kings Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Brooklyn, ward 3, p. 196 (stamped, verso), dwell. 103, fam. 116, Gad Taylor; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 517. 1850 U.S. census, Kings Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Brooklyn, ward 4, p. 342 (stamped, verso), dwell. 400, fam. 752, Daniel Taylor; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 518. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New York, ward 3, p. 373 (stamped, verso), dwell. 275, fam. 716, George E. Hawes and Thomas F. Richards; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 535.

4. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Otis G. Hill, death, 27 December 1883, Williamsburg, for parents' names, birth place and date estimated 1 April 1808 based on age at death of 75 years, 8 months, 26 days; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 347, p. 40, no. 21. “Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Ephraim Hill-Sarah Bradford, marriage, for Otis's parents' marriage date and place; citing Jay Mack Holbrook, *Massachusetts Vital Records, Williamsburg 1771-1899* (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1987). 1810 U.S. census, Hampshire Co., Mass., Williamsburg, p. 273 (penned), Ephraim Hill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing M252, roll 19.

5. “Connecticut Vital Records to 1870 (The Barbour Collection)”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Gad Taylor, birth abstract, and Gad Taylor-Lydia Fitch, marriage abstract; citing Suffield Births-Marriages-Deaths 1674-1850 ([Hartford, Conn.]: Conn. State Library, 1928), 284.

6. "U.S., Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704-1930"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Gad Taylor-Susan D. Kneeland, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing New-York Weekly Museum, 5 November 1808, for marriage "Tuesday last." "Find A Grave," database, Daniel Austin Taylor, Kings Co., N.Y., memorial no. 57438996, for gravestone photograph with Daniel's birth date. 1850 U.S. census, Kings Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Brooklyn, ward 4, p. 342 (stamped, verso), dwell. 400, fam. 752, Daniel Taylor, for Daniel's birth state.

7. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New York, ward 3, p. 373 (stamped, verso), dwell. 275, fam. 716, George E. Hawes and Thomas F. Richards, for Thomas's birth state and year estimated 1815 based on his age of thirty-five years (col. 4).

8. "U.S. Federal Census Collection"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; scroll to "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880" > "Massachusetts" > "Manufacturing" > "1850" > "Hampden [should be Hampshire]" > "Williamsburg" and scroll to line 14 (eighth entry), Otis Hill; citing NARA series T1204, roll 5.

9. Christopher Cross, *The Roots of Rural Capitalism, Western Massachusetts, 1780-1860* (Ithaca, N.Y. and London, England: Cornell University Press, 1990), 180-184, 255-259.

10. *The Brooklyn* [N.Y.] *Daily Eagle*, 22 February 1861; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 2, col. 6, "Died," Taylor," for death date. "Find A Grave," database, Gad Taylor, Kings Co., N.Y., memorial no. 57439243, for burial place.

11. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910," Otis G. Hill, death, 1883, for death date and place. Email to author from Williamsburg Historical Society, 23 September 2014, regarding Otis Hill diaries.

12. "New York, New York, Death Index, 1862-1948"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Daniel A. Taylor, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Municipal Archives, New York City.

1852 letter transcription (line breaks changed):

New York Augt 4th/52

Mr. Otis G. Hill

Williamsburgh Mass

Dear Sir

We are in a great hurry for the [Crab?] Wood 4 Hole .. C Buttons and are loosing Sales evry day. Please send them along also some Blacks of which our stock is getting quite low all sises are wanted – also some few 45 Lines Cork Wood moles [moulds] could be used. If you have any of the Oiled Buttons finished you had better send them along as we are entirely sold out

Yours C

Tayl[o]rs Richards + Co

New York Aug. 4/52

Mr. Otis G. Hill
Williamstown Mass

Dear Sir

We are in a
great hurry for the Crab Wood & Hole & C. Buttons
are ware losing sales every day. Please send them
along also some Black of which our stock is
getting quite low all sizes are wanted—
also some few 40 Lines Box Wood molds could
be used. If you have any of the Cited Buttons
finished you had better send them along
as we are entirely sold out

Yours C
Taylors Richards & Co.

1-9B Text of 1852 folded letter from Taylors, Richards & Co. to Otis G. Hill (Author's collection)

1-10: 1854 “Invoice of Sundries sent to East Bethel Factory”



**Dwight Foster Faulkner (1803-1885), Boston, Massachusetts
to Francis Thomas Faulkner (1834-1905), East Bethel,
Vermont**

This folded letter was sent by a father to his son. “Mr. Francis T. Faulkner” in East Bethel, Vermont received a folded letter datelined “Boston Jan[uar]y 1, 1854,” postmarked 2 January 1854 in Boston, and signed “D. F. Faulkner.” Francis Faulkner, manufacturer, born in Massachusetts, is in Bethel in the 1860 U.S. census.¹ Dwight F. Faulkner is listed in an 1854 Boston directory.² Francis Thomas Faulkner was born 27 March 1834 in Boston, the son of Dwight F. and Elizabeth (Cole) Faulkner who married 25 June 1828 in Salem, Massachusetts.³ D. “R.” and Francis Faulkner, apparently father and son, are in Boston in the 1850 U.S. census with D. R. shown as a merchant.⁴ Dwight Foster Faulkner was born or baptized 23 January 1803 in Watertown, Massachusetts, the son of Francis and Ann (Robbins) Faulkner who married 18 April 1799 in Watertown.⁵ The folded letter begins with an “Invoice of Sundries sent to East Bethel Factory” that includes one barrel of red tartar, belt leather, and a dozen shuttles. Red tartar was used in dyeing wool. Dwight Faulkner writes “You have missed it wretchedly in the colors of yellow,” and “I shall start for Turner Wednesday morning.” Francis T. Faulkner, woolen manufacturer, is in Turner, Maine in

the 1870 U.S. census, and the industry schedule of the 1870 census lists “D. F. Faulkner and Son, Woolen Factory” in Turner with an average of twenty men and thirteen women employed.⁶ Dwight F. Faulkner died 28 February 1885 in Boston, and Francis T. Faulkner died 3 September 1905 in Turner, Maine in a fire at his mill.⁷

Notes

1. 1860 U.S. census, Windsor Co., Vt., pop. sch., p. 157 (penned), dwell. 1382, fam. 1339, Francis Faulkner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 1328.

2. *Boston Directory for the Year 1854* (Boston: Geo. Adams, 1854); digital image, Fold3.com; 112, entry for Dwight F. Faulkner.

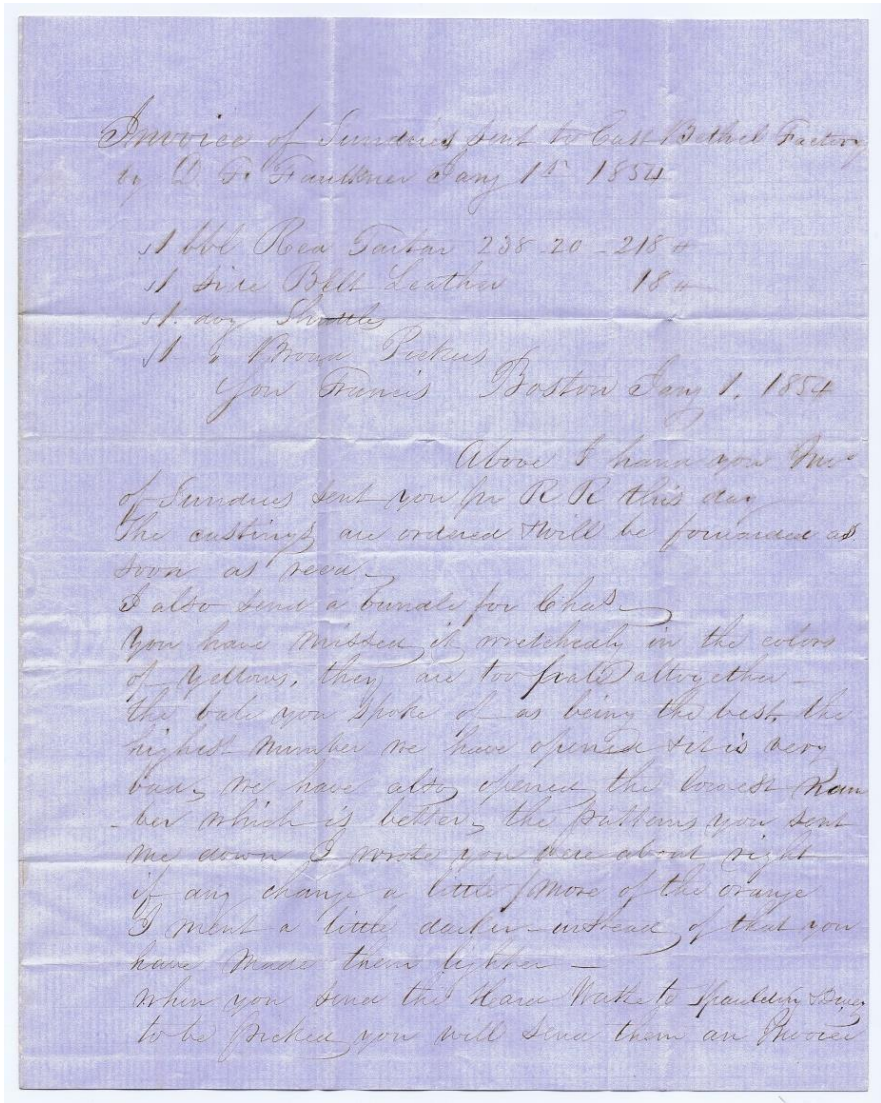
3. *The Records of the West Church of Boston 1737-1858*; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 108, entry for “June 15,” Francis Thomas Faulkner, birth abstract, for birth date and father's name. *Vital Records of Salem Massachusetts to the End of the year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1924); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; vol. 3, marriages, p. 350, Dwight F. Faulkner-Elizabeth Cole, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

4. 1850 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass., pop. Sch., Boston, ward 6, p.367 (stamped, verso), dwell. 496, fam. 645, D. R. Faulkner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 336.

5. Historical Society of Watertown, *Watertown Records, Comprising East Congregational Affairs 1697 to 1737, Also Record Book of the Pastors 1686 to 1819* (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1906); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 189, entry for 23 January 1803, Dwight Foster Faulkner, birth abstract, for birth or baptism date and father's name. *Watertown Records, Comprising the Fourth Book of Town Proceedings and the Second Book of Births Marriages and Deaths from 1738 to 1822*; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 189, Francis Faulkner-Ann Robbins, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and bride's name.

6. 1870 U.S. census, Androscoggin Co., Me., pop. sch., Turner, p.52 (penned), dwell. 444, fam. 471, Francis T. Faulkner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M593, roll 537. “U.S. Federal Census Collection”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; “Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880” > “Maine” > “Industry” > “1870” > “Androscoggin” > “Turner,” p.1 (penned), company 1, D. F. Faulkner and Son, for employee numbers; citing Me. State Archives, Augusta. W. R. French, *A History of Turner Maine from Its Settlement to 1886* (Portland, Me.: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, 1887; digital image, *Ancestry.com*), 79-80, for a brief history of the Faulkner mill.

7. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Dwight F. Faulkner, death, Boston; citing Mass. Archives, Vol. 366, p. 56, no. 17. “Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Francis T. Faulkner, death record no. 35, for death date, place, and cause; citing Me. State Archives, Augusta.



1-10B Page 1 of 1855 folded letter from Dwight Foster
Faulkner to Francis Thomas Faulkner (Author's collection)

1854 folded letter transcription (line breaks changed):

Invoice of Sundries sent to East Bethel Factory
by D F Faulkner Jan 1st 1854

1 bbl Red Tartar 238-20-218#

1 Side Belt Leather 18#

1 doz Shuttles

1 [doz] Brown Pickus

for Francis Boston Jany 1, 1854

Above I have you Inv of Sundries sent you pr RR this day The castings are ordered + will be forwarded as soon as rec'd. I also send a bundle for Chas. You have missed it wretchedly in the colors of yellow. They are too fxale[?] altogether. The bale you spoke of as being the best the highest number we have opened + it is very bad, we have also opened the lowest num-ber which is better, the patterns you sent me down I wrote you were about right if any change a little more of the orange I went a little darker instead of that you have made them lighter When you send the Hard Watle to Spaulding + Divey to be picked, you will send them an Invoice [page 2]

of the number of Bags and the weight of ea bag + request them when they return it to send you a bill for the picking, + also a bill for picking the last lot if you have not already rec'd it, I shall start for Turner Wednesday morning – When you write Thursday direct to there – after that direct to me at Boston, I shall probably return the first of the week

yours Truly

D. F. Faulkner

Boston

2 January 3 cts

Mr Francis T Faulkner

East Bethel

Vermont

Chapter 2: Westward Expansion

As the United States expanded westward, individuals and families moved west. The envelopes and letters in this chapter include one sent by a teacher and missionary to the Cherokee Nation (Figure 2-1) and another by a man who probably participated in the Gold Rush (Figure 2-2). Two envelopes apparently traveled by stagecoach (Figures 2-6 and 2-7) and two others were carried by the Pony Express (Figures 2-8 and 2-9). An east-west exchange of letters required months, during which time people married, children were born, and others died (Figures 2-3, 2-4, and 2-10). While some people remained in the west, others returned east (Figures 2-3 and 2-4). Evidence for one sender's identity comes from a writing sample (Figure 2-7). Another sender was identified by the recipient who wrote the sender's name on the envelope (Figure 2-5).

2-1: 1844 “The winter session of my school commenced”

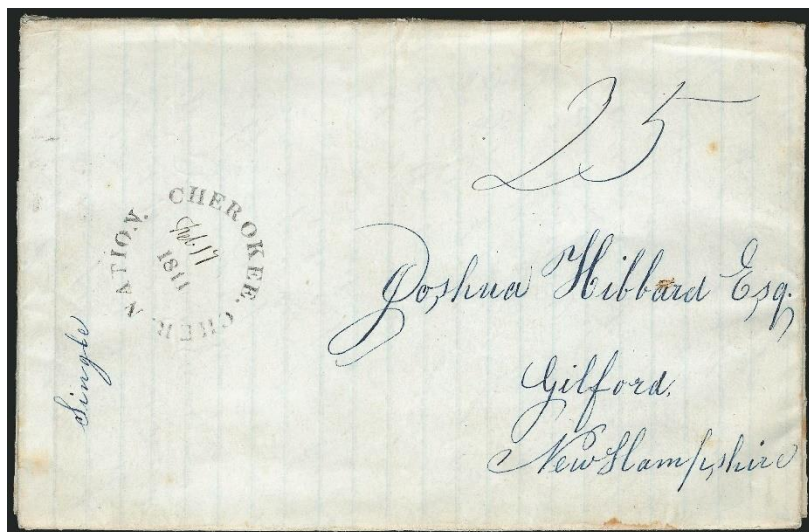


Figure 2-1 1844 folded letter from Cherokee, Cherokee Nation to Gilford, New Hampshire (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1010, lot 2)

Sarah Hale Hibbard (1810-1850), Cherokee Nation to Joshua Ingalls Hibbard (1777-1861), Gilford, New Hampshire

This folded letter was sent by a daughter to her father. “Joshua Hibbard” in Gilford, New Hampshire received a folded letter postmarked in “Cherokee, Cher[o]kee Nation” on 17 February 1844, datelined “Cherokee Baptist Mission, Feb 3rd, 1844,” and written by Sarah Hibbard.¹ Joshua Hibbard is in Gilford in the 1840 U.S. census, and Joshua and Hannah Hibbard, apparently husband and wife, are in Gilford in the 1850 U.S. census.² Sarah Hale Hibbard, the sender, was born 15 March 1810, the daughter of Joshua Ingalls Hibbard and Hannah Tenney who married 12 October 1802 in Londonderry, New Hampshire.³ Joshua Hibbard was born 27 May 1777 in Methuen, Massachusetts, the son of Daniel and Deborah (Ingalls/Ingulls) Hebbard/Hibbard who married 24 March 1773 in Methuen.⁴ Sarah Hibbard became a Baptist missionary to the Cherokee Nation at Cherokee.⁵ She wrote “The winter session of my school commenced Dec. 18th in a new brick building which the Cherokee have erected the past year” and speaks

of “an interesting class in the native language, taught by Miss Hannah Jones (daughter of Rev. E. Jones) who acquired the language in childhood and speaks with the same ease [ease?] as her mother tongue.”⁶ Evan Jones and his family first lived with the Cherokee in North Carolina, and went west with them on the “Trail of Tears.”⁷ Sarah Hibbard married Ambrose Meeker in Moultrie County, Illinois 15 April 1849, and she died there May 1850.⁸ Joshua Hibbard died 27 June 1861 in Gilford.⁹ The folded letter has “single” written vertically on the left and “25 [cents]” written in the upper right, the rate for a single sheet traveling more than four hundred miles.¹⁰

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1010 catalog, lot 2, for excerpts from the letter.

2. 1840 U.S. census, Stratford Co., N.H., pop. sch., Gilford, p. 428 (stamped), Joshua Hibbard; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M704, roll 246. 1850 U.S. census, Belknap Co., N.H., pop. sch., Gilford, p. 147 (stamped, recto), dwell. 41, fam. 45, Joshua Hibbard; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 425.

3. M. J. Tenney, *The Tenney Family or the Descendants of Thomas Tenney of Rowley, Massachusetts, 1638-1904*, revised; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 252, “Hannah Tenney,” for Sarah’s birth date, parents’ names and their marriage date shown August 1802, and Sarah’s work as a missionary. Daniel Gage Annis, compiler, *Vital Records of Londonderry, New Hampshire* (Manchester, N.H.: The Granite State Publishing Company, 1914); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; vol. 1, p. 219, entry for Joshua Hibbard and Hannah Tenney, marriage abstract, for Sarah’s parents’ marriage date and place.

4. *Vital Records of Methuen, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1909); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; vol. 1, p. 61, entry for Joshua Ingulls Hebbberd, for birth date and place, and vol. 1, p. 203, entry for Daniel Hebbberd and Deborah Ingulls, for Joshua’s parents’ marriage date and place.

5. Oklahoma State University Library (<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/>) > “Chronicles of Oklahoma” > “Select Volume” > “15” > “No. 4” > “Early Missionaries to the Cherokees”; scroll to p. 462, lines 3-4, for Rev. E. Jones and Miss S. H. Hibbard; citing Okla. Historical Society.

6. Siegel, sale 1010 catalog, lot 2, for excerpts from the letter.

7. William G. McLoughlin, *The Cherokees and Christianity, 1794-1870* (Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press, 1994, 2008); digital image, Google Books; Chapt. 4, “The Reverend Evan Jones and the Cherokee Trail of Tears, 1838-1839,” 91-93, 112.

8. “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1934”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Ambrose Meeker-Sarah H. Hibbard, marriage abstract, for Sarah’s marriage date and place; citing Moultrie Co. clerk. “U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-

1885"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "1850" > "Illinois" > "Moultrie"; p. 35, right-hand side, line 35, Sarah H. Meeker; citing NARA series T1133, roll not shown, for Sarah's death place, month, and year.

9. M. J. Tenney, *The Tenney Family*; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 252, "Hannah Tenney," for Joshua Hibbard's death date and place.

10. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink]

2-2: 1850 "[A] large fire brke out in Sanfrancisco and burned the heart of the city"



Figure 2-2A 1850 folded letter from San José, California to Sweetwater, Tennessee (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

Alexander David Biggs (circa 1828-1892), San Jose, California to Alexander Biggs (1787-1857), Sweetwater, Tennessee

This envelope and letter were sent by a man to his father and siblings. "Mr. Alex Biggs" of Sweetwater, Monroe County, East Tennessee received a folded letter postmarked by hand in San Jose, California 14 May 1850, with an enclosed letter datelined "May 11th 1850" that begins "Dear father" and closes "your affectionate Son and Brother A D Biggs." "Alexr" Biggs is in Monroe County in the 1850 U.S. census with his apparent wife and three children in their twenties and thirties, and he is probably the "Alexr" Biggs in Monroe County in the 1840 U.S. census with a household of eight

people.¹ A. D. Biggs, thirty-two years old, born in Tennessee, is in San Jose in the 1860 U.S. census with his apparent wife and three children, and this is probably Alexander David Biggs, born in Tennessee, who registered to vote in San Jose 10 September 1866.² Alexander David Biggs was born circa 1828 in Tennessee, the son of Alexander and Isabella (Rankin) Biggs, who married circa 19 February 1812 in Jefferson County, Tennessee.³ Alexander Biggs, the father, was born 15 June 1787 in Tennessee, the son of John and Isabella (Wilson) Biggs who married 14 December 1782 in Rockbridge County, Virginia.⁴ A. D. Biggs writes “a large fire brke out in Sanfrancisco and burned the heart of the city.” San Francisco experienced its “second great fire” on 4 May 1850 that destroyed 300 buildings.⁵ A. D. Biggs continues “one man in the Mariposa mines took out a piece of gold and quartz mixed which weighed 103 lbs.” A. D. Biggs may have traveled west to California during the 1849 gold rush. Alexander Biggs, the father, died 6 January 1857 in Tennessee.⁶ Alexander David Biggs died 23 February 1892 in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California, and his obituary stated that he was a native of Sweetwater, Tennessee.⁷ The postage was forty cents, written in the upper right corner of the envelope, the rate for a two-page letter sent postage-due from the Pacific coast.⁸

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Monroe Co., Tenn., pop. sch., civil district 1, p. 15 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 205, Alexr Biggs; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 891. 1840 U.S. census, Monroe Co., Tenn., p. 183 (stamped), Alexr Biggs; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M704, roll 528.

3. 1860 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Jose, p. 141 (penned), dwell. 1194, fam. 676, A. D. Biggs; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 65. “California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Copy of the Great Register of Santa Clara County, entry for Alexander David Biggs, no. 350, San Jose, born Tenn., for voter registration date and place; citing CSL roll 124, Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

4. 1860 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Jose, p. 141 (penned), dwell. 1194, fam. 676, A. D. Biggs, for Alexander’s birth year estimated 1828 based on his age of thirty-two years (col. 4). “Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Alexander Biggs-Isabella Rankin, marriage license, no. 987, p. 99, Jefferson Co., for marriage license date and place; citing Tenn. State Library and Archives, Nashville.

5. “Revolutionary War”; digital image, *Fold3.com*; > “Revolutionary War Pensions” > “Browse” > “Pennsylvania” > “B” > “Biggs” > “John Biggs” > “Page 12” for Alexander Biggs’ birth date and “Page 13” for list of John Biggs’ children with Alexander and James (in “Remarks”); citing National Archives Catalog ID 300022,

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA series M804. "Virginia, Marriages, 1660-1800"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Biggs-Isabella Wilson, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Harold Erskine Biggs (born 1891, Mo.), national application no. 39687, for James Biggs' (Alexander's brother) parents' names; citing National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, Ky.

6. "Guardians of The City, Fire Department," "San Francisco Fire Department, Historical Review" (http://guardiansofthecity.org/sffd/history/volunteer_department.html), paragraph 8, for the second great fire.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Alexander Biggs, Loudon Co., Tenn., memorial no. 29083518, for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates, birth year shown 1789 rather than 1787.

8. [San Jose, Cal.] *Evening News*, 26 February 1892, p. 2, col. 4, "Died," for death date and place, scanned image provided by Santa Clara Co. Library District, Cal.

9. David Snow, *PhilaMercury.com* (free registration required), description for cover 20463, for postage rate.

1850 letter text (line breaks changed):

State of California

May 11th 1850

Dear father

Sir it with a goodeale of propriety that I now seat my self to drop you afew lines to let you know that I am well and getting along verry well at present General Anderson and company arrived here afew days ago and has started to the mines he left Koxvill [Knoxville] one year ago he arrived at Santafe late too late to come on through and spent the winter there twenty of his men deserting him there he arrived here with thirty men only I had a herty shake hands with the Gen he and company being the first E Tennesseans that I have met in California he would not give me the names of the men that left him at Santafe they had good luck only blessed with along tedious Journey over the plains of twelve months travel a large fire brke out in Sanfrancisco and burned the heart of the city it is said the fire broke out in some one of the gambling houses of which there is not a few I have no news to write you at present only that one man in the Mariposa mines took out a piece of gold and quartz mixed which weiged 103 lbs troy weigh I saw aman who says that he saw the lump such lumps is hard to find it is along way between them

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we have a small Cherch organized here of eleven members only yet of which the Revd Mr Douglass is Pastor a young man from the State of New

York I have no news of importance to write you at this time I write you these few lines to let you know that there is a few more Tennesseans in this Country than my self a trying to make their fortunes of wich I fear they will fall Short although there is money aplenty here write to me as soon as you get these few lines I have not recieved a letter from you since I left home though there is four or five letters at Sanfrancisco I expect but I cannot get them I will write to you at the usual time which will be about the 4 day of July it is ahard matter to get letters here and Some never gets any this seems to be my lot write to Pueblo De Sanjose, your affectionate Son and Brother

A D Biggs

A Biggs

2-3: 1854 "I expect to be at home next year"

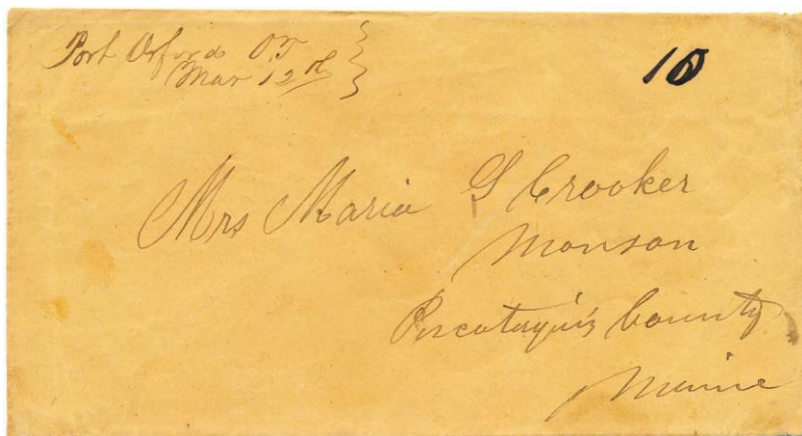


Figure 2-3A 1854 envelope from Port Orford, Oregon Territory to Monson, Maine (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

George Stacy (1831-after August 1884), Coquille Mines, Oregon Territory to Maria G. (Stacy) Crooker (1833-1906), Monson, Maine

This envelope and letter were sent cross country by a brother to his sister. "Mrs. Maria S. Crooker" in Monson, Piscataquis County, Maine received an envelope postmarked by hand in Port Orford, "O. T. [Oregon Territory]" 12 March 1854 with a letter written 3 March 1854 in Coquille Mines. Coquille,

Oregon is about forty miles north of Port Orford. The letter begins “Dear Sister” and closes “From your brother, George Stacy.” Maria S. (Mrs. Thomas) Crooker is in Monson in the 1860 U.S. census.¹ Maria S. and George Stacy are with Hiram and Esther Stacy, their apparent mother and father, and their apparent brothers William A. and James G. Stacy, in Sangerville, Maine, about thirteen miles southeast of Monson, in the 1850 U.S. census.² George Stacy was born 24 March 1831 and Maria S. Stacy 23 February 1833, both in Sangerville, children of Hiram and Adriana (Allen) Stacy who married circa 1824 in Maine.³ Their mother apparently died before 25 June 1847, when Hiram Stacy married Esther Beal in Sangerville.⁴ George congratulates Maria on “the news of your marriage.” Maria S. Stacy married Thomas Crooker 27 October 1853 in Piscataquis County.⁵ George continues “I received a letter from [W]illiam...and was quite suprised to learn that I was an uncle.” William A. Stacy married Mary Jane Roberts 27 February 1853 in Piscataquis County, and they are in Dover in the 1860 U.S. census with their apparent seven-year-old daughter Mary S. Stacy.⁶ George also writes “I expect to be at home next year.” George and James Stacy, both born in Maine, photographers, are in New York City in the 1860 U.S. census.⁷ George is listed as a photographer in a New York City directory as late as 1866, and he is in Ramapo, New York, married, in the 1870 and 1880 U.S. censuses.⁸ George is mentioned in a September 1884 newspaper article but a source for his death has not yet been found.⁹ Maria S. Crooker died 21 December 1906 in Monson.¹⁰ The envelope is marked “10 [cents]” which was the postage in 1854 for a letter traveling more than 3000 miles.¹¹ This letter and envelope provide evidence of George Stacy's travel to Oregon in the 1850s that is not shown in a U.S. census or similar source.

Notes

1. 1860 U.S. census, Piscataquis Co., Maine, pop. sch., Monson, p. 35 (penned), dwell. 250, fam. 245, Thomas Crooker; digital image, *Fold3.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 433.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Piscataquis Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sangerville, p. 173 (stamped, recto), dwell. 13, fam. 14, Hiram Stacy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 267.

3. “Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739-1900”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; George Stacey, birth abstract; and Maria Suhm Stacey, birth abstract; for parents' names and birth date and place; citing Sangerville town clerk. “Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hiram Stacy-Adriana Allen, marriage abstracts, for two possible marriage dates and places, 24 December 1824 in Sangerville, and 7 February 1825 in Brunswick; citing Sangerville and Brunswick town clerks.

4. "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hiram Esqr. Stacy and Mrs. Esther Beal, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Sangerville town clerk.

5. "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Thomas Crooker-Maria S. Stacy, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Piscataquis County court clerk, Dover-Foxcroft.

6. "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William H. Stacy-Mary Jane Roberts, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Dover and Foxcroft town clerks. 1860 U.S. census, Piscataquis Co., Maine, pop. sch., Dover, p. 97 (penned), dwell. 714, fam. 745, William A. Stacy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 433.

7. 1860 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New York City, ward 7, division 2, p. 115 (penned), dwell. 370, fam. 803, James Wilson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 792.

8. H. Wilson, compiler, *Trow's New York City Directory...For the Year Ending May 1, 1866*; digital image, *Fold3.com*; 924, entry for George Stacy. 1870 U.S. census, Rockland Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Ramapo town, p. 60 (penned), dwell. 528, fam. 520, George Stacy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1087. 1880 U.S. census, Rockland Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Ramapo town, election district 3, ED 59, p. 35C (penned), dwell. 354, fam. 401, George Stacy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 924.

9. "HRVH Historical Newspapers" (<http://news.hrvh.org/>) > "Browse the Collection" > "Browse by title" > "Rockland County Journal" > type George Stacy in search box, for *Rockland County Journal*, 20 September 1884; digital image; p. 4, col. 5, "Nanuet," paragraph 5.

10. "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Maria S. Crooker, death, for death date and place; citing 1892-1907 vital records, roll 13, Maine State Archives, Augusta.

11. United States Postal Service, "Rates for Domestic Letters, 1792-1863," [see Chapter 1, note 1, for weblink].

Coquille Mines March 3rd 1854

Dear Sister

I received yours of the 11 Dec with the news of your marriage which I congratulate you on and wish you and your husband any amount of happiness and prosperity which I doubt not you will have I wish you were both here but I expect to be at home next year if I am lucky I received a letter from William at the same time and was quite surprised to learn that I was an uncle I wish you to write after and let me know all that is going on in our family and everything else that you can think of give my respects to your husband and his brother and tell them that I should like to hear from them soon I am in such a hurry I can think of nothing else so Good night

From your Brother
George Stacy

1854 letter text (line breaks changed):

Coquille Mines March 3rd 1854

Dear Sister

I received yours of the 11 Dec with the news of your marriage which I congratulate you on and wish you and your husband any amount of happiness and prosperity which I doubt not you will have I wish you were both here but I expect to be at home next year if I am lucky I received a letter from William at the same time and was quite surprised to learn that I was an uncle I wish you to write after and let me know all that is going on in our family and everything else that you can think of give my respects to your husband and his brother and tell them that I should like to hear from them soon I am in such a hurry I can think of nothing else so Good night

From your Brother

George Stacy

2-4: 1856 “The West is the best country to make money in.”

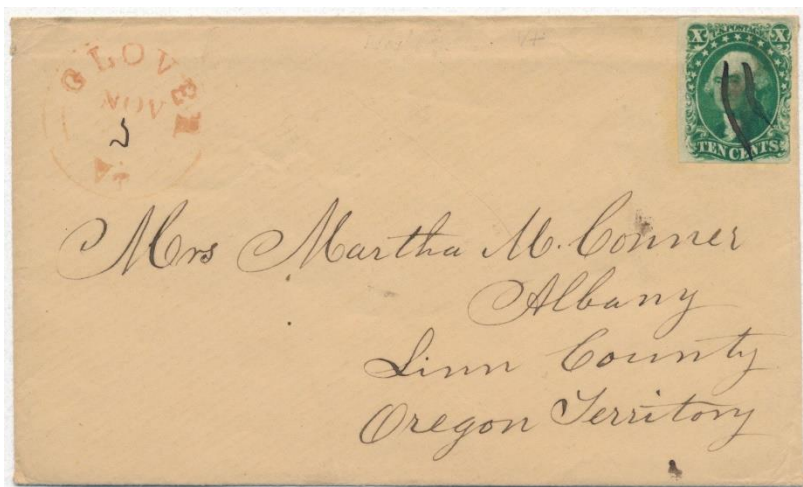


Figure 2-4A 1856 envelope from Glover, Vermont to Albany, Oregon Territory (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

Duron Whittlesey (1811-1875), Glover, Vermont to Martha Maria Bancroft (Whittlesey) Conner (1827-1861), Albany, Oregon Territory

This envelope and letter were sent cross country by a brother to his sister. “Mrs. Martha M. Conner” in Albany, Linn County, Oregon Territory received an envelope postmarked in Glover, Vermont. An enclosed letter datelined “Glover, Vt. Nov. 1, 1856” begins “Dear Sister” and is signed “Duron Whittlesey.” Martha Conner, born in Vermont, and her apparent husband John, are in Albany, Oregon in the 1860 U.S. census, and Duron Whittlesey is in Glover in the 1860 U.S. census.¹ Duron/Duron Whittlesey/Whittlesey was born 5/6 January 1811/4, and Martha Maria Bancroft Whittlesey was born 16 October 1827, both in Plainfield, Vermont, children of Duron/Duren and Betsey (Chase) Whittlesey who married 25 August 1805 in Plainfield.² Duron/Duron Whittlesey, the father, is in Plainfield in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses with household members that could be Duron, the son, and Martha.³ Martha M. Whittlesey married John Conner 16 October 1851 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and she is in Kenosha, unmarried,

in the 1850 U.S. census in the household of Leland H. and Henrietta Wakefield and their apparent one-year-old son Horatio.⁴ Henrietta Whittlesey, Martha and Duron's sister, was born 11 April 1825 in Plainfield, and she married Leland H. Wakefield 15 September 1847 in Randolph, Vermont.⁵ The letter speaks of "Leland" and "the Sad news of the Death of his Boy." L. H. and Henrietta Wakefield are in Portland, Oregon in the 1860 U.S. census, with Henry, their apparent one-year-old son, born in Oregon, but without Horatio.⁶ Martha (Whittlesey) Conner may have traveled west to Oregon with Leland and Henrietta (Whittlesey) Wakefield. Duron's letter also speaks of "My little girl," and Henrietta/Etta, is with Duron in the 1860 and 1870 U.S. censuses.⁷ Henrietta/Etta is shown as born in Iowa in the 1870 census and her 13 February 1878 marriage record.⁸ Duron had apparently lived at least as far west as Iowa, which is consistent with his statement "I think probably I shall not go back West." Duron also writes "The West is the best country to make money in." Martha (Whittlesey) Connor died 7 May 1861 in Dallas, Oregon, and her husband John Connor is in Portland in the 1870 U.S. census with three children shown with John and Martha in the 1860 census.⁹ Duron Whittlesey died 28 December 1875 in Glover.¹⁰ A second envelope and letter written 4 December 1853 by John Conner in Albany, Oregon to "Mrs. Martha Conner" in Kenosha has also survived.¹¹

Notes

1. 1860 U.S. census, Linn Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Albany, p. 117 (penned), dwell. 871, fam. 804, John Conner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 1055. 1860 U.S. census, Orleans Co., Vt., pop. sch., Glover, p. 214 (penned), dwelling 1703, family 1704, Duran Whittlesey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1322.

2. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Duran Whittlesy, birth abstract, for birth place and date in 1811; Duron Whittlesey-Betsey Chase, marriage abstract, for marriage place and date; Duron Whittlesey, death abstract, 1875, for birth date in 1814 using age at death; citing NEHGS. Charles Barney Whittelsey, *Genealogy of the Whittlesey-Whittelsey Family*, 2nd edition (New York: Whittlesey House, 1941); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 99, "100. Duren," for parents' names, Duren's birth in 1814; 134, "231. Martha Maria Bancroft Whittlesey," for Martha's full name, birth date and place.

3. 1830 U.S. census, Washington Co., Vt., Plainfield, p. 379 (stamped), Duran Whittlesey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 183, household with two free white males 15-19 years old and two free white females less than 5 years old. 1840 U.S. census, Washington Co., Vt., Plainfield, p. 349 (stamped), Duron Whittlesey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series

M704, roll 546, household with two free white males 20-29 years old and two free white females 10-14 years old.

4. Whittelsey, *Whittlesey-Whittelsey Family*, 134, "231. Martha Maria Bancroft Whittlesey," for marriage date and place. 1850 U.S. census, Kenosha Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Kenosha, p. 253 (stamped, recto), dwell. 445, fam. 474, Leland H. Wakefield; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 1000.

5. Whittelsey, *Whittlesey-Whittelsey Family*, 134, "230. Henrietta Newton Whittlesey," for birth and marriage dates and places, and husband's name.

6. 1860 U.S. census, Multnomah Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Portland, p. 36 (penned), dwell. 330, fam. 293, L. H. Wakefield; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1056.

7. 1860 U.S. census, Orleans Co., Vt., Glover, p. 214 (penned), dwell. 1703, fam. 1704, Duran Whittlesey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1322. 1870 U.S. census, Orleans Co., Vt., pop. sch., Glover, p. 17 (penned), dwell. 141, fam. 149, Duron Whittlesey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1623.

8. 1870 U.S. census, Orleans Co., Vt., Glover, p. 17, Duron Whittlesey. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Julius L. Cady-Etta W. Whittlesey, marriage abstract, Glover, for Etta's birthplace; citing State Capitol Building, Montpelier.

9. Whittelsey, *Whittlesey-Whittelsey Family*, "231. Martha Maria Bancroft Whittlesey," 134, for death date and place. 1870 U.S. census, Linn Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Albany, p. 21 (penned), dwell./fam. 189, John Conner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1286.

10. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Duron Whittlesey, death abstract, for death date and place; citing State Capitol Building, Montpelier.

11. *PhilaMercury*, "Search Covers," PhilaMercury ID 20445.

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Glover Vt. Nov. 1. 1856

Dear Sister

I have just written a letter to Deland, so I thought seeing my "hand was in", I would write you a few lines. I received a letter from Deland last evening, containing the sad news of the Death of his Boy, his only surviving child. He says their afflictions seem greater than they can bear, that they are so lonely that they know not what to do, or where to go. I do not wonder that they feel lonely & sad, for their afflictions are truly great. My desire & Prayer is,

Figure 2-4B Page 1 of 1856 letter from Duron Whittlesey to Martha Maria Bancroft (Whittlesey) Conner (Photograph courtesy of David Snow)

1856 letter text (line breaks changed):

Glover Vt. Nov. 1, 1856

Dear Sister

I have just written a letter to Leland, so I thought seeing my "hand was in," I would write you a few lines. I received a letter from Leland last evening, containing the Sad news of the Death of his Boy, his only surviving child. He says their afflictions seem greater than they can bear, + that they are so lonely that they know not what to do, or where to go. I do not wonder that they feel lonely + sad, for their afflictions are truly great. My desire + Prayer is,

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that those afflictions may be sanctified to them, for their present + Everlasting good. In relation to myself I will say, that I am still stopping at Glover, + am enjoying good health. My little girl is also well, + happy as a child can be. I think probably I shall not go back West this fall, but still, I am not yet fully determined. If it had not been for my child, I should have been there, long ago. My friends here are very much oppressed to my taking her back West, + I should prefer to have her brought up in N. E.

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I am not in any business, but shall go to doing some- thing by + by, if I conclude to stop in Vermont. The West is the best country to make money in, but still, I could get a living, even in N. E. I visited Calvins folks last Week. They were well, + enjoying life, first rate. They are more independant as to a living, than they have ever been before. I was at Plainfield last Week, found the folks all well. Rosette is getting along very well. The two girls are well contented at their places. Newton's Health is very good, + I think he will yet be a rugged Boy, much to

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the surprise of every body who knew how puny he was, when he was two or three years old. I called to see Juliette, as I always do when I am at Plainfield. She has got to be a Woman grown, + is a very amiable + intelligent girl, but She is not as happy at home, as I wish She was. Madison's Wife is Just what She is. Tylers folks have moved up near Plainfield Springs, on to a small farm which he has bought there. Please give my best regards to Bro. Conner. Hoping to hear from you soon. I

remain as ever, Yours,

Duron Whittlesey

2-5: 1856 Fannie's Envelope from Cottonwood, California

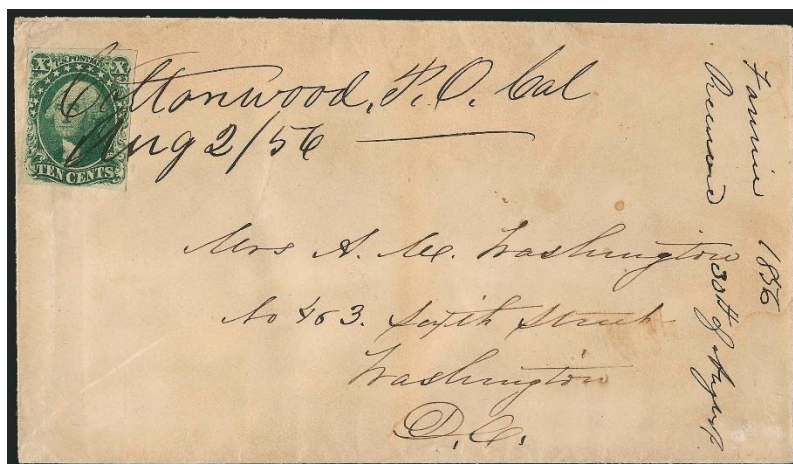


Figure 2-5 1856 envelope from Cottonwood, California to Washington, D.C. (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1011, lot 1146)

Fannie (Washington) Reading (1832-1918), Cottonwood, California to Ann Matilda (Lee) Washington (c1800-1881), Washington, District of Columbia

This envelope was sent by a daughter to her mother. “Mrs. A. M. Washington” in Washington, D.C. received an envelope postmarked by hand 2 August 1856 in Cottonwood, California. “Fannie 1856, Received 30th of August” is written vertically on the right (docketing). Anna M. (apparently Mrs. Dr. Bailey) Washington and her apparent eighteen year old daughter Fanny W. are in Washington in the 1850 U.S. census, and Mrs. Dr. Washington is in an 1855 Washington, D.C. directory at 463 6th Street, the address written on the envelope.¹ Fannie Wallace Washington was born 23 September 1832 in Washington, D.C., daughter of Bailey Washington, a U.S. Navy surgeon, and Ann Matilda Lee who married 26 November 1829 in Washington, D.C.² Fannie Wallace Washington married “Peirson” Barton Reading 12 March 1856 in Washington, D.C.³ Travel in the 1850s from New York City to San Francisco by steamship via Panama could be completed in thirty days.⁴ P. B. Reading arrived in New York City on 25 October 1855 from Aspinwall (now Colón, Panama).⁵ Fannie Reading, born

in the District of Columbia, is in Shasta County, California in the 1870 U.S. census, and she is probably Mary (apparently Mrs. P. B.) Reading, born in the District of Columbia, in Shasta County in the 1860 U.S. census.⁶ Pierson Barton Reading died in Shasta County 29 May 1868.⁷ Ann Matilda (Lee) Washington died 20 December 1881 in Washington, D.C.⁸ Fannie (Washington) Reading returned to the District of Columbia after her husband's death, and she died 4 May 1918 in Washington.⁹

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, D.C., pop. sch., Washington, ward 4, p. 246 (stamped, recto), dwell. 359, fam. 372, Bailey Washington; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 56. I. Ten Eyck, compiler, *Ten Eyck's Washington and Georgetown Directory* (Washington, D.C.: Henry Polkinhorn, Printer, 1855); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 58, entry for Mrs. Dr. Washington.

2. "California, Pioneer and Immigrant Files, 1790-1950"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Fannie Wallace Washington (Mrs. P. B. Reading), abstracted data, for Fannie's birth and marriage dates and places, and her parents' names; citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento. 1850 U.S. census, D. C., pop. sch., Washington, ward 4, p. 246 (stamped, recto), dwell. 359, fam. 372, Bailey Washington, for Fannie's father's occupation. "District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Bailey Washington-Ann Matilda Lee, marriage abstract, for Fannie's parents' marriage date and place; citing D.C. Records Office, Washington, D.C.

3. "District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950," Peirson Barton Reading-Fannie Wallace Washington, marriage abstract.

4. Richard Frajola, "California Private Mails, 1849 to 1856" (<http://www.rfrajola.com/capioneers/AuPioneers.pdf>), fifth page, "Waybill (via Panama)," for twenty-eight days from San Francisco to New York (1 June to 29 June 1853).

5. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; P. B. Reading, George Law, 31 October 1855 arrival at New York City from Aspinwall, N.G. (Neuva Grenada, former name of Colombia); citing NARA series M237, roll 158.

6. 1870 U.S. census, Shasta Co., Cal., pop. sch., township 7, p. 6 (penned), dwell./fam. 50, Fannie Reading; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 89. 1860 U.S. census, Shasta Co., Cal., pop. sch., Shasta post office, p. 109 (penned), dwell. 1295, fam. 1284, P. B. Reading; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 66.

7. "California, Pioneer and Immigrant Files, 1790-1950"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Pierson Barton Reading, abstracted data, for death date and place; citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

8. "District of Columbia Deaths, 1874-1959"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Ann Matilda Washington, death abstract, for her death date and place; citing D.C. Records Center, Washington, D.C.

9. "District of Columbia Deaths, 1874-1959," Fannie Wallace Washington Reading, death abstract, for her death date and place.

2-6: Circa 1857 “Overland Mail” envelope from California



Figure 2-6 Circa 1857 envelope from Strawberry Valley, California to East Boston, Massachusetts, envelope illustration by James Mason Hutchings and Anthony Rosenfield (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 980, lot 2421)

Probably Joshua A. Varney (circa 1830-1890), Strawberry Valley, California to Benjamin Varney (1827-1895), East Boston, Massachusetts; envelope by James Mason Hutchings (1820-1902) and Anthony Rosenfield (circa 1827-1895), San Francisco, California

This envelope was probably sent between brothers. Benjamin Varney in East Boston, Massachusetts received an envelope postmarked circa 1857 in Strawberry Valley, California.¹ Benjamin Varney is in East Boston in the 1850 U.S. census.² He married Henrietta F. Moore 14 September 1854 in Boston, and the couple is in East Boston in the 1860 U.S. census.³ Benjamin Varney was born circa December 1827, and his brother Joshua Atwood Varney was born circa 1830, both sons of Joshua Atwood and Susan (Newell) Varney who married 14 June 1827 in Boston.⁴ Joshua Varney, twenty years old, is in East Boston in the 1850 U.S. census.⁵ J. A. Varney, thirty-three years old, born in Massachusetts, is in Butte County, California,

adjacent to Yuba County, where Strawberry Valley is located, in an 1863 military registration.⁶ Joshua A. Varney married Mary A. Jones 13 February 1868 in Butte County, and J. A. and Mary Varney are in Oroville, Butte County in the 1870 U.S. census.⁷ Joshua and Benjamin Varney, apparently father and son, are together in East Boston in the 1870 U.S. census.⁸ Joshua Atwood Varney, thirty-seven, from Massachusetts registered to vote in Clipper Mills, Butte County, in 1867, and seventy year old Joshua Atwood Varney, Sr., from Massachusetts, registered to vote in Clipper Mills in 1872.⁹ Joshua Varney, Sr., “a native of Boston, Mass.,” died 31 January 1877, and Joshua Varney, Jr. died 15 May 1890; both are buried in Strawberry Valley.¹⁰ Benjamin Varney died 25 November 1895 in Boston.¹¹ Joshua Varney’s presence in California by at least 1863 and his burial in Strawberry Valley are evidence that Joshua sent this envelope to his brother Benjamin. The envelope was “Published by Hutchings & Rosenfield,” which is printed beneath the illustration. James M. Hutchings and Anthony Rosenfield, “booksellers and publishers,” are listed in an 1861 San Francisco, California directory.¹² J. M. Hutchings, editor, is in San Francisco in the 1860 U.S. census, and Anthony Rosenfield, job printer, is in San Francisco in the 1870 U.S. census.¹³ James Mason Hutchings was born 10 February 1820 in Towcester, England the son of William and Barbara (Mason) Hutchings, and he actively promoted interest in California’s Yosemite Valley, where he died 31 October 1902.¹⁴ Anthony Rosenfield was born 1827 in Bavaria, Germany, registered to vote in San Francisco in 1866, and is listed in a San Francisco directory as late as 1874.¹⁵ Anthony Rosenfield and his wife Mary are in New York City in the 1880 U.S. census, where Anthony apparently died 18 September 1895.¹⁶ Mary is shown as a widow in the 1900 U.S. census.¹⁷ The envelope shows an “Overland Mail” stagecoach pulled by six horses and a banner “From San Francisco Via Los Angeles.”

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 980 catalog, lot 2421, for stamp issued 1857.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Boston, ward 4, pp. 94 (stamped, verso)-95 (stamped, recto), dwell. 926, fam. 1559, Thomas Moore; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 335, with text at top of page “that part of ward 4...known as East Boston.”

3. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Benjamin Varney-Henrietta Moore, marriage, bride’s and groom’s residence shown as East Boston, for groom’s father’s name; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 80, p. 134, marriage no. 2270. 1860 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass.,

pop. sch., Boston, ward 2, East Boston post office, p. 336 (penned), dwell. 1525, fam. 2727, Benj. Farney; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 520.

4. George W. Varney, "Thomas Varney of Boston and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historic Genealogical Register*; digital image, *AmericanAncestors.org*; vol. 149, April 1995, p. 150, "Joshua A[twood?] Varney," for Joshua A. Varney-Susan Newell marriage date and place, their children Benjamin and Joshua Varney, with Joshua shown as probable, and their children's birth dates.

5. 1850 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Boston, ward 4, p. 92 (stamped, verso), dwell. 897, fam. 1522, Susan Langdon; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 335.

6. "U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for J. A. Varney, no. 8, Clipper Mills, Butte Co., Cal.; citing National Archives Identifier 4213514, "Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863-1865."

7. "California, County Marriages, 1850-1952"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; entry for Joshua A. Varney-Mary A. Jones, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Butte County clerk. 1870 U.S. census, Butte Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oro township, pp. 5-6 (penned), dwell. 52, fam. 51, J. A. Varney; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M593, roll 70.

8. 1870 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., East Boston, pp. 144-145 (penned), dwell. 827, fam. 1220, Benj. Varney; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M593, roll 640.

9. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "Great Register, Butte County," entries for Joshua Atwood Varney, no. 3506, and Joshua Atwood Varney, Sr., no. 3529, both Clipper Mills; citing CSL roll 8, Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

10. "Find A Grave," database, Joshua Atwood Varney, Sr., Yuba Co., Cal., memorial no. 52474973, for gravestone photograph with death date and Boston reference; and Joshua Atwood Varney, Jr., Yuba Co., Cal., memorial no. 52474989, for gravestone photograph with death date.

11. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Benjamin Varney, death; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 456, p. 465, no. 10211.

12. Henry G. Langley, compiler, *The San Francisco Directory for the Year commencing September 1st, 1861* (San Francisco: Commercial Steam Presses, Valentine & Co., 1861); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 187, entry for "Hutchings (James M.) & Rosenfield (Anthony)."

13. 1860 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, district 12, p. 224 (penned), dwell. 1886, fam. 1919, G. T. Sproat; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA M653, roll 67. 1870 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, ward 9, p. 122 (penned), dwell. 938, fam. 1090, Anthony Rosenfield; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA M593, roll 83.

14. Peter E. Palmquist and Thomas R. Kailbourn, *Pioneer Photographers of the Far West* (Stanford, Cal.: Stanford University Press, 2000); digital image, *Google*

Books; 312, 315-316, for James Mason Hutchings' birth date and place and parents' names. "California, Biographical Index Cards, 1781-1990"; database, *Ancestry.com*; for James Mason Hutchings' death date and place; citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

15. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "Great Register, San Francisco County, ward 9," entry for Anthony Rosenfield, no. 1734; citing CSL roll 41, Cal. State Library, Sacramento. Henry G. Langley, compiler, *The San Francisco Directory for the Year commencing April, 1874* (San Francisco: Francis & Valentine, Commercial Steam Presses, 1874); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 570, entry for Anthony Rosenfield. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William Woodward Rosenfield (born 1866, Cal.), national application no. 34898, for Anthony's birth and death years; citing National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, Ky.

16. 1880 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New York, ED 517, p. 21A (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 184, Anthony Rosenfield; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA T9, roll 891. "New York City, Deaths, 1892-1902"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Arnson Rosenfield, death abstract, for death date and place; citing New York City Department of Health, certificate no. 32753.

17. 1900 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Manhattan borough, ED 525, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 41, fam. 98, William Rosenfield; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA T623, roll 1105.

2-7: 1859 Writing Home to Vermont

Jacob Cook Hawley (1820-1911), San Francisco, California to Laura (Harrington) Hawley (c1823-c1890), Burlington, Vermont; envelope by Theodore C. Boyd (circa 1828-1902), San Francisco

This envelope was sent cross country by a husband to his wife. "Mrs. Laura L. Hawley" in Burlington, Vermont received an illustrated envelope postmarked 5 July 1859 in San Francisco, California.¹ Laura (apparently Mrs. Jacob C.) Hawley is in Burlington in the 1850 U.S. census.² A Jacob C. Hawley is listed in an 1861 San Francisco directory, and this is probably the Jacob Cook Hawley, born in Vermont, who registered to vote in San Francisco in 1866.³ Jacob and Laura L. Hawley, apparently husband and wife, are in San Francisco in the 1870 U.S. census, and Jacob C. and Laura Hawley, husband and wife, with Jacob born in Lower Canada (Quebec) and Laura in Vermont,



Figure 2-7A 1859 envelope from San Francisco, California to Burlington, Vermont, envelope illustration by Theodore C. Boyd (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1072, lot 93)

are in Oakland in the 1880 U.S. census.⁴ Jacob C. Hawley was born 22 December 1820 in Frelighsburg, Quebec, just north of the Quebec-Vermont boundary, the son of Andrew and Mary (Cook) Hawley, who married 19 October 1816 in Frelighsburg.⁵ Jacob married Laura L. Harrington 16 November 1845 in Vermont.⁶ Laura was born circa 1823 in Vermont, apparently the daughter of Joseph Harrington and Eleanor Wooster who married 10 January 1821 in Charlotte, Vermont.⁷ A Joseph Harrington is in Burlington in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses.⁸ An Eleanor Harrington, probably Laura's mother, is listed with Jacob and Laura in the 1850 census.⁹ The envelope has neither a letter nor a return address that identifies the sender, but a writing sample from a ledger book entry in the Jacob C. Hawley papers at the Bancroft Library of the University of California Berkeley provides strong evidence that Jacob C. Hawley sent this envelope to his wife.¹⁰ Jacob C. Hawley died 12 August 1911 in Oakland, California.¹¹ Laura (Harrington) Hawley died between the 1880 and 1900 U.S. censuses, as Jacob C. Hawley is shown as a widower in the 1900 U.S. census.¹² The envelope illustration includes "Boyd" beneath the rear wheel of the stagecoach. Theodore C. Boyd, engraver, is listed in an 1861 San Francisco directory, and this is probably the Theodore "H." Boyd, artist, in San Francisco in the 1860 U.S. census.¹³ Theodore Chauncey Boyd was born

circa 1828 in New York, and he is probably the Theodore C. Boyd, artist, in New York City in the 1850 2-7U.S. census.¹⁴ Theodore C. Boyd illustrated Clement C. Moore's *A Visit from St. Nicholas* when it was first published independently in 1848.¹⁵ Boyd also designed the seal of the City of San Francisco. He died 15 November 1902 in San Francisco.¹⁶

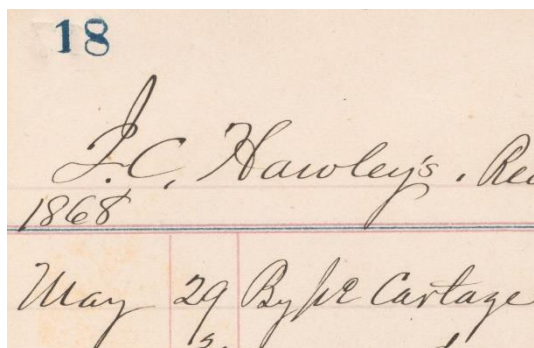


Figure 2-7B 1868 ledger entry by Jacob Hawley (Photograph by permission of Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley)

Handwriting comparison: The capital B in the envelope's "Burlington" and in "By" in the 29 May 1868 ledger entry begins inside the B's upward loop, descends to the baseline and then turns to the left to rise above where the letter began, and then descends by making two loops to form the B, makes an upward loop on the baseline, and continues to the next letter. While the capital H in Hawley is written differently, the remaining five letters are all connected, with the w ending with a small loop to the left before continuing, and the y ending with a half loop that remains below the baseline.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1072 catalog, lot 93, for postmark year 1859.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., Burlington, p. 324 (stamped, recto), dwell. 647, fam. 834, Jacob C. Hawley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 923.

3. Henry G. Langley, compiler, *San Francisco Directory and Business Guide, 1861-1862* ([San Francisco: Henry G. Langley, 1861]); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 171, entry for Jacob C. Hawley. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image,

Ancestry.com; Great Register, San Francisco County, entry for Jacob Cook Hawley, voting no. 15828, p. 171, for birthplace and registration date; citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

4. 1870 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, ward 12, p. 138 (penned), dwell. 1031, fam. 1007, Jacob Hawley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 85. 1880 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ED 7, p. 5A (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Jacob C. Hawley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 61.

5. "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Anglican church (Frelighsburg, Quebec), 1820, folio [page] 16, Jacob Cook Hawley, 25 December 1820 baptism, for Jacob's birth place and date, and 1816, folio [page] 10, Andrew Hawley-Mary Cook, marriage, for Jacob's parents' marriage place and date.

6. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Jacob C. Hawley-Laura L. Harrington, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing NEHGS.

7. 1850 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., Burlington, p. 324 (stamped, recto), dwell. 647, fam. 834, Jacob C. Hawley, for Laura's birth year estimated 1823 based on her age of twenty-seven years (col. 4). "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Harrington-Eleanor Wooster, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

8. 1830 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., Burlington, p. 210 (stamped), Joseph Harrington; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 186. 1840 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., Burlington, p. 28 (stamped), Joseph Harrington; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 541. Joseph's household includes a free white female between five and ten years old (1830) and fifteen and twenty (1840) when Laura would have been about 7 and 17 years old based on her age of twenty-three years in the 1850 U.S. census.

9. 1850 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., Burlington, p. 324 (stamped, recto), dwell. 647, fam. 834, Jacob C. Hawley

10. "Jacob C. Hawley papers, 1862-1896," Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley (<http://oskicat.berkeley.edu/record=b11232699~S1>), vol. 9, p. 18.

11. *Oakland* [Cal.] *Tribune*, 14 August 1911; digital image, California Digital Newspaper Collection (<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>); Jacob Cook Hawley, obituary, p. 10, col. 4, "His Life Spread Over 90 Years," for death date and place.

12. 1900 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ward 2, ED 348, p. 5B (penned), dwell. 102, fam. 103, Jacob C. Hawley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 82.

13. Henry G. Langley, compiler, San Francisco Directory and Business Guide, 1861 1862; digital image, *Fold3.com*; 75, entry for Theodore C. Boyd. 1860 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, district 9, p. 65 (penned), dwell. 594, fam. 576, Theodore H. Boyd; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 68.

14. "Theodore Chauncey Boyd Papers," Society of California Pioneers, San Francisco, Cal. (<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt6f59s2qg/>), for middle name. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., New York, pop. sch., New York, ward 9, p. 70 (stamped, recto), dwell. 480, fam. 925, Mary Livingston; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 543, for Theodore's birth year estimated 1828 based on his age of twenty-two years (col. 4).

15. William L. Clements Library (<http://clements.umich.edu/>), "Search Collections" > "Catalog," enter Theodore C. Boyd > "Search," for woodcut illustrations of "The Night Before Christmas."

16. *San Francisco Call*, 16 November 1902; digital image, California Digital Newspaper Collection; Theodore C. Boyd, obituary, p. 39, col. 2, "Died."

2-8: 1860 "Central Overland Pony Express Company"

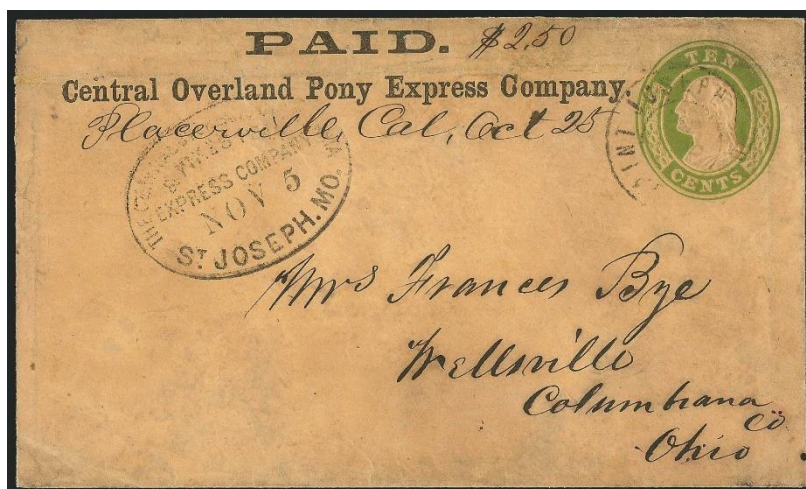


Figure 2-8A 1860 envelope from Placerville, California to Wellsville, Ohio carried by the Central Overland Pony Express Company (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1038, lot 5)

Franklin William Bye (1828-1902), Placerville, California to Frances (Smith) Bye (circa 1801-after May 1870), Wellsville, Ohio

This envelope and letter were sent via Pony Express by a son to his mother. "Mrs. Frances Bye" in Wellsville, Columbiana County, Ohio received a

“Central Overland Pony Express Company” envelope and letter written and postmarked 25 October 1860 in Placerville, California, and then postmarked 5 November 1860 upon arrival in St. Joseph, Missouri, the eastern terminus of the Pony Express. The folded letter begins “Dear Mother” and closes “Your affe[c]t[ionate] Son, F W Bye.” Frances Bye, female, born in Pennsylvania, is in Wellsville in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.¹ Frank/Franklin William Bye, born in Ohio, resided in Placerville and Sacramento, California when he registered to vote in 1867.² Franklin William Bye was born December 1828 in Wellsville, son of William Pettit and Frances Hunt (Smith) Bye who married 2 September 1820 in Burlington, New Jersey.³ William Bye paid taxes in Yellow Creek township, where Wellsville is located, in 1830.⁴ William Pettit Bye apparently died circa 1831 in Wellsville, as Frances Bye paid taxes in Yellow Creek township in 1831 equal to William's 1830 taxes.⁵ Frances Bye, female, is in Wellsville in the 1840 U.S. census with a 10-15 year old male (i.e., born 1825-1830) in the household, who is probably Franklin William.⁶ Franklin Bye, born December 1828 in Ohio to parents born in Pennsylvania, is in Tipton, California in the 1900 U.S. census.⁷ The letter speaks of the “mournful intelligence of Aunt Rachel's death,” and a Rachel Smith is in Frances Bye's household in the 1850 and 1860 censuses.⁸ Frances (Smith) Bye was born circa 1801 in Pennsylvania and she died after 1 June 1870, when the 1870 U.S. census, in which she is listed, was taken.⁹ Franklin Bye died in 1902.¹⁰ Placerville was a station on the Pony Express route.¹¹

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Wellsville town, Yellow Creek township, pop. sch., p. 148 (stamped, verso), dwell. 565, fam. 573, Frances Bye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 669. 1860 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Wellsville town, p. 22 (penned), dwell./fam. 172, Frances Bye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 949.

2. “California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898”; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Great Register, El Dorado County [1867], entry for Frank William Bye, B, no. 11, for Placerville, and Sacramento County Great Register Supplement [1867], entry for Franklin William Bye, no. 6738, for Sacramento; citing CSL rolls 12 (Placerville) and 34 (Sacramento), Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Tulare Co., Cal., pop. sch., Tipton, ED 64, p. 3B (penned), dwell. 62, fam. 64, Franklin Bye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 949, for Franklin's birth month and year. “Family Data Collection-Individual Records”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Franklin Bye, birth abstract, for birth place; citing human genetic and disease studies but original source not shown. *Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*, vol. 2, no. 3 (June 1903);

digital image, Internet Archive; "Register of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N.J.," 291, William P. Bye-Frances Smith, marriage abstract, for Franklin's parents' marriage date and place. "Family Data Collection-Marriages"; database, *Ancestry.com*; William Pettit Bye, marriage abstract, for his and his wife's middle name.

4. "Ohio Tax Records"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; William Bye, Yellow Creek township, Columbiana Co., 1830, p. 97; citing Historical Society Library, Columbus.

5. "Ohio Tax Records," Frances Bye; Yellow Creek township, Columbiana Co., 1831, p. 96.

6. 1840 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Wells, p. 200 (stamped, recto), Frances Bye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 386.

7. 1900 U.S. census, Tulare Co., Cal., Tipton, ED 64, p. 3B (penned), dwell. 62, fam. 64, Franklin Bye.

8. 1850 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Wellsville town, Yellow Creek township, pop. sch., p. 148 (stamped, verso), dwell. 565, fam. 573, Frances Bye. 1860 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Wellsville town, p. 22 (penned), dwell./fam. 172, Frances Bye.

9. 1850 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Wellsville, p. 148 (stamped, verso), Frances Bye, for Frances' birth year estimated 1801 based on her age of forty-nine years (col. 4). 1860 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Wellsville, p. 22 (penned), Frances Bye, citing NARA series M653, roll 949, for birth year estimated 1801 on age of fifty-nine years. 1870 U.S. census, Columbiana Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Wellsville borough, p. 22 (penned), dwell./fam. 184, Frances Bye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1184.

10. "Family Data Collection-Individual Records," Franklin Bye, death abstract, for death year.

11. National Park Service, "Pony Express," "National Historic Trail," "The First Ride" (<http://www.nps.gov/poex/learn/historyculture/history1.htm>), paragraph 6 for Placerville.

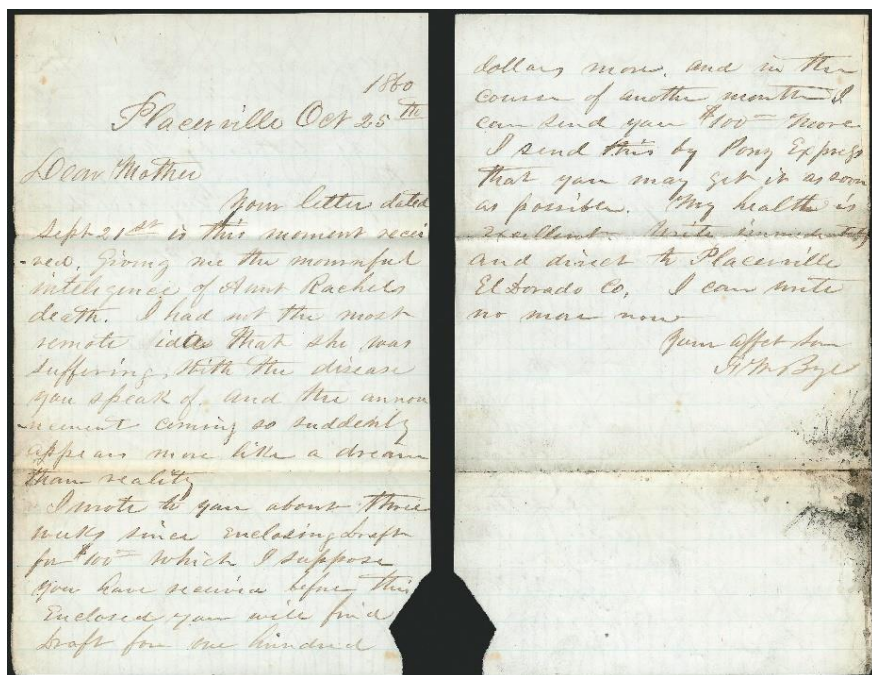


Figure 2-8B 1860 letter from Franklin William Bye to Frances (Smith) Bye (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1038, lot 5)

1860 letter text (line breaks changed):

1860

Placerville Oct 25th

Dear Mother

Your letter dated Sept 21st is this moment received, Giving me the mournful intelligence of Aunt Rachel's death. I had not the most remote idea that she was suffering with the disease you speak of, and the announcement coming so suddenly appears more like a dream than reality

I wrote to you about three weeks since enclosing draft for \$100- which I suppose you have received before this Enclosed you will find draft for one hundred

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dollars more, and in the course of another month I can send you \$100- more.

I send this by Pony Express that you may get it as soon as possible.
My health is excellent. Write immediately and direct to Placerville Eldorado
Co. I can write no more now

Your affe[c]t[ionate] Son

FW Bye

2-9: 1860 “[F]orward to his address immediately”



Figure 2-9 1860 envelope mailed en route to St. Joseph, Missouri and sent to Grass Lake, Michigan, carried by the Pony Express (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1038, lot 1)

Unidentified sender, west of St. Joseph, Missouri to Lloyd Tevis Smith (1838-1883), Grass Lake, Michigan

This envelope, from an unidentified sender, was carried east by the Pony Express. “Lloyd T. Smith Junr/Esq” of Grass Lake, Jackson County, Michigan received this envelope stamped 30 April 1860 by the Pony Express upon arrival in St. Joseph, Missouri, the eastern terminus of the Pony Express, and then postmarked 1 May 1860 upon entering the U.S. mail in Saint

Joseph. The envelope had been given to an east-bound rider somewhere on the route between San Francisco, California and Saint Joseph.¹ Lloyd Smith, born in New York, is in Grass Lake in the 1850 U.S. census, the apparent son of Sidney T. and Harriett B. Smith.² “[If] he is not at Grass Lake, forward to his address immediately” is written in the lower left. Lloyd Smith probably received this envelope in Grass Lake in May or June 1860 as there is no indication that it was forwarded. Sidney T. and Harriett B. Smith are in Grass Lake in the 1860 U.S. census, taken 17 July, but Lloyd is not listed with the family in the census.³ He may have started west to California after the envelope arrived but before the census was taken. “Lloyd” Smith, laborer, born in New York, is in Washington township, Alameda County, California in the 1860 U.S. census, taken 27 July.⁴ Lloyd Tevis Smith was born 10 April 1838 in Pulaski, Oswego County, New York, the son of Sidney T. and Harriet B. (Woods) Smith who married 1 September 1835, and Lloyd traveled west to Michigan with his family in 1840.⁵ Lloyd Smith, a thirty-one year old sheep shearer from New York, registered to vote in Alameda County, California on 1 September 1873.⁶ L. T. Smith, a forty-two year old sheep raiser from New York, is a boarder in San Francisco in the 1880 U.S. census, and this is probably the same person as L. T. Smith, a forty-two year old farm laborer from New York on an apparent sheep farm in San Joaquin County, California, also in the 1880 U.S. census, as well as Lloyd Tevis Smith, a forty-four-year-old sheep raiser from New York, who registered to vote in San Joaquin County, California 20 July 1882.⁷ Lloyd Tevis Smith hanged himself 13 February 1883 near San Joaquin.⁸ Lloyd Thomas Smith's grave marker in Grass Lake includes “Died in California Feb 13, 1883.”⁹ Obituaries in San Joaquin report he was a forty-five year old native of New York, who came west to California in 1860 from Grass Lake, Michigan, and worked in “ship [sheep]-raising.”¹⁰ The sender of this envelope has not yet been identified.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1038 catalog, lot 1, third paragraph, for given to rider.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Jackson Co., Mich., pop. sch., Grass Lake town, p. 434 (stamped, verso), dwell. 197, fam. 199, Sidney T. Smith; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 352.

3. 1860 U.S. census, Jackson Co., Mich., pop. sch., Grass Lake township, pp. 163-164 (penned), dwell. 1082, fam. 1124, Sidney T. Smith; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 547.

4. 1860 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Washington township, Centreville post office, p. 186 (penned), dwell. 1473, fam. 1476, Richd Trefall; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 55.

5. "Find A Grave," database, entry for Lloyd Thomas Smith, died 1883, Jackson Co., Mich., memorial no. 20633194, for gravestone photograph with birth date and place; and Sidney T. Smith, died 1878, Jackson Co., Mich., memorial no. 20633290, for digital image of Sidney T. Smith's obituary; citing *Jackson [Mich.] Citizen Patriot*, 30 April 1878, for Lloyd's mother's maiden name, Lloyd's parents' marriage date, and family's year of arrival in Michigan.

6. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "Great Register, Alameda County," entry for Lloyd Smith, voting no. 6294, p. 84; citing CSL roll 1, Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

7. 1880 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, ED 44, p. 8D (penned), dwell. 17, fam. 19, P. H. Brady, digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 74. 1880 U.S. census, San Joaquin Co., Cal., pop. sch., Tulare, ED 106, p. 37 (penned), dwell./fam. 5, Wm. McCarthy, digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 80. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "Great Register of San Joaquin County for 1882," entry for Lloyd Tevis Smith, no. 6127; citing CSL roll 119, Cal. State Library, Sacramento.

8. [Stockton, Cal.] *Daily Morning Herald*, 14 February 1883; digital image; p. 3, col. 1, "Suicide of 'Yank' Smith," Lloyd Tevis Smith, obituary; and *Stockton [Cal.] Daily Independent*, 15 February 1883; digital image; p. 3, col. 4, "Committed Suicide," Lloyd Tevis Smith, obituary; both images provided by the San Joaquin Genealogy Society.

9. "Find A Grave," database, Lloyd Thomas Smith, died 1883, Jackson Co., Mich., memorial no. 20633194, for gravestone photograph with death date and place.

10. [Stockton, Cal.] *Daily Morning Herald*, 14 February 1883, and *Stockton [Cal.] Daily Independent*, 15 February 1883, Lloyd Tevis Smith obituaries.

2-10: 1868 "Cousin Hellen Thornsbery run off and got married"

Thomas T. Hedger (circa 1846-1905), Dry Run, Kentucky to William C. Connett (1830-1883), St. Joseph, Missouri

This envelope and letter were sent between cousins. "Mr Wm C Connett" in St. Joseph, Missouri received an envelope postmarked by hand in Dry Run, Kentucky 24 January 1868, with a letter written the same day that begins "My Dear Cousin" and is signed "T T Hedger." "Thos T. Hedger, Jan 24th 1868" is written vertically on the left of the envelope (docketing). William C. "Connaut," born in Kentucky, is in Center township, Buchanan County, Missouri, where St. Joseph is the county seat, in the 1870 U.S. census.¹ William C. Connett, Jr. was born 14 December 1830 in Kentucky,

the son of William C. and Mathilda (Thornberry) Connett who married 7 June 1817 in Mason County, Kentucky.² William "Cornett" is in Center township in the 1860 U.S. census, listed two families before his father William C. "Cornett," born circa 1797 in Kentucky, and mother Matilda.³ Thomas Hedger is in Scott County, Kentucky in the 1870 U.S. census, where the Dry Run post office opened in 1867.⁴ Thomas "Thornbury" Hedger was born March 1845 in Kentucky, the son of Jonathan and Henrietta (Thornberry) Hedger, and six-year-old Thomas is with his parents in the 1850 U.S. census.⁵ Mathilda (Thornberry) Connett, William's mother, and Henrietta (Thornberry) Hedger, Thomas's mother, were sisters, daughters of Elijah and Anne (Stewart) Thornberry who married 2 December 1793 in Fauquier County, Virginia.⁶ Elijah Thornberry, their father, died 1827 in Scott County and Henrietta (an "infant") and Mathilda (shown as "William C. Connett + wife") are listed as Elijah's heirs.⁷ Thomas Hedger wrote "Cousin Hellen Thornsbery run off and got married to a man by the name of brown he is stranger here he is a tinner by trade he came from cincinnat they was not acquainted but a short time uncle Eliga sayes he will disinherate her." Elijah Thornberry, with his apparent eighteen year-old daughter "Hilena" and twenty-one year-old son James, is in Scott County in the 1860 U.S. census.⁸ George and Helina Brown, husband and wife, and George's brother Will, a tinner, are in Georgetown, Scott County in the 1880 U.S. census, with both George and Will shown as born in Ohio.⁹ George O. and Helena C. Brown are in Georgetown in the 1900 U.S. census with James Thornberry.¹⁰ Elijah Thornberry died 10 May 1877, and his will included "Mrs. Brown."¹¹ William C. Connett, Jr. died in 1883, and Thomas T. Hedger in 1905.¹² The Kansas City Public Library has a collection of William C. Connett, Jr.'s papers.¹³

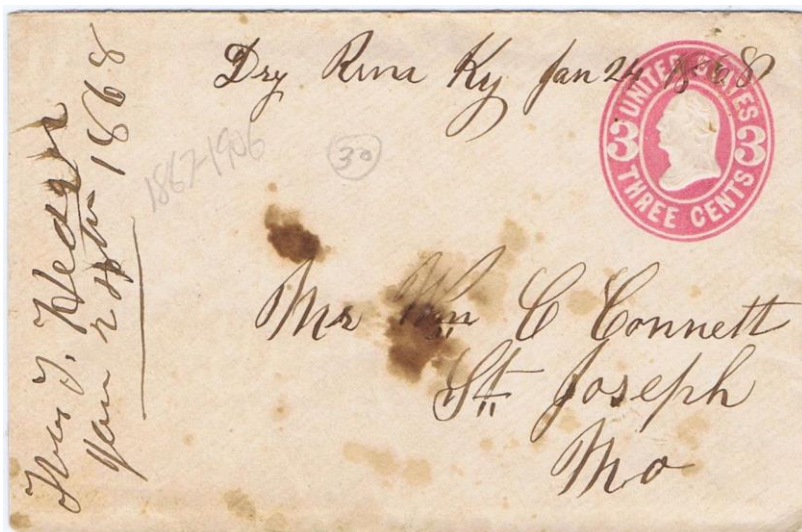


Figure 2-10A 1868 envelope from Dry Run, Kentucky to St. Joseph, Missouri (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1870 U.S. census, Buchanan Co., Mo., pop. sch., Center township, p. 19 (penned), dwell. 136, fam. 135, Squire Connaut; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M593, roll 761.

2. *The History of Buchanan County, Missouri* (St. Joseph, Mo.: Union Historical Company, 1881); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 986-987, "Major Wm. C. Connett," for William's birth date and place and his parents' names and marriage date. "Kentucky Marriages, 1785-1979"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William C. Connett-Matilda Thornberry, marriage abstract, for marriage place; citing Mason Co. court clerk, Maysville, Ky.

3. 1860 U.S. census, Buchanan Co., Mo., pop. sch., Center township, p. 180 (penned), dwell./fam. 1205 and 1207, William Cornett and William C. Cornett; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 609.

4. 1870 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., Turkeyfoot precinct, p. 71 (penned), dwell./fam. 420, Thomas Hedger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 497. Jim Forte Postal History > "United States Post Offices" > "Click Here Access the Post Office Listings" > "Kentucky" > "Scott" > scroll to "Dry Run" for opening year.

5. 1850 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., district 1, p. 424 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 430, John Hedger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 218, for Thomas's birth year estimated 1844 on his age of six years (col.

4). "Find A Grave," database, Thomas T. Hedger, Scott Co., Ky., memorial no. 130313608, for gravestone photograph with year of birth shown 1847. "Byram-

Trochelman" family tree, owner: Timothy Trochelman, *Ancestry.com*, for Henrietta's maiden name and Thomas's middle name; sources not shown. 1900 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., Turkeyfoot precinct, ED 60, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 279, fam. 280, Thomas T. Hedger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 550, for Thomas's birth month, year, and state.

6. "Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Elijah Thornberry-Anne Stewart, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Fauquier Co. clerk, Warrenton, Va.

7. Elijah Thornberry, will and settlement; digital images; *FamilySearch.org*; "Search" > "Catalog" > "Titles" and type in Will books (Scott County, Kentucky), 1796-1930 > "Search" > click on "Will books (Scott County, Kentucky), 1796-1930" > click on "Kentucky Probate Records are available online, click here." > click on "Browse through 989,444 images" > scroll to "Scott" > "Will records, 1828-1831, Vol. E2" > type 9 in the "Image" box for p. 12 (on left, twenty-second line) for transcription with "William C. Connett + wife"; and type 100 in the "Image" box for p. 171 (on right, six lines from bottom of page) for "Henrietta + James L. Thornberry infant Heirs of Elijah Thornberry dec[ease]d."

8. 1860 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., district 1, Georgetown post office, p. 106 (penned), dwell. 770, fam. 773, Elijah Thornberry; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 394.

9. 1880 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., Georgetown, ED 167, p. 24D (penned), dwell. 167, families 241 and 242, George Brown and Will Brown; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 441.

10. 1900 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., pop. sch., Georgetown, ED 57, p. 12B (penned), dwell. 207, fam. 245, James W. Thacker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 550.

11. "Find A Grave," database, Elijah Thornberry, Scott Co., Ky., memorial no. 100779133, for gravestone photograph with death date. Repeat steps shown above in note 6 from "Scott" > "Will records, 1877-1896, Vol. S" > type 31 in the "Image" box for p. 8, for transcription of "last will and testament" of Elijah Thornberry including "my four children ... Mrs. Brown and my son James."

12. "Find A Grave," database, William Carroll Connett, Jr, Buchanan Co., Mo., memorial no. 31873510, for gravestone photograph with death year. "Find A Grave," database, Thomas T. Hedger, Scott Co., Ky., memorial no. 130313608, for gravestone photograph with death year.

13. "The Kansas City Public Library" (<http://www.kchistory.org/>) > "Special Collections" > "Alphabetical List of Special Collections" > "Connett, William C., Jr. Papers SC37."

Dry Run Ky 1868
January the 24th

My Dear Cousin

yours of December
the 28th came duly to hand some
time ago but I really havent had
time to answer untill this
morning my brother and my
self are very busy feeding
cattle we have 40 head of
three year old steers & 20 calves
we do all the feeding ~~and~~ our
selves it has been the worst
winter so far i have seen
for ~~some time~~ several years
feeding cattle are very high at
presant most every one think
they will be higher in the Spring
than they have been for several
years mules are worth less we bought

Figure 2-10B Page 1 of 1868 letter from Thomas T. Hedger to William C. Connett (Author's collection)

1868 letter transcription (line breaks changed):

Dry Run Ky

January the 24th 1868

My Dear Cousin

Yours of December the 28th came duly to hand some time ago but I really havent had time to answer until this morning my brother and my self are verry buisy feeding cattle we have 40 head of three year-old steers + 20 calves we do all the feeding our selves it has been the worst winter so far I have seen for several years feeding cattle are verry high at preasent most every one think they will be higher in the spring than they have been for seveal years mules are worthless wee bought
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a small lot of of young mules last fall wee could not sell them for near what they cost us at presant grain of evry discription is very high. Cousin Hellen Thornsbery run off and got married to a man by the name of brown he is stranger here he is a tinner by trade he came from cincinnat they was not acquainted but a short time uncle Eliga sayes he will disinherit her I am in hopes he will recall that all of the family and relatives are well and send there kindest regards to you all that money came all right I will close excuse faults and haste

write soon yours

truly T T Hedger

Dry Run Ky Jan 24 1868

Mr Wm C Connett

St. Joseph

Mo

[vertical, at left]

Thos T. Hedger

Jan 24th 1868

Chapter 3: War of 1861-1865

Military service during 1861-1865 was for many soldiers their first time far from home. Letter writing kept soldiers and their families in touch and an original letter with an envelope will help identify the sender. For an envelope without its original letter, the soldier's name may be written on the envelope if it was sent without a stamp or postage-due (Figures 3-1, 3-3, and 3-4), was from a prisoner-of-war (Figure 3-8), or when the recipient wrote the sender's name on the envelope (Figure 3-6). The analysis of an 1861-1865 envelope begins with a search for the recipient and possible senders in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses. Search on the recipient's name and look for male household members such as a father, husband, son, or brother who served as a soldier and could be the sender. Some households have more than one possibility. When the recipient was a woman and was possibly the sender's wife, and the couple married after the 1860 census was taken, search for the recipient in the 1870 U.S. census. A database with details on individual soldiers can then be searched by family name and state for first names matching the male household members.¹ Remember that first names may be abbreviated, shown as initials, or as a nickname, and it may be best to start your search using the recipient's family name and state to see all of the first and middle names of men in her household and then focus on ones that match the names listed in the census. Regimental rosters can also be searched by family name. Short regimental service summaries are available that provide the dates when regiments were formed and disbanded, and where the regiment served during the war.¹ Use the postmark date and location to assure that it is consistent with a unit's service dates and locations. One soldier's dates of enlistment and his death in service, along with his regiment's service summary were used to identify the probable sender of one envelope (Figure 3-5). A Union soldier's envelope written and sent from a southern state will have a postmark from where it entered the U.S. mail system and not necessarily the location where the envelope was originally written and mailed. Locations in southern states that were held and occupied by the Union for long periods set up postal service, including New Orleans, Louisiana (Figure 3-5), New Bern, North Carolina (Figures 3-6 and 3-10), and Old Point Comfort, Virginia (Figure 3-9). Envelopes addressed to 'Miss' or 'Mrs.' and not sent care of the woman's father or husband were often sent by a brother, husband, or father. Many envelopes with an out-of-state postmark during 1861-1865 were sent by a soldier. Scarcity of writing paper led to the re-use of old envelopes (Figure 3-8) and letters.

A writing sample from a potential sender can be compared with the writing on the envelope to help identify the sender (Figures 3-1, 3-7, and 3-10). In cases that use a writing sample, the recipient and the probable sender are found together in a census and they were related as husband and wife or as father and son. For envelopes with neither a letter nor the sender's name written on the envelope, a probable sender can be identified by analyzing a soldier's and his regiment's service dates and locations (Figure 3-5). A similar analysis using the sender's and regiment's service dates can determine the year of a postmark when the postmark has the day and month but not the year the envelope was mailed (Figure 3-3).

Mail service between the United States and the Confederate States of America (C.S.A.) was suspended in mid-1861, and the Confederate post office began operation 1 June 1861. Prisoner-of-war envelopes sent north may have a C.S.A. stamp (Figure 3-2), and as they were handled by both postal systems will in some cases have both U.S. and C.S.A. stamps and postmarks (Figure 3-9). Prisoner's letters were subject to inspection, and one letter's inspector has been identified (Figure 3-7).

Note

1. National Park Service (NPS), "Soldiers and Sailors Database (SSD)," and then "Soldiers" for individual soldier service summaries, or "Battle Units" for summaries of regimental service and a list of soldiers by regiment. Additional databases are cited in source notes in this chapter.

3-1: 1861 Rutledge Mounted Riflemen

Thomas Porcher Ravenel (1824-1898), Pocotaligo, South Carolina to Elizabeth (Wilson) Ravenel (1827-1908), Black Oak, South Carolina

This envelope was sent by a soldier husband to his wife. "Mrs. Thos. P. Ravenel" of Black Oak, South Carolina received an envelope from "T. P. Ravenel, R. M. R. Capt. Tenholm, Pocotaligo" postmarked 19 November 1861 in Charleston, South Carolina. Thomas P. and E. M. Ravenel, apparently husband and wife, are in St. John's Berkeley Parish in the 1860 U.S. census with Black Oak shown as the post office.¹ Thomas Porcher Ravenel was born 4 January 1824, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Catherine (Porcher) Ravenel who married 24 May 1822.² Elizabeth Margaret Wilson was born on 7 February 1827, and she married Thomas P. Ravenel on 11 February 1846.³ Thomas P. and Mrs. E. M. Ravenel are in St. John's Berkeley Parish in the 1850 U.S. census listed just after Henry Ravenel, who is probably Thomas's father.⁴ Elizabeth Catherine (Porcher) Ravenel, Thomas's mother, died 19 March 1846.⁵ Thomas P. Ravenel began service 28 September 1861 in Captain W. L. Trenholm's Company, Rutledge Mounted Riflemen (the "R. M. R." abbreviation on the envelope).⁶ The company was apparently part of the 1st Regiment, South Carolina Artillery (Militia) and was mustered into Confederate service 22 February 1862 at Pocotaligo, South Carolina.⁷ Thomas P. Ravenel subsequently served as assistant superintendent of the Cooper Run Nitre Works July-October 1862.⁸ He may also have served in the 2nd and 4th South Carolina Cavalries.⁹ Thomas "L." and Elizabeth Ravenel, apparently husband and wife are in the 1870 U.S. census, and Thos. and E. M. Ravenel, husband and wife, are in the 1880 U.S. census.¹⁰ Thomas Ravenel died 19 December 1898 and Elizabeth (Wilson) Ravenel 7 February 1908.¹¹ The South Carolina Historical Society (SCHS) has a collection of Ravenel family papers, including diaries from Thomas P. Ravenel.¹² Comparing signatures from the envelope, a diary in SCHS collection, and nitre works' invoices (not shown) show that one person is likely to have written all three. The envelope was sent without a postage stamp and was hand stamped "10 [cents postage due]."

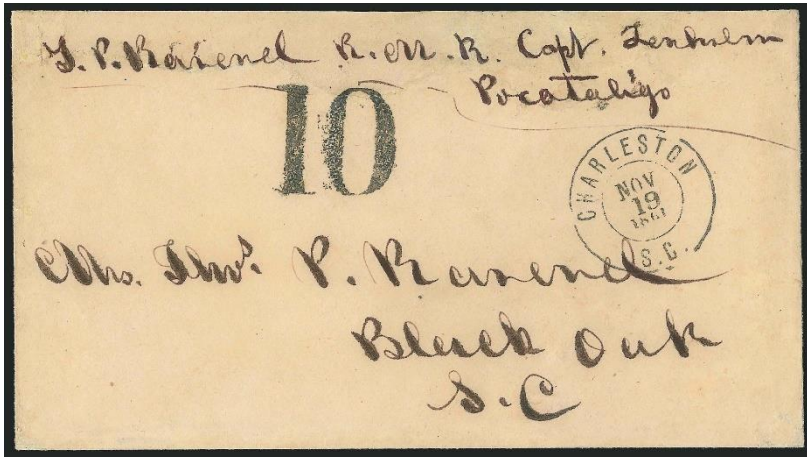


Figure 3-1A 1861 envelope from T. P. Ravenel, Pocotaligo, South Carolina to Black Oak, South Carolina (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1065, lot 525)

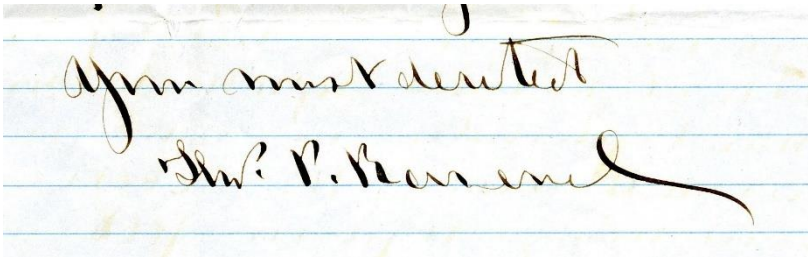


Figure 3-1B Signature of Thomas P. Ravenel from a letter to his wife written 17 November 1861 from the Port Royal Ferry (Photograph with permission of the South Carolina Historical Society)

Handwriting comparison: R in Ravenel has a heavy downward stroke slanted to the right, a near-vertical upward loop, a nearly flat section going to the right, and a final heavy downward vertical stroke that ends with a short horizontal 'tail' to the right. The middle initial P begins with a heavy downward stroke slanted to the right, followed by a near-vertical upward loop. The beginning of the R and the P have a similar form. The final s in Thos is well above the letters to its left.

Notes:

1. 1860 U.S. census, Charleston Co., S.C., pop. sch., St. John's Berkley [Berkeley] Parish, Black Oak post office, p. 17 (penned), dwell. 185, fam. 120, Thos. P. Ravenel; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 1215.

2. Arthur Meredyth Burke, editor, *The Prominent Families of the United States of America* (1908; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991), 334, "Henry Ravenel," for Thomas's parents' names and marriage date, and birth date.

3. Burke, *Prominent Families*, 334, for Thomas's wife's name and their marriage date.

4. 1850 U.S. census, Charleston District, S.C., pop. sch., St. John's Berkley [Berkeley] Parish, p. 397 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 62, Thomas P. Ravenel; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 850.

5. "Find A Grave," database, Elizabeth Catherine Ravenel, Berkeley Co., S.C., memorial no. 50435754, for gravestone photograph with death date.

6. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; "Civil War Service Records" > "Confederate Records" > "South Carolina" > "Capt Kirk's Co, Partisan Rangers H-Y [Capt W L Trenholm's Co, Rutledge Mounted Riflemen]" > "R" > "Ravenel, Thomas P" scroll to p. 2, for date he began service; citing Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of South Carolina, NARA series M267, roll 55.

7. *FamilySearch.org* > "Search" > "Wiki" > type in the Search box: Rutledge Mounted Riflemen > click on second link for service at Pocotaligo, or type in the Search box: 1st Regiment, South Carolina Artillery > click on second link, scroll to "Rutledge Mounted Riflemen and Horse Artillery" for service at Pocotaligo.

8. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; "Confederate Citizens File" > "Citizen" > "Ravenel, Thos. P." scroll to pp. 3, 5 for assistant superintendent at Cooper Run Nitre Works; citing Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861-65, citing NARA series M346, roll 839.

9. "Civil War"; digital images, *Fold3.com*; "Civil War Service Records" > "Confederate Records" > "South Carolina" > "2nd South Carolina Cavalry N-S" > "R" > "Ravenel, Thomas P." scroll to p. 2 for service with 2nd South Carolina Cavalry; and > "4th South Carolina Cavalry P-Sm" > "R" > "Ravenel, Thomas P." scroll to p. 5 for service with 4th South Carolina Cavalry; citing Compiled Services Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of South Carolina, NARA series M267, rolls 13 (2nd Cavalry) and 29 (4th Cavalry).

10. 1870 U.S. census, Charleston Co., S.C., pop. sch., St. John's Berkley [Berkeley] Parish, Charleston post office, p. 2 (penned), dwell./fam. 13, Thomas L. Ravenel; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T593, roll 1489. 1880 U.S. census, Charleston Co., S.C., pop. sch., St. John's Berkley [Berkeley] Parish, ED 90, p. 41A (penned), dwell. not shown, fam. 290, Thos. Ravenel; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1223.

11. Burke, *Prominent Families*, 334, for Thomas's death date. "Find A Grave," Elizabeth M. Wilson Ravenel, Berkeley Co., S.C., memorial no. 50435745, for gravestone photograph with death date.

12. "Ravenel family papers, 1695-1925," The South Carolina Historical Society (<http://www.southcarolinahistoricalsociety.org/>) > "Research" > "Finding Aids" > scroll to "Ravenel Family Papers, 1171.00."

3-2: 1862 "From a prisoner of war"



Figure 3-2 1862 envelope from Salisbury, North Carolina to Gray, Maine (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1071, lot 4678)

Daniel M. Dill (1839-1911), prisoner of war, Salisbury, North Carolina to Elias Dill (c1801-1886), Gray, Maine

This envelope was sent by a soldier son to his father. "Mr Elias Dill" in Gray, Maine received an envelope "From a prisoner of war" postmarked 31 July 1862 in Salisbury, North Carolina.¹ An enclosed letter (not shown) was datelined "Salisbury N.C. June 20, '62" and signed by Daniel M. Dill.² Daniel M. Dill was born October 1839 in Maine, the son of Elias and Esther (-?-) Dill, and ten year-old Daniel is with his parents and apparent sister Lucy in Gray in the 1850 U.S. census.³ He entered service 11 November 1861 as a private with the 11th Maine Infantry, and was later promoted to corporal.⁴ He was taken prisoner at Fair Oaks, Virginia 31 May 1862 and was a prisoner in Richmond, Virginia and Salisbury, North Carolina.⁵ The enclosed letter states living conditions at the prison were good.⁶ He was exchanged 15 September 1862 and later served as an officer with the 6th U.S. "Colored"

Troops.⁷ A signature in his military service records matches the writing on the envelope.⁸ Daniel M. Dill became a physician in 1867, and he married Ida F. Cooper 28 May 1868 in Becket, Massachusetts.⁹ He is with his wife in Newark, New Jersey in the 1880 U.S. census.¹⁰ Elias Dill died 7 September 1886 in Deering, Maine, and Daniel M. Dill 9 June 1911 in Newark.¹¹ The envelope has a Confederate States of America stamp showing Thomas Jefferson, two censor's signatures, and was marked "Due 3" for the postage needed within the U.S. Daniel M. Dill also sent an envelope in 1861 to his sister Miss Lucy W. Dill.¹² As Lucy was Daniel's sister, the envelope is addressed to her directly and not sent care of a male member of her household.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1071 catalog, lot 4678, for postmark year 1862.

2. Siegel, sale 1071 catalog, lot 4678, for dateline and signature.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Cumberland Co., Maine, pop. sch., Gray, p. 209 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 71, Elias Dill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 249. 1900 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Newark, ward 11, sheet 15A (penned), ED 112, dwell. 236, fam. 326, Daniel M Dill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 966, for birth month and year. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Daniel M. Dill-Ida F. Cooper, marriage, Beckett, for parents' names; citing Vol. 208, p. 37, no. 6, Mass. Archives.

4. "Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718-1957"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; entry for Daniel M. Dill, for enlistment date and promotion; citing Military Service, State Archives, Augusta.

5. A Committee of the Regimental Association, compiler, *The Story of One Regiment, The Eleventh Maine Infantry Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion* (New York: [Press of J.J. Little & Co.], 1896); digital image, Internet Archive; 415, for date and place taken prisoner and prison locations.

6. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1071 catalog, lot 4678.

7. *The Story of One Regiment*, 415, for exchange date and subsequent service.

8. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; "Civil War Service Records" > "Union Records" > "Colored Troops" > "2nd-7th Infantry" > "6th US Colored Infantry, Dav-Fid" > "D" > "Dill, Daniel M" scroll to p. 31, for signature; citing NARA M1820, roll 71.

9. *The Michigan Alumnus*, 17 (July 1911), 609-610; digital image, Google Books (<https://books.google.fr/books?id=IAiAAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA610&dq=The+Michigan+Alumnus+daniel+m+dill&hl=fr&sa=X&ei=ObpgVemaHsiAywO4lILIBw&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false>); "Necrology," entry for "Medical Department," 1867, Daniel M. Dill. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910," Daniel M. Dill-Ida F. Cooper, marriage, for marriage date and place.

10. 1880 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Newark, ward 11, ED 66, sheet 2B (penned), dwell. 11, fam. 15, Daniel M Dill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 778.

11. "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Elias Dill, death abstract, for death date and place; citing pre-1892 delayed returns, roll 29, Maine State Archives, Augusta. *The Michigan Alumnus*, 17 (July 1911), 610, for Daniel M. Dill's death date and place.

12. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1087 catalog, lot 581, for postmark year 1862.

3-3: 1862 "Co[mpany] 'G' 6th Reg[imen]t Texas Infantry"

**Hulbert M. Alford (circa 1832-1864), Little Rock, Arkansas to
Julia (Graham) Alford (circa 1839-1865), Austin, Texas**

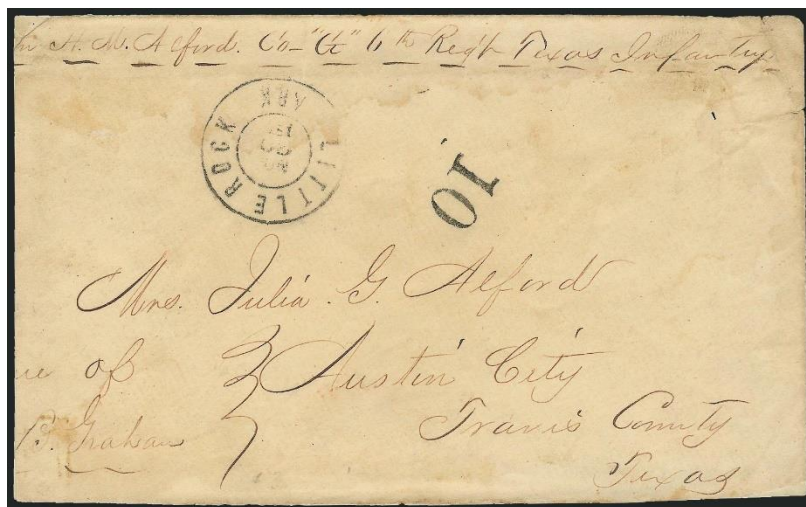


Figure 3-3 1862 envelope from Little Rock, Arkansas to Austin, Texas (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 954, lot 3172)

This envelope was sent by a soldier husband to his wife. "Mrs. Julia G. Alford" in Austin, Texas received an envelope from "H. M. Alford, Co[mpany] 'G' 6th Reg[imen]t Texas Infantry" postmarked in Little Rock, Arkansas. The envelope was sent "[ca]re of B. Graham." "J. E." (apparently Mrs. H. M.) Alford is in Austin in the 1860 U.S. census in the household of B. Graham, with M. E. Graham, an eighteen year-old female and apparent

daughter of B. Graham.¹ Julia C. Graham was born circa 1839 in Missouri, the daughter of Beriah and Lilly (Boggs) Graham, and twelve year-old Julia is with her apparent mother, father, and sister Mary E. in Anderson County, Texas in the 1850 U.S. census.² Hulbert M. Alford was born circa 1832 in New Madrid, Missouri, the son of George G. and Ann (Barfield) Alford, and he is in New Madrid County in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Hulbert M. Alford and Julia C. Graham married 14 October 1858 in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas.⁴ Hulbert M. Alford enlisted 13 May 1862 in Austin as a private in Company G, 6th Regiment Texas Infantry.⁵ Company G was in Texas until June 1862, when it moved to Arkansas where it remained until January 1863.⁶ The auction catalog states the envelope was postmarked 20 November 1861, but the postmark is more likely from 1862 based on the regiment's and H. M. Alford's muster date. Hulbert M. Alford was discharged 17 November, 1863 in Richmond, Virginia due to disability.⁷ He died 25 October 1864 in Austin, and Julia (Graham) Alford died 5 February 1865 in Austin.⁸ The envelope was sent without a stamp and was hand-stamped "10" cents postage due, and apparently no longer has its original letter.

Notes

1. 1860 U.S. census, Travis Co., Tex., pop. sch., Austin, p. 75 (penned), dwell./fam. 551, B. Graham; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series, M653, roll 1306.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Anderson Co., Tex., pop. sch., p. 39 (penned), dwell./fam. 255, Beria Graham; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series M432, roll 908. "Texas Deaths, 1890-1976"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Mary Elizabeth Graham Baker, death certificate no. 987, 1910, Austin, for Julia's mother's maiden name; citing State Registrar Office, Austin.

3. 1850 U.S. census, New Madrid Co., Mo., pop. sch., district 62, p. 287 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 243, H. D. Maulsby; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series M432, roll 408. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; James Smith Legg, Jr., (born Missouri, 1943), national application no. 90029, for Hulbert's mother's maiden name; citing National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, Ky. "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas"; digital image, *Fold3.org*; "Civil War" > "Civil War Service Records" > "Confederate Records" > "Texas" > "Sixth Infantry (Third Infantry)" > "A" > H. M. Alford, p. 60, for birthplace; citing NARA series M323, roll 308.

4. "Texas, Marriages, 1837-1973"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hulbert M. Alford-Julia C. Graham, marriage abstract; citing Anderson Co. court, Palestine, Tex.

5. "Compiled Service Records," H. M. Alford, p. 2, for enlistment place and date.

6. "Compiled Service Records," "Sixth Infantry (Third Infantry)," "Unit Information," pp. 152-153, for locations served September-December 1862. "Texas State Historical Association" (<http://www.tshaonline.org/>), type "Sixth Texas Infantry" in the "Search" field, for muster date and place.

7. "Compiled Service Records," H. M. Alford, p. 60, for discharge place and date.

8. "Find A Grave," database, H. M. Alford, Travis Co., Texas, memorial no. 54462441, for gravestone photograph with death date; Julia Graham Alford, Travis Co., Tex., memorial no. 54462452, for gravestone photograph with death date.

3-4: 1862 A Soldier Writes Home to Mississippi

**Walter R. Clarke (circa 1838-1864), 12th Mississippi Infantry
to William Clarke (1799-1872), Burtonton, Mississippi**



Figure 3-4 1862 envelope from Jackson, Mississippi to Burtonton, Mississippi with Jackson, Mississippi postmarks over pro-Union illustrations (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 980, lot 2859)

This envelope was sent by a soldier son to his father. "Mr. William Clarke" received an envelope "From Corp[oral] W. R. Clarke, Co[mpany] 'K' 12th Miss[issippi] Reg[iment]" postmarked 23 September 1862 in Jackson, Mississippi and sent to the Burtonton post office, Copeiah County "near P[or]t Gibson," Mississippi. William and Walter Clarke, apparently father and son, are in Claiborne County in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.¹ Walter R. Clarke was born circa 1838, the son of William and Thena Ann

(Phillips) Clarke who married 15 September 1826 in Claiborne County, Mississippi, where Port Gibson is the county seat.² Walter R. Clarke/Clark was mustered into service 23 March 1861 at Port Gibson, and he served as a private, corporal, and sergeant with Company K, 12th Mississippi Infantry.³ The 12th Mississippi Infantry was in Virginia and Maryland in September 1862, and took part in the Battle of Antietam (or Sharpsburg).⁴ The envelope has pro-Union illustrations of an eagle carrying the U.S. flag, a union shield inside a star, and “Not a Star Must Fall,” and was probably found by a Confederate soldier. The envelope was apparently hand-carried back to Mississippi and mailed in Jackson.⁵ Two Jackson postmarks have been placed over the pro-Union illustrations. Walter R. Clarke was killed 18 August 1864 at the Battle of Fussell's Mill (or Second Battle of Deep Bottom) in Henrico County, Virginia.⁶ Thena Ann (Phillips) Clarke died 3 January 1844, and William Clarke died 14 December 1872.⁷ Both are buried in the Clarke Family Cemetery in Carlisle, Mississippi, about five miles west of Burtonton. Copiah County is immediately east of Claiborne County, and Burtonton is in the northwest corner of Copiah County near the county line with Claiborne County. Burtonton may have been the closest post office to where William Clarke lived. The envelope was sent postage due, which required the sender to sign the envelope, and has a “Due 10 [cents]” hand-stamp.

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Claiborne Co., Miss., pop. sch., district 3, p. 129 (stamped, verso), dwell. 425, fam. 423, Wm. Clarke; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 370. 1860 U.S. census, Claiborne Co., Miss., pop. sch., district 4, Port Gibson, post office, p. 76 (penned), dwelling 77, family 64, Wm. Clarke; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 580.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Claiborne Co., Miss., pop. sch., district 3, p. 129 (stamped, verso), dwell. 425, fam. 423, Wm. Clarke, for Walter's birth year estimated 1838 based on his age of twelve years (col. 4). “Mississippi Marriages, 1800-1911”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William Clarke-Thena Ann Phillips, marriage abstract, for marriage date and county; citing Claiborne Co. courthouse, Port Gibson, Miss.

3. “Civil War”; digital images, *Fold3.com*; > “Browse all Civil War Titles” > “Civil War Service Records” > “Confederate Records” > “Mississippi” > “Twelfth Infantry, Bre-C” > “C” > “Clarke, W R” scroll to p. 1, for W. R. Clarke same as Walter R. Clark; “Clark, Walter R” scroll to p. 2, for muster date and initial rank; p. 7, for corporal; p. 17, for sergeant, citing NARA series M269, roll 202.

4. NPS, SSD > “Battle Units” > “Confederacy” > “Location: Mississippi” > “Function: Infantry” > “Battle Unit Name” type in 12th, for “12th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry” in Virginia in 1862 (Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Gaines' Mills); “Antietam,” “Army of Northern Virginia-Right Wing, part 1”

(<http://www.nps.gov/anti/learn/historyculture/anv-right-wing1.htm>), scroll to Anderson's Division, Featherston's Brigade, for 12th Mississippi at Battle of Antietam (or Sharpsburg).

5. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 980 catalog, lot 2859.

6. "Civil War" > "Browse all Civil War Titles" > "Civil War Service Records" > "Confederate Records" > "Mississippi" > "Twelfth Infantry, Bre-C" > "Clark, Walter R" scroll to p. 17, for death date and place; citing NARA series M269, roll 202.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Thena Ann Phillips Clarke, Claiborne Co., Miss., memorial no. 58267626, includes gravestone photograph with death date; William Clarke, Claiborne Co., Miss., memorial no. 58267377, for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates.

3-5: 1863 "Sixteenth New-Hampshire Regiment"

Probably William P. Conrey (circa 1813-1863), New Orleans, Louisiana to Elizabeth (McIntire) Conrey (1815-1893), Amherst, New Hampshire



Figure 3-5 1863 envelope from New Orleans, Louisiana to Amherst, New Hampshire (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1002, lot 3933)

This envelope was probably sent by a soldier husband to his wife. "Mrs. William P. Conrey" in Amherst, New Hampshire received an envelope postmarked 26 February 1863 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The envelope has "Sixteenth New-Hampshire Regiment" and an illustration resembling the

New Hampshire state seal. Elizabeth M. (apparently Mrs. William P.) "Connery" is in Milford, New Hampshire, just southwest of Amherst, in the 1860 U.S. census.¹ William P. Conrey was born circa 1813 in New Hampshire, the son of William and Rebeccah (Killom) Conrey who married 4 March 1806 in Hillsborough, New Hampshire.² The eighty-four year-old William "Connery" listed with William and Elizabeth in the 1860 U.S. census is probably William's father. William P. "Conery" married Elizabeth McIntire 17 November 1835 in Dunstable (now Nashua), New Hampshire.³ Elizabeth McIntire was born 1815 in New Hampshire, the daughter of David and Mary (Johnson) McIntire who married 25 October 1810 in Wilton, New Hampshire.⁴ William P. Conrey enlisted 8 September 1862 in Company C, 16th New Hampshire Infantry at the age of "forty-four," and the regiment was in New Orleans in February 1863.⁵ The 16th New Hampshire regimental history includes "from [February 1863] on, deaths in our regiment were of such frequent occurrence." ⁶ William P. Conrey died 4 May 1863 in the hospital at Brashear City (now Morgan City), Louisiana.⁷ Two hundred ten soldiers in the regiment died of disease, as compared with three deaths from other causes.⁸ Elizabeth Conrey applied for a widow's pension in June 1863, and she is shown as a widow in the 1880 and 1890 U.S. censuses.⁹ She died in Amherst 19 May 1893.¹⁰

Notes:

1. 1860 U.S. census, Hillsborough Co., N.H., pop. sch., Milford, p. 101 (penned), dwell. 807, fam. 889, William P. Connery; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 673.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Hillsborough Co., N.H., pop. sch., Nashua, p. 246 (stamped, recto), dwell. 116, fam. 127, William P. Conrey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 434, for William's birth state and year estimated 1813 based on his age of thirty-seven years (col. 4). "New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; William Conery-Rebeckah Killom, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, N.H.

3. "New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; William P. Conery-Elizabeth McIntire, marriage copy, for marriage date and place.

4. "New Hampshire, Death Records, 1654-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Elizabeth Conrey, death record, 19 May 1893, Amherst, N.H., for parents' names and age at death (77 years, 10 months) used to estimate birth in 1815; citing Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, N.H. "New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; David McIntire – Mary Johnson, marriage copy, for marriage date and place.

5. Luther Tracy Townsend, *History of the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers*; digital image, Internet Archive; 409, entry for William P. Conrey, for enlistment date and age at enlistment. NPS, SSD > "Battle Units" > select "Union" > "By Function" select "Infantry" > "By Unit Type" select "Regiment" > "By Location" select "New Hampshire" > "Show Results" > scroll to "16th Regiment, New Hampshire Infantry" > "Service" for regiment's presence near New Orleans.

6. Townsend, *History of the Sixteenth Regiment*, 66, third paragraph.

7. "U.S., Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Wm. P. Conrey, served N.H., for date and place of death; citing NARA, Record Group 94: Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1762-1984. Townsend, *History of the Sixteenth Regiment*, 409, shows date of death 10 May 1863.

8. Townsend, *History of the Sixteenth Regiment*, 562, "Died of Disease."

9. "U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William P. Conrey, soldier, Elizabeth Conrey, widow, citing NARA series T288, roll 94, for pension application date. 1880 U.S. census, Hillsborough Co., N.H., pop. sch., Amherst, ED 104, p. 20D (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 260, Elizabeth Conrey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 762, column 11 for widow's status. 1890 U.S. census, Hillsborough Co., N.H., "Special Schedule: Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines and Widows," Amherst, ED 109, p. 2, Wm. T. Conrey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M123, roll 40, for death date 4 May 1863.

10. "New Hampshire, Death Records, 1654-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Elizabeth Conrey, death record, for death date and place.

3-6: 1863 "The Union Must & Shall Be Preserved"

Peter King (1834-1917), New Bern, North Carolina to Emily A. Root (circa 1844-1927), Belchertown, Massachusetts

This envelope was sent by a soldier to his future wife. "Miss Emma A. Root" in Belchertown, Massachusetts received an envelope postmarked 5 June 1863 in New Bern, North Carolina. "From Peter King" and "85th," possibly indicating this is the soldier's eighty-fifth letter to her, are written on the envelope (docketing). Emma Root was born August 1844 in Belchertown, daughter of Daniel W. and Sarah (McKee) Root who married circa 28 April 1838 in West Springfield, Massachusetts, and six year-old Emily is with her parents in Belchertown, about twenty miles northeast of West Springfield, in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ Peter King was born 7 November 1834 in Amherst, Massachusetts, son of Appleton and Orissa (Kimbal) King who married 4 February 1834, possibly in New Lebanon, N.Y.² Fifteen year-old Peter is with his parents in Amherst in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Peter King served as a private 18 October 1862-29 July 1863 with the 46th Massachusetts

Prior to May 1, 1843 ...,“ “Children of Appleton + Orissa King,” entry for Peter, for Peter's birth date and place, father's name, and mother's first name; and “Children of Peter + Abigail King,” entry for Appleton, for his marriage to Orissa Kimball, for marriage date and place; marriage place appears to read “N. Lebanon, N.Y.”

3. 1850 U.S. census, Hampshire Co., Mass., pop. sch., Amherst, p. 269 (stamped, verso), dwell. 391, fam. 425, Appleton King; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 321.

4. 1890 U.S. census, Hampshire Co., Mass., veterans schedule, Springfield, ED 379, p. 1 (penned), house 2, fam. 3, Peter King; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M123, roll 14, for service dates; service length shown as one year, two months, but would be nine months based on service dates.

5. NPS, SSD > “Battle Units” > “Union” > “Location: Massachusetts” > “Function: Infantry” > “Battle Unit Name” type in 46th, for “46th Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry” for organization date, movement to “Newberne” (New Bern), and return to Boston in July 1863.

6. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Peter King-Emma Root, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 163, p. 3, no. 13. 1870 U.S. census, Hampshire Co., Mass., pop. sch., Springfield, ward 2, p. 88 (penned), dwell. 476, fam. 639, Peter King; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M593, roll 618.

7. “Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988,” “Births, Marriages and Deaths, Registered in the Town of Amherst, Prior to May 1, 1843 ...,“ “Children of Appleton + Orissa King,” entry for Peter, for Peter's death date and place. “Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; index entry for Emma (Root) King, Springfield, for death year and place; citing vol. 71, p. 466, Mass. Department of Public Health.

3-7: 1863 “Penitentiary life is rather confining.”

Walter Sims Ryall (1841-1914), Nashville Military Prison to Thomas Coleman Ryall (c1809-1897), Shelbyville, Tennessee; reviewed by Joel Albert Fife (1833-1894), Nashville, Tennessee

This envelope was sent by a soldier son to his father. “Tho[ma]s C. Ryall” in Shelbyville, Tennessee received a “Prisoners Letter” postmarked 12 July 1863 in Nashville, Tennessee. The envelope, when auctioned, contained two letters (not shown) written in early July 1863 by Thomas Ryall's son Walter.¹ Walter “C. Ryall” is in Bedford County, Tennessee, where Shelbyville is the county seat, in the 1850 U.S. census with Thomas C. and Elizabeth S. Ryall, his apparent father and mother.² Walter Sims Ryall was born 9 October 1841 in Chapel Hill, Marshall County, Tennessee, the son of Thomas Coleman and Elizabeth Sims (Scudder) Ryall, who married 21 December 1837 in Davidson County, Tennessee.³ Walter S. Ryall enlisted 10 May 1861 at Nashville and served initially as a private with Company B, 1st Tennessee Infantry and served later with Polk's Signal Corps.⁴ He was captured 30 June 1863 in Shelbyville, twelve days before this envelope was postmarked.⁵ He was transferred 20 July 1863 to Camp Chase, a military prison in Chicago, Illinois, where he was released 4 April 1865.⁶ He writes in one of his letters “Penitentiary life is rather confining.”⁷ One of Walter's envelopes sent from Camp Chase has also survived.⁸ Signatures found on his military service records match the writing on the envelope. During the war Walter's father Thomas C. Ryall of Shelbyville sold corn and hay to the Confederate Army.⁹ After the war, Walter married Lavinia Cannon 15 October 1868 in Bedford County, and Caroline Choice Cleveland 23 June 1884 in Marietta, Georgia.¹⁰ Walter S. and Lavenia “Ryal” are in Shelbyville in the 1870 U.S. census, and Walter S. and Caroline C. Ryall, husband and wife, are in Polk County, Florida in the 1900 U.S. census.¹¹ Thomas C. Ryall apparently died 13 May 1897 in Shelbyville, and Walter S. Ryall 28 August 1914 in Jefferson County, Alabama.¹² Prisoner's letters were reviewed by a military censor, and “Prisoners Letter approved-Joel A. Fife Lt [Lieutenant] Comm[issioner] Military Prison Nashville Tenn[essee] Per Graham O.S.” is written vertically on the left side of the envelope. Joel A. Fife was born 2 September 1833 in Pembroke, New Hampshire, the son of Joel and Lois (Morgan) Fife who married 28 September 1824 in Pembroke, and Joel is with his parents in Pembroke in the 1850 U.S. census.¹³ Joel enlisted 2 September 1862 as a 1st lieutenant in Company I, 75th Illinois Infantry, and

he later guarded prisoners at Nashville.¹⁴ He married Rosa (Putnam) Rhodes 26 Mar 1874 in New Buffalo, Michigan, and worked for the U.S. Post Office.¹⁵ He died 30 June 1894 in Chicago.¹⁶ Details regarding “Graham” are not yet found.



Figure 3-7A 1863 “Prisoners Letter” from Nashville Military Prison to Shelbyville, Tennessee (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 940, lot 577)



Figure 3-7B Signature of W[alter] S. Ryall (Photograph from NARA, RG 109, entry 193, Walter S. Ryall, compiled military service record, p. 21, 1st (Field's) Tennessee Infantry; College Park, Md.)

Handwriting comparison: The capital R in Ryall begins with a slight hook from the right followed by a downward stroke that turns to the left before ascending and crossing the downward stroke to make the loop in the R. The downward stroke begins a slight curve from the right. The lowercase y is written separately. The final three letters are linked.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 940 catalog, lot 577.
2. 1850 U.S. census, Bedford Co., Tenn., pop. sch., civil district 7, p. 142 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 41, Thomas C. Ryall; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 869.
3. Moses Cleveland and Alexander Cleveland, *The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland Families* (Hartford, Conn.: Printed for the Subscribers by the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1899); digital image, Internet Archive; Vol. III, p. 2118, "16237," entry for Caroline Choice Cleveland (16639), for Walter's birth date and place, and his and his father's middle name. "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Thos. C. Ryall-Elizabeth S. Scudder, marriage, for Walter's mother's name and parents' marriage date and place; citing Davidson Co. marriage records, book 1, p. 518.
4. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; "Civil War Service Records" > "Confederate Records" > "Tennessee" > "First (Field's) Infantry" > "R" > "Ryall, Walter S" scroll to p. 2 for enlistment date; and "CSA" > "Signal Corps, CSA, O-S" > "R" > "Ryall, Walter S" scroll to p. 2 for Signal Corps service; citing Compiled Services Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Tennessee, NARA series M268, roll 104 (First (Field's) Infantry), and Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government, NARA series M258, roll 120 (Signal Corps).
5. "CSA" > Signal Corps, p. 2 for capture date.
6. "CSA" > Signal Corps, p. 6 for transfer to Camp Chase, p. 9 for release date.
7. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 940 catalog, lot 577.
8. Schuyler Rumsey sale 25, lot 1617 (viewable on *Philgen.org*, search on Ryall).
9. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; "Confederate Citizens File" > "Citizen" > "R" > "Ry" > "Ryall, Thomas C" scroll to p. 7 for sale of corn and hay; citing Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861-65, NARA series M346, roll 895.
10. "Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Walter S. Ryall-Laura [Lavinia] Cannon, marriage bond, Bedford Co., October 1868; citing Tenn. State Library and Archives, Nashville. Cleveland, *The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland Families*, Vol. III, p. 2118, for 1884 marriage date and spouse's name.
11. 1870 U.S. census, Bedford Co., Tenn., pop. sch., district 3, p. 26 (penned), dwell./fam. 181, Walter S. Ryall; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1514. 1900 U.S. census, Polk Co., Fla., pop. sch., precinct 6, sheet 5A (penned), dwell./fam. 97, Walter S. Ryall; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 175.
12. "Find A Grave," database, Thomas Coleman Ryall, Bedford Co., Tenn., memorial 84421800; gravestone and source for death date not shown. "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; entry for Walter S. Ryall, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Department of Health, Montgomery.
13. "New Hampshire, Birth Records, 1659-1900"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joel Alfred Fife, birth abstract, for birth date and place; citing New Hampshire

Registrar of Vital Statistics, Concord. "New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joel Fife-Lois Morgan, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing New Hampshire Registrar of Vital Statistics, Concord. 1850 U.S. census, Merrimack Co., N.H., pop. sch., Pembroke, pp. 36 (stamped, verso) and 37 (stamped, recto), dwell. 79, fam. 86, Robert Fife; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 436.

14. "U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Joel A. Fife, served Ill., service abstract; citing Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men, GAR Dept. of Illinois, Death Rolls. "Returns from U.S. Military Posts, 1800-1916"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joel A. Fife, service report, January 1863; citing NARA series M617, roll 832.

15. "Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; J. Albert Fife-Rosa Rhodes, maiden name Putnam, marriage; citing Michigan Department of Community Health. "US, Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service, Vol. 2, p. 618, for work as post office clerk.

16. "Cook County, Illinois, Deaths Index, 1878-1922"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Joel A. Fife, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Division of Vital Records, Springfield, Ill.

3-9: 1864 Prisoner's Letter from Andersonville

Julian Wheaton Merrill (1840-1908), Andersonville, Georgia to Cyrus W. Merrill (1818-1897), Perry, New York

This envelope was sent by a soldier son to his father. "Cyrus Merrill" in Perry, Wyoming County, New York received a "Prisoners Letter" postmarked in Andersonville, Georgia (indistinct, on and beneath the right-hand stamp) and then postmarked 25 August 1864 in Old Point Comfort, Virginia where it entered the U.S. mail. The envelope was sent by J. W. Merrill, a prisoner-of-war.¹ Cyrus and Julian W. Merrill, apparently father and son, are in Perry in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.² Cyrus Merrill was born 20 April 1818 in Fabius, New York, the son of Samuel W. Merrill, and a Samuel Merrill is in Fabius in the 1820 U.S. census.³ Julian W. Merrill was born 19 May 1840 in Fabius, the son of Cyrus and Ann Augusta (Marsh) Merrill who married circa 1838, possibly in Sherburne, New York.⁴ Julian was a student at Yale College in New Haven but left to enlist 30 August 1862 as a private in the 24th Independent Battery, New York Light Artillery.⁵ He was promoted to sergeant 30 April 1863.⁶ His entire battery was captured 20 April 1864 at Plymouth, North Carolina, and Julian was imprisoned at Andersonville and then exchanged 14 November 1864.⁷ After the war, he

wrote a history of the New York 24th Light Artillery.⁸ He married Mathilda C. Morgan 25 April 1867 in Brooklyn, New York.⁹ Cyrus Merrill died 1 November 1897 in Baldwinsville, New York, and Julian W. Merrill 29 June 1908 in Buffalo, New York.¹⁰ The envelope has a U.S. stamp with George Washington and a Confederate States of America stamp with Jefferson Davis, and passed through the mail exchange point near Old Point Comfort, Virginia.¹¹



Figure 3-9 1864 “Prisoners Letter” from Andersonville, Georgia to Perry, New York with U.S. and Confederate States of America stamps (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 988, lot 123)

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 988 catalog, lot 123, for sender's name and prisoner-of-war.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Wyoming Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Perry, p. 129 (stamped, verso), dwell. 376, fam. 378, Cyrus Merrill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 617. 1860 U.S. census, Wyoming Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Perry, p. 76 (penned), dwell. 77, fam. 64, Cyrus Merrill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 883.

3. “Obituary, Cyrus Merrill,” [Baldwinsville, N.Y.] *Gazette & Farmers Journal*, 4 November 1897, p. 1, col. 7; digital image, Old Fulton New York Post Cards (<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>); type Cyrus Merrill 1897 into search box > select “all of the words” > click “Search” > scroll to “Baldwinsville NY Gazette Farmers Journal ...” for birth date and place and father's name. 1820 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., Fabius, p. 154 (penned), Samuel Merrill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M33, roll 67.

4. "U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; *Decennial Record of the Class of 1864, Yale College* (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Printers, 1875), 77, "Julius Wheadon Merrill," for birth date and place. "Obituary, Cyrus Merrill," for his mother's name, her residence in Sherburne, and parents' marriage year.

5. "U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935," *Decennial Record of the Class of 1864, Yale College*, 77, "Julius Wheadon Merrill," for left college to enlist.

6. "U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Julian Wheaton Merrill, served N.Y., for promotion to sergeant.

7. NPS, SSD > By Side: Union > By Location: New York > By Function: Artillery > By Special Function: Light Artillery > By Battle Unit Name: 24th > "24th Independent Battery, New York Light Artillery" for date of capture. "Andersonville Prisoners of War"; database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for J. W. Merrill, served N.Y., for Andersonville and exchange date.

8. J[ulian] W[heaton] Merrill, *Records of the 24th Independent Battery, N.Y. Light Artillery, U.S.V.* (1870; reprint, West Falls, N.Y.: B. Conrad Bush, 2000).

9. "U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935," *Decennial Record of the Class of 1864, Yale College*, 77, for marriage date and place and wife's name.

10. "Obituary, Cyrus Merrill," for Cyrus's death date and place. "United States Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Julian W. Merrill, served N.Y., for death date; citing NARA series M850, roll 1540.

11. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, "Past Sales," "Sale Listings," "Sale 988," "View the catalogue as a pdf file," pp. 89-90.

3-10: 1864 envelope from New Bern, North Carolina

Charles Watkins (1820-1895), 9th Vermont Infantry to Julia Ann Elizabeth (Jackson) Watkins (1823-1900), Grand Isle, Vermont

The sender did not write his name or regiment on this envelope, but analysis reveals this envelope was sent by a soldier husband to his wife. Mrs. Charles Watkins in Grand Isle, Vermont received an envelope postmarked "Aug[ust] 17" in "New Berne," North Carolina.¹ Julia (apparently Mrs. Charles) Watkins is in Grand Isle in the 1860 U.S. census.² Charles Watkins was born 14 May 1820 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, son of George and Maria (Warner) Watkins who married 30 January 1820 in Sturbridge, and Charles married Julia A. E. Jackson in 1846.³ Julia was born 1823, probably in Peru, New York, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Hyde) Jackson who married 27 September 1815 in South Hero, Vermont, just south of Grand Isle.⁴ The Mary Jackson with Charles and Julia in the 1850

U.S. census is probably Julia's mother.⁵ Charles Watkins enlisted 28 December 1863 in the 9th Vermont Infantry, and his regiment and he were in/near New Bern October 1863-September 1864.⁶ The year the envelope was postmarked is 1864 based on Charles' enlistment date and the regiment's eleven months in North Carolina, and published information on this postmark.⁷ Charles Watkins' signature on his enlistment matches the writing in the address on the envelope.⁸ Charles survived the war and he, Julia, and their children are in Grafton, Massachusetts in the 1870 U.S. census.⁹ Charles died 27 February 1895 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Julia applied for a Civil War widow's pension 20 April 1895.¹⁰ Julia died 8 April 1900 and was buried in Grand Isle.¹¹



Figure 3-10A 1864 envelope from New Bern, North Carolina to Grand Isle, Vermont (Author's collection)

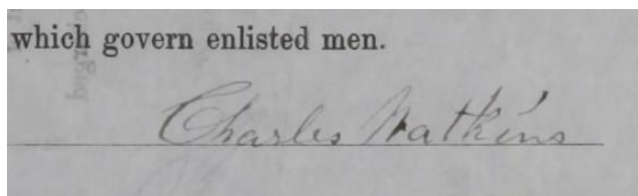


Figure 3-10B Signature of Charles Watkins (digital image from *Fold3.com*; citing NARA RG 94, Charles Watkins, compiled military service record, p. 22, 9th Vermont Infantry)

Handwriting comparison: The C in Charles starts to the left and rises to the right, loops up and then descends with increased pressure (indicated by a thicker line) and crosses the initial part of the letter, and ends with a large inward loop. The five letters in 'arles' are connected with the r rising from the left with lessened pressure (making a thinner line). The dot above the i in Watkins is a short vertical line from upper right to lower left.

Notes

1. The city's name is generally written New Bern, but New Berne appears in postmarks and documents during the Union occupation 1862-1865.

2. 1860 U.S. census, Grand Isle Co., Vt., pop. sch., Grand Isle, p. 81 (penned), dwell. 560, fam. 553, Charles Watkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1318.

3. *Vital Records of Sturbridge, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1906); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 135, Charles Watkins, birth abstract for birth date and place, father's name, and mother's first name; and 284, George Watkins-Maria Warner, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and bride's maiden name. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Henry Willard Watkins (born 1854, Vermont), national application no. 43470, for parents' marriage year; citing National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, Ky.

4. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, Henry Willard Watkins, for Julia's birth year and middle names. 1860 U.S. census, Grand Isle Co., Vt., pop. sch., Grand Isle, p. 81 (penned), Charles Watkins, for Julia's birth state. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954"; digital images, *FamilySearch.org*; A. H. W. Jackson [Julia's presumed brother], death abstract, died 7 April 1889 in Grand Isle, for parents' names and his birthplace in Peru, N.Y.; and Daniel Jackson-Mary Hyde, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Congregational Church; both Vermont records citing State Capitol Building, Montpelier.

5. 1850 U.S. census, Grand Isle Co., Vt., pop. sch., Grand Isle, p. 13 (stamped, recto), dwell. 162, fam. 163, Mary Jackson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 924.

6. NPS, CWSSD > "Battle Units" > "Union" > "Location: Vermont" > "Function: Infantry" > "Battle Unit Name" type in 9th, for "9th Regiment, Vermont Infantry" for dates of service in New Bern. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; > "Browse all Civil War Titles" > "Civil War Service Records" > "Union Records" > "Vermont" > "9th Infantry" > "Watkins, Charles" scroll to p. 3, for enlistment date and place and p. 9 for presence with regiment July-August 1864; citing Compiled Services Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Vermont.

7. The envelope has a two-part, or duplex cancel, with a circular date and place stamp, and a 'killer' cancellation. Michael C. McClung, *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, Vol. 61, no. 1 (whole no. 221, Feb. 2009), "Union Soldier's Mail from Occupied Eastern North Carolina," 41, for type IV postmark in Figure 4, used

January 1864-end of war; and Vol. 61, no. 4 (whole no. 224, Nov. 2009), "Fancy Cancels from Union-Occupied New Bern, N.C.," 294-295, for killer cancel 18, Union Jack, used August-September 1864.

8. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; [see note 6 for intermediate steps] > "Watkins, Charles" scroll to p. 22, for signature on enlistment.

9. 1870 U.S. census, Worcester Co., Mass., pop. sch., Auburn, Grafton post office, p. 22 (penned), dwell. 150, fam. 172, Charles Watkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 651.

10. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Charles Watkins, death, no. 327, for death date and place; citing Mass. Archives, Vol. 456, p. 753. "U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Charles Watkins, widow Julia A. E. Watkins, citing NARA series T255, roll 500.

11. "Find A Grave," database, Julia A. E. "Juliana" Jackson Watkins, Grand Isle Co., Vt., memorial no. 15949269.

Chapter 4: At Work

Work outside the home was a large part of many people's lives. An illustrated work-related envelope can help us imagine an ancestor at work. The pictures or text on these envelopes show storefronts (Figures 4-1, 4-4, 4-6 and 4-10), mills (Figure 4-5), a lumber yard (Figure 4-9), or other workplaces (Figures 4-3 and 4-8), as well as medicine (Figure 4-2) and school desks (Figure 4-7). These envelopes add detail and color to occupations shown in a census or a city directory as simply machinist or merchant. Workplace envelopes typically include the owner's name, and the workplaces and products shown illustrate the lives of dozens or even hundreds of the workers at that workplace. The recipient of a work-related envelope may be a customer, a supplier, or just an interested person. The name of the envelope's illustrator, engraver, and/or publisher may appear on the envelope and provide a glimpse of this person's work (Figures 4-3, 4-7, and 4-10).

The manufacturer/industry and agricultural schedules of the 1850-1880 U.S. census, where they exist, provide details on the number of workers, products, crop types, and animals. Many town and city directories indicate a person's workplace. City directories can provide owners' first names when the company name contains a family name. The Robinson Brothers of Louisville, Kentucky were Charles P. and Richard A. Robinson.¹ Comparing directory and census listings for the same person will help confirm that the correct person has been identified. Postal historians refer to these envelopes as advertising covers, and published references show hundreds of examples.²

Notes

1. *Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville for 1906* (Louisville, Ky.: Caron Directory Co., 1906); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 1165, 1167.

2. *American Illustrated Cover Catalog, The Collection of John R. Biddle* (North Miami, Florida: David G. Phillips Co., Inc., 1981).

4-1: Circa 1859 Soda Water in Philadelphia and Saint Louis

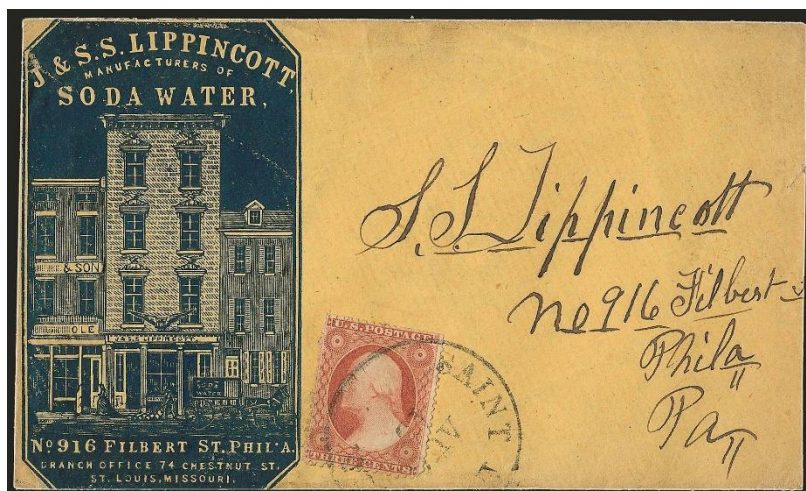


Figure 4-1 Circa 1855 envelope from St. Louis, Missouri to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 950, lot 2293)

Unknown sender, St. Louis, Missouri to Samuel S. Lippincott (1833-1912), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

An illustrated envelope, known as a cameo corner card, from “J. and S. S. Lippincott, Manufacturers of Soda Water” was sent to “S. S. Lippincott” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from Saint Louis, Missouri circa 1859.¹ The illustration shows a four story building at 916 Filbert Street in Philadelphia with text indicating a branch office is in Saint Louis. John Lippincott, mineral water manufacturer, is in Philadelphia in the 1850 U.S. census, and this is probably the same person as John “Lippencott” in Bensalem, Pennsylvania in the 1850 U.S. census with his apparent wife Hannah and son Samuel.² “J. and S. Lippincott,” soda water manufacturers, are in an 1858 Philadelphia directory at 916 Filbert Street, the address written on the envelope.³ John Lippincott was born 28 April 1811 in Philadelphia, the son of Samuel and Eleanor (Edwards) Lippincott who married 8 May 1804 in Philadelphia.⁴ John “Lippencott” married Hannah Singley of Bensalem, Pennsylvania 4 October 1832 in Byberry, Pennsylvania, and their son Samuel S. Lippincott was born 23 July 1833.⁵ John Lippincott, bottler, with Hannah and John, is in Bensalem in the 1860 U.S. census.⁶ The family apparently lived in

Bensalem, about fifteen miles northeast of Philadelphia, and made soda water in Philadelphia. Samuel Lippincott, manufacturer of fountain soda water, is listed in an 1863 St. Louis directory.⁷ John Lippincott was an early manufacturer of carbonated water in the U.S.⁸ John Lippincott died before 1880 as Hannah is shown as a widow in the 1880 U.S. census.⁹ Samuel S. Lippincott died 18 September 1912 in Philadelphia.¹⁰ This envelope gives a detailed view of a Lippincott storefront in Philadelphia with a horse-drawn soda water delivery wagon. The sender may have been a family member but has not yet been identified.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 950 catalog, lot 2293, for cameo corner card envelope reference and stamp issue date 1857-1860.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., North Mulberry ward, p. 457 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1707, fam. 1964, Joseph E. Smith; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 815. 1850 U.S. census, Bucks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Bensalem township, p. 78 (stamped, verso), dwell. 316, fam. 335, John Lippencott; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 759.

3. *McElroy's Philadelphia City Directory, for 1858* (Philadelphia: Edward C. and John Biddle, 1858); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 396, entry for J. & S. Lippincott.

4. "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; "Births and Deaths, 1677-1900, Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Arch Street," list of children of Samuel and Eleanor Lippincott, for John's birth date; citing Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., call no. MR Ph:396, p. 26; and "Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Northern District, Marriage Certificates, 1772-1836," Samuel Lippincott-Eleanor Edwards, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., call no. JI3.5, pp. 191-192.

5. "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; "Byberry Monthly Meeting, Marriage Certificates, 1811-1886," John Lippencott-Hannah Singley, marriage; citing Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., call no. MR-PH-70, p. 46; and "Haddonfield [N.J.] Monthly Meeting, Births and Deaths, 1755-1935," Samuel S. Lippincott, birth, for birth date and parents' names; citing Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., call no. MR-PH 237, p. 10.

6. 1860 U.S. census, Bucks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Bensalem township, p. 3 (penned), dwell./fam. 274, John Lippincott; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1082.

7. *Campbell & Richardson's St. Louis Business Directory for 1863* (Saint Louis: Campbell and Richardson, 1863); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 229, entry for Samuel Lippincott.

8. Anne Cooper Funderburg, *Sundae Best: A History of Soda Fountains*; digital image, Google Books; 21, "The Major Manufacturers"; 24, for John Lippincott's work in Philadelphia.

9. 1880 U.S. census, Bucks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Bensalem township, ED 133, p. 40D (penned), dwell. 350, fam. 370, Hannah Lippincott; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T9, roll 1105, col. 11 for widow status.

10. "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Samuel S. Lippincott, no. 21174, for death date and location; birth date shown 28 January 1833 rather than 23 July 1833.

4-2: Circa 1854 "Balm of Gilead, For the thorough cure of Epilepsy"

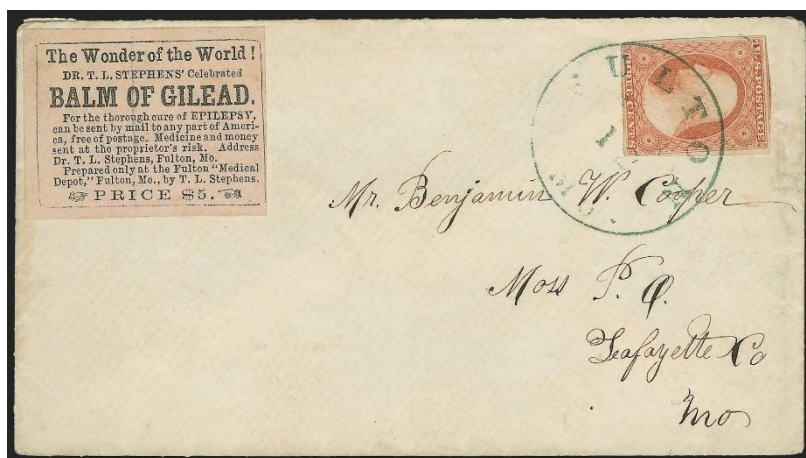


Figure 4-2 Circa 1855 envelope from Fulton, Missouri to Moss, Missouri (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 886, lot 3053)

Thomas L. Stephens (1820-1872), Fulton, Missouri to Benjamin W. Cooper (circa 1822-?), Moss, Missouri

This envelope was apparently sent by a patent medicine producer in Missouri to a customer. "Dr. T. L. Stephens" at Fulton "Medical Depot" in Fulton, Missouri sent an envelope to "Benjamin W. Cooper" in Moss, Lafayette County, Missouri that was postmarked in Fulton circa 1854.¹ A "Wonder of the World ... Balm of Gilead" advertising label is pasted on the envelope. Thomas "Stevens," merchant, is in Callaway County, Missouri, where Fulton is the county seat, in the 1850 U.S. census, and a Thomas L. Stephens, merchant, is in Bourbon township, Callaway County, in the 1860 U.S. census, with Millersburg shown as the post office.² Thomas L. Stephens, physician, is in Fulton in the 1870 U.S. census.³ Thomas L.

Stephens was born 20 May 1820 in Garrard County, Kentucky, apparently the son of Thomas Peyton and Sally (Edwards) Stephens who married 12 August 1817 in Garrard County.⁴ Thomas P. Stephens is in Garrard County in the 1820 U.S. census, and in Callaway County in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses.⁵ Thomas L. Stephens advertised his medicines using testimonials. Charles Meidell of St. Louis, Missouri “got perfectly cured of a very sore and inflamed eye” with Dr. Stephens' Eye Salve, and William Reid of Shelby, Missouri wrote of Dr. Stephens' Chemical Ague Compound's “excellence in speedily and effectually curing Ague and Fever.”⁶ Charles Meidell is in an 1864 St. Louis directory and William Reid is in Shelby in the 1870 U.S. census.⁷ The envelope's advertising label includes “Balm of Gilead, For the thorough cure of Epilepsy.” Balm of Gilead is a traditional remedy mentioned in the Bible.⁸ A Benjamin/Ben Cooper, born circa 1822 in Alabama, is in Lafayette County, Missouri in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.⁹ He may have received this envelope. He apparently married Susan Thomas 17 June 1845 in Saline County, Missouri, and remarried Susan Bucke 10 April 1860 in Lafayette County.¹⁰ Thomas L. Stephens died 26 April 1872, and his wife is shown as a widow in the 1880 U.S. census.¹¹ His obituary refers to medicines that he made.¹² An 1876 Callaway County map shows an area named Stephens Store in Bourbon township, north of Millersburg, which took its name from Dr. T. L. Stephens' store.¹³ Details on Benjamin Cooper's birth and death have not yet been found.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 886 catalog, lot 3053, for date of stamp 1851-56.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., pop. sch., district 12, p. 268 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 1021, Thomas Stevens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 393. 1860 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., pop. sch., Bourbon township, Millersburg post office, p. 9 (penned), dwell. 66, fam. 63, Thomas L. Stephens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 610.

3. 1870 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., pop. sch., Bourbon township, Fulton post office, p. 17 (penned), dwell./fam. 100, Thomas L. Stephens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 764.

4. “The State Historical Society of Missouri” (<http://statehistoricalsocietyofmissouri.org/cdm/>) “All Collections” > scroll to “Fulton Telegraph, 1863-1880” > “Search by Date” > type in 1872-08-16 > “Page 2”; digital image; *Fulton* [Mo.] *Telegraph*, 16 August 1872, p. 2, col. 4, “Deaths,” “Obituary,” Thomas L. Stephens obituary, for birth date and place. “Find A Grave,” database, Rev. Thomas Peyton Stephens, Callaway Co., Mo., memorial no. 112717258, for Thomas L. Stephens as his son; source not shown. “Kentucky Marriages, 1785-

1979"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Thomas Stephens-Sally Edwards, marriage abstract; citing Garrard Co. court, Lancaster, Ky.

5. 1820 U.S. census, Garrard Co., Ky., Garrard, p. 96a (penned), Tho. P. Stevens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M33, roll 21. 1830 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., pp. 70 (stamped, verso)-71 (stamped, recto), Thomas P. Stephens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 73. 1840 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., Cote Sans Dessein, pp. 196 (stamped, recto and verso), Thomas P. Stephens; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M704, roll 221.

6. "The State Historical Society of Missouri," "All Collections," scroll to "Brunswick Weekly Brunswicker, 1854-1857" > "Search by Date" > type in 1854-12-02 > "Page 1"; digital image; *The Weekly Brunswicker* [Brunswick, Mo.], 2 December 1854, p. 1, col. 4, "New Discovery, T. L. Stephens, Celebrated Chemical Eye Salve," "Individual Testimony," Chas. Meidell, employed by Z. F. Wetzell & [Co]. Chronicling America (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>) > "All Digitized Newspapers" > "Missouri" > scroll to "Glasgow weekly times, Glasgow, Mo., 1848-1861" > "Browse: Calendar View" > select "Issues for 1860" click on 12 April 1860; digital image; *Glasgow [Mo.] Weekly Times*, p. 2, col. 5, "Stephens' Advertisement," fourth testimonial, Wm. A. Reid.

7. Richard Edwards, editor, *Edwards' Annual Director [sic] ... City of St. Louis, For 1864* (St. Louis, Mo.: Richard Edwards, 1864); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 389, entry for Charles Meidell, clerk Wetzell & Co. 1870 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Mo., pop. sch., Shelbina, p. 6 (penned), dwell./fam. 42, William Reed [name one line above dwell./fam. nos.]; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 806.

8. *The Holy Bible* (London: Robert Barker, 1611); digital image, Internet Archive; Jeremiah, chapter 8, verse 22 (view 828 of 1506).

9. 1850 U.S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., pop. sch., district 46, p. 194 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 599, Benjamin Cooper; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 403. 1860 U.S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., pop. sch., Middleton township, p. 23 (penned), dwell. 169, fam. 202, Ben Cooper; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 628.

10. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Benjamin Cooper-Susan Thomas, marriage, Saline Co., 1845; Benjamin Cooper-Susan Bucke, marriage, Lafayette Co., 1860; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City.

11. *Fulton [Mo.] Telegraph*, Thomas L. Stephens, obituary, 16 August 1872, p. 2, col. 4. 1880 U.S. census, Callaway Co., Mo., pop. sch., Bourbon township, p. 32C (penned), dwell./fam. 283, Michael Bright; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T9, roll 677.

12. *Fulton [Mo.] Telegraph*, 16 August 1872, p. 2, col. 4, Thomas L. Stephens, obituary.

13. "Callaway County 1876"; digital image, Historic Map Works; citing *An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Callaway County, Mo.* (Philadelphia, Pa.: Edwards Brothers of Missouri, 1876), 5, "Map of Callaway Co., Missouri," upper left, near Cedar Creek. David W. Eaton, "How Missouri Counties, Towns and Streams Were

Named," *The Missouri Historical Review*; digital image, Internet Archive; 10 (1915-1916), 268; 11 (1916-1917), 197, for origin of name Stephens Store.

4-3: 1855 "Produce Commission Merchants and Forwarding Agents"

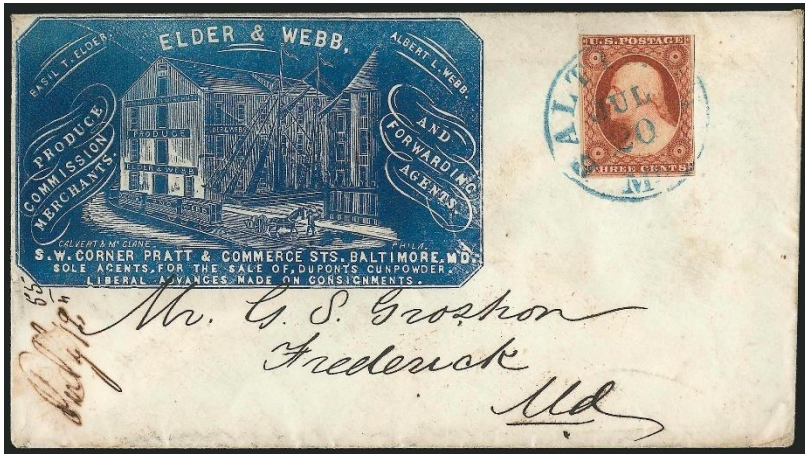


Figure 4-3 Circa 1855 envelope from Baltimore, Maryland to Frederick, Maryland (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1002, lot 3708)

Basil Thomas Elder (1811-1893) and Albert Lee Webb (circa 1814-circa 1883), Baltimore, Maryland to George S. Groshon (circa 1815-before 11 April 1906), Frederick, Maryland; envelope by Thomas B. Calvert (1828-1900) and Alexander McClane (circa 1812-?), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This envelope was apparently sent between Maryland merchants. "Mr. G. S. Groshon" in Frederick, Maryland received an envelope from "Elder & Webb, Produce Commission Merchants and Forwarding Agents" postmarked 20 July 1855 in Baltimore, Maryland. "July 19, 55" is written in the lower left and probably indicates when the envelope's contents were written (docketing). "Basil T. Elder" and "Albert L. Webb" are printed on the envelope. Basil T. Elder, merchant, and Albert L. Webb, dealer in hides and leather, are in Baltimore in the 1850 U.S. census, and George & Webb, produce commission merchants, is listed in an 1856 Baltimore

directory.¹ Albert L. Webb, merchant, is in Baltimore in the 1860 U.S. census.² Albert Lee Webb was born circa 1814 in Maryland, the son of Abner and Anne (Prescott) Webb, and Albert married Catherine Ann Deford 29 January 1844 in Baltimore.³ Basil Elder, merchant, born in Maryland, is in St. Louis, Missouri in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Basil Thomas Elder was born 1811 in Baltimore, the son of Basil Spalding and Elizabeth Miles (Snowden) Elder.⁵ G. S. Groshon, the recipient, is probably George S. "Grushan," merchant, in Frederick in the 1850 U.S. census, and George Groshon, merchant, in Frederick in the 1860 U.S. census.⁶ He may be the George Sam Groshon christened 21 April 1816 in Creagerstown, Maryland, and George S. Groshon who married Mary Davis 21 December 1837 in Frederick.⁷ Albert Lee Webb died circa 1883 as his wife Catherine is shown as a widow in an 1883 Baltimore directory.⁸ Their sons continued in business as A. L. Webb & Sons at the same address shown on the envelope.⁹ Basil Thomas Elder died 24 January 1893 in St. Louis.¹⁰ George S. Groshon died between 1 June 1900 when the census was taken and 11 April 1906 when his estate was being settled.¹¹ The envelope shows a three story warehouse, a ship, railroad cars, and a horse-drawn wagon. "Calvert & McClane" appears in the lower left of the illustration, and "Phila." in the lower right. Thomas B. Calvert, envelope manufacturer, and Alex M'Clain, printer, are listed in an 1853 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania directory.¹² Alexander McClane, printer, is in Philadelphia in the 1860 U.S. census.¹³ Thomas Calvert is in Saint Anthony, Minnesota in the 1860 U.S. census.¹⁴ Thomas Calvert, lithographer, is in Detroit in the 1870 U.S. census, where he established the Calvert Lithographing Company.¹⁵ Thomas Calvert was born 10 February 1828 in England, the son of Thomas and Mary (-?-) Calvert, and he died 8 February 1900 in Detroit, Michigan.¹⁶ Alexander McClane was born circa 1812 in Scotland.¹⁷ He is probably the Alexander Maclean, compositor, in Philadelphia in the 1870 U.S. census, and the Alexander McClain, printer, in an 1867 Philadelphia directory.¹⁸ Additional details on Alexander McClane are not yet found.

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Baltimore Co., Md., pop. sch., Baltimore, ward 11, p. 147 (stamped, recto), dwell. 382, fam. 419, Basil T. Elder; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm, ward 13, p. 360 (stamped, verso), dwell. 363, fam. 449, Albert L. Webb; digital image series M432, roll 284. 1850 U.S. census, Baltimore Co., Md., pop. sch., Baltimore, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 285. *Woods' Baltimore Directory for 1856-'57* (Baltimore: John W. Woods, no date); digital image, Archives of Maryland Online (<http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html>)

/index.html) > "City Directories" > "Volume 544-Woods' Baltimore Directory for 1856-57"; 77 (page 103 in pdf), entry for Elder & Webb.

2. 1860 U.S. census, Baltimore city, Md., pop. sch., ward 14, p. 104 (penned), dwell. 613, fam. 673, Albert L. Webb; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 464.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Baltimore Co., Md., pop. sch., Baltimore, ward 11, p. 147 (stamped, recto), dwell. 382, fam. 419, Basil T. Elder; birth year estimated 1814 on age of thirty-six years. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Francis Lee Webb (born 1854, Md.), national application no. 17239, for Albert's parents. "Maryland Marriages, 1666-1970"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Albert Lee Webb-Catherine Ann Deford, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Baltimore Co. Circuit Court, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.

4. 1860 U.S. census, St. Louis Co., Mo., pop. sch., St. Louis, ward 3, p. 152 (penned), dwell. 709, fam. 1252, Basil Elder; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 655.

5. Shawna Reidy and Rebecca Fitzgerald, "Guide to the Elder Family Papers, 1743-1999, Record Group 12: Local History" (Emmitsburg, Md.: Archives and Department of Special Collections, Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, 2003), 1, "Biographical Note," for Basil Thomas's birth year and place and mother's maiden name. "Maryland Marriages, 1655-1850"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Basil S. Elder-Elizabeth Snowden, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

6. 1850 U.S. census, Frederick Co., Md., pop. sch., Frederick town, p. 24 (stamped, verso), dwell. 359, fam. 399, George S. Grushon; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 292. 1860 U.S. census, Frederick Co., Md., pop. sch., Frederick city, p. 70 (penned), dwell. 575, fam. 569, George Groshan; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 475. A George Groshan, farmer, is in Creagherstown, Frederick Co., just north of Frederick city, in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses, but he is not shown with a middle initial S.

7. "Maryland, Births and Christenings, 1650-1995"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; George Sam Groshan, for christening date and place; citing St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Creagerstown, Md. "Maryland Marriages, 1667-1899"; database, *Ancestry.com*; George S. Groshan-Mary Davis, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Frederick Co. court, Frederick, Md.

8. *Woods's Baltimore City Directory...1883* (Baltimore: John W. Woods, 1883); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 1036, entry for Cath. A. Webb.

9. *Woods's Baltimore City Directory...1883*, 1036, entry for A. L. Webb & Sons.

10. "St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1879-1922)"; digital image, ProQuest Historical Newspapers; 25 January 1893, p. 2, "Died," Basil T. Elder, death notice, for death date; copy provided by the St. Louis Public Library.

11. 1900 U.S. census, Frederick Co., Md., pop. sch., Frederick city, ED 9, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 15, George S. Groshan; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 622. *The [Frederick, Md.] News*, 11 April 1906; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 2, col. 3, "Business in the Courts," fourth notice from bottom of the column, George Groshan, estate filing.

12. *McElroy's Philadelphia Directory for 1853* (Philadelphia: Edward C. & John Biddle, 1853); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 58, entry for Thomas B. Calvert; 251, entry for Alex. M'Clain.

13. 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 1, p. 156 (penned), dwell. 1132, fam. 1286, Alexander McClane; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1151.

14. 1860 U.S. census, Hennepin Co., Minn., pop. sch., St. Anthony, ward 4, p. 78 (penned), dwell. 695, fam. 613, Thomas Calvert; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 570.

15. 1870 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 5, p. 156 (penned), dwell. 1181, fam. 1178, Thomas Calvert; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 712. David Lee Poremba, *Detroit: City of Industry*; digital image, Google Books; 92, for Calvert Lithographing and Engraving Company.

16. "Seeking Michigan" (<http://seekingmichigan.org/>) > "Advanced Search" > select "Death Records, 1897-1920" > type in Thomas Calvert, for death certificate no. 78622, digital image, for his birth and death dates and places and parents' names.

17. 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 1, p. 156 (penned), dwell. 1132, fam. 1286, Alexander McClane, for birth country and year estimated 1812 based on age of forty-eight years.

18. 1870 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, division 3, p. 91 (penned), dwell. 639, fam. 706, Alexander Maclean; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1387. Isaac Costa, compiler, *Gopsill's Philadelphia City and Business Directory for 1867-8* (Philadelphia: James Gopsill, 1867); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 821, entry for Alexander McClain.

4-4: 1857 A corner drug store in Saint Paul, Minnesota

David Day (1825-1896) and Jonathan Ridgway Jenks (1833-1890), St. Paul, Minnesota to William J. Jenks (1822-1904), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This envelope was sent from a Minnesota drug store to a brother of one of the drug store owners. "Day & Jenks" of Saint Paul, Minnesota sent an illustrated envelope to William J. Jenks in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that was postmarked 21 October 1857. An 1863 Saint Paul directory lists David Day and J. Ridgway Jenks as proprietors of Day & Jenks.¹ David Day and J. R. Jenks, both druggists, are in Saint Paul in the 1860 U.S. census.² David Day was born 19 September 1825 in Burkes Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia, the son of Henry and Rosanah (Tarter) Day who married 2 July 1815 in Wythe County, Virginia.³ He received a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1849, and is shown as a physician in Saint Paul

in the 1850 U.S. census.⁴ Jonathan R. Jenks was born 7 or 28 April 1833 in Middletown township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Michael H. and Mary R. (Earl) Jenks who married in 1821.⁵ He is in Saint Paul in the 1857 Minnesota census shown as a druggist.⁶ William J. Jenks, the recipient, was Jonathan's brother, and he was born 30 March 1822 in Middletown.⁷ William J. Jenks, also a druggist, is listed in an 1858 Philadelphia directory at 160 North 3rd, the address written on the envelope.⁸ The envelope's postmark includes "M. T. [Minnesota Territory]," and shows a three story building on a street corner with signs reading "Drugs & Medicine." Minnesota became a state on 11 May 1858. Jonathan R. Jenks died 16 March 1890 and is buried in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.⁹ David Day died 8 March 1896 in Saint Paul.¹⁰ William J. Jenks died 21 October 1904 in Philadelphia.¹¹ The Minnesota Historical Society has a collection of David Day's papers.¹²



Figure 4-4 1857 envelope from St. Paul, Minnesota to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1002, lot 3761)

Notes

1. A. Bailey's *Saint Paul Directory for 1863* (Saint Paul, Minn.: A. Bailey, 1863); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 44, entry for David Day; 64, entry for J. Ridgeway Jenks.
2. 1860 U.S. census, Ramsey Co., Minn., pop. sch., Saint Paul, ward 2, p. 91 (penned), dwell. 827, fam. 735, J. R. Jenks, and p. 120 (penned), dwell. 1104, fam. 972, David Day; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 573.

3. "Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, Legislators Past & Present" (<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/legdb/>) > "Search" > type in: David Day, for birth date and place. "Family Data Collection – Individual Records"; database, *Ancestry.com*; David Day, for parents' names; citing Edmund West, compiler, Family Data Collection–Individual Records, database; original source not shown. "Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Henry Day-Rosanah Tarter, marriage abstract; citing Jordan R. Dodd et al., *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850* (Bountiful, Utah: Precision Indexing Publishers, 1990), for marriage date and place.

4. "Minnesota Legislative Reference Library," David Day, for 1849 medical degree. 1850 U.S. census, Ramsey Co., Minn., pop. sch., Saint Paul, p. 38 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 74, David Day; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 367.

5. "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1994"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Jonathan R. Jenks, Middletown Monthly Meeting, Births, 1728-1946, Middletown Meeting House, Langhorne, Bucks Co., Pa., for birth date shown as 28 April 1833 and father's name, p. 22 (view 22/58); citing Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa; and entry for Michael H. Jenks-Mary R. Earl, marriage report, Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Minutes, 1802-1821, Burlington Co., N.J., p. 390 (view 617/621), for parents' marriage and mother's name; citing Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. "Find A Grave," database, Jonathan R. Jenks, Milwaukee Co., Wis., memorial no. 61272200, for gravestone photograph with birth date shown as 7 April 1833.

6. 1857 Minnesota census, Ramsey Co., Saint Paul, dwell./fam. 1136, Stephan Long; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; in "Minnesota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905," citing Minn. Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn., film MN1857_4.

7. "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1994"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for William Jenks; citing p. 22 (view 22/58), Middletown Monthly Meeting, Births, 1728-1946, for birth date and parents' names.

8. *McElroy's Philadelphia City Directory for 1858* (Philadelphia: Edward C. & John Biddle, 1858); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 336, entry for Wm. J. Jenks.

9. "Find A Grave," database, Jonathan R. Jenks, Milwaukee Co., Wis., memorial no. 61272200, for gravestone photograph with death date.

10. *St. Paul [Minn.] Daily Globe*; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; 9 March 1896, p. 1, cols. 6-7, "David Day's Death," for death date and place

11. "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates Index, 1803-1915"; database, *Ancestry.com*; William J. Jenks, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Philadelphia City Archives.

12. Minnesota Historical Society (<http://www.mnhs.org/>) > "Research" > "Archival Collection Finding Aids" > "D" > "David Day: An Inventory on His Papers, P2324."

4-5: Circa 1859 Atlantic Steam Mills

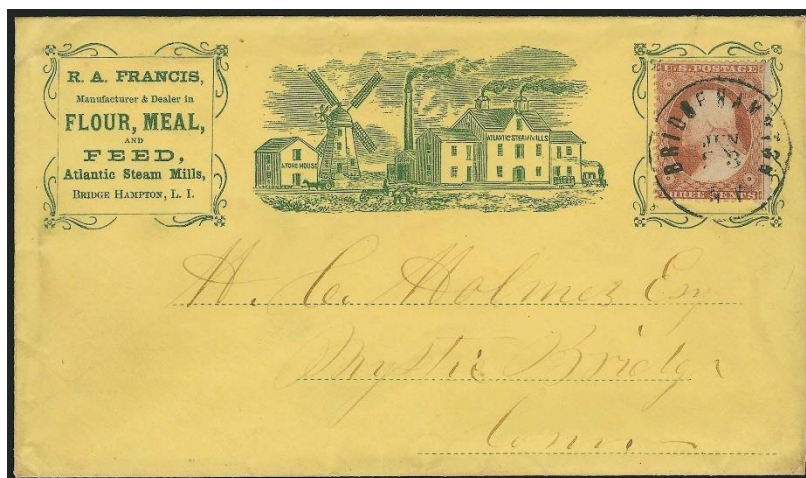


Figure 4-5 Circa 1860 envelope from Bridgehampton, New York to Mystic Bridge, Connecticut (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 875, lot 818)

Roger A. Francis (1826-1885), Bridgehampton, New York to Hiram C. Holmes (1826-1882), Mystic Bridge, Connecticut

This envelope was apparently sent by a Long Island, New York merchant to a customer in Connecticut. “R. A. Francis” at the Atlantic Steam Mills sent an illustrated envelope to “H. C. Holmes” in Mystic Bridge, Connecticut that was postmarked in Bridgehampton, New York circa 1859.¹ R. A. “Francis,” a “mast[er] miller,” is in Southampton, New York in the 1860 U.S. census with Bridgehampton shown as a nearby post office.² Hiram C. Holmes is in Stonington, Connecticut, where Mystic Bridge is located, in the 1860 U.S. census.³ Roger A. Francis was born 21 May 1826 in Bridgehampton, the son of Amzi and Eliza (Talcott) Francis who married May 1824 in West Hartford, Connecticut, and Amzi Francis is in Southampton in the 1830 U.S. census.⁴ Hiram C. Holmes was born 22 January 1826 in Stonington, the son of Jeremiah and Ann (Gallup) Holmes who married in Stonington 8 March 1808, and Jeremiah “Holms” is in Stonington in the 1830 U.S. census.⁵ The envelope shows the Atlantic Steam Mills, a windmill, a railway, and two horse-drawn wagons. Roger A. Francis built the steam mill in 1851, and an 1852 advertisement states the mill’s products included grits, hominy, wheat, and rye flour.⁶ Hiram C. Holmes died 25 October 1882, and was

buried in Stonington.⁷ Roger A. Francis died 13 July 1885, and was buried in Bridgehampton.⁸

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 875 catalog, lot 818, for stamp issued 1857-1860.

2. 1860 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Southampton town, Bridgehampton post office, p. 166 (penned), dwell. 1221, fam. 1318, R. A. Frances; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 865.

3. 1860 U.S. census, New London Co., Conn., pop. sch., Stonington town, p. 99 (penned), dwell. 592, fam. 734, Hiram C. Holmes; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M653, roll 89.

4. Charles H. Farnam, *History of the Descendants of John Whitman of Weymouth, Mass.* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, printers, 1889); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 575, "7952," Roger A. Francis, for birth date, parents' names and marriage date, states incorrectly Roger A. Francis died 1855; "7951," Eliza Talcott, for marriage date. "Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Amzi Francis-Eliza Talcott, marriage abstract, West Hartford First Congregational Church, for marriage date and place; citing *Connecticut Church Records*, vol. 122, part 1 (Hartford: Conn. State Library, 1932), 365. 1830 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., N.Y., Southampton, p. 213 (penned), Amzi Francis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 103.

5. "Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Hiram C. Holmes, birth abstract, for birth date, father's name, and mother's first name; citing *Stonington Vital Records, 1658-1854*, p. 200. "Connecticut, Town Marriage Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Jeremiah Holmes-Ann B. Gallop, marriage abstract, for mother's maiden name and marriage date and place, citing *Stonington Vital Records, 1658-1854*, p. 201. 1830 U.S. census, New London Co., Conn., Stonington, pp. 158-159 (penned), Jeremiah Holms; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 10.

6. James Truslow Adams, *Memorials of Old Bridgehampton* (Bridgehampton, N.Y.: printed privately, 1916); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 227, last paragraph, for building mill and construction date; and 229, for products sold.

7. "Connecticut, Deaths and Burials Index, 1650-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hiram C. Holmes, death abstract, for death date and burial place; citing Charles R. Hale Collection, Conn. State Library, Hartford.

8. Adams, *Memorials of Old Bridgehampton*, 357, Roger A. Francis, gravestone text transcription, for death date and burial place.

4-6: 1861 Two Norfolk Storefronts



Figure 4-6 1861 envelope from Norfolk, Virginia to Nashville, Tennessee (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933, lot 908)

Manuel A. Santos (circa 1798-1859) and Charles Antonio Santos (circa 1828-1896), Norfolk, Virginia to John W. Whorley (1829-1909), Nashville, Tennessee

This envelope was apparently sent by a Norfolk merchant to a customer in Nashville early in the War of 1861-1865. “M. A. and C. A. Santos” of Norfolk, Virginia sent an illustrated envelope postmarked 1 August 1861 to “John Whorley,” tobaccoist, in Nashville, Tennessee. Manuel A. Santos and Charles A. Santos, both druggists and apparently father and son, are in the same household in Norfolk in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ Manuel A. Santos was born circa 1798 in Portugal, and he married Mary Rogers in Norfolk 5 January 1826.² Charles A. Santos was born circa 1828 in Virginia.³ Mary (Rogers) Santos, Charles' mother, died 4 August 1839 in Norfolk.⁴ Charles Antonio Santos married Virginia Diana Todd 16 September 1850 in Norfolk, and Charles A. and Virginia Santos, apparently husband and wife, are in Norfolk in the 1860 U.S. census.⁵ The envelope shows two three story storefronts with signs that include “Medicines, Paints, Oils, Glass Putty & Varnishes” and “Kerosene, Sperm & Whale Oils.” “M. A. and C. A. Santos” sold medicine, paint, grease, and other supplies to the Confederate States of America (C.S.A.).⁶ The envelope is stamped “10” and “Paid” in place of a

stamp. Virginia joined the Confederacy in May 1861, and C.S.A. postage stamps were not available until October 1861.⁷ John Whorley, a cigar maker from Baden (Germany), is in Nashville in the 1860 U.S. census, and he is listed as operating a “cigar manufactury” in an 1860 Nashville directory.⁸ John W. Whorley was apparently born 10 February 1829 in Baden, Germany and he emigrated to the U.S. in 1836.⁹ Manuel A. Santos died 11 June 1859 in Norfolk.¹⁰ Charles A. Santos died 14 April 1896 in Norfolk.¹¹ John W. Whorley died 22 October 1909 in Nashville.¹²

Notes

1. 1850 U.S. census, Norfolk City, Va., pop. sch., p. 42 (stamped, verso), dwell. 647, fam. 726, Manuel A. Santos; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 964.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Norfolk City, Va., pop. sch., p. 42 (stamped, verso), dwell. 647, fam. 726, Manuel A. Santos, for Manuel's country of birth and estimated birth year 1798 on age of fifty-two years. “Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Manuel A. Santos-Mary Rogers, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Norfolk City courthouse, bond book no. 4, p. 93.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Norfolk City, Va., pop. sch., p. 42 (stamped, verso), dwell. 647, fam. 726, Manuel A. Santos, for Charles' birth state and year estimated 1828 on his age of twenty-two years.

4. “Find A Grave,” database, Mary Santos, Norfolk City, Va., memorial no. 86111067, for obituary transcription; citing *American Beacon and Norfolk and Portsmouth Daily Advertiser*, 5 August 1839.

5. “Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Charles Antonio Santos-Virginia Diana Todd, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place. 1860 U.S. census, Norfolk City, Va., pop. sch., p. 84 (penned), dwell. 553, fam. 621, Charles A. Santos; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1366.

6. “Civil War”; digital image, *Fold3.com*; “Confederate Citizens File” > “Business” > “S” > “Sa” > “Santos, M. A. and C. A.” scroll to pp. 5, 8, 14, 28, 40; citing Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861-65, NARA series M346, roll 901.

7. Patricia A. Kaufman, Francis J. Crown, Jr., and Jerry S. Palazolo, *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History* (Confederate Stamp Alliance, Inc., 2012), 4, for Virginia's date of admission into the Confederacy; 315, for earliest use of Confederate stamps.

8. 1860 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., Nashville, ward 1, p. 20 (penned), dwell. 105, fam. 109, John Whorley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1246. Nashville City and Business Directory for 1860-61 (Nashville, Tenn.: L. P. Williams & Co., 1860); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 275, entry for John Whorley.

9. 1860 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., Nashville, ward 1, p. 20 (penned), dwell. 105, fam. 109, John Whorley, for birth in Baden. “Find A Grave,” database, entry for John W. Whorley, Davidson Co., Tenn., memorial no. 85143847,

for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates. 1900 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., civil district 17, ED 132, sheet 16B (penned), dwell. 254, fam. 259, Jos. Turner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1566, for immigration year (col. 16).

10. "Virginia, Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1917"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Amanuel Santos, death abstract, for death date and place, shows birth year circa 1796. *The [New Orleans, La.] Daily Picayune*; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; 20 June 1859, p. 1, col. 4, Manuel A. Santos, death notice, for country of birth and death in Norfolk; citing *The Norfolk Herald*.

11. "Virginia, Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1912"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Charles A. Santos, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Va. State Library, Richmond.

12. "Find A Grave," John W. Whorley, for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates.

4-7: Circa 1870 School Furniture

Albert E. Roberts (1842-1917), Des Moines, Iowa to Boyd H. McEckron (1834-1898), Shirley, Kansas

This envelope was apparently sent by an Iowa merchant to a customer in Kansas. "A. E. Roberts & Co., Manufacturers of School Furniture" in Des Moines, Iowa sent an illustrated envelope to B. H. "McEckerson" in Shirley, Cloud County, Kansas postmarked in Des Moines circa 1870.¹ A. E. Roberts, manufacturer of school desks, is in Des Moines, and Boyd H. McEckron, farmer, is in Shirley, in the 1870 U.S. census.² A. E. Roberts of Des Moines received a U.S. patent in 1869 for an "improved school desk," and an 1873 patent for "improvement in school desks and seats" was issued to Albert E. Roberts of Des Moines.³ Albert E. Roberts was born 5 April 1842 or 1843 in Huron County, Ohio, where Norwalk is the county seat, the son of Benjamin and Electa (Doolittle) Roberts, and nineteen year-old Albert is with his parents in Norwalk in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Albert E. Roberts married Alida Rundell 20 August 1868, and this is probably Lida, his apparent wife, in the 1870 census.⁵ Rial (or Real) Roberts, the couple's apparent one year-old son, born in Ohio, is with them in the 1870 census. Albert E. and Lida Roberts, husband and wife, are in Norwalk, Ohio in the 1900 U.S. census.⁶ Boyd H. McEckron was born 17 June 1834 in Hebron, New York, the son of Alexander S. and Anna (Donaldson) McEckron, and sixteen year-old Boyd is with his parents in Kortright, New York in the 1850 U.S. census.⁷ He was elected superintendent of public instruction in Cloud County in 1868, and he probably received this envelope in relation to his work with schools.⁸ A.

Roberts Company, a school furniture factory in Des Moines, is listed in the 1870 U.S. census industrial schedule with average employment of twenty males above sixteen years old and one youth.⁹ Fourteen employees of A. E. Roberts & Co. are listed in an 1871 or an 1873 Des Moines directory: John Alf, Birdsall (without first name), D. P. Cleveland, Irving W. Combs, William Farrah, J. D. Hepford, John E. Little, George K. Martin, W. R. Patton, A. E. Roberts, G. W. Shope, N. S. Seiberling, William Troutman, and N. F. Warner.¹⁰ Boyd H. McEckron died 1898 in Concordia, Kansas.¹¹ Albert E. Roberts died 18 October 1917 in Norwalk, and Lida Roberts, widow, and her son Rial are in Norwalk in the 1920 U.S. census.¹²

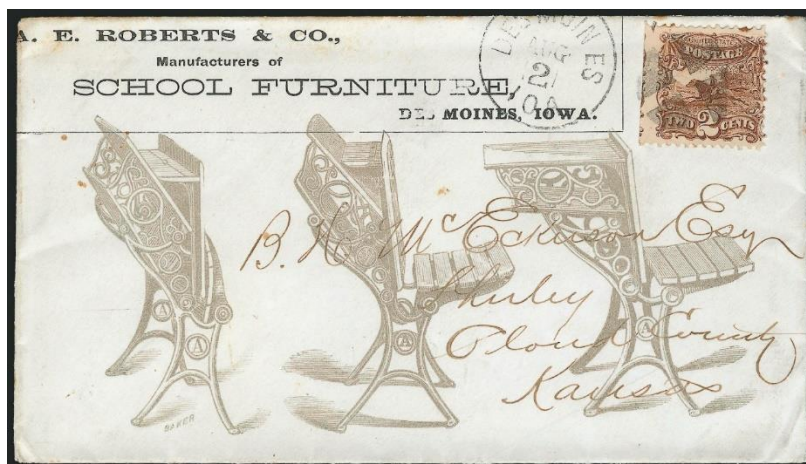


Figure 4-7 Circa 1870 envelope from Des Moines, Iowa to Shirley, Kansas (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1054, lot 586)

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 1054 catalog, lot 586, for stamp issued 1869.

2. 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Iowa, pop. sch., East Des Moines, ward 6, p. 24 (penned), dwell. 195, fam. 194, A. E. Roberts; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M593, roll 415. 1870 U.S. census, Cloud Co., Kans., pop. sch., Shirley township, p. 16 (penned), dwell. 166, fam. 172, Boyd H. McEckron; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 430.

3. "Google, Patents, Improved school-desk, US 93907 A" (<http://www.google.com/patents/US93907>) and "Google, Patents, Improvement in school desks and seats, US 1038045 A" (<https://www.google.com/patents/US138045>), for first name.

4. "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Albert E. Roberts, death, 1917, no. 65516, for birth place and date 5 April 1842 and parents' names; citing Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1900 U.S. census, Huron Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Norwalk city, ward 3, ED 32, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Albert E. Roberts; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1288, for Albert's birth date April 1843. 1860 U.S. census, Huron Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Norwalk, p. 83 (penned), dwell. 606, fam. 614, Benj. F. Roberts; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 991.

5. "Find A Grave," database, Alida Rundel Roberts, Huron Co., Ohio, memorial no. 75902256, for obituary photograph with marriage date, citing *The Firelands Pioneer*. 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Iowa, pop. sch., East Des Moines, ward 6, p. 24 (penned), dwell. 195, fam. 194, A. E. Roberts.

6. 1900 U.S. census, Huron Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Norwalk city, ward 3, ED 32, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Albert E. Roberts.

7. E. F. Hollibaugh, *Biographical History of Cloud County, Kansas* ([Logansport, Ind.: Wilson, Humphrey & Co., 1903]); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 225-226, "Honorable Boyd H. McEckron," for birth date and parents' names. 1850 U.S. census, Delaware Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Kortright, p. 217 (stamped, verso), dwell. 859, fam. 886, Alexander S. McEachran; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 494.

8. Hollibaugh, *Biographical History of Cloud County, Kansas*, 226.

9. "U.S. Federal Census Collection"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; scroll to "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880" > "Iowa" > "Industry" > "1870" > "Polk" > "Des Moines" and scroll to p. 3 (penned), line 7, Roberts + Co.; citing NARA series T1156, roll 40.

10. Jos. P. Bushnell, compiler, *Bushnell's Resident and Business Directory of Des Moines, Iowa ... January, 1871* (Des Moines, Iowa: Jos. P. Bushnell, 1871); digital images, *Fold3.com*; pp. 74 (D. P. Cleveland), 75 (Irving W. Combs), 125 (Geo. K. Martin), 145 (A. E. Roberts), and 150 (N. S. Seiberling). J. P. Bushnell, compiler, *Bushnell's Des Moines Residence and Business City Directory ... January, 1873* (Des Moines, Iowa: Capital City Publishing Company, 1873); digital images, *Fold3.com*; pp. 35 (John Alf), 43 (Birdsall), 76 (William Farrah), 97 (J. D. Hepford), 120 (John S. Little), 145 (W. R. Patton), 154 (A. E. Roberts), 164 (G. W. Shope), 177 (William Troutman), and 184 (N. F. Warner).

11. *The Leavenworth [Kans.] Times*, 6 August 1898; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 3, col. 4, "Kansas Note and Comment," fourth entry, for death of Boyd H. McEckron "in Concordia last week."

12. "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," Albert E. Roberts, death, for death date and place. 1920 U.S. census, Huron Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Norwalk city, ward 3, ED 56, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 95, fam. 97, Lida R. Roberts; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1398.

4-8: Circa 1879 “The Rising Sun Stove Polish and Black Lead Works”



Figure 4-8 Circa 1875 ‘all-over’ advertising envelope from Canton, Massachusetts to Gorham, Maine (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933, lot 838)

Elijah Albert Morse (circa 1841-1898) and Albert Field Morse (1842-1903), Canton, Massachusetts to Merrill T. Files (1823-1904), Gorham, Maine

This envelope was apparently sent by two Massachusetts merchants to a customer in Maine. “Morse Bro[ther]s prop[rietor]s” of “The Rising Sun Stove Polish and Black Lead Works” in Canton, Massachusetts sent an illustrated envelope to “Mr. M. T. Files, (Grocer)” in Gorham, Cumberland County, Maine circa 1879.¹ Elijah A. Morse, stove polish manufacturer, and Albert F. Morse, stove polish works superintendent, are in Canton in the 1880 U.S. census.² Merrill “S.” Files, grocer, is in Gorham, Maine in the 1870 U.S. census, and he is shown as “Merrel F.” Files, retail dry good seller, in the 1880 U.S. census.³ Elijah A. and Albert F. Morse were brothers, sons of Reverend Abner and Hannah (Peck) Morse who married 8 October 1836 near Syracuse, New York.⁴ Elijah was born circa 1841 in South Bend, Indiana and Albert in August 1842 in Onondaga, New York.⁵ Hannah (Peck) Morse, their mother, died 1842, and Abner, Elijah, and Albert Morse are in

Sherburne, Massachusetts in the 1850 U.S. census.⁶ Merrill Files was born 31 January 1823 in Gorham, son of Joseph and Anna (Haskell) Files, and twenty-seven year-old Merrill is with his parents in Gorham in the 1850 U.S. census.⁷ Elijah A. Morse reported twenty-eight workers (eleven males at least seventeen years old, sixteen females at least sixteen years old, and one youth) in the 1880 U.S. census manufacturers schedule for Canton.⁸ The 1880 U.S. census population schedule for Canton includes twenty-four persons working at the stove polish factory (M. Louise Allen, Bridget Brady, Jeremiah Breslyn, Mary A. Brien, Daniel W. Croud, John S. Croud, Catherine Doyle, John H. and Lindsay Fleming, Patrick Grealish, Mary Ann Galligan, Mary Ann McGann, Mary E. McKenna, Mark McLoughlan, Albert F. and Elijah A. Morse, Abby Murphy, Ellen O'Reilley, Louisa Quill, John and Mary Ellen Roach, Julia Shea, Eveline and Harriet White).⁹ Elijah Morse died 5 June 1898 in Canton and Albert Morse on 29 June 1903 in Canton.¹⁰ Elijah A. Morse's sons, Abner and Benjamin E. Morse, are shown as Black Lead Works manufacturers in the 1910 U.S. census.¹¹ Merrill T. Files died 18 November 1904 in Gorham.¹² This 'all-over advertising' type of envelope provides a detailed image of the workplace including nine buildings (one with an apparent statue on the roof), a flagpole, and horse-drawn wagons.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933 catalog, lot 838, for stamp issued 1870-1888.

2. 1880 U.S. census, Norfolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Canton, ED 511, p. 4D (penned), dwell. 26, fam. 34, Albert F. Morse; and p. 7C (penned), dwell. 47, fam. 61, Elijah A. Morse; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T9, roll 548.

3. 1870 U.S. census, Cumberland Co., Maine, pop. sch., Gorham, p. 68 (penned), dwell. 525, fam. 578, Merrill S. Files; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 540. 1880 U.S. census, Cumberland Co., Maine, pop. sch., Gorham, ED 34, p. 23C (penned), dwell. 240, fam. 263, Merrel F. Files; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 477.

4. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital images, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Elijah A. Morse-Felicia Vinning, marriage, 1868, Canton, for Elijah's parents' names, citing vol. 209, p. 315; Albert F. Morse-Emeline F. Pollard, marriage, 1866, Canton, for Albert's parents' names, citing vol. 190, p. 324, no. 8; both citing Mass. Archives. "U.S., Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704-1930"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Abner Morse-Hannah Peck, marriage abstract, *Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church*, 22 October 1836, for marriage date and place; citing American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.

5. 1850 U.S. census, Middlesex Co., Mass., pop. sch., Sherburne, p. 319 (stamped, recto), dwell. 74, fam. 102, Ira Mann; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing

NARA series M432, roll 322, for Elijah's estimated birth year 1841 on age of nine years. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," Abner Morse, birth, 1870, Canton, for his father Elijah's birth place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 224, p. 303, no. 27. 1900 U.S. census, Norfolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Canton, ED 1028, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 105, fam. 109, Albert F. Morse; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 669, for Albert's birth month and year. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," Leon Franklin Morse, birth, 1873, Sharon, for his father Albert's birth place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 251, p. 390, no. 1.

6. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Leonard Albert Morse (born 1902, Mass.), national application no. 48670, for Hannah Peck's death year. 1850 U.S. census, Middlesex Co., Mass., pop. sch., Sherburne, p. 319 (stamped, recto), dwell. 74, fam. 102, Ira Mann, for Elijah A. Morse; and p. 323 (stamped, recto), dwell. 131, fam. 171, Charles Bigelow, for Albert and Abner F. Morse; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 322.

7. "Maine, Birth Records, 1621-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Merrill Files, birth copy, for birth date and place; citing Maine State Archives, Augusta. "Maine, Vital Records, 1670-1907"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Merrill T. Files, death, 1904, for mother's maiden name; citing State Board of Health, Augusta. 1850 U.S. census, Cumberland Co., Maine, pop. sch., Gorham, p. 289 (stamped, recto), dwell. 286, fam. 305, Joseph Files; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 250.

8. "U.S. Federal Census Collection"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; scroll to "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880" > "Massachusetts" > "Manufacturing" > "1880" > "Norfolk" > "Canton" ED 511, p. 1 (penned), line 1, Elijah A. Morse; citing NARA series T1204, roll 31.

9. 1880 U.S. census, Norfolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Canton, ED 511; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 548, p. 2B (penned) for Harriet White, line 5; Eveline White, line 7; and Mary Brien, line 8; p. 3C (penned) for Patrick Grealish, line 23; Mary Ann Galligan, line 34; Abby Murphy, line 37; John S. Croud, line 38; John Roach, line 43; and Mary Ellen Roach, line 45; p. 4D (penned) for Albert F. Morse, line 23; Lindsay Fleming, line 28; John H. Fleming, line 30; Daniel W. Croud, line 33; and Bridget Brady, line 47; p. 5A (penned) for Louissa Quill, line 19; and Jeremiah Breslyn, line 34; p. 6B (penned) for Mary E. McKenna, line 3; and M. Louise Allen, line 24; p. 7C (penned) for Elijah A. Morse, line 14; p. 11C (penned) for Julia Shea, line 10; and Ellen O'Reilly, line 30; p. 22B (penned) for Mark McLoughlan, line 7; p. 31C (penned) for Mary Ann McGann, line 30; p. 33A (penned) for Catherine Doyle, line 6.

10. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," Elijah A. Morse, death, for death date and place, 1898, citing vol. 482, p. 515, no. 47; Albert F. Morse, death, 1903, Canton, for death date and place, citing vol. 1903-14, p. 522; both citing Mass. Archives.

11. 1910 U.S. census, Norfolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Canton town, ED 1098, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 101, fam. 113, Felicia V. Morse; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 607.

12. "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Merrill T. Files, 1904, death, for death date and place; citing Maine State Archives, Augusta.

4-9: Circa 1879 Manhattan lumber yard



Figure 4-9 Circa 1875 'all-over' advertising envelope from New York, New York to Hebron, Connecticut (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933, lot 839)

Charles W. Rodman (1835-1905) and Leonard F. Hepburn (circa 1835-1900), New York City probably to John H. White (1845-1875), Hebron, Connecticut

This envelope was apparently sent by a New York City merchant to a customer in Connecticut. "Rodman & Hepburn" sent an illustrated envelope to "John H. White" in Hebron, Connecticut circa 1879.¹ Rodman & Hepburn, selling "woods," is listed in an 1876 New York City directory at 413 8th and 465 East 10th Streets, and Charles W. Rodman and Leonard F. Hepburn are listed in the same directory with occupations and work addresses matching Rodman & Hepburn.² Charles Rodman and Leonard Hepburn, wood brokers, are in the same Manhattan household in the 1870 U.S. census.³ Charles Webster Rodman was born 3 January 1835 in Manhattan, the son of Washington and Mary (Harvey) Rodman who

married 21 May 1821 in Manhattan, and fifteen year-old Charles is in Brooklyn in the 1850 U.S. census with his apparent father and mother.⁴ Leonard F. Hepburn was born circa 1835 in New York, and fifteen year-old Leonard is in Manhattan in the 1850 U.S. census with his apparent sister “Georgianna” and his apparent mother Louisa H. (Fisher) “Hapburn” who married Robert D. Hepburn 12 November 1829 in Manhattan.⁵ Charles W. Rodman married Georgeanna Hepburn, his business partner’s sister, circa 1866.⁶ John White, cigar manufacturer, is in Hebron in the 1870 U.S. census, and he may have received this envelope and used wood from Rodman & Hepburn to make cigar boxes.⁷ John Henry White was born 1 September 1845 in Hebron, the son of Orrin C. and Sarah Ann (Post) White who married 22 September 1833 in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and fourteen year-old John is with his parents in Hebron in the 1860 U.S. census.⁸ Leonard F. Hepburn died 8 January 1900 in Manhattan, and Charles W. Rodman⁹ January 1905 in Queens.⁹ John H. White died 25 August 1875 in Hebron.¹⁰ The envelope shows three buildings, a work yard, and stacks of wood. “Rodman & Hepburn” appears on the front of one building (lower left) and “Rodman & Hepburn Sawmill” on a roof sign. Building numbers range from 465 (lower left, beneath “Spanish” and above “Rodman”) to 475 (right center), and probably correspond to the 475 East 10th Street listing for Rodman and Hepburn in the 1876 New York city directory. Ship masts are shown in the upper right (next to and below the stamp). The business was apparently located on the East River in the 1870s, but the property is today separated from the East River by the F.D.R. Drive.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933 catalog, lot 839, for stamp issued 1870-1888.

2. H. Wilson, compiler, *Trow's New York City Directory... for the Year Ending May 1, 1876* (New York: The Trow City Directory Company, 1875); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 589, entry for Leonard F. Hepburn; 1129, entries for Charles W. Rodman and Rodman & Hepburn.

3. 1870 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 16, district 14, p. 38 (penned), dwell. 167, fam. 234, Leonard Hepburn, and fam. 235, Charles Rodman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M593, roll 996.

4. “U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Charles W. Rodman, issue date 21 June 1888, for birth date and place; citing NARA series M1372, roll 309. 1850 U.S. census, Kings Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 10, p. 151 (stamped, verso), dwell. 750, fam. 1286, Washington Rodman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA M432, roll 520. “New York, Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1880 (Barber Collection)”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Washington H.

Rodman-Mary Harvey, marriage abstract; citing *New York Evening Post*, Tuesday, May 22, 1821.

5. 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., ward 17, district 1, p. 217 (stamped, recto), dwell. 1197, fam. 2912, Louisa Hapburn; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 540. "Dodd-Miller Family Tree," owner kgdodd66, *Ancestry.com*, for digital image of 1829 Robert Dingee Hepburn-Louisa Henrietta Fisher marriage certificate, for parents' names and marriage date and place; originally posted by MGgirl.

6. 1900 U.S. census, Queens Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Queens, ward 4, ED 685, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 93, fam. 102, W. Charles Rodman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1150, for couple's estimated marriage year 1866 based on their thirty-four years of marriage (col. 10). *New York Times*, 19 November 1904; digital image, The New York Times, TimesMachine; p. 9, col. 7, "Died," Georgeanna (Hepburn) Rodman, obituary, for maiden name.

7. 1870 U.S. census, Tolland Co., Conn., pop. sch., Hebron, p. 13 (penned), dwell. 106, fam. 109, Sarah White; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 115.

8. "Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; John Henry White, birth abstract, for birth date and parents' names; citing *Hebron Vital Records*, p. 277. "Connecticut, Town Marriage Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Orrin C. White-Sarah Ann Post, marriage abstract; citing *Glastonbury Vital Records 1690-1854*, p. 274. 1860 U.S. census, Tolland Co., Conn., pop. sch., Hebron, p. 44 (penned), dwell. 321, fam. 353, Orrin C. White; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 80.

9. "New York City, Deaths, 1892-1902"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Leonard F. Hepburn, for death date and place; citing Manhattan, certificate no. 933. "New York, New York, Death Index, 1862-1948"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Charles W. Rodman, death abstract, for death date and place; citing New York City Department of Records, Municipal Archives.

10. "Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Henry White, death abstract, St. Peter's Cemetery, Hebron; citing *The Charles R. Hale Collection of Conn. Cemetery Inscriptions*, vol. 22, Conn. State Library, Hartford.

4-10: Circa 1876 Kellogg & Carvell

Marmaduke B. Kellogg (circa 1847-1907) and Theodore F. Carvell (1844-1904), San Francisco, California to Joseph Linton Waters (1826-1891), Salem, Massachusetts; envelope probably by Leila Curtis (circa 1846-?), San Francisco, California



Figure 4-10 Circa 1880 envelope from San Francisco, California to Salem, Massachusetts (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 933, lot 840)

“Kellogg & Car[vell]” sent an envelope circa 1876 to J. Linton Waters in Salem, Massachusetts.¹ “Kellogg & Carvell,” proprietors of the Lombard Warehouse, are listed in an 1878 San Francisco, California directory as Marmaduke B. Kellogg and Theodore F. Carvell.² Marmaduke B. Kellogg, a lawyer, born in Michigan, is in San Francisco in the 1880 U.S. census.³ Theodore F. Carvell, Lombard Warehouse proprietor, is in an 1880 San Francisco directory, and he is listed as Theodore Fredwald Carvell in an 1888 voter registry for Alameda County (across the bay from San Francisco).⁴ Marmaduke Burnell Kellogg was born circa 1847 in Michigan, the son of Charles and Jane (Burnell) Kellogg who married circa 1839, and thirteen year-old Marmaduke is with his mother in White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan in the 1860 U.S. census.⁵ Theodore Fredwall Carvell was born October 1844 in Canada, and he married Cornelia Thompson circa 1878.⁶ J. Linton Waters, the recipient, is in Salem, Massachusetts in an 1879 directory at 10 Pleasant [Street], and Joseph L. Waters is in Salem in the 1880 U.S. census at the same address.⁷ Joseph Linton Waters was born 4 October 1826 in Salem, the son of Joseph G. and Eliza (Townsend) Winters, who married 8 December 1825 in Salem.⁸ A source indicating the relationship between J. Linton Waters and Kellogg & Carvell has not yet been found. J. Linton Waters died 14 April 1891 in Salem.⁹ Theodore F. Carvell died 26 September 1904 in Los Angeles.¹⁰ Marmaduke B. Kellogg

died 25 August 1907 in Belmont, California.¹¹ The envelope shows the two-story “Lombard Warehouse” (sign on the roof), barrels and boxes, horse-drawn wagons, and a ship at waters-edge on the right. The San Francisco waterfront has changed since this envelope was printed, as the southwest corner of Lombard and Sansome is now more than a block from waters-edge. “L. Curtis” appears in the lower right of the illustration. Leila Curtis & Co., wood engravers, is listed in an 1878 San Francisco directory.¹² Leila Curtis, wood engraver, is in San Francisco in the 1870 U.S. census.¹³ The Revolution, a newspaper “Devoted to the Interest of Women and Home Culture,” states that Lelia Curtis and Abbie Crane were the first women to open a wood engraving office in San Francisco, after training in New York City at Cooper Institute.¹⁴ Leila Curtis, was apparently born circa 1846 in New York City, the daughter of Lucian and Coelia (Carlton Perkins) Curtis, and six year-old Lelia is with her family in Solano County, California in the 1852 California census.¹⁵ She married John Chamberlain 7 September 1871, and is shown as L. Chamberlin, wood engraver, in the 1880 U.S. census.¹⁶ A record of her death has not yet been found.

Notes

1. The year is estimated by the stamp which was sold 1870 to 1882. “Stamp Identifier” (<http://www.theswedishtiger.com/ID.html>), third stamp in seventh row.

2. Henry G. Langley, compiler, *The San Francisco Directory for the Year Commencing February, 1878* (San Francisco: Henry G. Langley, 1877); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 473, entry for Kellogg & Carvell.

3. 1880 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, ED 83, p. 22B (penned), dwell. 84, fam. 104, line 14, Marmaduke Kellogg; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T9, roll 75.

4. “California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Great Register, Alameda Co., 1888, entry for Theodore Fredwald Carvell, voting no. 2612; citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento. *Langley's San Francisco Directory for the Year Commencing April, 1880* (San Francisco: The Directory Publishing Co., 1880); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 194, entry for Theodore F. Carvell.

5. “California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing “Register 15th Precinct, 8th Ward, San Francisco County, 1880.” “U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Robert Marmaduke Kellogg (born 1902, Mich.), for parents' names and marriage date. 1860 U.S. census, Saint Joseph Co., Michigan, pop. sch., White Pigeon, p. 59 (penned), dwell. 431, fam. 435, Jane Kellogg; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 561.

6. Great Register, Alameda Co., 1888, Theodore Fredwald Carvell, for birth date and place. “California, Births and Christenings, 1812-1988”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; entry for Carvall (female) birth, November 1883, Oakland, Alameda Co., for wife's name. 1900 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Cal., pop. sch., Los

Angeles, ward 5, ED 46, p. 11A (penned), dwell. 239, fam. 251, Theodore F. Carvell; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 89, for couple's estimated marriage year 1878 based on their twenty-two years of marriage (col. 10).

7. *The Salem Almanac & Year Book, 1879* (Salem, Mass.: F.W. Putnam & Co.); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 230, entry for J. Linton Waters. 1880 U.S. census, Essex Co., Mass., pop. sch., Salem, ED 231, p. 40D (penned), dwell. 272, fam. 380, Lizzie G. Waters; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 532.

8. "Family Data Collection-Births"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Linton Waters, birth abstract, for birth date and place and parents' names; original source not shown. *Vital Records of Salem, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849*, vol. 2-Births (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1918); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Joseph Waters, 1833 baptism abstract, for father's name and mother's given name. *Vital Records of Salem*, vol. 4-Marriages; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Joseph G. Waters-Eliza G. Townsend, marriage abstract, p. 440.

9. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Joseph Linton Waters, death, for death date and place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 418, p. 455, no. 166.

10. *The San Francisco [Cal.] Call*; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; 28 September 1904, p. 6, col. 4, "Thomas F. Carvell Dead".

11. "U.S., College Student Lists, 1763-1924"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing *Catalogue of Graduates, Non-graduates, Officers, and Members of the Faculties, 1837-1921* (Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan, 1923), 67, class of 1869, entry for Marmaduke Burnell Kellogg.

12. Langley, *The San Francisco Directory ... 1878*, 247, entry for Leila Curtis & Co.

13. 1870 U.S. census, San Francisco Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Francisco, ward 7, p. 85 (penned), dwell. 710, fam. 662, Lucien Curtis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 81.

14. *The Revolution* [New York, N.Y.], 9 December 1871, p. 7, col. 1.

15. 1852 California state census, Solano Co., p. 7 (penned), Lucien Curtis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing Cal. State Library, collection C144, roll 5. "California, Biographical Index Cards, 1781-1990"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Mary Curtis Richardson (Lelia's sister), citing Cal. State Library, Sacramento, biographical card index.

16. "California, Births and Christenings, 1812-1988"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; entry for Chamberlain (female) birth, 1 August 1874, Oakland, Alameda Co., for husband's name. 1880 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., East Oakland, ED 18, p. 32A (penned), dwell./fam. 237, O. Whiple; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 62, Lelia is listed just after her sister Mary. Robert L. Chandler, *San Francisco Lithographer: African American Artist Grafton Tyler Brown* (Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014); digital image, Google Books; 108, for marriage date.

Chapter 5: Immigrants

Each of the envelopes and postcards in this chapter identify the place of origin of an immigrant or an immigrant's family in a country outside the United States. Many genealogists know that "[t]racing immigrant origins can be one of the hardest parts of family history research."¹ A return address or a postmark can reveal an immigrant ancestor's birthplace. After arriving in the United States many immigrants wrote to family members back in their place of origin (Figures 5-7 and 5-8), and family members in the home country wrote to their family member in the United States (Figures 5-1, 5-3 to 5-6, 5-9, and 5-10). Some envelopes and postcards were written by or to the children of immigrants many years after their parents or grandparents arrived (Figure 5-2).

Many envelopes and postcards sent from foreign countries are written in languages other than English, including German (Figures 5-1 and 5-4), French (Figure 5-3), Italian (Figure 5-6), Bulgarian (Figure 5-9), and Polish (Figure 5-10). Knowing at least basic foreign words for mother, father, brother, sister, aunt, and uncle will be helpful. Dates are generally formatted dd-mm-yyyy; 10-12-1922 is 10 December 1922. Immigrant's first and family names may be spelled differently in the U.S. Ludwig may become Louis; Pierre could become Peter; and Johann, Hans or Jean may be written John. Seübel may become Subel, and Müller may become Miller or Mueller. The family name may precede the given name on an envelope or postcard (Figure 5-6).

Genealogists cannot reach conclusions about an immigrant's birthplace using an envelope or postcard alone. The likelihood of a family relationship between sender and recipient is greater when they share the same family name. Determining the relationship between the recipient and the sender or the location of the postmark and the recipient often requires information found in documents from the country of origin. Proving that a postmark or return address is the immigrant's birthplace can in some cases be done with a single document such as a U.S. passport application (Figures 5-1 and 5-7), military registration (Figures 5-4, 5-6, and 5-8), naturalization application (Figures 5-6 and 5-10), or a ship passenger list (Figures 5-8 and 5-9). In other cases, multiple documents are needed to prove the connection, including foreign birth/baptism or marriage records (Figures 5-2, 5-3, and 5-5) or a foreign census (Figures 5-2 and 5-5).

Postcards first appear in this book in this chapter, and two demonstrate the boon to immigrant families of being able to send correspondence thousands of miles overseas for a penny (Figures 5-2 and 5-5). An illustrated envelope advocating lower postal rates appears in a later chapter (Figure 8-3).

Note

1. *FamilySearch.org*, “Tracing Immigrants Introduction” (https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Tracing_Immigrants_Introduction), paragraph three.

5-1: 1899 Postcard from Elberfeld, Germany



Figure 5-1A 1899 postcard from Elberfeld, Germany to Paterson, New Jersey (Author’s collection)



Figure 5-1B Postcard image of Wuppertal suspended railway (Author’s collection)

Franz and Herman Lünenschloss, Elberfeld, Germany to John Grossgebauer (1871-circa 1946), Paterson, New Jersey

This postcard was sent from the city in Germany where John (Johannes) Grossgebauer was born and lived before he emigrated to the United States. "Frau [Mrs.] Johannes Grossgebauer" of Paterson, New Jersey received a postcard written "30/8/99" (30 August 1899, written on the front at the bottom) and postmarked the same day in Elberfeld, Germany. Elberfeld is printed beneath the postcard's picture. The stamps have "Reichspost," the German postal service, at the bottom. John Grossgebaurer, selling "hatters goods," is listed in an 1899 Paterson directory at 698 East 24th Street, the street address written on the postcard.¹ John Grossgebauer, a hat band salesman, born in Germany, is in Paterson in the 1900 U.S. census.² John Grossgebauer applied for a U.S. passport in 1919 and stated that he was born 19 September 1871 in Elberfeld, Germany, the son of George Grossgebauer.³ A letter that accompanied his passport application stated he was president of Columbia Ribbon Company, a hatband manufacturer. John Grossgebauer died 20 February 1946 in Paterson.⁴ The postcard picture shows the Wuppertal suspended railway, which is still operating. Elberfeld and Wuppertal merged in 1929. The postcard appears to be signed by Franz and Herman Lünenschloss, but their relation to the addressee is not yet determined. The postcard has an 8 September 1899 receiving postmark from Paterson.

Notes

1. *Griffith's Paterson and Passaic Directory, 1899* ([Paterson, N.J.]: Joshua Griffith, 1899); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 373, entry for John Grossgebauer.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Passaic Co., N.J., pop. sch., Paterson, ward 4, ED 133, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 70, fam. 76, John Grossgebauer; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 992.

3. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; John Grossgebauer, application no. 100952, issued 29 July 1919, includes letter from The Columbia Ribbon Co.; citing NARA series M1490, roll 848.

4. *Middletown* [N.Y.] *Times Herald*, 27 February 1946, digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 7, col. 5, "John Grossgebauer Dead in Paterson," includes birth in Elberfeld.

5-2: 1906 “Visit Scotland by the Anchor Line”

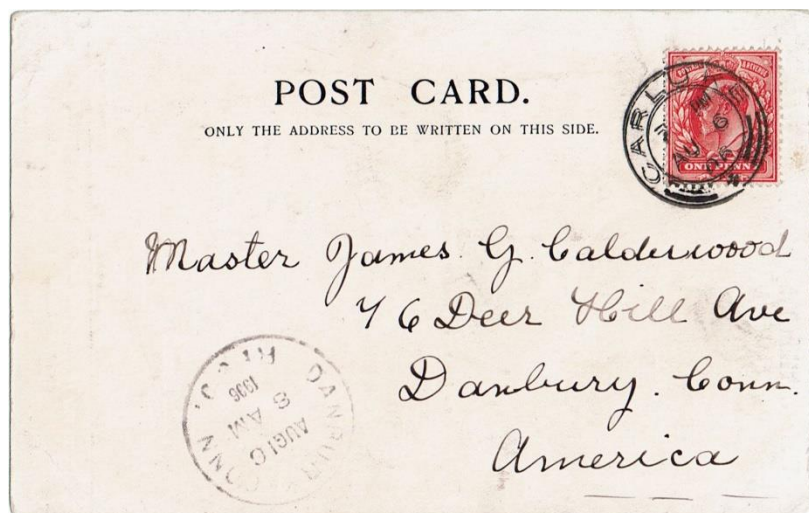


Figure 5-2A 1906 postcard from Carluke, Scotland to Danbury, Connecticut (Author's collection)

Mary Graham (1869-?), Carluke, Scotland to James Graham Calderwood (1894-1949), Danbury, Connecticut

This postcard was sent by an aunt to her nephew, and shows where the recipient's mother was born in Scotland before coming to the U.S. “Master James G. Calderwood” in Danbury, Connecticut received a postcard from Carluke, Scotland postmarked 6 August 1906 and signed “Aunt Mary.” James G. Calderwood is in Danbury in the 1910 U.S. census at 76 Deer Hill Avenue, the address written on the postcard, with his parents William and Grace Calderwood, both born in Scotland.¹ James Graham Calderwood was born 2 September 1894 in Danbury, the son of William and Grace (Graham) Calderwood who married circa 1893.² Grace Graham was born 26 May 1871 in Carluke, the daughter of James and Janet (McLachlan) Graham, and she is in Carluke with her parents and a sister Mary in the 1881 Scotland census.³ Mary Graham was born 27 April 1869 in Carluke to the same parents as Grace.⁴ Grace (Graham) Calderwood is shown in the 1900 U.S. census as born May “1872” and immigrated in 1889.⁵ Grace and Mary Graham, eighteen and twenty years old, born in Carluke and Glasgow, are listed on an 1889 passenger list.⁶ Aunt Mary writes “Received Mama[’s]

letter last week." James G. Calderwood is with his parents in Los Angeles, California in the 1930 U.S. census, where he died 1 February 1949.⁷ A source for Mary Graham's death date and place has not yet been found. The postcard has a British stamp, pictures of a Scottish Anchor Line ship and the Glasgow cathedral, and a 16 August 1906 receiving postmark.

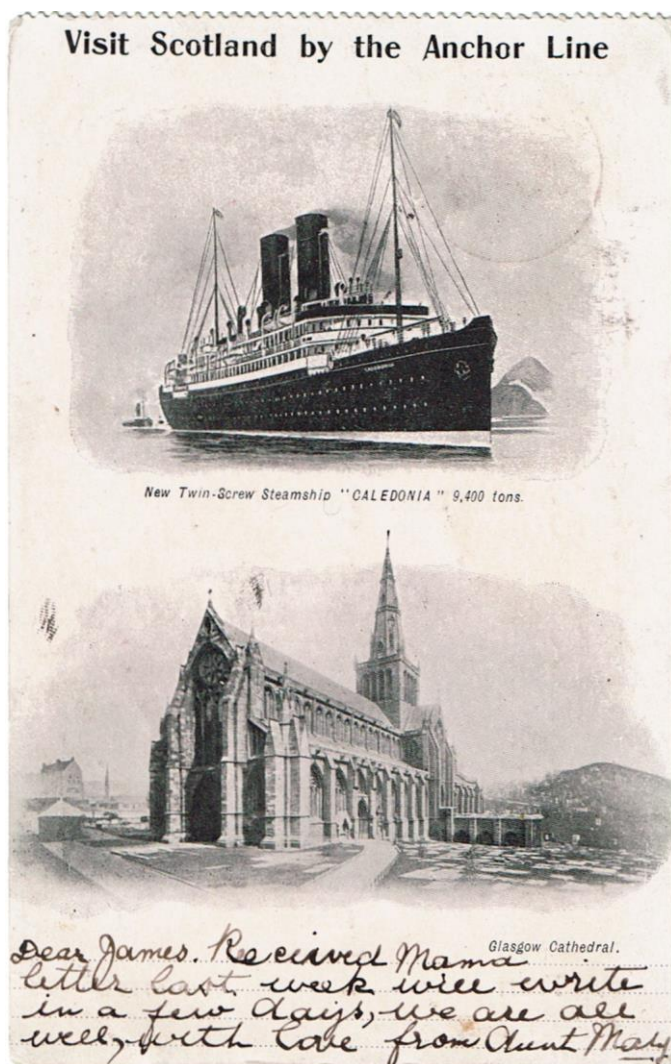


Figure 5-2B Postcard images of a Scottish Anchor Line ship and the Glasgow cathedral (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn., pop. sch., Danbury city, ward 1, ED 62, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 185, fam. 245, William Calderwood; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 129.

2. "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; James Graham Calderwood, registration card, Los Angeles Co., Cal., board 249, for birth date and place; citing National Archives identifier 603155. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; James Graham Calderwood, 1949, for mother's maiden name; citing Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento. 1910 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn., pop. sch., Danbury city, ward 1, ED 62, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 185, fam. 245, William Calderwood, for parents' estimated marriage year 1893 based on their seventeen years of marriage (col. 10).

3. "Statutory Registers, Births"; digital image, *ScotlandsPeople* (<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>); Grace Graham, Parish of Carluke, Co. of Lanark, 1871, p. 46, no. 137, citing 629/00 0137. 1881 Scotland census, Lanark Co., ED 3, Carluke registration district, parish of Carluke, town of Carluke, p. 24. no. 143, James Graham; digital image, *ScotlandsPeople*; citing Census 1881 629/00 003/00 024.

4. "Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Mary Graham, birth abstract; citing Scotland, Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 (Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013).

5. 1900 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn., pop. sch., Danbury city, ward 1, ED 55, sheet 6B (penned), dwell. 129, fam. 147, William Calderwood; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T623, roll 132.

6. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Anchoria, arrived 2 September 1889, Grace Graham, no. 251; Mary Graham, no. 253; citing NARA series M237, roll 537.

7. 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Cal., pop. sch., Los Angeles city, ward 13, ED 19-760, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 62, fam. 63, William Calderwood; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 165. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; James Graham Calderwood, for death date and place.

5-3: "Mon cher beau-frère [My dear brother-in-law]"

**Alexandre Dochler-Gerlinger (1869-after 23 July 1906),
Lembach, Alsace to Fred Gerlinger (1874-1942), Fostoria,
Ohio**

This postcard was mailed from the recipient's birthplace in Alsace by a brother-in-law. "Mons[ieur, Mr., in French] Freed Gerlinger" in Fostoria,

Ohio received a postcard from Lembach, [Alsace, Germany] postmarked “23 7 06 [23 July 1906]” that begins “Mon cher beau-frère [My dear brother-in-law]” and is signed “Alexandre Dochler-Gerlinger.” “Deutsche

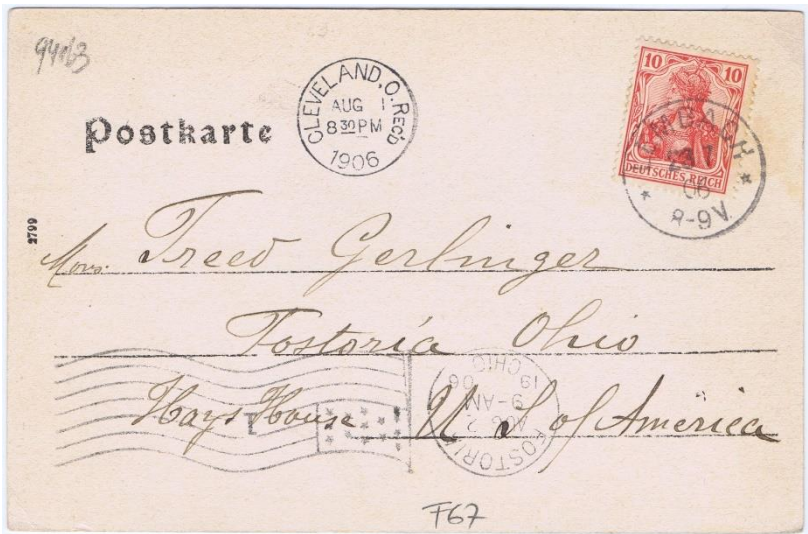


Figure 5-3A 1906 postcard from Lembach, Germany (now France) to Fostoria, Ohio (Author’s collection)

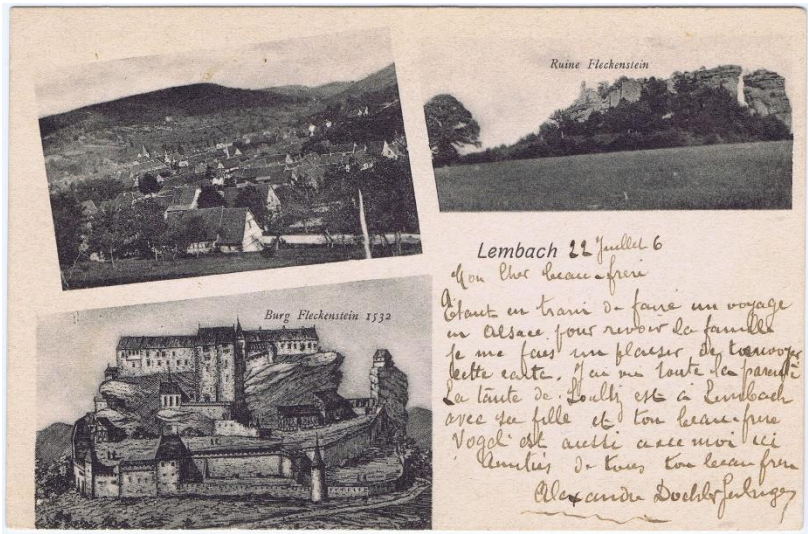


Figure 5-3B Postcard photographs of Lembach and the Fleckenstein castle and a 1532 drawing of the castle (Author's collection)

Reich [German Empire]" on the stamp indicates that the card came from Germany. Frederick H. Gerlinger, thirty-five years old, born in Germany, is in Fostoria in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Friedrich Heinrich Gerlinger was born 17 July 1874 in Lembach, Alsace, Germany (now France), the son of Christian Gerlinger and Salomea Mertz who married 17 October 1865 in Lembach, Alsace, France.² Alexandre-Emile-Clément Dochler was born 9 August 1869 in Millières, France, son of Louis Dochler and Marie Louise Aurélie Horiot,³ and he married Friedrich's sister Salomé in Paris on 12 January 1893.⁴ Alexandre writes he is "en train de faire un voyage en Alsace pour revoir la famille [traveling in Alsace to see the family again]." He continues "ton beau-frere Vogel est aussi avec moi [your brother-in-law Vogel is also with me]," and he was probably referring to Carl Wilhelm Vogel who married Frederick's half-sister Carolina Gerlinger in Lembach on 6 February 1883.⁵ Frederick H. Gerlinger married Lena Griesinger 26 June 1895 in Seneca County, Ohio, where part of Fostoria is located.⁶ He died 5 April 1942 in Fostoria, and his birth in Lembach and his parents' and his wife's names appear on his death certificate.⁷ A source for Alexandre Dochler's death has not yet been found. The postcard has photographs of Lembach and the Fleckenstein castle including a 1532 drawing of the castle, and was postmarked upon receipt in Cleveland on 1 August 1906 and in Fostoria on 2 August. The Cleveland and Fostoria postmarks are receiving postmarks. Alsace and part of Lorraine were French before 1871, then German until the end of World War I, French again until 1940, German during World War II, and French again after 1945.

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Seneca Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Fostoria, ward 3, ED 159, sheet 7A (penned), dwell. 165, fam. 174, Frederick H. Gerlinger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1229.

2. Archives départementales du Bas-Rhin (ADBR) [Departmental Archives of Bas-Rhin] (<http://etat-civil.bas-rhin.fr/adeloch/>) > "J'accepte ces conditions [I accept these conditions (includes no commercial use and no posting/publishing without permission), click on the box]" > "Accéder à la version graphique [Go to the graphic version]" > L > E > "Lembach" > "1874 N [naissances, births]" > page 8, recto (view 8 of 16) > no. 27 (upper right), Friedrich Heinrich Gerlinger, birth, for birth place and date; digital image; citing ADBR microfilm 4 E 263/22, Strasbourg, France. ADBR, [see above in this note for intermediate steps], > "Lembach" > "1865 M

[mariages, marriages]”, digital image, no. 16 (view 13 of 19), Chrétien Gerlinger-Salomé Hertz, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing ADBR microfilm 4 E 263/8.

3. Archives départementales de Haute-Marne (ADHM) [Departmental Archives of Haute-Marne] (<http://archives.haute-marne.fr/>) > “Les collections spécialisées [Specialized collections]” listed on the left > “État civil [Vital records]” > scroll to “E dépôt - de La-Chapelle-en-Blaisy au Puits-des-Mèzes” > scroll to “Millières” > scroll to “E dépôt 12436 •NMD• 1863-1872” and click > click on picture and slide cursor to view 77/125 > act 5 (middle right), Alexandre-Emile-Clément Dochler, birth, for birth date and place; digital image; citing ADHM microfilm E 12436, Chamarandes-Choignes, France.

4. Archives de Paris [Archives of Paris] (http://canadp-archivesenligne.paris.fr/archives_etat_civil/1860_1902_actes/index.php) > “Type d'acte [Type of act]” > scroll to “acte de mariage [marriage act]” > “Arrondissement [administrative division]” > 11e [11th] > “Date de l'acte [Date of the act]” > type in 12/01/1893 [12 January 1893] > “Rechercher [Search]” > “Visualiser [See]” > click on the upper eye > scroll to view 29 (top right of screen), page vingt-sept [twenty-seven], verso; digital image; act 54, “Dochler Gerlinger,” marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Archives de Paris microfilm V4E 9 123.

5. ADBR, [see note 2 for intermediate steps], > “Lembach” > “1883 M”, digital image, no. 3 (views 4 and 5 of 13), Carl Wilhelm Vogel-Carolina Gerlinger, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing ADBR microfilm 4 E 263/24.

6. “Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Fred H. Gerlinger-Lena A. Griesinger, 1895, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Seneca Co., marriage records 1889-1899, vol. 11, p. 84.

7. “Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Frederick H. Gerlinger, death, no. 26055, 1942, Fostoria, Hancock and Seneca counties; citing Ohio, Department of Health.

5-4: 1911 “Lieber Bruder [Dear Brother]”

Berta Hanselmann, St. Gallen, Switzerland to Andrew Hanselmann (1887-1965), West Hoboken, New Jersey; postcard by Hermann Guggenheim (1864-1912) & Co., Zurich, Switzerland

This postcard was sent by a sister to her brother and shows where the recipient was born in Switzerland. “Andrew Hanselman[n]” in West Hoboken, New Jersey received a postcard from St. Gallen, Switzerland, signed “Berta,” and postmarked “11.IX.11” (11 September 1911).¹

“Helvetia” on the stamp indicates the postcard was sent from Switzerland. Andrew Hanselmann, born in Switzerland, is in West Hoboken in the 1910 U.S. census at 417 Monastery Street, the address written on the postcard.² Andrew is shown in the census boarding with Anna Graf and the postcard was sent “c/o: Mrs Graf.” The census shows Andrew arrived in the U.S. in

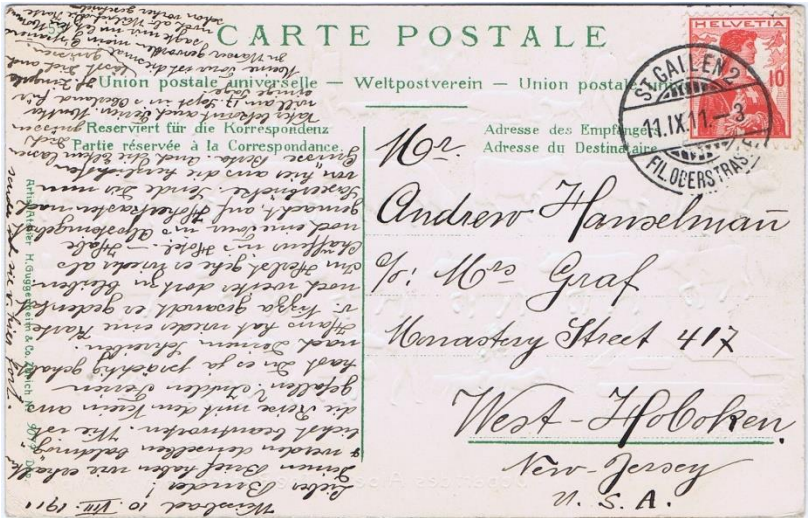


Figure 5-4A 1911 postcard from St. Gallen, Switzerland to West, Hoboken, New Jersey (Author’s collection)

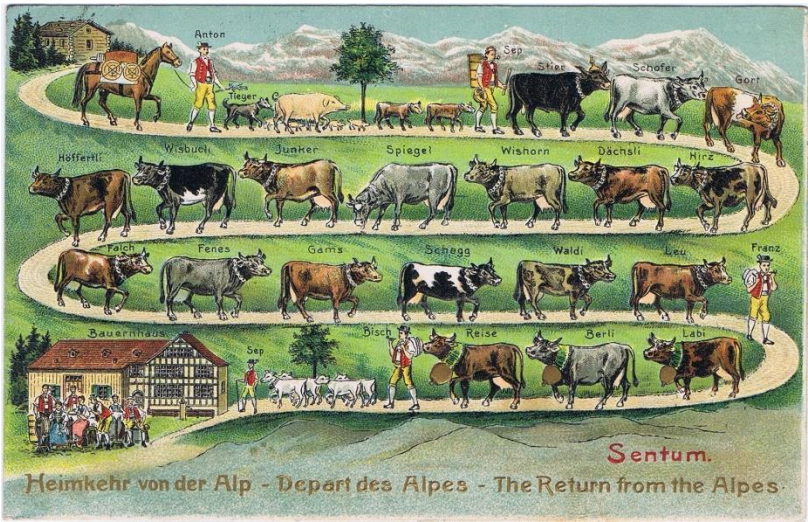


Figure 5-4B Postcard drawing of a line of named cows, people, and other animals returning from the Alps (Author's collection)

1908, and "Andreas" Hanselmann, born in St. Gallen, is on a 1908 passenger list.³ His World War I and II registration cards state he was born in St. Gallen 22 August 1887.⁴ The postcard text, written in German, begins "Lieber Bruder [Dear Brother]" and is datelined "Weissbad 10.VIII.1911." Weissbad is in the Appenzell Mountains. Berta writes that her trip to the mountains fell through, or fell in the water ("Meine Tour ist diesmal zu Wasser geworden"), but she is sending the card as it was already written ("Weil ich die Karte schon vorher geschrieben sende ich sie v(on) hier fort"). She mentions "Vater" (father) and "Mutter" (mother). Andrew Hanselmann subsequently lived in Humarock, Massachusetts and died September 1965.⁵ Sources for Andrew's parents' names and Berta's date and place of birth and death have not yet been found. This postcard shows a line of named cows, people, and other animals returning from the Alps. The postcard was produced by "H. Guggenheim & Co., Zurich," printed vertically on back of card, on the left. Hermann Guggenheim was born 20 November 1864 and died 2 February 1912 in Zurich, Switzerland, and was in business with his brother Jacques.⁶

Notes

1. The short line above the final n in Hanselman doubles the letter to make Hanselmann.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Hudson Co., N.J., pop. sch., West Hoboken town, ward 2, ED 284, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 135, fam. 247, Anna Graf; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 894.

3. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Andreas Hanselmann, arrived 10 March 1908, S.S. *Kronprinzessin Cecile*, pp. 182 (stamped, verso)-183 (stamped, recto), line 12, for birthplace; citing NARA series T715, roll 1081.

4. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Andrew Hanselmann, Hudson Co., N.J., citing NARA M1509, roll not shown, for birth date and place. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Andrew Ernest Hanselmann, Hudson Co., N.J., board 1, citing NARA series M1986, roll not shown, for birth date and place.

5. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Andrew Hanselmann, SSN 142-05-9844, issued N.J., for last residence and death month and year.

6. "Helvetic Archives" (<https://www.helveticarchives.ch/>) > "Full Text Search" and type in Hermann Guggenheim > click on "Search" > "Guggenheim, Hermann:

Sammlung Guggenheim" for "Biographical information" with birth date and location.

5-5: 1913 "[M]y thoughts were all about poor Jane"

Cassie (O'Donnell) Keenan (1874-?), Bruckless, County Donegal, Ireland to Margaret (O'Donnell) Carpenter (1861-1934), Detroit, Michigan; postcard probably by Cassie (O'Donnell) Keenan

This postcard was sent between sisters and indicates where the recipient was born in Ireland. "Mrs. Charles Carpenter" of Detroit, Michigan received a postcard from Bruckless, County Donegal, Ireland postmarked 15 February 1913 that begins "Dear Sister" and is signed "Cassie." Margaret (Mrs. Charles M.) Carpenter, born in Ireland, is in Detroit in the 1920 U.S. census at 693 Meldrum Avenue, the street address written on the postcard.¹ Charles Carpenter married Margaret O'Donnell circa 1906.² Cassie is probably Cassie O'Donnell in Bruckless in the 1901 Ireland census, with parents John and Mary and sisters Lizzie and Ellen O'Donnell.³ Cassie was born and baptized Catherine O'Donnell 8 July 1874, daughter of John and Mary (Ward) O'Donnell, and Margaret was possibly baptized 15 August 1861.⁴ Catherine O'Donnell married Rodger Keenan 23 January 1905 in Dunkineely (just east of Bruckless).⁵ Rodger and Catherine Keenan are in Bruckless in the 1911 Ireland census with Lizzie and Ellen O'Donnell, sisters-in-law.⁶ Cassie wrote "my thoughts were all about poor Jane these past few days, 2 years passed so quickly. I hope she is happy in Heaven...The Bradys have not written yet + I wrote to Pat himself to send something in memory of Jane." Jane O'Donnell, Margaret and Cassie's sister, married Patrick F. Brady circa 1890, and they are in Danville, Illinois in the 1900 U.S. census.⁷ Jane/Jennie (O'Donnell) Brady died 12 February 1911 in Danville, just over two years before this postcard was sent.⁸ Jane/Jennie's obituary lists "Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Detroit, a sister" and "Mrs. Richard Keenan, Misses Helen and Lizzie O'Donnell" in Ireland.⁹ Cassie also wrote "Con's wife was in a great hurry," and the reference is probably to the wife of their brother Connell O'Donnell, born and baptized 8 July 1869.¹⁰ "Published by Mrs. C. Keenan, Bruckless" is printed on the back of the postcard, vertically, on the left, and this probably refers to Cassie who is shown as a sub-postmistress in the 1911 census.¹¹ Margaret (O'Donnell) Carpenter died 27 October 1934

in Detroit at sixty-two years old.¹² Her age at death may be incorrect, as she would be seventy-three years old if born in 1861. A source for Cassie (O'Donnell) Keenan's death date and place has not yet been found. This postcard has an image of "Bruckless Bay."

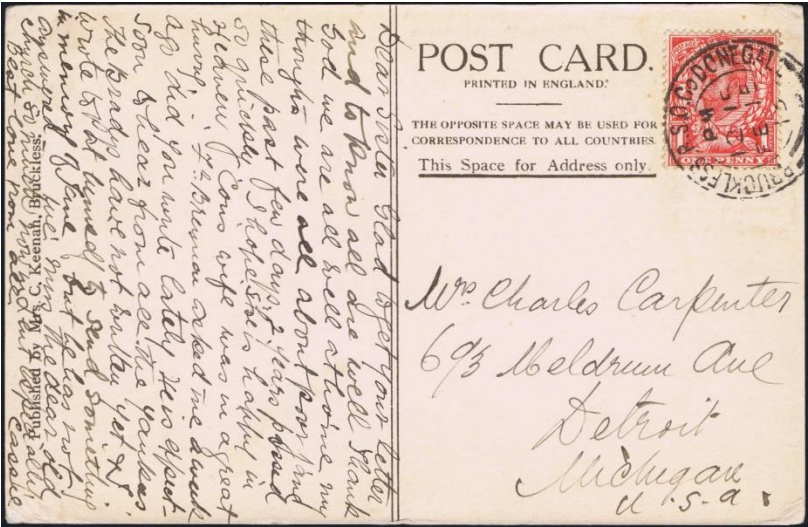


Figure 5-5A 1913 postcard from Bruckless, Ireland to Detroit, Michigan with publisher's named printed vertically on the left (Author's collection)

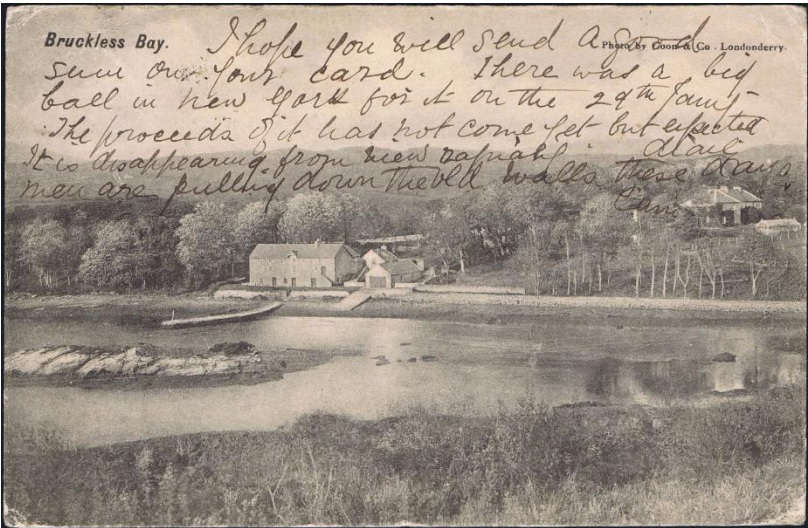


Figure 5-5B Postcard image of Bruckless Bay, Ireland
(Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 15, ED 459, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 109, fam. 119, Charles M. Carpenter; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 814.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 15, ED 221, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 68, fam. 75, Charles M. Carpenter; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 814, marriage year estimated 1906 based on four years of marriage shown in census, Margaret mistakenly shown as Charles.

3. 1901 Ireland census, Co. Donegal, Bruckless townland, Dunkineely district electoral division, family 2, household return (form A), John O'Donnell; digital image, National Archives of Ireland (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>); search using surname O'Donnell.

4. Bruckless parish register (previously Killaghtee parish), Raphoe Catholic diocese (Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland), 1857-1886, baptisms and marriages, Catherine O'Donnell and Margat O'Donnell, baptisms, for baptism date and parents' names; Family History Library microfilm 1279234, item 6; mother's name not shown in Margat's record. Margaret's estimated birth year is shown as 1872 in her death record abstract (see note 12) which does not match a baptism in 1861.

5. "Roots Ireland" (www.rootsireland.ie), subscription database, Rodger Keenan-Catherine O'Donnell, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

6. 1911 Ireland census, Co. Donegal, Bruckless townland, Dunkineely district electoral division, family 4, household return (form A), Roger Keenan; digital image, National Archives of Ireland.

7. 1900 U.S. census, Vermilion Co., Ill., pop. sch., Danville, ward 4, ED 72, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 247, fam. 267, Patrick Brady; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 348.

8. "Mrs. Patrick Brady Died Early Sunday," *The Danville [Ill.]-Press Democrat*, 14 February 1911; photocopy of microfilm, Danville Public Library, Danville, Ill.

9. "Mrs. Patrick Brady Died Early Sunday," *The Danville [Ill.]-Press Democrat*, 14 February 1911, first name of Catherine Keenan's husband was Roger, not Richard.

10. Bruckless parish register, baptisms and marriages, Connell Donnell, baptism, includes parents' names. "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911," Connell O'Donnell, citing Family History Library microfilm 101,191.

11. 1911 Ireland census, Co. Donegal, Bruckless townland, Dunkineely district electoral division, family 4, household return (form A), Roger Keenan; digital image, National Archives of Ireland.

12. "Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Margaret Carpenter, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Mich.

5-6: 1917 "Carissimo figlio [Dear Son]"



Figure 5-6A Front of 1917 envelope from Piacenza, Italy to Brooklyn, New York with recipient's family name before given name (Author's collection)

Giacomo Martini, Piacenza, Italy to Giuseppina Martini (1887-1943), Brooklyn, New York

This envelope was sent by a father to his son and his son's wife, and it indicates the son's birthplace in Italy. "Pregiatissima Signora [Most Dear Lady] Giuseppina Martini" in Brooklyn, New York received an envelope postmarked and registered in Piacenza, Italy "1.12.17 [1 December 1917]." An enclosed letter, datelined "S[an] Lazzaro Alberoni 1 Dicembre [December, in Italian] 1917," begins "Carissimo figlio [Dear Son]" and is signed "Giacomo Martini," which corresponds to the "Martini Gia..." in the partially covered return address written on the envelope's back flap. Joseph and Josephine Martini, both born in Italy, are in Brooklyn in the 1920 U.S.

census at 1141 61st Street, the address written on the envelope.¹ Joseph Martini applied for U.S. citizenship 18 July 1922 and stated that he was born 13 July 1887 in Piacenza, Italy, that his wife Josphina was born 8 January 1887, and that he arrived in the U.S. in 1912.² Joseph filed his declaration of intention 11 August 1912 and he included the street address shown on the envelope.³ Giuseppe Martini with a father named Giacomo in Piacenza arrived in New York City 7 March 1912 from Naples, Italy aboard S.S. Duca D Aosta.⁴ Joseph Martini, born in Piacenza, registered with Selective Service in 1942.⁵ This envelope and letter were sent during World War I when mail was subject to censorship. The letter was opened and re-sealed, and both the envelope and letter were hand-stamped by a censor ("Verificato per Censura [Verified by Censor]"). Josephine Martini died 17 March 1943 in Brooklyn, and Joseph Martini in March 1971.⁶ Sources for Giacomo Martini's birth and death have not yet been found. San Lazzaro Alberoni is apparently a neighborhood within the city of Piacenza. The stamp has "Poste Italiane" at the top, and there is a 1 January 1918 receiving postmark from Brooklyn on the back of the envelope.



Figure 5-6B Back of 1917 envelope with return address and censor's hand stamp, re-sealed on right after inspection by censor

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Kings Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Brooklyn, ED 513, sheet 5A (penned), dwell. 37, fam. 60, Chelacteno Brovarone; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 1158.

2. "New York, Naturalization Records, 1882-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Martini, petition no. 41387, date 12 April 1922; citing "Petitions for Naturalization from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1897-1944," NARA series M1972, roll 223.

3. "New York, Naturalization Records, 1882-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Martini, declaration of intention, no. 82031, 11 August 1917; citing NARA series M1972, roll 223, for birthplace as Amelia, Italy (Piacenza is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy).

4. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Giuseppe Martini; citing NARA series T715, roll 1815, for departure port and U.S. arrival date and port.

5. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Martini, Brooklyn, N.Y., board 173; citing National Archives identifier 2555973, "Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration."

6. "New York, New York, Death Index, 1862-1948"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Josephine Martini, for death date and place; citing indexes by Italian Genealogical Group and German Genealogy Group. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Joseph Martini, SSN 098-09-5496, for death month and year.

5-7: 1918 An immigrant writes to his birthplace in Switzerland

August J. Hunziker (1868-1927), Paterson, New Jersey to Walter Hunziker, Aarau, Switzerland

August Hunziker in Paterson, New Jersey sent a registered envelope on 12 March 1918 to Walter Hunziker in Aarau, Switzerland. The sender's return address is written on the envelope's back flap. August Hunziker, born in Switzerland, and his wife Alice are in Paterson in the 1910 U.S. census at 194 Carroll Street, the street address written on the back flap, and they are

at the same address in the 1920 U.S. census.¹ A second August Hunziker, also born in Switzerland, is in Paterson in the 1920 U.S. census but at a different street address and with a different wife and children.² August Johann Hunziker applied for a U.S. passport in 1920 and stated that he was born 1 February 1868 in Aarau, Switzerland, the son of Guido Ulrich Hunziker.³ August Hunziker died 1927 in Paterson.⁴ His wife Alice is shown as a widow in the 1930 U.S. census.⁵ This is an example of correspondence sent by an immigrant to his birthplace outside the U.S. The envelope was mailed during World War I and was opened (“Ouvert”) by a military censor. The envelope was postmarked 12 March 1918 in Paterson and has a receiving postmark “8.IV.18 [8 April 1918]” applied in Aarau. Many countries inspected letters and postcards sent by civilians and soldiers during World War I. Sources for Walter Hunziker's birth and death and his relationship with August have not yet been found.



Figure 5-7A Front of 1918 envelope from Paterson, New Jersey to Aarau, Switzerland (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Passaic Co., N.J., pop. sch., Paterson, ward 5, ED 123, sheet 15B (penned), dwell. 201, fam. 304, August Hunziker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 906. 1920 U.S. census, Passaic Co., N.J., pop. sch., Paterson, ward 6, ED 111, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 145, fam. 222, August J. Hunziker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1065.

2. 1920 U.S. census, Passaic Co., N.J., pop. sch., Paterson, ward 3, ED 87, sheet 10A (penned), dwell. 83, fam. 169, August Hunziker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1065.

3. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; August Johann Hunziker, application no. 40956, issued 22 May 1920, for birth date and father's name, year of birth shown 1968; citing NARA series M1490, roll 1225.

4. "Find A Grave," database, August John Hunziker, Passaic Co., N.J., memorial no. 84509997, for gravestone photograph with birth and death years.

5. 1930 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N.J., pop. sch., Paramus borough, ED 2-192, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 71, fam. 73, Alice Hunziker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; for marital status (col. 14); citing NARA series T626, roll 1315.



Figure 5-7B Back of 1918 envelope with return address and receiving postmark, re-sealed on left and stamped "Ouvert [Opened]" (Author's collection)

5-8: 1920 Envelope to Grænge, Denmark

John Erboe (1888-1969), Fenton, Iowa to Yens Erboe, Grænge, Denmark

This envelope was addressed to the sender's birthplace in Denmark, and probably identifies a family member because the sender and the addressee have the same family name. "John Erboe" in Fenton, Iowa sent a registered envelope to "Yens Erboe, Grence, Lolland, Denmark." Postmarks on the back of the envelope show that it was registered 17 December 1920 in Ringsted, Iowa, passed through New York City 20 December 1920, and arrived in "Grænge 5.1.21 [5 January 1921]." John Erboe, born in Denmark,

is in Fairmont, Minnesota, about twenty-five miles north of Ringsted, in the 1920 U.S. census.¹ The 1920 census states he arrived in the United States in 1907, and was working as a “tiler” in the “country.” Johannes Julius Erboe is on a 21 March 1907 passenger list arriving in New York City that states



Figure 5-8A Front of 1920 envelope from Fenton, Iowa to Grege, Lollard, Denmark (Author’s collection)



Figure 5-8B Back of 1920 envelope with receiving postmark
(Author's collection)

he was born in "Grenge," Denmark, and is joining his brother Carl in Chicago.² Carl Erboe, born in Denmark, is in Chicago in the 1920 U.S. census.³ John and Carl Erboe registered with Selective Service in 1942, and John stated he was born 5 May 1888 in "Grenge, Denmark" and Carl stated he was born 25 February 1879 in "Thoreby, Denmark."⁴ Grenge is located within Thorby/Toreby. John may have sent the envelope from the Ringsted post office while placing tile drainage in the area. John Erboe died 13 August 1969 in Cook County, Illinois.⁵ Details regarding Yens Erboe, the addressee, have not yet been found.

Notes

1. 1920 U.S. census, Martin Co., Minn., pop. sch., Fairmont city, ward 3, ED 126, p. 5B (penned), dwell. 99, fam. 109, John Erboe; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 844.

2. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Johannes Julius Erboe, line 6, arrived 21 March 1907, ship S.S. Oceanic, for birth place (shown on far right) and arrival date and port; citing NARA series T715, roll 848.

3. 1920 U.S. census, Cook Co., Ill., pop. sch., Chicago, ward 3, ED 165, p. 9A (penned), dwell. 94, fam. 172, Carl Erboe, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T625, roll 313.

4. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; registration cards, John Julius Erboe, Chicago, Ill.; and Carl Erboe, South Elgin, Ill., for birth dates and places; citing NARA series M2097, roll 79, "World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration), for The State of Illinois."

5. "Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Julius Erboe, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Cook County clerk, Chicago, file no. 623984.

5-9: 1926 Envelope and Letter from Varna, Bulgaria to Syracuse, New York

Sophie (-?) Angeloff (circa 1884-after 15 April 1940), Varna, Bulgaria to Panajot Angeloff (1884-1965), Syracuse, New York

This envelope and letter were sent from the recipient's birthplace in Bulgaria by the recipient's wife and daughter before they joined him in the

United States. "Mister Panajot Angeloff" in Syracuse, New York received an envelope and letter postmarked 13 January 1926 in "Варна [Varna, in Bulgarian]" with "Abs[ender, sender, in German] S. Angeloff, Varna,

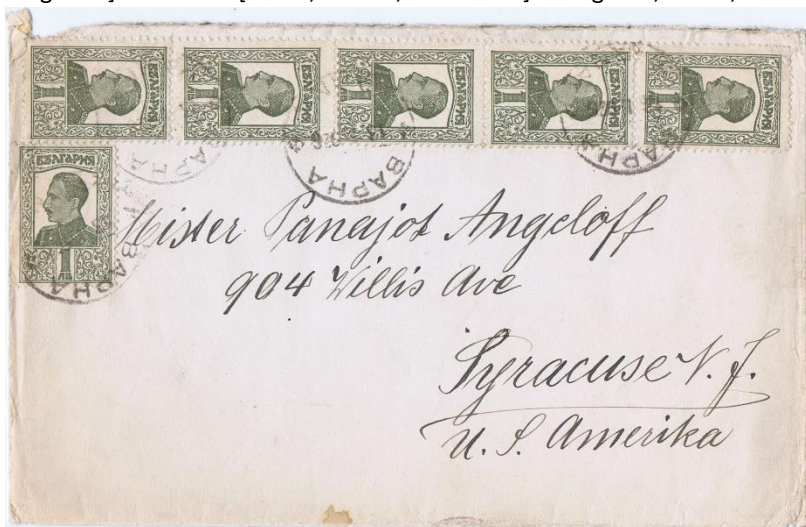


Figure 5-9A Front of 1926 envelop from Bapha [Varna], Bulgaria to Syracuse, New York (Author's collection)

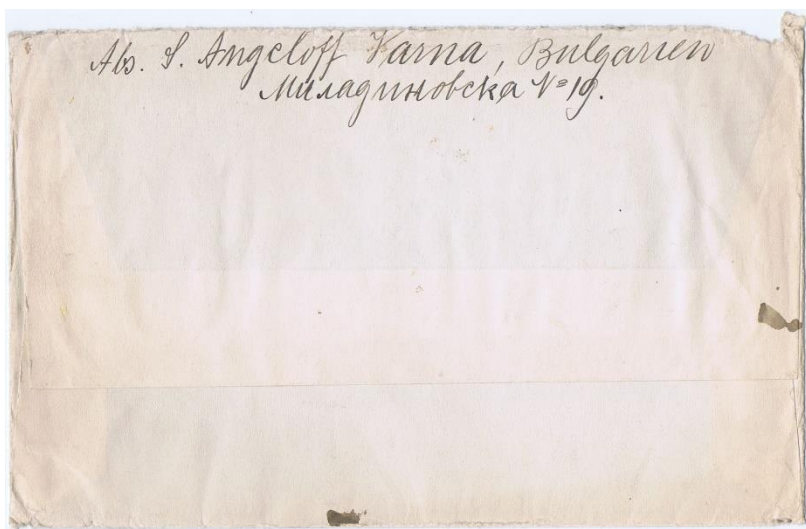


Figure 5-9B Back of 1926 envelop with return address (Author's collection)

Varna 10. I. 26.

Jenerster Panjscho
 Lieber Papa,

Wir haben Deine beiden Briefe
 18 & 14 mit je 27 Einlage bekommen.
 Vielen Dank. Von Joe haben wir
 niemals einen Brief bekommen.
 Binnerhalb habe keine Nach-
 richt. Ich habe ihm 4 Briefe
 geschrieben und keine Ant-
 wort bekommen. Ich bin sehr
 beleidigt. Du kennst mich ja.
 Also wenn Du ihn siehst sagst
 Du ihm, dass wir ihm danken
 oder schreibe mir seine genaue
 Adresse, dann schreibe ich ihm

Figure 5-9C Page 1 of 1926 letter that begins "Lieber Papa [Dear Father]" (Author's collection)

Bulgarien [Bulgaria, in German]" written on the back flap. Bulgaria, written in Cyrillic, is printed at the top of each stamp.¹ Panajot Angeloff is listed in a 1926 Syracuse directory at 904 Willis Avenue, the street address written on the envelope.² Panajot, his wife Sofie, and daughter Helen are listed in the 1930 U.S. census, and Panajot's year of immigration is shown as 1923.³ Panajot Angeloff appears on both departing and arriving passenger lists in 1923 with Varna shown as his birthplace.⁴ Panajot was born 2 February

1884 in Varna and Sophie circa 1884 in Munich, Germany, and they married circa 1914.⁵ Helen was born circa 1918 in Munich, Germany, and Sofie and Helen traveled to the U.S. in 1926.⁶ Sophia and Elenja Angeloff are listed on a 1926 passenger list with “Panaist” Angeloff in Syracuse shown as the relative they are joining.⁷ The letter is datelined 10 January 1926 in Varna, begins “Lieber Papa [Dear Father],” and is signed “Sophi + Elenka.” Panajot Angeloff died June 1965, and Helen Angeloff died 26 August 2003, probably in Syracuse.⁸ Sophie Angeloff was alive at the time of the 1940 U.S. census, but a source for her death has not yet been found.⁹

Notes

1. Donna O'Keefe, editor, *Linn's Stamp Identifier* (Sidney, Ohio: Linn's Stamp News, 1993), 99.

2. *The Syracuse Directory ... 1926* (Syracuse, New York: Sampson & Murdock Co., Inc., 1926); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 383, entry for Panajot Angeloff.

3. 1930 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Syracuse, ward 10, ED 34-73, sheet 16A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Panajot Angeloff; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T626, roll 1628, for Panajot's arrival year (col. 22).

4. “Hamburger Passagierlisten, 1850-1934”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Panajot Angeloff, ship Cleveland, departed 29 November 1923; citing Vol. 373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 308, p. 3934, film K_1853; Staatsarchiv Hamburg. “New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Panajot Angeloff, ship SS Cleveland, arrived 10 December 1923; citing NARA series T715, roll 3427.

5. “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Panajot Angeloff, SSN 074-05-1448, for Panajot's birth date. 1930 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Syracuse, ward 10, ED 34-73, sheet 16A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Panajot Angeloff, for Panajot's birth place and couple's marriage year estimated 1914 by their ages of thirty years at first marriage (col. 15).

6. 1930 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Syracuse, ward 10, ED 34-73, sheet 16A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Panajot Angeloff, for Sofie's and Helen's birth places and year estimated 1884 by her age of forty-six years, and arrival year (col. 22).

7. “New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Sophia and Elenja Angeloff, ship S.S. Homeric, arrived 22 July 1926; citing NARA series T715, roll 3890.

8. “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Panajot Angeloff, SSN 074-05-1448, for death month and year; and Helen Angeloff, SSN 085-32-8430, for death date and last residence in Syracuse.

9. 1940 U.S. census, Onondaga Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Syracuse, ward 17, ED 66-239, sheet 64A (penned), household 39, Panajot Angeloff; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T627, roll 2858.

5-10: 1946 Envelope from Kombornia, Poland

Karolina Wladysaw Makiel, Kombornia, Poland to Andrzej Wojnar (1883-1962), Wilmerding, Pennsylvania

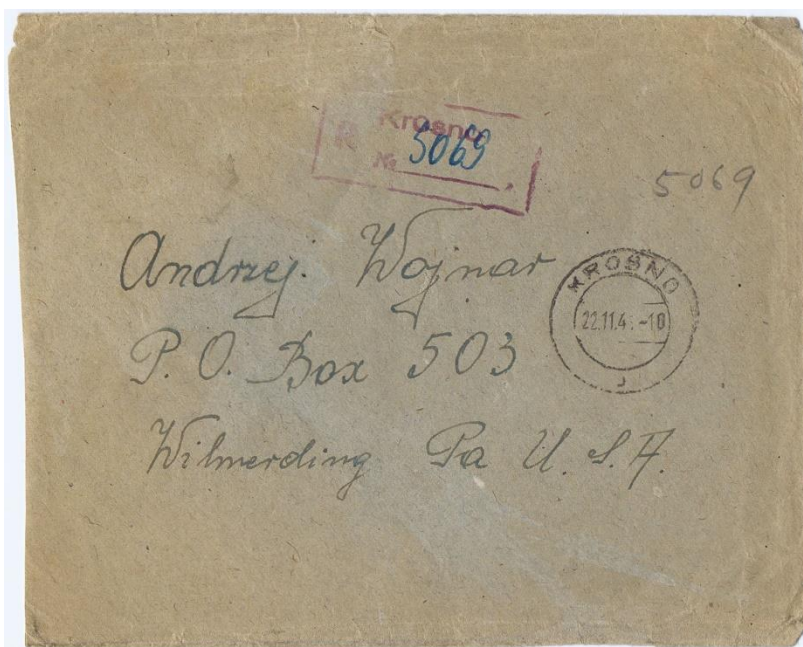


Figure 5-10A Front of 1946 envelope from Krosno, Poland to Wilmerding, Pennsylvania (Author's collection)

This envelope was sent from the recipient's birthplace in Poland. Andrzej Wojnar in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania received a registered envelope postmarked "22.11.46" (22 November 1946) in Krosno, Poland with an "R [for registered] Krosno" hand-stamp. The return address is written on the back flap, and shows the envelope was written in "Kombornia, pow[iat, county in Polish] Krosno, woj[ewództwo, province in Polish] Rzeszów [the regional capital]." Kombornia is about eight miles northeast of Krosno. Andrew Wojnar, from Poland, is in West Wilmerding in the 1940 U.S. census.¹ Andrzej Wojnar filed a petition for naturalization 16 November 1923, and he stated that he was born 29 September 1883 in Kombornia, Poland.² Andrew's 1917 declaration of intention accompanies his petition and shows his address as "Box 503, Wilmerding," the address written on

the envelope. Andrzej Wojnar died 27 March 1962 in Scott township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.³ The sender's name, written on the back flap, appears to be Karolina Wladysaw Makiel. The envelope has four Polish stamps with "Polska" at the bottom, and it passed through New York 16 December 1946 and has an 18 December 1946 receiving postmark from Wilmerding. A source for Karolina Wladysaw Makiel's birth and death and how Karolina and Andrzej are related has not yet been found.



Figure 5-10B Back of 1946 envelope with return address (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1940 U.S. census, Allegheny Co., Pa., pop. sch., North Versailles township, West Wilmerding, ED 2-410, sheet 9A (penned), household 147, Andrew Wojnar, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series T627, roll 3413.
2. "Selected U.S. Naturalization Records-Original Documents, 1790-1974"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Andrej Wojnar, declaration of intention, no. 43013, 23 April 1917, and naturalization petition no. 49392, 3 July 1923, Western District, Pa.; citing NARA series M1537, roll 321.
3. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Andrew Wojnar, death, no. 022748-62, for death date and place; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

Chapter 6: Family and Friend Correspondence

Most of the envelopes, letters, and postcards in this book were exchanged between family members and they could all be classified as family correspondence. This chapter includes birth announcements (Figures 6-5 and 6-8); a birthday card (Figure 6-3); holiday correspondence for Valentine's Day (Figure 6-6), Thanksgiving (Figure 6-1), and New Year's (Figure 6-4); a death notice or mourning cover (Figure 6-9); a family reunion invitation (Figure 6-10); and a postcard sent between cousins just staying in touch (Figure 6-7). The Valentine's Day card was sent between friends. Writing to family, whether near or far, has been at the heart of much correspondence for as long as people have exchanged letters and postcards. The text speaks of everyday life: crops, weather, a dance, and illness; and the illustrations include babies, a hometown church, flowers, a turkey, and a stork. A writing comparison is presented to help identify the sender of one postcard who signed with just his initials (Figure 6-2).

6-1: "Thanksgiving Greetings"

Hannah (Jones) Davis (1846-1921), Mount Vernon, Illinois to
Edith Delia Davis (1887-1966), St. Joseph, Missouri

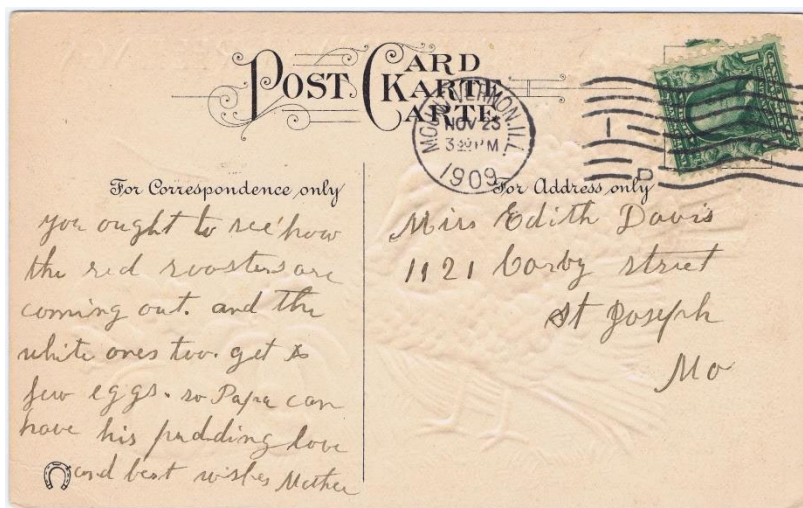


Figure 6-1A 1909 postcard from Mount Vernon, Illinois to St. Joseph, Missouri (Author's collection)



Figure 6-1B Front of 1909 postcard with "Thanksgiving Greetings" (Author's collection)

This holiday postcard was sent by a mother to her daughter. “Miss Edith Davis” in St. Joseph, Missouri received a postcard from Mount Vernon, Illinois postmarked 23 November 1909 and signed “Mother.” Edith D. Davis, niece, is in St. Joseph in the 1910 U.S. census with William H. and Mary Speaker.¹ William H. Speaker is listed in a 1909 St. Joseph directory at 1121 Corby, the address written on the postcard.² Edith Davis is with her parents, Daniel T. and Anna J. Davis, in the 1900 U.S. census in McClellan, Illinois, about ten miles southwest of Mount Vernon, and she is listed with her parents in the 1910 U.S. census in addition to her listing with her aunt and uncle in St. Joseph.³ Edith Delia Davis was born 9 January 1887 in Osceola, Iowa, the daughter of Daniel Terry and Hannah/Anna (Jones) Davis, who married 18 January 1866.⁴ Edith's mother, Hannah (Jones) Davis, and her aunt, Mary (Jones) Speaker, were sisters. Mary Jones was born 21 November 1842, and Hannah Jones on 14 October 1846, both in Mount Savage, Maryland, both daughters of Edward and Mary (Wood) Jones, who married 13 October 1839 in Bolton le Moors, England.⁵ Mary and Hannah Jones, sisters, are with their parents in South Wheeling, Virginia in the 1860 U.S. census.⁶ William Henry Speaker married Mary Jones 16 February 1865 in South Wheeling, West Virginia.⁷ Edith's mother writes “You ought to see how the red roosters are coming out, and the white ones too. Get a few eggs, so Papa can have his pudding.” Hannah (Jones) Davis died 22 October 1921 in Washington, D.C.⁸ Edith married William C. Schnitzke 30 June 1942 in Washington, D.C.⁹ Edith D. Schnitzke authored a family history published in 1950.¹⁰ Edith (Davis) Schnitzke died 2 June 1966 in Los Angeles, California.¹¹ The front of the postcard has a picture of a turkey and pumpkins and “Thanksgiving Greetings.”

Notes

1. 1900 U.S. census, Buchanan Co., Mo., pop. sch., St. Joseph, ward 2, ED 55, sheet 6B (penned), dwell. 136, fam. 142, William H. Speaker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 771.

2. R. L. Polk & Co.'s St. Joseph City Directory 1909 (St. Joseph, Mo.: R.L. Polk & Co., 1909); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 879, entry for Wm. H. Speaker.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ill., pop. sch., McClellan, ED 73, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 55, fam. 56, Daniel T. Davis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 308. 1910 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ill., pop. sch., McClellan, ED 100, sheet 8A (penned), dwell./fam. 153, Daniel T. Davis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 294.

4. Edith D. Schnitzke, *Davis-Jones and Allied Families Genealogy Lineage* (Los Angeles: Beauchamp House, 1950); digital image, *HathiTrust.org* (<http://www.hathitrust.org/>); 21, entry for Daniel Terry Davis, for his marriage date and parents' names, and Edith's birth date and place.

5. Schnitzke, *Davis-Jones and Allied Families*, 36, for Mary and Hannah's birth dates and place. "Manchester, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1930"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Edward Jones-Mary Wood, Register of Marriages, Bolton le Moors, St. Peter, Lancashire, England, p. 234, marriage no. 468, for marriage date and place; citing Anglican Parish Registers, Manchester, England.

6. 1860 U.S. census, Ohio Co., Va., pop. sch., South Wheeling, p. 57 (penned), dwell. 3858, fam. 3978, Edward Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1368.

7. West Virginia Division of Culture and History (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_mcsearch.aspx), "Search Marriage Records"; digital image; enter William H. Speaker-Mary Jones as groom and bride, select Ohio Co., marriage license, for marriage date and place.

8. "District of Columbia Deaths, 1874-1961"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hannah Davis, for death date and place; citing D.C. Health Department, Washington D.C.

9. "District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Wm. Carl Schnitzke-Edith Delia Davis, marriage application no. 240285, for marriage date and place; citing D.C. Superior Court clerk, Washington D.C.

10. Schnitzke, *Davis-Jones and Allied Families*, title page, for date of publication.

11. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edith D. Schnitzke, for death date and place; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento.

6-2: 1909 "I am improving every day."

Freely Christopher Graeff (1887-1946), Hot Springs, Arkansas to Stella Mae Graeff (1894-1941), Murphysboro, Illinois

This postcard was sent by a brother to his sister. "Miss Stella Graeff" in Murphysboro, Illinois received a postcard from Hot Springs, Arkansas postmarked 26 April 1909 that begins "Hello Sister" and is signed "F. G." Stella M. and Freely C. Graeff are with their father William in Somerset township, Illinois, just north of Murphysboro, in the 1900 U.S. census.¹ Freely Christopher Graeff was born 15 December 1887, and Stella Mae Graeff was born 30 August 1894, both children of William and Revenna (Pile) Graeff who married 26 February, 1879 in Jackson County, Illinois.² William and "Ravena" Graeff, husband and wife, are in Somerset in the 1880 U.S. census.³ F. G. writes "I am improving every day, but still lonesome." Stella M. Graeff married John L. Worthen 18 September 1913 in Jackson County, Illinois.⁴ Freely C. Graeff married Anna Smaby 4 October

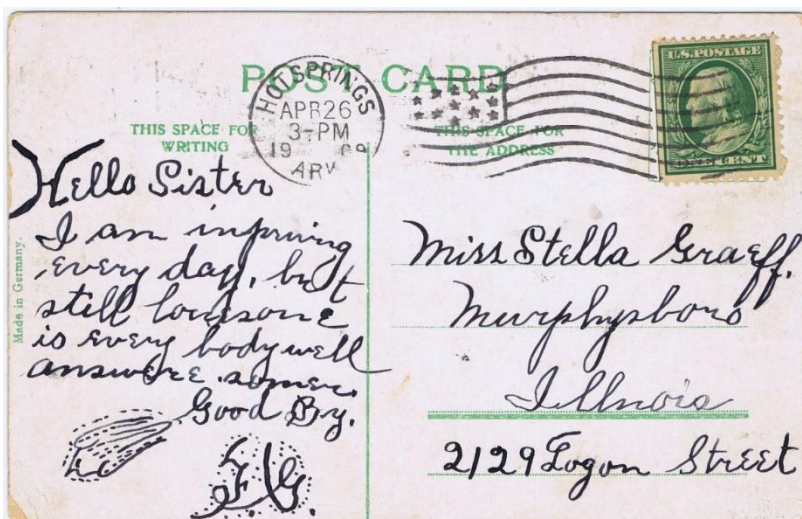


Figure 6-2A Back of 1909 postcard from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Murphysboro, Illinois with sender's initials (Author's collection)

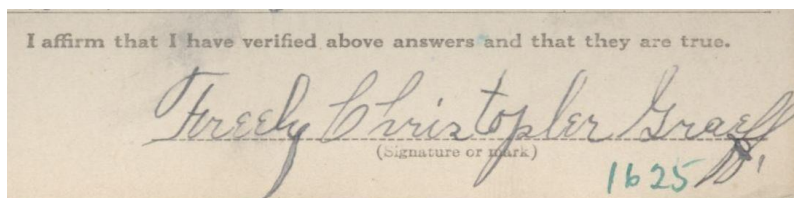


Figure 6-2B Signature of Freely Christopher Graeff (Photograph from NARA, RG 163, Records of the Selective Service System, World War I draft registration card for Freely Christopher Graeff, 5 June 1917, Morrow, Ga.)

Writing comparison: The G in Graeff has a tall initial loop followed by a lower upward point; the three letters in 'eff' are connected, beginning with an upright 'e' and ending with a small downward stroke after the second 'f' that resembles a comma.

1910 in Fort Dodge, Iowa.⁵ Freely registered with Selective Service 5 June 1917, and the “Graeff” in his signature on the registration form matches the Graeff in the address of the 1909 postcard.⁶ Stella Mae (Graeff) Worthen died 29 January 1941 in Murphysboro, and Freely Christopher Graeff died 14 June 1946 in Los Angeles, California.⁷ The postcard shows the Park Hotel in Hot Springs and has a receiving postmark from Murphysboro.



Figure 6-2C Front of 1909 postcard showing the Park Hotel in Hot Springs (Author’s collection)

Notes

1. 1900 U.S. census, Jackson Co., Ill., pop. sch., Somerset, ED 83, sheet 13B (penned), dwell. 252, fam. 258, Wm. H. Graeff; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 307.

2. “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Freely Christopher Graeff, registration card, Jackson Co., Ill., for birth date; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1613524. “Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Stella Mae Worthen, death abstract, 1941, for birth date and parents’ names; citing Public Board of Health, Archives, Springfield. “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1934”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William Graeff-Revenna Pile, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Jackson Co. clerk, Murphysboro, Ill.

3. 1880 U.S. census, Jackson Co., Ill., pop. sch., Somerset, ED 36, p. 33C (penned), dwell. 125, fam. 131, William Graeff; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 214.

4. "Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; John L. Worthen-Stella M. Graeff, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Jackson Co., Ill.

5. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Freely C. Graeff-Anna Smaby, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Webster Co. court clerk, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

6. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," Freely Christopher Graeff, registration card, Jackson Co., Ill., NARA series M1509, roll 1613524.

7. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," Stella Mae Worthen, death abstract, for death date and place. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Freely Christopher Graeff, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

6-3: 1909 "Wish you a happy birthday."

Susanna Fowler Magee (circa 1864-1944), Wellsburg, West Virginia to Margaret (Wiggins) Magee (circa 1833-after March 1910), Colliers, West Virginia

This postcard was sent by a daughter to her mother. "Mrs. Margaret Magee" of Colliers, West Virginia received a postcard written and postmarked 28 June 1909 in Wellsburg, West Virginia that begins "Dear Mother" and is signed "Sue." Margaret (Mrs. Silas) Magee and her daughter "Susannah" are in Brooke County, West Virginia, where Colliers is located, in the 1900 U.S. census.¹ Susanna Fowler Magee was born 13 September 1862/1864 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Silas and Margaret (Wiggins) Magee who married 26 October 1854 in Brooke County, Virginia (now in West Virginia) "at the residence of John Wiggins," and six year-old "Susana F." is with her parents in Wellsburg in the 1870 U.S. census.² Margaret Wiggins was born circa 1833 in Brooke County, the daughter of John and Margaret (Baxter) Wiggins, and she is with her parents in Brooke County in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Sue writes "Wish you a happy birthday," and the postcard has a picture of roses and "To greet you on your Birthday." Margaret (Wiggins) Magee's month of birth is shown in the 1900 U.S. census as June, the month in which this postcard was mailed.⁴ Sue also writes "Addie wrote me your nurse is gone," and Addie is probably Susanna's older sister Ada, who is shown with the family in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ Margaret Magee is listed in the 1910 U.S. census, but the date and

place of her death have not yet been found.⁶ Susanna Fowler Magee died 22 April 1944 in Los Angeles, California.⁷



Figure 6-3A 1909 postcard from Wellsburg, West Virginia to Colliers, West Virginia (Author’s collection)

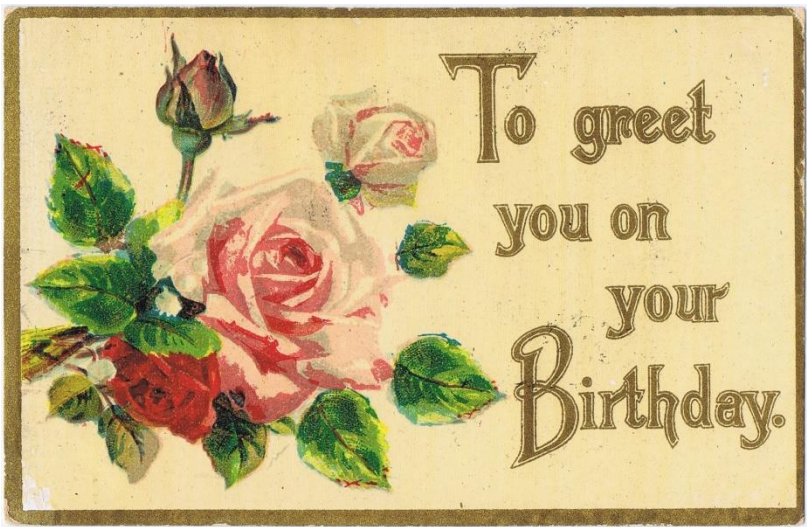


Figure 6-3B Front of 1909 postcard with birthday greeting (Author’s collection)

Notes

1. 1900 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., pop. sch., Cross Creek district, ED 14, sheet 2A (penned), dwell./fam. 30, Silas Magee; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 1756.

2. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Susanna Fowler Magee, death abstract, died 1944, for birth date in 1862 and birth state; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento. 1900 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., pop. sch., Cross Creek district, ED 14, sheet 2A (penned), dwell./fam. 30, Silas Magee, for Susannah's birth in September 1864. "West Virginia Archives and History" (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx), "Marriage," Silas Magee-Margaret Wiggins, Brooke Co.; digital image, line 15, for marriage date and place. 1870 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., pop. sch., Cross Creek township, Wellsburg post office, p. 30 (penned), dwell./fam. 218, Silas McGee, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M593, roll 1685.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Brooke Co., Va., pop. sch., district 4, p. 278 (stamped, verso), dwell. 764, fam. 793, John Wiggins, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 937, Margaret's birth estimated 1833 by her age of seventeen years in census. "Find A Grave," database, Margaret Baxter Wiggins, Brooke Co., W.V., memorial no. 62232445, died 1873, for gravestone photograph showing name as Margaret B. but source for maiden name not indicated. "West Virginia Archives and History," "Marriage," Silas Magee-Margaret Wiggins, marriage, for Margaret's birth county.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., Cross Creek district, ED 14, sheet 2A (penned), dwell. 30, fam. 30, Silas Magee, for month and year of Margaret's birth.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., pop. sch., Cross Creek district, ED 218, page 31C (penned), dwell. 271, fam. 283, Silas Magee; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1401.

6. 1910 U.S. census, Brooke Co., W.V., pop. sch., Cross Creek district, ED 3, sheet 37A (penned), dwell. 488, fam. 508, Jno. W. Maged; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1677.

7. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Susanna Fowler Magee, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento.

6-4: Happy New Year, 1910

Arthur Charles Skinner (1878-1938), Mankato, Kansas to Lyndon Rollo Skinner (1908-1986), Portland, Oregon

This holiday postcard was sent by an uncle to his nephew on New Year's Eve. "Mr. Lyndon Skinner" in Portland, Oregon received a postcard from Mankato, Kansas postmarked 31 December 1909 and signed "Uncle Art."



Figure 6-4A 1909 postcard from Mankato, Kansas to Portland, Oregon (Author's collection)



Figure 6-4B Front of 1909 postcard with 1910 Happy New Year greeting (Author's collection)

"Lindon" Skinner, born in Kansas, is in Portland with his parents Rollo and Ethel Skinner in the 1910 U.S. census, with Rollo and Lindon shown as born

in Kansas.¹ Pearl and May Jones, sisters-in-law, are listed with the family. Lyndon R. Skinner was born 18 April 1908 in Kansas, the son of Rollo Lee and Ethel (Jones) Skinner who married circa 1907.² Rollo and Arthur Skinner, brothers, are with their parents John and Susan (-?-) Skinner in Calvin, Kansas in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Arthur Charles Skinner was born 21 February 1878, and he was living in Mankato when he registered with Selective Service in 1918.⁴ The front of the postcard has "A Happy New Year, 1910." Arthur asks "What did Santa bring you?" He continues "We butchered today. Have some fresh pork." Arthur Charles Skinner died in 1938 and is buried in Mankato, and Lyndon Rollo Skinner died 26 May 1986 in Multnomah County, Oregon.⁵

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Multnomah Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Portland, ward 10, ED 234, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 265, fam. 266, Rollo Skinner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1287.

2. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Lyndon R. Skinner, SSN 543-50-5421, for birth date. 1900 U.S. census, Jewell Co., Kans., pop. sch., Ionia township, ED 53, sheets 2A and 2B (penned), dwell./fam. 33, Charles W. Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 484, for household members Ethel (Rollo's future wife), Pearl, and May Jones, sisters. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Rollo Lee Skinner, registration card, Portland, Oreg., board 7, for middle name; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1852145. 1910 U.S. census, Multnomah Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Portland, ward 10, ED 234, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 265, fam. 266, Rollo Skinner, for couple's estimated marriage year 1907 based on their three years of marriage (col. 9).

3. 1900 U.S. census, Jewell Co., Kans., pop. sch., Calvin township, ED 44, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 234, fam. 236, John Skinner; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 483.

4. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Arthur Charles Skinner, Jewell Co., Kans., for date of birth; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1643522.

5. "Find A Grave," database, Arthur Charles Skinner, Jewell Co., Kans., memorial no. 44054127, for gravestone photograph with death year. "U.S., Social Security Death Index," Lyndon R. Skinner, SSN 543-50-5421, for death date. "Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Lyndon Rol Skinner, for death place; citing Oreg. State Archives and Records Center, Salem.

6-5: "Mother and Baby doing fine"

Charles Royal McCurdy (1884-1952), Kankakee, Illinois to Adelaide (Gravelot) Wolfe (1876-1955), Clifton, Illinois; birth of Evelyn Anna McCurdy (1909-1974)

This birth announcement postcard was sent by the baby's father to his wife's sister-in-law. "Mrs. Charles Wolfe" in Clifton, Illinois received a postcard from "McCurdy" postmarked 7 February 1910 in Kankakee, Illinois with "Mother and Baby doing fine" written on the back. The front shows a mother and baby, a stork, and a tag that reads "The Stork left a Baby 'Girl' at our house 'Feb 5-1910' Name 'Evellyn Anna' Weight '9 pounds' Date '315 P.M.'" Charles R. and Minnie "McCurty," husband and wife, and their two month-old daughter "Evelin A." are in Kankakee in the 1910 U.S. census (enumerated on 15 April 1910).¹ They are shown in the 1920 U.S. census (enumerated 5-6 January 1910) as Charles R., Minnie W., and nine-year-old Evelyn A. McCurdy, with Anna M. Wolfe, mother-in-law, listed with the family.² Charles Royal McCurdy was born 27 March 1884 in Chicago, Illinois, and he married Minnie Wolfe in Kankakee 28 November 1908.³ Minnie, an apparent nickname for Wilhelmina, Wolfe was born November 1888 in Illinois, the daughter of Ernest L. and Anna M. (Graf/Graff) Wolfe, and eleven year-old Minnie is listed with her mother in the 1900 U.S. census.⁴ Minnie had a brother Charles C. Wolfe, born August 1872, and seven year-old Charles is with his parents in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ Charles C. Wolfe married Adelaide V. Gravelot in Iroquois County, Illinois 18 October 1899.⁶ Adelaide V. (Mrs. Charles C.) Wolfe and her husband are in Clifton, where the postcard was addressed, in the 1910 U.S. census.⁷ Charles C. Wolfe was the newborn baby's uncle, and the postcard was addressed to his wife Adelaide. Adelaide Gravelot was born July 1876, the daughter of Louis and Josephine (Paillet) Gravelot who married in 1876, and she is with her parents in the 1880 U.S. census.⁸ Charles C. Wolfe died 10 May 1916 in Chebanse township, Illinois, where Clifton is located, and Adelaide remarried Jens C. Jensen circa 1919.⁹ Charles R. McCurdy died in 1952, and Adelaide (Gravelot Wolfe) Jensen died 27 December 1955.¹⁰ Evelyn Anna McCurdy married Joseph F. Berns in Kankakee circa 1929, and the couple were living with Evelyn's parents at the time of the 1930 U.S. census.¹¹ Evelyn Anna (McCurdy) Berns died 16 August 1974 in Kankakee.¹²



Figure 6-5A 1910 postcard from Kankakee, Illinois to Clifton, Illinois (Author's collection)



Figure 6-5B Front of 1910 postcard with mother and child, a stork, and details of a baby's birth (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Kankakee Co., Ill., pop. sch., Kankakee city, ward 4, ED 102, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 120, fam. 122, Charles R. McCurdy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 298.

2. 1920 U.S. census, Kankakee Co., Ill., pop. sch., Kankakee, ED 106, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 58, fam. 61, Barney J. O'Leary; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 377.

3. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Charles Royal McCurdy, Kankakee, Ill.; citing NARA series M2097, roll 188; for birth date and place and middle name. "Kankakee County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1889-1962"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Charles R. McCurdy and Minnie Wolfe, for marriage date and place; citing Kankakee Co. clerk, Kankakee, Ill.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Chebanse, ED 7, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 69, fam. 70, Anna Wolfe, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T623, roll 307, for Minnie's birth month, year, and state, household includes Minnie's sister Louisa. "Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Louise Loretta Milka, maiden name Wolfe (Minnie's sister), death abstract, 1945, Manistee Co., for mother's maiden as Graff; citing Department of Community Health, Lansing, Mich. "Find A Grave," database, Wilhelmina "Minnie" Wolfe McCurdy, Kankakee Co., Ill., memorial no. 60741998, for mother's maiden name as Graf.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Kankakee Co., Ill., pop. sch., Pilot, ED 28, page 7C (penned), dwell. 50, fam. 54, Ernst Wolf; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 219. 1900 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Clifton, ED 8, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 12, Joseph Gravelot; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 307, for Charles' birth month and year.

6. "Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Charles Wolfe-Adelaide Gravelot, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Iroquois Co. clerk, Watseka, Ill.

7. 1910 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Clifton, ED 69, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 59, fam. 60, Charles C. Wolfe; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 292.

8. 1880 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Chebanse, ED 125, page 34C (penned), dwell. 297, fam. 306, Louis Gravelot; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 213. 1900 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Chebanse, ED 8, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 12, Joseph Gravelot; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 307, for Adelaide's birth month and year. "Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Louis Gravelot-Josephine Paillet marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Iroquois Co. clerk, Watseka, Ill.

9. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Charles Wolfe, death abstract, for date and place of death; citing Public Health Board archives, Springfield, Ill. 1930 U.S. census, Iroquois Co., Ill., pop. sch., Chebanse, ED 38-14, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 107, fam. 108, Jens C. Jensen; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 520, for Jens' marriage year

estimated 1919 by his age of forty-nine years at first marriage (col. 15). "Find A Grave," database, Adelaide Virginia Gravelot Jensen, died 1955, Iroquois Co., Ill., memorial no. 83698057, shows Jensen-Wolfe marriage date as 16 December 1918.

10. "Find A Grave," database, Charles McCurdy, Kankakee Co., Ill., memorial no. 6464654; and Adelaide Virginia Gravelot Jensen, Iroquois Co., Ill., memorial no. 83698057.

11. 1930 U.S. census, Kankakee Co., Ill., pop. sch., Kankakee, ED 46-60, sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 135, fam. 141, Charles McCurdy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 526, for Evelyn 's marriage year estimated 1929 by her age of nineteen years at first marriage (col. 15).

12. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Evelyn Berns, SSN 330-30-3071, for death date and last residence.

6-6: 1910 "Keep one kind thought for me"

Edith Elvira Nylander (1897-1970), Rockford, Illinois to Emma Charlotte Lundgren (1899-1993), Elgin, Illinois; postcard by Raphael Tuck (1821-1900), London, England

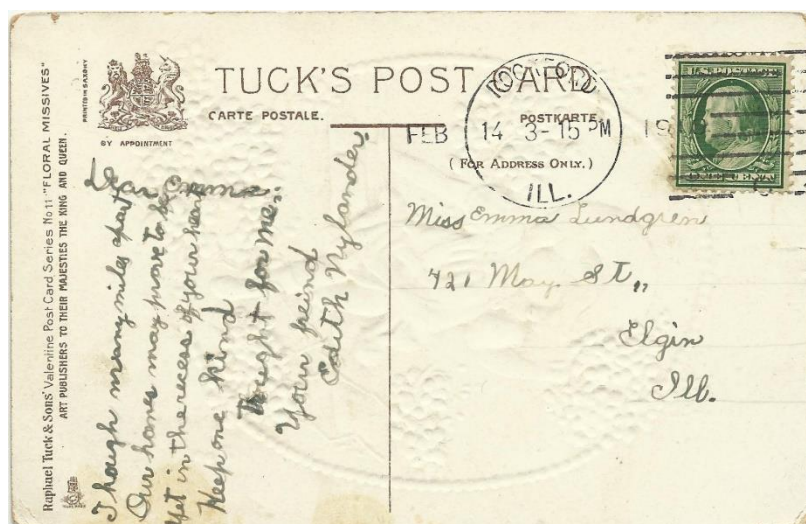


Figure 6-6A 1910 postcard from Rockford, Illinois to Elgin, Illinois with poetic verse (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between friends. "Miss Emma Lundgren" in Elgin, Illinois received a Valentine's Day postcard from Rockford, Illinois



Figure 6-6B Front of 1910 postcard with Valentine's Day greeting (Author's collection)

postmarked 14 February 1910 and signed "Your friend Edith Nylander." Emma C. Lundgren, ten years old, is in Elgin in the 1910 U.S. census at 421 May Street, the address written on the postcard, and she was in Rockford in the 1900 U.S. census.¹ Edith Nylander, thirteen years old, is in Rockford in the 1910 U.S. census.² Emma and Edith were probably friends in Rockford as Emma was living with her grandfather Charles/Carl O. Lundgren in 1900, and Edith is listed in the 1910 census just after C. O. Lundgren.³ Emma Charlotte Lundgren was born 21 June 1899 in Winnebago County, Illinois, where Rockford is the county seat, the daughter of Henning Carl and Esther C. (Ekwall) Lundgren who married 26 September 1895 in Martland, Nebraska.⁴ Edith Elvira Nylander was born 24 May 1897 in Winnebago County, daughter of Claus and Anna (Peterson) Nylander who married 21

July 1893 in Winnebago County.⁵ Edith sent a verse that begins “Though many miles apart” and ends “Keep one kind thought for me,” which nearly matches a published verse “suitable for valentines.”⁶ Rockford is about fifty miles northwest of Elgin. Edith Nylander married Tauge Lindquist circa 1922, and the couple is in Rockford in the 1930 U.S. census.⁷ Edith (Nylander) Lindquist died 3 April 1970 in Rockford.⁸ Emma C. Lundgren died 24 March 1993 with Rockford as her last residence.⁹ The front of the postcard shows a young girl surrounded by flowers with a verse “It is the morn of Valentine, And softly steals my heart to thine.” The postcard was produced by “Raphael Tuck & Son,” printed vertically on the back of the postcard on the left. Raphael Tuck was born 7 August 1821 in Koschmin, Posen, Prussia (now Poland) and he died 16 March 1900 in London, England.¹⁰ Raphael Tuck and Sons was the “world's largest postcard publisher.”¹¹

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Kane Co., Ill., pop. sch., Elgin city, ward 5, ED 71, sheet 14A (penned), dwell. 249, fam. 280, Henning Lundgren; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 297. 1900 U.S. census, Winnebago Co., Ill., pop. sch., Rockford city, ward 6, ED 142, sheet 29B (penned), dwell. 409, fam. 609, Chas. O. Lundgren; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 356.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Winnebago Co., Ill., pop. sch., Rockford city, ward 3, ED 160, sheet 1B (penned), dwell. 10, fam. 18, Gustaf Erick Erickson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 336.

3. “Find A Grave,” database, Carl Otto Lundgren, Winnebago Co., Ill., memorial no. 22153973, for gravestone photograph with first name shown as Carl.

4. “Winnebago County, Illinois, Births, 1857-1937”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Emma Charlotte Lundgren, birth abstract, for birth date and place; citing Winnebago Co. clerk, Rockford, Ill. “Nebraska, Marriages, 1855-1995”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Henry C. Lundgren-Esther C. Ekwall, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Fillmore Co. probate court, Geneva, Nebr.

5. “Winnebago County, Illinois, Births, 1857-1937”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edith Elvira Nylander, birth abstract, for birth date and place; citing Winnebago Co. clerk, Rockford, Ill. “Winnebago County, Illinois, Marriages, 1836-1962”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Claus Nylander-Anna Peterson, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Winnebago Co. clerk, Rockford, Ill.

6. J. S. Ogilvie, compiler, *Seven Hundred Album Verses ... Suitable for ... Valentines ...* (New York: J. S. Ogilvie & Co., 1884); digital image, Internet Archive; 71 (75 of 136 in pdf), verse concludes “Keep one kind thought of me.”

7. 1930 U.S. census, Winnebago Co., Ill., pop. sch., Rockford township, ED 101-57, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 27, Tulga Lindquist; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 572, for Anna Nyland[Nylander], mother-in-law, in household, and for Edith's marriage year estimated 1922 by her age of twenty-four

years at first marriage (col. 15). "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Tauge Gust Lindquist, board 2, Rockford, Ill., for spelling of first name; citing NARA series M2097, roll 172.

8. "Winnebago County, Illinois, Deaths, 1844-1992"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edith E. Lindquist, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Winnebago Co. clerk, Rockford, Ill.

9. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Emma C. Lundgren, SSN 353-18-3571.

10. "History of Raphael Tuck & Sons LTD" (<https://tuckdb.org/history>), third paragraph for birth date and place, scroll down for death date and place.

11. "What is TuckDB?" (<http://tuckdb.org/about>), second paragraph.

6-7: 1911 "We have some little chickens and a little calf."

Gertrude Sowers (1896-1953), Basin, Wyoming to Grace Haynes (1896-1980), Colby, Kansas

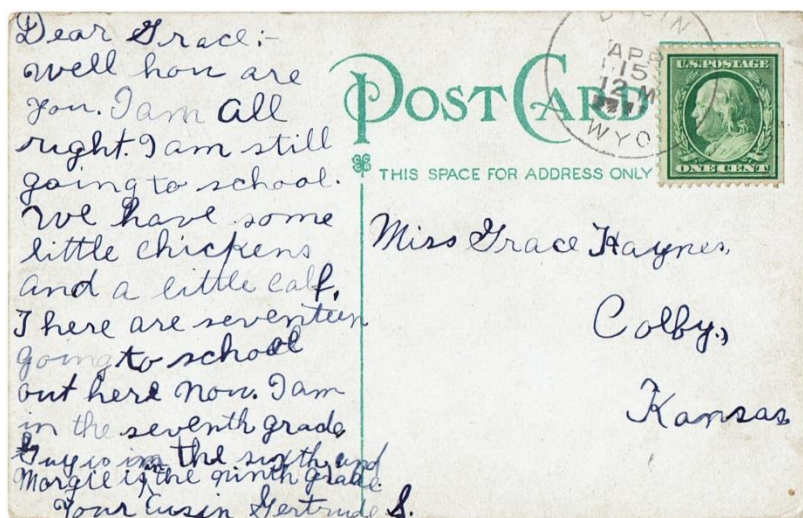


Figure 6-7A 1911 postcard from Basin, Wyoming to Colby, Kansas (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between first cousins. "Miss Grace Haynes" in Colby, Kansas received a postcard from Basin, Wyoming postmarked 15 April 1911 and signed "Your Cusin Gertrude S." Grace M. Haynes, thirteen years old, is in Colby in the 1910 U.S. census with her parents Irwin W. and Anna R.

Haynes.¹ Irwin Wilbur Haynes was born 21 August 1863 in Wisconsin, and he is with his apparent father and mother Daniel and Mary Haynes and sister Minnie, born circa 1868, in Colfax County, Nebraska in the 1870 U.S. census.² Irwin Haynes married Anna R. Fallen/Follow circa 1887, and Irwin and Anna with three year-old daughter Grace are in Thomas County, Kansas in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Minnie Haynes, Irwin's sister, married Jacob S. Sowers circa 1892, and Jacob and Minnie Sowers are in Basin, Wyoming in the 1910 U.S. census with thirteen year-old daughter Gertrude L., sixteen year-old daughter Margie, and ten year-old son Guy L.⁴ Gertrude writes "We have some little chickens and a little calf. There are seventeen going to school out here now. I am in the seventh grade, Guy is in the sixth, and Margie is in the ninth grade." Grace Haynes' father and Gertrude Sowers' mother were brother and sister, making Grace and Gertrude first cousins. Grace Haynes married Jacob McClellan Bainer 31 December 1914, and they are in Amwell township, Pennsylvania in the 1920 U.S. census.⁵ Gertrude Sowers married Leo Thompson 4 July 1916 in Big Horn County, Wyoming, where Basin is located, and they are in Big Horn County in the 1930 U.S. census.⁶ Gertrude (Sowers) Thompson died 1953 and is buried in Basin.⁷ Grace (Haynes) Bainer died in 1980 and is buried in Washington County, Pennsylvania.⁸ The postcard has a photograph of the "Methodist Church and Parsonage, Basin, Wyoming."



Figure 6-7B Front of 1911 postcard showing the Methodist church and parsonage in Basin (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Thomas Co., Kans., pop. sch., Colby, ED 214, sheet 11A (penned), dwell./fam. 216, Irwin W. Haynes; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 458.

2. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Irwin Wilbur Haynes, death certificate no. 78870, 1950, for birth date and state and father's name; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1870 U.S. census, Colfax Co., Nebr., pop. sch., Schuyler post office, p. 24 (penned), dwell. 238, fam. 207, Daniel Haynes; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 828.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Thomas Co., Kans., pop. sch., Randall township, ED 101, sheet 4A (penned), dwell./fam. 59, Irwin W. Haynes; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 502, for couple's estimated marriage year 1883 based on their seventeen years of marriage (col. 10). "Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Ernest Clarence Haynes, 1937 application abstract, for mother's name Anna Fallen. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Floyd A. Haynes, death abstract, 1946, for mother's maiden name Follow.

4. 1910 U.S. census, Big Horn Co., Wyo., pop. sch., Basin, ED 18, sheet 11A (penned), dwell./fam. 220, Jacob Sowers; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1745, for couple's estimated marriage year 1892 based on their eighteen years of marriage (col. 9).

5. "Howard Family Tree," owner DianeHowardLawson, *Ancestry.com*, Jacob McClelland Bainer, "Gallery," for "Jacob M. Bainer" obituary transcription with marriage date; source not shown. 1920 U.S. census, Washington Co., Pa., pop. sch., Amwell township, ED 127, sheet 2B (penned), dwell. 46, fam. 47, Jacob Mc Bainer; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1658.

6. BYU Idaho (<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/index.cfm>) > "Western States Marriage Record Index" > enter as groom Leo Thompson, Wyoming, Big Horn Co. > Search; Leo Thompson-Gertrude Sowers, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place. 1930 U.S. census, Big Horn Co., Wyo., pop. sch., election district 13, ED 2-16, sheet 2B (penned), dwell./fam. 39, Leo S. Thompson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2621.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Gertrude Thompson, Big Horn Co., Wyo., memorial no. 119081106, for gravestone photograph with death year.

8. "Find A Grave," database, Grace Mae Haynes Bainer, Washington Co., Pa., memorial 85729217, for gravestone photograph with death year.

6-8: 1914 “Come down first chance.”

Hallie (Davis) Boyd (1888-1974), Kirksville, Missouri to Mattie (Davis) Lynch (1871-1953), Moravia, Iowa; birth of Freeman Craft Boyd (1914-1980); postcard by Frederick A. Owen (1867-1935), Dansville, New York

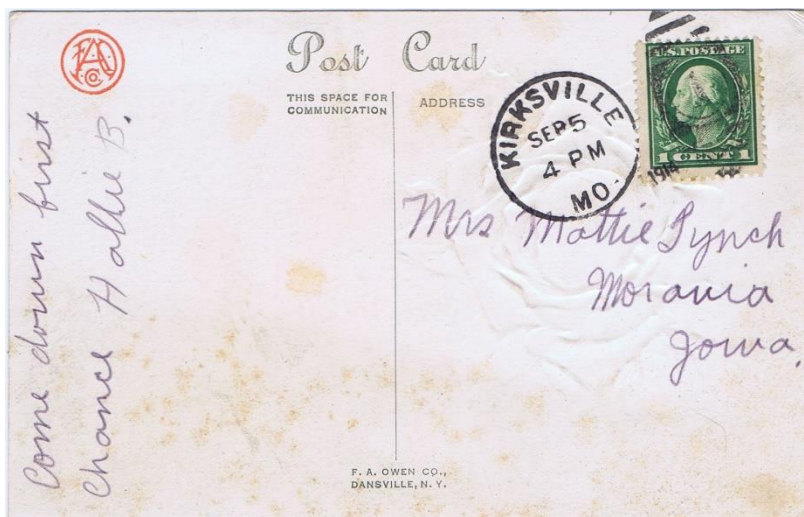


Figure 6-8A 1914 postcard from Kirksville, Missouri to Moravia, Iowa published by F.A. Owen, Dansville, New York (Author's collection)

This postcard announcing a birth was sent between sisters. “Mrs. Mattie Lynch” of Moravia, Iowa received a postcard signed “Hallie B.” postmarked 5 September 1914 in Kirksville, Missouri. The front of the postcard shows a baby's face inside a flower, and the words “Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyd, Kirksville, Mo., Name Freeman Craft Boyd, Born Sept. 3 1914, and Weight 10 ½ lbs.” Hallie wrote “Come down first chance.” Kraft F. Boyd, five years four months old, is in Moravia with his parents Ernest W. and Hallie E. Boyd in the 1920 U.S. census, which was enumerated 2 January 1920.¹ Mattie (Davis) Lynch and Hallie (Davis) Boyd were sisters. Mattie (apparently a nickname for Martha) and Hallie were daughters of William and Emma (Scott) Davis, who married 6 August 1868 in Wayne County, Iowa.² Seven year-old Martha J., born September 1871, is with her parents in the 1880 U.S. census, and twelve-year-old “Healey,” born May 1888, is with her

parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ A sister Daisy/Daysie is listed in both censuses. Mattie Davis married George D. Lynch circa 1890 in Appanoose County, Iowa, and the couple is in Grundy County, Missouri in the 1900 U.S. census.⁴ George D. and Mattie A. Lynch are in Moravia in the 1910 U.S. census.⁵ E. W. Boyd and Hallie E. Davis married 27 November 1913 in Kirksville.⁶ Kraft F. Boyd married Emma A. Donnelly in California before 1947, and they are listed together in a 1947 Petaluma, California directory.⁷ Ernest and Hallie Boyd are listed in the same 1947 Petaluma directory.⁸ Mattie Lynch died 19 September 1953 in Moravia.⁹ Hallie E. Boyd died 31 January 1974 in Sonoma County, California.¹⁰ Kraft F. Boyd died 12 April 1980 in Sonoma County, California.¹¹ The postcard was produced by "F. A. Owen Co., Dansville, N.Y." (printed on the back of the postcard at the bottom) and the card has an "F. A. O. Co." logo (upper left). Frederick A. Owen, publisher, is in Dansville in the 1920 U.S. census.¹² Frederick Augustus Owen was born 22 March 1867 near South Dansville, New York, the son of Stephen H. and Mary (Root) Owen, and he died 18 July 1935 at Conesus Lake, New York.¹³ The F. A. Owen Publishing Company was a major employer in Dansville.



Figure 6-8B Front of 1914 postcard with picture of baby in a flower and details of a baby's birth (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1920 U.S. census, Appanoose Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Moravia, ED 27, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 15, Ernest W. Boyd; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 477.

2. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William G. Davis-Emma Scott, marriage abstract; citing Wayne Co. court clerk, Corydon, Iowa.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Grundy Co., Mo., pop. sch., Lincoln township, ED 54, sheet 2B (penned), dwell./ fam. 39, George Lynch; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 857, for Mattie's birth month and year. 1880 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Promise City, South Fork township, ED 241, p. 34B (penned), dwell. 315, fam. 328, W. G. Davis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 369. 1900 U.S. census, Appanoose Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Bellair township, ED 12, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 81, fam. 82, William G. Davis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 416, for Hallie's birth month and year.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Grundy Co., Mo., pop. sch., Lincoln township, ED 54, sheet 2B (penned), dwell. 39, fam. 39, George Lynch; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; for couple's estimated marriage year 1890 based on their ten years of marriage (col. 10). "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934," Geo. D. Lynch-Mattie Davis, marriage abstract, Appanoose Co., shows marriage date 10 January 1900 but circa 1890 is the couple's apparent marriage date as they are shown as married ten years in the 1900 census and nineteen years in the 1910 census (note 5).

5. 1910 U.S. census, Appanoose Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Moravia, ED 24, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 87, fam. 89, Geo. D. Lynch; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 391.

6. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; E. W. Boyd-Hallie E. Davis, marriage license, Adair Co., p. 284, for marriage date and place; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City.

7. *Polk's Petaluma (California) City Directory 1947* (San Francisco: R. L. Polk & Co.); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 27, entry for Kraft F. (Emma A.) Boyd. "Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008," Emma A. Boyd, death abstract, Marion Co., 1980, spouse Kraft; citing Oreg. State Archives and Records Center, Salem.

8. *Polk's Petaluma (California) City Directory 1947*, 27, entry for Ernest (Hallie) Boyd.

9. *Moravia [Iowa] Union*, 24 September 1953; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 1, col. 1, "Rites Tuesday for Mattie Lynch," obituary.

10. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Hallie E. Boyd, death abstract, Sonoma Co., 1974; citing Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

11. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997," Kraft F. Boyd, death abstract, Sonoma Co., 1980; citing Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

12. 1920 U.S. census, Livingston Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Dansville, ED 54, sheet 1A (penned), dwell. 9, fam. 14, Fredrick A. Owen; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1118.

13. Lockwood R. Doty, *History of the Genesee Country (Western New York)*, Vol. 3 (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1925); digital image, "Monroe County [New York] Library System" (<http://www3.libraryweb.org/home2.aspx>), enter book title in "Quick Search," press Enter, and then scroll to "Downloadable" version, click on title, scroll to "URL," vol. 3 is the third link; 315-316 [249 and 250/744 in pdf], for birth date, parents' names, and company history. "Old Fulton New York Post Cards" (<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>) > type: F.A. Owen, Magazine Editor into Search box > select "the exact phrase" > click on "Search"; for *The Nunda* [N.Y.] *News*, 26 July 1935; digital image; p. 1, col. 6, "F.A. Owen, Magazine Editor and Educator, Had Notable Career," obituary.

6-9: 1921 "Entered Into Rest"

Family of Elmira D. (Steigerwalt) Kemmerling (1874-1921), Reading, Pennsylvania to Elmer Ellsworth Steigerwalt (1888-1943), New Tripoli, Pennsylvania



Figure 6-9A 1921 envelope from Reading, Pennsylvania to New Tripoli, Pennsylvania (Author's collection)

This envelope and card announce a cousin's death. "Mr. Elmer Steigerwald" in New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania received a 'mourning cover,' an envelope with black-bordered edges on its back, postmarked 21 February 1921 in Reading, Pennsylvania. An enclosed card announces the death ("Entered Into Rest") of Elmira D. (Steigerwalt) Kemmerling, wife of

Oscar D. Kemmerling, and the funeral from her home at “27 So[uth] 3rd Street, Reading.” Oscar and Elmira Kemmerling, husband and wife, are in Reading in the 1920 U.S. census at what is probably the same street address as the funeral.¹ Oscar D. Kemmerling, a widower, is in Reading in the 1930 U.S. census.² Elmer E. Steigerwalt is in New Tripoli in the 1920 U.S. census.³ Elmer Steigerwalt and Elmira D. (Steigerwalt) Kemmerling were first cousins. Elmira (Steigerwalt) Kemmerling was born 8 August 1874, the daughter of Hiram and Amanda (Fries) Steigerwalt, and six year-old Elmira is with her parents in the 1880 U.S. census.⁴ Elmira married Oscar Kemmerling 18 August 1892 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.⁵ Elmer Ellsworth Steigerwalt was born 22 July 1888 in Lynnport, Pennsylvania, the son of Daniel and Emeline (Hooser) Steigerwalt, and eleven year-old Elmer is with his parents in Lynn township in the 1900 U.S. census.⁶ Daniel and Hiram Steigerwalt, brothers, are in Albany township in the 1860 U.S. census with Charles and “Diannah”/Dianna (Fries) Steigerwalt, their apparent father and mother.⁷ Elmer E. Steigerwalt died 14 April 1943 in Wanamakers, Lynn township, Pennsylvania.⁸

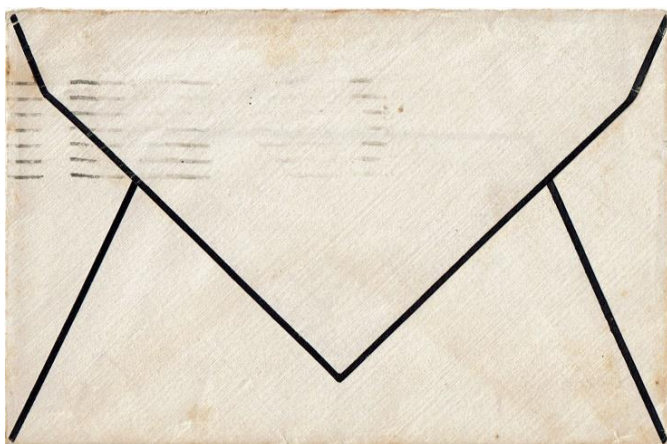


Figure 6-9B Black borders on back of 1921 mourning cover (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Reading city, ward 5, ED 65, sheet 8B (penned), dwell. 134, fam. 200, Oscar Kemmerling; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 1537, street name does not include south.

2. 1930 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Reading city, ward 6, ED 6-20, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 65, Oscar D. Kemmerling; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2000.

3. 1920 U.S. census, Lehigh Co., Pa., pop. sch., Lynn township, New Tripoli district, ED 223, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 51, fam. 55, Elmer E. Steigerwalt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1590.

4. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Elmira D. Kemmerling, 1921, no. 20365, for parents' names and her birth date and place, father's family name shown as Steigerwald; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1880 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Greenwich township, ED 17, p. 16D (penned), dwell. 139, fam. 155, Hiram Steigerwalt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1099.

5. "Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Oscar D. Kemmerling-Elmira D. Steigerwald, marriage; citing Berks Co. courthouse, vol. 11, p. 26, no. 26.

6. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Elmer E. Steigerwalt, 1943, no. 39183, for parents' names and his birth date and place, birth place shown as Lynport; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1900 U.S. census, Lehigh Co., Pa., pop. sch., Lynn township, Jacksonville district, ED 41, sheet 3B (penned), dwell./fam. 57, Daniel H. L. Steigerwald; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1429.

7. 1860 U.S. census, Berks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Albany township, p. 36 (penned), dwell. 239, fam. 252, Charles Steigerwalt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1075, for mother's given name Diannah. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Hiram F. Steigerwalt, 1920, no. 88155, for mother's name Dianna Fries; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

8. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963," Elmer E. Steigerwalt, for death date and place.

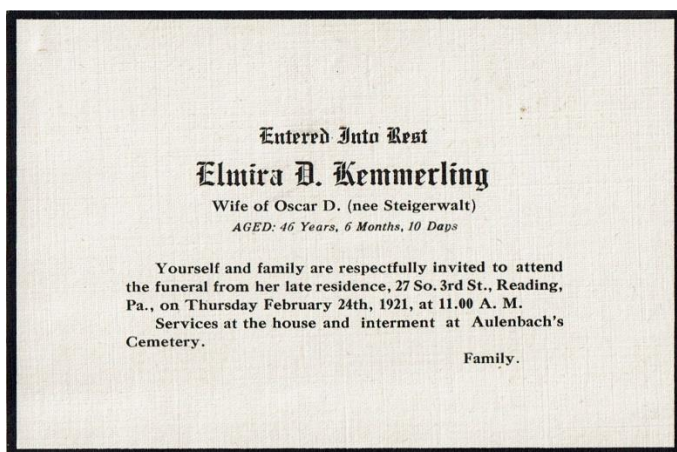


Figure 6-9C Black border enclosed card from 1921 mourning cover (Author's collection)

6-10: Ninth Annual Reunion of the Steere Family

Minnie F. Steere (1877-1934), Oxford, New York to Jessie (Steere) Banks (1870-1939), New Berlin, New York

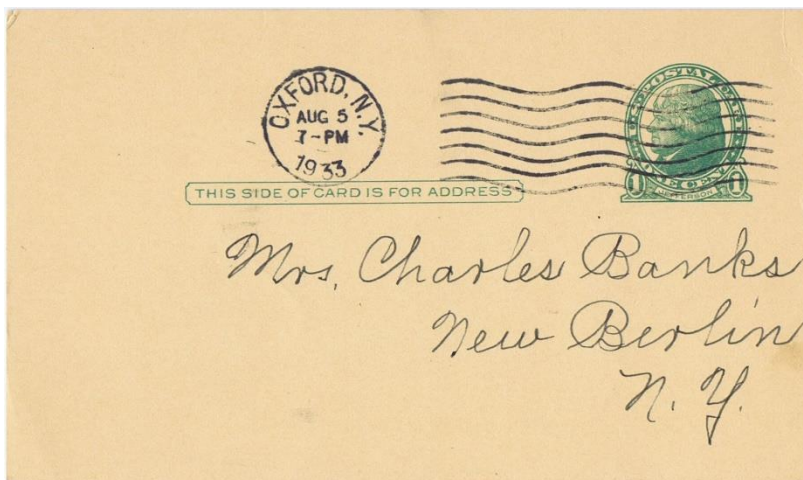


Figure 6-10A 1933 postcard from Oxford, New York to New Berlin, New York (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between distant cousins. "Mrs. Charles Banks" in New Berlin, New York received a postcard invitation to the "Ninth Annual Reunion" of the Steere Association sent by "Minnie F. Steere, Secretary" and postmarked 5 August 1933 in Oxford, New York. Jessie S. (Mrs. Charles L.) Banks is in New Berlin in the 1930 U.S. census, and Minnie F. Steere is in Oxford in the 1925 New York state census.¹ Jessie Steere was born May 1870 in New Berlin, daughter of Asel and Elisabeth (Hall) Steere who married circa 1862, and she is with her parents in New Berlin in the 1870 U.S. census.² Jessie Steere married Charles L. Banks circa 1888 and the couple is in New Berlin in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Minnie F. Steere was born July 1877, daughter of John A. and Flora J. (Austin) Steere who married circa 1873, and she is with her parents and grandfather Arthur A. Steere in McDonough, New York, just northwest of Oxford, in the 1880 U.S. census.⁴ The postcard has a Steere family crest, which is also shown in Steere Genealogy, A Record of the Descendants of John Steere.⁵ Jessie and Minnie descend, respectively, from Thomas and William Steere, sons of John Steere, born 1634 in England and cited in Providence, Rhode Island in 1660,

and Hannah Wickenden.⁶ Minnie Steere died 1934 and is buried in Oxford.⁷ Jessie (Steere) Banks died 1939 and is buried in New Berlin.⁸

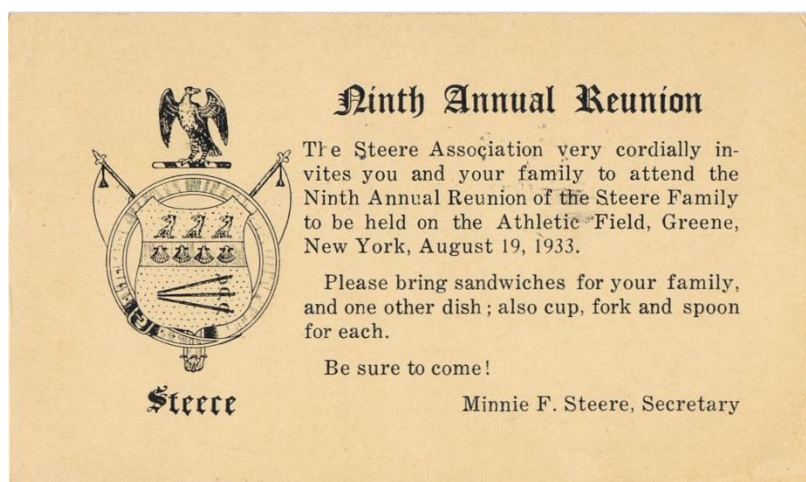


Figure 6-10B Back of 1933 postcard with family reunion invitation and Steere family crest (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1930 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New Berlin, ED 9-15, sheet 10A (penned), dwell. 298, fam. 323, Charles L. Banks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T626, roll 1416. 1925 N.Y. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., Oxford, election district 3, assembly district 1, p. 12 (penned), line 23, Minnie Steere; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing N.Y. State Library, Albany.

2. 1870 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New Berlin, South New Berlin post office, p. 9 (penned), dwell. 89, fam. 98, Asel Sturr; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 916, for Jessie's age of one month in census taken 14 June 1870. 1900 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New Berlin, ED 67, sheet 2A (penned), dwell./fam. 37, Aasel Steeve[Steere]; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1017, for couple's estimated marriage year 1872 based on their thirty-eight years of marriage (col. 10).

3. Jenn Winslow Coltrane, *Lineage Book*, vol. 58 (Washington, D.C.: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1906; digital image, Internet Archive), 123, entry for Mrs. Jessie Steere Banks, no. 57358, for parents' names. 1900 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New Berlin village, ED 68, sheet 12A (penned), dwell. 322, fam. 332, Charles L. Banks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1017, for son Ray S. and couple's estimated marriage year 1888 based on their twelve years of marriage (col. 10). "New York, County Marriages, 1847-1848; 1908-1936"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Ray Steere

Banks-Jessie Irene Unger, marriage, 1915, Sherburne, N.Y., for groom's mother's maiden name; citing Chenango Co. Clerk, marriages, vol. 2, 1915-1922, p. 11 (image 325 of 534).

4. 1900 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Oxford township, ED 74, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 113, fam. 117, John A. Steere; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1017, for Minnie's month and year of birth and parents' estimated marriage year 1873 based on their twenty-seven years of marriage (col. 10). "Find A Grave," database, Flora J. Austin Steere, Chenango Co., N.Y., memorial no. 100505239, for gravestone photograph with maiden name. 1880 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., pop. sch., McDonough, ED 99, p. 13A (penned), dwell. 144, fam. 155, John A. Steere; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 818, Arthur A. is on line 49.

5. James Pierce Root, *Steere Genealogy, A Record of the Descendants of John Steere, Who Settled in Providence, Rhode Island About the Year 1660* (Cambridge, Mass.: no publisher, 1890; digital image, *Ancestry.com*), 51 (image 63 of 249).

6. Root, *Steere Genealogy*, 31 (image 42) for 1634 birth, 32 (image 43) for cited in Providence, 34 (image 45) for marriage to Hannah Wickenden, and 50 (image 62) for children including Thomas and William. Coltrane, *Lineage Book*, 123, entry for Mrs. Jessie Steere Banks, no. 57358, for descent from Thomas Steere. 1880 U.S. census, Chenango Co., N.Y., McDonough, ED 99, p. 13A (penned), John A. Steere, for descent from Arthur Steere. "Find A Grave," database, William Steere III, Chenango Co., N.Y., memorial no. 97844471, for descent from William and Anna (Andrus), source not cited. Steere. Root, *Steere Genealogy*, 69 and 85 (images 81 and 99) for descent of William Steere (born after 1750) from John and Hannah (Wickenden) Steere.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Minnie F. Steere, Chenango Co., N.Y., memorial no. 133906010, for burial place and gravestone photograph with death year.

8. "Find A Grave," database, Jessie Steere Banks, Chenango Co., N.Y., memorial no. 100612435, for death year and burial place.

Chapter 7: Real Photo Postcards

Real photo postcards (RPPCs) were especially popular 1910-1920.¹ Pictures taken by amateur and commercial photographers were printed as postcards either singly or in limited quantities, and often show the sender or someone in the sender's family. As these are often family photographs, RPPCs are exceptional sources of family history information. When the RPPC was mailed, the text, address, and postmark provide clues in identifying who, when, and where the photograph was taken. Some RPPCs were not mailed but have writing on the back to help identify who is in the picture (Figures 7-4, 7-5, and 7-8). The name of the photographer may be printed or embossed on the RPPC, and this will help determine its location (Figure 7-7). The photograph may include a recognizable feature, such as the name of a store, a park, or other location. False backgrounds that make the subjects appear to be aboard a train, boat, automobile, or airplane were popular (Figure 7-8). The RPPCs in this chapter show a grandson (Figure 7-1), families with members from two or three generations (Figures 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, and 7-8), a cousin (Figure 7-3), brothers (Figure 7-6), a husband (Figure 7-7), and two babies (Figures 7-9 and 7-10).

Note:

1. Robert Bogdan and Todd Weseloh, *Real Photo Postcard Guide, The People's Photography* (Syracuse, New York: Syracuse University Press, 2006), pp. 10-11, 19.

7-1: 1905 “This is the way I keep cool”

George Roderick O'Neill (1882-1952), Cincinnati, Ohio to Rebecca (Patterson) O'Neill (1824-1916), Marion, Indiana



Figure 7-1A 1905 real photo postcard from Cincinnati, Ohio to Marion, Indiana, carried by the Railway Post Office (R.P.O.) (Author's collection)

This RPPC was sent by a grandson to his grandmother. “Mrs. John O'Neill” in Marion, Indiana received an RPPC written 15 September 1905 in Cincinnati, Ohio that begins “Hello Grandma” and is signed “Geo. R. O'Neill.” Rebecca O'Neill, widow of Jno. (John/Jonathan), is listed in a 1908 Marion, Indiana directory at 1706 South Branson Street, the address written on the postcard.¹ John and Rebecca O'Neill, husband and wife, are in Marion in the 1900 U.S. census.² John “O'Neal” and Rebecca Patterson married 29 October 1849 in Home District, Ontario, Canada.³ George R. O'Neill wrote “159 Burns Ave Wyoming O[hio]” beneath the picture, and a George R. O'Neill is in Wyoming, a suburb of Cincinnati, in a 1906 Cincinnati directory.⁴ George R. O'Neill was born 29 August 1882 in Grindstone City, Michigan, the son of Jonathan and Margaret (Urquhart) O'Neill, who married 14 May 1878 in Huron County, Michigan.⁵ George is with his parents in Port Austin, Huron County in the 1900 U.S. census.⁶ Jonathan, George's father, is with his parents, John and Rebecca “O'Neil,” in Verona,

Huron County, in the 1870 U.S. census.⁷ Rebecca (Patterson) O'Neill was born January 1824 in Ireland.⁸ The postcard has a photograph of a young man sitting next to a stream or pond, and George R. O'Neill writes "This is the way I keep cool down in this warm climate," which suggests that this is George's photograph. The postcard has a 15 September 1905 "Chi. Mon. & Cin. [Chicago, Monon and Cincinnati] TR [Train] 36 R. P. O. [Railway Post Office]" postmark, and a receiving "flag" postmark from the next day in Marion, Indiana.⁹ Rebecca (Patterson) O'Neill died 16 October 1916 in Marion, and was buried in Grindstone.¹⁰ George R. O'Neill died 25 June 1952 in Highland Park, Michigan.¹¹

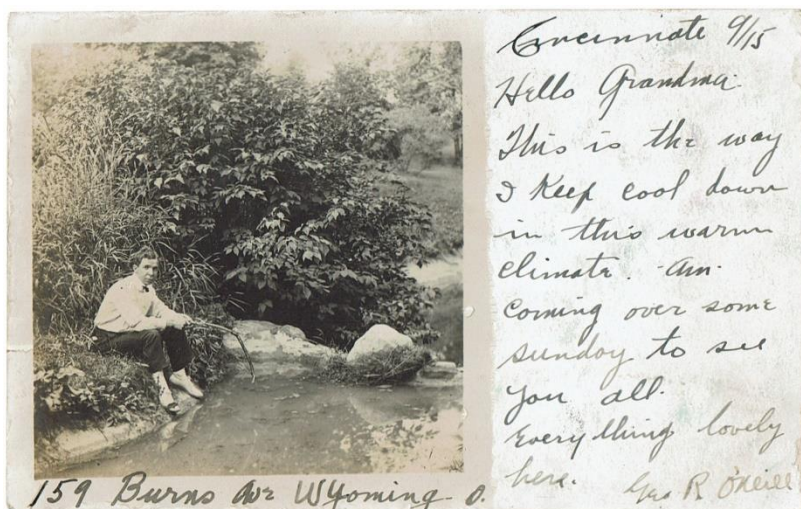


Figure 7-1B 1905 photograph of George O'Neil sitting next to a stream or pond (Author's collection)

Notes

1. *Marion City Directory and Grant County Gazetteer For the Years 1908-1909* (Marion, Ind.: The Inter-State Directory Co., no date); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 309, entry for Mrs. Rebecca O'Neill.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Grant County, Ind., pop. sch., Marion, ward 3, ED 28, sheet 20B (penned), dwell. 449, fam. 497, John O'Neill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 373.

3. "Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; John O'Neal-Rebecca Patterson, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing Archives of Ontario, Toronto, series MS248, reel 2, Home District, 1850, p. 75.

4. *Williams' Cincinnati Directory...June, 1906* (Cincinnati: The Williams Directory Co., 1906); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 1328, entry for Geo. R. O'Neill, for residence in Wyoming, Ohio.

5. "Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; George R. O'Neill, death abstract, 1952, for birth date and place and parents' names; citing Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing. "Michigan, Marriages, 1822-1995"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Jonathan O'Neil-Maggie Urquhart, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

6. 1900 U.S. census, Huron Co., Mich., pop. sch., Port Austin, ED 16, sheet 11B (penned), dwell./fam. 185, Jonathan Oneil; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 715.

7. 1870 U.S. census, Huron Co., Mich., pop. sch., Verona, p. 3 (penned), dwell. 21, fam. 20, John O'Neil; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 674.

8. 1900 U.S. census, Grant County, Ind., pop. sch., Marion, ward 3, ED 28, sheet 20B (penned), dwell. 449, fam. 497, John O'Neill, for Rebecca's birth month, year, and country.

9. Charles L. Towle, Fred MacDonald, John L. Kay, and Betsy Towle, *The United States Railway Post Office Postmark Catalog, 1864 to 1977*, Vol. 1, revised (Bedford Park, Ill.: Mobile Post Office Society, 2001), 197-198.

10. *Grant County Leader Tribune* [Marion, Ind.], 17 October 1916, p. 5, column 1, "Aged Woman Died Monday," Rebecca O'Neal, obituary; digital image; Marion Co. [Ind.] Public Library; citing reel 153.

11. "Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; George R. O'Neill, death abstract, for date and place of death; citing Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing.

7-2: 1908 "We thought we would stop in for N[ew] Y[ear's] dinner ha ha"

Sarah (Hogle) Manchester (1851-1916), Joplin, Missouri to Enoch F. Hogle (circa 1826-1914) and Isabella (Winey) Hogle (circa 1833-1910), Mt. Vernon, Iowa

This RPPC with a family group photograph was sent by a daughter to her parents. "Mr. + Mrs. E. F. Hogle" in Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa received a postcard written and postmarked 26 December 1908 in Joplin, Missouri that begins "Dear Pa + Ma" and closes "your daughter, Mrs. C. G. Manchester." Enoch and Isabell Hogle, husband and wife, are in Mount Vernon, and Sarah F. (Mrs. Charles G.) Manchester is in Joplin in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Sarah F. Hogle was born October 1851 in New York, the

daughter of Enoch F. and Thankful Susan (Burch) Hogle, and nine year-old Sarah is with her father and stepmother in Hickory Grove, Iowa in the 1860 U.S. census.² Enoch Hogle was born circa 1826 in New York, and “Enich” Hogle and Thankful Burch are in Washington County, New York in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Thankful died 19 June 1855 in Scott County, Iowa, and Enoch married Isabel Winey circa 1856.⁴ Isabel Winey was born January 1833 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Isaac and Mary (-?-) Winey, and Isabella is with her parents in the 1850 U.S. census.⁵ Sarah F. “Hogal” married Charles G. Manchester 1 October 1873 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa.⁶ Sarah writes “We thought we would stop in for N[ew] Y[ear's] dinner ha ha,” and the photograph shows nine adults and five children. Charles G. Manchester is on the far right and Sarah (Hogle) Manchester is in the center with a child on her lap.⁷ Charles G. and Sarah Manchester are in the 1880 and 1900 U.S. censuses with four children who survived to adulthood, i.e., sons Frederick and Solon, and daughters Flora and Nellie.⁸ Fred W. Manchester married Emma J. Simons 15 September 1896 in Adrian, Missouri, and they are in Joplin in the 1910 U.S. census without children.⁹ Solon H. Manchester married Nora Farris 28 November 1898 in Lebanon, Missouri, and they are in Lebanon in the 1910 U.S. census with ten year-old son Frances and three year-old daughter Grace.¹⁰ Solon is shown as a photographer in the 1910 census and he may have taken this photograph. Flora Manchester married William C. Troutman circa 1902 and they are in Wichita, Kansas in the 1910 U.S. census with six year-old daughter Lomora and three year-old daughter Florence, and with Flora shown as the mother of three children of whom two are living.¹¹ Nell I. Manchester married Samuel R. Downing 8 June 1909 in Joplin, after this photograph was taken, and they are in Webb in the 1910 U.S. census.¹² Fred and Solon Manchester are probably the men on the left with Emma (Simons) Manchester and Nora (Farris) Manchester sitting beside them. Francis Manchester is probably the boy sitting in the front. William and Flora (Manchester) Troutman may be sitting in back on the right. The other children are probably Grace Manchester, Lomora and Florence Troutman, and possibly another child born to William and Flora (Manchester) Troutman who died before 27 April 1910 when the 1910 U.S. census was taken. Isabella (Winey) Hogle died 10 May 1910, and Enoch F. Hogle 21 May 1914.¹³ Sarah F. (Hogle) Manchester died 15 January 1916, and Charles G. Manchester 19 June 1932.¹⁴

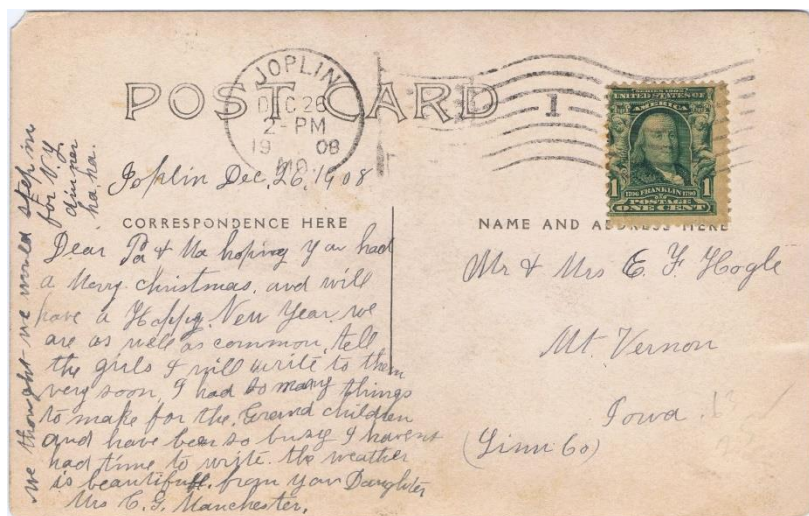


Figure 7-2A 1908 real photo postcard from Joplin, Missouri to Mt. Vernon, Illinois (Author's collection)



Figure 7-2B 1908 photograph of Charles G. and Sarah (Hogle) Manchester and family (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Linn Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Mount Vernon, ED 86, sheet 7B (penned), dwell. 176, fam. 179, Enoch Hogle; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing

NARA microfilm series T624, roll 410. 1910 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Mo., pop. sch., Joplin, ward 6 east, ED 48, sheet 15B (penned), dwell. 355, fam. 361, Charles G. Manchester; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 869.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Laclede Co., Mo., pop. sch., Lebanon, ED 67, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 61, fam. 63, Charles G. Manchester; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 869, for Sarah's month and year of birth. "Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 1856 Iowa census, Scott Co., Blue Grass township, p. 505 (stamped), dwell. 114, Enoch Hogle; citing State Historical Society of Iowa, for Sarah's birth state and age to estimate year of birth. Avis Stearns Van Wegenen, *Genealogy and Memoirs of Isaac Stearns and his Descendants* (Syracuse, N.Y.: author, 1901); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 627-628, for Hogle-Burch marriage. 1860 U.S. census, Scott Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Hickory Grove, p. 54 (penned), dwell. 365, fam. 369, Enoch F. Hagle; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 340.

3. 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Cambridge, p. 400 (stamped, recto), dwell. 224, fam. 225, Gerrit Fort; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 611, for birth state and age to estimate birth year. 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Easton, p. 369 (stamped, recto), dwell. 370, fam. 378, James Burch; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 611.

4. Van Wegenen, *Isaac Stearns and his Descendants*, 628, for Thankful's death year and place. "Find A Grave," database, Thankful Susan Burch Hogle, Scott Co., Iowa, memorial no. 98646112, for death date and place. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William H. Andre-Mary E. Hogle, marriage abstract, 1897, citing Crawford Co. courthouse, book 1, p. 178, for Mary's mother's maiden name (Isabel Winey). 1900 U.S. census, Linn Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Mt. Vernon, ED 75, sheets 5B-6A (penned), dwell. 84, fam. 94, Enoch Hogle; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 443, for parents' estimated marriage year 1856 based on their forty-four years of marriage (col. 10).

5. 1900 U.S. census, Linn Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Mt. Vernon, ED 75, sheets 5B-6A (penned), dwell. 84, fam. 94, Enoch Hogle, for Isabella's birth month, year, and state. 1850 U.S. census, Huntingdon Co., Penn., pop. sch., Petersburg borough, p. 73 (stamped, recto), dwell. 20, fam. 21, Isaac Whiney; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 784. "Iowa, County Death Records, 1880-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Isabella W. Hogle, died 1910, for father's name and mother's first name; citing Linn Co. clerk's office, Mount Vernon.

6. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Charles G. Manchester-Sarah F. Hoyal, marriage abstract, 1873, for marriage date and place; citing Scott Co., vol. 4, p. 516.

7. "McNeley Family Tree," owner: Femat80, *Ancestry.com*, includes "Charles & Sarah Hogle Manchester" photograph, for two adults who match the two older people shown on the postcard.

8. 1880 U.S. census, Crawford Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Vail, ED 66, p. 18B (penned), dwell./fam. 39, Charles Manchester; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series

T9, roll 335. 1900 U.S. census, Laclede Co., Mo., pop. sch., Lebanon, ED 67, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 61, fam. 63, Charles Manchester.

9. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Fred W. Manchester-Emma J. Simons, Jasper Co. marriage license and return, 1896, p. 185, for marriage date and place; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City. 1910 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Mo., pop. sch., Joplin, ward 4, ED 43, sheets 3A-3B (penned), dwell. 50, fam. 56, Lucy S. Ellis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 790.

10. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Solon H. Manchester-Nora Farris, Laclede Co. marriage license and return, 1898, p. 126, no. 153, for marriage date and place; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City. 1910 U.S. census, Laclede Co., Mo., pop. sch., Lebanon, ward 2, ED 44, sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 181, fam. 189, Solon H. Manchester; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 793.

11. 1910 U.S. census, Sedgwick Co., Kansas, pop. sch., Wichita, ward 4, ED 124, sheet 15A (penned), dwell. 286, fam. 361, William Troutman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 456, for parents' estimated marriage year 1902 based on their eight years of marriage (col. 9).

12. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Samuel R. Downing-Nell I. Manchester, Jasper Co. marriage license and return, 1909, p. 306, for marriage date and place; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City. 1910 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Mo., pop. sch., Webb, ward 4, ED 63, sheet 25A (penned), dwell. 505, fam. 527, Sam Downing; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 791.

13. "Find A Grave," database, Isabella Winey Hogle and Enoch Francis Hogle, Linn, Jasper Co., Iowa, memorial nos. 26231796 and 26576300; for gravestone photograph with Isabella's date of death. "Iowa, Cemetery Records, 1662-1999"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Enogh F. Hogle; citing Tombstone Records of Linn County, Iowa, p. 148A.

14. "Find A Grave," database, Sarah Frances Hogle Manchester and Charles Gee Manchester, Jasper Jasper Co., Mo., memorial nos. 35337383 and 35337482; for gravestone photographs with year of death for Sarah and Charles.

7-3: 1909 "You ought to see the colt now."

Alda E. Rosier (1896-1996), Gashland, Missouri to Gladys L. Mudd (1904-1994), Hemet, California

This RPPC was sent between cousins. "Miss Gladys L. Mudd" in Hemet, California received an RPPC written 16 October 1909 in Gashland, Missouri that shows an adolescent girl and is signed "Your cousin, Alda E. Rosier." Gladys Mudd and her parents William S. and "Allice" Mudd are in Hemet in

the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Alda Rosier and her parents Lawrence W. and Abbie J. Rosier are in Everett, Missouri in the 1900 U.S. census.² Gladys L. Mudd's mother and Alda Rosier's mother were sisters. Gladys L. Mudd was born 30 July 1904 in California, the daughter of William S. Mudd and Alice L. McNeil who married 17 April 1880 in Bates County, Missouri.³ Alda E. Rosier was born June 1896 in Missouri, the daughter of Lawrence W. Rosier and Abbie J. McNeil who married 26 September 1875 in Cass County, Missouri.⁴ Abbie J. and Alice McNeil, sisters, are in Boone, Bates County, Missouri with their parents James and Jane McNeil in the 1870 U.S. census.⁵ Alice Mudd, daughter, and her husband W. S. are with James and Jane McNeil in the 1880 U.S. census.⁶ The photograph is probably Alda E. Rosier. Alda wrote "You ought to see the colt now. Booker haltered him up this morning." Booker is probably Alda's older brother Booker P. Rosier, who is with the family in the 1900 census. Gladys L. Mudd married Francis M. Stark 6 June 1965 in Merced County, California.⁷ She died October 1994 and is buried in La Junta, Colorado.⁸ Alda E. Rosier married Earl Robinson in 1960.⁹ She died 1996 and is buried in Colfax County, New Mexico.¹⁰

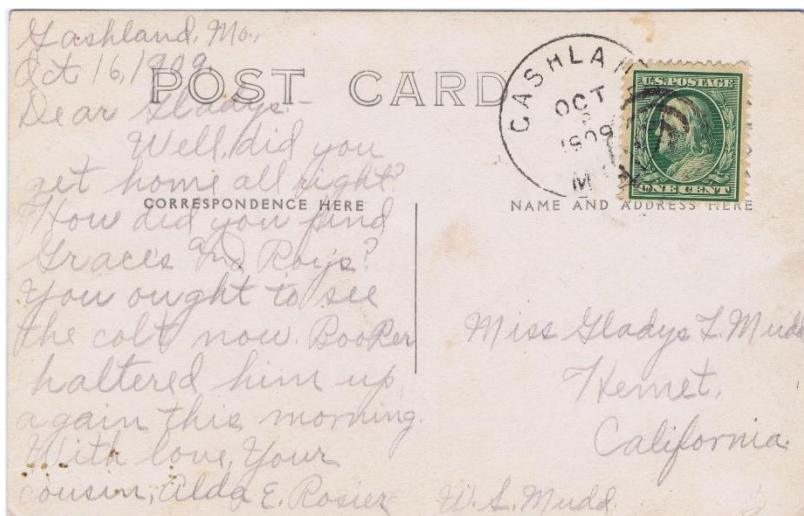


Figure 7-3A 1909 real photo postcard from Gashland, Missouri to Hemet, California (Author's collection)



Figure 7-3B 1909 photograph, probably Alda E. Rosier
(Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Riverside Co., Cal., pop. sch., Hemet, ED 68, sheet 19A (penned), dwell. 385, fam. 409, William S. Mudd; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 91.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Cass Co., Mo., pop. sch., Everett township, ED 31, sheet 8B (penned), dwell. 166, fam. 171, Lawrence W. Rosier; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T623, roll 846.

3. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Gladys M. Stark, SSN 552-03-1135, for birth date. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William S. Mudd-Alice L. McNeil, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Bates Co., Mo., 1880, p. 141, Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Cass Co., Mo., pop. sch., Everett township, ED 31, sheet 8B (penned), dwell. 166, fam. 171, Lawrence W. Rosier; digital image, *Ancestry.com*;

citing NARA series T623, roll 846, for Alda's birth month, year, and state. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; L. W. Rosier-Miss A. J. McNeil, Cass Co., marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Cass Co., Mo., 1875, p. 168, Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City.

5. 1870 U.S. census, Bates Co., Mo., pop. sch., Boone township, pp. 19-20 (penned), dwell. 137, fam. 140, James McNeil; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 758.

6. 1880 U.S. census, Bates Co., Mo., pop. sch., Boone township, ED 144, p. 17A (penned), dwell. 146, fam. 148, James McNeil; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 673.

7. "California, Marriage Index, 1960-1985"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Gladys L. Mudd-Francis M. Stark, marriage index entry, for marriage date and place; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento.

8. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Gladys M. Stark, SSN 552-03-1135, Otero Co., Colo., for death month and year. "Find A Grave," database, Gladys Mudd Stark, Otero Co., Colo., memorial no. 33294615, for burial place.

9. *Las Vegas [Nev.] Optic*, 12 May 1969, p. 1, col. 4, "Earl Robinson dies Sunday"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Earl Leslie Robinson, obituary, for marriage year.

10. "Find A Grave," database, Alice Rosier-Robinson, Colfax Co., N. Mex., memorial no. 19675860, for death year and burial place.

7-4: Three Generations

Asa John Hartwell (1884-1956), Annie Cordelia (Hall) Hartwell (1887-1979), Freddie Hartwell (1904-1951), Edwin Hartwell (1909-1991), Hattie (Rumrill Hall) Breed (1869-1951), and Oliver Nash, Jr. (1900-1976), Troy, New Hampshire

Three adults and three children appear on an unsent RPPC circa 1910. The two women in the picture are mother and daughter. "Asa J. Hartwell and Annie, Sons Freddie + Edwin, Hattie Breed and Oliver Nash, Jr, Troy, N.H." is written on the back. Asa J. and Annie C. Hartwell, husband and wife, and their sons Fred A. and Edwin L. are in Troy, New Hampshire in the 1910 U.S. census, with Edwin's age shown as nine months, and Hattie G. (Mrs. Lucius F.) Breed and Oliver Nash, her adopted son, are listed on the following page of the census.¹ Asa J. Hartwell was born 10 March 1884 in Winchendon, Massachusetts, the son of Charles and Ella (Ray Nickerson) Hartwell who married 28 May 1883 in Keene, New Hampshire.² Asa J. Hartwell married Annie C. Hall 18 October 1902 in Troy.³ Annie Cordelia Hall was born 21 December 1887 in Claremont, New Hampshire, the daughter of George H.

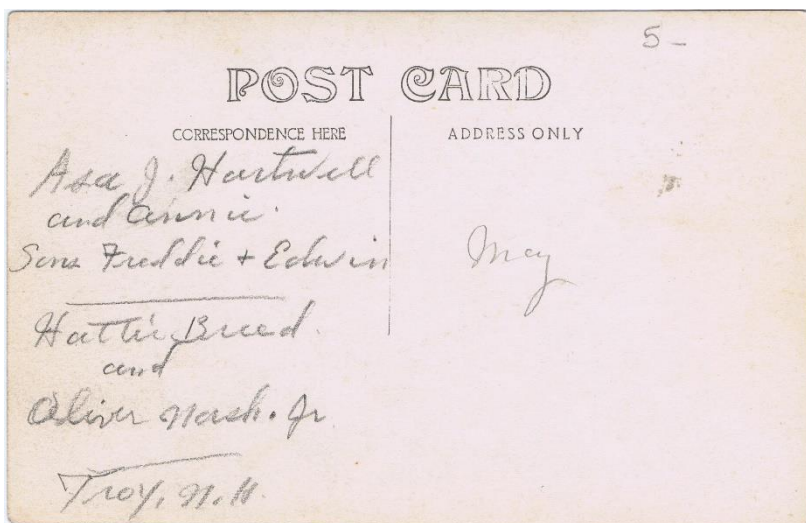


Figure 7-4A Circa 1910 unsent real photo postcard (Author's collection)



Figure 7-4B Circa 1910 photo of Asa J. and Annie C. (Hall) Hartwell, their sons Fred and Edwin, Hattie G. (Rumrill) (Hall) Breed, and Oliver Nash (Author's collection)

and Hattie E. (Rumrill/Renville) Hall who married in Goshen, New Hampshire 20 February 1885.⁴ Fourteen year-old Annie “G.” Hall is with her mother and step-father in the 1900 U.S. census.⁵ Freddie and Edwin Hartwell were born 4 August 1904 and 23 July 1909.⁶ Hattie G. (Rumrill) Hall was born 1 October 1869 in Unity, New Hampshire, daughter of Charles Francis and Nancy Jane (Newton) Rumrill who married 21 July 1861 in Weathersfield, Vermont, and eight-month old Hattie G. is with her parents in Unity in the 1870 U.S. census.⁷ She married George Hall 20 February 1885 in Goshen, New Hampshire; Lucius F. Breed 14 May 1898 in Swanzy, New Hampshire; and Patrick M. McSherry/ McSharry 1 August 1925 in Hanover, New Hampshire.⁸ Oliver Leonard Nash, Jr. was born 18 January 1900 in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, the son of Oliver L. and Mary E. (Damon Whitney) Nash.⁹ His father died in Troy in 1904.¹⁰ His mother is an “inmate” at the “Town farm” in Leominster, Massachusetts in the 1910 U.S. census, and she died in 1912.¹¹ Hattie (Rumrill Hall Breed) McSharry died 5 March 1951, Asa J. Hartwell in 1956, and Annie (Hall) Hartwell in January 1979.¹² Freddie Hartwell married Leona Gilbert in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire in 1925 and he died in January 1961.¹³ Oliver Nash married Bessie L. Cheney 21 June 1919 in Rutland, Vermont and he died 24 January 1976 in Rutland.¹⁴ Edwin Hartwell married Margaret Durand 28 October 1928 in Keene, New Hampshire, and he died 1 November 1991.¹⁵

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Cheshire Co., N.H., pop. sch., Troy, ED 47, sheet 7B (penned), dwell. 144, fam. 175, Asa J. Hartwell; and sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 150, fam. 185, Lucius F. Breed; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 861.

2. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; male Hartwell, birth, given name not shown, Winchendon, for birth date and place; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 351, p. 411, no. 14. “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Asa John Hartwell, Keene, Cheshire Co., N.H., for birth date and place; citing NARA series M1963, roll 8. “New Hampshire, Marriage Records Index, 1637-1947”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Chas. H. Hartwell-Ella L. (Ray) Nickerson, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord.

3. “New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Asa J. Hartwell-Annie C. Hall, marriage, Troy, N.H., for marriage date and place; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord.

4. “New Hampshire, Births and Christenings Index, 1714-1904”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Annie Cordelia Hall, birth abstract, for parents' names, mother's maiden name shown as Renville. “New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records,

1659-1947"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; George Hall-Hattie G. Rumrill, marriage, for groom's first name and marriage date and place.

5. 1900 U.S. census, Cheshire Co., N.H., pop. sch., Troy, ED 42, sheet 15B (penned), dwell. 280, fam. 324, Lucius F. Bread; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 945.

6. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Freddie Hartwell, SSN 001-05-2161, died 1961, for birth date; Edwin L. Hartwell, SSN 001-12-7605, died 1991, for birth date.

7. "Vermont Death Records, 1909-2008"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Hattie Gertrude McSharry, death, 1951, for birth date and place and father's name; citing Vt. State Archives and Records Administration, Montpelier. "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Charles F. Rumrill-Nancy J. Newton, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Vt. Vital Records through 1870, NEHGS. 1870 U.S. census, Sullivan Co., N.H., pop. sch., Unity, p. 5 (penned), dwell. 44, fam. 43, Chas. F. Rumrill; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 850.

8. "New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; marriage copies: George Hall-Hattie G. Rumrill, 1885; Patrick M. McSherry-Nattie Breed, 1925; for marriage dates and places; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records, Concord, N.H. "New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Lucius F. Breed-Hattie G. Hall, 1898, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, N.H.

9. "New Hampshire, Birth Records, 1659-1900"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Oliver Leonard Nash, Jr., birth copy, for birth date and place and parents' names; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records, Concord, N.H.

10. "New Hampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, 1754-1947"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Oliver L. Nash, death copy, death date and place; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records, Concord, N.H.

11. 1910 U.S. census, Worcester Co., Mass., pop. sch., Leominster, town farm, ED 1774, sheet 19B (penned), dwell. 305, fam. 517, Charles E. Hoyt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, NARA series T624, roll 629. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911-1915"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Mary (Whitney) Damon, death certificate, for death date and place; citing Mass. Archives.

12. "Vermont Death Records, 1909-2008," Hattie Gertrude McSharry, death, 5 March 1951. "Find A Grave," database, Asa J. Hartwell, Cheshire Co., N.H., memorial no. 98826375, for gravestone photograph with death year. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Annie Hartwell, SSN 003-01-2571, for death month and year.

13. "New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, Freddie A. Hartwell-Leona Gilbert, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing N.H. Bureau of Vital Records, Concord. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Freddie Hartwell, SSN 001-05-2161, for death month and year.

14. "Vermont, Marriage Records, 1909-2008"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Oliver Leonard Nash-Bessie Lillian Cheney, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Montpelier. "Vermont, Death Records, 1909-2008"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Oliver L. Nash, death certificate no. 01044, for death date and place; citing Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Montpelier.

15. "New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin L. Hartwell-Margaret S. Durand, marriage copy, for marriage date and place; citing New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Records, Concord. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin L. Hartwell, SSN 001-12-7605, for death date.

7-5: Circa 1910 Steinke Family of Sauk County, Wisconsin

Dorothea (Martin) Steinke (1837-1931) and seven of her children, probably Merrimac, Wisconsin

An unmailed RPPC shows eight adults on a porch, probably in Merrimac, Wisconsin. "[L]eft back Louie Steinke, Matilda Weigand, Amelia Prothero, Julia Zastrow, August Steinke, seated Emma Kessler, Mother Dorothea Steinke, Minnie Miller taken before 1913 – Aug[ust] died June 25, 1913" is written on the back. August and Dora "Steinkee," husband and wife, with six daughters and two sons are in Merrimac, Wisconsin in the 1880 U.S. census with first names that match the eight names written on the card.¹ Dorothea Martin was born December 1837 in Germany, and she married August Steinke, also German, circa 1863.² Five of their daughters' married names are written on the card. Auguste Mathilde Steinke married Heinrich Weigand 8 May 1883 in Sauk County, Wisconsin, and they are in Merrimac in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Julianne Steinke married Wilhelm "Lastrow" 8 May 1888 in Sauk County, and they are in Caledonia, Wisconsin in the 1900 U.S. census.⁴ Anna W. (the W apparently for Wilhelmina) married William C. Miller 18 October 1894 in Sauk County, and they are in Baraboo in the 1900 U.S. census.⁵ Amelia Paulina Steinke married Lyman Enos Prothers 1 May 1895 in Wonewoc, Wisconsin, and they are listed in a 1920 Twin Falls, Idaho directory.⁶ Emma Steinke married Fredrick Kessler 14 November 1900 in Sauk County.⁷ Emma is with her mother "Dorethey" and brother "Lewis Senkie" in Merrimac in the 1900 U.S. census, and F. G. and Emma Kessler are in Baraboo, just northwest of Merrimac, in the 1905 Wisconsin census.⁸ Fred G. and Emma E. Kessler are in Baraboo in the 1910 U.S. census with Emma's brother August, who married Martha Dahnke 30 November

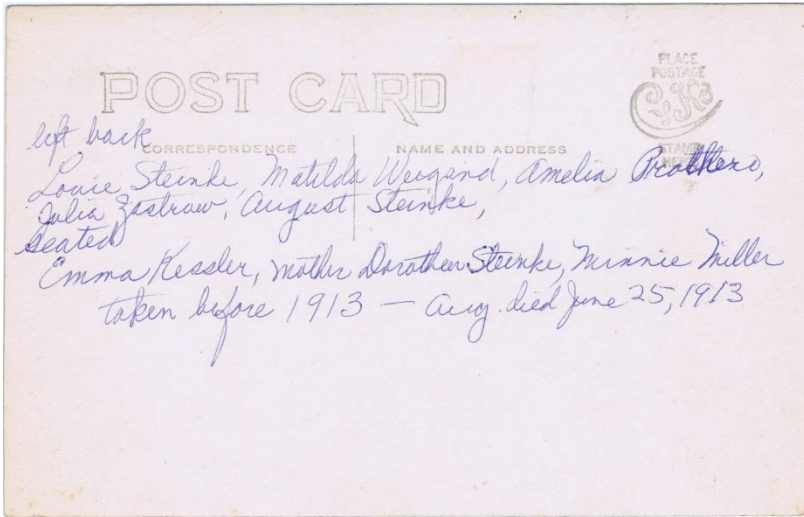


Figure 7-5A Circa 1910 unsent real photo postcard (Author's collection)



Figure 7-5B Circa 1910 photograph of Dorothea (Martin) Steinke and seven of her children, probably Merrimac, Wisconsin (Author's collection)

1905 in Sauk County.⁹ August Steinke, the father, and Ida Steinke, a daughter, are listed with the family in the 1880 census but are not in the photograph because August died 17 August 1892 and Ida 18 April 1899.¹⁰ Dorothea “Steinkie” is shown in the 1910 U.S. census as a widow and the mother of ten children, seven of whom were still alive.¹¹ August Steinke, the son, died 25 June 1913, as noted on the card.¹² Emma (Steinke) Kessler died 1923.¹³ Dorothea (Martin) Steinke, the mother, died 11 February 1931.¹⁴ Mathilda (Steinke) Weigand died 1941.¹⁵ Louis A. Steinke died 1942.¹⁶ Amelia (Steinke) Prothero died 6 March 1947 in Twin Falls, Idaho.¹⁷ Julia (Steinke) Zastrow died 3 August 1951.¹⁸ Minnie (Steinke) Miller died 1962.¹⁹

Notes:

1. 1880 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimack, ED 257, sheet 10B (penned), dwell. 87, fam. 89, August Steinkee; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T9, roll 1446.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimack, ED 140, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 141, fam. 143, Lewis Senkie; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1816, for Dorothea's birth month, year, and country. 1930 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimack, ED 56-23, sheet 5A (penned), dwell. 102, fam. 108, Louis A. Steinke; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2609, for Dorothea's marriage year estimated 1863 on her age of twenty-five years at first marriage (col. 15). “Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Heinrich Weigand-Auguste Mathilde Steinke, marriage abstract, Sauk Co., for bride's mother's maiden name; citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, Wisconsin.

3. “Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930,” Heinrich Weigand-Auguste Mathilde Steinke, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place. 1900 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimack, ED 140, sheet 6B (penned), dwell. 199, fam. 204, Henry Weingand; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1816.

4. “Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930,” Wilhelm Lastrow-Julianne Steinke, marriage abstract, Sauk Co., for marriage date and place. 1910 U.S. census, Columbia Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Caledonia township, ED 11, sheet 11A (penned), dwell./fam. 195, William Jastrow; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1705.

5. “Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930,” William C. Miller-Anna W. Steinke, marriage abstract, Sauk Co., for marriage date and place. 1900 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Baraboo, ward 2, ED 126, sheet 18B (penned), dwell. 442, fam. 469, W. C. Miller; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1816.

6. “Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930,” Lyman Enos Prothers-Amelia Paulina Steinke, marriage abstract, Juneau Co., for marriage date and place. *Polk's Twin Falls...Directory, 1920-21* (Seattle, Washington: R. L. Polk & Co., Inc., 1920); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 137, entry for Lyman E. and Amelia Prothero.

7. "Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930," Fredrick Kessler-Emma Steinke, marriage abstract, Sauk Co., for marriage date and place.

8. 1900 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimac, ED 140, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 141, fam. 143, Lewis Senkie; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1816. 1905 Wisc. state census, Sauk Co., Baraboo, ward 3, sheet 10 (recto, penned), fam. 220, F. G. Kessler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, roll CSUSAWI1905.

9. 1910 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Baraboo city, ward 2, ED 108, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 115, fam. 127, August W. Stanke; and fam. 128, Fred G. Kessler; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1736. "Wisconsin, Marriages, 1836-1930," August W. F. Steinke-Martha Dahnke, marriage abstract, Sauk Co., for marriage date and place.

10. "Find A Grave," database, August W. F. Steinke, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 67619539. "Find A Grave," database, Ida A. Steinke, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 39946590, for gravestone photograph with death date.

11. 1910 U.S. census, Sauk Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Merrimac, ED 121, sheet 7B (penned), dwell./fam. 2, Lewis A. Steinkie; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1736.

12. "Find A Grave," database, August W. Steinke, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 69090671.

13. "Find A Grave," database, Emma E. Kessler, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 20628003.

14. "Find A Grave," database, Dorothea Steinke, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 67619540.

15. "Find A Grave," database, Mathilda Weigand, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 60469006, for gravestone photograph with death year.

16. "Find A Grave," database, Louis A. Steinke, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 69090686.

17. "Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Amelia Pauline Prothero, death abstract; citing Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Boise.

18. "Find A Grave," database, Julia A. Zastrow, Columbia Co., Wisc., memorial no. 75637678.

19. "Find A Grave," database, Minnie A. Miller, Sauk Co., Wisc., memorial no. 20635698, for gravestone photograph with death year.

7-6: 1912 Three Brothers

**Elmer Platt Ireland (1873-1961), Norfolk, Nebraska to George
Albert Ireland (1871-1955), Tekamah, Nebraska**

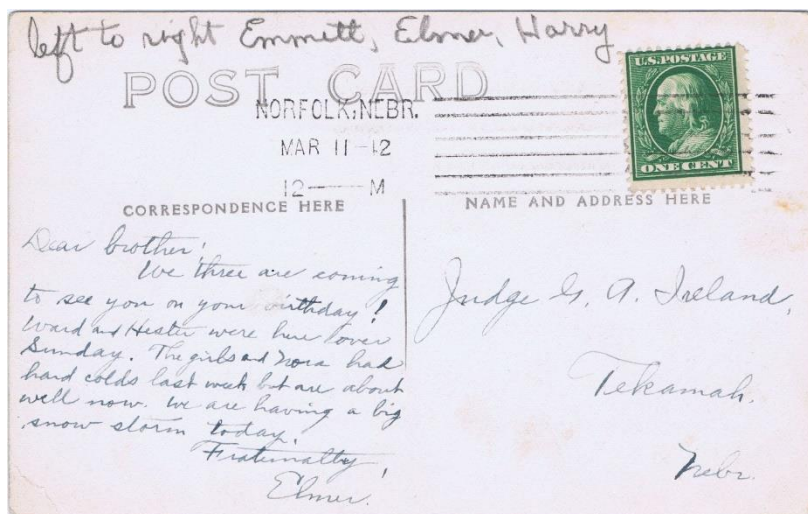


Figure 7-6A 1912 real photo postcard from Norfolk, Nebraska to Tekamah, Nebraska (Author's collection)



Figure 7-6B 1912 photograph of Emmett, Elmer, and Harry Ireland (Author's collection)

This RPPC was sent between brothers. "Judge G. A. Ireland" of Tekamah, Nebraska received an RPPC postmarked 11 March 1912 in Norfolk, Nebraska that shows three men and begins "Dear brother." The back of the

postcard has “left to right Emmett, Elmer, Harry” and is signed “Fraternally, Elmer.” George A. Ireland, judge, is in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ George Albert Ireland was born 11 March 1871 in Urbana, Illinois, the son of Wallace Leroy and Minerva Nancy (Johnson) Ireland, and he is with his parents and brothers Platt and Madison in the 1880 U.S. census.² Elmer Platt Ireland and Harry Madison Ireland registered with Selective Service in 1918, and the birth dates on their registration forms correspond with their ages in the 1880 census.³ Emmett “F.” Ireland is with his parents and brother Harry M. in the 1900 U.S. census, and Emmet Talbert Ireland registered with Selective Service in 1917.⁴ Elmer P. Ireland is listed in a 1913 directory of Norfolk, Nebraska, where the RPPC was postmarked.⁵ Elmer writes “The girls and Norah had hard colds last week,” and the “girls” are probably his “wards” Florence and Mary Caton shown in the 1920 U.S. census.⁶ Elmer continues “We three are coming to see you on your birthday!” The RPPC was postmarked on George A. Ireland's forty-first birthday. George A. Ireland died in Oakland, Nebraska 26 October 1955, and he is buried in Burt County.⁷ Harry Ireland died August 1939 and is buried in Denver, Colorado.⁸ Elmer Ireland died 6 November 1961 in Jackson County, Oregon, and Emmett Ireland died in 1964.⁹

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Burt Co., Nebr., pop. sch., Tekamah, ward 2, ED 33, sheet 2A (penned), dwell./fam. 36, George A. Ireland; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 839.

2. Sara Mullin Baldwin and Robert Morton Baldwin, editors, *Nebraskana*, transcript, (<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/topic/resources/OLLibrary/Nebraskana/>), “Tables of Contents” > “I” in biographies > “Next Page” > “George Albert Ireland”; pp. 596-597, for birth date and place and parents' names. 1880 U.S. census, Burt Co., Nebr., pop. sch., Summit precinct, ED 39, page 24A (penned), dwell./fam. 4, W. L. Ireland; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 743.

3. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918”; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Elmer Platt Ireland, Board 1, Otsego Co., N.Y., NARA series M1509, roll 1818708; and Harry Madison Ireland, Laramie Co., Wyo., citing NARA series M1509, roll 2022240, for birth dates.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Burt Co., Nebr., pop. sch., Craig, ED 30, sheet 2B (penned), dwell./fam. 34, Wallace Ireland; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 918. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918”; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Emmett Talbert Ireland, Atchison Co., Kans., NARA series M1509, roll 1643421.

5. *Keiter Directory Co's. Norfolk City and Madison County, Nebraska Directory, 1913-1914* (St. Paul, Minn.: Keiter Directory Company, 1912); digital image, Ancestry.com; 77, entry for Elmer P. Ireland.

6. 1920 U.S. census, Otsego Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Laurens township, ED 197, sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 224, fam. 228, Elmer P. Ireland; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA series T625, roll 1255.

7. "G. A. Ireland Dies; Ex-Burt Official," *The Lincoln [Nebr.] Star*; digital image, Newspapers.com; 28 October 1955, p. 27, cols. 4-5, for death place. "Find A Grave," database, George A. Ireland, Burt Co., Nebr., memorial no. 109172422, for death date and burial place.

8. "Find A Grave," database, Harry M. Ireland, Denver Co., Colo., memorial no. 121989240.

9. "Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008"; digital image, Ancestry.com; Elmer P. Ireland (wife Nora), death abstract, for death date and place; citing Oregon State Archives and Records Center, Salem. "Find A Grave," database, Emmett T. Ireland, Sedgwick Co., Kans., memorial no. 54110701, for year of death.

7-7: 1913 "[A] picture of Owen"

**Fern D. (Gallaughier) Rayl (1884-1965), Youngstown, Ohio to
Annie (Gallaughier) Wise (1861-1938), Butler, Pennsylvania;
postcard by David Perel (1880-1940), Youngstown, Ohio**



Figure 7-7A 1913 real photo postcard from Youngstown, Ohio to Butler, Pennsylvania (Author's collection)



Figure 7-7B 1913 photograph of Owen Rayl in a street railway conductor uniform, taken by David Perel, embossed in the lower right corner (Author's collection)

This RPPC was sent by a niece to her aunt. "Mrs. Annie Wise" in Butler, Pennsylvania received an RPPC postmarked 14 July 1913 in Youngstown, Ohio that shows a man in a uniform. The text begins "Dear Uncle + Aunt" and is signed "Mrs. O. A. Rayl, 513 Market St." Annie M. (Mrs. Calvin) Wise is in Penn township, about four miles south of Butler, in the 1910 U.S. census, with John E. and Christiana Gallagher, father- and mother-in-law, living in the household.¹ Owen A. Rayl, a street railway conductor, and his wife Fern D. are listed in a 1912 Youngstown, Ohio directory at 513 Market Street, the return address written on the postcard, and they are in Youngstown in the 1910 U.S. census.² Owen A. Rayl married Fern D. Gallagher circa 1908.³ Fern D. Gallagher was born 21 December 1884 in

Pennsylvania, the daughter of William A. and Caroline (Wise) Gallagher, and fifteen year-old Fern D. is with her parents in Butler County, Pennsylvania in the 1900 U.S. census.⁴ Mrs. Annie Wise was born Annie Gallagher 15 February 1861 in Butler County, the daughter of John E. and Christie/Christina Ann (Emrick) Gallagher, and she married Calvin Wise circa 1883.⁵ Annie M. is with her parents and brother William A., Fern's father, in Butler County in the 1870 U.S. census.⁶ William Gallagher, and Annie (Gallagher) Wise were brother and sister. Fern writes "will drop you a picture of Owen ... Every body is pretty well out here but myself." Owen A. Rayl died 9 February 1913 in Youngstown of pneumonia, five months before this postcard was mailed.⁷ Annie (Gallagher) Wise died 29 April 1938 in Butler County.⁸ Fern D. (Gallagher) Rayl died 18 June 1965 in Mahoning County, Ohio.⁹ "D. Perel, 26 Federal St., Youngstown, Ohio" is embossed in the lower right corner of the postcard. David Perel, photographer, is listed in a 1913 Youngstown directory at the street address embossed on the postcard, and he is in Youngstown and shown as a photographer in the 1920 U.S. census.¹⁰ He was born 12 April 1881 in Dorpat, Russia (now Tartu, Estonia), and he died 19 August 1940 in Los Angeles.¹¹

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Butler Co., Pa., pop. sch., Penn township, ED 101, sheet 14B (penned), dwell./fam. 271, Calvin Wise; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1322.

2. *Youngstown Official City Directory ... 1912* (Akron, Ohio: The Burch Directory Company, 1912); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 916, entry for Owen A. Rayl. 1910 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Youngstown, ward 4, ED 126, sheet 7A (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 135, Owen A. Rayl; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1212.

3. 1910 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Youngstown, ward 4, ED 126, sheet 7A (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 135, Owen A. Rayl, for couple's estimated marriage year 1908 based on their two years of marriage (col. 9).

4. 1900 U.S. census, Butler Co., Pa., pop. sch., Jefferson township, ED 79, sheet 15A (penned), dwell. 287, fam. 288, William Gallaher; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1387, for Fern's birth month, year, and state. *Butler [Pa.] Citizen*, 29 December 1910; photocopy, Butler [Pa.] Area Public Library; p. 3, "Mrs. Caroline Gallagher," obituary, for Fern "Royal" of Youngstown, Ohio as her daughter; citing film 024. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Dora Fern Rayl/Dora Fern Callaughter [Gallagher], SSN application, for birth date.

5. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Annie Gallagher Wise, death certificate no. 35254, died 29 April 1938, for parents'

names, date and place of birth; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1900 U.S. census, Butler Co., Pa., pop. sch., Penn township, ED 87, sheet 15B (penned), dwell. 313, fam. 314, Calvin Wise; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1387, year of marriage estimated 1883 as couple shown as married seventeen years.

6. 1870 U.S. census, Butler Co., Pa., pop. sch., Jefferson township, p. 8 (penned), dwell./fam. 57, John Gallagher; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1316.

7. "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Owen A. Rayl, death certificate no. 10546, for date, place, and cause of death; citing Youngstown, Mahoning Co., Ohio.

8. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944," Annie Gallagher Wise, death certificate no. 35254, for date and place of death; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

9. "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-2007"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Dora F. Rayl, death abstract, for death date and place; citing certificate 47147, Ohio Department of Health, Columbus.

10. *Youngstown Official City Directory ... 1913* (Akron, Ohio: The Burch Directory Company, 1913); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 902, entry for David Perel. 1920 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Youngstown, ward 8, ED 229, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 11, David Perel; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1415.

11. "U.S., Naturalization Records - Original Documents, 1795-1972 (World Archives Project)"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; David Perel, naturalization petition, no. 11685; citing "Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division (Los Angeles), 1887-1940," NARA series M1524, roll 94, for birth date and place. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; David Perell, for death date and place.

7-8: 1914 "Bunkers: Mom, Thea, Forrest, Opal, Faith"

Anna (Scantlen) Bunker (1880-1974), Ruth Thea Bunker (1901-before 1974), Forrest A. Bunker (1904-1982), Beulah Opal Bunker (1907-1987), and Faith Bunker (1911-1994), Montpelier, Ohio

An unmailed RPPC shows a woman and four children in a fantasy backdrop of a boat named Hazel with "Taken 1914 Montpelier Ohio" written at the bottom. "Taken 1914, Bunkers: Mom, Thea, Forrest, Opal, Faith" is written on the back. Ruth T., "Forest" A., and "Bulah" O. Bunker, siblings, are in Superior, Ohio, which surrounds Montpelier, in the 1910 U.S. census with

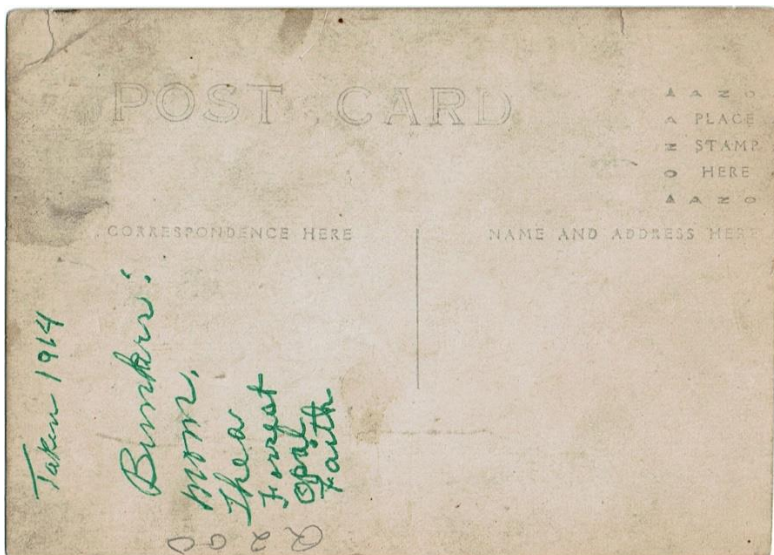


Figure 7-8A 1914 unsent real photo postcard labelled on the back (Author's collection)



Figure 7-8B 1914 photograph of Anna (Scantlen) Bunker with Ruth Thea, Forrest, Beulah Opal, and Faith Bunker in a fantasy backdrop of a boat named Hazel (Author's collection)

their parents “Cashus” C. and Anna Bunker.¹ Forrest A., Beulah O., and Faith F. Bunker are with their mother Anna in the 1920 U.S. census.² Annie Scantlen married Cassius C. Bunker 6 September 1899 in Montpelier.³ Anna E. Scantlen was born 6 September 1880 in Delaware township, Defiance County, Ohio, the daughter of Felix and Mary Catharine (Traxler) Scantlen who married 1 April 1869 in Defiance County, Ohio.⁴ Felix and Catharine “Scantling,” Anna’s parents, are in Delaware township, Ohio in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ Ruth Thea Bunker, Anna and Cassius’s daughter, was born circa 1901 in Ohio.⁶ Forrest A. Bunker, their son, was born 1 September 1904 in Adrian, Michigan.⁷ Beulah Opal Bunker, their daughter, was born 31 October 1907 in Milford township, Defiance County, Ohio.⁸ Faith Finis Bunker, their daughter, was born 26 October 1911 in Ohio.⁹ The photograph shows, from left to right, Anna (Scantlen), Faith, Opal, Thea, and Forrest Bunker. Anna Bunker married William P. Nolan 18 November 1930 in Owosso, Michigan.¹⁰ Ruth Thea Bunker apparently died before 1974 as she is not listed as a survivor when Anna E. (Scantlen) Nolan, her mother, died 5 July 1974.¹¹ Forrest A. Bunker died 8 October 1982 in Marshall, Michigan.¹² Beulah Opal (Bunker) Thompson died 29 September 1987 in Kalamazoo County, Michigan.¹³ Faith Finis (Bunker) Dixon died 7 November 1994 in Butte County, California.¹⁴

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Williams Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Montpelier, ED 137, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 102, fam. 106, Cashus C. Bunker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1241.

2. 1920 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Mich., pop. sch., Battle Creek, ward 3, ED 40, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 141, fam. 145, Anna E. Bunker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 759.

3. “Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Cassius C. Bunker-Annie Scantlen, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Williams Co., Probate Court, marriage records, 1899-1903, vol. 8, p. 58, no. 113.

4. “Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Anna E. Scantlen, birth abstract, for birth date and place, and parents’ names; citing Defiance Co. birth index, 1866-1884, pp. 264-265, no. 5780. “Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Felix Scantlin-Mary Catharine Traxler, marriage; citing Defiance Co. marriages, vol. 2, 1855-1895, p. 152.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Defiance Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Delaware township, ED 236, sheet 11C (penned), dwell./fam. 98, Peter Stockman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1011.

6. 1910 U.S. census, Williams Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Montpelier, ED 137, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 102, fam. 106, Cashus C. Bunker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*;

citing NARA series T624, roll 1241, for birth state and year estimated 1901 from age of nine years.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Forrest A. Bunker, Calhoun Co., Mich., memorial no. 32611593, for birth place and date; citing obituary transcription, *Battle Creek [Mich.] Enquirer & News*, 9 October 1982. "Michigan, Deaths, 1971-1996"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Forrest A. Bunker, death abstract, 1982, Calhoun Co., for birth date; citing Mich. Department of Vital and Health Records, Lansing.

8. "Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Beulah Opal Bunker, birth; citing Probate Court, Defiance Co., Vol. 3., birth registers, 1896-1908, p. 243.

9. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *Ancestry.com*; Faith Finis (Bunker) Dixon, death abstract, 1994, for date of birth; citing Department of Health Services, Sacramento.

10. "Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William P. Nolan-Anna Bunker, marriage license, no. 1288, Shiawassee Co., Mich., for marriage date and place; citing Mich. Department of Community Health.

11. "Find A Grave," database, Anna Elizabeth Scantlen Nolan, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., memorial no. 37149845, for obituary transcript; citing *Battle Creek [Mich.] Enquirer & News*, 7 July 1974.

12. "Rau/Ritter Roots and Shoots Sprigs and Twigs" family tree, owner: sewnsewnan, *Ancestry.com*, for Forrest A. Bunker death certificate, digital image, no. 0242489, Calhoun Co., Mich., for death date and place.

13. "Find A Grave," database, Beulah Opal Bunker Thompson, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., memorial no. 25877899, for death date and place.

14. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997," Faith Finis (Bunker) Dixon, death abstract, for death date and place.

7-9: 1915 "2 mo[nths] and 2 days [old]"

Ivan Jesse Young (1891-1967) and Marie (Knotts) Young (1894-1965), Waukee, Iowa to Myra (Shook) Young (1894-1986), Swan, Iowa; photograph of Waldean Knotts Young (1915-1969)

This RPPC was sent between two brothers' families. "Mrs. Earl Young" in Swan, Iowa received an RPPC postmarked 7 July 1915 in Waukee, Iowa. The short text reads "Waldean Knotts Young, Taken when 2 mo[nth]s 2 days [old]." Waldean Knotts Young was born 21 April 1915 in Swan, Marion County, Iowa, the son of Ivan J. and Marie (Knotts) Young who married 20 March 1912 in Marion County.¹ Four year, eleven month-old Walden is with his parents in Waukee in the 1920 U.S. census.² Myra H. (Mrs. Earl L.) Young



Figure 7-9A 1915 real photo postcard from Wauke, Iowa to Swan, Iowa (Author's collection)

is in Swan in the 1915 Iowa census.³ Ivan J. and Earl L. Young were brothers, sons of Armanus H. and Emma J. (Donahoo) Young who married 20 February 1889 in Polk County, Iowa, and they are with their parents in Prairie City, Iowa in the 1900 U.S. census.⁴ Ivan Jesse Young was born 1 January 1891 in Percy, Iowa, and Earl Lorenz Young was born 19 November 1892 in Swan.⁵ Earl Lorenz Young married Myra H. Shook 25 December 1912 in Des Moines, Iowa.⁶ Myra Shook was born 17 November 1894 in Swan, the daughter of Burr and Joanna (Spires) Shook who married 25 December 1893 in Swan, and five year-old Myra is with her parents in Swan in the 1900 U.S. census.⁷ Marie Knotts was born 5 June 1894, daughter of Harvey E. and Myrtle (Hunter) Knotts who married 15 September 1892 in Swan, and five year-old Marie May is with her parents in Swan in the 1900 U.S. census.⁸ The postcard shows Walden in a carriage next to a building. Marie (Knotts) Young died before 20 January 1966 and Ivan Jesse Young died in September 1967, both in Ada, Oklahoma.⁹ Mary (Shook) Young died June 1986 in Marion County.¹⁰ Waldean Young died February 1969.¹¹

Notes

1. "Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Waldean Knotts Young, birth abstract, for birth date and place and parents' names; citing Marion Co. courthouse, Knoxville, Iowa. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934";

database, *FamilySearch.org*; Ivan J. Young-Marie M. Knotts/Knoots, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Marion Co. court clerk, Knoxville, Iowa.



Figure 7-9B 1915 photograph of Waldean Knotts Young aged two months and two days (Author's collection)

2. 1920 U.S. census, Dallas Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Waukee, ED 21, sheet 9A (penned), dwell. 200, fam. 202, Ivan Young; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 486.

3. "Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; 1915 Iowa state census, Marion Co., Swan, card 107, Myra H. Young; card 106, Earl L. Young; citing State Historical Society of Iowa.

4. "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; A. H. Young-Emma J. Donahoo, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Polk Co. court clerk, Des Moines. 1900 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Prairie City, ED 18, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 21, Armanus H. Young; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 439.

5. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Ivan Jesse Young, Dallas Co., Iowa; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1642995; Earl Lorenz Young, Marion Co., Iowa; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1643153; for birth dates and places.

6. "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Earl Lorenz Young-Myra H. Shook, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Polk Co. court clerk, Des Moines.

7. "Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Myra H. Shook, birth abstract, for parents' names and birth date and place; citing Marion Co. court clerk, Knoxville, Iowa. "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Burr Shook-Joanna Spires, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Marion Co. court clerk, Knoxville, Iowa. 1900 U.S. census, Marion Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Swan, ED 56, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 49, fam. 52, Burr Shook; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 447.

8. "Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Marie May Knotts, birth abstract, for parents' names and birth date and place; citing Marion Co. court clerk, Knoxville, Iowa. "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Harvey E. Knotts-Myrtle Hunter, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Marion Co. court clerk, Knoxville, Iowa. 1900 U.S. census, Marion Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Swan, ED 56, sheet 2A (penned), dwell. 33, fam. 34, Harve Knotts; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 447.

9. *The Ada [Okla.] Weekly News*, 20 January 1966; digital image, Newspapers.com; p. 6, col. 1, "Legal Notices," Marie May Young "notice to creditors," for evidence of death. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Ivan Young, SSN 446-38-5819, for death place, month, and year.

10. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Myra Young, SSN 483-20-6215, for death place, month, and year.

11. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Waldean Young, SSN 456-01-8933, for death place, month, and year.

7-10: 1917 "Flan got me a camera"

Cora (Swank) Tucker (1895-1932), Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Bessie (Wursch) Pawloski (1895-1998), Michigan City, Indiana; photograph of Lyle Swank Tucker (1916-1982)

This RPPC has a photograph of the sender's son and was apparently sent between friends. "Mrs. Arnold Pawloski" in Michigan City, Indiana received an RPPC from "Cora" (written above the postmark) postmarked 5 January 1917 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. "Lyle S. Tucker ... 7 months old" is written on the back, and the photograph shows a child sitting on a sawbuck, used



Figure 7-10A 1917 real photo postcard from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Michigan City, Indiana (Author's collection)

to hold wood for sawing. Lyle Swank Tucker was born 31 March 1916 in Indiana, about ten months before this RPPC was mailed, the son of Philander K. and Cora (Swank) Tucker who married 23 November 1914 in LaPorte County, Indiana, where Michigan City is the county seat.¹ Three year-old Lyle is with his parents in Sioux Falls in the 1920 U.S. census.² Bessie (Mrs. Arnold) Pawloski is in Michigan City in the 1920 U.S. census.³ Arnold Pawloski married Bessie Wursch in Michigan City 25 November 1916, about six weeks before this RPPC was mailed, which accounts for Cora's statement to Bessie "I hadn't heard you was married." ⁴ Bessie was born 5 November 1895 in Holmesville, LaPorte County, the daughter of John and Louisa (Miller) Wursch/Wuersch, who married 3 May 1880 in LaPorte County.⁵ Fourteen year-old Bessie is with her mother in the 1910 U.S. census.⁶ Cora A. Swank was born July 1895 in Missouri, the daughter of John and Elvira J. (Harrauld/Harrold) Swank who married 6 September 1888 in Bollinger County, Missouri, and four year-old Cora A. with her parents in Bollinger County in the 1900 U.S. census.⁷ Cora Swank and Bessie Wursch were apparently friends in Michigan City, and Florence and Alma Wursch, Bessie's sisters, are boarders with Cora's family in the 1910 census.⁸ Cora writes "Flan got me a camera" for Christmas, and Cora probably used her new camera to take this picture of her son Lyle. Cora's husband Philander is listed as Flan in the 1910 U.S. census.⁹ Cora (Swank) Tucker died 7 April 1932 in Minnehaha County, South Dakota and Bessie

Pawloski 14 September 1998 in Niles, Michigan.¹⁰ Lyle Tucker married Myrtle R. Koller 30 August 1937 in Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota, and he died 14 July 1982 in Los Angeles.¹¹



Figure 7-10B 1917 photograph of Lyle S. Tucker sitting on a sawbuck (Author's collection)

Notes

1. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Lyle Swank Tucker, 1982, for birth date and state. "Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Plandrean Tucker-Cora Swank, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Index to Marriage Records Letters S-Z (Indiana Works Progress Administration, 1938-1940), vol. 5, p. 215.

2. 1920 U.S. census, Minnehaha Co., S.D., pop. sch., Sioux Falls, ward 10, ED 199, sheet 14A (penned), dwell. no. not shown, fam. 338, Philandor Tucker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 1724.

3. 1920 U.S. census, LaPorte Co., Ind., pop. sch., Michigan City, ward 5, ED 153, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 61, fam. 68, Arnold Pawloski; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 447.

4. "Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941," Arnold Pawloski-Bessie Wursch, marriage abstract, for marriage date; citing Index to Marriage Records Letters Mey-R (Indiana Works Progress Administration, 1938-1940), vol.1, book 5, p. 210. *Niles* [Mich.] *Daily Star*, 15 September 1998; digital image, Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society, Decatur, Mich.; "Bessie Pawloski, 1895-1998," obituary, for marriage place.

5. *Niles Daily Star*, 15 September 1998, "Bessie Pawloski, 1895-1998," obituary, for birth date and place. "Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Wuersch-Louisa Miller, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Index to Marriage Records Letters S-Z, vol. 5 and book H, p. 565.

6. 1910 U.S. census, LaPorte Co., Ind., pop. sch., New Durham township, ED 117, sheet 12A (penned), dwell./fam. 96, Louise Wuersch; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 363.

7. 1900 U.S. census, Bollinger Co., Mo., pop. sch., Filmore, ED 2, sheet 4A (penned), dwell./fam. 158, John A. Swank; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 839, for Cora's birth month, year, and state. "South Dakota, State Census, 1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; John A. Swank, for Cora's mother's maiden name; citing S.D. State Historical Society, Pierre. "Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; J. A. Swank-E. J. Harrauld, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City, Bollinger Co., 1888, p. 417.

8. 1910 U.S. census, LaPorte Co., Ind., pop. sch., Michigan City, ward 5, ED 115, sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 135, fam. 138, John A. Swank; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 363. 1900 U.S. census, LaPorte Co., Ind., pop. sch., New Durham township, ED 117, sheets 5A-5B (penned), dwell./fam. 94, John Wuersch; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; citing NARA series T623, roll 384, for their daughter Alma. "Indiana, Marriages, 1780-1992"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Walter R. Hibner-Florence Wursch, marriage abstract, 1911, for bride's parents' names showing she is Bessie's sister; citing vol. 11 [title not shown], p. 152.

9. 1910 U.S. census, Minnehaha Co., S.D., pop. sch., Sioux Falls, ward 4, ED 337, sheet 8B (penned), dwell. 170, fam. 175, Philander Tucker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1485, for son Flan (line 94).

10. "South Dakota Death Index, 1905-1955"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Cora A. Tucker, for death date and place; citing S.D. Department of Health, Pierre. *Niles* [Mich.] *Daily Star*, 15 September 1998, "Bessie Pawloski, 1895-1998," obituary, for death date and place.

11. "South Dakota Marriages, 1905-2013"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Lyle S. Tucker-Myrtle R. Koller, for marriage date and place; citing S.D. State Board of Health, Pierre, certificate no. 194011, registration no. 541. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Lyle Tucker, SSN 503-09-8908, for death date and place.

Chapter 8: Social and Political Interests

Some envelopes and postcards have an illustration or text related to a social cause, political candidate, organization, or a hobby. Receipt of an envelope concerning a candidate or social cause does not prove the recipient supported the candidate or cause, but does show the social and political context in which our ancestors lived. In some cases, background information confirms the recipient's support of a cause (Figure 8-2). While women in the United States were unable to vote in national elections prior to 1920, women received envelopes with candidate's pictures as early as the 1860s (Figure 8-5). A dues notice or payment (Figures 8-7 and 8-8) or a meeting invitation (Figure 8-9) demonstrates a person's membership in an association. Examples in this chapter concern temperance (Figures 8-1, 8-4, and 8-7), emancipation (Figure 8-2), lower postal rates (Figure 8-3), political candidates (Figures 8-5 and 8-6), a worker's union (Figure 8-8), a fire fighter's association (Figure 8-9), and amateur radio operation (Figure 8-10).

8-1: Circa 1853 “Intemperance is the Bane of Society”

Unknown sender to Pliny Fisk Sanborne (1820-1894), East Granby, Connecticut; envelope by George Dwight Jewett (1822-1874), Hartford, Connecticut



Figure 8-1 Circa 1853 envelope from Hockanum, Connecticut to East Granby, Connecticut with a pro-temperance illustration (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 989, lot 50)

“Rev[erend] P. F. Sanborne” in East Granby, Connecticut received an illustrated envelope postmarked in Hockanum, Connecticut circa 1853.¹ “Plinney Sanborn, C[ongregational] Clergyman,” is in Granby in the 1850 U.S. census.² Pliny Fisk “Sanborn” was born 25 October 1820 in Reading, Massachusetts, the son of Peter and Martha (Wakefield) “Sanborn” who married 10 November 1819 in Reading.³ He served as pastor in East Granby 1846-1853.⁴ The envelope promotes temperance and includes “Intemperance is the Bane of Society.” Street fighting, parental neglect of a young child, and a pawn shop are shown on the left, while a peaceful family at home and a savings bank are shown on the right. “Published and Sold by Geo. D. Jewett, Hartford, Ct” is printed vertically on the right. The “Steam Press of George D. Jewett, 26 State Street, Hartford” printed the Litchfield County Centennial Celebration published in Hartford in 1851, and Jewett’s Power Press printed The Second Advent Watchman in Hartford from 5 November 1851 to 20 October 1852.⁵ George Dwight Jewett was

born 1 May 1822 in Simsbury, Connecticut, the son of Frederick W. and Charlotte Milissa (Phelps) Jewett, and he married Delia Burr of Hartford on 21 November 1848.⁶ A George "G." Jewett, clerk, and his apparent wife Delia B., are in Hartford in the 1850 U.S. census, and this may be the same person as George D. Jewett, post office clerk, listed in an 1853 Hartford directory.⁷ He worked as a "clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Public Printing in Washington, D.C."⁸ A George D. Jewett, printer, is in an 1858 Washington, D.C. directory.⁹ He died 31 December 1874 and is buried in Hartford.¹⁰ Pliny F. Sanborne died in Elmira, New York on 14 January 1894.¹¹ The sender of this envelope has not been identified.

Notes:

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 989 catalog, lot 50, for stamp issued 1851-1856.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Granby, p. 167 (stamped, verso), dwell. 398, fam. 418, Plinney Sanborn; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 39.

3. Thomas W. Baldwin, compiler, *Vital Records of Reading, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 143, Pliny Fisk Sanborn, birth abstract, for birth date, father's name, and mother's first name; 438, Peter Sanborn-Martha Wakefield, marriage abstract, for mother's maiden name and parents' marriage date.

4. Albert Carlos Bates, *Sketch of the Congregational Society and Church of East Granby, Conn.* (Hartford: no publisher, 1930); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 17, paragraph 1, for Pliny F. Sanborne years as minister.

5. Litchfield County, *Centennial Celebration, Held at Litchfield, Conn., 13th and 14th of August, 1851* (Hartford, Conn.: Edwin Hunt, 1851); digital image, Internet Archive; copyright page, for printer's name. "OCLC World Cat" (<http://www.worldcat.org/>), *The Second advent watchman*, "Details," "Notes," Jewett's Power Press shown as printer 5 November 1851-20 October 1852.

6. Frederic Clarke Jewett, *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* (New York: The Grafton Press, 1908); digital image, Internet Archive; Vol. 2, 575-576, Frederick William Jewett, no. 3385, and 840-841, George Dwight Jewett, no. 5855, for parents' names, wife's name, and birth date.

7. 1850 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Hartford, p. 322 (stamped, verso; also p. 644, stamped), dwell. 2117, fam. 2747, Elihu Bellows; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 41. *Geer's Hartford City Directory, for 1853-4* (Hartford: Elihu Geer, 1853); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 104, entry for Geo. D. Jewett.

8. Jewett, *Genealogy of the Jewetts*, 841.

9. *Boyd's Washington and Georgetown Directory ... 1858* (Washington, D.C.: William H. Boyd, 1858); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 164, entry for George D. Jewett.

10. Jewett, *Genealogy of the Jewetts*, 841, for death date. “Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; George D. Jewett, death abstract, for burial place; citing *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 21, Spring Grove Cemetery (114-4), Hartford.

11. *Williams Elmira City Directory, 1894* (Elmira, New York: J. E. Williams, 1894); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 404, entry for Pliny F. Sanborne, for death date.

8-2: Circa 1854 “When Every Son of Adam Shall Be Free”

Unknown sender to Emma (Baldwin Parker) Kendrick (1787-1876), Cavendish, Vermont

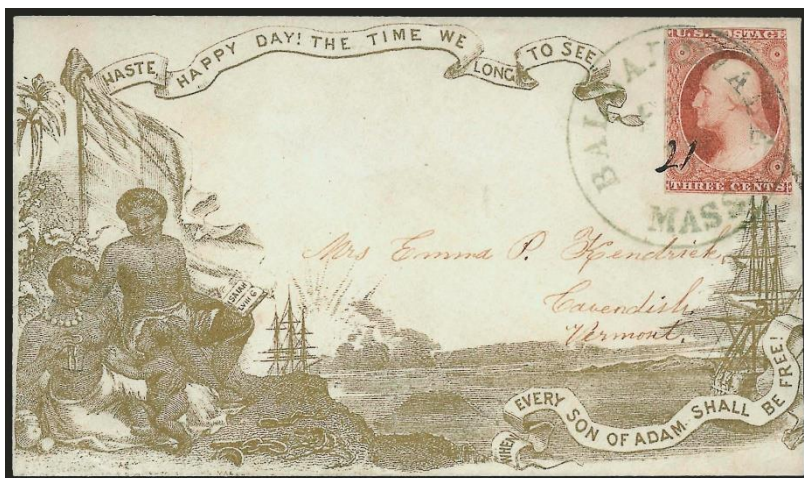


Figure 8-2 Circa 1855 envelope from Ballardville, Massachusetts to Cavendish, Vermont with an anti-slavery illustration (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970, lot 16)

“Mrs. Emma P. Kendrick” of Cavendish, Vermont received an illustrated envelope postmarked in Ballardville, Massachusetts circa 1854.¹ An Amy P. Kendrick and her apparent husband Ariel Kendrick, a Baptist minister, are in Cavendish in the 1850 U.S. census.² Emma/Amy Baldwin was born 2 May 1787 in Cavendish, Vermont, the daughter of Isaac and Amy (Coffeen) Baldwin who married 13 June 1782 in Cavendish, and an Isaac Baldwin is in Cavendish in the 1790 U.S. census.³ Emma/Amy married Joseph Parker 10 July 1804.⁴ Joseph Parker died 9 October 1843, and Emma (Baldwin) Parker

married Reverend Ariel Kendrick in 1850.⁵ Emma and Ariel Kendrick opposed slavery. Ariel Kendrick wrote “American slavery is a violation ... of the laws of humanity and of God.”⁶ Emma subscribed to the abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* and aided runaway slaves.⁷ The envelope has an anti-slavery theme and shows an African family with broken shackles on the ground, and includes “Haste, Happy Day! The Time We Long to See...When Every Son of Adam Shall Be Free.” Emma P. Kendrick died 23 June 1876 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in her will left money to “The Freedmen's Movement.”⁸ Emma Kendrick's receipt of this envelope was in keeping with her beliefs. The sender of the envelope has not been identified.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970 catalog, lot 16, for date of stamp 1851-1856.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Windsor Co., Vt., pop. sch., Cavendish, p. 317 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 256, Ariel Hendrick; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 931.

3. 1790 U.S. census, Windsor Co., Vt., pop. sch., Cavendish, p. 303 (penned), Isaac Baldwin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M637, roll 12, household includes four free white females.

4. Linda Margaret Farr Welch, compiler, *Families of Cavendish, The Early Settlers of the Black River Valley in Windsor County, Vermont* (Cavendish Vt.: Cavendish Historical Society, [1995]), vol. 1, 78-79, for parents' names and marriage date and place, and Emma/Amy's date of birth and first marriage date and place.

5. Welch, *Families of Cavendish*, vol. 1, p. 79, for date of first husband's death, second husband's name, and year of second marriage.

6. Ariel Kendrick, *Sketches of the Life and Times of Eld. Ariel Kendrick* (Windsor, Vt.: P. Merrifield, 1848); digital image, Google Books; 87.

7. Welch, *Families of Cavendish*, vol. 1, 79; citing Alfred Cook Fuller, *Records Concerning the House of Baldwin-Coffin-Parker* (Cambridge, Mass., 1891).

8. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Emma P. Kendrick, death, Cambridge; citing Mass. Archives, vol. 284, p. 61, no. 505. Welch, *Families of Cavendish*, vol. 2, p. 20, for Emma/Amy's will.

8-3: Circa 1854 “An Ocean Penny Postage”

Unknown sender to Harriet-Elizabeth Henshaw (1817-1896),
Leicester, Massachusetts; envelope by George Bradshaw
(1801-1853) and William Thomas Blacklock (1817-1870),
Manchester, England

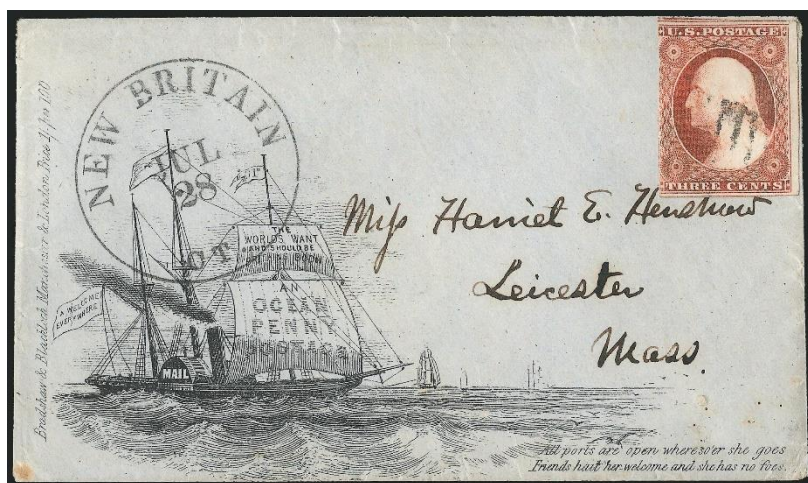


Figure 8-3 Circa 1855 envelope from New Britain, Connecticut to Leicester, Massachusetts with an illustration advocating lower postal rates (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970, lot 9)

“Miss Harriet E. Henshaw” of Leicester, Massachusetts received an illustrated envelope postmarked in New Britain, Connecticut circa 1854.¹ A Harriet E. Henshaw, apparently single, is in Leicester in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses.² Harriet-Elizabeth Henshaw, daughter of Horatio Gates and Elizabeth (Hastings) Henshaw, was born 2 March 1817 in Worcester, Massachusetts, immediately east of Leicester, where Horatio G. Henshaw operated a general store circa 1816-1820.³ An Horatio G. Henshaw is in Worcester in the 1820 U.S. census.⁴ The envelope shows a “Mail” steamer advocating “An Ocean Penny Postage” with “All ports are open where so'er she goes, Friends hail her welcome and she has no foes” printed in the lower right. Reducing the cost of transatlantic postage was a popular cause in the U.S. and Great Britain in the mid-1800s.⁵ “Bradshaw & Blacklock,

Manchester & London” is printed vertically on the left. George Bradshaw was born 29 July 1801 at Windsor Bridge, Pendleton, Salford, the son of Thomas and Mary (Rogers) Bradshaw.⁶ He is best known as a publisher of railway guides, but he also advocated ocean penny postage.⁷ William Blacklock, born in 1817, worked as Bradshaw's business partner.⁸ George Bradshaw and William “Blacklark,” both publishers, are together in Lancashire in the 1841 England census, and George Bradshaw, railway guide publisher, and William T. Blacklock, publisher, are in Lancashire in the 1851 England census.⁹ George Bradshaw died 6 September 1853 in Norway, and William Thomas Blacklock died 29 June 1870 in Manchester.¹⁰ Harriet E. Henshaw died 2 March 1896 in Leicester.¹¹ The sender of this envelope has not been identified.

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970 catalog, lot 9, for stamp issued 1851-1856.

2. 1850 U.S. census, Worcester Co., Mass., pop. sch., Leicester, p. 336 (stamped, verso), dwell. 416, fam. 439, H. G. Henshaw; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M432, roll 342. 1860 U.S. census, Worcester Co., Mass., pop. sch., Leicester, p. 27 (penned), dwell. 209, fam. 225, H. G. Henshaw; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 531.

3. Franklin P. Rice, compiler, *Worcester Births, Marriages and Deaths* (Worcester, Mass.: The Worcester Society of Antiquity, 1894); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 133, Harriet-Elizabeth Henshaw, birth abstract, for parents' names and birth date. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Harriet E. Henshaw, death, Leicester, for father's middle and mother's maiden name; citing vol. 465, p. 643, no. 9.

4. 1820 U.S. census, Worcester Co., Worcester, p. 106 (penned), Horatio G. Henshaw; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M33, roll 55, household includes two free while females under ten years old.

5. Swarthmore College Peace Collection, Elihu Burritt Papers, 1840-1965, “Historical Background” (<http://www.swarthmore.edu/library/peace/DG051-099/dg096Burritt/dg096burritt.htm>), para. 5, for Burritt's ocean penny postage advocacy.

6. Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee, editors, *The Dictionary of National Biography*; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; vol. 2, 1082, entry for George Bradshaw, for birth date and place and parents' names.

7. Stephen and Lee, *The Dictionary of National Biography*, vol. 2, 1082-1083, George Bradshaw, for railway guide publications and ocean penny postage advocacy.

8. The New Baxter Society, “Bradshaw & Blacklock” (<http://newbaxtersociety.org/bandb.aspx>), for birth year and partnership with Bradshaw.

9. 1841 England census; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; class HO107, piece 497, book 9, Poulton Le Fylde civil parish, Lancashire Co., enumeration district (ED) 16, folio 26, p. 48, lines 14-15, George Bradshaw and William Blacklark; citing GSU roll 306887. 1851 England census; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; class HO107, piece 2232, Cheetham civil parish, Lancashire Co., ED 1i, folio 286, p. 23, line 15, George Bradshaw, GSU roll no. not shown. 1851 England census; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; class HO107, piece 2206, Kersley civil parish, Lancashire Co., ED 1f, folio 131, p. 37, line 10, William T. Blacklark; citing GSU roll no. 87216.

10. "Manchester, England, Non-Conformist Deaths and Burials, 1758-1987"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; George Bradshaw, "notification of burial," for death date and place; citing Society of Friends Hardshaw East Monthly Meeting, 1853-1874, p. 201. "England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William Thomas Blacklock, will abstract, for death date and place; citing Principal Probate Registry, 1870, London.

11. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910," Harriet E. Henshaw, death, Leicester, for death date.

8-4: Circa 1860 "Social Combination against a Social Vice"

Independent Order of Good Templars to Abraham Zimmerman (1825-1918), Washingtonville, Ohio

"Mr. Abraham Zimmerman" in Washingtonville, Mahoning County, Ohio received an envelope postmarked in Forest, Ohio circa 1860.¹ An "Abram" Zimmerman is in Green township, where Washingtonville is partly located, in the 1860 U.S. census with his apparent wife Elizabeth, and Abraham and Elizabeth Zimmerman are in "Greene" in the 1850 U.S. census.² Abraham Zimmerman was born 14 December 1825 in Ohio, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Whiteleather) Zimmerman who married 7 November 1810 in Columbiana County, Ohio.³ Twenty-four year-old Abraham is listed just before his parents in the 1850 U.S. census.⁴ The envelope was produced for the "Independent Order of Good Templars [I. O. G. T.]" and has "Social Combination against a Social Vice." The organization promoted "total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage."⁵ The names of its national and Ohio officers, although partly cut off, are printed on the left: "S[amuel] D. Hastings," Madison, Wisconsin; "[R]olla A. Law," Chicago, Illinois; "T[imothy] T. Titus," Springfield, Ohio; and "[Julius A.] Spencer," Cleveland, Ohio. Samuel D. Hastings was born 17 July 1816 in Leicester, Massachusetts, the son of Simon and Betsy (McIntosh) Hastings, and he died 26 March 1903 in Chicago, Illinois.⁶ He is in Madison in the 1860 U.S.

census.⁷ Rolla A. Law was born circa 1823 in New York.⁸ He is listed in an 1860 Chicago newspaper as “Grand Worthy Secretary” of the Illinois I. O. G. T.⁹ He helped establish the Washingtonian Home for the treatment of alcoholism in Chicago in 1863.¹⁰ Timothy Tilghman Titus was born 4 March 1829 in Virginia, and he died 15 February 1873 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.¹¹ He is shown as a Lutheran minister in the 1870 U.S. census.¹² Julius A. Spencer was born circa 1828 in New York and he died 13 June 1881 in Cleveland.¹³ He is listed in an 1867 Cleveland directory as secretary of the I. O. G. T.¹⁴ Abraham Zimmerman died 18 March 1918, and he is buried in Washingtonville.¹⁵ The I. O. G. T. still exists and is known today as the International Organization of Good Templars.¹⁶ “R. W. G. T.” was apparently the abbreviation for Right Worthy Grand Templar, “R. W. G. S.” for Right Worthy Grand Secretary, “G. W. C. T” for Grand Worthy Chief Templar,” and “G. W. S.” for Grand Worthy Secretary.¹⁷ The sender of the envelope has not been identified.

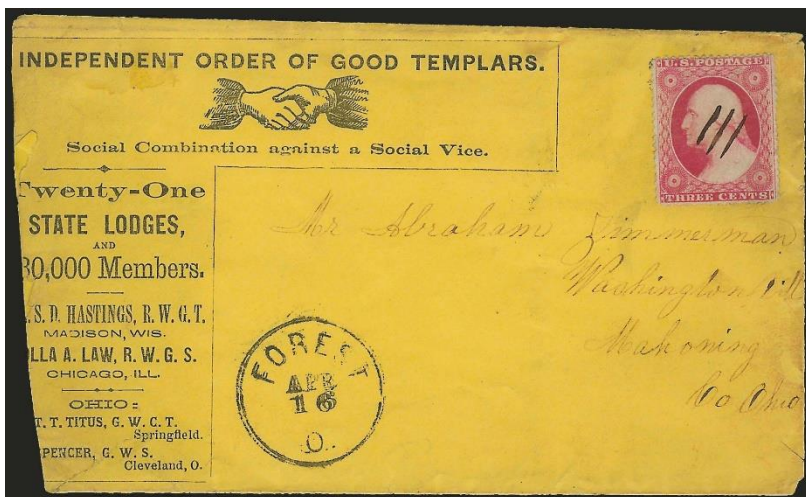


Figure 8-4 Circa 1860 envelope from Forest, Ohio to Washingtonville, Ohio with an Independent Order of Good Templars illustration (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 964, lot 271)

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 964 catalog, lot 271, for date of stamp and envelope.

2. 1860 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Green township, p. 145 (penned), dwell. 1189, fam. 1093, Abram Zimmerman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 1005. 1850 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Greene, p. 470 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 210, Abraham Zimmerman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 707.

3. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Charles Ballard Zimmerman (born 1891, Ohio), national application no. 24534, for Abraham's parents' names. "Find A Grave," database, Abraham Zimmerman, Mahoning Co., Ohio, memorial no. 34511128, for gravestone photograph with birth date. "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Joseph Zimmerman-Elizabeth Whiteleather, marriage; citing Columbiana Co. marriages, vol. 1, 1803-1818, p. 82.

4. 1850 U.S. census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Greene, p. 470 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 211, Joseph Zimmerman.

5. *Constitution and By-laws of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars* (Madison, Wisc.: Democrat Printing Co., Printers, 1878); digital image, Internet Archive; [p. 4], "Good Templars' Platform," I.

6. *Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, To the end of the year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903); digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; 40, Samuel D. Hastings, birth abstract, for father's name and birth date. "Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809"; database, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Simon Hastings-Betsy McIntosh, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing *Records Relating to the Early History of Boston, Containing Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809*, vol. 30, Boston, Municipal Printing Office, 1903. "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1939, 1955-1994"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Samuel D. Hastings, death abstract; citing Cook County Courthouse, Chicago.

7. 1860 U.S. census, Dane Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Madison, ward 3, p. 74 (penned), dwell. 552, fam. 570, S. D. Hastings; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 1403.

8. 1850 U.S. census, Brown Co., Wisc., pop. sch., Grand Chute, p. 65 (stamped, verso), dwell. 563, fam. 607, Rolla A. Lawe, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1403, for birth state and year estimated 1823 on age of twenty-seven years. "U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Rolla A. Law, Appleton, Wisc., for birth state and year estimated 1823 on age of forty years; citing NARA, Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records.

9. *Press and Tribune* [Chicago, Ill.], July 12, 1860; digital image, Internet Archive; p. 1, col. 4, "Tenth Ward Temperance Legion."

10. John J. Flinn, *Chicago, The Marvelous City of the West ... 1893* (Chicago: The Standard Guide Co., [1893]); digital image, Internet Archive; 362, "Washingtonian House."

11. "U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Daniel Alexander Skelly (born 1894, Pa.), national application no. 75742, for T. T. Titus full name and birth date. "Find A

Grave," database, entry for Rev. T. T. Titus, Adams Co., Pa., memorial no. 30432167, for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates.

12. 1870 U.S. census, Washington Co., Md., pop. sch., Hagerstown, p. 68 (penned), dwell. 522, fam. 553, T. T. Titus; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 596.

13. 1880 U.S. census, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Cleveland, ED 32, p. 33A (penned), dwell. 327, fam. 359, Julius Spencer; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1007, for birth state and year estimated 1828 on age of fifty-two years. "Ohio, County Death Records, 1840-2001"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; J. A. Spencer, for death date and place; citing Record of Deaths, 1880-1887, City of Cleveland, p. 120, death, no. 1412.

14. *Cleveland Leader Annual City Directory for 1867-68* (Cleveland: Cleveland Leader Printing Company, 1867); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 257, entry for Julius A. Spencer.

15. "Find A Grave," database, Abraham Zimmerman, Mahoning Co., Ohio, memorial no. 34511128, for gravestone photograph with birth and death dates.

16. "Welcome to IOGT-USA" (<http://www.iogt.us/>).

17. *Constitution and By-laws ... Independent Order of Good Templars*, p. 7, "Officers."

8-5: Breckinridge for President

Possibly Lewellen Jones (c1816-1870), Fayetteville, Virginia to Sarah Frances (Jones) Thurmond (1831-1919), Fabers Mills, Virginia

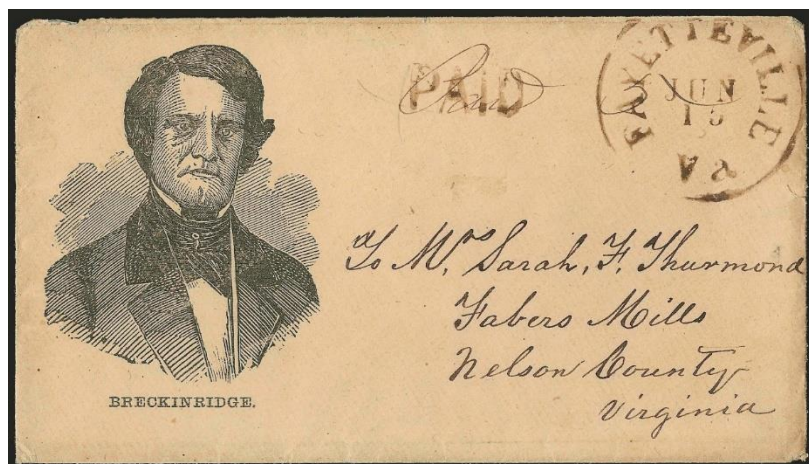


Figure 8-5 1861 envelope from Fayetteville, Virginia (now West Virginia) to Fabers Mills, Virginia with an illustration of John C. Breckinridge (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970, lot 295)

This envelope may have been sent by a brother to his sister. “Mrs. Sarah F. Thurmond” in Fabers Mills, Nelson County, Virginia received an illustrated envelope postmarked 15 June 1861 in Fayetteville, Virginia.¹ Sarah F. (apparently Mrs. John “E.”) “Thurman” is in Rockfish in the 1870 U.S. census, and “Jno.” A. Thurman, listed alone, was in Rockfish in the 1860 U.S. census.² John A. “Thurmand” married Sarah Frances Jones 18 February 1861 in Amherst County, Virginia, adjacent to Nelson County.³ John A. and Sarah F. Thurmond, husband and wife, are in Rockfish in the 1880 U.S. census.⁴ Sarah Frances Jones was born November 1831, the daughter of Tandy and Sarah/Sally (Thurmond) Jones who married in 1815, and eighteen year-old Sarah is with her apparent father and mother in Amherst County in the 1850 U.S. census.⁵ Tandy Jones died 21 January 1860 in Anherst County, and Sarah F. is with Sally Jones, her apparent mother, who is shown in the census with a “(W),” possibly for widow, written next to her

name.⁶ Lewellen W. Jones, Sarah's brother, is in Fayetteville, Virginia (now West Virginia), in the 1860 U.S. census, and Lewellen may have sent this envelope.⁷ A sample of Lewellen's handwriting could help determine if he was the sender. Lewellen drowned in the Mississippi River 19 February 1870.⁸ Sarah F. (Jones) Thurmond died 24 December 1919 in Rockfish.⁹ The envelope has an illustration of John C. Breckinridge, the U.S. vice president 1857-1861 and the 1860 Southern Democratic presidential candidate who finished second in electoral votes to Abraham Lincoln. The Confederate States of America (C.S.A.) postal system began service in June 1861, but C.S.A. stamps were not yet available when this envelope was mailed. "Paid 5" is written on the envelope, and the envelope was stamped "Paid."

Notes

1. Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970 catalog, lot 295, for year of postmark.

2. 1870 U.S. census, Nelson Co., Va., pop. sch., Rockfish, p. 43 (penned), dwell. 329, fam. 334, Jno. E. Thurman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series M593, roll 1665. 1860 U.S. census, Nelson Co., Va., pop. sch., Fabers Mills post office, p. 150 (penned), dwell./fam. 1080, Jno. A. Thurman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1365.

3. "Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; John A. Thurmond-Sarah Frances Jones, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Amherst Co. marriage register 2, p. 53.

4. 1880 U.S. census, Nelson Co., Va., pop. sch., Rockfish, ED 115, sheet 15C (penned), dwell./fam. 141, John A. Thurmond; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T9, roll 1379.

5. 1900 U.S. census, Nelson Co., Va., pop. sch., Rockfish, ED 90, sheet 10A (penned), dwell./fam. 179, S. F. Thurmond; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T623, roll 1718, for month and year of Sarah's birth. "Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Tandy Jones and Sally Thurmond, marriage abstract, Amherst Co., 27 February 1815. 1850 U.S. census, Amherst Co., Va., pop. sch., eastern district, p. 115 (stamped, recto), dwell./fam. 632, Tandy Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M432, roll 933.

6. 1860 U.S. census, Amherst Co., Va., mortality schedule, p. 5 (penned), line 26, Tandy Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T1132, roll 5, for death date and place. 1860 U.S. census, Amherst Co., Va., pop. sch., p. 119 (penned), dwell. 884, fam. 883, Sarah Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1332.

7. 1860 U.S. census, Fayette Co., Va., pop. sch., district 2, Fayetteville post office, p. 45 (penned), dwell. 335, fam. 298, L. W. Jones; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 1344. Shirley Donnelly, *The Thurmonds, a study in the genealogy and history of Philip Thurmond of Amherst County, Virginia and his*

descendants (Oak Hill, W.V.: Shirley Donnelly, 1919); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 6, for L.W. Jones of Fayette Co. as son of Tandy Jones.

8. "West Virginia Archives and History" (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx), "Death"; digital image; Jones, L. W., 1870, Fayette Co., line 28, for death date, place, and cause. "U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850-1880"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Llewellyn Jones, death abstract, died 1870, Fayette Co., W.V., for first name; citing Ron V. Jackson, compiler, AIS Mortality Schedules Index.

9. "Virginia, Death Records, 1912-2014"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Sarah F. Thurmond, death, for death date and place; citing Va. Department of Health, Richmond.

8-6: "With these true hearts"

Unknown sender to Irvin W. Rollins (1829-1895), Elgin, Minnesota; envelope by Louis Prang (1824-1909), Boston, Massachusetts

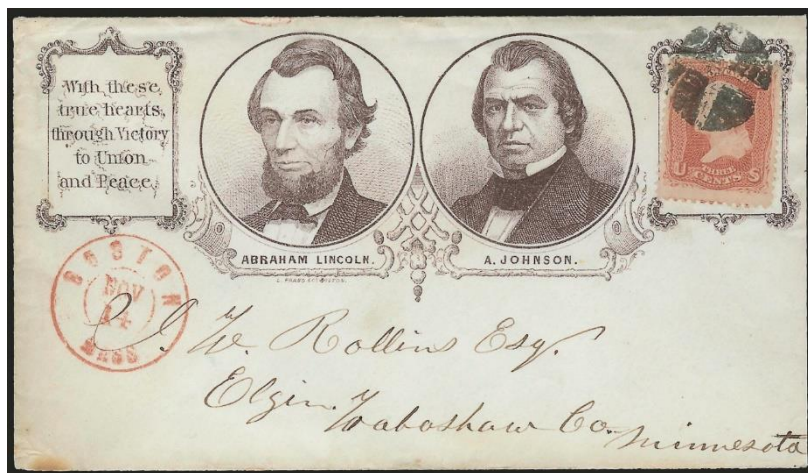


Figure 8-6 Circa 1864 envelope from Boston, Massachusetts to Elgin, Minnesota with illustrations of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson (Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale 970, lot 225)

"I. W. Rollins" in Elgin, Wabasha County, Minnesota received an illustrated envelope postmarked in Boston, Massachusetts on 14 November, probably

1864. “Irving” W. Rollins is in Elgin in the 1860 U.S. census listed just before the household of Laban C. Rollins.¹ “Irven Rawlings” was born 10 October 1829 in Orange, Vermont, the son of Laban C. Rawlings/Rowlings and Nancy Colby, who married 9 March 1826 in Corinth, Vermont, and a Laban Rollins is in Orange in the 1830 U.S. census.² Irwin W. Rollins, a resident of Minnesota, married Ellen W. Keith 4 April 1859 in Montpelier, Vermont, and they are in Elgin in the 1860 U.S. census.³ The envelope has portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, presidential and vice presidential candidates in 1864, and the text “With these true hearts, through Victory to Union and Peace.” The envelope was printed by “L. Prang & Co. Boston” (printed beneath “Abraham Lincoln”). Louis Prang and Company, lithographers, is listed in an 1864 Boston, Massachusetts directory, and Louis Prang, printer, is in Boston in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Louis Prang was born 12 March 1824 in Silesia, Prussia, and he married Rosa Gerber in Boston 1 November 1851.⁵ He established the greeting card business in the United States including Christmas cards which he introduced in the 1870s.⁶ Irwin W. Rollins died 15 February 1895 in Elgin, and Louis Prang on 14 June 1909 in Los Angeles, California.⁷ The sender has not been identified.

Notes

1. 1860 U.S. census, Wabasha Co., Minn., pop. sch., Elgin, p. 46 (penned), dwell. 423, fam. 386, Irving W. Rollins, and dwell. 424, fam. 387, Laban C. Rollins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series M653, roll 575.

2. “Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908”; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; Irven Rawlings, birth abstract, for father's name and birth date and place; and Laban Rowlings-Nancy Colby, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, NEHGS. 1830 U.S. census, Orange Co., Vt., Orange, p. 168 (penned), Laban Rollins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M19, roll 185, household includes one free white male under five years-old.

3. “Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Irvin W. Rollins-Ellen W. Keith, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, NEHGS, 1862 book, p. 1000. 1860 U.S. census, Wabasha Co., Minn., pop. sch., Elgin, p. 46 (penned), dwell. 423, fam. 386, Irving W. Rollins.

4. *The Boston Directory ... for the Year Commencing July 1, 1864* (Boston: Adams, Sampson, & Company, 1864); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 294, entry for Louis Prang & Co. 1860 U.S. census, Suffolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Boston, ward 7, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 50, fam. 102, Louis Prang; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series M653, roll 522.

5. “U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Louis Prang, application no. 78216, issued 15 September 1903, for birth date and place; citing NARA series M1372, roll 636. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910”;

digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Louis Prang-Rosa Gerber, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing vol. 56, p. 129, no. 2186, Mass. Archives.

6. Smithsonian Archives of American Art (<http://www.aaa.si.edu/>), "Research Collections," "P," "Prang, Louis," "Louis Prang papers, 1848-1932," "Biographical/Historical Note," for introducing the Christmas card in the U.S.

7. "Minnesota, Deaths and Burials, 1835-1990"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Irvin W. Rollins, death abstract, for death date and place, shows father's first name as Saben (rather than Laben); citing Elgin, Wabasha Co., p. 81. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*; digital image, *AmericanAncestore.org*; vol. 63, p. 394, "Deaths," entry for Louis Prang, for death date and place.

8-7: 1899 "Assessment ... must be paid within Thirty Days"

Eva M. (Tarr) Carvill (1852-1937) to Lizzie Mary (Willey) Libby (1849-1913), Lisbon Falls, Maine



Assessment Notice.

1898. \$ _____
Dues unpaid to _____
Received Payment, _____
F. K. of R. _____

Lisbon Falls, Maine, Commandery, No. 242 U. O. G. C.,
Assessment No. 298 Death No. _____ Class. _____
Official notice of the above Assessment having been called to
the Supreme Treasury, Assessment No. 298, amounting to
\$ 1.47, is due from you and must be paid within Thirty
Days from date, or your membership will be forfeited.
Thirty days expire _____ 1898
Eva M. Carvill F. K. of R.
Received payment on the above Assessment _____ 1898
Eva M. Carvill F. K. of R.

Figures 8-7A-B 1899 postcard with dues notice from the United Order of the Golden Cross (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between members of an association. "Lizzie M. Libby" of "City" received a postcard postmarked 1 May 1899 in Lisbon Falls, Maine and signed by "Eva M. Carvill." Lizzie M. (Mrs. Lorenzo D.) Libby and Eva M. (Mrs. James I.) Carvill are in Lisbon in the 1900 U.S. census.¹ "Lissie" M. Willey married Lorenzo D. Libby 29 January 1868 in Carmel, Maine.² Lizzie Mary Willey was born circa 21 June 1848 in Hermon, Maine, the daughter of William W. and Mary (Freethy) Willey who married 12 June 1844 in South Berwick, Maine, and two year-old Mary E. is with her parents in Hermon in the 1850 U.S. census.³ Eva M. Tarr married James I. Carvill circa 1874.⁴ Eva was born December 1852, the daughter of Amos D. and Diana S. (Smith) Tarr who married 22 April 1849 in Lewiston, Maine, and seven year-old Eva M. is with her parents in Lewiston in the 1860 U.S. census.⁵ The back of the postcard is entitled "Assessment Notice" for the "U. O. G. C. [United Order of the Golden Cross]." The U. O. G. C. was organized in 1876 and was committed to total abstinence from alcoholic drinks as a beverage.⁶ Men and women were admitted on equal terms, and members were provided life insurance. Its headquarters in 1899 was in Lewiston, Maine. The postcard text states that \$1.47 was due by 31 May 1899, and was paid 9 May 1899. "F. K. of R." apparently stood for financial keeper of records. Lizzie (Willey) Libby died 30 March 1913 in Lisbon Falls.⁷ Eva M. (Tarr) Carvill was living in Richland County, Montana with her son at the time of the 1930 U.S. census, and she died 10 March 1937 in Richland County and was buried in Lewiston.⁸ This is a one-cent "postal card" issued by the U.S. Post Office.

Notes

1. 1900 U.S. census, Androscoggin Co., Maine, pop. sch., ED 27, p. 16B (penned), dwell. 342, fam. 362, Lorenzo D. Libby, and p. 5A, dwell. 100, fam. 101, James I. Carville; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 588.

2. "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Lorenzo D. Libby-Lissie M. Willey, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place, father's name, and mother's first name.

3. "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Lizzie Mary Libby, death record, 1913, Lisbon Falls, Maine, for birth place and date (calculated from age at death), and parents' names. "Maine, Vital Records, 1670-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William Willey-Mary Freethy, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing State Board of Health, Augusta. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Hermon, p. 291 (stamped, verso), dwell. 86, fam. 92, William Willey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 264.

4. "Montana, County Marriages, 1865-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Forrest T. Carville-Edna Stumpf, marriage no. 3216, 1926, Valley Co., Mont., for Eva's maiden name; citing Valley Co. courthouse; Forrest is with his parents in the

1900 U.S. census. 1900 U.S. census, Androscoggin Co., Maine, pop. sch., ED 27, p. 5A, dwell. 100, fam. 101, James I. Carville, for year of marriage estimated on couple's twenty-six years of marriage.

5. 1900 U.S. census, Androscoggin Co., Maine, pop. sch., ED 27, p. 5A, dwell. 100, fam. 101, James I. Carville, for Eva's birth month and year as December 1851. "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Amos D. Tarr-Diana S. Smith, marriage abstract, 22 April 1849, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., for maiden name of Eva's mother. 1860 U.S. census, Androscoggin Co., Maine, pop. sch., Lewiston, p. 22 (penned), dwell. 173, fam. 185, Amos D. Tarr; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 432. "Find A Grave," database, Eva M. Tarr Carville, Androscoggin Co., Maine, memorial no. 127261869, for gravestone photograph with birth year as 1852.

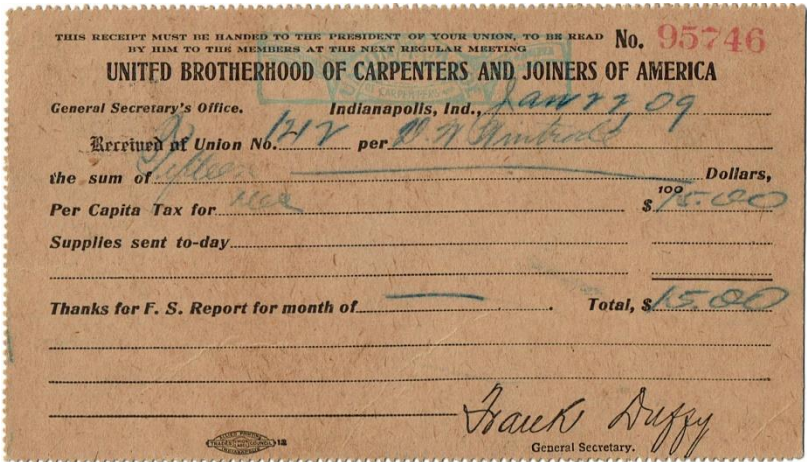
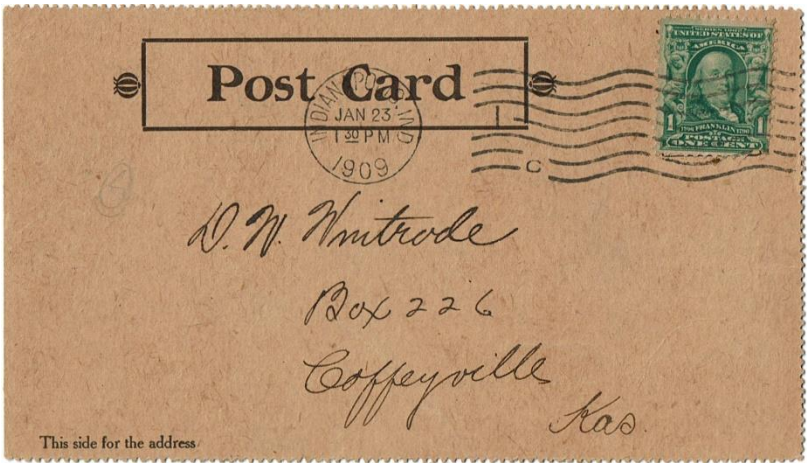
6. Albert C. Stevens, editor and compiler, *The Cyclopedia of Fraternities* (New York: Hamilton Printing and Publishing Company, 1899); digital image, Internet Archive; 412, "United Order of the Golden Cross."

7. "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Lizzie Mary Libby, death record, for death date and place; citing Maine State Archives, Augusta.

8. 1930 U.S. census, Richland Co., Mont., pop. sch., school district 64, ED 42-58, p. 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 1, Forrest T. Carville; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 1261. "Montana, Death Index, 1868-2011"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Eva Carville, death abstract, for death date and county; citing Mont. Office of Vital Statistics, Helena. "Find A Grave," database, Eva. M. Tarr Carville, Androscoggin Co., Maine, memorial no. 127261869.

8-8: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Frank Duffy (1861-1955), Indianapolis, Indiana to Daniel Walter Wintrobe (1882-1942), Coffeyville, Kansas



Figures 8-8A-B 1909 postcard from Indianapolis, Indiana to Coffeyville, Kansas with receipt for payment to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between members of a worker's union. "D. W. Wintrode" in Coffeyville, Kansas received a postcard from "United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America ... Frank Duffy, General Secretary" postmarked 23 January 1909 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dan W. Wintrode, carpenter, is in Coffeyville in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Frank Duffy, "Sec, Labor O. [probably, Secretary, Labor Organization]" is in Indianapolis in the 1910 U.S. census, and he is shown as General Secretary, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in a 1909 Indianapolis directory.² Daniel Walter Wintrode was born 27 November 1882 in Huntington County, Indiana, the son of Curtis C. and Martha P. (Jones) Wintrode who married 16 October 1879 in Huntington County.³ Curtis C. and Martha P. Wintrode are in Huntington County in the 1900 U.S. census with eight of their nine surviving children.⁴ Frank Duffy was born 6 May 1861 in County Monaghan, Ireland, the son of Phillip and Catherine (McArdle) Duffy.⁵ The postcard has a carpenter and joiners' union logo at the top on the back, and is a receipt for \$15.00 submitted by "D. W. Wintrode" for Union 1212. Dan W. Wintrode died 16 December 1942 and is buried in Coffeyville, and Frank Duffy died 11 July 1955 and is buried in Indianapolis.⁶

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Kans., pop. sch., Coffeyville, ward 5, ED 169, sheet 9A (penned), dwell. 139, fam. 145, Dan W. Wintrode; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 448.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Marion Co., Ind., pop. sch., Indianapolis, ward 9, ED 162, sheet 7B (penned), dwell. 153, fam. 157, Frank Duffy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 368. *R. L. Polk & Co.'s Indianapolis City Directory for 1909* (Indianapolis, Ind.: R.L. Polk & Co., 1909); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 450, entry for Frank Duffy.

3. "Indiana Births, 1880-1920"; database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Wintrode male, born 27 November 1882, for parents' names. "Find A Grave," database, Dan Walter Wintrode, Montgomery Co., Kans., memorial no. 59652940, for gravestone photograph with birth year. "Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Curtice C. Wintrode-Martha P. Jones, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Huntington Co., Ind., pop. sch., Dallas township, ED 75, sheet 10A (penned), dwell. 229, fam. 231, Curtis C. Wintrode, digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T623, roll 378.

5. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Frank Duffy, no. 55155, issued 6 January 1919, for birth place, day, and month; citing NARA series M1490, roll 667. "Indiana, Select Marriages, 1780-1992"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Frank Duffy-Catherine R. Sullivan, for parents' names. 1900 U.S.

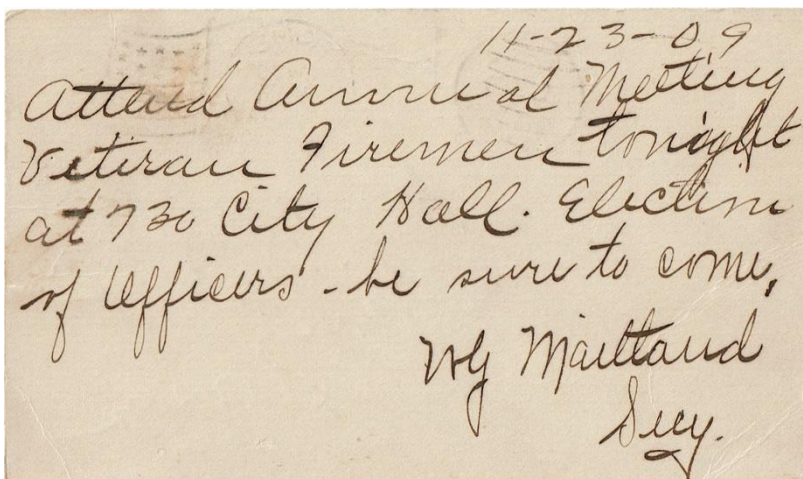
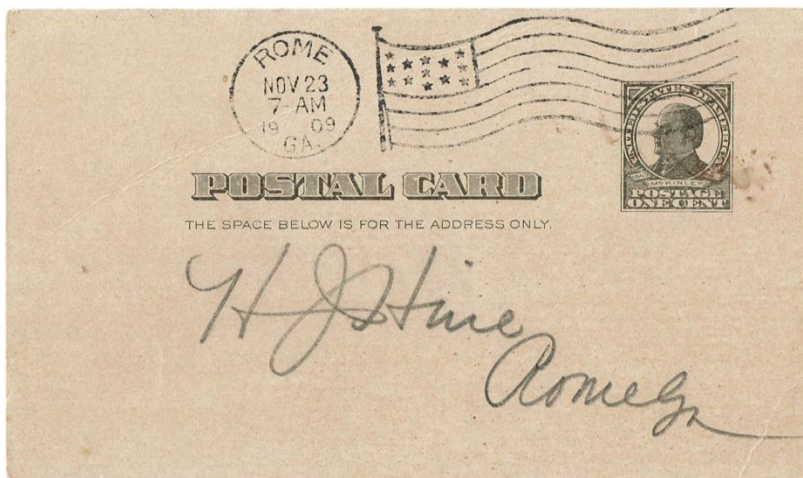
census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Bronx, ED 1035, sheet 12A (penned), dwell. 142, fam. 245, Frank Duffy; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1127, for birth year.

6. "Find A Grave," database, entries for Dan Walter Wintrobe, Montgomery Co., Kans., memorial 59652940, includes photograph of gravestone with year of death; and Frank Duffy, Marion Co., Ind., memorial 11562650, includes photograph of gravestone with year of death.

8-9: 1909 "Annual Meeting Veteran Firemen tonight."

William G. Maitland (circa 1855-1933), Rome, Georgia to Henry J. Hine (1866-1920), Rome, Georgia

This postcard was apparently sent between former firefighters. "H. J. Hine" in Rome, Georgia received a postcard from "W. G. Maitland" postmarked and written 23 November 1909 in Rome, Georgia. Henry J. Hine is the only person named Hine with the first and middle initials H. J. in a 1916 Rome city directory, and Henry J. Hine is in Rome in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ William G. Maitland is the only person named Maitland listed in a 1916 Rome city directory, and William G. Maitland is in Rome in the 1910 U.S. census.² Henry J. Hine was born 14 April 1866 in Thomasville, Georgia, the son of James B. Hine and Mary A. Braswell who married 3 May 1865 in Thomas County, Georgia, and fourteen year-old "J. Henry" is with his parents in Rome in the 1880 U.S. census.³ William G. Maitland was born 1855 in England, and he married Ellen C. Griffin 2 January 1877 in Floyd County, Georgia.⁴ The postcard text includes "Attend Annual Meeting Veteran Firemen tonight at 730 City Hall." Henry J. Hine died 30 December 1920 in Rome.⁵ William G. Maitland died 15 February 1933 in Etowah, Alabama, and was buried in Rome.⁶



Figures 8-9A-B 1909 postcard mailed from and to Rome, Georgia announcing an Annual Meeting of Veteran Firemen (Author's collection)

Notes

1. Ernest H. Miller, compiler, *Rome, Georgia City Directory 1916* (Asheville, N.C.: Piedmont Directory Company, no date); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 178, entry for Henry J. Hine. 1910 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sch., Rome, ED 71, sheet 10A (penned), dwell./fam. 5, Henry J. Hine; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 187.

2. Miller, *Rome, Georgia City Directory 1916*; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 210, entry for Wm. G. Maitland. 1910 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sch., Rome, ward 5, ED 68, sheet 7A (penned), dwell. 21, fam. 26, William G. Maitland; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 187.

3. "Georgia, Deaths Index, 1914-1927"; database, *Ancestry.com*; H. J. Hine, death abstract, Floyd Co., Ga., for birth date and place and parents' names; citing Ga. Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta. "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; James B. Hind-Mary A. Braswell, marriage; citing Thomas Co., Ga., Record of Marriage Licenses, Book H, 1855-1875, 211. 1880 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sch., Rome, ED 64, sheet 20B (penned), dwell. 131, fam. 143, James B. Hine; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 146.

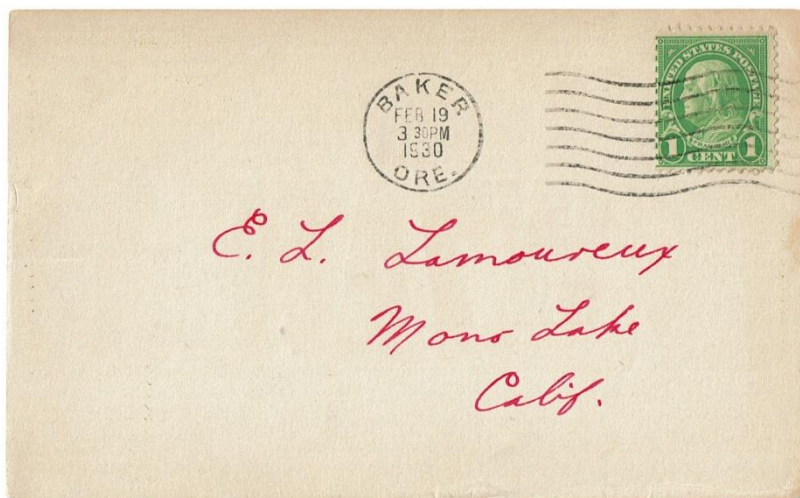
4. "Find A Grave," database, William George Maitland, Floyd Co., Ga., memorial no. 69871528, for gravestone photograph with year of birth. "Alabama, Deaths and Burials Index, 1881-1974"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Wm. G. Maitland, death abstract, 1933, for place of birth, shows parents' names as Wm. Maitland and Helen Wainwright.

5. "Georgia, Deaths Index, 1914-1927"; database, *Ancestry.com*; H. J. Hine, for date and place of death.

6. "Alabama, Deaths and Burials Index, 1881-1974"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Wm. G. Maitland, death abstract, for death date and place and burial place.

8-10: 1930 "[W]ill cu agn [see you again] on 73."

Eugene F. Frank (1911-1990), Baker, Oregon to Edwin L. Lamoureux (1908-1977), Mono Lake, California



ARRL		RCC	
Radio	W6 OF	After leaving my	Schall
Ur	DC	Sigs were R	7 Hr at 4 PM P.S.T.
Conditions			2/17/1930
beside QRM			Bottle Used
on the			50 Watter
2 Mc Band			1500 Jolts
FRN			Chen Hart
			In TPTD Ckt.
DX	NK	XXX OVID	R6 VR 5 W
BULL	Take good care of the lil 20/A & if it lasts will cu agn on 73 & Hw Abt a Crd OM?		
EUGENE FRANK	1346 Valley Ave.		BAKER, ORE.

Figures 8-10A-B 1930 QSL postcard from Baker, Oregon to Mono Lake, California postcard confirming radio communication between sender and recipient (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between amateur radio operators. "E. L. Lamoureux" in Mono Lake, California received a postcard from Eugene Frank in Baker, Oregon postmarked 19 February 1930 in Baker. Edwin L. Lamoureux is in Mono National Reserve, Mono County, California in the 1930 U.S. census.¹ Eugene F. Frank is in Baker, Oregon in the 1930 U.S. census, and he is in Baker in the 1940 U.S. census living at 1346 Valley, the street address written on the card.² Edwin L. Lamoureux was born 26 April 1908 in Marin County, California, the son of Albert Adolph and Myrtle (Blacklidge) Lamoureux who married 3 September 1904 in Cochise County, Arizona.³ One year eleven month-old Edwin is with his parents in San Rafael, California in the 1910 U.S. census.⁴ Eugene Frederick Frank was born 5 October 1911 in Weiser, Idaho, the son of Frederick Charles and Eldora (Orcutt) Frank who married 22 December 1909 in Weiser.⁵ Eight year-old Eugene is with his parents in Chartiers, Pennsylvania in the 1920 U.S. census.⁶ The postcard is called a QSL card that was used to confirm radio communication. Eugene Frank heard Edwin Lamoureux broadcasting at 4 p.m., 17 February 1930. "ARRL," printed at the top, stands for the American Radio Relay League. Eugene wrote "Take good care of the lil 20/A & if it lasts will cu agn [see you again] on 73," and 73 is a term for "Friendly!" or

"The Best!" ⁷ Edwin Lamoureux died 30 July 1977 in San Diego, and Eugene Frank 28 June 1990 in Walla Walla, Washington, where his obituary noted that he "enjoyed ham radio operating." ⁸

Notes

1. 1930 U.S. census, Mono Co., Cal., pop. sch., Homer township, ED 26-5, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 22, Edwin L. Lamoureux; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T626, roll 178.

2. 1930 U.S. census, Baker Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Baker, ward 5, ED 1-7, sheet 7B (penned), dwell. 190, fam. 183, Charles F. Frank; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 1939. 1940 U.S. census, Baker Co., Oreg., pop. sch., Baker, ward 5, ED 1-10, sheet 4B (penned), household 89, Fred Frank; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T627, roll 3352.

3. "California Birth Index, 1905-1995"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin L. Lamoureux, birth abstract, for birth date and county; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento. "Arizona, Select Marriages, 1888-1908"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Albert Adolph Lamoureux-Myrtle Blacklidge, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and bride's maiden name; citing book 1, p. 377.

4. 1910 U.S. census, Marin Co., Cal., pop. sch., San Rafael, precinct 2, ED 48, sheet 10B (penned), dwell. 185, fam. 208, Albert A. Lamoureux; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 88.

5. "United States, Obituaries, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1899-2012"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; *Walla-Walla* [Wash.] *Union Bulletin*, 29 June 1990, p. and col. not shown, "Gene Frank" obituary, for parents' names and birth date and place. "Idaho, County Marriages, 1864-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Frederick C. Frank-Eldora Orcutt, marriage, for marriage date and place and bride's maiden name; citing Washington Co. marriage register 1, p. 7, no. 158, Weiser, Idaho.

6. 1920 U.S. census, Allegheny Co., Pa., pop. sch., Chartiers, ED 59, sheet 1A (penned), dwell. 1, fam. 2, Fritz Frank; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1510.

7. "Radio amateur activities" (<http://www.astrosurf.com/luxorion/qs1-code.htm>), "Useful acronyms and terms," 73, in right-hand column.

8. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin L. Lamoureux, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Cal. Department of Health Services, Sacramento. "United States, Obituaries, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1899-2012," *Walla-Walla* [Wash.] *Union Bulletin*, "Gene Frank" obituary, for death date and place.

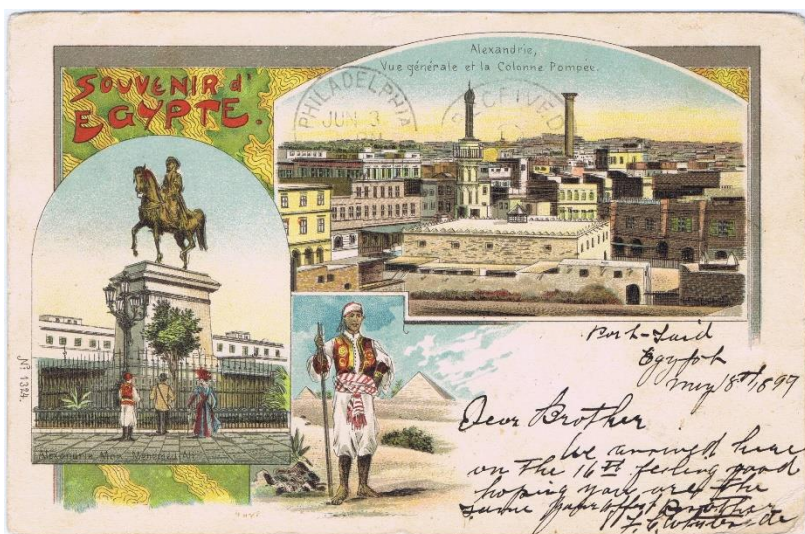
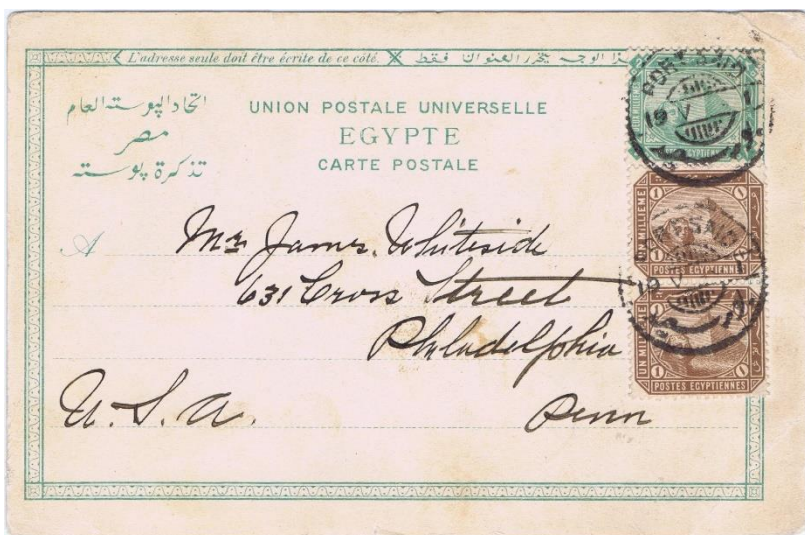
Chapter 9: Travel and Vacation

People who traveled or went on vacation wrote home to family and friends. Their correspondence tells where and when they traveled, and may show how they traveled. The text often tells what they did and whom they saw, including other family members. Passport applications, border crossing lists, and ship passenger lists may provide supporting evidence for international travel (Figures 9-3, 9-6, and 9-10). The examples shown in this chapter include military service outside of wartime (Figures 9-1 and 9-8), visit to a world's fair (Figure 9-2), work-related travel (Figure 9-3), domestic and foreign vacations (Figures 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-9), and humanitarian service following World War I (Figure 9-10). Writing samples are presented to help identify three senders who signed using their first name alone (Figure 9-4) or with a nickname (Figures 9-5 and 9-8).

9-1: 1899 “We arrived here on the 16th.”

Frederick C. Whiteside (1872-1936), Port Said, Egypt to James McClelland Whiteside (1862-1935), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This postcard was sent between brothers. “Mr. James Whiteside” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received a postcard written 18 May 1899 in Port Said, Egypt that begins “Dear Brother” and is signed “F. C. Whiteside.” James Whiteside is listed in an 1899 Philadelphia directory at 631 Cross, the street address on the postcard, and James Whiteside, born in Ireland, is in Philadelphia in the 1900 U.S. census with his wife Edith, born in Scotland, and their son Richard, born in Pennsylvania.¹ James Whiteside, with Edith and Richard, is in Philadelphia in the 1910 U.S. census, and the household includes Elizabeth Whiteside, sister-in-law, born in Scotland, and Dorothy, niece, two months old, born in Pennsylvania.² Frederick Whiteside, born in Northern Ireland, with wife Elizabeth, born in Scotland, and daughter Dorothy, twenty years old, born in Pennsylvania, is in Philadelphia in the 1930 U.S. census, with Frederick shown as a veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I.³ Frederick C. Whiteside, born in Ireland, became a U.S. citizen in Philadelphia on 31 October 1904, and his citizenship petition states that he served in the U.S. Navy from 21 July 1897 to 17 August 1904, which includes the date the postcard was mailed.⁴ Frederick C. Whiteside, born in Ireland, married for twelve years, is aboard U.S.S. *Connecticut* in the 1910 U.S. census.⁵ Frederick C. Whiteside was born circa 1872 in Northern Ireland, and probably has the same parents as his brother James McClelland Whiteside, born 31 January 1862, son of James and Frances (Patterson) Whiteside.⁶ The postcard text includes “We arrived here on the 16th.” U.S.S. *Chicago* arrived at Port Said 16 May 1899 and departed 19 May 1899, and Frederick C. Whiteside may have been aboard this or another ship.⁷ James Whiteside died 22 January 1935 in Philadelphia, and Frederick C. Whiteside died 7 February 1936 in Philadelphia.⁸ The postcard shows scenes from Egypt and has an Egyptian postmark and stamps and a 3 June Philadelphia receiving postmark on the front, fifteen days after it was postmarked in Egypt.



Figures 9-1A-B 1899 postcard from Port Said, Egypt to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with illustrations of Alexandria, Egypt and the pyramids (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. Gopsill's *Philadelphia City Directory for 1899* (Philadelphia: James Gopsill's Sons, 1899); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 2409, entry for Jas. Whiteside. 1900 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 39, ED 1001, sheet 5B

(penned), dwell./fam. 90, James Whiteside; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 1480.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 26, ED 601, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 21, James Whiteside; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T624, roll 1401.

3. 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 48, ED 51-251, sheet 20A (penned), dwell. 303, fam. 304, Frederick Whiteside; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2142, veteran status and war service in columns 30-31.

4. "Pennsylvania, Naturalization Records from Circuit and District Courts, 1795-1930"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Frederick C. Whiteside, petition no. 9403, eastern district of Pa., 31 October 1904, for U.S. Navy service; citing NARA series M1522, roll 61.

5. 1910 U.S. census, military and naval forces, U.S. Navy, U.S.S. Connecticut, ED 18, sheet 1B, line 77, Frederick C. Whiteside; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 1784.

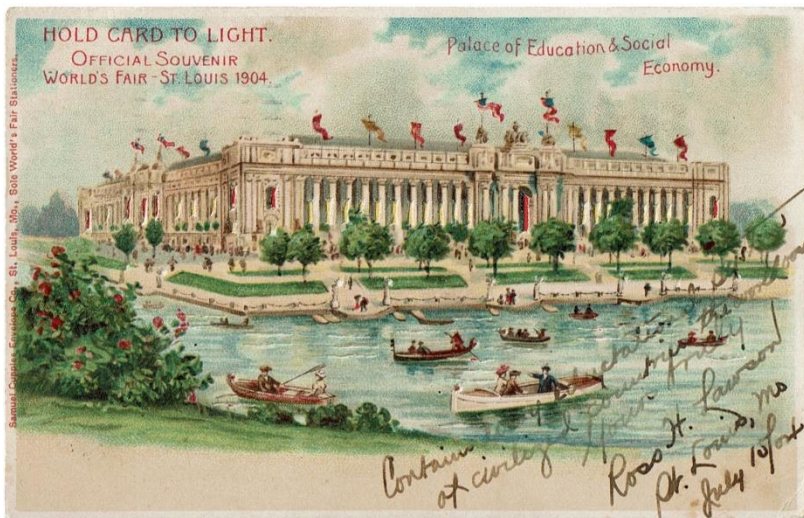
6. 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia, ward 48, ED 51-251, sheet 20A (penned), dwell. 303, fam. 304, Frederick Whiteside, for country of birth, year of birth estimated 1872 based on age of fifty-eight years. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; James Whiteside, death certificate no. 2099, for parents' names, shows birth date 31 January 1866, but birth shown as January 1862 in 1900 U.S. census (note 1); citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission. "Pennsylvania, Naturalization Records from Circuit and District Courts, 1795-1930"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; James McClelland Whiteside, petition no. 5870, eastern district of Pa., 22 May 1899, for middle name; citing NARA series M1522, roll 13.

7. "The Diary of Private Wilfred Langley of the U.S.M.C.'s First Marine Battalion (Reinforced)" (<http://www.spanamwar.com/1stmarinelangley.html>), diary transcription, 16-19 May 1899 entries.

8. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944," James Whiteside, death certificate no. 2099, for death date and place. "Pennsylvania, Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1999"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Frederick C. Whiteside, burial record, for death date and place; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission; Harrisburg.

9-2: 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, "Hold Card to Light"

Ross H. Lawson (1878-1940), St. Louis, Missouri to Minnie (Schott) Lawson (1855-1923), Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania; postcard by Samuel Cupples (1831-1912), St. Louis, Missouri



Figures 9-2A-B 1904 postcard from St. Louis, Missouri to Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania with a “Hold Card to Light” postcard illustration from the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair and a 1904 U.S. stamp commemorating the Louisiana Purchase (Author’s collection)

This postcard was sent by a son to his mother. “Mrs. George Lawson” in Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania received a postcard from Ross H. Lawson

written 15 July 1904 in St. Louis, Missouri and postmarked the following day. "Minie" E. (Mrs. "Gorgis") Lawson and Ross H. Lawson, mother and son, are in Clifton Heights in the 1900 U.S. census.¹ Ross H. Lawson was born 2 January 1878 in Pennsylvania, the son of George and Minnie (Schott) Lawson, who married circa 1877, and two year-old Ross is with his parents in the 1880 U.S. census.² Minnie Schott was born 22 October 1855 in New York, the daughter of Freeman and Jeanett (MacMullan) Schott, and fifteen year-old Minnie is with her parents in Florence, New York in the 1870 U.S. census.³ The postcard shows the "Palace of Education & Social Economy" at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Ross writes "Contains 100s of educational systems of civilized countries the world over." The postcard was produced by "Samuel Cupples Envelope Co." (printed vertically on the left). Samuel Cupples is in St. Louis in the 1900 U.S. census, and the Samuel Cupples Envelope Company is listed in a 1904 St. Louis directory.⁴ Samuel Cupples was born 13 September 1831 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of James and Elizabeth (Bigham) Cupples, and nineteen year-old Samuel is with his mother in the 1850 U.S. census.⁵ Samuel Cupples died 6 January 1912.⁶ Minnie (Schott) Lawson died 13 March 1923 in Philadelphia, and Ross H. Lawson died 12 January 1940 in Philadelphia.⁶ The postcard is a "Hold to the Light" postcard, that changes to a night-time view when held to a light. The postcard has a "World's Fair St. Louis" postmark, a Clifton Heights receiving postmark, and a one cent Robert Livingston stamp from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition stamp set issued at the same time as the fair.

Notes

1. 1900 U.S. census, Delaware Co., Pa., pop. sch., Clifton Heights, ED 167, p. 16A (penned), dwell./fam. 282, Gorgis Lawson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 1405.

2. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Ross Heywood Lawson, Board 38, Philadelphia, for date of birth; citing NARA M1509, roll 1907761. 1900 U.S. census, Delaware Co., Pa., Clifton Heights, pop. sch., ED 167, p. 16A (penned), dwell./fam. 282, Gorgis Lawson, for parents' estimated marriage year 1877 based on their twenty-three years of marriage (col. 10). "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Minnie Euphemia Lawson, death certificate no. 30476, 1923, for maiden name; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1880 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Penn., pop. sch., Upper Merion Lower, ED 30, p. 19C (penned), dwell./fam. 182, Freeman Schott; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1158.

3. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963," Minnie Euphemia Lawson, death certificate no. 30476, 1923, for parents' names. 1870 U.S. census, Oneida Co.,

N.Y., pop. sch., Florence, p. 37 (penned), dwell./fam. 315, Freeman Shott; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1058.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Mo., pop. sch., St. Louis, ward 25, ED 377, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 56, fam. 64, Samuel Cupples; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 899. *Gould's St. Louis Directory for 1904* (St. Louis: Gould Directory Co., 1904); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 484, entry for Samuel Cupples Envelope Co.

5. John H. Leonard, editor, *The Book of St. Louisans* (St. Louis: The St. Louis Republic, 1906); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 142, entry for Samuel Cupples, for birth date and place and parents' names. 1850 U.S. census, Oneida Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Florence, p. 37 (penned), dwell. 936, fam. 968, Elizabeth Couples; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 195.

6. "Find A Grave," database, Samuel Cupples, St. Louis, Mo., memorial no. 8299987, for date of death.

7. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944," Minnie Euphemia Lawson, death certificate no. 30476, 1923; Ross Lawson, death certificate no. 1219, 1940; for dates and places of death.

9-3: 1905 "Weather very bad, but have not been sick."

James Walter Gault (1867-1940) aboard *Kronprinz Wilhelm* to Rose Belle (Souder) Gault (1878-after October 1944), Stratford, Connecticut



Figure 9-3A 1905 postcard Steamship *Kronprinz Wilhelm* to Bridgeport, Connecticut and forwarded to Stratford.

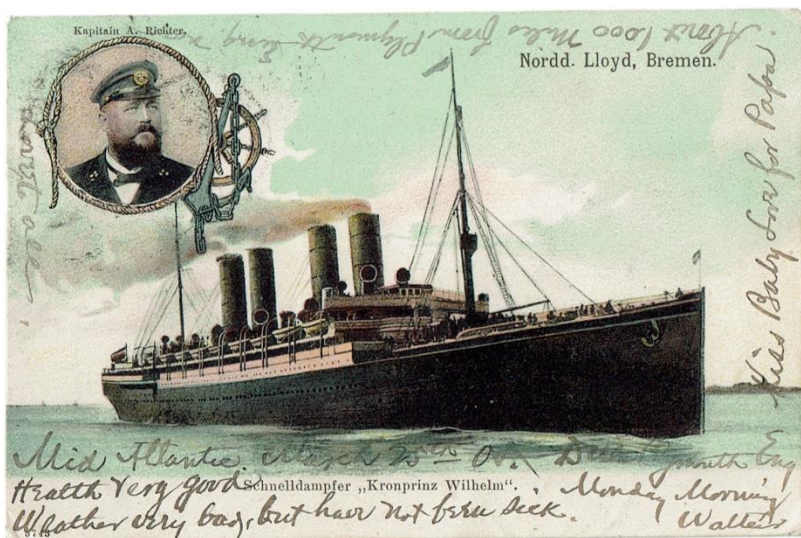


Figure 9-3B Illustration of Steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm and its captain (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a husband to his wife. "Mrs. James W. Gault" of Bridgeport, Connecticut received a postcard from "Walter" written 25 March 1905 aboard the steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm. The postcard was forwarded from Bridgeport to Stratford, Connecticut. James W. and Rose B. Gault, apparently husband and wife, are boarders in Bridgeport in the 1910 U.S. census with their apparent eleven year-old daughter Katharine.¹ James W. Gault is listed in a 1904 Bridgeport directory as living in Stratford and working at the Lake Torpedo Boat Company.² James Walter Gault was born 23 June 1867 in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of Albert and Sarah Ellen (Harrison) Gault, and thirteen year-old Walter is with his parents in Baltimore in the 1880 U.S. census.³ He married Rose Belle Souder in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1895.⁴ Rose Belle Souder was born December 1878 in Pendleton County, West Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin and Maggie A. R. (Wilson) Souder who married 22 February 1877 in Pendleton County, and two year-old Rosa B. is with her parents in Virginia in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ James Walter Gault was issued a U.S. passport 13 March 1905 and he stated he was a "promoter" on his passport application.⁶ A newspaper article states he accompanied Joseph K. T. Meads of Baltimore aboard *Kronprinz Wilhelm* to the Baltic Sea port of Libau (now Liepāja, Latvia) to help assemble submarines built by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company.⁷ He writes "Mid Atlantic, March 25th 05. Due Plymouth

Eng[land] Monday Morning Health very good Weather very bad, but have not been sick. Kiss Baby Love for Papa. About 1000 miles from Plymouth Eng now. Love to all." March 25, 1905 was a Saturday, and Walter expected to arrive in England on Monday, 27 March 1905. James W. Gault died 28 March 1940 and was buried in Baltimore.⁸ Rose (Souder) Gault was in New York City with her daughter Katharine at the time of the 1940 U.S. census and when her mother died 30 October 1944, but a source for her death date and place has not been found.⁹ The steamer *Kronprinz Wilhelm* was built in Germany in 1901 and was initially a trans-Atlantic Ocean liner for the North German Lloyd company. The ship was seized by the U.S. government in World War I, renamed the U.S.S. *Von Steuben*, and transported U.S. troops to and from Europe.¹⁰

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn., pop. sch., Bridgeport city, ward 1, ED 5, sheet 7A (penned), dwell. 114, fam. 146, Annie R. Lathrop; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 128.

2. *Bridgeport City Directory including Stratford, Fairfield and Southport, 1904* (Bridgeport, Conn.: The Price & Lee Company, 1904); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 184, entry for James W. Gault.

3. "U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; James W. Gault, application no. 99331, issued 1905, for birth place and date; citing NARA series M1372, roll 670. "Find A Grave," database, entry for James Walter Gault, Baltimore, Md., memorial no. 100481537, for parents' names, for gravestone photograph with his birth date. 1880 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ward 7, ED 61, page 44D (penned), dwell. 345, fam. 439, Albert Gault; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 499.

4. "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Marriage Index, 1885-1951"; database, *Ancestry.com*; James Walter Gault-Rose Belle Souder, marriage abstract, license no. 82380; citing Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Philadelphia.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Rockingham Co., Va., pop. sch., Plains district, ED 82, page 8D (penned), dwell. 59, fam. 72, Benj. Souders; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1389, for birth state and county. "West Virginia Archives and History" (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx), "Marriage," Benjamin Sowder-Maggie A. R. Wilson, marriage, Pendleton Co., 1877, line 8; digital image; for Rose's parents' names and their marriage date and place. 1900 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ward 18, ED 235, page 18B (penned), dwell. 321, fam. 389, Albert Gault; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 616, for birth month and year.

6. "U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925," James W. Gault, application no. 99331, issued 13 March 1905.

7. *Baltimore* [Md.] *Sun*, 20 March 1905, "To Complete Submarines"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; "Mom's Family tree," owner jtark_1, for copy of newspaper article citing James Walter Gault.

8. "Find A Grave," database, entry for James Walter Gault, Baltimore, Md., memorial no. 100481537, for gravestone photograph with death date.

9. 1940 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., New York, ED 31-922, sheet 13B (penned), household 338, Rose B. Gault; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T627, roll 2646. *Cumberland* [Md.] *Evening Times*, 2 November 1944; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 12, col. 6, "Mrs. Margaret R. Souder," for Rose's residence in New York City.

10. "Naval History and Heritage Command," "Von Steuben" (<http://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/v/von-steuben-i.html>), for ship's history.

9-4: 1909 Niagara Falls

**Clarence Milton Rogers (1879-1960), Niagara Falls, New York
to Ethel R. Lewin (1894-1987), Royersford, Pennsylvania**



Figure 9-4A 1909 postcard from Niagara Falls, New York to Royersford, Pennsylvania (Author's collection)

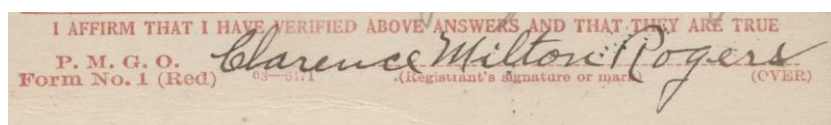


Figure 9-4B Signature of Clarence Milton Rogers (Photograph from NARA, RG 163, Records of the Selective Service System, World War I draft registration card for Clarence Milton Rogers, 12 September 1918; Morrow, Ga.)

Handwriting comparison: The capital C in Clarence begins and ends with an upper and lower loop. The capital R in Royersford (postcard) and Rogers (registration card) have nearly parallel vertical strokes, with a hook to the right at the bottom of the right stroke that ends beneath the starting point of the left vertical stroke.



Figure 9-4C Front of 1909 postcard showing “Prospect Point, American Falls” with Horseshoe (or Canadian) Falls, the Niagara River, and probably a Maid of the Mist steamboat (Author’s collection)

This postcard was sent by an uncle to his niece. “Miss Ethel Lewin” in Royersford, Pennsylvania received a postcard from “Uncle Clarence” postmarked 26 August 1909 in Niagara Falls, New York. Ethel Lewin, fifteen years old, is in Royersford with her parents George and Ada A. Lewin, her grandmother Emma Rogers, and uncle George M. Rogers in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Ethel R. Lewin was born September 1894, the daughter of George and Anna Ada (Rogers) Lewin, who married 16 March 1893 in Royersford, and five year-old Ethel R. is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.² Annie Rogers, Ethel’s mother, is in Limerick, Pennsylvania in the 1880 U.S. census with her parents Albert and Emma (Schock) Rogers, her brothers George

M. and Clarence "A." Rogers, and her maternal grandmother Catharine "Schuck."³ Clarence Milton Rogers was born 16 October 1879 in Limerick.⁴ The postcard shows "Prospect Point, American Falls" with Horseshoe (or Canadian) Falls, the Niagara River, and probably a Maid of the Mist steamboat. Uncle Clarence writes "We will leave here to-morrow morning for Buffalo and if everything goes all right we will go to the 1000 Islands to-morrow evening." Clarence Milton Rogers registered with Selective Service in 1918 and his signature on the registration card strongly resembles the writing on the postcard.⁵ Ethel Lewin married Thomas H. Weikel circa 1924, and they and Ethel's parents and grandmother are in Royersford in the 1930 U.S. census.⁶ Clarence Milton Rogers died 17 September 1960 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania and Ethel (Lewin) Weikel was the informant.⁷ Ethel (Lewin) Weikel died in 1987 and is buried in Royersford.⁸

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Pa., pop. sch., Royersford borough, ward 4, ED 144, sheet 12B (penned), dwell./fam. 14, George Lewin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1379.

2. 1900 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Pa., pop. sch., Royersford, ward 4, ED 268, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 221, fam. 224, George Lewin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1444, for Ethel's birth month and year. "Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; George Lewin-Anna Ada Rogers, marriage no. 4856, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., for Ethel's parents' marriage date and place and first names of Anna's parents; citing Montgomery Co. Pa., marriage license docket, vol. 14, (view 353 of 575).

3. 1880 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Pa., pop. sch., Limerick, ED 10, page 2B (penned), dwell. 17, fam. 23, Albert Rogers; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1157. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Emma Rogers, 1931, death certificate no. 32406, for maiden name; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

4. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Clarence M. Rogers, death certificate file no. 086418-60, for birth date and place; citing Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

5. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Clarence Milton Rogers, local board 4, Montgomery Co., Pa., with birth date; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1907293.

6. 1930 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Pa., pop. sch., Royersford, ward 4, ED 46-132, sheet 8B (penned), dwell. 191, fam. 203, George Lewin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2084, Ethel's marriage year estimated 1924 by her age of twenty-nine years at first marriage (col. 15).

7. *Pottstown [Pa.] Mercury*, 19 September 1960, p. 9, col. 7, "Clarence Rogers, Retired Milk Dealer, Is Dead"; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; Clarence M. Rogers, obituary, includes parents' names.

8. "Find A Grave," database, Ethel L. Weikel, Montgomery Co., Pa., memorial no. 127827048, for gravestone photograph with death year.

9-5: "We are on our way from Boston to New York on this fine Boat"

William David Perkins (1867-1936), aboard S.S. Priscilla to Jane Perkins (1903-1964) and Polly Perkins (1905-1949), Seattle, Washington

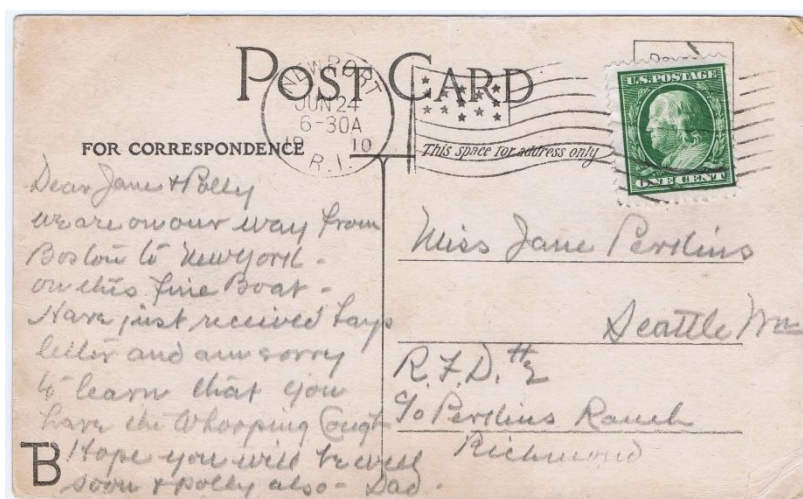


Figure 9-5A 1905 postcard from Newport, Rhode Island to Seattle, Washington (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a father and mother while traveling to their daughters back at home. "Miss Jane Perkins" of Seattle, Washington received a postcard from Newport, Rhode Island postmarked 24 June 1910. The text begins "Dear Jane + Polly" and is signed "Dad." Jane and Polly Perkins, six and five year-old sisters, are in Seattle with their parents William D. and Cora E. Perkins in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ William David Perkins was born 23 May 1867 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, the son of David and Hannah (Dunn) Perkins, who married 4 September 1858 in Boston.² Thirteen year-old William is with his parents in Hyde Park, Massachusetts in the 1880 U.S. census.³ He married Cora Ells Chamberlain in Denver, Colorado on 18 November 1891, and their daughters Polly Jane

Perkins, born 22 August 1903, and Polly Perkins, born 11 March 1905, were born in Seattle.⁴ The text includes “We are on our way from Boston to New York on this fine Boat.” “Steamer Priscilla, Fall River Line” is printed on the front. The Fall River Line connected Boston and New York City, with passengers traveling first by train from Boston to Fall River, Massachusetts, and then by boat to New York City, with a stop at Newport. William Perkins also wrote “am sorry to learn that you have the Whooping Cough.” William Perkins died 18 September 1936 in Seattle.⁵ Polly Perkins died 14 March 1949 in Seattle and Polly Jane Perkins on 2 July 1964 in London, England.⁶ The postcard text refers to “Fay,” who is not yet identified.



Figure 9-5B Front of 1905 postcard showing the Fall River Line’s Steamer Priscilla (Author’s collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, King Co., Wash., pop. sch., Seattle, ward 5, sheet 9A (penned), ED 112, dwell. 61, fam. 165, William D. Perkins; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*, citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll number not shown.

2. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital images, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; male Perkins, birth no. 132, Dorchester, Mass., citing vol. 197, p. 288; David Perkins-Hannah S. Dunn, marriage no. 1414, Boston, Mass., citing vol. 119, p. 79; both citing Mass. Archives.

3. 1880 U.S. census, Norfolk Co., Mass., pop. sch., Hyde Park, p. 13A (penned), ED 518, dwell. 65, fam. 79, David Perkins; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA series T9, roll 548.

4. "Colorado Statewide Marriage Index, 1853-2006"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; William D. Perkins-Cora Ells Chamberlain, marriage record report no. 12133; citing State Archives, Denver. "Washington, Births, 1883-1935"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Polly Jane Perkins, birth, for birth date and place; citing King Co., birth register, p. 222, Washington State Archives, Olympia. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Polly Perkins, issued 2 January 1924; citing NARA, passport applications, special series, Seattle, box 4187, vol. 2.

5. "Washington, Death Certificates, 1907-1960"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; William David Perkins, death abstract; citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, Olympia.

6. "Washington, Death Certificates, 1907-1960"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Polly Perkins Fox, death abstract; citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, Olympia. "The Peerage" (<http://www.thepeerage.com/p7449.htm#i74481>), database, Jane Perkins, F, #74481, death abstract; citing Charles Mosley, editor, *Burke's Peerage*, 107th ed. (Wilmington, Del.: Genealogical Books, 2003), vol. 3, p. 4236.

9-6: 1911 "Get your mama to tell you some thing about this place."

Sarah T. "Sadie" Dey (1880-1933), Jerusalem, Palestine to Roberta Dey (1903-2001), Newark, New Jersey

This postcard was sent by an aunt to her niece. "Miss Roberta Dey" of Newark, New Jersey received a postcard written 5 March 1911 and postmarked the next day in Jerusalem, Palestine. The postcard is signed "Aunt Sadie." Roberta A. Dey is with her parents Herbert E. and Mary A. Dey in Newark in the 1910 U.S. census at 241 Clifton Avenue, the street address written on the postcard.¹ Roberta Dey was born 14 June 1903 daughter of Herbert E. and Mary A. (Jenkins) Dey.² Herbert, Roberta's father, had a sister Sadie, and "Herburt" E. and Sadie T. Dey are in Newark with their parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Sadie is a nickname for Sarah. Sarah T. Dey was born 11 July 1880 in Newark, daughter of John W. and Eliza (Tunis) Dey.⁴ John W. and Sara/Sarah T. Dey, father and daughter, applied for U.S. passports 22 December 1910, and stated they intended to return to the U.S. in March 1911.⁵ The "Dey" written in the postcard's address and the "Dey" in Sarah's signature on her passport application bear a strong resemblance. J. Wesley and Sadie T. Dey appear on a 1 May 1911 passenger list arriving in New York City.⁶ Sadie writes "Get your mama to tell you some thing about this place." Roberta married Edgar Dewitt Carlough, Jr. circa 1928, and later married E. Leo Spain.⁷ Sarah T. Dey died

in 1933, and Roberta (Dey Carlough) Spain died 9 February 2001 in Deerfield Beach, Florida.⁸ The postcard has a photograph of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and a French Levant stamp.



Figure 9-6A 1911 postcard from Jerusalem, Palestine to Newark, New Jersey (Author's collection)

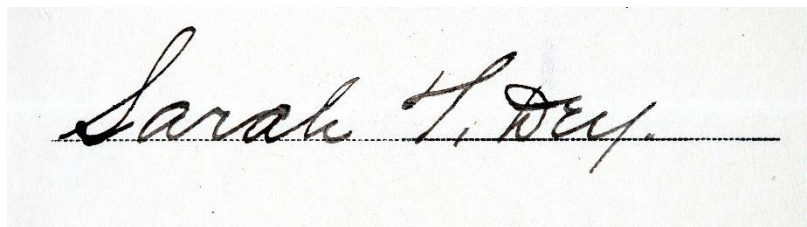


Figure 9-6B Signature of Sarah T. Dey (Photograph from NARA, RG 59, entry 534, Department of State passport application, Sarah T. Dey, 27 December 1910; College Park, Md.)

Handwriting comparison: The capital D in Dey ends with a loop at the top that carries over to the 'e' with heavier pressure (thicker line) shown in the horizontal stroke, and the 'y' ends with a single downward stroke slanted back and to the left.

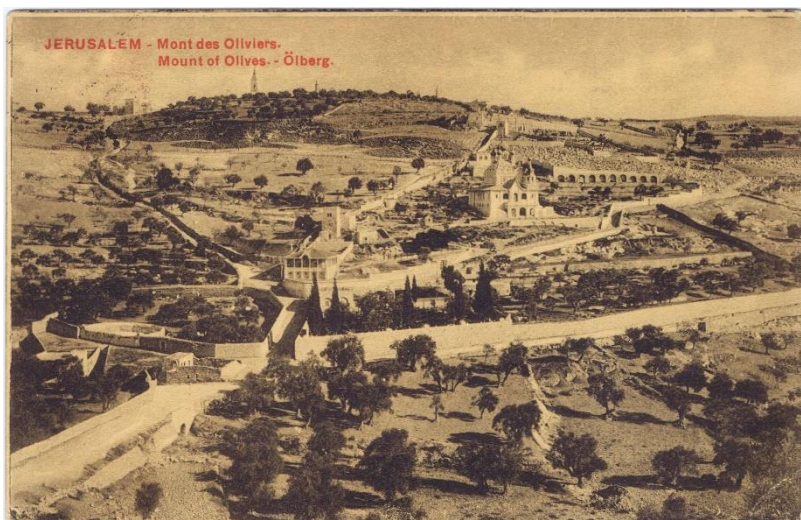


Figure 9-6C Front of 1911 postcard showing the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Newark, ward 15, ED 130, sheet 5A (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 98, Herbert E. Dey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 880.

2. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Roberta C. Spain, SSN 124-36-7423, claim 1965, died 2001, for birth date and parents' names.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Newark, ward 8, ED 80, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 63, fam. 69, John W. Dey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 964.

4. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Sara T. Dey, application no. 41449, issued 27 December 1910; citing NARA series M1490, roll 124, for Sarah's birth date. "New Jersey, Births and Christenings Index, 1660-1931"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Sarah Dey, birth abstract, for father's name and mother's maiden name. 1900 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Newark, ward 8, ED 80, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 63, fam. 69, John W. Dey, for Sarah's mother's first name.

5. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; entries for John W. Dey, application no. 41448, and for Sara T. Dey, application no. 41449, both issued 27 December 1910, for estimated date of return; citing NARA series M1490, roll 124.

6. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entries for J. Wesley and Sadie T. Dey, S.S. Baltic, arriving 1 May 1911; citing NARA series T715, roll 1670.

7. *Albany* [N.Y.] *Times Union*, 3 April 2001; microfilm, New York State Library, Albany; p. B7, col. 5, "Notices," "Spain, Roberta Carlough," obituary, for death date and place, and marriages to Edgar DeWitt Carlough and E. Leo Spain. 1930 U.S. census, Essex Co., N.J., pop. sch., Orange, ward 4, ED 7-594, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 59, fam. 60, Edgar D. Carlough, Jr.; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 1343, Roberta's marriage year estimated 1928 by her age of twenty-five years at first marriage (col. 15).

8. "Find A Grave," database, Sarah T. Dey, Morris Co., N.J., memorial no. 38725815, for gravestone photograph with death year. *Albany* [N.Y.] *Times Union*, 3 April 2001, p. B7, col. 5, "Notices," "Spain, Roberta Carlough," obituary.

9-7: 1912 "We are having a dandy time."

Ollie E. Connelly (1899-1986), Chicago, Illinois to Charles Newman Connelly (1866-1927), Nashville, Tennessee

This postcard was sent by a daughter to her father. "Mr. Charles Connelly" at the "N C + St L [Nashville, Chattanooga, and Saint Louis Railway] Shops" in Nashville, Tennessee received a postcard postmarked 17 August 1912 in Chicago, Illinois that begins "Dear papa" and is signed "Love, Ollie." Charles N. Connelly, a railroad shop cabinet maker, and his eleven year old daughter Ollie, are in Nashville in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Charles N. Connelly, a carpenter at the "N & C Shops," is listed in a 1912 Nashville directory.² Ollie E. Connelly was born in Nashville 13 March 1899, the daughter of Charles N. and Ollie Elizabeth (Dykes Young) Connelly who married 17 March 1897 in Davidson County, and one year-old Ollie E. is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Charles Newman Connelly was born 27 January 1866 in Tennessee, the son of Ephraim and Anna (Cherry) Connelly.⁴ Fourteen year-old Charles is with his father in Nashville in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ Ollie writes "We are having a dandy time." She asks her father to write, and includes an address in Chicago. The postcard photograph shows the "German Building" in Jackson Park, Chicago "Erected by German Government for World's Fair in 1893," which was one of the few buildings built to survive the fair. Charles N. Connelly died in Nashville 9 January 1927, and Ollie Connelly died February 1986.⁶



Figures 9-7A-B 1912 postcard from Chicago, Illinois to Nashville, Tennessee showing the German Building in Jackson Park, Chicago (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., Nashville, ward 21, ED 74, sheet 9A (penned), dwell./fam. 166, Charles N. Connelly; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1496.

2. *Nashville City Directory, 1912* (New York: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company, 1912); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 252, entry for Charles N. Connelly.

3. "Tennessee, Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Ollie E. Connelly, delayed birth certificate, no. D-309, for birth date and parents' names; citing Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Public Health. "Tennessee, Marriages, 1796-1950"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Chas. N. Connelly-Ollie E. Young, marriage abstract, for marriage date; citing Davidson Co., p. 160. "Kentucky Marriages, 1851-1900"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Ollie Dykes-Walter W. Young, marriage abstract, 1891, Henderson Co., Ky.; citing Henderson Co. court records, Henderson. 1900 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., Nashville, ward 10, ED 92, sheet 4A (penned), dwell. 59, fam. 60, Charles Conley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1564.

4. "Tennessee, Death Records, 1914-1955"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Charlie Newman Connelly, death certificate no. 21901, date of death 9 January 1927, for birth date and parents' names; citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Davidson Co., Tenn., pop. sch., Nashville, ward 6, ED 44, p. 25 (penned), dwell. 165, fam. 264, Aphraim Conley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1250.

6. "Tennessee, Death Records, 1914-1955," Charlie Newman Connelly, death certificate. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Ollie Connelly, SSN 413-22-2341, for death date.

9-8: 1915 Panama Canal

George Harold Holbrook (1884-1954), Cristobal, Canal Zone to Minnie (Ruth) Holbrook (1856-1952), New Haven, Connecticut

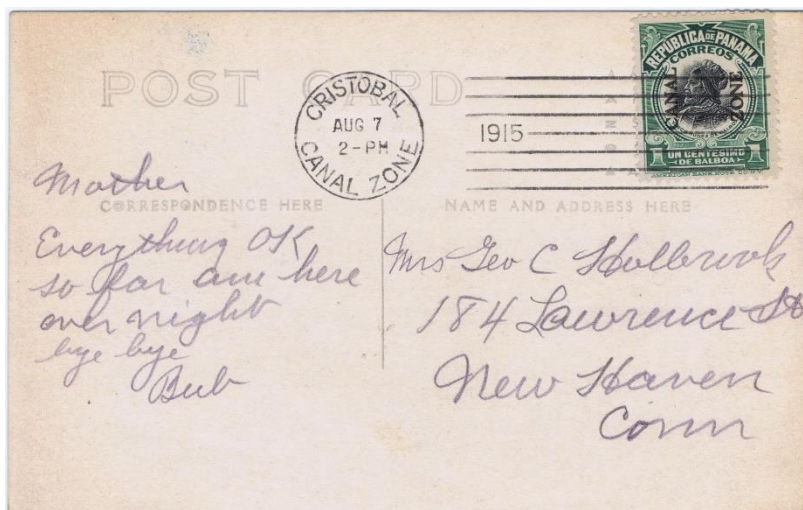


Figure 9-8A 1915 postcard from Cristobal, Canal Zone to New Haven, Connecticut (Author's collection)

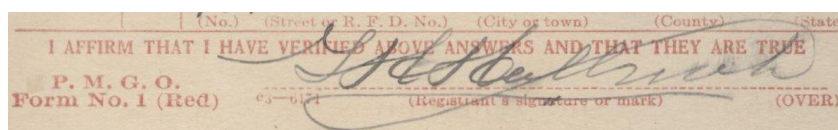


Figure 9-8B Signature of G[eorge] H[arold] Holbrook (Photograph from NARA, RG 163, Records of the Selective Service System, World War I draft registration card for George Harold Holbrook, 12 September 1918; Morrow, Ga.)

Handwriting comparison: The 'H' in Holbrook in the postcard address and the signature on the 1918 Selective Service registration card has loops at the bottom of both vertical lines, openings at the top of the 'o's, with all letters inclined to the right.

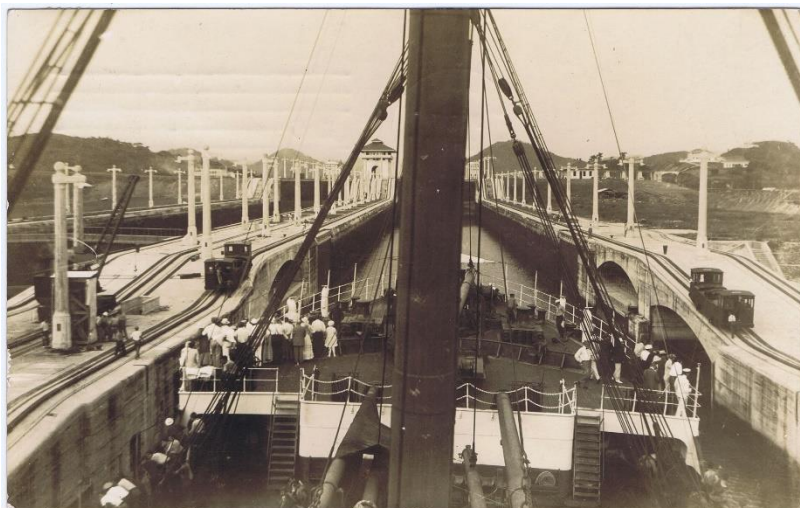


Figure 9-8C Front of 1915 postcard with a photograph of a ship entering a lock on the Panama Canal (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a son traveling by ship to his mother. "Mrs. Geo. C. Holbrook" of New Haven, Connecticut received a postcard from Cristobal, Canal Zone postmarked 7 August 1915 that begins "Mother" and is signed "Bub." Mary A. (Mrs. George C.) Holbrook is in New Haven in the 1910 and 1920 U.S. censuses at 184 Lawrence, the street address written on the postcard.¹ She is shown in the 1910 census as married once and the mother of three children, all still living, and two daughters and a son are listed with her in 1910.² Bub is apparently the nickname for George Harold Holbrook, born 29 December 1884 in New Haven, the son of George Cyrus and Mary Ann/Minnie (Ruth) Holbrook who married 5 January 1875, and fifteen year-old Harold G. is with his parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ No record was found showing Bub as George H. Holbrook's nickname, but George was the couple's only son. Mary Ann/Minnie Ruth was born 19 March 1856, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (-?) Ruth, and four year-old Maryan is with her parents in Naugatuck, Connecticut in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Bub writes "Everything OK so far am here over night." George Holbrook, living at 184 Lawrence Street in New Haven, registered with Connecticut during World War I and stated that he had four years of service as a seaman.⁵ His Panama Canal visit was probably connected with his naval service. Minnie (Ruth) Holbrook died 7 March 1952, and George Holbrook

18 May 1954.⁶ The postcard has a photograph of a ship entering a canal lock, and a Panama stamp overprinted for the Canal Zone. The postcard is an RPPC but was probably not taken by the sender. This postcard documents travel not found on a passenger list or a passport application as it was probably associated with military service.

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, New Haven Co., Conn., pop. sch., New Haven, ward 8, ED 409, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 5, George C. Holbrook; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 139. 1920 U.S. census, New Haven Co., Conn., pop. sch., New Haven, ward 8, ED 353, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 88, fam. 121, George C. Holbrook; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T625, roll 193.

2. 1910 U.S. census, New Haven Co., Conn., pop. sch., New Haven, ward 8, ED 409, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 5, Mary A. Holbrook, col. 8, for number of marriages; cols. 10-11, for number of children born and still living; and lines 28-30, for names and gender of children.

3. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; George Harold Holbrook, board 1, Washington, D.C.; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1570933, for birth date and middle name. Mary Louise Holbrook, compiler, *The Holbrook Family of Derby, Connecticut* (New Haven, Conn.: The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, 1932); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 62, for mother's maiden name, father's middle name, and parents' marriage date. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; George Harold Holbrook, New Haven, Conn., board 12A, for birthplace; citing NARA M1962. 1900 U.S. census, New Haven Co., Conn., pop. sch., New Haven, ward 8, ED 375, sheet 12B (penned), dwell. 192, fam. 263, George Q. Holbrook; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T623, roll 145.

4. "Civil War"; digital image, *Fold3.com*; > "Civil War 'Widows' Pensions" > "Connecticut" > "Heavy Artillery" > "Regiment 1" > "Company F" > "Ruth, Patrick WC64664" > "Page 24" for Margaret Ruth, widow, and her children including Mary Ann, for her birth date; citing NARA, "Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War Veterans, ca. 1861-ca. 1910." 1860 U.S. census, New Haven Co., Conn., pop. sch., Naugatuck, p. 43 (penned), dwell. 282, fam. 381, Patrick Ruth; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 84.

5. "Connecticut, Military Census, 1917," digital image, *Ancestry.com*; George H. Holbrook, New Haven, no. 90570 (stamped), question 9, for prior naval service; citing Conn. State Library, Hartford.

6. *The Greater New Haven Directory...1953* (New Haven, Conn.: The Price & Lee Company, 1953); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 749, entry for Minie R. Holbrook, for death date. *The Greater New Haven Directory...1955* (New Haven, Conn.: The Price & Lee Company, 1955); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 688, entry for George H. Holbrook, for death date.

9-9: 1915 “All rushed out and had chicken soup.”

Carrie A. Martin (1880-1941), Emporia, Kansas to Emily Frances “Fannie” (Sisson) Martin (1845-1918), New Bedford, Massachusetts; postcard by the Fred Harvey Company

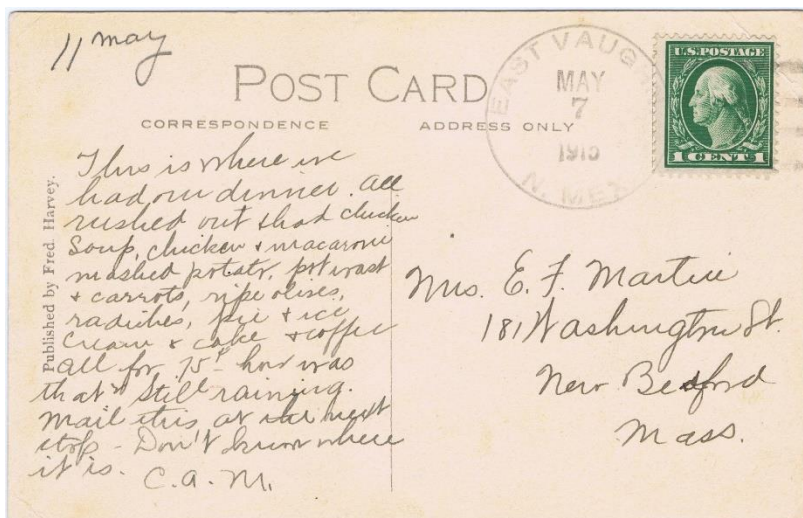


Figure 9-9A 1915 postcard from East Vaughn, New Mexico to New Bedford, Massachusetts published by Fred Harvey (Author’s collection)

This postcard was sent by a daughter traveling by train to her mother. “Mrs. E. F. Martin” in New Bedford, Massachusetts received a postcard from East Vaughn, New Mexico postmarked 7 May 1915 and signed “C. A. M.” Emily F. Martin and her daughter Carrie A. Martin are in New Bedford in the 1910 U.S. census at 181 Washington, the address written on the postcard.¹ Carrie A. Martin was born 23 September 1880 in Newton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Henry O. and E. Fanny (Sisson) Martin, who married 28 October 1874 in Marion, Massachusetts, and nineteen year-old Carrie “S.” is with her mother in the 1900 U.S. census.² Emily F. Sisson was born 1 July 1845 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, the daughter of David and Almira/Elmira (Smith) Sisson, who married 8 October 1835 in Dartmouth.³ Four year-old Emily is with her parents in the 1850 U.S. census.⁴ Carrie writes “This is where we had dinner,” and the picture on the front of the card shows railroad tracks and the Santa Fe Hotel in Emporia, Kansas. Carrie continues

“All rushed out + had chicken soup, chicken + macaroni, mashed potatoes, pot roast + carrots, ripe olives, radishes, pie + ice cream + cake + coffee, all for 75¢.” Carrie ends with “Mail this at the next stop. Don't know where it is” and it was apparently East Vaughn, about six hundred miles southwest of Emporia. Carrie’s mother may have written “11 May” in the upper left to show when the card arrived (docketing). The postcard was produced by the “Fred Harvey” Company, printed vertically on the back at left, which operated a chain of restaurants and hotels along western U.S. railroads.⁵ Fred Harvey (1835-1901) was born in England and was living in Leavenworth, Kansas at the time of the 1900 U.S. census.⁶ Emily Frances (Sisson) Martin died 1918 in New Bedford, and Carrie A. Martin 3 May 1941 in Bloomington, Illinois and was buried in New Bedford.⁷

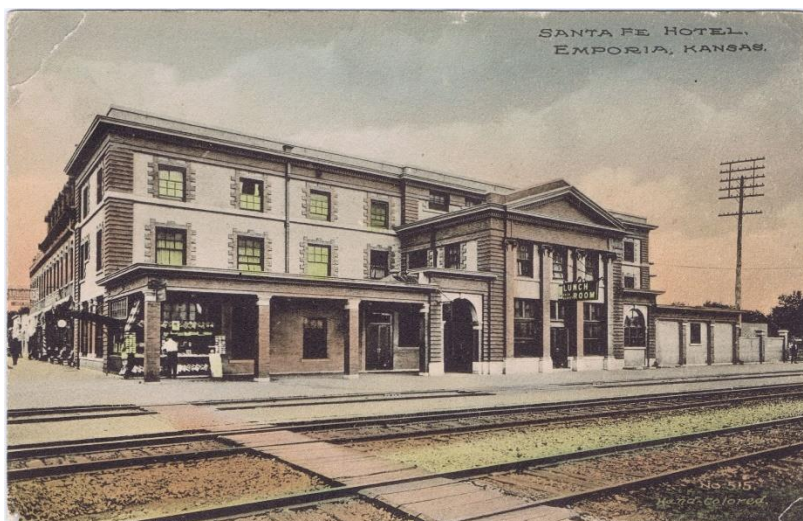


Figure 9-9B Front of 1915 postcard showing the Santa Fe Hotel, Emporia Kansas (Author’s collection)

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Bristol Co., Mass., pop. sch., New Bedford, ward 5, ED 207, sheet 14B (penned), dwell. 275, fam. 364, Emily F. Martin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 579.

2. “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910”; digital images, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Carrie A. Martin, birth, Newton, for father's name and mother's first name; citing Vol. 314, p. 186, no. 218, Mass. Archives; Henry O. Martin-Elizabeth F. Sisson, marriage, Marion, for marriage date and place and wife's maiden name; citing vol. 263, p. 311, no. 8, Mass. Archives. 1900 U.S. census, Bristol

Co., Mass., pop. sch., New Bedford, ward 4, ED 189, sheet 16B (penned), dwell. 273, fam. 342, E. Fannie Martin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 637.

3. "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910"; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; Emily F. Sisson, birth, Dartmouth, for father's name and mother's first name; citing vol. 16, p. 62, Mass. Archives. *Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, vol. II-Marriages; digital image, NEHGS, *AmericanAncestors.org*; p. 443, David Sisson-Almira Smith, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and wife's maiden name.

4. 1850 U.S. census, Bristol Co., Mass., pop. sch., Dartmouth, p. 407 (stamped, verso), dwell./fam. 16, David Sisson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 309.

5. Stephen Fried, *Appetite for America: How Visionary Businessman Fred Harvey Built a Railroad Hospitality Empire That Civilized the Wild West* (New York: Bantam Books, 2010).

6. "Find A Grave," database, Frederick Henry "Fred" Harvey, Leavenworth Co., Kans., memorial no. 23405, for gravestone photograph with birth and death years. 1900 U.S. census, Leavenworth Co., Kans., pop. sch., Leavenworth, ward 3, ED 94, sheet 5A (penned), dwell./fam. 95, Fred Harvey; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T623, roll 486.

7. "Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Emily Frances (Sisson) Martin, for year and place of death; citing vol. 80, p. 299, Department of Public Health. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Carrie A. Martin, death abstract, for death place and date and burial place, lists correct birth place but incorrect birth date; citing Public Board of Health, Springfield. "Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Carrie A. Martin, 1941; citing vol. 63, p. 10.

9-10: 1920 "A terrible scene of shell holes and barbed wire"

Helen Pennock South (1890-1968), Clermont-en-Argonne, France to Walter and Maria (Pennock) South (1863-1933 and 1862-1937), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

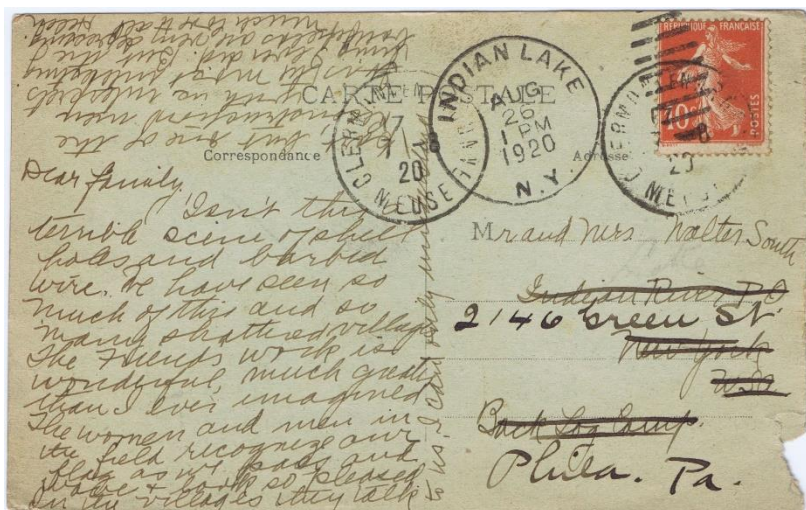


Figure 9-10A 1920 postcard from Clermont-en-Argonne, France to Indian River, New York and forwarded to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania showing the area of Fort Douaumont near Verdun, France (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a daughter traveling in France to her parents. "Mr. and Mrs. Walter South" of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received a "Carte Postale" (postcard, in French) postmarked "7-8-20" (7 August 1920) in "Clermont-en-Argonne, Meuse [France]" that begins "Dear family" and

is signed “Helen.” Walter and Maria South, husband and wife, and their daughter Helen P., are in Philadelphia in the 1910 U.S. census at 2146 Green Street, the address written on the postcard.¹ Helen Pennock South was born 21 October 1890 in Philadelphia, the daughter of Walter and Maria E. (Pennock) South, who married in Philadelphia in 1888, and “Hellen” P. is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.² Walter South was born 3 February 1863 in Wilmington, Delaware, the son of Ephraim and Hannah (Burton) South, and sixteen year-old Walter is with his parents in the 1880 U.S. census.³ Maria Eldridge Pennock was born 27 October 1862 in Philadelphia, the daughter of Joseph Liddon and Lydia (Eldridge) Pennock, and seventeen year-old “Mariah” is with her mother in the 1880 U.S. census.⁴ Helen P. South was issued a U.S. passport 17 May 1920, and her application stated that she planned to visit Great Britain and France as part of the World Conference of all Friends.⁵ She substituted “affirm” in place of “swear” on her application. A letter from the “Religious Society of Friends” accompanied her application and states she would be a delegate to the conference. The postcard has a French stamp with “République française [French republic]” and was addressed to “Back Log Camp, Indian River, P[ost] O[ffice], New York,” where the Souths may have vacationed, and forwarded to Philadelphia. An Indian Lake, New York postmark was added upon receipt or when the postcard was forwarded. Walter South died in 1933, Maria (Pennock) South in 1937, and they are buried in the Friends Southwestern Burial Ground in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.⁶ Helen P. South returned to the U.S. and taught English at New York University.⁷ She died in March 1968 and is buried in the same cemetery as her parents.⁸ The postcard photograph shows a devastated area near Fort Douaumont, one of Verdun's outer forts. The 1916 Battle of Verdun was, in Alistair Horne's words, “the grimmest battle in all that grim war.”⁹ Clermont-en-Argonne is about twenty-four miles southwest of Fort Douaumont.

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Penn., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 15, ED 233, sheet 7A (penned), dwell./fam. 123, Walter South; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1391.

2. “U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Helen P. South, application no. 36929, issued 17 May 1920, citing NARA series M1490, roll 1214, for date and place of birth. “Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Marriage Index, 1885-1951”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; entries for Walter South and Maria E. Pennock, license no. 20217, married 1888, for wife's maiden name; citing Orphans' Court, Philadelphia. 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Penn., pop. sch.,

Philadelphia, ward 15, ED 281, sheet 10B (penned), dwell. 185, fam. 199, Walter South; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1458.

3. "U.S., Consular Registration Certificates, 1907-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Walter South, certificate no. 58205, 30 January 1915, Florence, Italy, for date and place of birth; citing NARA Record Group 59, Department of State, vol. 119, box 4915, ARC ID 1244186, entry A1, 548. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Walter South, death certificate, no. 59918, for parents' names; citing Penn. Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg. 1880 U.S. census, Union Co., N.J., pop. sch., Plainfield, p. 17A (penned), ED 183, dwell. 135, fam. 145, Ephraim W. South; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 801.

4. "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Births, 1860-1906"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Maria Eldredge Pennock, birth abstract, for date of birth. "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Maria Pennock South, death certificate, no. 40955, for parents' names; citing Penn. Historical and Museum Commission. 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Penn., pop. sch., Philadelphia, p. 33A (penned), ED 597, dwell. 301, fam. 410, Liddia Pennock; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 1187.

5. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," Helen P. South.

6. "Find A Grave," database, Walter South, memorial no. 65901491, and Maria Pennock South, memorial no. 65901490, both Delaware Co., Penn.

7. Helen Pennock South, "Dr. Johnson and the Quakers," *Bulletin of Friends' Historical Association*, vol. 44, no. 1 (Spring 1955), 19-42, for author's academic position; digital image, Project Muse (<http://muse.jhu.edu/>). 1940 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Manhattan, sheet 63B (penned), ED 31-643, household 98, Helen South; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T627, roll 2638.

8. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Helen South, SSN 091-26-0119, for death date. "Find A Grave," database, Helen Pennock South, Delaware Co., Penn., memorial no. 65901488.

9. Alistair Horne, *The Price of Glory, Verdun 1916* (London: Penguin Books, 1993); digital image, Google Books; 1, paragraph 2.

Postcard text (line breaks changed):

Dear family,

Isn't this a terrible scene of shell holes and barbed wire. We have been so much of this and so many shattered villages. The Friends work is wonderful, much greater than I ever imagined. The women and men in the field recognize our flag as we pass and wave + look so pleased. In the villages they talk (vertical, on right:) to us. I can only understand part, (upside down, at top:) but one of the Reconstruction men with us, interprets. It is the most interesting thing I ever did. But the battlefields are very depressing. Much love to all. Helen

Chapter 10: World War I

About two million United States soldiers, sailors, and marines served in Europe with the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) from 1917 to 1919, and an equal number served in the United States. Their surviving envelopes, letters, and postcards let us glimpse their experience and may provide details that are unavailable due to the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center.¹ They speak of camp life, combat, and the countryside. They document military rank, service role, locations served, and unit numbers. The return address and the military postmark often include an Army Post Office (APO) number. During the war, APO numbers were used in place of the actual mailing location to conceal a military unit's position, but a list of APO numbers and their locations is now available.² The APO number may have been the closest to the sender and not necessarily the writer's exact location. Most envelopes and postcards have a censor's stamp and signature that were applied after an officer verified that the envelope, letter, and postcard did not indicate a unit's morale, anticipated movement, their type of weapons, or other information that could be useful if it fell into the hands of the German army.³ When the sender was an officer, his or her signature may accompany the censor's stamp as officers provided initial censorship of their own mail. Soldiers were encouraged to write home, and when serving outside the U.S. were given the "franking privilege" that enabled them to send envelopes and postcards without a stamp.⁴ "Soldiers Mail," "Marine's Mail," "Sailor's Mail," "Nurse's Mail," "Chaplain's Mail," and "Officers Mail" written in the upper right were accepted in place of a stamp on overseas mail from 1917 to 1920. Safe arrival postcards (Figure 10-3) and postcards furnished by the government (Figure 10-4) strictly limited what the sender could write to basic details including name, date, health status, and recent correspondence. Censorship was relaxed following the November 1918 armistice, and picture postcards and text indicate the sender's location (Figures 10-6 and 10-8). The 1930 U.S. census asked men over twenty years old if they were a veteran, but about one in twelve veterans (8%) have incorrect or missing veteran status information in the 1930 census.⁵ Two examples in this chapter have incorrect veteran status information reported in the census (Figures 10-3 and 10-8). Service by military nurses was routinely omitted from the 1930 census (Figure 10-7).⁶ The envelopes and postcards in this chapter follow the cycle of military service from draft board notification (Figure 10-1), training in the U.S. (Figure 10-2), travel

overseas (Figure 10-3), the experience of war (Figure 10-5), and returning home (Figures 10-9 and 10-10).

Notes

1. Walter W. Stender and Evans Walker, "The National Personnel Records Center Fire: A Study in Disaster," *The American Archivist*, vol. 37, no. 4 (October 1974), 521-549, digital image <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html>. States such as Ohio and North Dakota and some counties and cities have detailed World War I service records for their citizens: *Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War, 1917-1918* (Columbus, Ohio: F.J. Heer Printing Company, 1926; digital image, *Ancestry.com*); and *Roster of the Men and Women Who Served in the Army or Naval Service (including the Marine Corps) of the United States of its Allies from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918* (Bismarck, N.D.: Bismarck Tribune Co., 1931; digital image, *Ancestry.com*).
2. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 83-87.
3. "War Letter, Censorship!" (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/warletters/sfeature/sf_censorship.html).
4. Van Dam, *The Postal History of the AEF*, 13-14.
5. James R. Miller, "Old Envelopes and Postcards Reveal Incorrect Veteran Statuses in the 1930 U.S. Census," *NGS* [National Genealogical Society] *Magazine*, vol. 37, no. 2 (April-June 2011), 33-37.
6. Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, "1930 Census: Enumerator Instructions" (<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1930.shtml>), for "[paragraph] 237 ... No entry is to be made in this column [30] for ... females of any age whatever."

10-1: 1918 Notice of Classification

John Stuart St. Clair (1877-1960), Silver City, Idaho to Earl Bachman (1893-1975), Triangle, Idaho

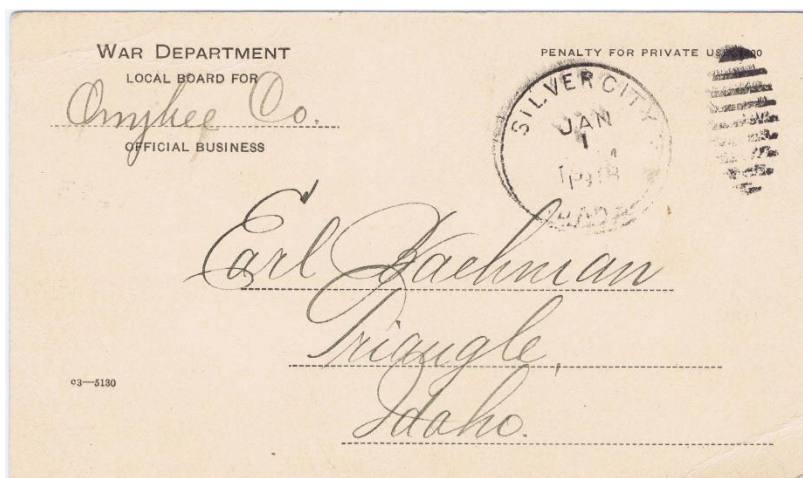


Figure 10-1A 1918 War Department postcard from Silver City, Idaho to Triangle, Idaho (Author's collection)

"Earl Bachman" in Triangle, Idaho received a "Notice of Classification" postcard from the "War Department, Local Board for Owyhee Co." postmarked 1 January 1918 in Silver City, Idaho that shows his status as "I a." Earl Bachman is in Owyhee County with his father Jacob, a widower, and his brother Lynn J. in the 1910 U.S. census, and he was in Triangle when he registered with Selective Service in 1917.¹ Earl was born 6 February 1893 in Ord, Nebraska, the son of Jacob Bachman and probably Frances E. Miner, and seven year-old Earl is with his father in the 1900 U.S. census.² After the war, Earl Bachman married Margaret Heazle 19 July 1921 in Boise, Idaho.³ Earl and Margaret Bachman, husband and wife, with Earl shown as a World War I veteran, are in Triangle in the 1930 U.S. census listed just before Jacob Bachman.⁴ The postcard was signed by "J. S. St. Clair, Member of the Local Board." John Stuart St. Clair was born 6 October 1877 in Silver City, the son of Franklin Manly and Josephine Bonaparte (Stuart) St. Clair and two year-old John S. is with his parents in the 1880 U.S. census.⁵ John married Sarah A. Henderson in Silver City 21 May 1899.⁶ John and Sara St. Clair, husband and wife, are in Silver City in the 1910 U.S. census.⁷ John St.

Clair died 1 April 1960 in Boise, Idaho; and Earl Bachman in December 1975.⁸ For men drafted to serve in World War I, the Notice of Classification card was generally preceded by a Notice to Appear for Physical Examination card. If selected to serve, men received a subsequent card that began "You are hereby notified that you have been selected for military service," followed by a card that began "By the direction of the Secretary of War, you are hereby ordered to report to the office of this local board ... for military duty and for transportation to the Army mobilization camp."

Local Board for Owyhee County
NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

I	II	III	IV	V
A				

Earl Bachman Order No. 94 Serial No. 504 has been classified by the { Local } Board { on appeal } in the classes under which letters are placed on the above schedule, and on the grounds indicated by such letters (see Form 1001-A for key to meaning of letters). This entitles him to a place in Class I and he has been so recorded on the Classification List of this Local Board. Appeals may be taken from classification by a Local Board, within five days from the date of this notice, by any person who filed a claim with this Local Board. Appeals may be taken from classification by a District Board within five days from the date of this notice only in certain cases specified in section 111 of Selective Service Regulations and when claimed by a person who filed a claim of classification with the District Board. To file an appeal it is only necessary to go to the office of the Local Board and write your claim of appeal in the place provided on the registrant's questionnaire.

DEC 31 1917
(Date.)

[Signature]
Member of Local Board.

FORM 1005-PMGO. (See Sec. 103, S. S. D.) 63-5133

Figure 10-1B Selective Service Notice of Classification (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Owyhee Co., Idaho, pop. sch., third precinct, ED 244, sheet 2B, dwell. 14, fam. 15, Jacob Bachman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 227. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Earl Bachman, Owyhee Co., Idaho; citing NARA series M1509, roll not shown.

2. World War I Draft Registration, Earl Bachman, Owyhee Co., Idaho, for birth date and place. "Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Lynn Jacob Bachman, death abstract, includes parents' names; Lynn Jacob and Earl were brothers, and they probably had the same mother as both are shown in the 1910 U.S. census with a mother born in Switzerland. 1900 U.S. census, Owyhee Co., Idaho, pop. sch., Silver City precinct, ED 117, sheet 8B, dwell. 198, fam. 204, Jacob Bachman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 234.

3. "Idaho, County Marriages, 1864-1950"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Earl Bachman-Margaret Heazle, instrument no. 94886, marriage license no. 5377, for marriage date and place; citing Ada Co. courthouse, Idaho.

4. 1930 U.S. census, Owyhee Co., Idaho, pop. sch., Triangle precinct, ED 37-22, sheet 1A, dwell./fam. 6, Earl Bachman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series T626, roll 402.

5. "Idaho, Birth Index, 1861-1912, Stillbirth Index, 1905-1962"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Stuart St. Clair, birth abstract, for parents' names and birth date and place; citing Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Boise. 1880 U.S. census, Owyhee Co., Idaho, pop. sch., Silver City, ED 29, p. 4D, dwell. 41, fam. 42, Frank M. St. Clair; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series T9, roll 173.

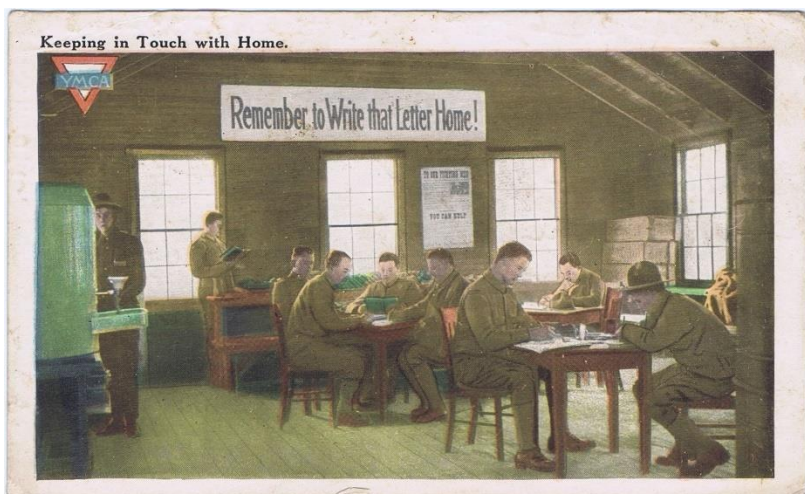
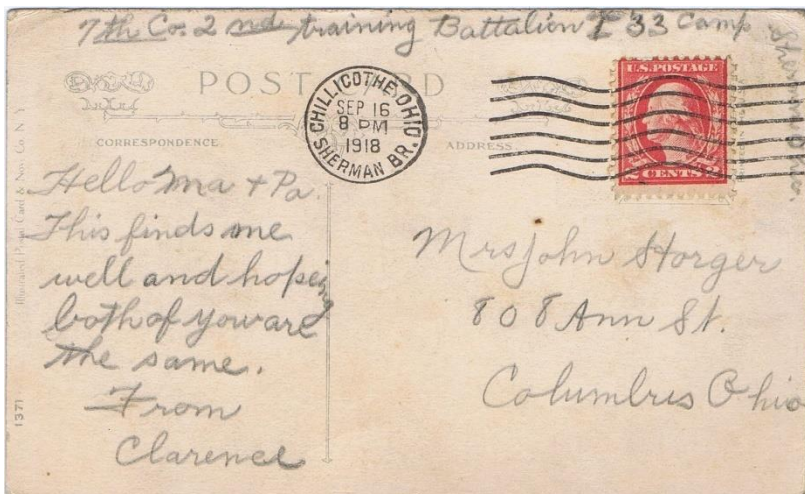
6. "Idaho, Marriage Index, 1842-1996"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John S. St. Clair-Sarah A. Henderson, marriage abstract, for marriage date and state; citing Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Boise.. "Idaho, Marriages, 1878-1898; 1903-1942"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; John L. St. Clair-Sarah A. Henderson, marriage abstract, for marriage place.

7. 1910 U.S. census, Owyhee Co., Idaho, pop. sch., Silver City precinct, ED 246, sheet 1B, dwell. 20, fam. 22, John S. St. Clair; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series T624, roll 227.

8. "Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962"; database, *Ancestry.com*; John Stuart St. Clair, death abstract, for death date and place; citing Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Boise. "U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Earl Bachman, SS no. 519-40-1714, for death month and year.

10-2: "Remember to Write that Letter Home!"

Clarence Horger (1896-1972), Camp Sherman, Ohio to Elizabeth (Feyh) Horger (1856-1920), Columbus, Ohio; postcard by Illustrated Postal Card & Novelty Company, New York City.



Figures 10-2A-B 1918 postcard from Camp Sherman near Chillicothe, Ohio to Columbus, Ohio showing soldiers reading and writing with a "Remember to Write that Letter Home!" sign on the wall (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a son to his parents. “Mrs. John Horger” of Columbus, Ohio received a postcard from Chillicothe, Ohio, “[Camp] Sherman Br[anch],” postmarked 16 September 1918 that begins “Hello Ma + Pa” and is signed “Clarence.” Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Horger and her son Clarence are in Columbus in the 1910 U.S. census at 808 South Ann Street, and John and Clarence Horger, with Clarence shown in the U.S. Army, are in a 1919 Columbus directory at 808 Ann, which matches the address written on the postcard.¹ Clarence F. “Horager” was born 8 November 1896 in Columbus, son of John and Elizabeth (Feyh) Horger who married circa 1882, and four year-old Clarence is with his parents in the 1900 U.S. census.² John Horger was born 13 November 1856, the son of Frank and Catharine (Geiss) Horger who married in Gallia County, Ohio 18 September 1849, and three year-old John is with his parents in Columbus in the 1860 U.S. census.³ Elizabeth Feyh was born 29 November 1856 in Columbus, the daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Piffer) Feyh, and three year-old Elizabeth is with her father and stepmother in Columbus in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Elizabeth died 5 January 1920 in Columbus.⁵ John Horger, widower, and Clarence are at 808 Ann Street in Columbus in the 1920 U.S. census.⁶ “7th Co[mpany] 2nd training Battalion I 33 Camp Sherman Ohio” is written at the top of the card. Clarence's military service summary shows he served with the 314 Battalion 1 Gas Regiment at Camp Sherman, and he is shown in the 1930 U.S. census as a World War I veteran.⁷ He writes “This finds me well and hope both of you are the same.” The postcard has a YMCA symbol, shows soldiers reading and writing with a large sign on the wall that reads “Remember to Write that Letter Home!” and was produced by “Illustrated Postal Card & Nov[elty] Co.” in New York (printed vertically on the back, left side). Simon Bergman is shown as president of the postal card company in a 1917 New York City directory.⁸ Simon Bergman was born 26 October 1868 in Riga, Latvia and he died before 8 April 1940 as his wife is shown as a widow in the 1940 U.S. census.⁹ John Horger died 12 April 1936 in Columbus, and Clarence Horger died on 2 August 1972 in Columbus.¹⁰ The postcard has a stamp as it was not eligible for free postage available to overseas military personnel.

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 2, ED 49, sheet 11A (penned), dwell. 213, fam. 215, John Horger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 1180. *R. L. Polk & Co.'s Columbus City Directory 1919* (Columbus, Ohio: R. L. Polk & Co., 1919); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 552, entries for Clarence and Jno Horger.

2. "Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Clarence F. Horger, birth no. 1091, for parents' name and home address of 808 South Ann Street; citing Record of Births, vol. 6 (1893-1897), Probate Court, Franklin Co., Ohio, pp. 302-303. 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 4 east, ED 58, sheet 3B (penned), dwell./fam. 47, John Horger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1267, for parents' estimated marriage year 1882 based on their eighteen years of marriage (col. 10).

3. "Columbus, Ohio, Green Lawn Cemetery Index, 1780-2010"; database, Green Lawn Cemetery (<http://greenlawn.delaoio.com/greenlawn/greenlawndata/h.txt>); John Horger, for date of birth. "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Frank Horger-Catharine Geiss, marriage; citing Gallia Co. marriage records, 1843-1862, vol. 2, p. 131 (image 68 of 238). 1860 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Franklin township, p. 34 (penned), dwell. 227, fam. 229, Frank Horger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 964.

4. "Ohio, County Death Records, 1840-2001"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Elizabeth Horger, death certificate no. 2148, for parents' names and birth date and place; citing Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics. 1860 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 5, p. 59 (penned), dwell. 533, fam. 536, Conrad Feyh; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M653, roll 964. "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Conrad Feyh-Henrietta Schuster, marriage, 18 March 1858, Franklin Co., Ohio; citing Franklin Co., Ohio, marriages, vol. 7 (1857-1862), p. 83 (view 87 of 448). 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 5, p. 220 (stamped, recto), dwell. 448, fam. 535, Conrad Frye; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M432, roll 679, for Conrad and Catherine E. Frye [Feyh], Elizabeth's parents.

5. "Ohio, County Death Records, 1840-2001," Elizabeth Horger, for death date.

6. 1920 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 3, ED 61, sheet 9B (penned), dwell. 204, fam. 209, John Horger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1380.

7. "Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Clarence Horger; citing *Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the World War, 1917-18*, p. 7876. 1930 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Columbus, ward 3, ED 25-24, sheet 8A (penned), dwell. 127, fam. 128, John Horger; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 1794.

8. *Trow's New York City Directory* (New York: R. L. Polk & Co., 1917); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 1056, entry for Illustrated Postal Card & Nov Co.

9. "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Simon Bergman, application 444996, issued 18 June 1924; citing NARA M1490, roll 2575, for birth date and place. 1940 U.S. census, New York Co., N.Y., pop. sch., Manhattan, ED 31-802, sheet 81A (penned), line 37, Annie Bergman; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T627, roll 2643.

10. "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; John Horger; death certificate no. 24401, for death date and place; citing Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics. "Ohio, Death Index, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2007"; database,

FamilySearch.org; entry for Clarenc Horger, for death date and place; citing Ohio Department of Health.

10-3: Circa 1918 “The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas”

Jay Fisher (1893-1933), Company L 342 Infantry to Iva (Yonker) Fisher (1868-1937), Viola, Illinois

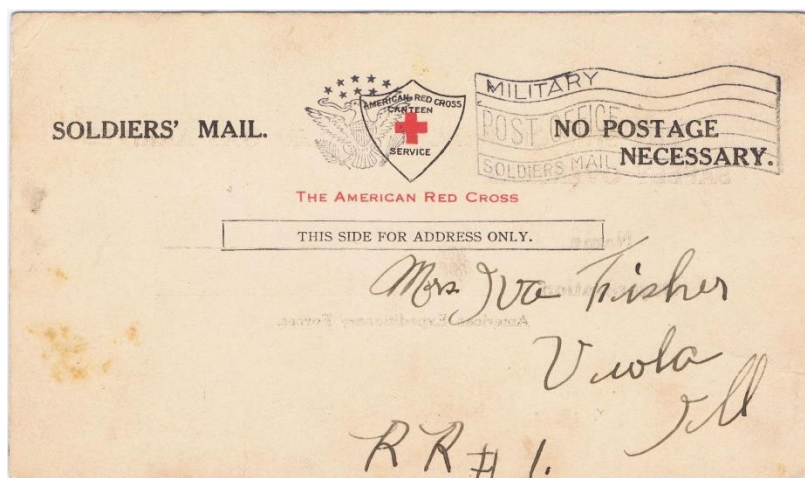


Figure 10-3A Circa 1918 Soldiers' Mail postcard provided by the American Red Cross (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a son to his mother. “Mrs. Iva Fisher” of Viola, Illinois received a postcard from “Privet Jay Fisher” circa 1918. An “Ivy” and Jay Fisher, mother and son, are in Rivoli township, two miles east of Viola, in the 1920 U.S. census.¹ Jay Fisher was born 17 October 1893 in Astoria, Illinois, the son of Valentine and Iva (Yonker/Younger) Fisher who married circa 1885, and six year-old Jay is with his parents in Kerton, Illinois in the 1900 U.S. census.² Iva Yonker was born 7 December 1868 in Schuyler County, Illinois, the daughter of Perry and Amanda (Dixon) Yonker/Younger, and one year-old Iva is with her parents in the 1870 U.S. census.³ The postcard was provided by the American Red Cross, and Jay Fisher wrote his name, organization “Co[mpany] L 342 inf[antry],” and service number “2083836” on the card. “The ship on which I sailed has

arrived safely overseas" and "American Expeditionary Forces" are printed on the back of the card. Jay Fisher probably completed this safe arrival postcard in Hoboken, New Jersey awaiting his transport ship's departure for Europe, as safe arrival cards were held in Hoboken awaiting notice of the ship's safe arrival.⁴ Loss of a ship from a submarine attack was the greatest concern. "Soldiers' Mail" and "No Postage Necessary" are printed on the front, and the postcard has a military postmark. After the war, Jay Fisher worked as a miner in Moline, Illinois where he is listed in a 1932 directory.⁵ Jay Fisher died 18 September 1933 in East Moline, Illinois and he was buried in Viola; his death record abstract includes his place and date of birth, his parents' names, and his occupation of coal miner.⁶ His veteran's grave marker application includes "Company L, 342nd Infantry" and his service number "2083836" that match the card.⁷ Jay Fisher, lodger, is in Moline in the 1930 U.S. census.⁸ Column 30 of the 1930 census asks if the person was a U.S. military or naval veteran, and column 30 for Jay Fisher has "no." He may not have been at home when the census enumerator visited the house, and the owners may have been unaware of his military service. About eight percent of veterans have incorrect or missing veteran status information in the 1930 U.S. census.⁹ Iva (Yonker) Fisher died 10 December 1937 in Viola.¹⁰

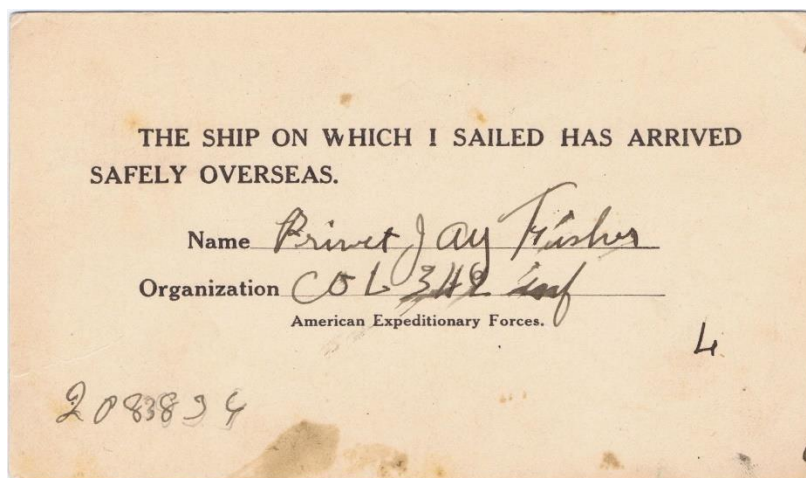


Figure 10-3B Back of 1918 postcard with printed safe arrival overseas message (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Ill., pop. sch., Rivoli township, ED 84, sheet 6B (penned), dwell./fam. 20, Volatine Fisher; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 393.

2. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Jay Fisher, death abstract, died 18 September 1933, for birth date and parents' names and mother's maiden name shown as Younker; citing Public Board of Health, Springfield, Ill. "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Jay Fisher, Mercer Co., Ill.; citing NARA series M1509, roll not shown, for birth place. 1900 U.S. census, Fulton Co., Ill., pop. sch., Kerton township, ED 24, sheet 2B (penned), dwell./fam. 33, Valentine Fisher; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 302; marriage year estimated 1885 on couple married fifteen years.

3. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," database, *FamilySearch.org*; Iva Fisher, death abstract, died 10 December 1937, for birth date and place and parents' names and maiden name shown as Yonker; citing Public Board of Health, Springfield, Ill. 1870 U.S. census, Caldwell Co., Mo., pop. sch., Fairview, p. 21 (penned), dwell./fam. 146, Perry Yonker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 763.

4. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 22, 114.

5. *Polk's Moline (Illinois) City Directory 1932* (Moline, Ill.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1932); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 92, entry for Jay Fisher.

6. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," entry for Jay Fisher, for place of death.

7. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Jay Fisher; citing NARA series M1916; for service number, death date, and burial place.

8. 1930 U.S. census, Rock Island Co., Ill., pop. sch., Moline, ward 3, ED 81-38, sheet 9A (penned), dwell. 154, fam. 210, Frank Bull Bull; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 552.

9. James R. Miller, "Old Envelopes and Postcards Reveal Incorrect Veteran Statuses in the 1930 U.S. Census," *NGS* [National Genealogical Society] *Magazine*, vol. 37, no. 2 (April-June 2011), 33-37.

10. "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Iva Fisher, died 1937, death abstract; citing Public Board of Health, Springfield.

10-4: 1918 “If Anything Else Is Added This Postcard Will Be Destroyed”

Wendell Mitchell Levi (1891-1976), 81st Division, American Expeditionary Forces to Estella (D'Ancona) Levi (1863-1939), Sumter, South Carolina



Figure 10-4A 1918 American Expeditionary Forces Field Service Post Card from Army Post Office 791 via Bordeaux, France to Sumter, South Carolina (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent by a son to his mother. “Mrs. Mitchell Levi” of Sumter, South Carolina received a postcard written “Nov. 13, 1918,” postmarked two days later, and signed “Wendell M. Levi, Capt[ain] U.S. Inf[antry].” Estella (Mrs. Mitchell) Levi and her son Wendell M. Levi are in Sumter in the 1920 U.S. census at 228 Liberty Street, the address written on the postcard.¹ Wendell Mitchell Levi was born 28 September 1891 in Sumter, the son of Mitchell and Estella (D'Ancona) Mitchell, who married 30 December 1890 in Cook County, Illinois, and eight year-old Wendell is with his parents in the 1900 U.S. census.² Estella (D'Ancona) Levi was born 1 October 1863 in Philadelphia, the daughter of Abram and Fanny (Davis) D'Ancona, and six year-old Estella “Ancona” is with her parents in Philadelphia in the 1870 U.S. census.³ Wendell M. Levi served with the 323rd Infantry during the war, including service as a “pigeon intelligence

NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. IF ANYTHING ELSE IS ADDED THE POST CARD WILL BE DESTROYED.

I am quite well.

~~I have been admitted into hospital~~

{ ~~sick~~ } and am getting on well.

{ ~~wounded~~ } and hope to be discharged soon.

~~I am being sent down to the base.~~

I have received your { letter dated Oct 19, 1918

{ telegram " _____

{ parcel " _____

Letter follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you

{ lately

{ for a long time.

Signature) Wendell M. Lewis

only) Capt US Inf.

Date Nov. 13, 1918

≡

(Postage must be prepaid on any letter or post card addressed to the sender of this card)

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instructor” in 1918.⁴ The U.S. Army used pigeons during World War I for front-line communications.⁵ The postcard is entitled “American Expeditionary Forces, Field Service Post Card.” The text is pre-printed and restricts the sender to commenting on his health and recent correspondence. Text on the front and back warns “If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed.” Wendell Levi selected “I am quite well” and “I have received your letter dated Oct 19, 1918.” The front has a censor's stamp and a military postmark with “791,” which corresponds to the 81st Division.⁶ Mrs. Levi may have written “No. 24, Rec'd Dec. 11/18” after she received the card to indicate that this was the twenty-fourth letter or card received from her son and noted the date it was received, which was twenty-eight days after it was written (docketing). Wendell Mitchell married Bertha London circa 1921, and he is with Bertha in the 1930 U.S. census and shown as a World War I veteran.⁷ He was active in pigeon breeding and care, wrote several books on pigeons, and his papers are at the College of Charleston.⁸ Estella (D'Ancona) Levi died 2 December 1939.⁹ Wendell Levi died 11 February 1976, and his grave marker notes his World War I service and includes a pigeon sculpture.¹⁰

Notes

1. 1920 U.S. census, Sumter Co., S.C., pop. sch., Sumter, ward 4, ED 152, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 74, fam. 101, Mitchell Levi; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 1713.

2. “South Carolina Delayed Births, 1766-1900 and City of Charleston, South Carolina Births, 1877-1901”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Wendell Mitchell Levi, delayed birth certificate no. 15-226, for birth date and place, and parents' names; citing S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C. “Cook County, Illinois, Marriages Index, 1871-1920”; database, *Ancestry.com*; Mitchell Levi-Estella D'Ancona, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Division of Vital Records, Springfield, Ill. 1900 U.S. census, Sumter Co., S.C., pop. sch., Sumter, ward 4, ED 131, sheet 16B (penned), dwell. 311, fam. 391, Mitchell Levi; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1543.

3. “Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Births, 1860-1906”; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Estella De Ancona, birth abstract, for birth date and place, and parents' names; citing Department of Records, book 6, p. 43. 1870 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 3, p. 149 (penned), dwell. 1050, fam. 1260, Abram W. Ancona; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1389.

4. “U.S., WWI Jewish Servicemen Questionnaires, 1918-1921”; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Wendell Mitchell Levi, response to question 22; citing American Jewish Historical Society, Series II, Questionnaires: Jews; Officers-Army, box 13 (Lev-Levin), folder 1; view 60 of 119.

5. Kathy R. Coker and Carol E. Stokes, *A Concise History of the U. S. Army Signal Corps* (Fort Gordon, Ga.: Office of the Command Historian, 1991; digital image, Internet Archive), 18-19, for mission of Pigeon Service.

6. Van Dam, Theo., editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Penn.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 85.

7. 1930 U.S. census, Sumter Co., S.C., pop. sch., Sumter, ward 2, ED 43-27, sheet 9A (penned), dwell. 171, fam. 197, Wendell M. Levi; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 2214, year of marriage estimated 1921 using age at first marriage (col. 15). "Find A Grave," database, Bertha London Levi, Sumter Co., S.C., memorial 80049832, maiden name shown on grave marker.

8. "Wendell Mitchell Levi Papers" (<http://archives.library.cofc.edu/inventories/mss0079.html>).

9. "Find A Grave," database, Estella D'A Levi, Sumter Co., S.C., memorial 33924386.

10. "Find A Grave," database, Wendell Mitchell Levi, Sumter Co., S.C., memorial 80049676.

10-5: 1918 "I'd love to be back to have a real talk with all of you"

Thomas H. Watson (1894-1918), 28th Infantry, A.E.F. to Lillian (Cox) Watson (1859-1948), Raleigh, North Carolina

This envelope and letter were sent by a son to his mother. "Mrs. Lillian C. Watson" of Raleigh, North Carolina received an envelope and letter from "2/Lt. [2nd lieutenant] TH Watson ... Co[mpany] G, 28th Inf[antry]" postmarked 7 February 1918. An enclosed letter written 5 February 1918 begins "My dear Mama." Thomas H. Watson, residing at 12 North Person Street in Raleigh, the street address written on the envelope, registered with Selective Service in 1917, and a T. Harry Watson, in the U.S. Army, and a Lillie C. Watson, widow of J. T., are listed at 12 North Person in a 1918 Raleigh directory.¹ Thomas H. Watson was born 14 September 1894 in Roxobel, North Carolina, the son of Joseph Thomas and Lillian (Cox) Watson, who married 13 March 1887 in Bertie County, North Carolina.² Joseph Thomas Watson apparently died before June 1900 as Lillie C. Watson, widow, is in the 1900 U.S. census with her mother and her five year-old son Henry T. in Roxobel.³ Lillian was born 6 March 1859 in Bertie County, the daughter of Reuben H. and Mary C. (Askew) Cox who married 15 September 1853 in Bertie County, North Carolina, and one year-old Lillian is with her parents in the 1860 U.S. census.⁴ Thomas H. Watson

writes "The folks back in the U.S. don't fully appreciate what we're up against over here ... The papers all say the Germans are preparing for a big 'drive,' – a stupendous offensive, – in the spring ... I'd love to be back to have a real talk with all of you ... Kiss the kiddies for me, – and tell them 'Buddie' thinks of them every day." The German Spring Offensive began 21 March 1918.⁵ Thomas H. Watson was killed in action 30 May 1918 at the Battle of Cantigny, and he was awarded the Silver Star.⁶ The envelope has "Soldiers Mail" in place of a stamp, and a military postmark with "703," which corresponds to Gondrecourt, France.⁷ The envelope has a censor's stamp and Thomas Watson, an officer, signed the envelope and letter as censor.⁸ The letter is written on YMCA stationery. Lillian (Cox) Watson died 30 January 1948 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.⁹

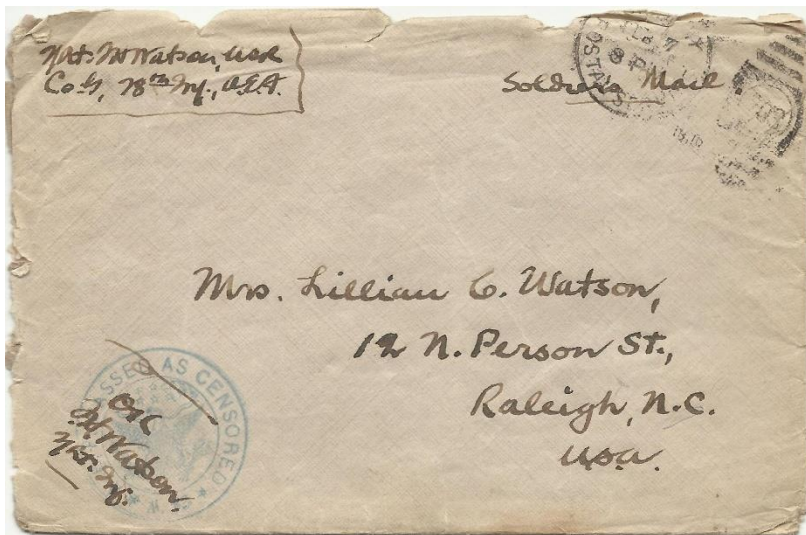


Figure 10-5A 1918 envelope the 28th Infantry to Raleigh, North Carolina (Author's collection)

Notes:

1. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Thomas H. Watson, Raleigh, N.C.; citing NARA microfilm series M1509, roll not shown. *Raleigh N.C. Directory 1918-1919* (Richmond, Va.: Hill Directory Co., Inc.: 1918; digital image, *Ancestry.com*), 472, entries for Lillie C. Watson and T. Harry Watson.

2. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards," Thomas H. Watson, Raleigh, N.C., for date and place of birth. "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011";

digital image, *Ancestry.com*; J. T. Watson-Lillian Cox, marriage, for mother's maiden name and marriage date and place; citing N.C. State Archives, Raleigh.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Bertie Co., N.C., pop. sch., Roxobel township, ED 18, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 3, Mary C. Cox; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1183.

4. "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Lillian Cox Watson, death certificate no. 1283, 1948, Nash Co., for birth date and place; citing N.C. State Archives, Raleigh. "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Reuben H. Cox-Mary C. Askew, marriage, for marriage date and place; citing Bertie Co. marriage register, 1851-1870, p. 16, no. 84. 1860 U.S. census, Bertie Co., N.C., pop. sch., Roxobel post office, p. 123 (penned), dwell./fam. 973, R. H. Cox; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T653, roll 888.

5. Martin Middlebrook, *The Kaiser's Battle: 21st March, 1918, The First Day of the German Spring Offensive* ([no city]: Allen Lane, 1978; digital image, Google Books), 9.

6. *The [Raleigh, N.C.] News and Observer*, 11 August 1918; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 5, col. 4, "Lt. Watson Cited For Gallantry in Action," for death date. "Military Times" (<http://www.militarytimes.com/>) > "Hall of Valor," enter Thomas H. Watson, scroll to "Thomas H. Watson, Silver Star Citation, Date(s) of action: May 27-31, 1918."

7. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 13-14, 83.

8. "War Letter, Censorship!" (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/warletters/sfeature/sf_censorship.html), "Who did the censoring?"

9. "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975," Lillian Cox Watson, death certificate no. 1283, Nash Co., N.C., for death date and place.



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"WITH THE COLORS"



Feb. 5th

1918

My dear Mamma, -

Your letter written Jan 8th came last night. - It goes without saying 'twas joyfully received. - It has been almost a week since I had an opportunity for writing. - Something always "bobs up" to prevent, it seems. I would like to write every day or so, but it's really impossible. - The folks back in the U.S. don't fully appreciate what we're up against over here. - My blood boils every time I read a paper. Some articles would lead a person to believe the A.E.F. had a veritable "bed of rose" to lie in. - Such is far from the actual conditions. - If I could only tell I would soon wake the

Figure 10-5B Page 1 of letter from Thomas H. Watson to Lillian (Cox) Watson on YMCA stationery (Author's collection)

1918 letter text (line breaks changed):

Feb. 5th 1918

My dear Mama,

Your letter written Jan. 8th came last night. - It goes without saying 'twas joyfully received. - It has been almost a week since I had an opportunity for writing. - Something always "bobs up" to prevent, it seems. - I would like to write every day or so, but it's really impossible. - The folks back in the U.S. don't fully appreciate what we're up against over here. - My blood boils every time I read a paper. - Some articles would lead a person to believe the A.E.F. had a veritable "bed of rose" to lie in. - Such is far from the actual conditions. - If I could only talk I would soon wake the [page 2]

people up. In regard to an "early peace". - Well, I don't know what may happen. - All of us have our "ideas" concerning it. - and naturally there's some difference of opinion. - The papers all say the Germans are preparing for a big "drive", - a stupendous offensive, - in the spring. - They (the papers) also say it will fail, and peace will be forthcoming; - that the German people will demand a "halt", - It may be the correct theory, - I don't know. Oh yes, the helmet came yesterday also. - It's fine, - and 'twas indeed sweet of you to make it for me. -

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Marion wrote she had finished a sweater, and was sending it on, - together with two pair of socks Louise had knitted. - Everybody has been good to me, - and I am very grateful. - Margaret Baird has sent quite a number of things, - also Mrs. Baird has sent a box. - Margaret has been especially good about writing. - Her letters are dated religiously every third day. - Whenever a mail comes in I always look for a letter from "Miggles". - She's a dear sweet girl, - and she sure loves your "baby boy". I'm glad the second check finally arrived. - There should be a

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third, - or even a fourth, by the time this reaches you. Don't worry about me. - I'm all O.K. - Still have the cold, it's true, but that's to be expected. - I'm getting a bit "gaunt" again, - that's the only effect it's having. - Warm weather will remedy it, - if it ever comes. - It has been a good deal warmer for the past week, though. I'm looking for those packages with cigarettes and gloves in them. - Can't understand why packages are so long in coming. - I'm still due several sent around the first of Nov. - May be I'll get them for next

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Christmas. I'll write Sis and Bro. Within the next day or so. - They have both been far better to me than I deserve. - An[?] own brother wouldn't have done as much for me as Vick has. - Gee! But I'd love to be back to have a real talk with all of you tonight, - or any other night for that matter. Kiss the kiddies for me, - and tell them "Buddie" thinks of them every day, and wishes he could see them. A heart full of love for each of my dear ones.

Devotedly

Harry

2/Lt. Thos. H Watson, USR[?]

Co G, 28th Inf, A.E.F.

OK THWatson 2/Lt Inf

10-6: 1918 "Was on the march last night"

Clyde Malcolm Figley (1892-1958), 114th Field Artillery, France to Clara (Hall) Figley (1857-1945), Manchester, Tennessee; Harold Swenson (1891-1968), military censor



Figure 10-6A 1918 YMCA envelope from Army Post Office 750 to Manchester, Tennessee with sender's field artillery (F.A.) number crossed out by a military censor (Author's collection)

This envelope and letter were sent by a son to his mother. "Mrs. J. M. Figley" in Manchester, Tennessee received a letter from "Pvt [Private]

Clyde M. Figley, Bat[tery] C, F[ield] A[rtilery].” The letter begins “Dear Folks,” is signed “M,” and includes “114,” the number of the sender’s military unit. Clara L. (Mrs. Joseph M.) Figley is in Manchester in the 1920 U.S. census, and their son “Malcolm C.” Figley is listed with the couple in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ Clyde Malcolm Figley was born 16 September 1892 in Raymond, Ohio, the son of Joseph M. and Clara (Hall) Figley who married 15 October 1889 in Wyandot County, Ohio.² Six year-old Malcolm Figley is with his parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Clara Hall was born March 1856 in Little Sandusky, Ohio, apparently the daughter of David and Catherine (-?-) Hall, and twelve year-old Clara is with her mother in Little Sandusky in the 1870 U.S. census.⁴ Malcolm wrote “Was on the march last night and am resting today.” A regimental history states that night marches were routine to avoid observation by German airplanes during daylight.⁵ An itinerary shows the 114th Field Artillery left Rambucourt, France at 6 p.m., 15 September and arrived at Pont-sur-Meuse at 5:30 a.m., 16 September.⁶ Malcolm also wrote of “big doings on the front,” and his regiment had just participated in the attack on Saint-Mihiel.⁷ The envelope and letter paper were provided by the YMCA. The envelope has “Soldiers Mail” in place of a stamp in the upper right, and the military postmark includes “750” which corresponds to the 33rd Division with which the 114th was affiliated in late October.⁸ The envelope has a military censor’s stamp and is signed “OK, H.E. Swenson, 2nd Lt – F.A.” Harold Emanuel Swenson also served with Battery C.⁹ He or another censor crossed out 114 in the envelope’s return address, although the regimental number appears twice in the enclosed letter. Harold Swenson was born 28 August 1891 in Meriden, Connecticut, apparently the son of Sven Martin and Emma C. (-?-) Swenson/Svenson.¹⁰ Twenty-eight year-old Harold is with his mother and stepfather in Meriden in the 1920 U.S. census.¹¹ Clara (Hall) Figley died 9 January 1945 in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.¹² Malcolm Figley died 28 October 1958 in Butte County, California and Harold Swenson died October 1968 in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.¹³



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sept. 16 1918

*362 is a duplicate of 361 and is from another
The M.O. is sent to you from H. G. You name*

Dear Folks. Will try to write a few lines today,
since I had a chance to stop at a Y and get some
paper yesterday. It is about 1 P.M. here or 5 A.M.
there. I suppose you remember the date. I was
there last yr. and expect to be there next yr. at
this time if not sooner. I suppose you are getting
news by this time, of big doings on the front. I have
not seen any news reports here, that exagorate any.
I am still O.K. Was on the march last night
and am resting today. Am sitting on a hill,
overlooking as pretty and peaceful a scene as
you can often find. Mts. on all sides, green valley
and two or three villages, & the usual stream,
and you have the customary setting for a novel.
Have just been swimming in the stream.
The valley seems to be mostly in hay and I can
see several of the "peasants" making hay; the whole
family helping. The weather is fair & warm
again. Nights are always cold. The M.O. are
quite safe. If the original does not arrive in

Figure 10-6B page 1 of letter from 1918 envelope on YMCA stationery (Author's collection)

Notes

1. 1920 U.S. census, Coffee Co., Tenn., pop. sch., district 6, ED 41, sheet 2A (penned), dwell./ fam. 31, Joseph M. Figley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 1732.

2. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Clyde Malcolm Figley, Coffee Co., Tenn., for birth date and place; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1852930. "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Joseph M. Figley-Clara Hall, marriage no. 564, for parent's marriage date and place and mother's maiden name; citing Wyandot County, marriage record, 1886 to 1894, vol. 6, p. 192 (view 130 of 280).

3. 1900 U.S. census, Union Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Liberty township, ED 137, sheets 2A-2B (penned), dwell./fam. 35, Joseph Figley; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 1328.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Union Co., Ohio, Liberty township, ED 137, sheets 2A-2B (penned), dwell./fam. 35, Joseph Figley, for Clara's birth month and year. "Mrs. Clara Figley Dies Recently," Clara (Hall) Figley obituary, *Upper Sandusky [Ohio] Daily Union Chief*, p. 3, col. 2, for birthplace. 1870 U.S. census, Wyandot Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Pitt township, Little Sandusky post office, p. 6 (penned), dwell. 37, fam. 36, Catharine M. Hall; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series M593, roll 1284.

5. Reese T. Amis, *History of the 114th Field Artillery* (Nashville, Tenn.: Benson Printing Co., 1920; digital image, HathiTrust Digital Library (<https://www.hathitrust.org/home>), 59.

6. Amis, *114th Field Artillery*, 97.

7. Amis, *114th Field Artillery*, 57

8. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 84. Amis, *114th Field Artillery*, 74.

9. Amis, *114th Field Artillery*, 122.

10. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Harold Emanuel Swenson, West Hartford, Conn.; citing NARA series M1509, roll 1562002, for birth date and place. *Meriden Directory 1901* (New Haven, Conn.: The Price & Lee Co., 1901; digital image, *Ancestry.com*), 263, entry for Emma C. Swenson, widow, for husband's name.

11. 1920 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn, pop. sch., West Hartford town, ED 194, sheet 46B (penned), dwell. 996, fam. 1111, Oscar Johnson; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 180.

12. "Ohio, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Obituary Index, 1810s-2013"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Clara Hall Figley, obituary abstract; citing *Upper Sandusky [Ohio] Daily Chief Union*, 23 January 1945.

13. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Clyde Malcom Figley, death abstract, for death date and place. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Harold Swenson, death abstract, for death date and place.

Letter text (line breaks changed):

Sept. 16, 1918

Dear Folks. Will try to write a few lines today. Since I had a chance to stop at a Y and get some paper yesterday. It is about 1 P.M. here or 5 A.M. there. I suppose you remember the date. I was there last yr. and expect to be there next yr. at this time if not sooner. I suppose you are getting news by this time, of big doings on the front. I have not seen any news reports here that exaggerate any. I am still O.K. Was on the march last night and am resting today. Am sitting on a hill, overlooking as pretty and peaceful a scene as you can often find. Mts on all sides, green valley and two or three villages, + the usual stream, and you have the customary setting for a novel. Have just been swimming in the stream. The valley seems to be mostly in hay and I can see several of the "peasants" making hay; the whole family helping. The weather is fair + warm again. Nights are always cold. The M.O. are quite safe. If the original does not arrive in

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30 days, a duplicate is sent, and then another. The M.O. is sent to you from N.Y. You never told me about Davy's school. Is he studying or teaching, + where? The papers have never arrived yet. What do you refer to by your sentences about Albert Crouch. Well I must stop and get some more sleep.

M

Pvt. Claude M. Figley

Bat C 114 FA

OK H.E. Swenson 2nd Lt – 114F.A.

10-7: Married After the War

Edwin Brian McNutt (1897-1958), American Expeditionary Forces University, France to Winifred M. Foltz (1896-1972), Decatur, Illinois

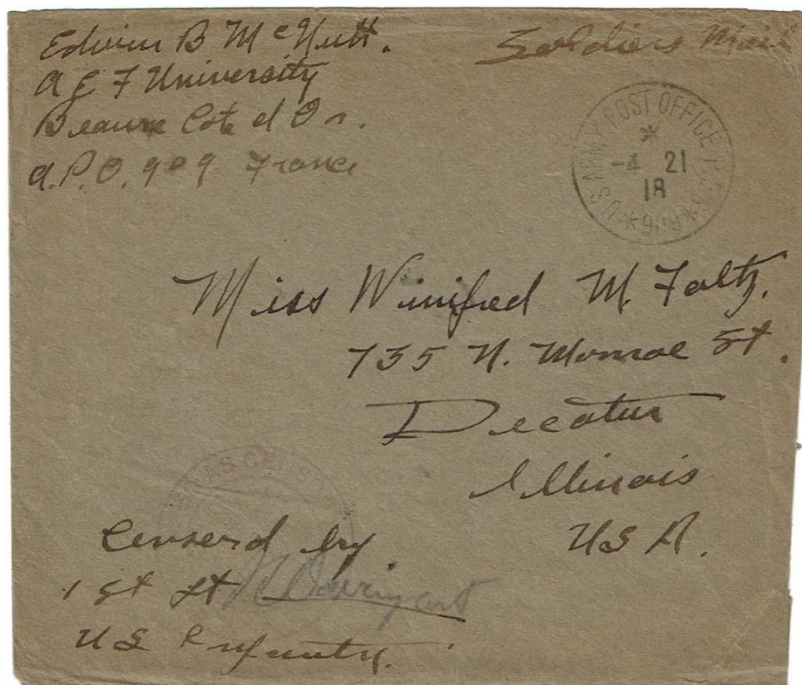


Figure 10-7 1918 envelope from Army Post Office 909 to Decatur, Illinois (Author's collection)

This envelope was sent by a soldier to his future wife. Miss Winifred M. Foltz in Decatur, Illinois received an envelope from Edwin B. McNutt postmarked 21 April 1918. Winnie M. Foltz is with her parents in Philo, Illinois in the 1910 U.S. census, and Winnie's parents are in Decatur in the 1920 U.S. census at 735 North Monroe Street, the address on the envelope.¹ Edwin McNutt is in Decatur in the 1910 U.S. census.² Winifred Foltz was born 23 March 1896 in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Daniel W. and Nellie (Jenkins) Foltz who married circa 1892, and four year-old Winnie is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ Edwin Brian McNutt was born 21 November 1897 in Illinois, the son of Edwin and Illinois

(Thorpe) McNutt who married 8 September 1886 in Marion, Illinois.⁴ Two year-old Edwin is with his parents in the 1900 U.S. census.⁵ Edwin was serving at the American Expeditionary Forces University in Beaune, France when he sent this envelope, which is written in the return address and corresponds to "A.P.O. 909" in the postmark.⁶ The envelope has "Soldiers Mail" in place of a stamp and has a censor's stamp and signature. Edwin McNutt and Winifred Foltz married circa 1919, and they are in Joliet, Illinois with two children in the 1930 U.S. census with Edwin shown as a World War I veteran.⁷ An envelope sent by Edwin McNutt to his mother shows that he also served in Company A, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, which is noted on his grave marker.⁸ Edwin died 9 January 1958 and is buried in Decatur.⁹ Winifred (Foltz) McNutt died 7 April 1972 in Los Angeles, California and she is buried in Decatur.¹⁰

Notes

1. 1910 U.S. census, Champaign Co., Ill., pop. sch., Philo, ED 26, sheet 1A (penned), dwell./fam. 12, William D. Foltz; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 234. 1920 U.S. census, Macon Co., Ill., pop. sch., Decatur, ED 146, sheet 4B (penned), dwell./fam. 87, William D. Foltz; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T625, roll 385.

2. 1910 U.S. census, Macon Co., Ill., pop. sch., Decatur, ward 2, ED 109, sheet 18A (penned), dwell. 374, fam. 383, Edwin McNutt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T624, roll 307.

3. "Missouri Birth Records, 1851-1910"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Winnie Foltz, birth, St. Louis birth registry, for birth date and location; citing Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City. "Michigan Obituaries, 1820-2006"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Lee Foltz, obituary, 1996, for parents' names; citing Herrick District Library, Holland, Mich. 1900 U.S. census, Champaign Co., Ill., pop. sch., Champaign, ED 4, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 104, fam. 111, Daniel W. Foltz; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 240, for father's middle initial and parents' estimated marriage year 1892 based on their eight years of marriage (col. 10).

4. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin Brian McNutt, died 1958, for birth date; citing NARA series M1916, roll no. not shown. "Illinois, Marriage Index, 1860-1920"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Edwin McNutt-Illinois Thorpe, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place and mother's maiden name; citing Illinois State Public Records.

5. 1900 U.S. census, Macon Co., Ill., pop. sch., Decatur, ward 6, ED 54, sheet 9A (penned), well. 186, fam. 189, Edwin McNutt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 323.

6. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 86.

7. 1930 U.S. census, Will Co., Ill., pop. sch., Joliet township, ED 99-56, sheet 1A (penned), dwell. 9, fam. 10, Edwin B. McNutt; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 569, for estimated marriage year 1919 based on their eleven years of marriage (cols. 13, 15).

8. "Find A Grave," database, Pvt Edwin Brian McNutt, Macon Co., Ill., memorial no. 25747462, for photograph of grave marker. Envelope viewable on *Philgen.org*, search database for McNutt.

9. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963," Edwin Brian McNutt.

10. "California Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Winifred McNutt, for death date and place; citing Department of Health Services, Sacramento. "Find A Grave," database, Winifred McNutt, Macon Co., Ill., memorial no. 25747483, for burial place.

10-8: "Nurses Mail"

**Blanche K. Lydiksen (1891-1947), Base Hospital 114, near
Bordeaux, France to George Lydiksen (1848-1932),
Coulterville, California**



Figure 10-8 1918 "Nurses Mail" envelope from Army Post Office 705 to Coulterville, California (Author's collection)

This envelope was sent by a daughter to her father. "Mr. George Lydiksen" of Coulterville, California received an envelope from "B. Lydiksen, Base 114, A.P.O. 705, A.E.F. France" postmarked 29 March 1919. George and Blanche Lydiksen, father and daughter, are in Oakland, California in the 1910 U.S. census.¹ George Lydiksen is in Mariposa County in the 1920 U.S. census and in Oakland in the 1930 U.S. census.² Blanche K. Lydiksen was born 8 August 1891 in Oakland, the daughter of George and Anna (Neilsen) Lydiksen, and eight year-old Blanche is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.³ George Lydiksen was born September 1848 in Denmark or Germany, and he became a U.S. citizen 24 January 1894.⁴ George and Blanche "C." Lydiksen, nurse, are listed in a 1914 Oakland directory.⁵ "Nurses Mail," written in the upper right, was accepted in place of a stamp for overseas military personnel.⁶ A.P.O. 705, written in the return address and shown in the military postmark, corresponds to Bordeaux, France.⁷ "Base 114" in the return address stands for Base Hospital 114, which was located at Beau-Désert, several miles west of Bordeaux.⁸ The envelope has a censor's stamp and signature and a military postmark. Blanche Lydiksen, nurse, is in Contra Costa County in the 1930 U.S. census.⁹ Her veterans column is blank. Census takers were instructed "No entry is to be made in this column for ... females of any age whatever."¹⁰ More than 10,000 nurses served overseas during World War I.¹¹ George Lydiksen died 17 November 1932 in Alameda County, California, and Blanche K. Lydiksen on 2 May 1947 in Oakland.¹²

Notes:

1. 1910 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ward 7, ED 21, sheet 5A (penned), dwell. 83, fam. 87, George Lydiksen; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T624, roll 71.

2. 1920 U.S. census, Mariposa Co., Cal., pop. sch., township no. 2, ED 38, sheet 4B (penned), dwell./fam. 142, George Lydiksen; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series T625, roll 101. 1930 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ED 172, sheet 2A (penned), dwell. 23, fam. 38, Roy Vernon Martin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA series T626, roll 107.

3. 1900 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ward 7, ED 391, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 49, fam. 50, George Lydiksen; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; NARA microfilm T623, roll 83, for month and year of birth, and mother's first name. "Honolulu, Hawaii, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1900-1959," entry for Blanche Lydiksen, NARA series A3422, roll 78, for birth city. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Blanche K. Lydiksen, died 1947, for mother's maiden name, shows year of birth 1892; citing Cal. Department of Health Services.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ward 7, ED 391, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 49, fam. 50, George Lydiksen, for month and year of birth and

birth in Germany. "California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for George Lydixsen, 1898 supplement, for naturalization date; citing California State Library, Sacramento. 1930 U.S. census, Alameda Co., Cal., pop. sch., Oakland, ED 172, sheet 2A (penned), dwell. 23, fam. 38, George Lydicksen, for birth in Denmark. Blanche states her father was born in Denmark in the 1930 U.S. census (note 9). George Lydicksen may have been born in Schleswig which was divided between Germany and Denmark in 1920.

5. *Polk-Husted Directory Co's Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda Directory*, 1914 (Oakland, Cal.: Polk-Husted Directory Co., 1914); digital image, *Ancestry.com*; 570, entries for Blanche C. and Geo. Lydixsen.

6. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 13-14.

7. Van Dam, *The Postal History of the AEF*, 83.

8. Joseph H. Ford, *The Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War*, vol. 2, Administration (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1927; <http://history.amedd.army.mil/booksdocs/wwi/adminamerexp/default.html>) > "Chapter XXIV, Base Hospitals", scroll to pp. 731-732, for Base Hospital No. 114.

9. 1930 U.S. census, Contra Costa Co., Cal., pop. sch., Richmond, ED 7-48, sheet 6A (penned), dwell. 129, fam. 140, Grace C. Rogers; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA T626, roll 114.

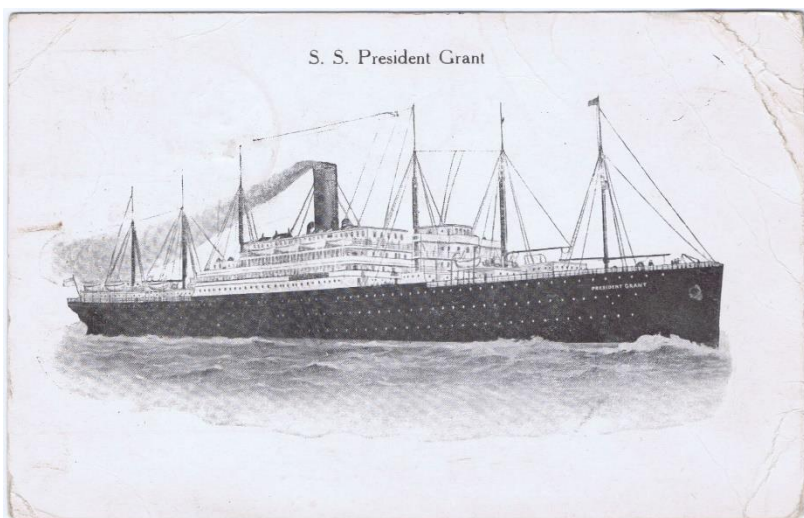
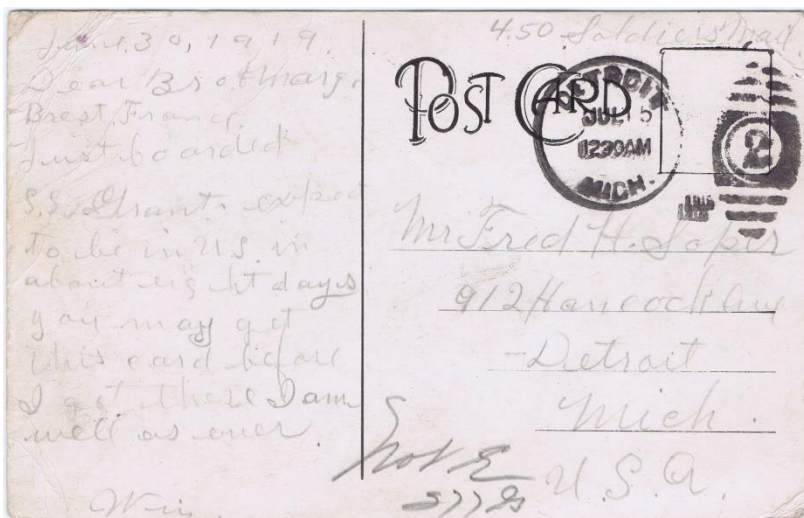
10. Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, "1930 Census: Enumerator Instructions" (<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1930.shtml>), "Veterans" section 237.

11. Ford, *The Medical Department of the United States Army*, vol. 2, "Chapter VII," 127.

12. "California, Death Index, 1905-1939"; database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for George Lydixsen. "California, Death Index, 1940-1997"; database, *Ancestry.com*; Blanche K. Lydixsen, for date of death. *Daily Review* [Hayward, California], 5 May 1947; digital image, *Newspapers.com*; p. 4, col 3 "Nurse Dies," for death place.

10-9: 1919 Troop Ship Returning from France

**Darwin Wentworth Soper (1893-1953), S.S. President Grant
to Frederick H. Soper (1890-1950), Detroit, Michigan**



Figures 10-9A-B 1919 "Soldiers' Mail" postcard to Detroit, Michigan showing Steamship *President Grant* (Author's collection)

This postcard was sent between brothers. “Mr. Fred H. Soper” of Detroit, Michigan received a postcard written “June 30, 1919” in “Brest, France” that begins “Dear Bro & Marg” and is signed “Win.” “H. Fred” and Margaret Soper, husband and wife, and Darwin Soper, brother, are in Detroit in the 1920 U.S. census at “912 Hancock W[est].”¹ The address includes “912 Hancock Ave” and “Not E[ast]” is written at the bottom of the card. Detroit had both a Hancock Avenue East and a Hancock Avenue West.² Darwin and Fred H. Soper are at “3028 (912) Hancock av w” in a 1920 Detroit city directory.³ Frederick Soper was born 23 December 1890 in Long Rapids, Alpena County, Michigan, and Darwin Wentworth Soper was born 1 January 1893, both sons of Helmer and Fanny (Wentworth) Soper who married 15 March 1888 in Long Rapids, Michigan.⁴ Nine year-old Fred H. and seven year-old Darwin Soper are with their parents in Long Rapids in the 1900 U.S. census.⁵ Fred Soper married Margaret Catherine Provo 15 May 1917.⁶ Margaret was born 28 January 1897 in Detroit, the daughter of Louis and Mary (Blings) Provo, and she is with her parents in the 1900 U.S. census.⁷ Darwin enlisted in the U.S. Army 20 November 1917 and served as a private with the 339th Infantry.⁸ He writes “Just boarded the S.S. Grant, expect to be in U.S. in about eight days.” Darwin “Sopher” is in Detroit in the 1930 U.S. census and is shown as a World War I veteran.⁹ Darwin Soper died 27 June 1953.¹⁰ Frederick H. Soper died 22 January 1950, and Margaret (Provo) Soper in 1982.¹¹ The S.S. President Grant is shown on the front of the postcard. The President Grant was a German passenger ship seized by the U.S. government in 1917 for transporting troops, and served again during World War II as the Republic.¹² “Soldier’s Mail,” written in the upper right, was accepted in place of a stamp, even though this postcard was postmarked in Detroit and not sent from overseas.¹³

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 12, ED 360, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 72, fam. 73, H. Fred Soper; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 810.

2. “Detroit 1906”; digital image, Historic Map Works; for Hancock Avenue East and Hancock Avenue West.

3. R. L. Polk & Co.’s 1920-21 *Detroit City Directory* (Detroit: R. L. Polk & Co., 1921); digital image, *Fold3.com*; 2106, entries for Darwin and Fred H. Soper; and 7, “Introduction,” and 2357, “Directory of Householders,” for new and old building numbers following 1921 street re-numbering.

4. “Michigan, Births, 1867-1902”; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Fredrick Soper, birth no. 299, Alpena Co., for birth date and place and parents’ names; citing Department of Vital Records, Lansing. “World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–

1918"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Darwin Wentworth Soper, board 16, Detroit, Mich.; citing NARA series M1509, no roll cited. "Michigan, Marriages, 1868-1925"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Helmer I.[or J.] Soper-Fannie Wentworth, marriage no. 87, Alpena Co., for quarter ending 31 March 1888, Fannie's maiden name shown as "Wenthworth"; citing Department of Vital Records, Lansing. 1880 U.S. census, Alpena Co., Mich., pop. sch., Wilson, ED 12, sheet 16D (penned), dwell./fam. 137, John P. Wentworth; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T9, roll 570, for family name Wentworth.

5. 1900 U.S. census, Alpena Co., Mich., pop. schedule, Long Rapids township, ED 17, sheet 10A (penned), dwell./fam. 182, Helmer Soper; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 699.

6. "Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Fred. H. Soper-Margarette C. Provo, marriage no. 144396, for marriage date and place; citing Mich. Department of Community Health.

7. 1900 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 9, ED 98, sheets 10A-10B (penned), dwell. 158, fam. 192, Margarete Blings; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T623, roll 750.

8. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Darwin W. Soper, died 27 June 1953, for enlistment date, rank, and regiment; citing NARA series M1916, roll not shown.

9. 1930 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Mich., pop. sch., Detroit, ward 16, ED 82-508, sheet 4B (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 16, Harry Lee; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 1052.

10. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963," Darwin W. Soper, died 27 June 1953.

11. "Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952"; database, Fred H. Soper; citing Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing. "Find A Grave," database, Margaret Soper, Alpena Co., Mich., memorial 56964176.

12. Naval History and Heritage Command, *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*, President Grant (<http://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/p/president-grant.html>).

13. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923*, (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 13-14.

10-10: 1919 "Well Done Men, America Greet's You"

William C. Hamaker (1889-1969), Company I, 349th Infantry to Margaret Jennie (Towns) Hamaker 1862-1936), Oskaloosa, Iowa

This postcard was sent by a son to his mother. Soldiers arriving back in the U.S. after the war were encouraged to write to their family. "Mrs. W. A. Hamaker" in Oskaloosa, Iowa received a postcard dated "May 30, 1919"

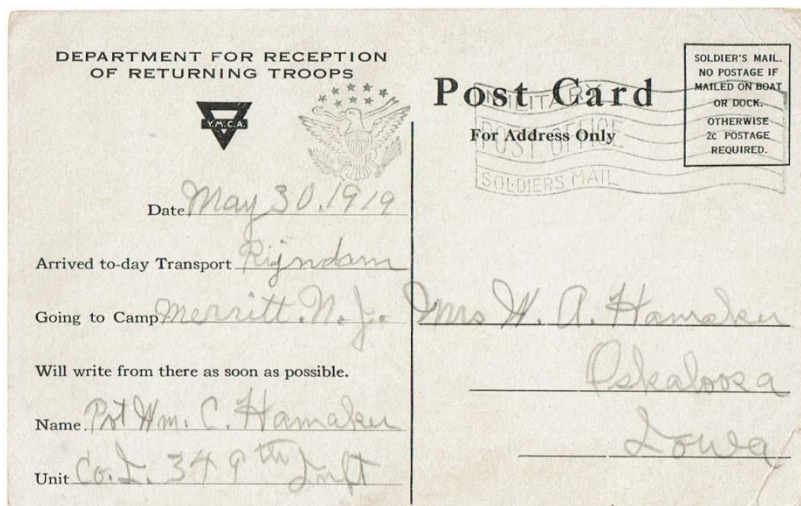


Figure 10-10A 1919 "Returning Troops" postcard to Oskaloosa, Iowa (Author's collection)

and signed "Pvt [Private] Wm. C. Hamaker, Co[mpany] I, 349th Inf [Infantry]." Margaret J. (Mrs. Will A.) Hamaker and her son William C. Hamaker are in Spring Creek, just east of Oskaloosa, in the 1920 U.S. census.¹ William Carl Hamaker was born 18 November 1889 in Oskaloosa, the son of William A. and Margaret Jennie (Towns) Hamaker who married on 25 December 1888 in Oskaloosa, and ten year-old "Wm" C. is with his parents in Spring Creek in the 1900 U.S. census.² Margaret/Rachel J. Towns was born June 1862 in Iowa, the daughter of Levi and Rachel Jane (Conner/Connor) Towns who married 7 March 1854 in Buchanan County, Missouri, and eight year-old Margaret J. is with her father in the 1870 U.S. and twenty-three year-old Rachel J. is with her father in the 1885 Iowa censuses.³ William C. Hamaker wrote that he arrived aboard the ship "Rijndam," and he is going to Camp "Merritt, N[ew] J[ersey]." The postcard front has "Well Done Men, America Greets You," the Statue of Liberty, an aircraft, and a ship, and has a military postmark on the back. The card was provided by the YMCA "Department for Reception of Returning Troops." The Rijndam was a Netherlands ocean liner seized by the U.S. for use during World War I, and returned to the Netherlands after the war.⁴ Camp Merritt was located in Bergen County, New Jersey.⁵ After the war, William C. Hamaker married Juanita Blanche Belzer on 26 November 1924 in Mahaska County, Iowa, where Oskaloosa is located, and he is with Blanche and her

parents in the 1930 U.S. census and shown as a World War I veteran.⁶ Margaret (Towns) Hamaker died in 1936, and William C. Hamaker died April 1969 and is buried in Mahaska County.⁷

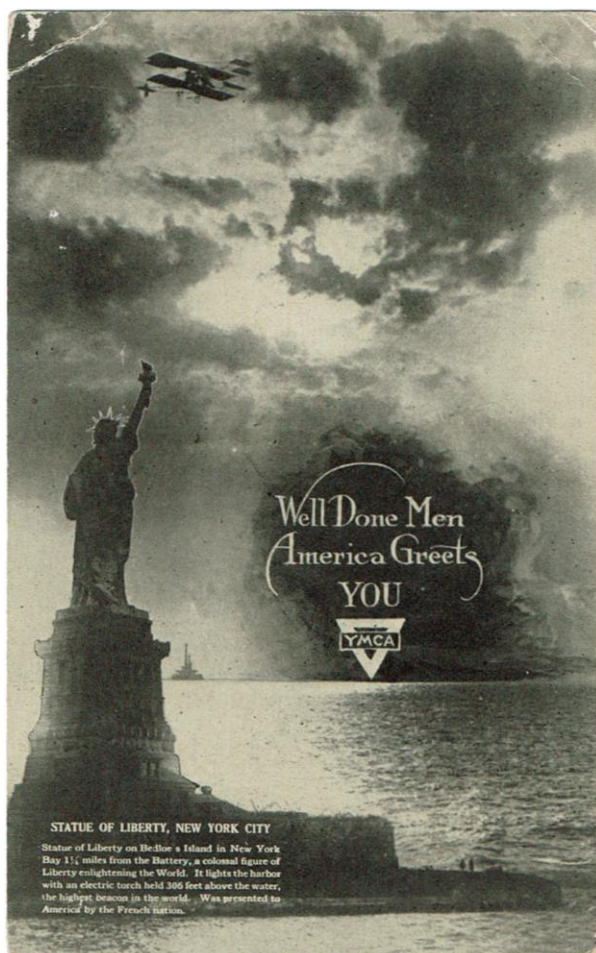


Figure 10-10B Front of 1919 postcard showing the Statue of Liberty, an aircraft, and a ship with “Well Done Men, America Greetings You” (Author’s collection)

Notes:

1. 1920 U.S. census, Mahaska Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Spring Creek, ED 91, sheets 5A-5B (penned), dwell. 102, fam. 112, Will A. Hamaker; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA microfilm series T625, roll 501.

2. "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; William Carl Hamaker, Mahaska Co., Iowa, for birth date and place; citing NARA series M1509, roll not cited. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; W. A. Hamaker-Jennie Towns, marriage abstract, for marriage date and place; citing Mahaska County courthouse, Vol. 1, p. 183. 1900 U.S. census, Mahaska Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Spring Creek, ED 77, sheet 5B (penned), dwell. 109, fam. 114, Levi Towns and Wm. A. Hamaker; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; William's mother listed as Rachel J.; citing NARA T623, roll 446.

3. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002"; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Lery [Levy] Towns-Rushall [Rachel] Jane Conner, marriage, Buchanan Co., p. 204; citing Mo. State Archives, Jefferson City, Mo. 1870 U.S. census, Mahaska Co., Iowa, pop. sch., Oskaloosa, p. 68 (penned), dwell./fam. 6 [dwellings and families numbered separately each page], Levi Tervis; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Margaret listed as Margret J.; citing NARA series M593, roll 408. "Iowa State Census, 1885"; digital image, *FamilySearch.org*; Mahaska Co., Spring Creek, pp. 590 (stamped, verso)-591 (stamped, recto), dwell. 150, fam. 157, Levi Towns, for Margaret as Rachel J.; citing State Historical Society, Des Moines.

4. Naval History and Heritage Command, Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, Rijndam (<http://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/r/rijndam.html>).

5. Theo. Van Dam, editor, *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923* (State College, Pa.: American Philatelic Society, 1980), 219.

6. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934"; database, *FamilySearch.org*; Wm Carl Hamaker-Juanita Blanche Belzer, marriage abstract; citing Mahaska County courthouse. 1930 U.S. census, Mahaska Co., Iowa, pop. sch., East Des Moines, ED 62-6, sheet 1B (penned), dwell./fam. 24, Stephen R. Belzer; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA series T626, roll 667.

7. "Find A Grave," database, Jennie Towns Hamaker, Mahaska Co., Iowa, memorial no. 69585281.

8. "Find A Grave," database, Carl W. Hamaker, Mahaska Co., Iowa, memorial no. 94259509, for burial location. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014"; database, *Ancestry.com*; William Hamaker, SSN 479-42-7877, for death month and year.

Philgen.org, An Online Philatelic Genealogy Database

This book shows what old envelopes, letters, and postcards offer as a genealogical source, but it is only a beginning. The number of envelopes and postcards available for study and analysis by genealogists is enormous. An online database that presents and preserves digital images of tens of thousands of envelopes, letters, and postcards will be a great resource for genealogists. *Philgen.org* (<http://philgen.org>) is a small database that has tested the concept. Philatelic auction houses, postcard and postal history vendors, authors and publishers, and museum collections have given permission for their digital images of envelopes, letters, and postcards to be included on *Philgen.org* provided the source is clearly identified. Genealogists have contributed images from their private collections and provided information on the recipients and senders of envelopes and postcards already posted. New material can be added by visitors by way of a username and password. Nearly a thousand genealogists have sent comments after seeing an envelope or postcard on the website related to their family, such as “it really brings an individual to life ... it really makes genealogy that much more real.” Another wrote that an envelope or postcard “helps to make our family history closer ... to realize they were not just names and dates, but real people with everyday lives.” Every item on the website includes a photograph of an envelope, letter, or postcard and each photograph is used with the owner's permission. To protect privacy, living persons are not included as senders or recipients. U.S. census or similar details on the sender and/or recipient accompany most items. Please contact the author (jim@philgen.org) if you and/or your organization are interested in helping to increase the website's database.

Philgen.org has used the following principles which are presented here as a guide to the future operation of a philatelic genealogy website:

1. Free access

Visitors have free access to the site's contents.

2. Non-commercial

The website does not sell old envelopes or postcards and has no commercial interest in any of the vendors who have given permission for

use of their envelope and postcard photographs. The website does not contain any advertising.

3. Photographs used with permission

Before an envelope or postcard photograph is posted on the website, permission for the use of the photograph is obtained from the photograph's owner.

4. Contributors acknowledged

Persons and organizations contributing photographs and/or information on the sender and/or recipient are acknowledged, with their permission. A data field for each envelope or postcard identifies who contributed the photograph and who entered and/or provided data.

5. Privacy

An envelope or postcard is not posted unless the sender and recipient are known to be no longer living. U.S. law recognizes a person's right to privacy or to be let alone. Everyone is protected from disclosure of personal information that a reasonable person would find highly offensive or humiliating. A person's right to privacy generally ends at death. Privacy concerns can be minimized by showing postcards, envelopes, and their text only when the sender, recipient, and other persons cited in the text are known to be dead.

6. Searchable database

The database can be searched by family name, by town or city name, or by state.

7. Identify recipient and/or sender in reference document

Census, city directory, or similar citations accompany many of the envelopes and postcards.

8. Library of published articles

A collection of published articles on philatelic genealogy is posted with permission of the author and publisher. Articles are accessed by clicking on a title listed in the Main Menu.

9. Visitors may add new material

Visitors may add photographs and/or information to the website via password-protected access.

10. Image quality

Images on the website are 72 dpi, but whenever possible a back-up copy of at least 300 dpi is saved.

11. Images on *Philgen.org* may be copied for personal use. All other uses including placing an image on the internet or in a publication require permission. Placing an image with an online family tree is generally permissible but contact jim@philgen.org before proceeding.

Appendix: Philatelic Genealogy for the Postal Historian and Postcard Collector

Philatelic genealogy can help in five ways:

1. Uncovering new material

Many genealogists have inherited old envelopes and postcards from their ancestors and may not have considered the potential postal history value or collector's interest of their envelopes and postcards. Genealogists may be unwilling to sell a family 'heirloom,' but most genealogists will be willing to have their old envelopes and postcards photographed and made available for study by postal historians and postcard collectors. Several genealogists have shared images of their envelopes and postcards for posting on *Philgen.org*, including illustrated envelopes from 1861-1865 as well as advertising covers from the late 1800s and these now appear on *Philgen.org*. Is there a new postmaster provisional or Pony Express cover waiting to be discovered?

2. New method for determining a postmark or mailing date

Biographical information about the sender and recipient may help determine when an item was mailed. Envelopes from the 1800s may have a postmark with the day and month but not the year. If, for example, the envelope's sender was a soldier during 1861 to 1865 whose identity can be determined, his enlistment and discharge dates, as well as his regiment's dates of formation and movement among various locations can provide evidence of when the envelope was mailed (Figure 3-3).

3. Adding an interesting story to an envelope or postcard

Genealogists who have researched the people who sent or received an envelope or postcard will sometimes know an interesting story about why the envelope or postcard was sent. World War I envelopes and postcards may have been sent by a soldier who won a Silver Star (Figure 10-5) or were sent by a soldier to his future wife (Figure 10-7). This biographical dimension of an envelope's or postcard's history may appeal to a postal historian or a postcard collector.

4. Genealogists are potential postal history and postcard collectors and customers

As genealogists become aware of old envelopes and postcards, they clearly see their potential as new sources of information about their family. Since Philgen.org has been online nearly a thousand genealogists have written to say they like seeing old envelopes and postcards that concern their family. Some genealogists have requested permission to add a picture of an envelope and postcard to their online family tree. Several genealogists have asked if envelopes and postcards shown on the site or in philatelic genealogy articles are for sale. And while some postcard collectors prefer cards in mint condition without any writing, genealogists will prefer postcards with an address and written message.

Postal history and postcard vendors will increase the likelihood that a genealogist will find an item of interest if the names of the recipient and sender are included in an envelope or postcard's listing.

5. Envelope and postcard designers and publishers

Another dimension of an envelope's or postcard's history where genealogical methods can help is telling the story of an envelope or postcard designer and publisher. Envelopes shown in this book were illustrated by the artist of Clement C. Moore's *A Visit from St. Nicholas* (Figure 2-7) and the publisher who established the greeting card business in the United States (Figure 8-6).

Genealogy Primer

If you are interested in searching genealogical records on your own, here are some suggestions for getting started.

A great deal of basic information used by genealogists is available online. Two large websites are Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com, a subscription website that requires payment), and FamilySearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/>, a free website that requires registration), but there are other choices. Both Ancestry and FamilySearch have user-submitted family trees that may help with philatelic genealogy or in making your own family tree, but the locations, dates, and family members presented in the tree may or may not show the sources for the information. A family tree without sources may be helpful but verification using a census, vital records, a city directory, and other source documents is necessary to be certain of the information.

Contact your public library's reference desk or local history room to find out if genealogy databases are available at your library without charge and possibly from home using your library card.

Your library may have a basic genealogy guidebook such as *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, 3rd Edition (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2006) by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, or Val D. Greenwood, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 3rd Edition (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2000).

Ask your library about genealogical societies in your area and workshops for beginning genealogists.

The U.S. census

Genealogical searches often begin with the United States census. The census has been taken every ten years since 1790 and becomes public seventy-two years later. The 1940 census is the most recent census to made public, which occurred in 2012. The 1790 to 1840 censuses list heads of household only and the remaining household members are grouped by age, gender, and whether free or slave. The 1850 census was the first to list the names of all household members, and includes their birthplace (typically a state or country). The relationship of each person to the head of household first appears in the 1880 census, along with the street name and building number for each household. Without a written indication of the relationship in the census the oldest adults in the household are probably husband and wife and parents of the children in the household, but additional information will be needed to confirm relationships. The 1880 census also provides the birthplace of each person's mother and father, and this continues up through the 1930 census. Most of the 1890 census was lost in a fire, except the special census of Union veterans and their widows.

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