

Letters from Homer and Rose Hine – 1948 to 1955

Compiled by grandson Ted Hine – October 2013

The following letters were written by Homer and Rose to their son Kirt (and his family then living in New Jersey) from 1948 to 1955. The letters had been kept and were among Kirt's possessions when he passed away in 1977.

In the first one (May 29, 1948) Homer suggests that he and Rose would be coming east to visit his sister Nell in Poland, Ohio and will pass through New Jersey on the way. Homer indicates that the letter includes a check for \$1,000 (a lot of money in those days) which could be used for a down payment on the house Kirt was considering building.

On Oct. 9th 1948 Homer writes regarding his son's plans to have a house built in an old chicken coop, about his son's former girlfriend in Seattle who still maintained contact with the her former boyfriend's parents, and comments on the trip Homer and Rose had made to the east coast that summer to visit the New Jersey Hine's and Homer's sister in Ohio.

On August 25th 1951 Homer wrote Kirt almost entirely about a "Johnson motor" which Homer was shipping to his son from Seattle to New Jersey. I suspect that this was an outboard motor for a small boat and may have been some decades old. His shipping plans and descriptions as to how to care for the motor are detailed. Apparently Homer didn't need it anymore (his age being 77 at the time) and thought his son could use it. I don't recall ever seeing or using such a motor as a child so I suspect it was either never shipped or my father never used it if it was.

Rose wrote on Nov. 18, 1952 that Homer was in a sanitarium recovering from a mental breakdown and would be there for several weeks. Apparently Homer fully recovered since I don't recall him having any mental or medical problems three years later when my family visited Seattle in 1955 when I was 10 years old.

On May 4th 1955 Rose wrote regarding my family's upcoming summer vacation drive to Seattle (Kirt, my mother Betty, and us 3 young kids) and how glad she was that we'd be visiting Homer's sister Nell Hine in Poland, OH on the way. Nell would pass away on June 22 at age 85, only a few weeks before we passed through Poland. On June 3rd Rose write again about her preparations and plans for us when we got to Seattle. She writes that "Ted's red wagon will be out. I keep it dusted and clean." That was the "little red wagon" I'd fallen in love with when visiting Seattle around 1950 at about the age of 5.



ARCTIC CLUB
SEATTLE, 4

Friday May 28th 48

Dear Son -

yours of the 26th rec'd this am -
also one from Aunt Nell - She + Sally (the maid + nurse)
both insist we all stay at Ami's house but we will
decide on that when we arrive. We still hope
to contact you all at Newark about 8¹⁵ AM.
June 4th However it may be later set of high H₂O
in eastern Wash + Idaho - I ask to get man this
am. if they were "getting through" he said yes -
"getting through by going around." If we are late
we will warn you. Now about that house
business - You + Betty are both 21 yrs - + you
have to decide what to do - as you do the buying
in what ever house you buy. If the house cost
what they claim it did, at that time it should
be fully worth 16,250⁰⁰ now - One floor
modern little jobs here ~~all on one floor~~ are going fast
at 20,000⁰⁰ So if you have decided you want the
house you should put down a deposit to hold it
before some one else gets you out of it -
I'll inclose my check for \$1,000⁰⁰ or if you feel
that is best. Returned from Ironwood last eve.
They are fine -
Love Dad -

HINE.



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SEATTLE, 4

VIA AIR MAIL
NOW ONLY 5¢ AN OUNCE
UNITED AIR LINES
WASH.

MAY 28
1948



Mr Edward K. Hine
Greenbrook Rd
North Caldwell
N. J.

Homer Hines
1204 Parkside Dr.
Seattle 2 Wash.



1948

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hines
Greenbrook Rd.
North Caldwell
New Jersey.

Sat. Oct. 9th 48

Dear Son -

Grand Ma + G. P. were
so glad to see your hydroglyphics
on an envelope yesterday.
Not only that but the inside
material was more than
interesting to us. Seem as
though we were about as much
interested in details of your
drugs; Ski Toe, Chicken Coop
House etc as you people
yourself. - Especially the
House deal - Due to the
war clouds, the difficult
time to build act. of men
don't seem to want to work. etc
I doubt if G. M. and G. P. would
have the nerve to step out and
try + build a home now -
But that ain't - saying it isn't
the right thing to do. We don't

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want to throw cold water on
 the plan - you know older
 like we've are ultra
 conservative. There is lots
 of building going on here
 & our business is very good -
 (as you know) and you know
 our last \$ is your \$ if
 you get in a jam; remember
 that. Trust you & Betty had
 a good quiet meal out together
 good idea to get away once in
 a while. Glad you got Betty
 for a help mate & not Gina.
 She was here with her & one day
 last week they all jumped on the piano
 & made such a racket your mother
 nearly went daffy. Gina has no
 control over them. She's gadding
 most of the time. Sailing her
 stor boat is such. Poor old Bob.

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He stays home - mows the
 lawn + minds the kids -
 She sails in all the races
 but never score she says
 just drag around in the rear -
 She says Bob won't go in the
 boat - don't know who her crew
 is - Enough gossip -
 Those kiddies of yours - how
 G.M. + G.P. would like to peek in
 on them - Cute of Ted being
 so proud of his new stunt -
 Glad the Montgomery wood
 thing a ma jig - turned out
 so well - well made - And the
 Trolley - is it working??
 will it hold Grandpa...??
 We are planning a trip to
 Poland again in the spring
 might slip in on you all - too
 if invited - Think the High Spout
 of our trip east was, The auto

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ride from North C to Polaris
 Rosie never ceases talking
 of that wonderful ride - Only
 next time lets plan so as
 to eat at Hotel De Lux at
 1/2 way point - If we come
 east that dont mean you
 should give up your proposed
 trip to Seattle our lotch string
 is hanging out a yard -

Mother + I just cant bring our
 selves to take money from our kids -
 so just credit your bank acct.
 this \$85⁰⁰ - Glad you sent it
 however. show the right spirit -
 Hope along 1st of year I can
 donate balance of acct to Ruth -
 + send you your mutilated
 (signature removed) note. Then
 you will own your own home
 no plaster - Love to you all -
 Dad. + Mother.

GLIFTON, N.J.	Oct 4	1948	No. 59	55-474 212
GLIFTON TRUST COMPANY				
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	H. H. Wine		\$85 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	
Eighty-five and ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀				DOLLARS
BRADEN BROTHERS, INC. N.Y.				



Aug 25th '51.

Dear Son et al.

your good letter with cutie pictures of Ted & gang. recd. However next time make it pictures of their heads, not —. Sure you can have the Johnson Motor, its a dandy and now unobscurable — This AM sent you by pre paid express a tin box containing Pyrene fire Ext, Running lights, Tools, plugs. Sheer pins, etc. If your engine starts running away. you will know you have sheered the copper pin in your propeller. Use white gas with lub. oil — think I used 1 qt to 5 gal. If you run out of gas. Use Scotch — then your engine (exhaust) says not put, put, put, but "Hoot Mon!" Ha! Ha! — Pillows (life preserver kind) I gave to Ruth. You will have to buy a gas can — I have that Red. one (2½ gal) but the flexible nozzle doesn't shut off as it should — I think its a bit dangerous — I'll send it if you ~~also~~ wish. maybe you can fix it.

There is also 3 copies of Marine laws & a
whistle in box. I never did know how
many "toots-to toop" in various positions
Its a good idea to tie engine to boat -

It sometimes works loose & "Yumps by yumping"
An engine is N.G. at bottom of the brine -

Its a good plan to run the motor in
a barril of fresh H₂O after using in salt H₂O
The Motor will be crated & shipped to you
Monday the 27th By The Nordby Supply Co
(Their Mgr is a Kiwainia Bro. of mine)

It will come "Collect" you advise me the
cost and Ill remit. Rosie & I want this a
present. J.D.B - North Caldwell -

Does the Express Co deliver ?? if not
if you await notice of 2nd package (motor)

It would save you one trip - as the
box should arrive several days ahead of
the crated Motor - Some trip Janna is going
to have - what? - Send in a wrap of that Boy
"Henry Boy" as soon as there are any such.

Great big ocean of love to you 5 -
Grandma + G.P.
P.S. be sure and advise and pd. for express, we want

Please advise us when you get Motor. H.H.H.
if that way. H.

Tuesday Nov. 18 / 52.

Dear family,

Only yesterday Dr. Knott phoned that your poor dear Dad will not recover from a mental break down which has been coming on for some time. He was home with a nurse for two weeks. Then Dr. K. said best Dr. for that trouble was at Fairport Sanitarium where he has been for ten days. On Sunday the Ross Swetts took me out to see him. and will do so again on Thursday. The place is way out near Inglewood Country Club. Ruth & Tom came over & went home with them for four days. They brought me home and said they will come again soon. Will keep you posted.
Love from your Mother

From
Mrs. H. G. Hines
1204 - Parkside Dr
Seattle -
Wash.

SEATTLE
NOV 18
7: PM
1952
WASH.

VIA AIR MAIL



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Mrs + Mr. E. K. Hines
427 Mountain Ave.
North Caldwell
New Jersey.

May 4th, 1955.

Dear family.

We are happy and excited that you will all come out. Glad you'll call on Aunt Nell. Tell her to come along. She enjoyed motor trips with us and we loved to have her. I've not been down to Frederick & Nelson's for years.

We'll go there for lunch and boys can ride on escalators while we shop. The Park Zoo will be interesting too. The baby giraffe & Bobo the gaurilla. Our car in garage and neither of us drive. Will plant flower seeds in garden today and urge them to hurry and bloom. Ruth and family may come

over Saturday if no one has
had sold. They have deep
snow and children get
wet. Ted's red wagon in
basement waiting.

All for now.

Worlds of love
Gp + Gm Heine.

Heine
1204 Parkside Dr.
Seattle 2
Wash.



Mrs + Mrs. E. K. Heine
427 Mountain Ave.
North Caldwell
New Jersey

MAY 4
1955

Friday June 3rd 1951
 Dear family
 Had and I much
 excited and anxiously
 awaiting time for
 you to drive up to
 1204. Ted's red wagon
 will be out. I keep it dusted
 and clean. There will be
 plenty of milk, sugar
 and big red strawberries,
 and table set in dining
 room. Dad and eat in
 breakfast room. There
 is new baby gear out at
 Woodland Park job. I have
 beds planned for everyone,
 Betty, but you can decide
 how much cover. Ruth
 and family will come over.
 Ann and Ellen are graduating
 from 8th grade and much
 entertaining going on over there.
 We do not see them often.
 Mr. Spurgeon, our banker,

likes you all very much.
He will come by today to
take papers to the Bank.

Weather cloudy and cold
and Dad sitting in his
chair by the window.

You might bring us out
a "Bell Bird". I told him
to watch for one.

Will write soon again
All our love from
your Dad and Mom.

1204 Parkside Dr.
Seattle 2
Wash.



JUNE 3, 1955

Mr. & Mrs. E. K. Hoine
427 Mountain Ave.
North Caldwell
New Jersey.