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Sunday.

Dear Julia:-

I know I have treated you like a step child, I don't know what to say, only that I'm off on a wild goose chase, I guess that's what you would call it. However, my sister thinks I'm just plain crazy.

Some of my kin and friends have been begging me for two years to write up Stringtown, it doesn't sound like much of a job, but since I've gotten in to it, it's a Bonanza, and that with a capital. but I'm struggling with it, and I hope if I ever get it finished, it will be readable and make sense.

When I think of things that happened when we lived out there sister Alma will say she never heard of it. Bebie,

would remember, any way it keeps
my mind and hands at work and
that in its self is something -

I spent last week in San Antonio,
with Hazel and Jay, Rudolph, came
down on business, and she was there
too, the weather was so bad I didn't
get out but one after-noon.

We have had nothing but drizzly,
damp cloudy weather since Christmas,
I hope Spring will bring us some sun
shine, if it hasn't forgotten how to
shine.

Last Monday after-noon we had a nice
surprise Kate Malone Elaw and her
husband stopped by to see us on their
way home from the Valley. we enjoyed
them so much, Kate, looks so much
like her mother, she has sister Kate's
smile too, he is a good old fellow too
don't have much to say. guess we all



didn't give him a chance.

Rudolph, bought me two pretty dresses when she was down, one is Bimburg and the other is Jersey, both blue, but different shades.

Jay, gave Hazel, a Hammond organ for Christmas, she is taking lessons. She has always wanted one, of course working she doesn't have much time to practice only at night, but she is learning to play real well.

Florence Joiner's husband died while I was in San Antonio, he had been down for months he was breathing but he didn't know he was, he was also paralyzed, it was a blessing when he went, she has almost killed herself waiting on him, he was 72 yrs old.

Poor sister Alma, just sits in her house day after days, thinks about how bad she feels, gets ill and when anyone goes to see

her, it's no satisfaction, I have all the
visiting to do - even though she is across
the street, she don't even phone me, I
do that too - I pray the Lord will see
fit to take me, before I get that way -
I like people, and I like to be with
my friends, and I have lots of them too.

Our revival started in our church
today, I do wish the weather would clear
and give the preacher a crowd to talk
with, I went this A.M. He is good, he and
his wife have lovely voices, they are from
Nashville Tenn.

Fressie, is coming home for a few days the
last of this week, she was operated on in Houston
last month, I sorely have missed her -

My news is about exhausted, and I ex-
pect you are too, trying to read this
letter -

With lots of love
Joe -

224 North St.
San Marcos, Texas



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.

Abilene, Texas

Wed. morn.

Dear Julia:-

Thinking of you and yours, this morn
and I just want to tell you again, I love
you and trust you will have good
Christmas. Joe went to San Antonio
yesterday will be gone two weeks.

The Mc Kie girls house is broken up
and words could never tell you what
that means to me. Henry Kie's wife
will go to their daughters Medie's
Mother is going to Dallas. If I have
told you all that before, I am sorry
I just can't remember. I shall have
a quiet time to read Vadas book and
your poems and thank you for sending
them. May the new year bring you
greater happiness than you have ever
known is my prayer - Truest love
Alma

MRS. ALMA COMBS
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San Marcos, Texas



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Abilene, Texas.



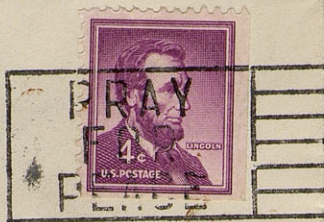
Dec. 27th 1960

Dear Julia:-

Your letter received always glad to hear from you. We had a beautiful day Lillian brought a turkey dinner it was delicious. It is dark & gloomy this morn. is misting. Most of the friends and relatives out of town. Hospital full 2 funerals yesterday and a good friend they are all passing away fast now. Bob is off for Christmas was to fly to Corpus Monday-May. He seems very happy in the Golden Age Home. Words can't express how I miss those girls. Clacton Rylander failing fast Wilbur doing well a card said they would see me soon. I am not feeling very good but keep up and thankful I am in no body's way. was remembered beautifully Xmas, every corner full, you have

so little room in a small apt. Hope you and your children keep well and the New Year brings you many blessings
Love
Olivia

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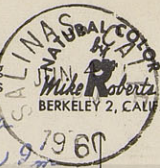
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Central Park with its many appointments of outdoor games, swimming, excellent landscaping and shade trees is truly popular with all families in this bustling city.



Hi, my dear friend Julia
this is to let you know I'm
thinking of you. on the good
time we all have Thurs eve. 42
party. But I'm having a
wonderfull visit. still going
places. My Brother at L.A
will come by for me last of
June. Will spend a wk, then
I stop a gain at Phoenix Ariz
on my way back. I'm feeling fine
but a bit slow. Love you
Edon

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homeward stretch.
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~~east~~ grounded today on
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& Penn. Ry. on strike,
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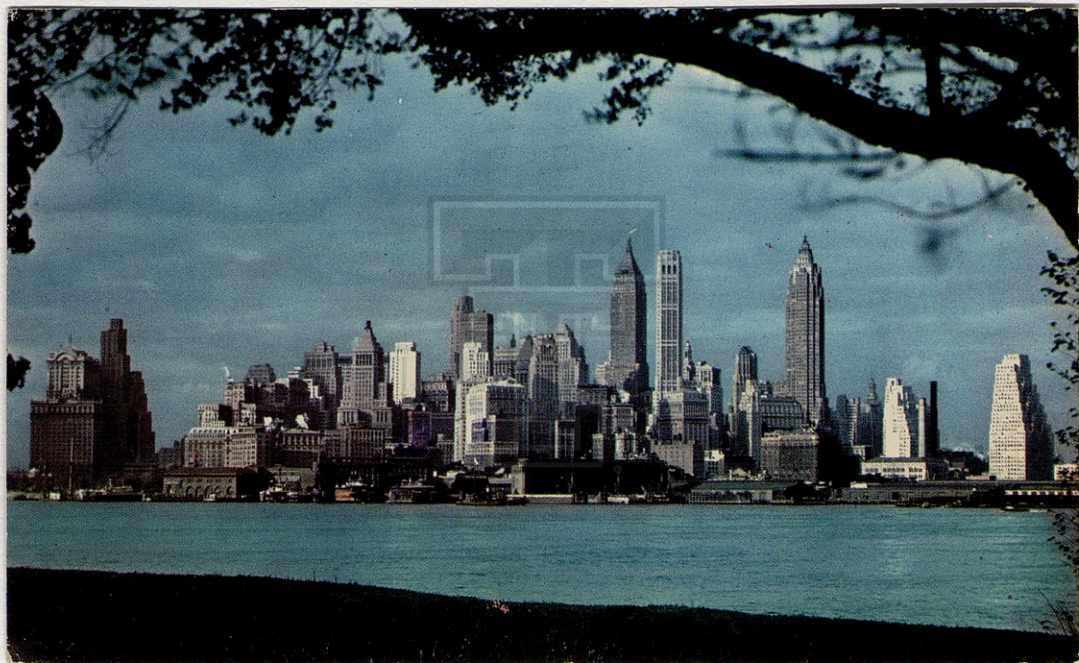
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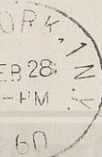
MANHATTAN SKYLINE

This is a superb view of lower Manhattan as seen from Governors Island. In the background can be seen the tall structures that comprise the heart of the financial district.

*It was nice that you remembered my birthday with such a pretty card. I came up here to celebrate but tried to forget the years that have rolled by. All the best
Gabriel H Money*

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POST CARD

*Ms Julia C Hart
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Arlene Texas*

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EL PASO **TEXAS**



El Paso, Texas, 2/5/60



HOTEL PASO DEL NORTE

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Standing on historic ground named for the pass discovered by the Spanish explorers of the Sixteenth Century, it overlooks the fertile Rio Grande Valley. Within a day's drive are Carlsbad Caverns National Park,

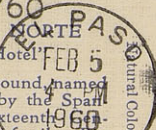
White Sands National Monument, The Lincoln National Forest, and many other points of interest. Juarez, Mexico, is just five minutes away.

My plans are all changed.

Recd letter from home yesterday and may have to go back there to attend to business.

Surely hate to but will if have to in a few days. Waiting to hear again. Glad Marvin is OK am out with his aunt today to take to museum show.

Love and best wishes, will write later after hear from you next. Campbell



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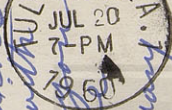


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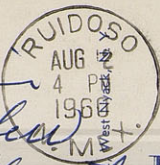
Mrs. Julia Hart
2142 Grape
Abilene Texas



Dear Sister

We are here in
Ruidoso for a few
days, so very pleasant
here now. Eddie is
looking after things
at home for us.

Love
Eef



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Julia C Hart
2142 Grope
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San Marcos, Texas
Dec. 15th 1960

Dear Julian,

Have received your card and letter, was pleased to have them as usual. This has been a beautiful day of sunshining a real treat as we have had so much bad weather. Joe said she had written you about Evers death it was certainly a blow to us as she had been so much better, all the McKies have died with heart failure. Olives children will take her home with them for a time at least, and I haven't an idea what they will do about Marnie. I did not go to the house or funeral either, I simply wasn't able and it was misting and cold too. I certainly will miss those girls they were so good to phone me when they could not come. Clanton Rylander growing weaker now. Wilbur ~~being~~ ^{is} so far, is at home. I had a Christmas card from Alice Grace this morn., have gotten a good many, but I am not sending any as I could not go to town to get them. Joe expects to go to San Antonio for Christmas, but I am staying at home I do not ^{want} to go anywhere. Do not know whether my children will come over or not it all depends on the weather and how Paul is feeling. I have been too shocked to think of Christmas yet. I received the box you sent this afternoon, Joe would not take any of the things said she had what you sent her several years ago. Thank you. I will see if some of the others want them they are all so busy doing other things they hardly take time to read poems or any thing else. I hear there is lots of

sickness in town, hospital is full three women out there,
with broken hips from a fall and the fourth has been
able to go home. Henry Kyle & wife expect to visit their
married daughter in another state. Medie's mother is
going to Dallas to be with her daughter. So most of
my relatives will be out of town. I don't get lonesome
but sometimes feel lonely, perhaps you will wonder what
I mean. I certainly will miss dear little Ever, I should
not be selfish enough to wish her back though. Joe
said the flowers were beautiful, the chrysanthemums
were beautiful this time of year. I trust you will
pardon all mistakes in this letter I can't think
straight or spell either to night, and I am getting
cold sitting away from the stove in order to be
near the light so had better close.

If I could I would ring out the old year and
ring in the new, with all the happiness in the
world for you, with only enough sorrow to show
you the difference. Thank you again for every
thing it was late when they came haven't read
any thing yet.

Lots of love and good wishes
Aff - Alma

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas

Tuesday
Nov. 28 '60

Dear Julia:-

I have been so busy getting my manuscript ready to be typed, I have forgotten whether I wrote and thanked you for the order for a book. If I haven't please forgive me, my arm still gives me a lot of trouble, and I can't write long at a time. Please accept my thanks now.

You asked about the pay, it is \$2.00 for the book and .25cts for mailing it, and it's up to the individual about paying, some pay me now others wait for the book.

I have over a hundred orders so far. I don't remember whether I sent you the article in our town paper, I'm enclosing one, if you already have one just toss it up.

Laura Holcomb, was operated on last week had her ovaries removed, she is doing fine. She was uneasy for fear she had what

Clanton and Hilber have, poor Hilber
has been very ill.

Eviotte McKie, is real sick with virus
flu, she has been down two weeks.

Medie Donaldson and Alice Louise, came
down for Thanksgiving. Medie, is so
pretty, I can't say so much for her daughter.
They brought Walter Sr. down with them
to see Edith, she is ill too, it's her heart
she looks terrible.

Lillian and Paul, came over and spent
Thanksgiving with sister Alma, Lillian
brought the dinner, Turkey with all the
trimmings, I don't think Alma, was
very pleased they didn't let her know
they were coming, and her house was dirty.

Hazel, arrived home Sun. she has been
away since Nov. 4th visiting her daughters
in Mass. and Virginia.

Rudolph, was down week before last
for a few days, she had to come on
business.

She seems so happy, it does me good to look at her.

Clarence Malone's wife Alice was up last week-end, she is very sad, however, she said she had one concillation, he passed away just like he always said he wanted to go. worked that day at the Bank, came home, ate a light dinner, and was gone in an hour. Tom Duggan's ^{grand}son spend an hour or more with him that morning, Alice, said he told her how much he enjoyed the boys visit.

We have sunshine today for the first time in ten days, the damp weather is bad on my arm -

Thanks again and lots of love -

Please tell Maude King about my book.

Love
Jon -

Mrs. W. L. Talbot
224 North St.
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene Texas.

San Marcos Tex.
Nov. 5th 1960-

Dear Julia:-

I don't have a bit of news, just the same old thing so many relatives and dear friends are sick and some in the hospital. We had three days last week of beautiful sunshine but yesterday and to day dark and gloomy, it certainly keeps every one feeling down & out. I feel all broken up again with Clarence gone, Clayton is the only one of Bro. Willie's children left and his health is very bad. Laura has been home a week but has only phoned me once, she was feeling fine but said it would be two weeks before she could drive her car. The last I heard Wilber was home and doing fine, Mary is a lovely person and a wonderful wife, she nursed her first husband through years of bad health and I hope Wilber will soon be well. The McRae sisters Mamie Evers and Clint are all sick, we phone to them but no one goes in, that is the Drs. orders. Nell's book is not yet ready for publication, Hazel was here Sat. night and Sunday and she was so tired last night she could not think straight, and has felt very bad to day. I received a letter from Mildred Wilson to day the first I have had in quite a while, she is a very busy person and writes interesting letters. Our New Post Office was dedicated last week and Mr. Finnis was given a gold watch as a token for his 57 years as a postman in San Marcos. I

next
from them and they are indeed a fine couple, he had
to retire a few months ago as he was 70 years old.
I wish I was able to get out and do things but I
simply haven't the strength, you miss a lot I know
but I am so thankful I am up and can do for myself
I have to take it slow of course, but I have more time
than any thing else, so it's well. I can do it.

I see from the Austin paper that the Golden Age
Home for old people is now finished, but it costs
\$150.00 a month to live there and that don't fit my
purse or inclination, either, I fail to say it is in
Lockhart, Texas. I lived in Lockhart 18 years, Dad died
there and all my friends I was fond of has passed on.

Yes I will be glad to have your Texas Blue Bonnet song
and some poems too. Julia, I am so glad you want
to hear from me and I need your letters too they
make me think and our loves and cares for me.
My children write of course, but Mildred is far away and
dealing with T.A.R. and Lilliane, nursing a sick husband
so keep on writing Love & good wishes

Off Alicea-

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Tuesday night
Nov. 22nd

Dear Julia:

I was pleased to have your letter. We are still having misty and showery weather, however the sun came out this afternoon and I hope it will shine a while so we can all get some laundry done. Clarence had two or three light strokes that had creptled him up, but never heart attacks until now, his son wrote us that he had been to the Bank all day and about nine o'clock that night he had two severe heart attacks Alice got two Drs but they were so bad nothing helped. Laura Holcombe was operated on Monday morn, they removed her ovaries She had it done here, with one of the local Doctors and so far she is getting along very well, but of course very

uncomfortable. I hardly know how I will get along without her she does so much for me, but it will be a month or more before she can run her car. Wilbur is getting along very well, his present wife Mary is as fine as can be and we are all fond of her. I wrote to Hallie Storey about Clarence's death she said Reggie her youngest brother had to have another bad operation and was still suffering, he lives in California but has always come to Temple, Texas to have the operations. Ever McKig was right sick for a few days last week but is O.K. now.

Bos is still working on her back of course she has others helping, and she is much better than she was but has to limit herself to what she does. Her oldest daughter had to come to San Antonio on business

was there a week, came over and
spent last night with Boe and
left for home this morning. Boe's
girls are, wonderfully good to her.
Hazel is taking her vacation, is now
in Washington with her daughter
and family will be home soon.

Suppose you send me a copy of your
jams and Texas song, I would like
to have a copy. There is so much
sickness in town a man had a
heart attack in his store yesterday
and passed away, and the hospital
is full, if the weather would clear
I am sure everyone would feel better.
I am so glad you keep well and
able to go, you are wonderfully blessed
to have good health take care of it
for when once lost it is hard to get
back. I appreciate you taking time

to write me when you are so
busy, but I am selfish I guess
when I say keep a spot for me
and keep on writing, I love you
Julia, and want to hear from you
You know when people get old
and out of circulation, many
folks don't want to be bothered
with them, of course I don't want
to be a nuisance to you or any
one, as to that matter, but letters
mean so much to me now I
can't get out much.

all I know or hear is about
sick folks so I will close with
a heart full of love and good
wishes for you and your dear ones.

aff
Alicia.

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



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*Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged*

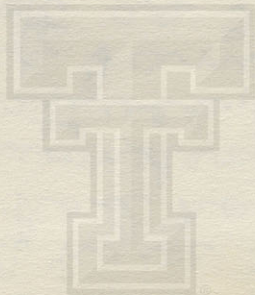
Dear Julia -

The girls and I appreciated
your note and sweet
poem. I don't know how
we could have stood losing
Gay if it had not been
for our wonderful friends
and relatives. With
God's help I am trying
to adjust as I feel Gay
would want me to do,
but I fully realize it
isn't going to be easy.

Please remember me
in your prayers.

Love

Dazel





Mrs. Julia Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

MRS. JAY E. ADAMS,
119 Bryker Drive,
San Antonio 9, Texas

Apr. 19th

Dear Julian

You probably will be surprised to hear from me again, so soon but have sad news. This morn I got up earlier than usual and soon was knocked and when I opened the door it was Joe, she had been crying and I said come in, she says I have just had a death message, Hazel just phoned me that Jay passed away last night at ten o'clock. You probably know he had been in the hospital but had come home and they thought he was doing



feel but he lasted only a short time and died
before the Dr. even got there. A friend came for
Joe this afternoon said she did not know how
long she would stay, but would phone me
when the burial would be, so she got Lillian to
phone and the services will be at the Central
Christian Church Thursday at 1.30 o'clock.
Of course we are all torn with sorrow
and can't understand these things but as it
is Gods will we have to submit.

We have had a real cool Easter have had
fire right along, however some people
go by with scarcely enough oil to hide their
selves. I am expecting Mildred next week but
am sorry she is coming when every one is so
upset. Joes daughter in Oklahoma is sick in
bed with fever and a strep throat and can not
come to the funeral but her husband is coming.
I forgot to tell you in my last letter that Billie &
Mauds sister Kate Thomas is in the hospital has been
very ill some better but she is about 75 or 76.

If you want to write Joe in care of Hospels address
is 119 Boyker Drive I have been sick all day my
San Antonio 7, Texas self, but knew you would want
to know about Joes death

Love Alma

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
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San Marcos Tex
Apr. 11th 1960

Dear Julia:-

Was glad to have your letter, hope you pardon my slowness in answering, the spring weather has more or less settled in my old bones and I just could not write. We have had some lovely days of warm sunshine, but to day is cooler and cloudy. I am sure you and Campbell enjoyed Sam & Georgie, I have never seen them but once, and that was years ago. Wilbur & wife are very happy she is fine and so was Eva his first wife, and he would not be alive to day, but for the serious operations that her parents paid for. Her told me once that as long as he was down and not able to work that not once time when he called Eva that she wasn't there to do what he wanted and now she is sick, and I expect to do for her, and he did. Eva's parents were certainly lovely people. If ever a man needed a wife Wilbur did and I am glad he has a good one, now, we all love her. I wrote to Fannie Owen Walker and had a nice letter from her, she says she is the only one of her Mother's children that is living, perhaps that is why you never hear from Lizzie any more.

Pat continues writing Stringtown history. Julia, you would never recognize the old house place or any of the others on the old road, it is a good road.

now and many new houses on both sides of the road.
but time changed every thing. My daughter Mildred
was due to be in Washington D.C. to day, will be there
till or through the 23rd and then come over to see Antonio
for a couple of days, then over here to see me two days and
on to Austin to attend a big D.A.R. meeting. We could
not all meet at Lillie's in San Antonio as we have
always done for Paul is still on a sick diet and has to
rest and a house full is strictly against the Dr's orders.
Hazels husband is at home now and doing fine on his
strict diet, its a slow process but if they want to live
it must be done, he has lost 12 lbs, the Dr says he
must lose 50.

Mamma used to say we generally got out of life what we
put into it, but I sometimes wonder, I really think we
have to have some incentive or motive in life to ever be
happy or accomplish any thing, and it has to be done
when we are young. When I look back over the years
there is nothing much I would change except to have
Dad by my side, however as this could not be I have
done the best I could and I can only pray for
reasonable health and be thankful for my blessings
well I have rambled on and said little I must close
if I want you to write to me, which of course I do, so
good bye with words of love to you & yours -
aff Alena -

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas

San Marcos, Tex
May 2nd 1960-

Dear Julia:-

I was glad to have your letter and while news is scarce will try not to bore you. We have had rain & more rain, but I think the farmers got more than they wanted in some places. Mildred came, got into San Antonio Sunday morn the 25th and Paul & Lillian brought her over there. Tuesday morning she looked so well, her hair is grayer than mine but very becoming to her, she says if it gets as white as cotton she will never let the colored wigs be used on it. She went on to Austin Thursday morn, hoped to see Alice Gracey while there, expected to reach Coos Bay Sat. night. Joe came home Saturday not feeling well, of course, Joe's death was such a shock to them all. One of Hazel's daughters Evelyn will be with her several weeks - Hazel did not bury Joe but put him in a Mausoleum. Paul looks much better and Joe's sudden death will make him slow up more than he does. Most of the co-ops came to see Mildred and so much coming & going I was a little tired & weary when she left. I am glad you enjoy going to the Church circles I know it would please your Mother for she was so faithful to her church and got so much out of it. Pallie & Maude's oldest sister Kate Thomas is in the hospital has been for some time. Joe said she looked awful bad, she is about 95 or 96 years old. was a little deaf but had splendid

eye sight. I havent been over to see Pop, Evelyn & Marjory
brought her home, they all came over to speak to me.
Hazel is awful brave, she doesnt realize what the loneliness
means yet, but she says they are thankful for the 43
years they had together. There is a funeral here nearly
every day, most of my friends my age have passed
away, but time moves on with its happiness and
heart aches and we have to accept it whether good
or bad. I am glad Spring is here, it gets pretty warm
but I rather have it than winter. I had such a
nice letter from Mildred Duggan Wilson, this week she
seems to be so happy and I enjoy hearing from her.
I hope you can read this and it will make sense to
you, and just count all errors as tokens of my
best love to you and your dear ones—
Aff Alina—

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



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Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

San Marcos Texas
May-16, 1960

Dear Julia:-

Was of course glad to have your letter, to know you are well and able to go and do what you want to do, that is indeed something to be thankful for. Yes Jags death was a dreadful shock to all as they thought he was so much better. Max has been sick every since she came home, has Bursitis in her right arm and shoulder, taking shots but it is slow and takes time, however she is a little better, will try to see the Doc again tomorrow. Ever McKel has also been quite sick is some better, she does more than she is able to do. Mildred was with me two days she looks so well and very happy in the D.A.R. work. She saw Alice Gracey and her two daughters they came to see her, all were well. Kate Thomas is at home now but probably will never be as well as before. We are having a cool spring, had fire several days last week. Lillian & Paul did not come over Mothers day as he did not feel equal to the drive, we do not want him to take any risk that will set him back. I am sorry to hear about Fannies Walkers illness it is probably true as she has never answered my last letter. What does Mildred Wilsons husband do for a living? she seems a sweet lovable person I am so pleased to hear from her, the picture she sent me of her daughter & two little boys was only a snap shot but very good she said Janis is the wife of Dr. Wm. G. Shull of Great Falls Montana, said Janis is now 30, a Junior League member, busy socially, in civic and church work, is a very fine mural artist and has

made a name for herself locally and a very lovely little daughter. I think that is a record any parent can be proud of. Clarence Malow says he is very proud of his Malow name, as their back settles many large family estates and very few of them can show as clear a record as The Malow Family, and I am proud of them too, while they did not get rich in dollars and cents they made up for it in character and that's what counts.

Hazel and her daughter Evelyn spent Mother's Day with Dad, Hazel is very brave and says they are very thankful for the 48 years that they had Dad, she has gone back to work, when Evelyn leaves soon is the time that will be hard, when she gets home from work and goes in and stays alone, how well I know how she feels, but those things don't kill us just have to keep on going on -

There are immense wild rose bushes on the old ditch back of me I wish you could see the ~~the~~ many many blossoms on them they are beautiful. Well it is my bed time and I will close I trust you can read this and write again we are always glad to hear from you -

With fondest love

Off Alma C.

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



PRAY
FOR
PEACE

Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Mar. 20th 1968

Dear Julia,

I waited to answer your letter as Pop said she had written you about Kate & John's stopping by to see us, I was so glad they did, I love them both, John sat quietly & agreed, listened to us talk, he is gentle kind and patient. To say I am happy to day would be an understatement, Bebil passed away a year ago this morning, which I would not call her back to suffer, but there has been a heavy heart ^{never} the less, we were closer than ^{Hallmark} Pop & me for



2) I lived with her so long. I know
I miss her more than any one else.
Yes I too think you and I were closer
together than the others, and I surely
remember our visit to Seguin, dear
old Tom was with us I miss him too.
We have really had sun shine for three
days now, it is beautiful to day and
quite warm. Julia I know Campbell
will never be happy unless he forgets
self and tries to give happiness to
some one else, you for instance, he
could be a comfort to you in so
many ways. Gaz continues her
history of Stringtown, you know
it got that name because all the
homes were built on one side of
the road, however to day it is
quite different, all the old folks
have passed on and there are
many new homes on both sides.
Uncle Percy Mathis old home is
still standing and looks ancient
indeed by the side of the new ones.
The new hospital here has 25 pa-
tients, they say it is lovely.

3) Lillian writes that Paul is some better of his cold
the Dr. gave him shots and nose spray, I know he
is out in this sunshin^{ing} today if he is able.
Clarence Malone's daughter ^{Barth} was here the other day
came to register for the summer school at the
college, she looks fine since her operation, said her
mother had gone to California to see her daughter
Alice and family. Calif. has never been healthy for them.
Kate said her brother Will was very happy with his new
wife she is a cousin to Sam Malone's wife and 15 years
younger than Will. The Kong family at least
most of them still bury their loved ones in the
Pitts cemetery in Strington. Florence McKay
Joimer buried her husband there two weeks
ago. I am so glad brother Ward got mamma's
consent to let him buy a lot and curb it in
so she, papa and Bebie could be buried in town
he moved Bro. Sam & Dads bodies from out there
to town, there is room for three more graves on
the lot and Bebie had it in her will that Henry
Hyde could rest it for himself & wife. Well Julia
I hope you are able to read this, my hands are so
cripple with arthritis and eyes so dim from cataracts
I can scarcely see, but thank my saviour every
day for all my blessings. Always remember I love
you dearly and so glad you have good health.
always glad to hear with love & sweet memories
from you
Aff Alice

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Mrs. Julia L. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Sunday -

Dear Julia: -

I'm able to write a little better with my arm, still can't raise it up very high, but I'm thankful its this much better.

I had a picnic supper last night for my grand children from Hawaii and Corpus, there were nineteen of us. I wanted Rudolph & John to come but John, almost had pneumonia and they couldn't make it.

Her son and his family came from Corpus. we had a nice time, its been a long time since that many of us have been together.

The children had a big time

swimming. They can all swim
well.

Sister Alma, always gets sick when
some one wants her to go some where,
of course she hurt too bad to go.
I'd go crazy shut up in a house
all the time no radio or T.V., just
sits in a dark room, don't even
raise her shade more than a
few inches.

Medie Kyle, went to Dallas Fri.
to spend June with little Medie
and May. Folline, is coming
for a visit the last of June.

Poor old Clanton, is dying by
degrees with cancer, its in his
rectum and they have put a
tube in his side.

Clive McKie Farmer, has gone to
Beaumont for a visit, that will give

Eviotte a little rest. May, is
pitiful, she has hardening of the
artieries and she can't think very
clearly and that's a burden on
Eviotte.

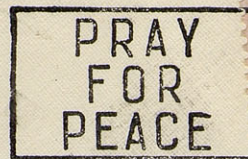
Laura Holcombe, is in Mass visiting
her daughter.

I don't know when I'll ever finish
my book of Stringtown, I can't
write long at a time. A.R. is
going to get it printed for me
at Corpus University and it
won't cost me so much.

I'm happy that you are able
to go and enjoy yourself - and
not stay home and rust out.
I'm going as long as I'm able to
creep.

With lots of love
Gon

224 North St.
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St,
Abilene Texas.

Dear Julia - I've been
trying to write you, but I've
been too nervous.

I'm sure you heard that
my precious sister just
didn't wake up Dec. 13th -
A wonderful way to go, but

such a shock to Olive
and me. I do hope we both
go the same way.

No body knows how very
much I miss Eva. She was
so good to me.

This is a lovely place.

The people are so nice.

But there's no place like home.
I didn't dream I'd ever have
to leave my home. The house
is just closed for the present.

My nieces are all so sweet
to me, but they are too far away
to come often. It's hard for
me to write, so goodnight.

Elvira joins me in love
to you - May -

P.S. Have you heard That
Clinton Rylander passed
away a few days ago? He had
been sick some time -

Golden Age Home,
Lockhart, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart,
2142 Grape St.,
Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. H. C. Withers
517 West Hopkins Street
San Marcos, Texas

224 N 1st Wednesday.

Dear Julia:-

Just a note to tell
you that Evotter McKie, passed
away Monday night in her
sleep. When May went in
about eight o'clock Tues.
morning to light her fire
she found her.

She must not have been gone
long, because she was still
warm. I believe I wrote
you she had been sick

several weeks with a virus.
Monday she had Krays made
at the Dr's request. She got a good
report. The Dr told her the Krays
showed nothing wrong.

She phoned and told me the
good news, she said "Now I have
to say in well, the Krays say
there is nothing the matter
with me." It was her heart, all
the girls have gone suddenly,
I was over there all day yesterday
with May and Elvie, they are
pitiful neither capable of caring
for herself, don't know what they
will do. Elvie, has children, they will
have to assume the responsibility
now, here to fore they put it on Eva.
May, has no one, she feels all alone.
If I'm able I'll go to San Antonio
next week to

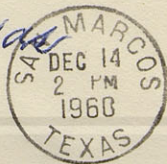
spend the holidays with Haze
it will be sad for us all, Jay,
was always the life of the
party - Stanna, isn't well
she has lost interest in every
thing and every body -
Thank you for telling Alice G.
about my book, she called me
by phone and ordered one -

I want to get this in the
mail box before take up time
so must hurry -

Lots of love and best wishes
for the Yuletide.

Joe

224 North St.
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.

Abilene, Texas.

I'm bitter today, got my feet
~~wet~~ going out to the plane and
they were like ice all the way to
S. A. Clanton Rylander
passed away Tues. and was
buried Wed. in Pasadena, Texas.
Henry & wife, Medie, Ivin and Mary
went down to the funeral.

We are dropping off one by one lately
three within six weeks.

May Withers, is in the Methodist
Golden Age home in Lockhart, and
seems very happy there.

I have orders for 182 books, eight
curses. Last Tues. some one knocked
on my door, I was lying on the couch, and
I said Come in. The door opened and in

1/7/61
Dear Julia:-

I hope Santa was
as good to ~~you~~ as he was to
me. I spent the holidays
with Hazel, it was sad. But
Hazel, did fine, the weather
was so bad we didn't get out
much. Mon. after Christmas
day, I flew to Corpus, had a nice
visit with A.R. and family, as
well as getting the details for
my book attended too.

I came home Mon. P.M. of this
week, ~~with~~ without any voice

stepped a strange woman, she said
she wanted to order five books. We
talked a little about Stringtown, then
she said when I lived in Dallas, one of
my neighbors and a dear friend, said she
was born in Stringtown. I said who
was she? She replied Mrs. Medie Duggan
who lived with her daughter Mrs. Julia Hart.
I said they are my sister and niece -
at that she grabbed and hugged me.
She is a Mrs. Adkerson, she lives
in Wimberly now, she said lots of
nice things about you and sister M.
I had a Christmas card from Fannie
Owen Walker. She only signed her
name. Thank you so much for
the lovely card you sent me, I
received 135 cards.
With love and best wishes for 1961
Love Joe





Mrs. Julia C. Hart.
2142 Grape St.
Abilene Texas.

224 North St.
San Marcos, Texas.



Jan 2

Dear Aunt Julia,

Thank you very much for the Christmas Card. I didn't get it till Christmas day when I visited my Aunt in Wills Point.

I'm staying in Van, now with my husband's parents. He is still stationed in San Antonio but is supposed to be discharged Jan 17 to attend college.

I am working in the bank in Van. I like it very much except I'd love to stay home with my new baby daughter.

Ronald and I have rented a house and are gathering furniture for it. We will be so glad when he gets back in school.

I hope you had as nice a
Christmas as we did. I
want to wish you a new year
full of happiness and good
health.

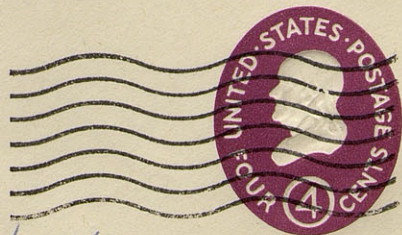
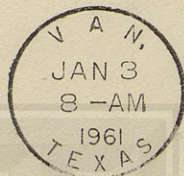
Let us hear from you.

Love,

Dickie

P.S. Robert is in Wills Point
with the Smiths. He is a senior
in high school. His plans are
to attend North Texas State
at Denton - Business major.
He has really grown up -

Vicki Tankersley
Box 295
Van, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Arlene, Texas

Tankersley

San Marcos, Texas
Jan. 3rd 1961-

Dear Julia:-

Well you certainly are an early bird if you are up and down so many things that early. May children from San Antonio came over, Lillian brought all the turkey dinner with its trimmings it was delicious I had cake and boiled sweet for desert, we had a warm sunny day that was welcome and a joy, This has been a beautiful day too. Gae came home this afternoon, she did not look as well as I expected Hazel brought her, I only saw them a short time. I felt along some of the time, The McKip house closed Henry Kyle & wife went to see their daughter in Kentucky. Medif Kyle is in Dallas so Laura Holcomb & children were the only close relatives in town except Irvin Rylander and wife & children he was on a hunt most of that time. I got a good many cards but did not send any I can't do things as I once did Julia and having to depend on some one else, I do not do it unless very necessary.

May Withers is at the Golden Age Home in Lockhart and Olive still in Beaumont, went to be with her children for Xmas. Gae told me this afternoon that she had a letter from Olives daughter and she has been quite sick, she expects to go to the Golden Age Home when she comes back, May is very much pleased and I am so happy she is, May was my favorite of the three girls, My daughter in Oregon called one Wed. night they tried to ring us all day Christmas

but the line was so congested with calls they never
could get through the call. Julia, I am so glad you are
still very active and can go where you want to, I can
not do it any more and it is very inconvenient, so
many things don't get done as I do not want to be a
nuisance. My children and relatives remembered me
very generously and I am so grateful. Dear Mildred
Nilson in Idaho even sent me something, she seems such
a sweet person. Clanton Rylander grows weaker all the
time, have a nurse with him, now he surely can't last much
longer. Laura Holcombe has gone to Louisiana, don't
think I spelled that right but hope you know what I
mean, Her oldest daughter Glenn, lives there,
she will stay a month. This was a holiday and it has
been a long one. I guess school will open again in
the morning they have had a long vacation for Xmas.
You spoke of Dad's church what church does she attend?
Well Julia, it seems I can't spell or half see to write
so I must close before you are disgusted.

Lots of love, may the New
Year hold many Blessings for you
and yours and be a happy one.
Aff Alva

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Monday night

Dear Julia,

I trust you will forgive me for not writing sooner to answer your question about your name of Claudia. I really do not know where sister Medie got it, perhaps admired the name, you seldom hear the name and I wonder why. She named me Alma, when I was born she asked Maiea to name me for her, she said well, I do not want two girls by the same name, and that's where I got my name. There are no other relatives of those two names that I know about. We had a beautiful day of sunshine today it was welcome as it has been misting for a week or more.

I don't know any news and
see very few people, as I stay so
close home, I am so deaf and
eye sight so dim that home
is the best place for me.

I trust you had a Happy Xmas.
and I hope the New Year will
bring you many many
blessings.

Dearest love

Alma

cold and sun shining

this morn - Tuesday -

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Tuesday night
April 11th 1961

Dear Julia:-

I was happy to have your letter and ^{to} know you are
fine and Ed improving I hope, it continues that way.
We are having cold days right along, I have fine part of
every day, I have to keep comfortable, we need rain, had a
few showers but they don't help the farmers. Mildred & hus-
band came, but their visit was so short it seems like a dream.
They went on to Washington from here ^{to} a big DAR meeting
and Mildred, studies, talks, thinks and sleeps thinking of the
work. Of course I was glad to have them come but when they
leave I certainly feel alone in the world. Being well and
able to mix with people makes friends of course, as I can't
do that now I some times wish I could pass on. I too
recd. many Easter cards which I enjoyed. Yes Bob is
home now she only staid in San Antonio a week, they are
quite busy on the book now and she needs to be home
to answer her mail, her hand and arm still hurt her
but she keeps on going. The McKip sisters are well and
getting along very well, Clint can't write but Maunie
can with all effort, I certainly miss them more & more.
I think Maunie is going to sell her house, she will never be
able to live there now and I hope she can do it soon.
I had an Easter card from Mildred Wilson of Idaho had
not heard from her for quite a while. Hallie Malou Storey
wrote Bob that the examination that Reg her brother had

recently in Temple Texas was not so good, he wrote me
he was having the examination but he thought he
had nothing to worry about, he had the operation a
year ago and had gone back to have a check up. Our
ranks are thinning, just a few left in each family, the
Rylanders are holding out better than any I think
there are still 8 of them living.

I have a friend in the hospital now with shingles over
her head, I certainly pity her, even tho her sister said she
was getting along very well, I read an article recently
by a very eminent physician stating there was no
known cure for shingles, and Dr Samell here says you
never get over them, and I know you don't, for I
am never easy and free of pain only when asleep.

Well dear I have rambled on and said little, but always
remember I love you dear and think of you often.

With fondest love & good wishes
Off - Alice

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Sunday night
Apr. 23rd 1961

Dear Julia:-

I always look forward to your letters, even tho' short. I am happy to be remembered. This has been a long lonely Sunday, every day will seem alike when the hot weather comes, I am really wondering how I am to live through them, few come, and no one tingers. I don't mean to complain, but I miss the McKie sisters more and more. Joe ask me to tell you she will write where she can, is on the run trying to get her book out, she has had so much help from so many I don't understand her attitude. They are about ready to print the last part, of course mailing them will be a job, but I guess she will have plenty help. We are needing rain badly, the weather is so changeable. Sorry Julia, I do not know the nature of Reg's operation, but he has been going to Temple for years and I think he has had more than one operation. Rex and Rector both are fine now, he wrote me where in Temple last, that he went to see Hallie, said she was fine, had six boys and all doing well, all married except the youngest, one lost his wife recently, had no children. I am so glad Ed is improving and also Virginia, and they came to see you.

Mildred & husband love the life they are living I do not know where she gets it. Doug was a house body and I always have been, but if that's the way they want it, it suits me I never meddle. The grass

is so green now and trees putting on their dress of green it makes us feel Spring is really here - I have no outside work, Mrs Linnell keeps the yard very nice. I am not able to work with flowers any more. Joe was in Lockhart last week said May Withers was well, but had lost considerable weight, bkie was fine. May wants to sell her home and I hope she can, a vacant house goes to rack in a very short time. There are lots of vacant houses since the Field closed here.

The hospital seems to keep full of sick people, even if you have a fair in your town you generally need rep in the hospital, we generally have relatives or close friends there. The last letter I had from Lillian, Paul was better and having some new teeth made, I think he will continue to improve if the weather gets settled.

I trust you keep well, and keep on going if possible I am so happy you can.

Pardon this letter I did not have a bit of news to tell you, have rambled on & said little, so will close

With a heartful of love
to you and yours
Aff Anna-

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grafer Street
Abilene, Texas.

Mar. 18th 1961

Dear Julia,

I was happy as usual to have your letter, so glad you are well and Ed getting along well, I certainly hope that he will continue to improve and he will be as good as before. This has been a beautiful day bright & sunny & I had fine most of the day while others were in summer attire. Joe went to Lockhart this afternoon with a friend and went to see May Withers and Eliza Farner. May was not so well a few days but all right now. I miss her more than I do Eliza, she is a much sweeter person, however I guess Eliza's ^{past} troubles have not helped her disposition.

Am happy that you have had such good news from your grand daughter. Her father's good luck hope he makes the most of it, and I am sure he will.

I have not heard from Maude. Freda either Freda has been at her sons for two weeks or more, is home now, she visits Joe but rarely comes to see me. I'll assure Maude she will never get over shingles if she had a bad case. Lillian sent me a clipping from a very noted Doctor, he said there was no known cure for shingles, of course the sores get well but the pain stays with you. I never hear from any of Bro. Roberts children except his daughter Kate Blaine. She writes about once a year, is a very sweet person tho' has stopped to see us several times where she goes to the valley to visit her nieces. Will has his second wife but has never had any children, Sam is the only one that had several children.

You are certainly stepping out from your

letter keep it up, and I hope you never have
any thing to wreck your life like shingles wrecked
mine. Lillian and Paul gave me a surprise last
Tuesday morning by coming over. Their visits
are short, they come late and hang around two
thirty as Paul has to rest and if they do not go
early the sun is in their faces all the way home.
Had a letter from Reg Malou thanking me for some
data I sent him on the family, he lives in Calif
but was in Temple for a check up on an operation
he had a year ago, I don't know his reason, but
he always comes to Temple Texas for the operations
he has had. If my eyes hold out and the weather
do not get me down, and you would like some of
the family record I will send you some, I would
not call it a family history but I would give you
Papa & Mamma's birth, where they married and the
names of their sixteen children and who each one
married, and the number of their children. I feel
sure you do not know, now if you do not care for
it don't hesitate to say so, it won't hurt my feelings.
I have made one for Laura Rylander Holcomb -
Julia, you are the only niece that writes me except May
Withers and she only sends a note as she can't write much
and you will never know how much I appreciate your
letters so keep on writing me and keep me going, for people
soon quit coming when you can't go, and I surely know.
I hope you can read this and write again I love you
dear and always remember that
off Alma

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



PRAY
FOR
PEACE

Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas.

Friday
May 12, '61

Dear Julia: -

I hope you will forgive me for waiting so long to answer your letter, I have had so many letters acknowledging orders for Stringtown that my arm is acting up again. Last week I mailed out cards to all the Colleges and Universities in Texas, they had to be addressed, I had them printed. I still have some to do, had to have more printed. I have 281 orders to date, I'm well pleased especially where I've done practically no advertising. I hope to be ready to mail them by the middle of June.

The delay was on account of trying to locate as many pictures of the 18 original pioneers as possible. I have 30 photographs, besides the illustrations. I want the pictures especially to show the styles of that era - some are precious. Yours will be among the first to be mailed. I hope you won't be disappointed in my humble effort to put over some of the things that have lingered in my memory for years.

None of brother Roberts' children seem to care about their relatives of long ago. Kate and her husband were here when I was in the midst

of writing, she asked a few questions
but never express a desire for one.
I never heard from Sam, but I don't
care, I don't want any one to buy a
book; on account of me.

May Kyle has been here on a visit
she looks well, but says she can't
remember, says Charlotte won't believe
she can't remember things, says she
puts on, well, she may live to be
old and can't remember some day.
Florence Joiner, had a bad heart attack
a few weeks ago, she is out of the hos-
pital, but not allowed to have
company - she hasn't been well for
a long time, she missed her hus-
band for five years before he passed on,

Sister Alma is getting real feeble,
I'd go crazy if I stayed shut up in the
house with all the shades down
day after day, with no T. V. or radio for
company. I hope and pray I never give
up and rust out.

I had to go to San Antonio for a few days
the first of May, to see about the book.
Hazel, is so wonderful to me, I thank God
every day for my girls. H. is coming
Sunday for Mother's Day.

With lots of love and a happy
Mother's Day to you.
Gor.

Mrs. Zora M. Talbot
224 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas.

San Marcos, Tex.
March 29th 61

Dear Julia:-

Was so glad to have your letter and have the good news about Ed's improvement, hope it continues, sorry however to know Vada & Rose have flu hope its in a light form, glad too that Virginia is better. I have heard of no flu here but I hear very little of what goes on as I am so close home all the time. Gal went to San Antonio last Sunday expects to be gone a week, I see so little of her of course I have gotten used to it, as long as she is well I don't worry. Yesterday was plain hot and to day I have had fire, the weather is a lot like people, it is so changeable. Julia, I don't know a great deal about Oliver's trouble, but she hasn't had an easy life, she & her husband separated, they had a school and he was away a good deal drumming up scholars it was as I understood a business course, I heard he fell for another woman and that separated them, to him continued to teach until she had a slight stroke and never fully recovered, her left arm is useless and her speech is also affected, however she walks all right. Keep this to your self I don't want it to go further, I am always so sorry for a woman that is treated that way. Glad you are close to a church and can go, if I was able to go I would attend the Presbyterian that is very close to me, that's my choice any way after the Methodist.

Julia, after reading your letter I remembered that

you had some of the family record, and much more than I fixed for Laura or Reg. Clayton Malone and wife came by to see me yesterday, had been to Denton Texas to see his son & wife they have a baby. Clayton's health is not good, his wife is much younger but very sweet and lovable, their little daughter is in Austin attending the University, I think she finishes this year. Yes Julia, I certainly remember our visit to Sequim and often think of it, we had no cares or worries then but I have had my share since, however, my married life was very happy, but the way since then has been long and rugged, but I am very very thankful to day for my blessings, much better than I deserve I am sure.

Julia, I too think we are very much alike, you are very dear to me and your letters mean more to me than any I receive except my childrens, so please, please do keep our writing I need your love. Am expecting my daughter Mildred & husband from Oregon this week and I am feeling wretched and afraid I will get little out of it as it is only for a night & day. Guess Lillian & Paul will be here too Friday for the day. Glad you keep well and keep on going make most of your good health, when lost you rarely find it again. - Hope you can read this and excuse all errors.

Love & love to you & yours
A. J. - Alva

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Sunday night
Jan. 15th 1961

Dear Julia:-

I was so pleased to have your letter, Our weather has been so miserable most of the time if you went anywhere it was in the rain. The last three days have been beautiful sunshined and like medicine to aching bones. Paes oldest daughter Rudolph and husband have been in San Antonio the last few days, Johns brother is quite sick, they operated Sat. found it to be cancer and they sewed him up and did not operate said it would do no good.

We cant grieve for Blanton he suffered so much before he passed away but he was prepared to die, so he is at rest.

I am so glad you are able to go. Keep it up as long as you can it will help you to stay young and happy. Paes Rudolph and Hazel drove over to the Golden Age Home in Lockhart this afternoon, they said it was really lovely in every respect and Mamie and John are both happy there. The Baptist church here have a new preacher so they had a big crowd to day. I am just down the street from the church and also close to the Prespeterian church. Well I did not know sister Medie made boif custard at Christmas too, we always had it as far back as I can remember. Lillian loves it but never makes it for herself. Paul never eats a desert of any kind. I am

very fond of boil chestard, but I never liked the
whiskip flavor.

If you could see my room full in every
corner you would think I was getting ready to
moo, you know small apt. have few closets
and very shallow ones. Well another New Year
is with us I wonder how many of us will live
to see it out. There is a funeral nearly every
day and some times two, most of them old
people. I surely will be happy when Laura
Holcombe gets back she was to stay a month
and only two weeks of it has passed.

My eyes are getting so bad I can scarcely
see to do many things that needs attention,
but I hope to be able to live here until I pass
away for I do not want to be in any bodys way.
Well Julia I hope you can read and this
letter will make sure, seems I am off base
to night, but dont forget I love you and
need your letters. May you have a good
night's rest and be ready to welcome another
new day with Gods blessings, and my prayers
and love - Aff Alua.

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Arlene, Texas.

Tuesday night
May 9th 1961

Dear Julia:-

As usual I was glad to have your letter, am a few days late writing, but have not felt so well and am really tired to night, Laura Holcomb took me to town this morning, I have been wanting to go so long to see about some chairs I wanted and needed to have reupholstered, I feel a load is lifted off of me, they have to order materials do not know where the job will be done, the chairs are both "hair bones" and I am really hoping they do a good job. I did not realize I had so little strength, there is nothing sadder to me, than old age and not able to do what you want, and have to depend on some one else, goodness only knows what I would do without Laura she is so sweet and good to me. We are still having dry weather it is getting very distressing, the farmers are certainly hard hit, it is still quite cool mornings, I had fire this morning. Yes I am sure you remember our "trundle bed days" we had no cares then and life seemed a dream, compared with to day, however I do not say that to complain but it could be so much worse, I thank the Lord every day for my blessings. Paul has good days and bad ones however he is a good patient. Mildred wanted them to meet them in Hot Springs for

the baths but their washing machine broke down
and they had to buy a new one, and with Paul's new
teeth they could not make it, and it's just as well.
Julia, you are the only one of the nieces that writes
and I surely appreciate it. I believe I wrote you
that May Kyle was here about a week, she enjoys
coming back and seeing old friends, she looks fine
but is deaf and forgetful and no doubt has a lone-
some life. They are printing the last part of Zoe's
book however do not know how much longer
it will be. So glad Ed continues to improve, and
glad you continue to go and have a good time keep
it up, I trust your good health continues many
years, shingles wrecked me, and I continue to suffer.
Our old friends and relatives around here are
getting as scarce as "hen's teeth" that of course is
an exaggeration, but expresses it just the same.
I am really distressed about my eyes, nothing
seems or looks the same, so I hope you excuse
all errors and correct them as tokens of my
love to you and yours for you are indeed
very dear to me. May you have happy
dreams to night and wake with your
usual good health. - of -

Olivia -

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

Monday
Apr. 23, '62

Dear Julia:-

Just a note to let you know
Sister Alma is in the hospital.
Lillian and myself took things
in our hands last Fri. and called
a Dr. she bucked like a mule, but
we knew she wasn't responsible.

When the Dr. took her blood count
it was so low it hardly registered
the same when he took her tempera-
ture, he said she must go to the
hospital. She said she wouldn't go.
he said "well I can give you a shot and
take you any way. so she gave in.

She wasn't so well yesterday, she
won't eat. so she will never be
able to come back and do for herself.
I don't think she will ever get up.
she don't want to live and make no

effort to help herself and says no one
loves or cares for her. I feel so sorry for
Sillian. Her husband isn't doing well
and she is torn between the two -

If you don't hear just know she is still
here. I have my hands full as well
as my heart. Beebie was so sweet and
did every thing to help and be pleasant.
Ivoin Rylander was operated on a week
ago today in Houston, he isn't doing well
either. I hope you had a nice

Easter, Hazel, Marilyn & her husband
came & brought lunch. we all went to
church. I took your letter out Sat. &
read to Alma, she said for me to write &
say she was sick and to pray for her.

If you write her send it to me as she can't
read it. Will you drop Hallie Stone's note
and let her know, I have so much to do
Thank - Love you -



Mrs Julia C. Hart
3142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas.

254 North St.

San Marcos, Tex



Tuesday.

Dear Julia:-

I was happy to receive your letter today, so glad you could go see Maude. We all worry about her being alone, but its like Alma we can't do anything about it, both think they dont need any one to stay with and do for them.

I told Stama what you wrote, said she didn't remember she owed you a letter, some days she can't remember much of anything except her pains and aches.

Physically she is stronger than I am but mentally she is growing worse every day. but it makes her bad if you say she shouldn't try to stay there.

I feel sorry for Lillian, Mildred goes to Washington on D. C. R. business and she is coming by on her way home to see her mother, ^{next month} she doesn't have the

patients with her mother, like
Lillian does.

Cousin Henry Kone's oldest daughter
Earnestine's husband Bailey Cantrell
died last Thurs. in Temple
and was brought here Sat. and
buried in the Pitts cemetery in
Stratigtown. He was operated on
the week before for ulcerated stomach
and was doing fine, his heart could
not stand the strain.

After the funeral Florence Joiner
had the joy kin to come to her house
for sandwiches and coffee and get ac-
quainted with them. Their home is
in Lampasas. She and her sister
both have nice families.

Helen, her sister is a widow and is
a house mother at the girls dormitory
at Southwestern University, she has
one son and he is pastor of the Methodist
church in Georgetown.

Its ashame we have to have a death to
get acquainted with our relatives -
We had a terrific dust storm and
high wind Sat. it almost blew us
down at the cemetery - its so dry -
How is Campbell now?

Hazel is retiring next month after
twenty years working for "uncle Sam".
I hope she wont be bored staying
home - however she leave for Europe
June 27th so she will be getting

ready for that.

Rudolph writes they have had the
worst winter in years, they are
both fine.

With lots of love
Gon.

Mrs. Zora M. Talbot
224 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.

Abilene, Texas.

San Marcos Texas
Mar. 27th / 96

Dear Julia:-

I havnt any news but hope you are well and able to go and enjoy life all along the way. This has been a bright sunny day but we are needing rain, as the cold snap killed every thing that had peet out. This has been a long lonesome day may have many many more. Gospect a good part of the afternoon with me, she looks real well and able to go where ever she cares to. Mildred & husband will be coming by to see me in May they are going to Washington, she keeps very busy but likes it. Lillian & Paul are down on the coast, they like it down there but dont fish much. Laura Hooker told me this afternoon that Tom Fourqurean wasnt doing so well, Sue has had a hard life he never will be better and I wish he could pass on, so she could have a little rest and perhaps pleasure as she has been so closely confined taking care of him and trying to make a living, she is a

good sweet person and never complains.
May Withers & Oliver Farmer are getting
along fine at the Home in Lockhart.
I am not much account anymore, but
thankful I can live alone and do for my
self. Joe went to a funeral in the Pitts
cemetery in Stringtown last week one of
our Henry Hones daughters lost her husband
the Hones continue to live there, but I am
so thankful Bro. Ward bought, carved and
paid for a grave lot in the City Cemetery
in San Marcos and gave it to mamma. He
moved Bro. Sam & Daves bodies from out
there and we have not buried there in many
years. I have a horror of the cemetery ceme-
teries that are soon abandoned and grow up
in weeds. I am so glad you keep well and
can go, keep it up as long as you can -
I hope you and your children and families
keep well and happy. This is a poor letter
but the best I can do. With kindest love
and good wishes to you and yours
off - Anna

MRS. ALMA COMBS
215 North Street
San Marcos, Texas



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas.

Monday

June 1, 1964

Dear Julius:-

Thanks for Campbell's new address, I hope it won't be long before he has completely recovered.

I returned home May 23rd after five wonderful weeks vacation. Nagel and myself left here April 20. we spent the first night at Ft Stockton - the next night in El Paso, where we visited with Will's sister Blanche McKamy & husband, had supper with a cousin of Jay's - he and his wife were lovely to us.

We left our motel early next morning and arrived at Evelyn's house at 11:30. We remained with our children two weeks, Rudolph flew out and spent the last week in Tucson, then we went to Phoenix on Thurs. and spent two nights and a day with a dear friend -

From there we left on Sat and visited Hoover Dam then on to Las Vegas Nev. my! what a place, glad I saw it, but once

is enough. Rudolph flew back to Okla. City from there, we hated to give her up, we all had so much fun together, but business called her home.

Nazal & me left R. at the air port and hit the road for Grand Canyon. that is beyond discription, we saw the sun set, rise, and high noon and all were beautiful and wonderful.

From there we went over the snow covered Hoffs Pass another grand sight. on to Creede Colorado where Nazal had a cottage she was trying to sell, she knew she would never use it since Japs gone. she had luck so we left for Durango where we spent the night. left early next A. M. for Santa Fe New Mexico where we spent the night. Next day we went to Ballenger Tex spent the night and to San Antonio next morning.

I looked so hard and the glare was so hard on my eyes, I stayed there until I could get me some new glasses which I'd needed a long time.

I forgot to say while in Tucson we had one day in Nagales Mexico of course that wasn't new to me as I've been in Mexico ~~while~~ many times while R. lived there, but I was on this trip to see every thing I could, it didn't cost me a penny only the cards I sent - my girls gave me the trip. I kept well and enjoyed every minute I was away. We traveled over 4,000 miles in N. Am. and was in five states and old Mexico - but my little apt. looked good to me.

Ok have had good rains here since I returned, we surely needed it, every where we went it was dry dry dry we were given a ticket at Grand Canyon asking to conserve water as it was so scarce, the Colo. is lower than ever known ^{water} was was shipped in.

When I returned home I had a letter from Kate Malone Elam awaiting me, saying her husband John Elam passed away May 10th had a bad cold and developed Pneumonia - he had asthma too and

after a week his heart couldn't take it.
he died one month from the day Sam was
buried. Of course she is in shock now
said she would remain in her home
in Lamesa, none of her family live
close to her, said she had a lot of
kind friends.

One by one our family is leaving this
old sinful world, not many left -
I know you are weary of this rambl-
ing letter. my pen gave out too, so
I'd better stop

With lots of love

Go.

MRS. ZORA M. TALBOT
224 North Street
San Marcos, Texas 78666



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas.

Sunday
12 - 13 - 64.

Dear Miss Julia:-

Was so sorry to hear of your accident. But thankful you had no broken bones. Annabelle wrote me about it.

Ed looks very well, but can hardly walk or at times talk. Eats very well. Seldom complains of his condition.

Milton Harris & his new wife seem so happy, they went down to Mr. Will's & did over the kitchen & some of the rooms. Miss Bess isn't very well, but Mr. Harris is still just like a "cricket." still goes to town - big trouble is deafness. Hope you are feeling better and enjoy Christmas & New Year.

Truingly, Bessie.

MRS. E. E. FAGG
Box 337
San Saba, Texas



Mrs. Julia Hart.
2142 Grape St.
Abilene,
Texas.

September 1, 1964

Dear Aunt Julia,

Happy birthday, dear one! Mother tells me that September 6th is your special day, and I do believe you are going to be about 90 or 91 years old! Congratulations, and may God bless you with good health and much happiness in the years to come!!!!

Just returned from a weekend visit with Mother and Dad in Great Falls, and they are both pretty well and far too busy with grandchildren. But I guess that busy folks, are happy folks.

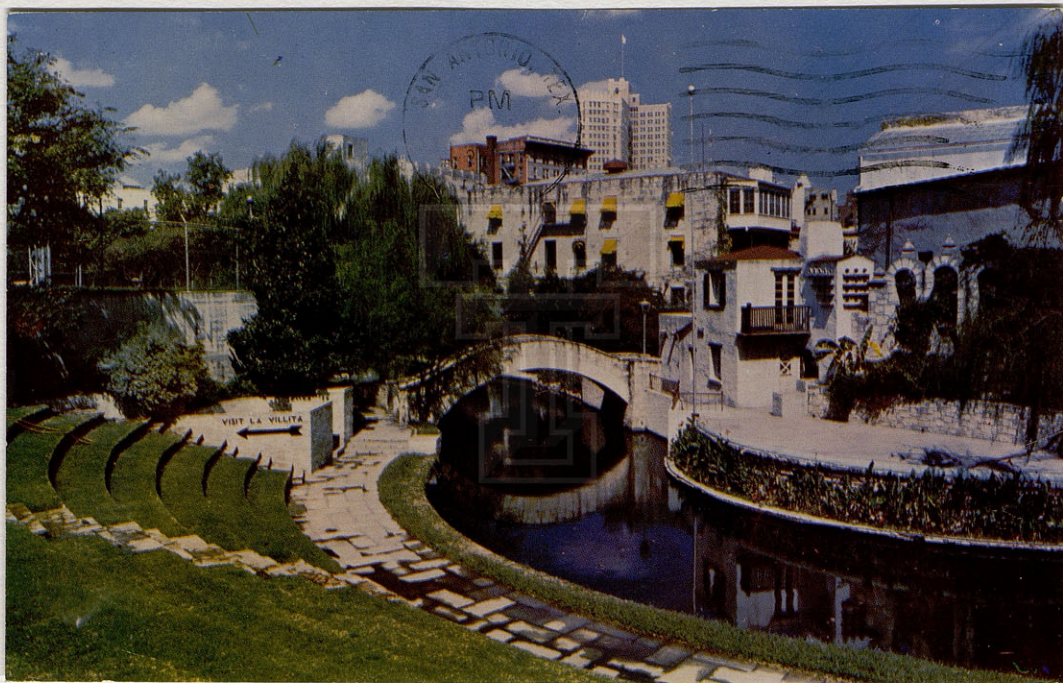
While there we enjoyed looking at some marvelous pictures that Aunt Abby had taken two years ago while visiting in our part of the country. Aunt Abby is a marvelous photographer, and talented in so many, many ways. Understand she has resigned her job as librarian and is in business for herself as a genealogist. Isn't that fine!!!

Sorry to learn that Uncle Campbell is not at all well. Believe he has lead a very unhappy life from the sketches I have heard.

Hope you'll enjoy a beautiful Texas autumn and winter. And again, a most happy, happy birthday to you, Aunt Julia, and many happy returns of your very special day!

Always, your loving niece,

Bernice

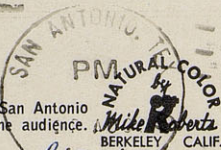


Aug. 22-1964

RIVER THEATRE

San Antonio, Texas

A beautiful open air theatre, with the San Antonio River winding between the stage and the audience.



Hi. R. came down on business and I came over to be with her here at the St. Anthony Hotel. Hi daughter & two boys are at her house and she had no room. Marjorie's husband has been transferred to Germany he is the one she and the boys leave by plane Thurs. They will be gone four years. R. leave for home Tues. she has burn pick while here. I'll go home the last of next week after all the folk are gone. Give Mr. & Mrs. Farmer. is still very low. Don't you take care he would ruin you crazy. Love
Gor & Rudolph.

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Mrs Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.

Abilene

Texas.

June 1, 1964
29 North Benton
Helena, Montana

Hello! We need your help in making a very special occasion a memorable and successful one for our beloved parents. June 19th marks the 40th wedding anniversary for Mildred and Howard Wilson.

It occurred to us that you, and all of our friends and relatives, might enjoy sending personal wishes in the form of a letter or card to congratulate Mildred and Howard. If so, please use Steve's business address, as follows, and we'll deliver your message along with others, all in one delightful bundle:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Wilson
1626 10th Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59401

The date to aim at is June 19, 1964. We hope that you too think it would be fun if they were deluged with messages, cards and wishes from good friends and loved ones on their 40th anniversary!

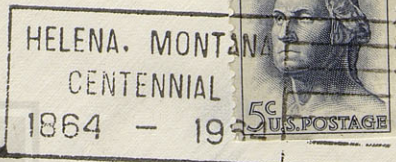
Best wishes to you!

*Hello, dear Aunt Julia!
Hope this note finds you
well & happy. Lovingly,
Bernice*

"The Off-spring"

Bernice Wilson
Jane Wilson Shull
Steve Wilson

29 North Benton
Helena, Montana



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas

11-21-64

Dear Miss Julia:-

Have been intending to send this paper to you for a long time - You more than likely have one, if so maybe some of sweet Mr. Anthony's grand or great-grand might care for the copy.

A friend of John's gave it to him, had asked him, if he being a Texan knew this man. John replied - "He was a close friend of my family." Small world.

Our Mr. Will Harris celebrated his 91st, I believe, the 19th. He

is still active, very thin tho.
Miss Bass is not in good health.

Our two older grand-children
are in College - Tommy doing
Graduate work at Duke (N.C.)

Kathryn a junior at Newcomb.

Know you see or hear from
our Annabelle - she has, so
dear to all of us.

Ed is getting more helpless -
but his mind is still clear -
He is nearly blind, can only
see large objects. Bore his affliction
very well, I think.

Hope this finds you well -

Love from both of us -
Bessie.

Marie G. & Wm. Alston DUGGAN
5918 Sea Cliff Road
McLean, Virginia, 22101
(Telephone: 356-6248)

Saturday, 20 June 1964, 8:40 A.M.

Dear Mother Duggan and Mother Gramling,

Am in a rush, but want to mail letters to you as pass Post Office on way to get my weekly allergy shot & to empty trash, & must get back home to fix place up for Julia's birthday party. 29 invitations were sent out & 26 have accepted, & much work is to be done: grass mowed, outside tables painted, play equipment painted, house cleaned, child's chairs borrowed, party favors & decorations purchased, etc., so forgive my rush.

Caroline Julia, Marie, & I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness & generosity in sending birthday cards and checks to Julia for her birthday. She was thrilled. We will deposit the checks in her savings account for her College Education at the Arlington-Fairfax Savings & Loan Association, where it will draw 4½% interest & be insured by an Agency of the U.S. Government, & microfilm records are kept in undermountain cave in South Carolina so that even in event of destruction of the entire Washington area in a war, the money could later be obtained by filling out a claim form at any post-War Post Office. The account number is F-3683, and it is a joint account for Caroline Julia Duggan or Jewel Marie Duggan or William Alston Duggan or Alice Maud Duggan. We started it with the \$7.00 Uncle Ben G. Oneal gave to Caroline Julia in the hotel in Breckenridge, Christmas 1958, and we have added all gifts of money or checks so generously given to the children by Aunt Cora Maud, Jack, Maryann, and you, and the total is now \$55.00.

When are you coming to visit us? Last night I checked on the direct, non-stop flights from Dallas Love Field to Dulles International Airport and Washington National Airport, with following results:

LINE	FLIGHT	LEAVE	ARRIVE	COST
Braniff	#8 Boeing Jet	Love Field 9:15 A.M.	Dulles 1:57 P.M.	\$77.96 coach each way
American	#58 Astrojet	Love Field 12:45 P.M.	Dulles 5:27 P.M.	\$77.96 coach each way
Braniff	#110 Electra	Love Field 2:30 P.M.	National 8 P.M.	\$65.68 coach each way
American	#690 Electra	Love Field 12:10 A.M.	National 5:40 A.M.	\$65.68 coach each way

NOTE: Due to 2 hours time change between Dallas and Washington, the actual time in flight is ~~2 1/2~~ 2 hours less than shown on above schedule. These flights take off from Dallas and land here with no stops, and the total time in the air is less than 3 hours on the jet flights. Seats recline, so you can rest or sleep. A meal or snack is served. Pillows are furnished. The cabins are pressurized to same pressure as on ground. The Jets take off faster, fly faster & higher than the Electras, and you might check with your doctor and see if he advises the Electra. Otherwise, I would suggest the Jets due to less time in flight and to arrival at Dulles, where each plane is met with a giant "Mobile Lounge" which carries you to terminal, so there is no walking. At National airport there is long way to walk. Let us know when you plan to arrive and we will meet you at any time. These flights go 7 days per week. We have guest bedroom, about 11 x 14 feet, with private bath, large closet, two twin beds with soft springs and innerspring mattresses, & on ground floor. Thus you could both come at same time.

Love,

Dear Uncle Lyle:

I wish to thank you for your generosity in giving mother the \$100 check. I also wish to congratulate you on your business successes. I seem to recall that you several times said that when you put your big deal over you would come to visit us. Now that you have succeeded with your big deal and several others, can't you take off for a vacation and have a little fun out of life instead of working so hard? You are welcome to be our houseguest here as long as you like & sightsee in Washington area, see New York World's Fair, make sidetrips with us to beach, mountains, skyline drive, West Virginia hot baths, Williamsburgh, etc. Marie is off work now & we have 2 cars, so if you come by plane or train we will meet you & drive you around. How about coming in July &/or August? Bring Lois & Cora Maud, if they will come, but if they won't, why don't you fly up anyway. You deserve a vacation.

Dear Vada & Ross & Aunt Julia,
Ordered cartons for your information.
Dad is at Arlington Villa, Box 2500, Arlington, Tex.
& reportedly doing well. How are you all?
Did you get my letter of May 22 with photo & mention of
Eddie Harts visit here, which I sent to Aunt Julia, 2142 2nd St?
Dear Folks,

Marie G. & Wm. Alston DUGGAN
5918 Sea Cliff Road
McLean, Virginia, 22101
(Telephone: 356-6240)
Monday, 15 June 1964

Just a line to let you all know that we are OK but still busy. Nothing new.

Bonnie Brook Private School stopped Friday, and so Alice and Caroline are out for the summer, but Marie still has to work thru Tuesday, as the Fairfax County Public Schools go on thru 16 June. Today and tomorrow the girls are being cared for by our friends, Mr. & Mrs. Brackett, who bought 2101 Old Georgetown Pike, McLean, residence from us several years ago, and so the girls will be on familiar territory. The Bracketts have 3 boys but no girls, and they like for our girls to visit them. Marie is terribly snowed under with getting out 186 report cards, 186 final exams graded, and all the records and red tape, and getting the science labs cleaned up, etc. Marie has worked every evening the past week til after midnight. Saturday night she worked on through to 3 a.m. Sunday. I try to help her by doing the housework, and the girls also try to sweep and clean and make their own beds and put away their own things.

Caroline Julia will be 6 years old on Thursday, 18 June, but we will give her birthday party on Sunday, 21 June, as it will take Marie til then to get the house in order, & we still have the invitations to get out. I'm trying to paint the swings and slide and play equipment, and spent most of yesterday afternoon sanding on the outdoor redwood table to refinish it. I had wanted to get some of the additional sidewalk and patio poured in time for the party, but the 33 bags of cement and the mixer are still under canvas under the carport as I just haven't had the time yet.

I got through my final exams at George Washington University OK, making the highest in the class in the final on "Urban Dynamics" under Dean Woodruff (who is the Dean of the School of Government, Public Administration, & International Affairs, who is also Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, & who teaches the President's daughter) and Norman Beckman, Chief of the President's Special Staff on Intergovernmental Relations (i.e., relations between Federal, State, & Local Governments — especially important now that the Federal Government supplies over 55% of the funds used by local governments, & in turn sets standards. Hence, for example, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Waco, Texas, now advertise nation wide for Chairman of Planning Commission on a merit system because the Federal Government pays the salary of their planning commissions if they hire on a merit system, whereas a few years ago many local governments had no planning commissions, and most local government jobs were political appointments to local people.) These two contacts should be useful, and may lead to my transferring over to some other federal government job in the field of planning or intergovernmental relations. They gave me an extension on my term paper til 1 July, so I still have a lot of work to do to get in my term paper. The other course, Advanced Administrative Management, was more difficult, as the instructor, although an experienced executive with highlevel experience in both government and business, did not know how to teach. His exams were "cases", that is, hypothetical business problems which we were to propose solutions to, and hence they were not very objective. I also have an extension on my term paper on On-the-Job Training for Executives, which I must complete by 20 July. Hence, any time that I may have for writing will be taken up on these two term papers til after 20 July. After that I will have to get busy on a number of projects in the house & yard: pouring concrete sidewalks, patio, & widening driveway to take two cars; moving fences; burying bomb shelter in back yard, fitting it out as a photo darkroom, & building a screened porch over it; finishing off the basement as a recreation room by tiling floor, panneling walls, & putting in light fixtures & ceiling tile; and of course getting my library in order. The swimming pool behind our house is now open, and Alice and Julia want to go daily, and they are really learning to swim and dive.

Jack, we all thank you for the two boxes of clothing which arrived OK. The girls have had a wonderful time trying them all on and modeling them. They are beautiful and lovely, and we do very much appreciate them. Some fit now but most are a little large, & we will pack them away til next year. Jack, I also thank you for the tip on a job possibility with your firm here in D.C. and will look into it. However, I have just completed 18 years of Federal Government Service, and because of my retirement and insurance benefits it would probably be better for me to remain in federal service til at least the 20 year ~~mark~~ mark. By age 54 I will have completed 30 years of federal service and be eligible for a retirement income of about \$8,000 yearly, and hopefully I will still be young enough to get into a college or university teaching job so that I can spend the rest of my life doing what I want to do & enjoy doing and can do best. By aptitudes I am a teacher, and I should have gone into teaching instead of into intelligence. So, if I can hold out another 12 years I may be in a position to do to what I want to do and still maintain my responsibility to my dependents. But I do want to change from my present job into one with less pressure. My doctor insists that I may not live much longer unless I "change my pattern of living" as he puts it — namely get out of the high pressure, tensions, etc. that I have been under these past 18 years. Hence, I'm genuinely grateful for your suggestions, and I will look into them. I will advise you all soon on my new insurance and retirement package, as there have been some substantial changes since I gave you the data sheet Christmas 1962, and you all will be beneficiaries and should know what insurance and benefits you should make claim for in event anything should happen to me or to my family. Take care of yourselves, and write, Love, W. A.

Aunt Julia, Vada, Ross, Claudia
Copy of letter I sent to Mother, Maryann, John, & Dad,
Eddie Hart had lunch with us on 2 May.
Wednesday, 13 May 1964, NOON

Dear Folks:

I'm still dieting to try to get my weight from 199 pounds down to under 160, and so I'm skipping lunch and will spend the 30-minute lunch period to type this brief note to you all. Marie, Julie, and Alice, and I appreciate your letters and cards, and we think of you daily, and discuss your letters, etc., but we are just so busy that we don't have time to write. I will try to answer your letters and individual questions during June. Right now I'm under PRESSURE, PRESSURE, TENSION, TENSION with more to do than I can do in the allotted time. As you know, I'm taking two graduate courses at George Washington University, leading to a Masters Degree in Public Administration in Urban Affairs, and I'm now faced with two term papers, several book reports, a lengthy "case" (problem) to solve in the advanced administration course, and two final exams to prepare for by 26 May. Also, as you may recall, the United States Government fiscal year begins on 1 July and ends on 30 June, and thus all planning for the next year and all work scheduled for this year must be completed before 30 June. All government agencies that do not spend the money for their budgets by 30 June lose that money, and the next year's budget is automatically lowered, too, and hence there is a very severe penalty for not spending all funds and completing all projects by 30 June. As you know I edit reports, and the various government agencies that write these reports (Departments of State, Army, Air Force, Navy, Commerce, Health Education & Welfare, Census, Labor, & private outside contractors) must get them to my agency by 30 June or be penalized. Although the schedule calls for a regular and orderly production throughout the year, they tend to get behind, and then they rush at the end and dump about half the year's production on us in May and June, usually sloppily done. That puts more editing load on me, plus the pressure to rush the reports on through; hence my office discourages our taking annual leave (vacations) in the summertime, as the pile of reports keeps us very busy til Fall. Hence also pressure for us to donate extra time without pay by working evenings and Saturdays and holidays.

Because of schooldays lost due to heavy snow this winter, the Fairfax County Public schools will run through 16 June, and Marie reports that the children are getting spring fever and vacation fever already. Marie is tired & longs for the end of school. So far she had not been offered a contract for next year, so we don't know if she will be teaching next year or not. There is a lot of politics involved in the local schools in this county.

The private Bonnie Brook Nursery School, which Julie and Alice attend, will let out on 29 May, and hence we will have to make some other arrangements for day care for the girls til 17 June. Next Saturday Julie and Alice will be in a school play, and they are practicing their acts, songs, dances, etc. Alice will wear a Bunnie Rabbit costume. Julie is taking photos with a 49¢ toy box camera that we got for her, and if the photos turn out well we will send them to you. Much work to do in yard and around the house, too. Please keep on writing, and remember that we love you and are thinking about you. Love. W.A.

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Friday, 19 June 1964, Noon $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lunch

Dear Dad,

Alice, Julia, Marie, and I all wish you a very happy Father's Day on Sunday, 21 June, and many more. Alice and Julia talk about you all the time and wish that we could drive to Texas to visit you, and we will all be thinking of you. Unfortunately, neither Marie nor I (and neither of our cars) are in good enough physical condition for a long drive to Texas, and we do not have the financial resources to afford the luxury of plane or train fare to Texas, and I do not have the vacation time this summer. Perhaps next summer we can go down.

Alice and Julia would like to hear your voice, and to hear you tell them stories about your experiences. Could you use a small transistor tape recorder, if we send you one, to record your conversation and voice and stories of your childhood and youth and experiences? If so, I will buy an inexpensive one (some cost as little as \$9.00 here) and mail to you. Then we can send you tape recordings of the girls' voices, songs, plays, etc., and you can make tape recordings to return to us. Also, as an editor and writer, I would like to write short stories or a book based on your life experiences if you would enjoy dictating on the tape recorder short snatches of your experiences, especially in early Texas history, Littlefield, real estate, oil leasing, humorous & serious, etc. which I can someday piece together into some thing publishable, perhaps. Or do you already have access to tape recorder in the Home? If so, what speeds?

Julia was 6 years old on Thursday, 18 June, and was disappointed at not hearing from you. We are planning a birthday party for her on Sunday, 21 June from 3 til 5, and she incloses an invitation to you. She printed all the invitations all by herself.

I also am keenly disappointed that you have ignored and not acknowledged my last letter to you, which I sent about a month ago, inclosing photos of the children and inclosing several air mail cards and envelope for you to use in replying to me. Did something in my letter make you mad at me? It is my opinion that you do have the time and the ability to at least write a note on addressed and stamped cards that I inclosed. Hence, I can only assume that you do not wish to correspond with me. If this is the case, then I will respect your wishes and also cease, except to reply to you when you write to me. In my last letter to you I mentioned Eddie Hart visiting us for lunch, and I inclosed some photos of Eddie Hart. I do hope that you are keeping all the photos that I send to you, because with the Poloroid Camera there are no negatives, and I have no other copies, and someday, after you are through with the photos, I would like to have them back to keep for Alice and Julia. Do you still have the ~~VX~~ Poloroid Photo Album that I gave you when you visited us for you to keep the ~~VX~~ Poloroid Photos in? Is it full yet?

For over a year now I have been paying \$6.85 each month premium for a special hospital and surgical policy for you, and from it I collected almost \$1,000 during your illness, which I sent to Maryann to apply on your expenses. Since January I have also been paying the \$7.50 per month premium on your AARP policy, and handling the claims, and sending the checks to Maryann. I hope that you will regard this as evidence of my love and concern for your welfare. The fact that I am paying these premiums for you will also entitle you to a claim for lifetime payments under the Federal Employees Compensation Act, in case of my death in line of duty, while a federal government employee. Also, in event of my death, the money that I have paid in to my federal retirement fund (about 6% of my salary for 13 years) would provide a lifetime pension for my parents, if my wife and children should not survive me. Further, among my life insurance policies, you are one of the beneficiaries on two (2) policies that would pay a total of \$142,000 in case of my accidental death, or a total of \$17,500 in case of my natural death. Both policies are made out to Marie, Alice, Julia, mother, and you in equal shares or all to the survivors. Thus, if all the others survive me, you would get $\frac{1}{5}$ or \$28,500 for my accidental death, or \$3,500 in case of my natural death. If Marie, Alice, Julia, and I all died in a common accident (as in auto or plane crash) so that they do not survive me, then you and mother would each get half, in which case you would get \$71,000 in case of accident or \$8,750 in case of natural death. Thus I have thought of you and provided for you in my estate and insurance planning, to the best of my ability, along with my responsibility to wife & children.

I hope you realize and appreciate that you are alive on this Father's Day because of what Maryann did for you. In my several phone calls to Dr. Carter, he had given up on you, saying to me: "This old man has had it," and he said that no doctors in El Paso had ever done this type of operation, and he did not think that the operation should be attempted. Thus, you would probably have died in the hospital in El Paso if Maryann had not gone there, transferred you to Dallas, and arranged for specialists to operate on you. Therefore, I beg you to please be kind to her and trust her. She has demonstrated her love and devotion to you, giving up her vacation time, working hard to try to handle your affairs. Jack & I agree that she should have Power of Attorney. She will consult with us on any major decisions. It is our opinion that your El Paso house & the car should be sold, and that your personal effects should be moved to Dallas, and that you should plan to remain in a Senior Citizens Retirement Home where you can have good and proper nutrition, medical care, recreation, therapy, exercises, social life, etc. which you could not have living alone. You may live another 15 or 20 years under these conditions, and I ask you to please try to accept this and adjust to life and learn to enjoy it & have a sense of humor, and to not criticize Maryann. You should also do as much as you can for yourself & not expect to be waited on, and you should take exercises about 5 times daily. The last chapter of the book on STROKES that I gave you explains exercises that you should take. Have you read it? Are you taking the exercises? You must use discipline and self control to force yourself to take these exercises as shown in the book, preferably twice each morning, twice each afternoon, and in the evening before retiring. I hope that you will continue to write to me and that you will realize that we love you and are thinking of you even though we do not have time to write.

Love,

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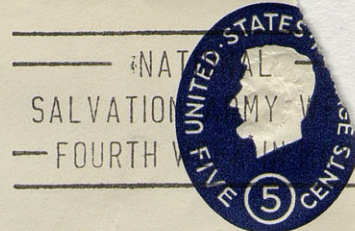
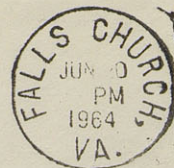
Wednesday, 17 June 1964, Noon Lunch $\frac{1}{2}$ Hour

Dear Maryann,

Inclosed is check for \$84.00 from AARP in payment of claim for Mobley's bill for hospital visits to Dad. They allowed \$5.00 per visit for one visit daily for 21 days and paid 80% of that allowance. Delay was caused by delay in getting his bill to me, by my waiting for reply from you to my suggestion that the Dr. bills were not entirely clear for AARP purposes, by AARP returning first claim as not being clear, & my 3rd visit in person to AARP Headquarters to explain the bill and insist on their payment on basis of a daily visit of 21 days. If you will forward to me receipts for prescription medicine and Doctor bills for visits or treatment, I will promptly take them in person to AARP Headquarters and file claims.

I have been paying the \$7.50 monthly premium on Dad's AARP policy from my own checking account (I did not use the check that you sent) and I intend to do the same for mother if she chooses to take out the AARP policy for following reasons: 1) I wish to make a contribution to care of both mother and dad as long as I can afford to; 2) With AARP Headquarters here where I can go in person to file claims and work out misunderstandings, I can get faster and better service than could be obtained by mail from Texas, and it would confuse AARP to have two or more different people with different addresses dealing with them; 3) As I feel that the AARP policies are good and worthwhile, I want to make certain that they are kept in force, and I could not be certain of this if any ONE other person (Mother, Dad, you) were to have that responsibility solely, as ONE person could forget or overlook or get too busy to keep up the premium payments, whereas here Marie and I are TWO persons, with one desk drawer for bills & insurance premium booklets, & a regular schedule of together making out all checks once per month (or when due, with our "tickler" system), and if one of us forgets or gets too busy or should be ill, the other will do it. Hence, no reflection of you or any one person, but this system of our handling it seems more secure to me because of shared responsibility; and 4) If mother and dad can prove that I have been making some regular contribution to them, they stand a better chance in their claim to lifetime payments in the event that I should be killed in line of duty. Under the Federal Employees Compensation Act, if I should be killed in line of duty, each minor child would get \$50 monthly til age 18, or, if in college, through the college semester in which the child becomes 21 years old; and my surviving wife would get \$425 monthly for life; and my surviving "dependent" parents could also get lifetime payments, based on their claim based on my contributions to them. These, Maryann, are my reasons for preferring to continue to make the AARP payments myself. If you have any better reasons for preferring to do it, please advise me, and I will gladly send you the payment cards and wash my hands of any further responsibility in this matter. I am not simply being ornery and ignoring your request and your wishes, as you appear to have done concerning some of my requests, questions, & wishes.

Reference your recent letter on Power of Attorney & copy of same & request that I comment: In my opinion the Power of Attorney as you have had it drawn up is excellent, but has 3 possible gaps which should be closed by 3 additional provisions, or if already signed by Dad, by 3 added supplementary provisions: 1) To provide for alternate person to handle in case you should be unable or unwilling to serve for any reasons; 2) To provide for broader or shared responsibility for decisions on major matters by calling for approval or concurrence of others so that you would not feel & could not be blamed or accused in any way & so that you could have advantage of knowledge and advice of others; and 3) To provide for voluntary record keeping and audit of others, as common good business management practice and as safeguard so that you could not be blamed or accused. I do not have the document before me, & I'm dashing this off in $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour lunch period without notes, and I'm not a lawyer, and hence, I am not suggesting specific wording. But my reasoning is as follows: The purpose of this Power of Attorney is to provide for handling Dad's business affairs as simply and easily and economically as possible for his lifetime, but with maximum safeguards for preservation of his assets. He is strong physically and may live another 15 or 20 years, but due to age and strokes, etc., he may not be in full control of his mental faculties for the rest of his life. All elderly people tend to become suspicious of and to accuse those nearest to them, & hence safeguards are needed to protect the person helping them from undue suspicions and accusations, and to prevent the elderly person from being victimized by some scheming stranger who tries to move in and take over assets. There is no assurance that you or Jack or I will in fact outlive Dad, and yet his needs for this management will go on, even if you or Jack or I cease to live. Every second that you drive in traffic subjects you to a chance of auto accident. You could be killed or incapacitated by accident or disease. You could be transferred by your company to some other State. You might want to change jobs, or take a year off to go to some large university for graduate study. You might want to take a long vacation. You might become ill or have a nervous breakdown, or need temporary relief from Dad's problems in order to avoid a breakdown. Hence, for many reasons, I suggest a provision naming Jack as 1st alternate and me as 2nd alternate in event that you are unable or unwilling to serve for any reason; or changing to make all 3 of us his agents, allowing any one to act alone. If you wait til something happens to you, it might be too late, as by then Dad might not be legally (mentally) competent to name another, or he might be unwilling, or he might be under undue influence of some undesirable person. This provision would also provide flexibility in that it would make it possible for you to act for part of time and for Jack or me to take over and act for part of time, so you could have some relief over next 20 years, and for Dad to live in good home in Dallas area part of year and then change scene to Corpus & later back. 2nd would be simple statement to effect that major decisions involving sale or transfer or change in real estate, oil royalties, & other major assets, etc. would be made after consultation with alternate (or other) named agents. 3rd would be statement that agent will keep records of income & expenses & assets & submit monthly report (copies of records) to alternate (or other) named agents, & that agent will not reimburse self for own expenses until after written approval received from alternate (or other) named agents. These are my comments. Love, W. A.



Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Webb
& Mrs. Julia C. Hart
1535 Ambler
Abilene, Texas

Sunday.

Dear Julia:-

This is a dark rainy after-noon, so I thought I write you a line, I may not get it mailed. We have had all sorts of weather lately, we had a beautiful snow one day, it lasted several hours and dropped three inches in the time. of course the children had a big time, some of them had never seen snow before.

I hope Campbell has recovered ere this, I sent him a card. Woods Kone cousin John Kone's youngest son passed away this last week, he had flu and couldn't keep any thing on his stomach he had a bad vomiting spell and fell back dead his heart couldn't

Seems our relatives are dwindling away fast, young and old.

Hazel was over to see me last week, she comes real often, I don't know what I would do without my precious girls.

Rudolph is doing as well as she can, she is coming as soon as the Estate is settled.

I haven't heard from Mildred, Wilson is a long time, I hope she isn't sick, she is so good about writing.

I'm glad she and Howard have moved to Great Falls and are close to their children. They are not young any more.

I don't know what I'd do if it wasn't for my T.V. I don't keep it on constantly, but enough to keep up with what's going on.

Take it, he was 78 years old he was so sweet and kind everyone loved him.

There is only one boy Guy left of the family, he is in his right mind. I heard Florence Joiner had been to see you, I'm so glad, I surely miss her visits and phone calls. she is lovely to me.

Medie Kyle is home from the hospital, he side hasn't completely healed, little Medie is still here, they have a woman to stay with her in the day.

Spencer Kone's grand daughter who was attending school at the Missouri University had a heart attack and died in her sleep last month, she was eighteen years old and a lovely girl she was an only child. Spencer is Cousin Sam Kone's son.

I especially enjoy it at night
its lots of company - I dont go
any where at night, I'm afraid
of falling and breaking a bone -
I've had my share -

I hope you keep well and enjoy
going, I think you are marvellous
to do all the things you do -

With lots of love -

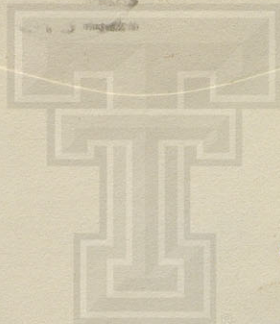
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*Pansies Always Stand
For Thoughts*

Tuesday
Jan. 14, 1964

Dear Julius-

I have thought every day I would get a letter off to you, since I returned from San Antonio, but I have been down in my back and hardly able to get up and down. I went to see my Dr. yesterday he gave me a shot in the triiv and it helped me a lot. I slept last night without any thing to ease me. I had sad news Sun. that upset me terribly - Rudolph's husband John Booth had a heart attack Sun. morning and passed away in a few minutes, she hasn't been well for several months, but he was fine. He traveled for mens shoes and he came home in Wed. not feeling well, Thurs. he went to his Dr. he told him he had had a light heart attack, but if he would go home and rest he would be alright. ®

Sun. A.M. he ate a good breakfast, said he felt better, and wished he could go to church. in two hours he was gone.

I wasn't able to go up there, Hazel flew up Sun. night and will stay with her for awhile.

They both talked with me yesterday.
Rudolph is very brave - its a
cold up there - The funeral was yesterday.
I want to thank you for your
sweet Christmas card.

I hope you keep well all this cold weather, Lotag in for fear I'll fall -

I had a letter from Campbell
but haven't been able to ans-
it, if you write tell him about
R's loss.

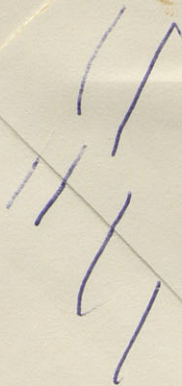
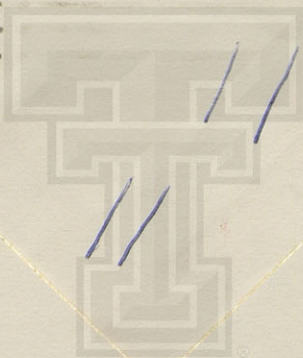
With lots of love
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Friday

Feb. 7, 1964

Dear Julius:-

I have wanted to write you for several days but my old arm and hand have hurt so bad I just couldn't write.

In your last letter you said that Campbell was in the hospital in El Paso but didn't say what his trouble was. I had a note from Alice Gray this week and she said she supposed I knew that C. had been moved to St Paul's Hospital in Dallas, she didn't say what his trouble was. it made me wonder, I hope it isn't serious. I sent him a get well card to Dallas hope he gets it.

Alice said she had sold her big house and was moving to a smaller

be in war most anytime.

I can't remember whether I wrote and thanked you for the sweet birthday card you sent, if not please accept my thanks.

My friends and loved ones were wonderful to remember me with cards, flowers, eats, and gifts, the only trouble now is, these birth days come too often.

I had beautiful cards from Mildred Wilson's daughters, they wrote notes on them, I appreciated their kindness, especially when they have never seen me.

Rudolph writes she is coming to see me as soon as she gets her business fixed up. of course she is very lovely so far away from any of us.

Hazel phoned she was coming over Sunday.

next week, but did not give her new address.

You also said Virginia was in the hospital, but didn't say her trouble. I do hope both are much improved ere this.

From all reports you folk have been having some cold weather, we didn't have any snow, but had a good rain, which we are grateful for.

Medie Rylander Kyle had an acute gall bladder attack Wednesday and was operated on yesterday, they said she was resting comfortably this A.M. had a fairly good night.

Foldine Rylander Jackson is sailing March 17th from Galveston for Greece she expects to be gone until next fall. I wouldn't want to go abroad now, too much unrest every where - it looks as if we may

Keep well and let me know
how your sick ones are -

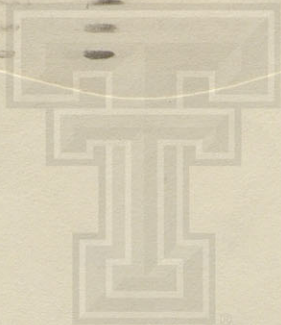
With lots of love

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Wednesday
April 8, 1964

Dear Julius:-

Spring has turned to winter here today and its good to sit by a fire.

I have watched T. V. most all after-noon, seeing the cortage of Gen. McArthur - I couldn't help but wonder if old Trueman's conscience didn't hurt him for the way he sneaked around and dismissed the Gen. in the middle of the night, it should. Mildred and Lillian sister Alma's daughters spent Mon. with me - Mildred is on her way to Washington to a D. A. R. meeting - she and her husband were to leave this morning - Lillian is flying to Virginia Friday to visit a good friend -

you didn't speak of him in
your last letter.

Rudolph has gotten down yet
she was coming the week before
Easter and got sick, then she was
coming Easter and her son
came to see her.

Now they are settling John's estate
and she can't leave.

Medie Kyle is in Dallas with
Medie Donaldson, her side is still
draining. I hope she stays up
there until she is well, she
lives up stairs here and its
hard on her going up and
down the steps.

Wish you could see our wild
flowers, the blue bonnets are
more gorgeous this year than
they have been in years.
Hazel came over and spent Easter
with me.

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While they were here Clayton
Malone came by a while, he and
his wife and her brother had
been to Nebraska to visit their
daughter, Clayton looked better
than he did when I was down there
last Nov.

I had a letter this week from Mildred
Stilson, she said her husband was
so crippled up with arthritis and
suffered so, that he had gone to
Helena with their daughter Bernice
and was going to be operated on,
that the Dr was going in and
scrape the bone, she didn't say
where - it must be his arm or
legs - she said he was in pain
all the time.

She asked about you, said she
hadn't heard from you in a
long time.

Has Campbell gotten well?

Florence Joiner is still in Lebanon
with her daughter, the Dr says
she isn't able to come home, she
writes she is so homesick -

We surely need rain its so dry -
and the cattle pillars are eating
every thing up -

My news is about exhausted
so will close -

With lots of love -

Gov -

MRS. ZORA M. TALBOT
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20 October 1965

Dearest Aunt Julia:

It isn't rudeness, but kindness, for me to use the typewriter instead of writing longhand. I usually write social notes longhand, but with good friends and relatives, I use the typewriter.

Anyway, this is to tell you that I have received two postal cards from you dated Sept. 11. I have been traveling around the country doing research for people, and it took a month to catch up with me. I am presently in Washington, D.C.

It is wonderful that you are so sprightly and well at 92! I sure wish I could visit with you. If only some of my clients needed me to go to Abilene, I could see you!

Alice Gracy has told me how fine you look, and I envy her these visits! I treasure my memories of the delicious Sunday dinners which you would have us over to Dallas for back in the 1930's several years before Little Grandmother died. All my memories of the Duggans and Malones are sweet ones.

Speaking of the Malones, there is a John Riley Malone in Homer, Louisiana, who has been sending me Malone data. I have never met this young man. He got my name somehow, and wrote me. He has a grandmother who was an Elizabeth Pope in Arkansas, and so I wonder if that is where the middle name of Pope came from in some of the Malone family. Do you know? Your grandfather, James L. Malone, stopped off in Arkansas with his father, Robert Malone, on their way to Texas. I have the story of Stringtown that Aunt Zoe Talbot wrote, and I also have a typed copy of the Malone family history as written by Aunt Bee Malone. I have been curious to know why Eliza Pitts had the middle name of Pope, and why she named a daughter Pope. Can you remember why?

I am so busy with other people's genealogy that I cannot take time to clear up my own!

You asked me about Mildred Wilson's address. She has moved several times. They left Idaho two or three years ago, and have been living in Great Falls, Montana with their youngest, Stephen Wilson. Now Stephen has married again, so they have moved again! It is now

2004 5th Ave., South
Great Falls, Montana

My son, Brian, is now in Ankara, Turkey, in the American Embassy. He and his family will be over there from 2 to 4 years. Steve and I visited them and saw them off last July. Our daughter, "Tory" is still in Montclair, N.J., and I have just returned from a good visit with them. All of us are well and happy. Steve was with me, but got bored with my hours doing research, so returned to Fort Worth without me.

Lovingly as ever, Abby

Abby Moran

5125 EL CAMPO AVE. -- FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107



ALWAYS USE
YOUR ZIP CODE

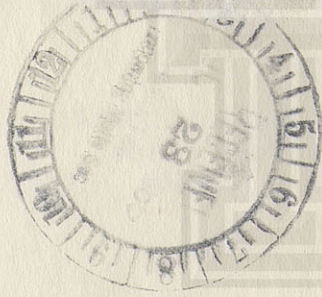


Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape Street
Abilene, Texas 79600

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Nat. B. 1.
19th St -
Washington

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to travel, especially when
it don't cost me a penny -
How is Campbell getting a-
long? When I was sick I had
a letter from his son Jack say-
ing Campbell ask he write and
tell his friends and loved ones
that he was in this home but
didn't like it and wanted to
go some other place he was
unhappy there - ask we write him
One of my girl wrote to Campbell
for me -

Tom Garrett (cousin James son) wife
died last week and was buried
in the old Pitts cemetery in
Stringtown. she had a heart
attack - they had two sons,
both married and have families.
Laura Rylander Holcomb has
a grand daughter getting mar-
ried Aug. 14th here in the
Methodist Church. the girl got
her degree at Baylor University
in Feb. she is a lovely girl and
is marrying a fine Christian
boy -

I hear Maude King isn't so
well - poor dear I hate to see
her have to suffer so long.

Wednesday
July 21 - 65

Dear Julia:-

Haven't heard from
you in quite sometime, hope
you haven't had another fall,
~~are~~ you are sick, or just too
lazy to write -

I hope none of these are
possible -

I'm feeling fine now, if fact
I'm leaving by plane for
Chicago, then on to
Houghton, Mich. to visit
my grand son A. R. Howard
and family. he is Rudolph's
son -

Rudolph is giving Hazel
and me the trip, we will
be in Chicago from Friday
noon until Mon. noon
taking in the sights, then
on to Michigan -

Houghton is on Lake Superior
and across from Canada.
I'll drop you a card on the
way - I tell my friends my
middle name is Ed. I like



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Medie & Laura came to see
me Sunday after-noon, both
are so deaf its hard to talk
to them, Laura has a hearing
aid, but dont like to wear it.
Im trying to get caught up
on my correspondents before
I leave - or I'll close for this
time, where you hear again
it wont be from San Marcos.

With lots of love

Joe -



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. Lora M. Talbot
224 North Street
San Marcos, Texas 78666

R. F. DUGGAN, JR.

Box 5650

Dallas, Texas 75222

Aug. 3, 1965.

Dear Aunt Julia:

Thank you so much for sending us the newspaper clipping about your part in the Veterans Convention. Randy will put this in the family Bible so that it can be preserved.

I think we told you about all of our children and grandchildren living in Tyler. The Freeman Duggan Branch of the Family Tree numbers eleven; four in the ~~R. F. Duggan, III~~ Family, five in the David McWhorter Family, and of course, Mary and me. It's mighty nice to have all of us so close together.

Mrs. Moore telephoned us about your needing our address and I think she wrote to you and gave it to you before we wrote because the address you used for the clipping was correct.

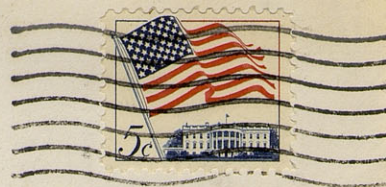
Here is the address again in case you need it:

R. F. Duggan, Jr.
4522 Abbott, Apt. 9
Dallas, Texas 75205
Love
Randolph

R. F. DUGGAN, JR.

Box 5650

Dallas, Texas 75222



Mrs. Julia L. Hart
2142 Grape
Abilene
Texas

Fort Worth, 7 Texas.
Friday, February, IIth 1966

Mrs Julia .C.Hart,
2142 Grape Street.
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Mrs Hart:

I just come in from the Santa Fe Hospital at Temple, Texa and found your nice letter which I am hurrying to answer, and I am so sorry I failed to get the the mail you so Lovingly, and so gracious-ly sent me, Maybe it will show up later, You had my correct address , and is right where I have been living over 22 years now, and the man tha delivers mail to my address lives next door, and is a lovely Neighbor, and He and his wife, And my self and wife constitute the 42 Foresome, and we play 42 just about every night, unless it is church night, or a special meeting of some kind, I showed him your letter about what you sent, and he took it up with the Post office Dept, and I am sure they ar traceing for it at this time, and I am anxiously looking for it to bob up so e time, No Excuse for mail being lost with Typewritten address on the package, However' some time mail gets damaged in the mail, But' an excuse for its condition is always printed on the mail, Explaining its condition &. So' We will continue to be looking, and expecting it to show up yet.

I run over to see the Polk Girl,s yesterday before I left Temple, Miss Ivey May, and Miss Lex, they are all fine, Mrs Bryant, there Sister is still not very well, she has been quite sick now over a couple years, Jim Sloan of San Saba, married the oldest of these girl,s old Jim passed on, But' mrs Sloan is still living, as probably one the other girls married Ward Holeman, They have both passed on. I believe I mentioned that I was out to San Saba, something like a couple Months ago, Visited with W.R.Harris, on his 95th Birth day, He and Clarence Dolfymire, is about all the old timers left out there, However, Jim Kelly and one or two of the Moore, boys are still living. My given name has always been Jim, But' my mail always has been J.A.Whitehurst, For over 80 years now, the address shown on the bottom of this letter will get to me ,if not lost or damaged in the mail,s ,Miss Julia' I have enjoyed visiting with you on this paper immensely, Hope all is well wth you, and family, and again thanking you, and with Kindest, Personal, regards, I am as usual, and always.

Very Sincerely yours.

J.A. Whitehurst

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4224 Valentine, St
Fort Worth, 7 Texas.

Fort Worth, 7 Texas.
SUNDAY MORNING, February, 20th 1966

Mrs Julia C Hart,
2142 Grape St.
Abilene, Texas

Dear Miss Julia :

Delighted to get your letter and Poem, A Master piece Very, very Appropriate indeed in the loss of this Son, I too, Lost my only Son, I know the Heart Aches that goes with the loss of a loved one.

I just this moment finished hanging the Poem in a nice Bronz Frame in my office, and my Daughter who is visiting us at this time, Complimented it very highly, She too, Writes Poems.

I am very,very Grateful for this nice gift, It shall always occupy a prominent place on the wall of my nice office where I intertain many ,many of our Lovely Friends, I must assure, I am exceedingly appreciative of this Lovely Poem, Again, Many, Many Thank,s .

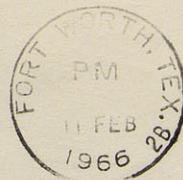
You mentioned the Polk, girls in your letter, Yes Mrs Bryan, one the Polk, Girls has been in the Kings Daughters Hos- pital for a long time, and has been home in Temple , now n early 2 year under a private nurse and no one seems to know, or the Doctors either what is wrong with her, just a sick woman, With nothing seemingly serious, Just sick, Complaining all the time, Some Her Lovely Friends has mentioned to me, There is nothing Seriously wrong, Only, She think,s there is, We all know some times this might be the case with some, But' probably not for all, This is just to mention, that I usually see Miss Lex, and Miss Ivey Mae every time I go to Temple, and with having Cataracts out of my eyes last year, and am going back quite often for examination,I see them Quite often, They live in the old Lovely home of an old Millionair who built this Lovely Palace in 1916 , It stand on a Block of ornimental yards, Shrubry, trees, Plants of all kinds, One Finest homes Built in 1916 in Texas, They use it , in taking in Guest,s who are traveling, and who has sick folk,s in the large Santa Fe Hospita just across the street from there big nice home, These Girls are very Wealthy, I am sure they do not know there wealth, But' they own several Ranch properties in San Saba, County, and an old Bachelor Brother-In Law passed on about 2 years ago, Leaving them about a Million in old Gold Cobs Coines, He was a Collector of old Gold Coins, and was advertised as the oldest in the business, I might mention that I was playing Dominoes with Him about a year before He passed on, and another gold coin coll- ector walked up, and offered him ONE MILLION dollars for his entire Collection, He turned it down, It was devided among the Girl,s when He passed on. Miss Julia' I always enjoy your letter, I hope it will be your pleasure to drop a line this way any time at your convenience, and Now' With Kindest Personal Regards, I am as Usual, and always.

Very Sincerely Yours

J. A. Whitehurst

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Abilene, Texas (Where lots lovely people live)
