

Sept 16 - 07.

My dear Mrs Cotton

You must come home
as quick as you can - you must know
he is so lonesome, I thought he cry a little
in the night time I can see that in the
mornings he cry after you - he have been
so thin I am sure he dont see you
I am sure you dont know him the time
you come home - I can see he thought of
you all the time - he dont told me not
much - I ask him all time but he dont
told me when you come home - the worst
is he tell me so many stories I dont believe
me everything what he say - He were one
nice man, one good doctor and you must be
glad to come for him same quick you can
the time he feel lonesome after you, he
have busy so I see he be tired - he have plenty
hard work - I hope you come home pretty soon

To Mrs Cotton

Mrs P J Carlson

2/7/70

Dear May - It is necessary that we leave here and I have taken the place at our lodge.

Billiard told me you were planning on going to Lewistown which will be agreeable.

I enclose 125⁰⁰ and will send you my warrant for the same amount the first of each month. Dr Scouland or Mr Conley will assure you of this.

Yours
J. M.

OSCAR O. MUELLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
EMPIRE BANK BUILDING
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

February 20, 1920.

Mrs. May Cotton,
Warm Springs, Montana.

Dear Madam:

At the request of the Bank of Hilger, I am enclosing herewith a warranty deed for some property you own in Hilger. I hold for collection a note amounting to \$300.00, secured by a mortgage on this property, upon which there has been four payments made.

I have been instructed to accept a deed to this property in full settlement for the amount due on this note, if you care to do this, otherwise it will be necessary to foreclose on the property.

I have no idea of the value of this property, but you can consider this matter and let me know in the near future what you wish to do.

Yours truly,

Oscar O. Mueller

OOM:D
Enc.

[Postmarked Feb. 20, 1920]

DATE

11-6-17

First State Bank of Hilger, Hilger, Mont.

ADVICE OF CHARGE

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE HAVE THIS DAY CHARGED YOUR ACCOUNT IN THIS BANK \$ 765

AS FOLLOWS:

Your interest on
Note of \$100.00 \$765

TO

F W Cotton

APPROVED BY

ADDRESS

City

CASHIER

[Postmarked Feb. 20, 1920]

\$100⁰⁰

Hilger, Montana, December 28 1916

On Demand

after date, I, We, or either of us

One Hundred Dollars

Promise to Pay to the Order of First State Bank of Hilger

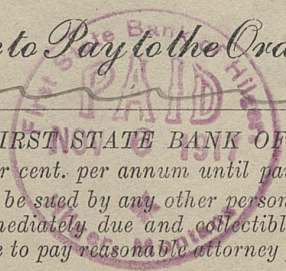
for value received. Negotiable and payable at FIRST STATE BANK OF HILGER, in Hilger, Montana, with interest from date at the rate of ten per cent. per annum until paid. It is agreed that if the undersigned shall become insolvent, or mortgage his property to, or be sued by any other person or persons after date and before maturity hereof this note may at the option of the holder become immediately due and collectible. The makers and endorsers hereby waive presentment, demand, protest, and notice thereof, and agree to pay reasonable attorney fees in case this note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

No. 10703 A

Due Demand

P. O. City

J. W. Cottou.



~~ALL PAID~~

Paid on Prin 8-17-17 ^A 39⁰⁰

Pay on Prin 11-1-17 61⁰⁰

PAID
OCT 27 1917

[Postmarked Feb. 20, 1920]

Lewistown, Mont.
June 15th 1915.

F. W. Cotton M. D.
Hilger, Mont.
Dear Sir;

Enclosed find deed to the house and lot recorded .
There is also the Mortgage recorded for \$150.00 due Oct. 9th 1915.
The Abstract has been ~~is~~ continued to date and shows everything of
record. The abstract has been examined by the party making the loan
and found perfect to date with deed and Mtg. recorded. The abstract
you will get when the mortgage is paid.
Statement enclosed shows \$140.60 cents still due and the note is
for 150 dollars. Now you may have a bill against me and if so let
me know and I will fix the matter up with you.
Trusting this will prove satisfactory,

Yours Respt.

C. B. Bannworth

[Postmarked Feb. 20, 1920]

WARRANTY DEED

STATE PUBLISHING CO., HELENA, MONT.

This Indenture, Made the 2nd day of September, in the year A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Thirteen, BETWEEN C. B. Ainsworth, and Minnie Ainsworth (husband and Wife) of Lewistown, Fergus County, State of Montana, the parties of the FIRST PART; and May Cotton (Single) of Hilger, Fergus County, State of Montana, the party of the SECOND PART;

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the FIRST PART, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations, Dollars (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by said party of the SECOND PART, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; do es by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey, warrant and confirm unto the said party of the SECOND PART, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the hereinafter described real estate, situated in the city or town of Hilger, County of Fergus, and State of Montana, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK NUMBER TEN (10) ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE SAID TOWN, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF SAID FERGUS COUNTY, MONTANA, to which plat reference is here made for a fuller description of said premises hereby granted or intended so to be.

Together, with all and singular the hereinbefore described premises together with all buildings, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, right of dower and right of homestead, possession, claim, and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said parties of the FIRST PART, of, in or to the said premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises unto the said party of the SECOND PART, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said parties of the FIRST PART, and their heirs, do hereby covenant that they will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND all right, title and interest in and to the said premises and the quiet and peaceable possession thereof, unto the said party of the SECOND PART his heirs and assigns, against the acts and deeds of the said parties of the FIRST PART, and all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.



In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the FIRST PART have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first herein before written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Handwritten signatures: J. E. ... (witness), C. B. Ainsworth (SEAL.), Minnie Ainsworth (SEAL.), and two blank lines for additional witnesses (SEAL.).

STATE OF MONTANA,

County of FERGUS } ss:

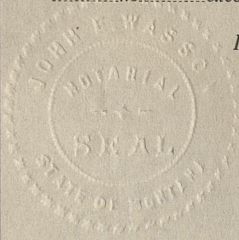
On this Second day of September in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, before me JOHN E. WASSON, a Notary Public for the State of Montana; Residing at Hilger, therein personally appeared C. B. AINSWORTH, and MINNIE AINSWORTH

known to me

(or proved to me on oath of)

to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal, the day and year first above written.



John E. Wasson
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Hilger, therein.

My commission expires January 9th, 1915.

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WARRANTY DEED
(S. F.)

C. B. Ainsworth, Uxor
TO
May Cotton,

Dated September Second, 1913.

STATE OF MONTANA,

County of FERGUS } ss.

Filed for Record this 12 day of

at 10 30 o'clock A. M., and

recorded in Book 52 of Deeds

Page 511 of the Records

State of Montana County,

By J. R. Cunningham County Recorder.

W. M. Seiffert Deputy.

Fees, \$ 1.50

Return to Realty Co. Co.

Co.

[Postmarked Feb. 20, 1920]

Statement of F. W. Cotton Account.

Sept 2 nd 1913 Contract Sale \$600 ⁰⁰			
Due	Oct 12-1913 - \$50 ⁰⁰	Oct 14-1913 Pd \$50 ⁰⁰	
	Nov. 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Nov. 14-1913 " 50 ⁰⁰	
	Dec 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Dec 20-1913 " 15 ⁰⁰	
1914	Jan 12 1914 50 ⁰⁰	Jan 5 th 1914 " 35 ⁰⁰	
	Feb 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Feb 28 " 50 ⁰⁰	
	Mar 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Mar 21 " 85 ⁰⁰	
	Apr 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	June 17 " 25 ⁰⁰	
	May 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Nov. 30 " 70 ⁰⁰	
	June 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Dec 23 " 30 ⁰⁰	
	July 12 " 50 ⁰⁰	Mar 24-1915 40 ⁰⁰	
	Aug 17 " 50 ⁰⁰	May 17 " 60 ⁰⁰	
	Sept 12 " 50		\$ 510 ⁰⁰
	600	Balance due	90 ⁰⁰

\$600 ⁰⁰	To Oct 12-1913	460	
50	Nov. 14 - "	3.35	
50	Dec. 14	3.30	
50	Jan 5 th 14	2.15	
50			
450	= Feb 28	2.67	
50		2.04	
		2.51	
450	Mar 21	1.85	139.13
86	June 17	5.50	\$ 1.50 Rec Int'g
315		86	148.63 due
20	"		
290 =	Nov 30	7.45	
70	"	3.33	
220 =	Dec 23	1.40	
30	"		
190 =	Mar 24	2.00	
40		1.80	
150 =		1.15	
60		.60	
90 =		.40	
		42.53	Out to 6-9-15
		5.37	Tax 1914
		2.20	Int "
		49.13	
		90	
		139.13	Prin taxes

THIS INDENTURE, Made this..... day of February.....
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Twenty.....
BETWEEN May Cotton and Frank W. Cotton, wife and husband of Warm Springs
Montana, parties of the first part and the FIRST STATE BANK OF HILGER, a
banking corporation of Montana, having its principal place of business
at Hilger, Fergus County, Montana,.....

The part..... of the second part, WITNESSETH, that the said part..... of the first part, for and in consideration of
the sum of One Dollar and other sufficient considerations..... DOLLARS
..... lawful money..... of the United States of America, to..... in hand paid
by the said part..... of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do..... by these presents grant,
bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said part..... of the second part, and to..... its..... heirs and assigns,
forever, all the real property situated in..... Hilger, Fergus..... County, State of Montana,
described as follows:..... Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Ten (10),
..... original townsite of Hilger, Montana,
..... according to the plat thereof, on
..... file and of record in Fergus County,
..... Montana.

TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any-
wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and
also all the estate, right, title, interest..... dower homestead..... property, possession, claim
and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part..... of the first part, of, in or to the said premises,
and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, All and singular, the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the
appurtenances unto the said part..... of the second part, and to..... its..... heirs and assigns, forever. And the said
part..... of the first part, and heirs, do..... hereby covenant that..... they..... will forever warrant and defend
..... their..... right, title and interest in and to the said premises, and the quiet and peaceable possession thereof,
unto the said part..... of the second part,..... its..... heirs and assigns, against the acts and deeds of the said
part..... of the first part, and all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part..... of the first part have..... hereunto set..... their..... hand^s
and seal, the day and year before written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } (SEAL)
..... } (SEAL)
..... } (SEAL)

STATE OF MONTANA,

County of

88.

On this day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and Twenty, before me,

Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared May Cotton and Frank W. Cotton, wife and husband,

known to me,

to be the person whose name are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year first above written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Montana.

Residing at Warm Springs, Montana,

My commission expires

WARRANTY DEED

MAY COTTON AND FRANK W. COTTON,

TO

FIRST STATE BANK OF HILL-CREER

Dated February, 1920.

Recorded at the request of

....., 19.....

at minutes past

..... M., in

of Deeds, page

County Recorder.

By

Deputy.

OSCAR O. MUELLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
EMPIRE BANK BUILDING
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

LEWISTOWN, MONT.
FEB 20
9-PM
1920



Mrs. May Cotton

% C B Ainsworth ~~Warm Springs~~ *Lewistown*

Montana

F. W. COTTOM, M. D.
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

Dec 9- 1912 -

Dear May-

Am writing you to wish you well and wonder how you are getting along -

Things are very much the same Len and Larr have been doing pretty well - Am enclosing a check and if there is anything you need will you let me know? Coolidges have all been sick but are better now - Coult's is fine - Cyden's mother came yesterday to spend the winter - Hilliards and Bygones have been in and are OK - Let me hear from you

Yours
F. W. C.

J. E. McKenna
ATTORNEY AT LAW
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

September 15, 1923.

Mrs. F. W. Cotton,
1017 Salem Ave.,
Dayton, Ohio,
c/o D. F. Rhodes.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 10th is at hand, and in regard to your inquiry I must say that I am not in a position to advise you as to what you should do from the standpoint of an attorney very well. As you say in your letter, I have always been a friend of Doctor Cotton since I have met him here in Lewistown and I am aware of his faults, but possibly not to as great an extent as yourself.

For the past month I have seen the doctor nearly every day and he has been attending to business very promptly, but sometime prior to that he was away from the office for a period, and it is possible that if you will write to him at this time and do not find fault with his conduct but appeal to him in a sympathetic way in behalf of the children and yourself that you may get some response from him upon the matters which you have mentioned in your letter.

Mr. Combs is not here at the present time or any of his other old friends, including Mr. Coolidge, and I have not had a chance to take the matter up with them, although I talked with Mr. Leonard in regard to the matter and he made the suggestion that you write the doctor a letter and attempt to get him to take some action, and to use sympathetic methods if possible.

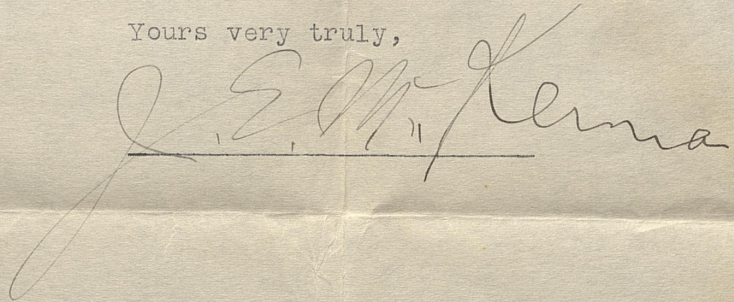
I do not see why the doctor takes the attitude he does in this matter. It is true that he is a poor collector, although he has a good volume of business when he is on the job. But I will say that collections have been very bad for the past nine months and in fact ever since you left Lewistown, and the overhead expense of running his office has probably taken the most of the money that he has been able to collect.

J. E. McKENNA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

If there is anything further that I can do in the matter I will be glad to do so, by either taking it up through some of his friends and appealing to ^{him} do his duty by the children and yourself, or in any other manner that you might suggest, but I could not act for you as an attorney as I have handled some business for him and still have some unfinished business for him in the way of collecting some of his bills, although I do not have very many accounts with him.

What I have written you here I wish you would hold strictly confidential.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. E. McKenna". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line. The line is slightly irregular and extends across the width of the signature.

RECEIVED
MAY 10 1911

Aug 25, 1923

Dear Mrs. Cotton:

Suppose you have been waiting anxiously for a letter from me in reply to yours of July 25 which was received at my return from the Yellowstone.

Dr. at that time was just getting on his feet again after a period of doing no good, and I was anxious to know what he would do over little Jim.

I am glad to advise that he has been doing just over since and right on the job all the time.

Frank told me he had written to May and sent little money but don't know the details. Dr. Tomlinson is with his collection and if could solve that problem he would be all right. Of course the county is very hard up but I have advised him that makes no difference

but to get hard-billed and get someone
to collect it for him.

Suggest you write to Mr. Kenna the attorney
here whom Dr is very friendly with and
get his advice about collections.

As far as I know there is absolutely
no other woman in the case at all I
believe you expect me to say this but
it is the truth as far as I know.

Yes I have given Dr a lot of money since
1920 in hopes sometime he would take
a tumble to himself and the bit I gave
would help on that road.

I have no money to throw away and have
relations that need my surplus.

Hope he is on the right road now.

We all had a fine time in the Park.

Yours Sincerely
W. B. Bridges.

E. B. COOLIDGE, Lewistown, Montana

Houdrook oil Co.

Lewistown, Montana.
April 1st, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Cotton;-

Yours of the 20th received on the day I started north and just returned last night.

I know you are wondering how Dr. is getting along and since you have asked shall give you the information. After he straightened up after you left, he done fine for couple of months or so then he got off a little but not bad as Clyde was on his trail all the time; he has his office is fixed up in nice shape and has been right on the job until about three weeks ago when he got a touch of the flu, he did not seem to improve but Clyde said he was nibbling all the time until he began to get nervous himself then got a nurse for him and he stayed in the hotel room for a week or so; I think he back on the job last Wednesday right after I left; I got back last night but did not see him today.

I just phoned to Clyde and asked about him and he said he was nibbling again; I plan to see him in the morning and give him a going over.

Clyde and family are going to move to Buffalo Wyo. where Hilliard and he have a job on the new railroad.

My family are all well and getting along fine but Pep and I were both sick with the flu before my last trip north.

The weather here has been fine for the past ten days up until tonight when it has turned cold and snowed a little, cant travel on the roads yet but my feet are getting itchy to get back on the road.

Took my old Packard up in the oil fields and have ordered a new one which I am expecting tomorrow.

Dr. mentioned to me that you would not let the girls write to him and I think he felt hurt about it and I think it would do him a lot of good to get a letter often from them.

Destie joins me in sending our very best also give our best to your Mother and Sister.

Yours Very Truly,

E. B. Coolidge

Homestake
Producers *Oil* Refiners Marketers
Company

Great Falls, Montana
Lewistown, Montana.
Nov. 27th, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Cotton:-

The Mrs. received your nice long letter and she is under the weather today and as I writing a few letters thought I would drop you a line. I am sorry we shipped the goods without your O.K. but Dr. said there was some keepsakes in there that he was afraid would get moldy or the moths would get in so I done as he requested. I did not know he was not sending you a little money from time to time; he had a tough time up until Oct. because he could not get his Wyoming license until then and about all the work he could do was laboratory work and help the other Dr. I am glad to report that when I was in Casper some three weeks ago he was doing fine and had not taken a drink for over three months and his prospects look good. Kind regards to yourself and folks.

Sincerely Yours,

Coolidge



HILLIARD & COMBS

LEE HILLIARD

C. P. COMBS

CONTRACTORS

BUFFALO, WYOMING

Aug 3, 1924

To - Mrs. F. W. Cotton
Rt. 1, Dayton, Ohio

S-309 24

Dear May:

Your letter read some time ago and I have intended to answer it sooner but have neglected it. May be start with I do not know exactly what to say, but you ask me a few questions and I know you want them truthfully answered. So here goes? I have seen F. W. several times since he came to Wyoming, and I can't see any change in him, not for the better any way. He has a quiet chance I think in Casper, but I am afraid he is not going to do any good there? His spruce are coming outener and harder and the Dr he is with will not stand much more of that. He was up here and spent a week and has been fine and on the job since about July 10. and it may be

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BUFFALO, WYOMING

he will stay that way, he says it is all off and prohibition from now on, but he has told me that so often, of course one only has to quit once and this may be his time, hope so any way, you ask me if he speaks of his family, will say he talks very little but have talked to him about the children, and he seems to miss them at times, but if he has not sent you any money toward their support I do not think he worries much, and as to you and children coming to Wyo or where ever he is located to live I do not think it will ever come about, as I do not think he intends to ever make a home for you again? This is about all I can get out of him when the subject is brot up, and I have to bring it up then, may I hate to write any thing like this to any one but you ask me to so this is the way it looks to me? I really think if F.W. ever got any money together he would be glad to send some to the girls

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BUFFALO, WYOMING

but you know how he is, never gets any amount together at once just lets it slip as fast as it comes in. And it was an awful scarce article the last year he was in mont. I know since he has been in carper he has handled quite a lot of cash, but that is a high priced town to live in and his freight in there and some back bills he had left has taken all and more then he has got hold of. of course a lot of bad management along with it? So may I really think you had just as well go ahead and make your own plans for you and the girls for the future as I am afraid you are not going to realize any help from F. U. unless he cuts out booze for all time, then there might be a chance for a little help and I think that ~~with~~ would be all. We are all just about the same, working hard and growing older, that means I da, as I am as young and ^{that's face} ~~as~~ ^{over} ever.

P.S.

I do hope F.W. does not find out that
I have written this about him as I
would not want him to know it, because
I do like him and consider him one
of my best friends, and the only thing
that I do or we hold against him is the
way he has used you and the
girls and we often speak of that -
D.L.S.

CHICAGO MAKING
CONTRACTORS
HILLIARD & COMBS

Billings Montana
Feb 6 - 24

Dear Mary -

This is just one grand & glorious morning
The sun is so hot, that one cant stand it. I
Sho't I would start this letter to you with hopes of
~~finishing it by nite, for thy good for me. dont~~
you like my stationery, it just seems I cant
keep any in the house with this love sick
girl of mine, and was in the mood this
morning to write, and you ^{know} it is not very
contagious out here. The weather makes me
hate the inside of a house. we have had but
two snow storms since winter started & the
coldest, 20 below for one nite only, and now the
ground is bare. wish you were here, we would
buy some bacon on the rim rocks of Billings,
as that is all you can find around here,
nice town, but the surrounding country is the
snake hips, no trees, water, or any pretty spots
any where. I will be so glad when we leave
here, 1/11 Lee Hilliard got back from Portland
about a week ago, and Clyde & Lee spent last
week in Sheridan, and they came back and was
home one nite, and they left for Fairview
yesterday, gee I wish I was a business man
dam good excuse dont you think. I get awful
lonesome here, have lived in this Rpt house 3

Dont worry you will
get the quilt.

Fear not, the comfort
will come **

Bread-
9 eggs
10 feet
Kutter
Atwell
Larkin

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mountain, and have spoken to one woman out in the
hall, and she look as if I had call her a dirty man
rather friendly don't you think. Say May why don't
you and your sweetie, I mean your aviator fly over
and see us. Clyde & I figured it all out, & it would
only take you six hours to make it, & I would be
delighted to have you, you see I am wise
~~in~~ ~~me~~ you want tell me anything, or take
me in your confidence any more. but more
the less, I was awful glad to hear it, even if
it did come from Twistone. Is he tall, short
slim, fat, or bowlegged. come thru' now,
because you know I'll hear the rest, your
little divel, I didnt think it was in you,
but I rather admire you for it.
you ask bout that ribbon rose, I never did learn to
make it, you know that Fiborance car, did shortly
after you left, and have never seen one like it
since. People here are wearing spring things
all ready, and every one is wearing bob hair, they
say it's in to stay, half of the married women
in Twistone have their cut, old gray hair ladies
and all Mrs Furgus Smith for one, are you going
to cut yours, both the girls have theirs cut, Clyde
is in favor of having mine cut, but havent come
to a decision yet, I think you would look good, your
face is small. they say bob hair is in to stay, just
like the Ford. you ask if Betty was sore at you
she told me it had been so long since she had
written you she was ashame to write now.
enclose find a little piece of poetry, which I
thot you might enjoy lovingly Ida.

Buffalo, Wyoming

Dec. 28, 1925

Mrs. F. W. Cotton

Daton Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Cotton:

I saw F. W. in Casper the other day and he insisted that I write to you asking you to send his discharge papers or any papers you have of his pertaining to the army. He was taken down some six weeks ago with Typhoid Fever and to date has never recovered from the effects of it, and if he does not take a turn for the better soon he must go to the hospital. He wants his army papers so he can get in one of Uncle Sams' hospitals.

He is leaving the town of Lavoye and will open up an office in another oil camp by the name of Edgerton just as soon as he is able to do anything. At present is not able to work and the Dr. don't seem to know what's the matter with him.

We are all well except Agnes who got a severe touch of gas the other day as you know they live in the Oil Fields too. She will come home as soon as she is able to recover enough for the trip. I sure do hate those Oil Fields and they would have to give me at least three good wells to get me to live there.

Hope you and the kids are well and have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Very respectfully yours,

C. P. Combs .

By J. Combs .

HARDROCK OIL COMPANY

Box 913

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

E. B. COOLIDGE

Sept. 16th, 1925.

Dear Mrs Cotton:-

Thought you would like to get a line from the west and a word regarding Dr.; saw him at Layoye about ten days ago and not since you left has his prospects looked so bright and I am in hopes that he makes a go of it and I feel he will if the oil development continues and they get the Teapot dome started to work.

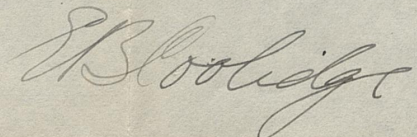
You likely do not know the actual condition Dr. has been working under; I shipped his stuff, paid transportation and gave him money to start on; Casper was overloaded with doctors and the only way Dr. could get in was to go with some other doctor and he picked a Dr. Frost. A word about Dr. Frost, evidently a fine surgeon and had had a fine practice but next to the poorest man in the world about handling money matters, built a hospital and went in debt many thousand dollars and when the slump came was just up against it and in fact is that way yet; Cotton went to work in his office helping him with his work while Frost collected all the money and I found out it was as hard for Cotton to get any money out of Frost as it was for the other creditors. Cotton could not quit and start for himself because he did not have the capital but they have opened this branch in Layoye and Cotton will be in charge and will do most of the collecting and I think that if new town continues to grow that he will build up a nice practice. By the way Dr's department has been fine and I am sure proud of him for that; I have been in Casper many times and he did not know when I was to arrive and I found his department excellent.

Dr. often speaks about his girls and I know is living in hopes of being able to do something worth while for them when he is able and I wish to assure you that he is not running around with a lot of wild women and drinking liquor but I believe he is making an honest effort to make good and redeem himself for past performance. He is at home with a bird dog at Layoye and on the job looking all the time looking for new business.

My family are all well and we have been buming most of the summer spent about six weeks in the Black Hills, her mother is not so well. The family was in Casper with me four times this summer.

Hope you and the girls are getting along as well as could be expected and that Dr. continues to show the improvment he has made since going to Casper, he was almost thro when he went down there.

Sincerely Yours



C. P. COMBS
CONTRACTOR

Buffalo, Wyoming,

Aug. 30, 1925

Dear May:

Ida received your letter last night and she turned part of it over to me to answer, so here goes. It is natural that you'd want to hear how F. W. is getting along out here, and I don't see why I should not write and tell you. To start with you know he has been down in Casper most two years and the first year he put in about half of his time in the same old way, half business and half drinking, will say the past year he has done fine and has not been on any parties as far as I know. Between him and Frost they have done a very nice business, there but you know how Cottom is and Frost is no better, when it comes to business, but will say that I know that Frost has used a good deal of Cottome's money. He has kept himself neat and respectable, which I think is one good point in his favor. I know May that Cottom has intended to send the children money several times, but before he would get the amount he wanted to send together, why his savings would slip away from him, he is just the same as ever he cannot keep money and is never known to have any amount together at one time. He has got plenty of money on his books at Casper but whether he'll ever collect it or not I don't know. He is opened an office in an oil town about fifty miles from Casper and I saw him yesterday and he seems to think he is going to do fine there, but it will take a couple of months to get started, he and Frost are together on that and they still retain their office in Casper. Now May I know if he will hold on to himself in this new town he can do lots of business and if he tries get the money for it, but it is a wild hurdy gurdy town and temptations are great, and moonshine plenty, and that is one think he has to leave alone is whiskey. I know that Doc. has not had any money to amount to anything as he has been trying for the last six months to get enough together to make a payment on a car, and when he went to Lavoye he bought a second hand car, he and Frost giving their note for it.

In regard to a woman out there will say that he seems to be keeping quite steady with one, and she seems like a very nice lady and I don't hold this against him. I think the main thing is the way he is treating you and the children by not supporting you, which he is duty bound to do. I've tried to talk to him about you and the children a couple or three times but have not gotten very far he always winds up by telling me that he is sending the children all the money he can and wants to get in a position to send them more. I believe if I were ^{you} I would either ^{write} to him or have Mary Frances and tell him that you had to have money and not to wait until he got any large amount but to send it in five and ten dollar amounts, and he if will do that often enough why it would be all right. Well May this is about the way I see things out here and I hope that I've explained things to your satisfaction. Ida and Gertrude are well and we all will be glad to have you make a visit next June as you mentioned in your letter. Anytime you want me to do anything out here, don't be afraid to ask I'll be glad to do it.

Very sincerely yours,

Clyde.

P.S. Have got the machine so hot have got to finish with Per. For got to tell you that Frost has turned his bills and Doc's to run to a good man to collect and as thought yesterday they would have some real money in soon. Frost is a big man in C. and does a big business but don't get the money as he should. Mrs F has left him a couple of times in the past month but is back now, but I don't think for very long as they are ^{mis-mated} Clyde.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
C. P. COMBS
CONTRACTOR
BUFFALO, WYOMING



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Mrs. F. W. Cottom
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Daton, Ohio

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CASPER, WYOMING

Aug. 16th 25.

Mrs J. W. Cotton
Dayton Ohio.

Dear Mrs Cotton:-

I received your letter several days ago, and should have answered at an earlier date, but have been quite busy

Doctor has been with me since he left Lewistown. I think a lot of Doctor's ability. When he first came to Casper he seemed to be quite despondent at times and went off on sprees, he began one the 10th of last November, I didn't let him get very far, he began one in March, but cut it short. That is the last drinking he has done.

About the time Doctor came to Casper the town began to go backward, I at one time had eight large office rooms, two nurses and a book keeper in my office, as well as two other Doctors, now, I have two office rooms

and only a nurse in my office, Dr. Cotton is running a partnership office with me out at Lavage, a little town in the Salt Creek oil field, he seems to have a great desire to make some money and do something for himself and his principal grief seems to be that he has reached his present age and has nothing to show for his work.

Personally, I know that he has not had any more money than would take for his expenses, and I do not believe any measure you would take would gain any thing at present, but would only upset him and start him to drinking again.

At present time we both are very hard up financially; there was not enough here for both of us, and we opened the Lavage office as the last resort to tide us over.

Will be pleased to advise you at any time.

yours truly

J. H. Root.

E. B. COOLIDGE
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

Jan. 23rd,
1926.

Dear Mrs Cotton:-

Just returned from the north country, been to Great Falls this last trip and left Mrs. Coolidge over there with Little Destie, she had her arm broken three weeks ago today and as it was not doing any good here, took her to Dr. Porter in Great Falls, who reset it and now it is doing fine at least for the time being. I am going back tomorrow and Mina shall go over next Wednesday for a few days.

I appreciate just the condition you are up against and feel very sorry for you and am still in hopes that Dr. will get a business for himself and take care of it. He sure has been up against it lately I have given him \$150.00 since Thanksgiving to get started in this new Salt Creek town but the weather has been fierce and I know hw has been up against it.

He did not get along very well with Frost as Frost collected all the money and Cotton had a hard time getting enough to live on; Frost owed a lot of bills and their collections were not the best, I am not trying to make any excuses for Cotton and I believe too that he has been of on several benders but this last sickness was real at least I thought so or I would not have sent him any money.

I know I would have rustled money for my kids and I think he ought to do the same but he never says a word to me about you folks. I can say this that I have never seen Cotton out with an other woman.

I certainly admire you for what you have done and you deserve a world of credit, not many women would have even thought about it. Seems like it takes all kinds of people to make a world. I have been thinking of trying to promote a hospital up in the Kevin oil field next summer and get Dr. to run it if he will go to it, have all the companies subscribe to it. He would be where I could keep an eye on him at least. and maybe help him some.

Yes I have been fairly successful and always have been able to rustle a meal ticket or I would never been able to do the things I have done, I intend to make some more but it seems to go as I make it but that is what it is for and when my kids grow up I want to leave them without a lot of money and make them rustle for themselves as they will make better men and women, no gold spoon for my kids as that has spoiled many a youngster.

Sincerely,

EBC.

Lerristown Dec 25 1927
Miss Mrs. Bottom Dear friends
The Picture came some
days past and the Box came
yesterday and the Box was
opened up this morning to
please and surprise an old
man as I must but I am
getting each day but I
will never be able to walk
Very good - But my
Kidneys are so much better
the last two or three weeks
I have shure been in a
Very bad shape not really
to go any place a lone but

now I can go down town
and be gone two or more
hours that is more than
I could ^{do} in more than three
years - that is what keeps
me so nervous and weak

Well Mr Brew was in just
and says he will bring me
in a Big feed at 5 PM
of course I have plenty to
eat some day I will try to
you a whole letter but cant
now - a Boy came from
the Coolidge yesterday

Mina got home yesterday
for the most of the winter
she is shure a Big Gal
Love and best wishes to all
my how the dear girl has
grown
a kiss for the Bunch

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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

January 4, 1928

Mrs. F. W. Cottom
Dayton, Ohio

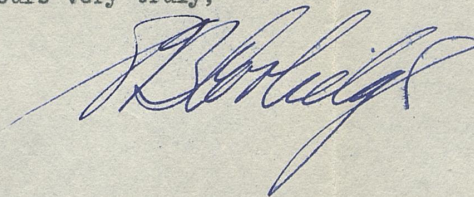
Dear Mrs. Cottom:

Was very much pleased to get your letter of recent date as it is always nice to hear from old friends, but with reference to the doctor prefer to have nothing to say, as I feel that it is not my duty and we all get along much better by not interfering with our friends personal affairs.

Mrs. Coolidge was the only one of our family that has been on the sick list so far this winter, and she was in bed eight days with the flu. The rest of the family are fine and we are all enjoying a very mild winter in Montana. Hope that this letter finds you all well, as it leaves us.

I did hear the doctor say that his niece was going to leave for Ohio soon, but I do not know whether he intends to go with her or not as there was some discussion on this point.

Yours very truly,



EBC/MFC

For dear May!

1928



You'll receive all kinds of good wishes
But nothing more hearty and true,
Than the big "MERRY CHRISTMAS" I'm sending
With an "All The Year" feeling for you!
With best love,
Myrtie and Levin.

519 Linwood Avenue,
Buffalo, New York

December 21, 1928.

Dear May:

Becky's Christmas card reached us yesterday and we were very much pleased to have it and the pictures of Becky when she was three.

We were very much pleased to have a letter and Thanksgiving card from Frances.

Ever since we came back from Dayton I have been very busy with some special work from Washington, which is urgent, and it, with the work of getting our things out of storage and going to housekeeping again has kept me going

lately until from one to one thirty
before getting to bed, but tell the
girls I hope to get some of this
work out of the way soon and to
write them.

I hope that Becky has entirely
recovered and is hearing as well
as before her illness.

We have about a foot of snow,
which fell yesterday and the night before,
and it clung to trees and shrubbery.
It is beautiful and looks quite
like Christmas.

I regret to have to say that, on
account of my expensive illnesses
this year and the cost of getting
our goods out of storage and in
good shape for housekeeping, I
am not sending Christmas presents
to my nieces. I hope that they will
not be too much disappointed.

and, now that we are housekeeping
again, if a certain young lady
should come to Niagara Falls
again, and not come to see us —!!!!

But I don't think that it was
her fault that we did not see her
when she was there.

Myrtie and I hope that each one
of you may have a very nice Christ-
mas and we wish that we were
going to see all of you.

To each one of you we send
heaps of love;

Very sincerely,

Levin.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

REES EDGAR TULLOSS
PRESIDENT

November 12, 1928

Mrs. May Cottom,
2257 Ohlogge Ave.,
Dayton, O.

My dear Mrs. Cottom:

I am glad to advise you that the Prudential Committee has authorized the refund of the advance tuition fee and the room reservation fee paid by your daughter. College check for \$35.00 is enclosed.

Hoping that Mary Frances will have a happy year at Western College, I am

Cordially yours,

R. E. Tulloss

President.

RET-MS

process but he hopes to spend Christmas
was at home. Although he is in
a government hospital and under
government doctor and surgeon
our expenses have been heavy. He
had both his sick leave and vaca-
tion expired in the year when he
was so seriously ill and this
month is not getting any salary -
will not have any until he is
able to return to work. We are
sorry not to send the children
a Christmas remembrance.

Both Levin and I should like
to hear from you sometime. I do
hope Frank is helping you more than

The injury to his head seemed to be
the worse but that yielded to treatment
and now hardly shows. The place
on his leg was badly swollen and
sove and finally had to be opened.
He had to be taken to a hospital
^{has been there ten days} to have this done; they found a
large blood clot but no pus. They
have kept him in bed and the
wound packed with gauze. This
was removed Tuesday and the
wound is beginning to heal. It's down
to the shin bone and is in the
side of the leg so Levin says it
is "some hole". It must heal from
the inside out and is a slow

519 Linwood Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

June 25, 1930.

Dear May:

I very much wish that Myrtie and I could see you and talk with you about things in Dayton instead of writing about them.

At the time Stella's (?) will was read, her sister, Katherine Denise, said to Clara that she would hand Clara a deed to the family cemetery lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, not mentioning Frank nor me in the deed, as far as I know. Under the law, the cemetery lot descended to my father's heirs and not to Stella's heirs. While it does not, therefore, appear to have been a necessary thing to do, Clara wrote me that Katherine did give her a quit claim deed to the lot, although she had no ownership interest in the lot. The only reason for so doing, as far as I can understand it, would be to cause Clara to think that she had done something for her. Shortly after that, Clara sent a quit claim deed to Frank to sign off to her his interest in the lot, and then kept writing me that Frank had not signed it. I think that it was after Frank came from the hospital that he finally signed it and returned it to Clara, who then sent it to me, asking me to sign it. Clara and Mary then kept writing me, asking if I had received it. Then I had my accident the day before Thanksgiving and in about twelve days was sent to the hospital for thirteen days. About the end of January I returned the quit claim deed to Clara and wrote her that while in the hospital I had considered the matter and had decided that I did not care to sign

the quit claim deed at this time, as I might wish to use sites or space for two graves, since which I have heard nothing from Clara or Mary, not even an acknowledgement of the quit claim deed.

I never told Clara that I would sign the quit claim deed for her, notwithstanding any statements that you may hear to the contrary. As you know, space in that part of the cemetery is now very valuable and can not now be bought at any price, yet I was asked to sign off my interest in the cemetery lot (space for probably six more graves) without any consideration.

It does not make me feel very comfortable to realize that a sister and her daughter care nothing for me except for what they can get out of me for nothing. In this case, however, I do not want and should not consider any offer for my interest in the cemetery lot.

This treatment is nothing new--, merely a repetition of the way Clara has always acted with me when she has not had her own way. She has never co-operated with me in any business matters. When I was obliged to buy her interest in the home place to protect myself, after she had first offered it to an outsider, I had to pay her more for it than the price at which she had offered it to the outsider.

Each time that Clara wrote me since I was last in Dayton, she asked about my suit against Katherine Denise. I am enclosing for your information copy of the letter I wrote Clara, advising her the result of the suit. You will see that again she did not co-operate with me. I think that my attorneys were very much disgusted. Please return the copy of my letter to Clara.

I am telling you these things, not to cause any trouble, but in order that you may know the facts and not be prejudiced against me by any distorted version of things you may hear.

Now, how are you and Frances and Becky and what are you all doing these days?

What do you hear from Frank, or about him?

Myrtie has not been quite so well lately. We both need a change and I shall endeavor to take her away for a couple of weeks this Summer, as I have not had a vacation, as such, for three years.

I passed another milestone Saturday, very quietly, and wished that you and the girls were with us to help celebrate! I still remember with much pleasure the enjoyable time we had with you on that occasion five years ago.

Myrtie is writing a note to enclose with this.

We should be much pleased to hear from you.

Please give Frances and Becky a good hug for Myrtie and for me.

With best love to all of you, I am,

Very sincerely,

Levin.

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ELIZABETH P. CHANDLER,
Registrar.

March 18-1930.

Dear -

you will wonder why I am writing at this time. Have not seen Frances since her vacation until this week and when she gave me your letter which she received when she went back to school in June. Don't know why you wrote her instead of me - don't know what her reply was, but as you asked her to talk it over with me, will give you my ideas.

All the years I lived with Mr. C. I had to let him have his own way for fear he would start drinking - the fact of the matter was he drank just the same, ^{and will always do so} and no one ^{but} ^{you} ^{and} ^{Clyde} ^{C.} ^{know} ^{his} ^{family} ^{loved} ^{him}.

When I was out there last summer Mr. Cheadle traveled about 300 miles to make me say I would stay out of Shelby, and he could go back and get up a divorce for Mr. Cotton so no one would know it - if I didn't do it Mr. C. was going to blow up. I think that was about the lowest thing ~~anybody~~ ^{anybody} ever did. I could have done some dirty work, too, but I came away so that Mr. C. would not start drinking.

He told me the Mr. woman would not be back, and I was told that if he got her back you was absolutely through with him. Knowing how much he is indebted to you and needs you, I thought he would respect your wishes. It was just a short while ^{for my life} ~~until~~ he went after her and took her back to Shelby, so that was the thanks I got for considering him.

He wrote to Frances in December and wanted her to come out and she was willing to go if she could do him any good. In a few days he wrote her that he had gone back to Shelby and everything was fine and she should give up the idea of coming ~~there~~, but please on coming out in June. He writes Frances that there is nothing in Shelby of which she would not approve, etc. when everyone else writes that the Mr. woman is there. ^{who is with the wife.} Now his idea is to keep Frances here until June - then he can send Mr. Lower to Wyoming for her summer vacation, and when she gets ready to come back he will send Frances back to me. He gets a lot of sympathy by telling people how much he thinks of

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Do you think a man owes anything for his children when he spends his money on a prostitute and has to be made to take care of them?

his children; - and he can give a line of talk that takes with everyone. If he takes a notion that he wants the girls, I am supposed to send them right out - if I didn't you would hear a plenty. Now I am willing for Frances to go out there if she can do any good, but I am not willing for her to go if that woman ~~goes~~ ^{keeps that} there until fifteen minutes before Frances arrives. He is going to have to take his choice between that woman and his children.

You have asked me to do nothing to affect his earning power - in other words I am to take what he chooses to send me, and say nothing. He sent Baby to go in January, and that is what we have been living on since, so you see I am not living in luxury or asking very much. I have not been able to work this winter, so am depending on what he sends us. I am not fortunate enough to have a friend like you have been to F. - there is not ^{one} standing behind me with a check book ready to help me out as you have always done with him. I ~~have~~ ^{have} just about come to the conclusion that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~family~~ ^{family} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~earning~~ ^{earning} ~~power~~ ^{power} ~~ought~~ ^{ought} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~well~~ ^{well} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~taken~~ ^{taken} ~~from~~ ^{from} him.

I understand there was some trouble in the hospital - is it still running? Is H. at the

if his obligations to his family does not come first I can see no reason for making it possible for him to go on leading the life he is

bottom of this ^{trouble} like she was at the other hospital?
There is something wrong as the girls have
not heard from their father for weeks, and
there is no mail from this morning.

If you see fit, I would appreciate it
if you would let me know just what the
conditions are at present. Have I been
misinformed about W. being back in Shelby?
I understand your position - but you know
better than any one just how things are
down there, and I would rather take your
word than that of any one else.

I suppose you are fasting, and going
to confession every week - I am.

Yours sincerely -

519 Linwood Avenue.
Buffalo, New York.

December 21, 1930.

Dear May:

I have wanted to write you ever since we returned from Newfort, and have not intentionally failed to do so.

Your may remember that I said in my letter to Clara that Myrtie had not been well. In fact, she had not been well since last December. While in Newfort, she had an examination by a doctor who is very fine, who advised a minor operation. Myrtie's sister, Harriet, came up in October and Myrtie had the minor operation on the 17th.

While Myrtie was under the anaes-
thetic, the surgeon made a more
thorough examination and found a
fibroid tumor which was malignant
and for which a very extensive
and severe ^{major} operation was performed
on October 20th. The shock of the
two anaesthetics and two operations
in three days was very great and
Myrtie was very weak. She was
in the hospital three and one-half
weeks and had two private grad-
uate nurses. He had a house-
keeper (?) five weeks. Myrtie is
regaining her health and strength
as rapidly as can be expected,
in fact, is doing very well. I had
expected to take her out to her
dinner to a place in the neighbor-
hood this past week, but we no
sooner than let the woman go.

than I was laid up with a cold.
I have not been out since Tuesday.

We were glad that Frank cared
to have Frances and Becky with
him this Summer.

Becky's very nice letter from
Shelby pleased both of us very much.

We were glad that Frank took
them for the nice trips Becky
mentioned. We certainly should
have liked to have been with them.

We have wondered whether
Frances returned to Oxford or
remained in Shelby.

We are invited to have Christmas
dinner with an old family friend
who is now a widow.

Harriet was here a month and
Dave, Myrtle's brother, was here a
week but they will not be here.

for Christmas.

Mystie and I wish very much that we were going to see you, Frances and Becky on Christmas day.

The enclosed is for Frances and Becky for Christmas.

We have heard nothing from any of the Rhodes family.

I shall write my cousins, Mrs. Kidd, about the same letter I wrote you, as I want her to know the facts.

We hope that this finds all of you real well.

We should be very much pleased to hear from you.

Hope that you all have a mighty nice Christmas.

With heaps of love to all of you from both of us, I am,
Sincerely,
Levin.

2-17-58

Dear May.

Glad to hear from you
Sorry about your fall, told
Harriet she was so sorry.
Have taken care of the
Sweets for her and she said
to thank you. So each time
I see her will take something
and tell her its from May.
Myrie had been doing pretty
good for a few days. Keeps
calling for Lillian. The patient
in the next bed ask DR. who
is Lillian he said a friend
funny thing. she cried so
hard when I left, asked me
never to leave her and take
her home.

Keep this under your hat, But
 the lady down stairs, said Dr -
 is very mad about those folks
 in Sayton that they dont come
 here. told her to tell him you
 folks are coming later, and
 really foolish if you have to
 just go right back. never see
 him but they do as he comes
 each sat. to see Harriet. if they
 are home they come right to the
 door. polley said each time
 she comes over with Harriet
 dinner if the man was stand
 up, or was sleeping in his
 beer stupor, he will run to
 door and say oh! I thought
 you were the folks from Sayton.
 Its very hard to get Harriet
 to open the door, as she
 cant hear. so if they are
 home

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They will let me in, so he was home with a few beers and told me there is no reason why he can't take out some of those things and sell them if Harriet needs money. Told him she needs nothing, and if you want to go to jail, just try it. he said they don't have any idea what there told him Mr Beyer has a account of every thing, he don't believe it said, they are nuts.

well I told Galley to tell Mr Beyer. He is a rat, she came out in the hall and said Lillian he gets so upset when he thinks he will do a favor and get money for them. and please don't say any thing about Mr Beyer. I said why the hell does he care

and get my set - she said
I still will pay one hundred
for those dishes I hope and
pray you have taken down
every dish. told her again
they belong to May.

Harriet told Pally she want
to leave every thing to you.
And if you dont soon come
she will leave it to Pally. But
Mytrie has to pass away first
~~that~~ what is killing the man
he wanted Harriet to go first
as he could do any thing
with Mytrie. What Crooks.
Pally will write tell you
the news. she sees them
more then I go to see Mytrie
then back here have a bad
sinews cold. we really are
having terrible snow. Love Lillian

Dec 8, 1959

Dear May-

You do not need to come until after the holidays or until any time as you want to. It's all up to you - whenever it's convenient for you. By waiting you won't have to hurry or cut short your task.

Today they are installing the meters. Payer now thinks a little fire in the unit will be a good thing all winter. I hope they find the furnace all right.

The black & 2 pictures you wanted me to put away were packed away along with all the other things. We put away everything that anyone could possibly carry out. We couldn't do anything with the books as the Bookcase doesn't lock. I don't think anyone would take time to look those over. We even put away the 2 pictures made of bird feathers - one was in the dining room & the other over the book case. I will go over again and look for the dishes in the cupboard matching the tea pot on the buffet and pack them away, too. I think

the real estate man will keep close to those he takes
thru.

I still do not know what they are going to ask
for the house. The next time I talk with Beyer I
am going to ask him. I keep forgetting it. Property
is not selling readily here and don't be surprised if
it takes quite a while.

I, too, don't see why he hasn't kept you (directly)
informed about things. He seems to be a very
fine man but he is just as forgetful as you
or me or else changes his mind about things. I
don't know how else to explain it but can do it
better when I see you.

You speak of the candle sticks - There are the
pair with the jewels - another pair and a single one.
Maybe you might find the mate to the single one in the
attic somewhere.

Now don't worry because every thing is put
away except the dishes you spoke of and the Harland.
and that is high up in the cupboard.

With love

Joely -

Hope you all have a fine Christmas.

Hotel Westbrook

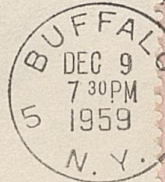
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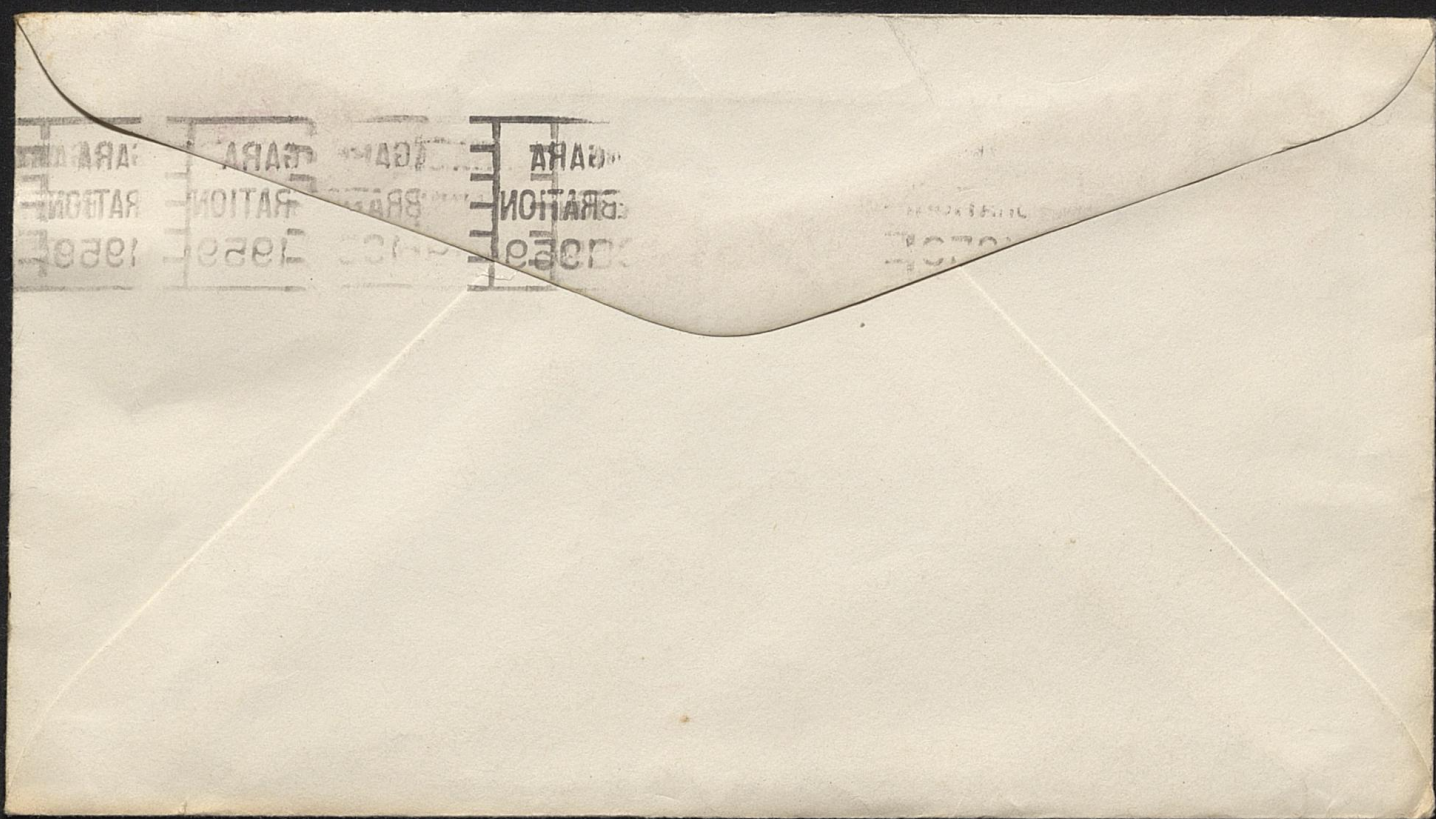
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*Ans.
Sat. Dec 12-59*

*Mrs May Cotton
1119 West Hill Crest.
Dayton 6.
Ohio.*



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Dear Cottie:

Have Thought of you every day for the last several weeks so I may as well write you again. Gee, but your letter are newsy ! If it weren't great fun just planning on what you might write don't think that I should keep on writing you. Hear from Mrs. Coolidge about you, every once in a while, but would prefer a letter of my own.

Suppose you have heard all about Lewistown, but I will tell you of the late happenings and you can leave out the part that you have read before. Course you know about all the Banks closing, and most everyone being broke, and about half of the people leaving town. There are more empty houses than occupied ones now. Ever so many of the Dr.s have left :-Both of the Brices, both of the Wilsons, F.W.Cotton, Atchinson, Gauss, MacDougal, Foley, (think the two latter left before you did) but Dunn, and some other Dr. leave here the first of this month. Things surely have changed.

Everyone lost some money in the Banks. The First National closed the tenth of December and the Empire closed about a month later. Dr. had everything that he had in the first failure, even the money that had been put aside for taxes, they are supposed to open, but most everyone has given up all hope of that by now. You know how talk goes on anything like that.

Tell Mary Francis and Becky that we went out for flowers to-day and brought most of the country back with us. The mud is

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terrible. We have had so much snow this winter, and the storms have been so close to-gather that the roads are terrible. Some little girl told the girls that she had seen loads of flowers and I think that it must have been an April fool joke, for we didn't see any at all.

You would love Billie. She is a peach. The girls wrapped up a brick to-day and put it out in front for a JOKE. Everything went fine until some man picked it up, and started off with it. Bill rushed out and shouted "Put down my brick". The poor fellow felt doubly cheap, getting stung and being accused of stealing the joke as well. He brought it back and was informed by Bill that it was to kick and not take. Well I suppose that he will know next year and behave according to Hoyle.

Sent you a picture of two handsome men quite some time ago. The letter came back post haste. Didn't know whether it was the picture the letter or the general appearance but I thought that when I so generously offered to withdraw all claims from Joe that you would agree that things were allright. This d--- typewriter cant spell at all, it is the bunk when it comes to spacing and will you look at that alright spelled with two lls. The other night I was writing to mah gemmememan frien' and the thing spelled much "mutch" four places and I was out of paper ~~so~~ so that I couldn't even copy it.

Oh Lord. I suppose that you think that I am holding out on you and not telling all of the news, but I am sure that you have heard it anyway so I may as well tell the tale and let you judge. You no doubt have heard that my good husband was taken up on a bootlegging

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charge, huh? Well he was framed and the thing sure did cause a heap of trouble. The case was well advertized by his opponents, and the K.K.K.s got busy and tried to help put things along but the case was thrown out of court when it came up for a hearing. He has been accused of everything from bribery to arson, and I am supposed to have been sent forth with a roll of money to buy off certain witnesses for the state. you know me, if I had been sent out with a roll of money I would have come home with a hat and a suit and a lot of things. But any way the thing is over and I wish that you were back in Lewistown. I would tell you lots of things that would make you laugh.

Dr. asked me the other night if I was through being jealous of you?

I am still jealous but for different reasons than I used to be.

Do you still help the kiddies with their play like you used to? I try to do some of the things that you used to do but they surely fall flat. Cissie said the other day that she would like to write you a letter. Said that she knew that you could read her writing cause you were that kind of a person. She talks of you and the girls so often, and particularly mentions your talent for making things, like May baskets, and all that.

Mrs. Coolidge and Dr. and I went to see Dill and Kolb last week. The only play that has been in town since you left. It was rotten, as you would expect. Saw F.W.C. their, as per usual he was with

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He sure has his nerve, but I suppose that it is all in a life time.

Well everything has changed. You should see me mend, and I haven't had a maid for so long that I am afraid I would be spell bound if I had one and just say "Yes'm " to her so I guess I am as well off. Have made all of the kiddies things and most of mine the last year.

You knew that I took the girls and went to Minneapolis in November didn't you ? Gotall ready and expected to leave on the early train and Dr.'s sister came to visit. Well I left that same day but took a later train. Just as well for she knew that we had planned the trip, and if I hadn't gone just when I did the money would still be down in the bank. We only got home the day before it closed.

The girls are all welland happy. Looks fine altogether that way. Babbie and Cissie go to the Catholic school and Billie weeps daily because she is afraid that she will be behind the other girls. Dr. is in Helena. You know that he has been on the Board of Medical Examiners for quite some long time. I am always glad to see him off Each time I plan on loafing but always end up by cleaning house or something as wild. This time I am sewing, painting the kitchen, toilet and bathroom, and pantry, and am refinishing the furniture in the living room.

Mustcloseas it is gettingsolatethatalloftheletterslookliktefjgjhk

Write when you can and give the girls a lot oflove,

TSD.

become ill it did not seem possible that I should have to be pampered. I'm still doing the house keeping but Levin has learned to help - it seems great to see him - he's tilling but mighty awkward and I guess he thinks I'm hard to please.

I'm sorry things are not all right between him and Clara. but she has always been selfish with him, and always so with her dear mother, who was the most unselfish person I ever knew.

Do let us know how you all are. With much love to yourself and Frances and Becky, I am, your friend
Mary Weston

Dear Mary:

I wonder if you will feel hurt if I send a pretty little dress of mine to you for Becky. It is too nice to give to any one outside our family and I thought the goods would be so becoming to Becky. It is so clean one would think I had never worn it, but I wore it in Washington which is a very clean city. When I came across it this Spring I immediately thought

possible out of doors this summer I'll send that pretty sash
to build up some reserve strength to Beeky. Then decided that
for her visit year at college. you, who are so handy with
I wish he could see all of you your needle, could make her
this summer. If I were well I a cute little dress from the
should like to have had you material and the sash could
come here for a visit, although be used on a white dress.
I'm afraid you would not have to I'm sending it to you to
much fun when we have no car use if you come. I'm sending
some other time I hope we may a couple pretty hankies to
be able to plan it. Missing Mary Frances as I want her to
Levin though his severe illness, know we think of her too, and
and then his accident, in addi- often. I hope she has enjoyed
tion to the house work has too her college life, but she ought
much for me. When I suddenly to spend as much time as

think I'll see her the same.
Mother wrote me a few
days ago that Mary graduated
this Spring too, before that
I didn't know a thing about
it. What is she going to do
next year? It seems so good
to be all graduated everything
and now I'm going back
and am going to work for
dad - Secretary Treasurer of
the Madonna Co. How about
that - I just call well! The
only thing I'm afraid dad
will see a hard look and
I can't quite imagine myself
being at work at a certain
time etc.

I had a lovely graduation

some such thing before I get
back to old Madonna. Mary
and Philly have just been
my second home all this
year - I've been there now
since graduation and will
be there a couple days more
after I get back from
New York and Iowa. Expect
to get home on dad's and
Pep's birthday.

I'm just having the
most perfect time for me
in New York and Iowa
I have the best looking
and clearest cold in the
world. You know that always
means a cold and then the
sickness is wonderful. Well.